

Lambton

Federation of  
Agriculture

Annual Meeting  
Nov. 4, 1971

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LAMBTON FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

<u>TIME</u>		<u>PERSON IN CHARGE</u>	
6:30 p.m.	Registration	Bruce Hicks	Moore
	Ticket Money at Door	Andy Thompson	Dawn
		John Drage	Euphemia
7:00	Banquet		
	Grace	Fred Ellerker	Warwick
8:00	Welcome by the President	Peter Hennaert	Plympton
8:05	Thank the ladies	John Koncovy	Brooke
8:10	Introduction of Head Table	Gordon Park	Enniskiller
8:15	Introduction of 2nd H. Table	Lloyd Passingham	Sarnia
8:20	Speeches:	Mr. Charles Lawes representing County of Lambton	
		Mr. Lorne Henderson, M.P.P. for Lambton Riding	
8:30	Introduction of Guest Speaker	Howard Huctwith	Warwick
	Guest Speaker	Charles Munro	
9:10	Thank the Guest Speaker	Charles Grant	Sombra
9:15	Door Prize Draw		
9:20	President's Report	Peter Hennaert	
9:30	Minutes of the last meeting	Lois Wakefield	Secretary
9:25	Financial Report	Lois Wakefield	Treasurer
9:35	Appointment of Auditor		
9:40	Changes re: constitution		
9:55	Resolutions & Announcements		
10:00	Meeting Break into townships to appoint 1 representative from their townships for the County Board of Directors	Mr. Don Agar	Associates Agr. Rep. Ont. Dept. of Agriculture & Food
10:10	Election of President 1st Vice 2nd Vice Provincial Director	)	Voting by all I.S.M.'s
10:30	Adjournment		

P R E S I D E N T ' S R E P O R T

BY: Peter Hennaert

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen :

It is indeed, a pleasure for me to greet you here tonight.

The Lambton Federation has had a busy year, and we have achieved some important goals. First of all, let me mention that none of these could have been accomplished without a conscientious board of directors whom it has been a pleasure and a honour to work with.

During the year I attended 68 meetings spent 192 hours and drove 13,252 miles doing the business of the Federation. The first part of the year was spent in organizing the townships and setting up telephone committees, organizing membership drives, some of which were successful and others not. Our ambition was to achieve 1,000 members in Lambton County this year, we have not reached this goal as yet, but with some concentrated effort we can still make great strides toward it.

For the I.S. Members and the members that pay on the levy the Federation made some remarkable gains on the 402 Highway expropriation, achieving for its members a new classification for land values. This new classification being "tiled arable land", and putting in the members pocket an additional \$200.00 per acre for land that was tiled. I would like to congratulate the committee that worked on this project for doing such an excellent job.

During the spring months the subject of disposal well came up and got to be a very touchy subject. Your Federation set up a disposal well committee with members from Brooke, Enniskillen, Dawn and Sarnia Townships. The main objective of this committee was to push for a guarantee that if our farm water supply became polluted from these disposal wells that the Government would guarantee proper compensation and a supply of fresh water. As you all well know the Government has come up with a guarantee and we like to feel that we had something to do with this decision on behalf of the farmers of Lambton County.

In these troubled times of over production and low prices I urge you to stand behind your marketing boards. When the marketing board of your commodity meets this winter get out to the meeting, elect people that are in favour of the board that represents your commodity. You know, some people are out to destroy these boards, for their own benefit, and if we let them, then we have failed our fellow farmer miserably. I think that we as farmers should start restricting our production to the needs of the consumer, and not go on producing indiscriminately, we should start thinking of supply management and this can be done by a strong producer controlled marketing board.

I urge members of the Federation to actively engage themselves on these marketing Boards so we can achieve our goals.

While on the subject of marketing boards I would ask that we as the Lambton Federation of Agriculture stand solidly behind the O.F.A. in support of Bill C-176, so that we may achieve a national marketing plan.

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President's Report Cont'd...

In the past year many unsatisfactory easement leases have turned up in the County, such as pipeline, hydro and telephone easement. There is little we can do for the property owner, that has already signed. But there is more to it, than what is on these leases, by way of compensation and damages. We must find out from the Energy Board, Municipal Board or what board it may be, what the company committed itself to in way of doing for the farmer, and see to it that they get at least this much.

In the future there will be many more Right-of-way easements secured, because of our situation to the Chemical Valley. If farmers don't stop signing leases in perpetuity for a once in a lifetime payment they will find themselves leased to death for little or no compensation. What I would like to see done here is that farmers stand aggressively together, as a strong organization, and have these new leases changed to read that we receive an annual payment for the right-of-ways and that these leases should be updated every 20 years or so. We might even have to go so far as to get legislation changed to achieve this goal, but it would protect our children and be well worth it.

