

# Deacon Family Farm To Become Golf Course

By FRED SIMPSON

The Borough of North York has lost a golf course — on paper — and Markham Township has gained one.

This was the result last week of the on again, off again sale of the York Downs Golf Club was definitely turned on.

It was announced that the club will be sold for a minimum of \$6.4 million.

The go-ahead decision resulted from a meeting June 27 in the Lord Simcoe Hotel which saw 565 shareholders of class "B" certificates vote 72 percent to sell the 160 acres of property in the vicinity of Sheppard Avenue and Bathurst Street.

The vote also involved an instruction to exercise an option on approximately 450 acres of property near Unionville, the former Deacon

estate surrounding two branches of the Rouge River, known as Glenburn Farms. The Deacons have owned the property since 1915.

One of the former owners, Donald Deacon, Member of the Legislature for York Centre, told "The Liberal" some 400 acres of the property was sold last fall to Glen York Holdings who also have first bid on the York Downs Golf Course in North York.

"The property was bought for about \$1 million," said Mr. Deacon, "which was well below the prevailing market price. Similar property next to us was sold for 75 percent more per acre."

Mr. Deacon said the property was sold at a relatively low price "because we wanted that type of a development beside us." The Deacon

cons retained 40 acres of the property on which their farm and homes are located. There have been three previous efforts made by York Downs Golf Club members to sell the club but the same members were divided into for-and-against factions.

One such attempt spluttered out in December of 1965 when the club shareholders rejected an offer of more than \$5 million for the North York property.

This rejection came four days after President Joe Colquhoun had announced after an earlier shareholders' meeting that a resolution to sell the property had been carried 363 to 181, an even two thirds of the vote necessary to make it legal.

But the resultant recount brought in another three opposing votes and the final

count was 363 to 184, not enough for the required two thirds.

The offer to buy at that time was made by an unnamed real estate firm represented by Magnus T. Paulson and amounted to \$5,310,000 plus an additional \$1,000 for every apartment suite in excess of 1,000 built on the property after rezoning of the area.

Voters would have also had to approve payment of \$850,000 for a little more than 400 acres of the Deacon owned Glenburn Farms near Unionville where the club will be moved.

The land in question was subsequently sold to York Holdings for \$1 million after the York Downs deal fell through.

But York Downs maintained an option on the former Deacon land and will now exercise it before the

end of this month. Work will start on a 27-hole course that will be opened in 1971.

Meanwhile, the members will play the Sheppard Bathurst course through the 1970 season.

Tenders for the York Downs Club property will be called with Glen York having the right to bid \$200,000 more than any other bid. If they fail to match such a bid they will still be required to sell Glenburn to York Downs Golf Club.

Last week's vote ended almost three years of inter-club bickering in which older diehards have blocked the sale of the lush acreage surrounding the Don Valley artery.

When the land area is purchased in Markham Township it will require rezoning from agriculture.

Special! Jumbo, Economy Size

## BARBECUE FIRE STARTER

Safe, clean and odorless. "Quick-starting" - ideal for cookouts or cottage wood fires. Giant size 48 oz.

SPECIAL  
**59¢**  
99-6286

LIMITED QUANTITY

SUN FUN SPECIAL

SAVE \$7.89 ..

BATTERY-OPERATED  
MOTORIZED

'FOLD and TRAVEL'

## BARBECUE

**10.99**  
99-7485 Compare at \$18.88



The ultimate picnic-partner! Even a motorized spit for barbecue chicken or shish-kabob. Operates on 2 D-cell batteries (extra) for "double-the-cooking-power". Sturdy steel, smart enamel finish. Folds to 20 x 11 x 16" size. Legs fold to double as carry handles.

### Deacon Former Head Western Hydrocarbons

Shares of acquisition-minded Canadian Hydrocarbons Ltd. of Calgary rose to a record \$20.75 on the Toronto stock market last week after the company announced plans for the second largest takeover in its 13-year history.

