

lambton

federation

of

agriculture

annual meeting

february 14th, '70



A FARMER'S CREED

My creed is simple, deep humility;
The will to help a neighbour when I can,
Faith in my Maker, as a part of me;
Faith in my country, and my fellow man.
And I believe sincerely that the earth——
Is here for me to till; that happiness
Lives on a farm; that true content is worth
More than possessions, and has power to bless.
And I lastly believe——refreshing rain
And sun, will always work their magic spell:
That harvest-time will always come again;
That in the spring the buds will always swell;
That summer winds will make the grasses nod——
Until at last——
All things——return to God.

——Selected



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY: Bert Vandendool

Another decade is upon us. The Seventies will have new changes from the sixties. I think it will take a better farm manager with more emphasis on efficiency than ever before. We need a greater Capital to work with, to have more returns.

You might ask what has all this to do with our Federation. Somehow our organization has to work with these very personal problems. This Organization up till now has been an organization that has worked with directors from all its members. Our efforts for this year, first went all out to strive for a successful GFC vote. The results from this vote clearly showed we could not even get the message explained to our fellow farmers. But rather they were deliberately confused on the issues at hand and believed the distrusting stories of individuals who spread them for personal gain only.

The second half of the past year we have discussed and studied our organization to great depth. At this same time our CFA has made some great changes, from structure, policy, right through to the members and leadership.

Our Federation must work in these changed conditions. In the past years our directors have spent approximately 90% of their time on discussing information at our monthly meetings. This information in our present system could not get back to enough farmers like it used to do. For our Townships meetings, if held, are too poorly attended for many reasons.

For this reason I am glad CFA has gone to their Direct Individual Service Membership. This way we can get the information to our local members before it is ever discussed in the county. Now our county organization loses 90% of the work it tried to do, and never did very well, of simply passing on information.

Our board has recommended and approved completely of revamping our Lambton Federation of Agriculture. In this new system our board can spend all its' time on business at hand and hold large information meetings for all interested members.

I am convinced that we can build a Federation of Agriculture in the future, that will do the job better than it has every done before.....if we as farmers want it.

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LAMBTON FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE ANNUAL MEETING February 12/69

The Annual Meeting of the Lambton Federation of Agriculture was held on Wednesday, February 12th, in the Firemen's Hall, Inwood with approximately 125 in attendance.

A banquet preceded the meeting.

Introduction of Head Table Guests by Lorne Smith, 2nd Vice President.

Ted Butler thanked the ladies; reply was given by Mrs. Irvine Syer, President of Shiloh U.C.W.

Bert Vandendool, President welcomed everybody to the meeting and outlined some of the activities of the Lambton Federation of Agriculture for 1968.

Ray Milliken introduced the Guest Speaker, Mr. Ken Fatterson of Kerwood, Zone Chairman of CFA.

Mr. Fatterson spoke on the topic of corn.

Murray Spalding thanked the guest speaker.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and Currie Sharp moved and Gordon King seconded to accept the minutes as read.

CARRIED

Ray Milliken, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented the Lambton Federation of Agriculture year end financial statement - October 31/68.

Moved by Andy Thompson and seconded by John Drage to accept the financial statement.

CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

Bill Bradshaw moved and Gordon King seconded that the Lambton Federation of Agriculture appoint Mr. Clark Crawford, Chartered Accountant to be our auditor.

CARRIED

Ralph Cameron announced a meeting on Estate Taxes for February 17th. Mr. Logan Millman will be the Guest Speaker.

RESOLUTION:

Harold McKay moved and Ken Ferguson seconded to accept the following resolution re: Marketing Boards.

WHEREAS any person growing a crop is now considered a producer of the product, and

WHEREAS in many cases the product is fed on the same farm and marketed in a different form such as meat, milk, eggs, etc., and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we urge the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and in turn, the Ontario Farm Products Marketing Board, that such a person be considered a commercial producer of the final product, only that commercial producers only have voting privileges regarding the marketing of the product

Mr. Gerry Carey, CFA Fieldman spoke briefly on the One Genral Farm Organization. He challenge Lambton County farmers to get together to try to work towards a "One General Farm Organization".