Again I would like to thank everyone especially the members and Township Councils for working with the Federation and enabling us to achieve a successful year.

I thank you.

# P R O V I N C I A L D I R E C T O R ' S R E P O R T

BY: Howard Huctwith

During the past year I have represented the Lambton Federation of Agriculture on the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. I attended all but one meeting, at which Gordon Park represented you in my place. I felt honoured to represent you as one of the O.F.A. delegation which interviewed the provincial cabinet, as well as the Liberal and New Democrat caucuses.

At the 1970 annual convention I sought election to the C.F.A. executive, without success. I think the great "South west" of Ontario should have representation on the decision making body of any provincial agricultural organization. In this area many farm people are involved, and the production figures of Essex, Kent, Lambton, Elgin and Middlesex are tremendous.

I will not dwell on O.F.A. accomplishments. You have been kept posted through the Progress-O-Gram and the Management Digest.

Our membership drive has plateaued. From the middle of 1970 to the middle of 1971, our membership doubled, from 3564 on June 16/70 to 7637 on June 15/71, and then on up to over 8,000. During the last half of 1971 we have barely held even, because of lapsing memberships. If you are in arrears, please renew, and do it now. It is so easy to keep postponing, and we are achieving great strength with our unity.

I believe our expansion of membership has showed because of over-lapping within the organization, and the ensuing misunderstanding and confusion, and Lambton is a prime example. We have our county organization, spelled out in our constitution, comprising all I.S.M. members, and all levy contributing members. Preceding our county annual meeting, O.F.A. calls an annual meeting within our county, of the same I.S.M. members in Lambton, and appoint their own provincial director. A move is now on to seat this director on our county board. I think this action will create confusion and expense, and will weaken the total effect of the Federation of Agriculture.

At county and provincial levels, I have been advocating that where county boards are organized, properly constituted, and fully operating, they be recognized as the O.F.A. member from that area. C.F.A. promoted I.S.M. organization should take effect where county boards are non-existent, or ineffective.

I have appreciated the honour of having been your provincial director during the year now passed, and I thank you.



I.S.M. DIRECTOR REPORTBY: Lloyd Passingham

I have been your I.S.M. director for one year and as this has been a new position as regards to the O.F.A. I have had to learn what my duties were.

I have attended all meetings but one and have found the work interesting and challenging.

As it is almost impossible to meet all the I.S.M.'s in person I would like to hear from you if you have any ideas that we might help you with.

Those of you who own trucks will be able to buy licences at a rate more closely related to the amount you use them.

This is something the OFA has been after for a number of years and by being stronger have convinced the authorities of the sense of this programme.

The most important job you as I.S.M.'s is to sell your neighbour on the OFA and have him become an I.S.M. Only by becoming stronger will we be able to accomplish many of our aims.

I am asking for your help and co-operation in the months ahead to join me in membership drives in your township.

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ATTENDANCE REPORT  
COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our constitution states, that we must present a attendance report of the County Board of directors to the Annual Meeting.

During the Year 1971 12 regular meetings held  
5 special meetings held

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TOWNSHIP</u>	<u>REGULAR MEETINGS</u>	<u>SPECIAL MEETINGS</u>
Andy Thompson	Dawn	11	3
Bruce Hicks	Moore	8	3
John Kancovy	Brooke	10	1
Peter Hennaert	Plympton	12	5
Gordon Park	Enniskillen	9	3
Howard Huctwith	Warwick	11	3
John Drage	Euphemia	10	5
Dave Jackson	Sarnia	9	5
Charles Grant	Sombra	8	4
Lloyd Passingham	I.S.M. Director	12	4

Bosanquet no representation during the year.

Attendance average 65.4%

# ANNUAL MEETING LAMBTON FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

Date: Saturday, November 14th, 1970  
Time: Started with a Banquet 12:00 noon  
Place: Firemen's Hall, Inwood  
Grace By: Fred Ellerker, Warwick Township  
Welcome by: the President Howard Huctwith Warwick Twp  
Thank the Ladies BY: John Koncovy Brooke Twp  
Reply by the ladies: Mrs. Wes Pierce of Shiloh  
United Church - UCW  
Introduction of Head Table - John Drage Euphenia Twp  
Introduction of 2nd Head Table - Gordon Park Enniskillen  
Warden Alvin Perritt brought greetings from Lambton  
County Council  
Introduction of Guest Speaker: Ray Milliken Sarnia Twp.

Mr. Gordon Hill, President of the OFA reviewed the work of the OFA in the past year.