Donald Deacon MLA, York Centre, was president of Canadian Hydrocarbons Ltd., for 11 years.

He resigned last May. The stock closed at \$20.12, up 62 cents on the day, after trading 17,329 shares. It was the market's ninth most active industrial. The closing price was more than double the 1968 low of \$9.50, reached in March.

The company announced an agreement last Monday with Canadian Homestead Oils Ltd. of Calgary under which it could acquire 51 percent of Homestead's issued common shares, by spending \$207-million on Homestead ventures.

### Toronto Business Man Wants York Downs Golf Course As Park Area

A 38-year-old Toronto businessman is staging a one-man fight to keep houses off York Downs golf course.

Ted Schwartz is up in arms over the recent decision by the members of York Downs to sell the course to a developer for at least \$6,400,000. The price will go up if other builders offer more.

Why? "I owe Canadians something. I am trying to show my appreciation."

In 1947, Schwartz came here as a penniless, orphaned teenage immigrant.

"I received opportunities that only this country offers," he explained.

Schwartz is convinced that the Bathurst Street golf course is the most beautiful potential park site in North York. He argues that if bulldozers destroy the trees and

grass they will be ravaging a setting that would cost at least \$1,000,000 to replace.

He's going from door to door with a petition asking that either Metro or North York expropriate the golf course and turn it into a park.

Mr. Schwartz got 56 signatures on a recent foray with only five persons refusing to sign in the hour he petitioned.

One man who turned him down said he wanted lower taxes, not another park. A second person dismissed the petition by saying:

"You can't stop progress."

Schwartz has attracted two other park lovers who have offered to take the petition to their neighbors. He hopes this is the beginning of "an army" that will blanket North York.

## Kenny's Korner

Carol Martin On European Team

Perhaps one of the biggest projects this year in track and field was the drive by Markham's Bill Crothers. By appealing to audiences at track meets and to businessmen. Crothers was able to hold his Dominion Day Track Meet with the promise that the first and second finishers in each event would go to Europe.

Well the meet was run off at the CNE and as promised first and seconds go to Europe. Among them will be Carol Martin from Langstaff. Competing in her specialties, the shot and discus, Carol did not fare too well but in a new event for her, the javelin, she finished second. She has been progressing very quickly in the javelin and it's hoped she'll do well in Europe.

Also qualifying for the team was George Meeland from Thornhill. He qualified in the high hurdles.

So the team will compete in a number of track meets in Europe with the hope of creating a stronger and more experienced national team.

MOSPOT 250 THIS SATURDAY

The Mosport 250 this Saturday marks the last day Mosport will be open this season. The Mosport 250 is the new name for the Kawartha 250 for as a great man, Robert Vincent Evans III, once said, "It sounds more like a canoe race!"

It's hard to say who's going to be there. Hopefully Mario Andretti and David Pearson will show. Bobby Unser, winner of the Indy 500 could also show. Buddy Baker, one of the top drivers in the southern stocks and Dan Gurney, one of the top American Formula I drivers who is one of the few drivers to win overseas may race.

Ken Hamilton's Column

The day will be kicked off by the mini-races starting at 9 am. Later in the morning the time trials will be held which is a first for Mosport. As a rule they are held the day before the competition and their purpose is to determine the starting order.

Let me stick my neck out and call the shots in the race. Or should I say, let me stick the neck out of that great race track enthusiast, yes you guessed it again, Lon Dark, and say Ford and Dodge will fill the top positions with Dodge probably taking No. 1 spot.

ESSORCAL

The league is coming along very well. There are four teams in the senior division which play from 7-9 Tuesday nights and any number of teams and lads in the younger division. Games are still being played at the Richmond Hill arena. Helmets and mouthpieces are mandatory equipment while shoulder pads, knee pads, elbow pads, etc., are optional.

And now I guess you're all just sitting on the edges of your seats, with your eyes popping and your nervous system all on edge wondering what essorcal means.

