

Charley's dedication to community service has been a high priority in his life and receives a high amount of ink in this presentation.

To start in 1944 when he was 20 yrs old he became Secretary-Treasurer of the Fairbank's School in Brooke and held the position until the Central School was built in the 1960s.

He joined the Lambton County Plowmen's Association in the early 1960's and helped at the International Plowing Match when it was held in Brooke in 1973. In 1982 he was elected Lambton's Provincial Director to the Ontario Plowmen's Association a position he held for 20 years and was President of the O.P.A. in 1995.

When the D.P.M. was held in Enniskillen in 1991 Charley did an excellent ^{job} not only helping secure the Match for Lambton but guiding the local committee and providing leadership. He bought his first farm in Brooke when he was 20 years of age. The farm was expanded over the years to become 250 acres and produced crops common to the area and was what you would call a general farm that produced good crops. He joined the Brooke, Alvinston & Watford ^{Fair Board} in the 1960's served as President in 1971 and still helps out during the fair.

His political involvement began in 1965 when he was elected to Brooke Township Council. After two years in 1967 he was elected Deputy-Reeve and became a member of Lambton County Council. In 1974 he ran for Warden of Lambton and was successful thus becoming the first Deputy-Reeve in history to be elected Warden of Lambton. After his year as Warden he became Reeve which he held until his retirement in 1978.

He was a member ^{of the} St. Clair Region Board of Directors from 1975 through 1978.

Represented Brooke Township on the building committee when the Community Centre ~~was~~ built in Alvinston.

He served on the Board of the Brooke Municipal Telephone from 1981 to 1991 and was chairman when it changed to a co-operative and became a digital system which has proven very successful. Brooke-Telecom has been able for several years to provide high speed Internet to its subscribers which is rare in a lot of rural areas.

He is a member of the Inwood United Church where over the years has served on the Church ~~Board~~ Board and been a delegate to session.

From these few words you can see that Charles Lawes has had an active life. While doing a good job of farming 250 acres he has found time to contribute to the Provincial Lambton and Brooke Township community. Anyone who ever worked with him found he possessed excellent leadership qualities and was a joy to work with.

We feel he is an excellent candidate for the Lambton County Hall of Fame.

Charlie Lawes

- He was a member of the Lambton County Plowmens association from 1966 to present time
- He was the Brooke Alvinston Fair Board President in 1971
- He was a Brooke Township councilor from 1965 to 1978, he was also Warden of Lambton County in 1974
- He was on the Brooke Telecom board from 1981 to 1991
- He was a member of Inwood United Church for several years
- He farmed 250 acres
- He was a clerk during auction for Hector McNeil

Charlie was a good man as a volunteer, always did an excellent job.

The Selection Committee

Lambton County Agriculture Hall of Fame

As members of the Lambton County Plowmans Association we have known Charlie Lawes for many years. His dedication and contributions to the association have been countless, and has always been willing and able to help with planning and work at the Lambton Match.

Charlie has worked along side the association members on staking day for the laying of the lands for many years.

With the help of Charlie and other association members, the International Plowing Match was brought to Lambton County in 1991.

As this event was such a success, a legacy in the form of Scholarships, have been presented to many Lambton County students in the past and will continue to help students in the future.

It is for these reasons that we recommend that Charlie Lawes be considered as an inductee into the Lambton Agriculture Hall of Fame

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I would like to recommend Charles Lawes to be nominated into the Lambton Federation of the Hall of fame. Have known Charles Lawes for a number of years and he has always been outstanding in personality and commitment to his family and the community. Respected by wife and family and farmed for many years and then retired from farming and moved into Inwood with his wife. This did not hinder him from his commitment to the county and surrounding communities. He was a Councillor and then a Mayor before becoming the Warden of the County of Lambton. A supporter of the local ploughing matches and his wife also helped out every year in registration. Held the position of District Director for Lambton Ploughmen's Association for twenty years and still attends and gives thoughtful directions to local ploughmen's meetings and still attends our local matches. I recommend he be nominated and entered into the Lambton Federation Hall of Fame in response to the many years of dedicated time and work he has attributed to our county in general..

Yours truly Raymond Wight