Wm. Abraham, Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food reported on the Swine Courses, and the Farm Management course.

Bill Bradshaw, Lambton Co-operative Medical Services reported that they had been in business 22 years (1947). Around 1,100 people involved.

Mr. Bradshaw reported on the Crop Insurance, poor start, but just like other new programmes, it had its difficulties. 150 farmers had Crop Insurance in the County last year. Also, have more agents selling the Crop Insurance Plan.

Ken Nicholson, President of the Lambton County Jr. Farmers, thanked the County Federation for \$150.00 grant. He mentioned that the Jr. Farmers are changing, they must change or they will fold up.

Cliver Dawson, President of Lambton County Wheat Producer's announced the County Annual meeting. The Ontario Wheat Producer's Marketing Board has been in existence for 10 years.

Howard Huctwith, the hog producer's representative mentioned that production of marketing is increasing quite sharply. Changes in the up-coming, increase of postal rates are causing quite concern, possibly the Market Place will amalgamate with the Farm and Country. He announced the annual meeting with Gordon Hill from Farm Income Report Committee will be the Guest Speaker.

Bruce Hicks, Chairman of properties committee mention working with the farmer's in Moore re: Hydro and the farmers in the north of the county being concerned about the new proposed highway north of # 7 Highway.

Fred Kidd, Chairman of CIAG Committee mentioned 57 CIAG offices in Ontario, 1,000 personel workers in Ontario. CIAG started in 1946.

The Annual Directors Banquet will be held on Thursday, February 27, Chamber of Commerce Hall, Sombra.

Adjournment by Wm Abraham at 4:00 p.m.

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LAMBTON FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE
 Petrolia - Ontario
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS
 (Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 1969)

Cash in Bank, November 1, 1968 836.59

RECEIPTS

Township Levies - 1968	11,367.93	
Township Levies - 1967	623.00	
CIAG Refund	3,337.53	
Farm Radio Forum	118.54	
Lambton Film Council	316.67	
Grants	550.00	
Miscellaneous	21.08	
	16,334.75	

\$17,171.34

DISBURSEMENTS

Office Salary & Benefits	3,112.73	
Office Supplies & Postage	346.29	
Office Rent	302.50	
Telephone	316.43	
CIAG Promotion	600.99	
Township Promotion	550.93	
Delegate Expenses	545.20	
Mileage - Directors	566.85	
General Farm Organization	1,600.75	
Farm Courier	858.72	
Annual Meeting (Net)	106.50	
Directors' Banquet (Net)	135.00	
Farm Accounting	574.33	
Ont. Fed. of Agriculture Dues	3,000.00	
Farm & Country Subscriptions (1967-8-9)	2,481.75	
Grant - Junior Farmers	150.00	
Miscellaneous	176.15	
	15,511.12	

Cash in Bank, October 31, 1969 \$1,660.22

AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have made an examination of the books and records of Lambton Federation of Agriculture for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1969 and, in our opinion, the above Statement of Receipts and Disbursements presents a true picture of the operations for the year, according to the best of our knowledge and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books for this period.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed: C.F. Crawford, C.A.
 CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT.

Sarnia, Ontario
 December 17, 1969

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PROVINCIAL MEMBER REPORT

BY: Ray Milliken
Lambton Member
of C.F.A.

The year 1969 was a year of more or less confusion for the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. A sixteen man and then a six man committee tried to bring all the farmers in Ontario into one general farm organization. Because the vote to create this organization failed so badly in June, the C.F.A. has had to reconstruct its organization so that it could be a spokesman for all the farmers in Ontario.

As the average farmer pays only about \$3.00 per year to his local County of Agriculture, and only a small percentage of this goes to the C.F.A., which is the only provincial farm organization, it is financially impossible at this rate to be the farmers spokesman. More funds had to be provided to service Ontario farmers, to the Ontario Federation has come out with the Individual Service Membership of \$25 per year of which \$1 goes to the C.F.A., \$19 to the C.F.A., and \$5 to the local county organization.

As commodity groups and marketing boards are reserving their decision about supporting C.F.A. financially as they have done, it is expedient that we sell as many I.S.M.S. as possible, if we are to get the service that farmers expect from their organization. A target of 10% of all farmers in Ontario for membership by March 31 next, would make Lambton have something over 400 memberships by that date.