Well, I'm not going to tell you! Send your answers to Ken Hamilton, 138 Driscoll Road, marked "Quiz". The draw for the new Speedex open everything can opener will be held next Saturday and the winner's name will be announced in "Kenny's Korner".

WE HAVE A COMPLETE LINE OF  
**C.C.M. & MAJESTIC BICYCLES \$29.95**  
As low as

at  
**Eric's Cycle & Sports**  
25 YONGE ST. S. RICHMOND HILL  
884-1213

## Swimming SUNSET BEACH & PARK

On the east shore of Lake Wilcox off Bayview Ave. Turn right at South Road, off Yonge Street at Oak Ridges

SWIMMING AFTERNOONS AND EVENINGS

Bring the family with your picnic basket Children 10¢ week days SAFE, SANDY BEACH WITH LIFE GUARD AT ALL TIMES

Also boating — excellent fishing — live bait boat launching  
Phone 773-5286

### Richmond Tailoring

CUSTOM MADE-TO-MEASURE SUIT

Styled by Valente Ladies & Gents Choose from finest imported cloths. 100's to choose from.

- Wool
- worsted
- Terylene
- Tropicals
- Pure
- Silks & Mohair

Set Dad Up With A New Summer Suit

Richmond Tailoring Co. 5 Yonge St., Richmond Hill 884-4212



## ... Sport Spots ...

(Continued from Page 9)

course, also got the winning run.

Particular reference should be made to Dynes catcher George Dickie who worked all six games. His defensive and offensive abilities are a vital asset to the team.

And there was Skip DeGeer. Skip was, well, Skip DeGeer. Lots of hustle, talk, always the most dangerous man on the team with his bat, always colorful.

Perhaps the most ironical twist of the tournament win was the fact that the Jewellers came close to not even going. Their tie was at such a low level after two dismal Beaches Major Fastball defeats that it was doubtful if they would bother to enter the tournament.

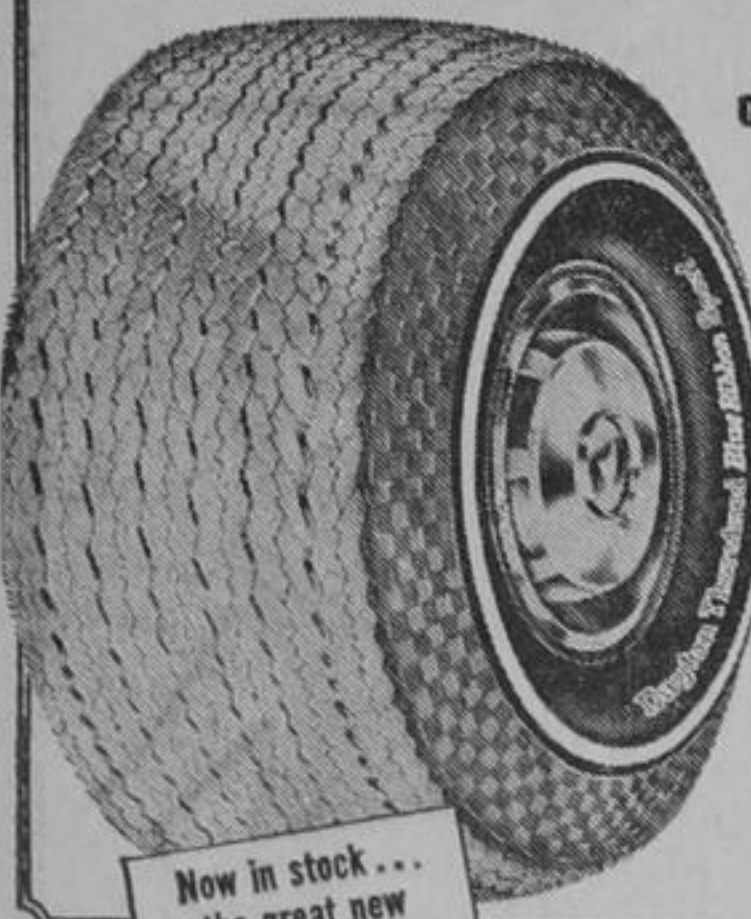
But the players and officials got together, ironed out some problems, and suddenly became the team on the field that they were on paper. Congratulations to Manager Russ Cripps and Sponsor Vern Dynes.

