



Jail farm future still in doubt

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YORK REGION
Over the last twenty years, the Jail Farm, Langstaff, long a familiar corner to residents of this area, has been the focal point of dozens of meetings and hours of discussion. The problem — what to do with it?

The Jail Farm is owned by the City of Toronto and comprises 632 acres at the corner of No. 7 HIGHWAY AND Young St. Proposals for

the use of the site have run all the way from a community college to a domed stadium. Most recently the plans were for the lands to be reserved for the parkway green belt. However, latest word is that this will not be the designation and the land remains zoned for agriculture.

The history of the farm dates back as far as 1794 when Yonge St. was first laid out. John

Langstaff the first school teacher in the hamlet, gave his name to the community. He acquired the first two hundred acres on the corner and later added to the holding.

In 1914 the city paid \$164,000 for the 632 acres and turned it into the jail farm where prisoners were expected to work in the fields, and a prize cattle herd was kept. During World War II it

became a mental hospital. This use was carried on until twenty years ago when the patients were moved out and the buildings have not been used since although the farm land has been rented. The city turned down an offer of \$6,000,000 for the place in 1969.

Since the inauguration of regional government, the farm is actually within the bounds of Richmond Hill.

New residents

By Mrs. C. Milled
GORMLEY — Mr. and Mrs. John Creit and family, formerly of Richmond Hill, are welcomed as new residents to the community. They have taken over the operation of the B.P. station at the corner of Don Mills Rd. and the Gormley sideroad, and have moved into the adjoining house.

Mrs. Landon Steckley underwent surgery on Thursday at York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill.

Miss Joan Widman is holidaying in Great Britain.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McNiven were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nigh and spent a few days at their cottage on Rice Lake.

Thiessen, Diana and John enjoyed a visit with relatives and friends in Saskatchewan.

Mr. and Mrs. David Sykes and family of Wilmette, Conn., are holidaying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tatton. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Henderson enjoyed a holiday weekend visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Ross at Magnetawan.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sider of Hamilton were residing with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brilliinger for several days.

Rev. and Mrs. Andrew McNiven were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nigh and spent a few days at their cottage on Rice Lake.

Down three teams in first round O.R.S.A.

By Rene Rennie

CLAREMONT

Claremont team entries in the O.R.S.A. contest

are enjoying initial success. So far Claremont

had downed three opponents in the first round.

Squirts eliminated Ingleside, with scores of

29-2 and 21-1. Pee Wee

girls overpowered Springbrook, 12-0 and 11-

7. Bantam Boys also beat

Springbrook, 5-1 and 4-3.

A bus load of spectators

travelled to support the

hometown boys and girls

over the weekend in these

exciting second matches

at Springbrook. Midget

Boys won their first game

against Kilbride, 12-2 but

dropped the second after

an extra inning, 9-8. Pee

Wee boys were elimi-

nated in the first

round against Kilbride,

20-6 and 15-3. Juvenile

girls were given a bye in

the first round and have

still to play in the O.R.

contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim

Curtis who moved from

Claremont to Havelock

a few years ago, were in

Springbrook Sunday

afternoon to see many of

their Claremont friends

and enjoy the ball game.

Mr. and Mrs. Gord

Benson and Mr. and Mrs.

Ken Jones spent the

holiday weekend at

York, Pennsylvania

where the motorcycle hill

climbs were held.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob

Torrance of Lakefield

visited briefly with

Marilyn Torrance and

Rene Rennie when they

brought Gail and Glenda

Torrance home after

their two week holiday

together. The Torrances

were on their way to

Wiarion to spend a few

days with Rev. and Mrs. John Torrance and see their new grandson Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Royston and family were in Tweed over the holiday weekend to participate in the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of Mrs. Royston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fauncey Manion.

Mr. and Mrs. George McKenzie and family, Lonnie Maxwell and Peter Rumney, have just completed a two week camping trip to Upper Canada Village; Wasaga Beach, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hill and Englehart, where they called in on Mr. and Mrs. Harold McConkey.

Residents in the community were saddened by the news that Ken Wallace, formerly of Claremont, lost his life in a car accident Friday. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Wallace and family.

Relatives spending their holidays at Blue Haven Trailer Camp at Minden surprised Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pascoe with a party Saturday to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson and Brian spent the weekend at the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Art Pollard.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lehman and Dwayne, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hopkins, Jodi and Jeff, spent the holiday weekend camping.

Relatives spending their holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ferguson were David Ferguson and Shawn Enright of Toronto and Erika Smyth of Oshawa.

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