Our fieldman for C.F.A. is working hard on this project but he has 7 counties to work with, so we must all help with this project or the C.F.A. will have to curtail some of its services, cut down on staff, etc.

C.F.A. has worked diligently for us for over 30 years, as parents of Marketing Boards, Commodity groups, Hospitalization, C.I.A.G., car, life, and farm family liability insurance, and meeting the Government with farmers' problems such as land use, expropriation,

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pollution, assessment, and taxation, etc.

Can we afford to let them down when they are financially embarrassed?

The Ontario Farm Machinery Agency was formed in 1969 and imported more than 200 pieces of farm machinery with a saving to Ontario farmers of over one million dollars alone!

This agency will continue to work for the Individual Service Members in the future, saving more money for more farmers.

By: Wm. T. Abraham

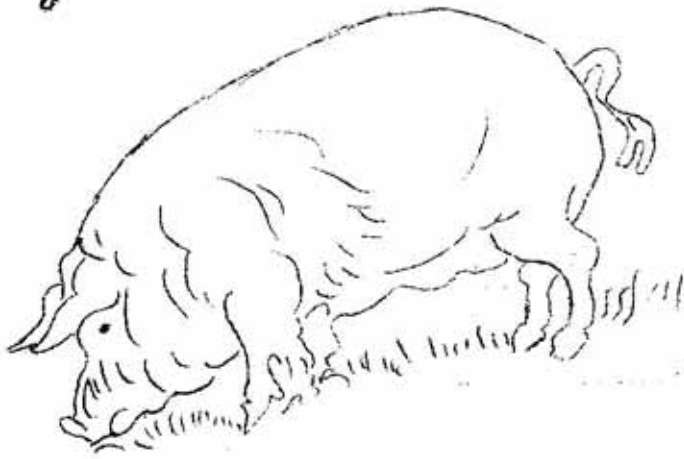
REPORT FROM YOUR AGRICULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations to the Federation of Agriculture as you struggle with the problem of making your organization meaningful to farmers on a personal basis. When farmers can be involved personally the experience of the organization is more meaningful.

The Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food too are trying to make their services more useful to farm people. Additional staff have been made available to provide both more specialized service and individual service to farm people.

Canfarm, the computerized system of farm record keeping was designed to give farmers monthly reports on their progress so that farm income decisions may be made more quickly, based on that farms experience, plus current financial records.

Feed testing service is also part of the county programme. This is primarily recommended for farmers interested in the moisture and protein levels of roughages but may be used for any farm grown feed.



BY: Howard Huctwith

REPORT TO LAMBTON FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE FROM
ONTARIO HOG PRODUCERS

Orval Paul is the president, and Neil Miner the Secretary-treasurer of our Lambton Hog Producer's group.

During 1969 our group sponsored, and helped to provide meals for Swine Information Schools at Forest, Alvinston and Petrolia. These schools were well attended, and instructive in all phases of hog projects, which we have many of on Lambton county farms.

Prize money was paid to each member of each 4-R Swine Club, and a tour was arranged for producers to Schneider's packing plant.

Provincially, our Hog Producer groups propose to follow the Hedlin-Menzies report regarding their activities, and re-structure the O.M.P.M.B. and the O.N.P.A. into one 15 man board. This proposed re-structure will consist of four areas. We will be in the south area, composed of 12 counties, to be represented by 77 delegates (replacing approximately 150), and with 4, or at most 5, board members.

ONTARIO HOG PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION HAS NEW FILM ON PORK

"New Facts About Pork" produced by the National Pork Producers Council of the United States, clears up several misconceptions about pork and its nutritive values. The film is available to the meat industry, consumer groups, home economics teachers, extension workers, and any other interested groups. For further information, contact:

Mr. James Boynton, Sec-Manager,
Ontario Hog Producers M.B.
4198 Dundas St. W. Box 1103
TORONTO, Ontario.