As for this observer being shell-shocked. Yes indeed. Foolishly worked out with the team before one game. Talk about aches and pain. Agony, grief, and all that. So be careful walking down the street for a few days. Don't brush against that poor old man with the cane. He loses his balance easily. That's me.

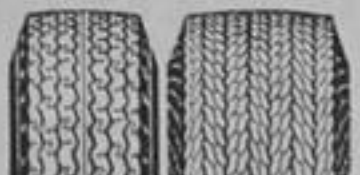
### Tomorrow's tire is here today at CUSTOM TIRE SALES



### Sensational advance in tire performance



Almost 2 inches of added tread width for far greater traction. Added tread... added traction... far greater than that of our conventional tires. Stop faster, start faster, under all driving conditions.



Low, wide profile a design triumph

New tire engineering advance utilizing ultra-modern reverse-molding technique introduced in high speed race car tires. Low height is only 70% of the width.

Now in stock... the great new 4 PLY NYLON CORD

### Dayton Thorobred. Blue Ribbon Sport

The "must" tire for those driving high performance cars. Totally new low, wide profile means totally new performance. You get an enormous increase in traction... remarkable car control... cooler running than conventional tires... and all this with actually no increase in gas consumption. Quality throughout is typically Blue Ribbon.

Liberal Trade-in Allowance \* Check Our New Car Changeover Plan

CUSTOM TIRE SALES  
59 INDUSTRIAL RD. RICHMOND HILL 884-1164



### Let's Play Tennis

By ROSS MacMILLAN

The York County Tennis League Ladies Doubles Tournament was held this past Sunday at the Barrie Tennis Club.

Since the men's singles, men's doubles and ladies' doubles have now been played off, three-fifths of the challenge tournaments are now history. In Barrie, Joyce Jones and Helen Buttersworth won the championship for Aurora by defeating Pat Howard and Ruth Edwards of the host club 6-2, 6-1.

In the consolation final, it was an all Thornhill contest when Noreen Henderson and Lynette Scarf defeated their fellow club members, Barbara Rowe and Sylvia Walker by an 8-1 score, in a Kramer set.

Locally, the club plans to sponsor a Junior Round Robin Tournament July 31 at 1 pm. All junior members are encouraged to attend this tournament since it will provide them with a great afternoon of tennis and an opportunity to meet some new friends.



