HARDWICK TOWN FARM SOLD

Pursuant to a vote taken in annual town meeting March 1, 1938, whereby the Selectmen were instructed to sell the town farm, either at public auction or private sale, together with the personal property connected therewith, the Selectmen have consummated such sale including everything that goes with the farm insofar as real estate and such personal property in the line of livestock and machinery, etc., that would naturally be included, but not the contents of the house and the like of that, to Carmi H. and Gladys Graham of St. Albans, who will take possession of said property May 1st, next. The sale price of the farm and personal property was $5500.00.

A search of the town record reveals the fact that this town farm, except that part bought on a few years ago of Fred LeClair, has been used for a town farm for 95 years, or since 1843. Will Collier well recalls back when he as a small boy that a large wooden cage was kept at the farm for inmates who might be violent or taken care of for some misdemeanor. Other of our older inhabitants recall many incidents in connection of that farm. It totals about 250 to 300 acres, is one of the best stocked and equipped farms in this part of the state; has a model cow stable, and silo.

Just what the plans of the new owners are The Gazette does not know, but however that may be, we welcome the family to Hardwick and wish them all success in their new venture.

The town manager has completed arrangements whereby the C. M. Sawyer place at Mackville has been leased for one year, and a family will be placed in charge to care for the inmates, and this place will be much more pleasant for those old people, and they will probably welcome the change of location.

The Sawyer place consists of about 12 acres, with, modern set of buildings, will probably keep one or two cows enough to provide for the caretaker, his family, and the inmates, plenty of ground space for a large garden and should make an ideal place for the purpose for which it is leased.