BY: Bill Bradshaw
Branch Manager

REPORT

CO-OPERATIVE HEALTH SERVICES OF ONTARIO, PETROLIA BRANCH

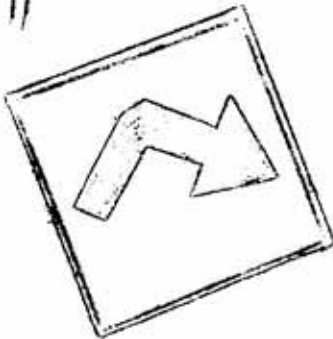
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LAMBTON CO-OPERATIVE MEDICAL SERVICES

The Ontario Medical Services Insurance Act that was passed in June of 1969, to be effective October 1, 1969, closed out all contracts offered by Lambton Co-operative Medical Services. In order to continue to serve the people of this area, it was necessary to join with other Medical Services Co-operatives in the Province to form Co-operative Health Services of Ontario. This New Provincial Co-operative signed an agreement with the Ontario Department of Health to become a Service Agent for the Ontario Medical Services Insurance Plan.

We were required to register all our members with the new Medicare plan and bill them for the premium. Approximately 5000 C.H.I.P. contracts are taken care of through the Petrolia office at present. We collect premiums and deposit them to the Treasurer of Ontario, and we process the claims incurred by all the persons who pay through our office. One of our most important functions is to provide general C.H.S.I.P. information and service to the people of this area. We also sell an Extended Health Plan to cover expenses connected with illnesses that are not covered by the Government Plan. Ontario Hospital Ward and Semi-Private room insurance is also carried through our office. Co-operative Health Services of Ontario now provides a complete range of Medical Insurance Services.

Lambton Co-operative Medical Services pioneered in the field of pre-paid Health Insurance and served its members from 1947 to 1969. This has been a rapidly changing business and now has been largely taken over by the Ontario Government. Because of the co-operative effort of many people in the past, we are now in a position to see that individuals get personal attention which cannot be given by Government Bureaucracy.



INSURANCE REPORT



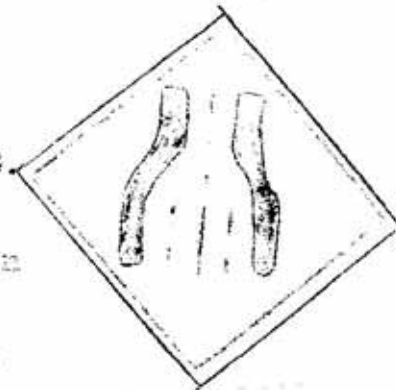
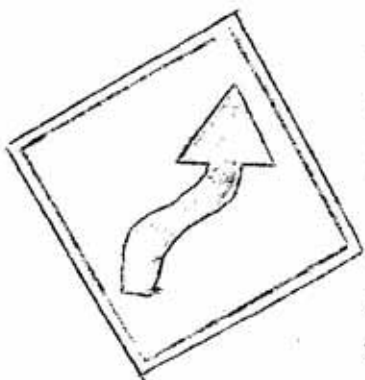
BY: Fred Kidd, Chairman
Insurance Committee

Late in the fall of 1968 attended and gave trophies to winner in semi-finals of the public and separate schools speaking contests, there were held at Forest District High School and Petrolia, five townships competing at each. The finals were run off the first of they year (1969) at L.C.C.S. (Enniskillen). Also attended the taping of the six semi-finalists at Sarnia Radio Station. These were broadcast the second Sat. in December.



The Insurance Committee Banquet was held in Brooke Township at Brooke Baptist Church with a number of C.I.A.S. people participating.

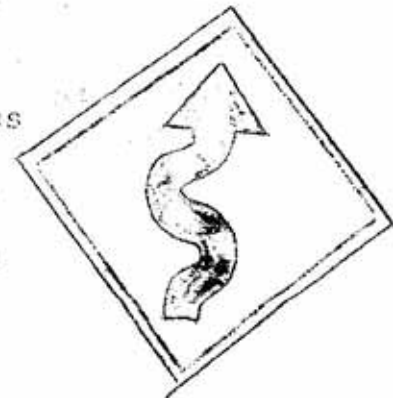
In June the Dairy Princess Competition was held at Watford, which I attended along with Murray Spalding, a committee member, and presented trophies to the participants.



DID YOU KNOW ? ? ?