- renewed interest with the commodity organizations
- OFA worked on the White Paper, the Task Force Report, Code of ethics on livestock buildings - restrictions to urban people to build houses on farm land.
- involved in "National Market Legislation changes, etc.
- Ontario Farm Machinery Agency saved farmers thousands of dollars over the last year.
- Education Tax Withholding - 70% of the I.S.M.'s answered favoring with drawing tax withholding programme.

Jack McDonald of Bosanquet Township thanked the Guest Speaker.

- President's address by Howard Huctwith
- Door Prize donated by CLAG won by George Campbell
- Call on Gerry Carey, OFA Fieldman for a few words.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary. It was moved by Orval Paul and seconded by Goldie Lewis to accept the minutes.

CARRIED

Financial statement was read to the meeting by the secretary. It was moved by Cecil Tinney and seconded by Mrs. Helen Munro to accept the Financial statement.

CARRIED

## APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Moved by Archie Donald and seconded by Victor Smith to continue with Mr. Crawford.

CARRIED

## RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Ray Milliken and seconded by Goldie Lewis to accept the following resolution, and it be forwarded on to Lambton County Council

CARRIED

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MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING cont'd . . . . .

WHEREAS most of the land in Lambton County is rural,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT each Township Federation of Agriculture have representation on each township or County Planning Board.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY TOWNSHIP

Euphemia	- John Drage	Warwick	- Howard Huctwith
Moore	- Bruce Hicks	Enniskillen	- Gordon Park
Dawn	- Andy Thompson	Bosanquet	- No nomination
Brooke	- John Koneovy	Sarnia	- Dave Jackson
Plympton	- Peter Hennaert	Sombra	- Charles Grant

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT	Peter Hennaert
1ST VICE	Bruce Hicks
2ND VICE	Gordon Park
PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR	Howard Huctwith

RESOLUTION: (AGRICULTURAL POLICIES OF POLITICAL PARTIES)

Moved by Orval Paul and seconded by George Holbrook to accept the following resolution

CARRIED

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Federation of Agriculture approach the different political parties, before the next election, to ascertain their agricultural policies and have them printed in the newspapers and, if any party should refuse, so print that fact.

The chairman called on visitors from Huron County: Mason Bailey; Middlesex County: John Kavaclars for a few words.

Mrs. H. Munro moved adjournment at 4:10 p.m.



LANBTON FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS  
(Fiscal Year Ended October 30, 1971)

Cash in Bank, November 1, 1970 1,197.90

RECEIPTS

Township Levies - 1969	592.27	
- 1970	6,847.14	
C.I.A.G. Refund	4,376.16	
I.S.M. Refund	3,140.00	
Banquet Receipts	124.00	
Miscellaneous	5.30	
		<u>15,084.87</u>
		16,282.77

DISBURSEMENTS

Office Salary & Benefits	2,513.49	
Office Expenses & Postage	1,062.37	
Telephone	266.66	
C.I.A.G.	1,124.46	
Township Promotion	133.02	
Delegate Expenses	657.90	
Director Expenses	1,767.55	
Advertising	38.12	
I.S.M. Promotion	564.10	
Annual Banquet	190.00	
Ont. Fed. of Agriculture Dues	5,484.00	
Farm and Country Subscriptions	884.80	
Audit	75.00	
Miscellaneous	81.00	
		<u>14,842.47</u>

Cash in Bank, October 31, 1971 \$ 1,440.30

AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have made an examination of the books and records of Lanbton Federation of Agriculture for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1971 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,

Sarnia, Ontario.  
 November 2, 1971

Signed: C. F. Crawford  
 CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

LAMBTON FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

<u>TOWNSHIP</u>	<u>1970 Levies</u>	<u>1969 Levies</u>	<u>1970 Promotion</u>
Dawn		-	7.00
Bosanquet	1,134.59	-	-
Warwick	1,373.26	-	-
Brooke	-	249.48	5.00
Euphemia	-	342.79	5.27
Enniskillen	1,371.21	-	42.10
Plympton	1,586.29	-	35.94
Sarnia	-	-	-
Moore	1,381.79	-	-
Sombra	-	-	37.71
	<u>\$6,847.14</u>	<u>\$592.27</u>	<u>\$133.02</u>

## TOWNSHIP REPORTS

### SARNIA TOWNSHIP REPORT - Dave Jackson

Sarnia Township has 60 some members in the I.S.M. Programme.

We held a meeting last February which was well attended by members and non members. Mr. James Bullbrook was the guest speaker on Disposal Wells.

Your committees were involved with the county in negotiations on price of land paid for the new 402 highway.

Your Well Disposal Committee was very active and put a good deal of pressure on Water Resources officials to monitor all material put into the wells.

We plan an Information meeting in late November.