**PINECREST SPEEDWAY**  
N°7 HWY. 1 Mile E. of HWY. 400

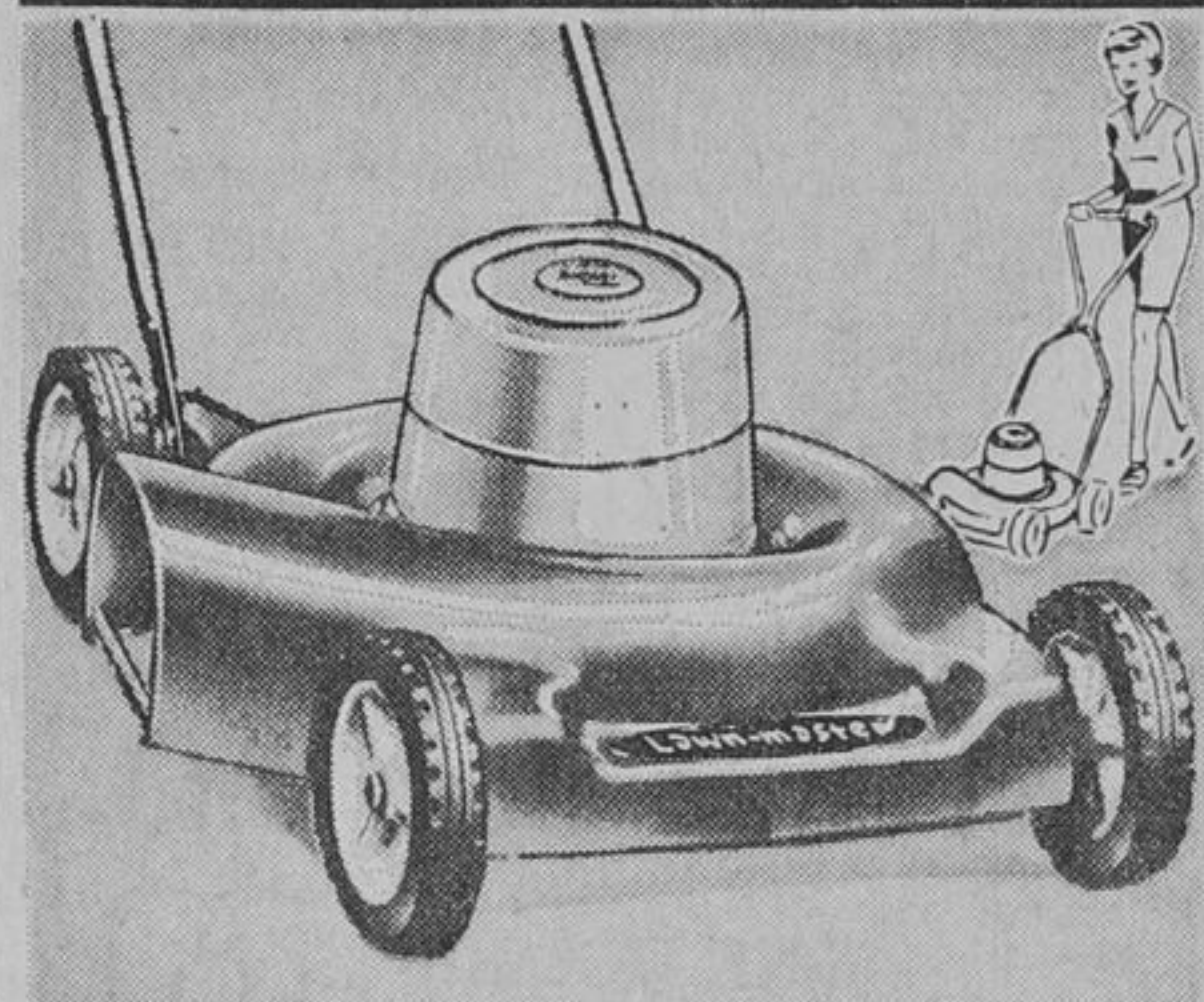


**LATE MODEL STOCK CAR RACES**  
FOR THE... AWARDS  
O'KEEFE \$5000

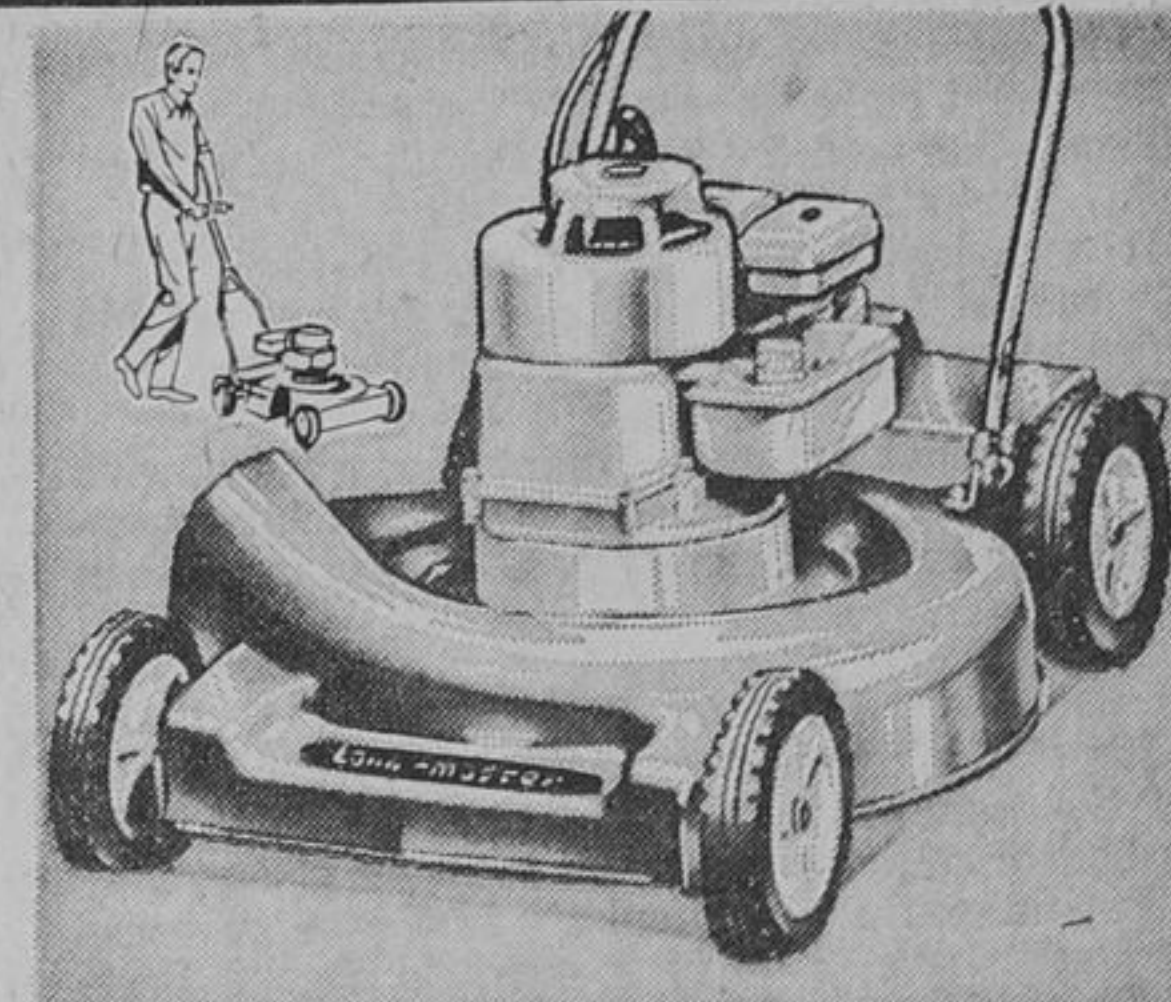
SAT. 8:30 P.M. FREE PARKING  
ADULTS 12¢ \* CHILDREN 50¢

Canadian Tire Protects your Mower Purchase -  
Yes, it does make a difference where you buy your Power Lawn Mower, even if your lawn mower were purchased several years ago. We have the parts to repair and service most mowers sold by Canadian Tire.

## SAVE ON LAWN-MASTER MOWERS



Lawn-master 18" Electric Mower  
Quiet General Electric motor makes short work of long grass. All steel cyclone deck, 7" ribbed-tread tires and side-mount grass discharge. Off-white and red enamel finish.  
**47.88** (Less cord)  
Reg. 53.88



Lawn-master 22" 3 1/2 h.p. Mower  
Cuts that lawn down to size. Cyclone deck, T-top handle with finger tip control, adjustable rear wheels and 3 1/2 h.p. 4 cycle Briggs and Stratton engine. Blue deck.  
**63.88**  
Reg. 72.95

Better hurry! Quantities are limited on some models.

**CANADIAN TIRE ASSOCIATE STORE**  
70 YONGE ST. NORTH, RICHMOND HILL 884-1196