(At the end of 1968:)

- Canadians owned \$99 billion of life insurance -- 71% with Canadian companies, 24% with United States companies, and 5% with British and European companies.
- the average per resident: Ontario \$5,500; Quebec \$5,000; British Columbia \$4,250; Prairie Provinces \$3,900; and Atlantic Provinces \$2,800.



PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

The properties committee of the Lambton Federation of Agriculture works very closely with the CFA Properties Director Mr. Rae Cunningham.

During the past year, after a lengthy negotiation with Ontario Hydro, resulted in a new schedule for compensation. We have helped farmers, who were tiling their land, and they cut the buried telephone cable, and this was after the telephone company man came out and located where the telephone cable was suppose to be. The farmer was paid for time lost and the inconvenience caused.

Mr. Cunningham has been down to a couple meetings with the landowners involved in the "New Proposed 402 Highway" to be built in Sarnia, Plympton and Warwick Townships. He explained the new changes in the Expropriation Act that was passed in Dec/68.

The Department of Highways has agreed to provide the CFA annually with their current construction program, which would indicate areas in which planning for drainage works should proceed quickly to be planned in advance of highway construction.

Since the new individual memberships started, the CFA and LFA will help farmers in groups; but if an individual farmer needs advice he must have an individual membership.

Proposed looping facility in Plympton (Lot 15 Con 5) to Lot 13, Con 1 N.E.R.,) Township of Warwick in the County of Lambton is being planned. This application is before the National Energy Board for pipeline construction.

FARM VACATIONS:

In the past couple years the CFA has been promoting Farm Vacations. Farm Vacations are not new. But a tremendous expansion is taking place. Interest is coming from both hosts and vacationers. CFA's intention is to publish an annual bulletin listing Farm Vacation hosts. Each year the list will be longer.. If you are interested, in hosting vacationers, please get in contact with the "Farm Vacations", Ont. Fed. of Agriculture 307 Bloor St E. Toronto 5, Ont.

A G E N D A

February 14, 1970

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LAMTON FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

<u>TIME</u>		<u>PERSON IN CHARGE</u>
11:30 a.m.	Registration	
12:00 noon	Banquet Grace	
1:05	Welcome by President	Fred Elliker Bert Vandendool
1:10	Thank the ladies	Tom Lucas
1:15	Introduction of Head Table	Murray Spalding
1:20	Introduction of Guest Speaker	Bruce Hicks
1:25	Guest Speaker	
2:00	Thank the Guest Speaker	Fred Kidd
2:05	President's Report	Bert Vandendool
2:15	Minutes of the last Annual Meeting	
2:20	Financial Statement	Ray Milliken
2:25	Appointment of Auditor	
2:30	Resolutions & Announcements	
2:35	Constitution presentation	Howard Huctwith

IF CONSTITUTION APPROVED:

3:00	Meeting break into townships to appoint 1 representative from their township for the Board of Directors	Gerry Carey
3:10	Election of President) 1st Vice) 2nd Vice) Provincial Member)	from Direct Memberships
4:00	Adjournment	

B U C K L E T H A T B E L T !

Seatbelts are installed now in millions of cars - - -
but surveys show less than half of them are used regularly.
Far too many seatbelts lie on the seat, neglected by drivers
and their passengers.

Experts have proven beyond question that seatbelts can
save lives - - - if they're buckled up when an accident
occurs. Today may be the day YOU'LL be involved in a
car accident. Will you be sitting on your seatbelt,
or safely buckled into it? Take the safety experts
advice - buckle up for safety.

A G E N T S I N L A M B T O N

Howard McLeish	R. R. # 1 Forest	373-5475
Norman Huctwith	Watford	276-3516
Edward Stapleton	P.O. Box 525 Petrolia	332-2252
Bert Fall	A. R. # 2, Sarnia	337-6004
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Sarnia Office: 546 N. Christina St.
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F A R M E S T A T E P L A N N I N G M E E T I N G S

If your group is interested in holding farm estate
planning meeting, CIAG have people available to help to
set up such a meeting.

Contact person for Lambton:
Mr. Robert Kendrick,
73 Main St. Simcoe, Ontario
Phone: 426-2187