### MOORE TOWNSHIP REPORT - Bruce Hicks

Progress in Moore is growing slowly, and I believe support for the Federation here is good. This was born true when our opposition here challenged our levy system. When the farmers in Moore were approached to sign a petition supporting the Federation they came through with flying colours with a majority of 70%. The I.S.M. programme could stand some support but I believe this will come when the farmers are approached. I would like to thank those members in Moore who have helped considerably in the past year to keep this organization on the go.

### DAWN TOWNSHIP REPORT - Andy Thompson

Early in November/70 a meeting was called to plan for I.S.M. members in Dawn Township. It was planned for each member to sell one membership. In December a another meeting was called with Mr. Peter Hennaert and Mr. Lloyd Paasingham present, it was talked about setting up a telephone committee. In June/71 the OPA Fieldman and myself went out selling I.S.M.'s and we sold a number of memberships. In July we had a drive in the township. I attended all regular meetings, except 1 August meeting and all Special meetings.

### PLYMPTON TOWNSHIP REPORT - Peter Hennaert

Plympton Federation has not been to active over the past year, we had a membership meeting in the spring in the form of a social evening, and a flash light was given for the member selling the most memberships. I wish the recipient had a room full of flashlights. This fall we met over the Interprovincial pipeline coming on our property, discussed the value of crops and the fact that no compensation was going to be received for the pipeline entering our property. Plympton Township was actively represented by Arnold Helps and Dick Anjema on the negotiations of 402 Highway with the Highway Department. I hope that in the near future some new activities can be accomplished.

### BROOKE TOWNSHIP REPORT - John Koncev

A year with little activity. The Brooke Township farmers affected by Sun Oil Co., Pipeline right-of-way and Bell Canada for a telephone cable right-of-way were invited to a meeting. A few farmers showed interest, however, no other action was taken and presumably farmers affected were satisfied with company offers (due to results of pressures on the companies by neighbouring township and county federation members.

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TOWNSHIP REPORTS CONT'D. . . .

EUPHEMIA TOWNSHIP REPORT - John Drage

Euphemia Federation of Agriculture held several meetings during the past year organizing an I.S.M. committee and a telephoning committee. Early in January a membership blitz was organized in which 11 members took part calling almost all farmers in Euphemia and selling 19 memberships.

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INPUTS COMMITTEE REPORT - John Koncovy  
- John Drage

The Inputs Committee has been comparing prices of inputs here and in the United States.

The details of the purchasing plan with Clear Water and Home Supply Co., mentioned in the September newsletter are at the writing of this report not complete.

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RESOLUTIONS SENT FROM THE COUNTY TO THE ONTARIO FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

Nov/70 - Oct/71

March/71

WHEREAS the Ontario Federation of Agriculture needs all the members it can get, and

WHEREAS the beef producers would be a valuable asset to the Ontario Federation of Agriculture,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the OFA seek a closer and more amicable relationship with the Ontario Beef Improvement Association and the Canadian Cattlemen's Association.

June/71

WHEREAS we have a current oversupply of hogs on the market;

WHEREAS it is urgent that Ontario pork producers continue to supply the established market for Ontario pork both domestic & export  
WHEREAS the current market price for hogs is at an unsatisfactorily low level;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Federation of Agriculture & Ontario Pork Producers Marketing Board urge pork producers in Ontario and across Canada to ship all hogs at least 10 lbs. lighter during the current pork surplus situation.

August/71

WHEREAS The Lambton Federation of Agriculture feels that policy decisions are made by too few members of the OFA, and

WHEREAS the rebuilt OFA was born to give grassroots the opportunity to share in policy, and

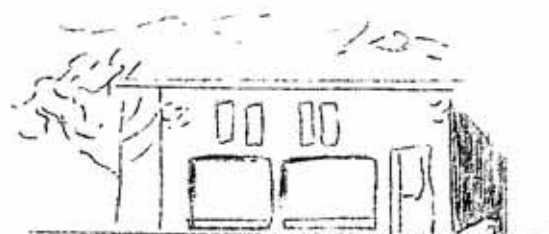
THEREFORE we feel that the grassroots are not informed before some policies are made,


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that background and research materials be sent to I.S.M. grassroots members, opinions returned to OFA before OFA sets policy, so that OFA has the backing of its members.

# Protection for people ... and the things they own

CIAG offers a wide range of important insurance coverages

Life Insurance
Urban Fire & Theft
Accident & Sickness
Family Liability
Automobile
Commercial
Farm
Boat
Snowmobile
Camper/Trailer



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### AGENTS IN LAMBTON COUNTY

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Ed Stapleton	4184 Dufferin Ave Petrolia	882-2258
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Norman Huctwith	467 Simcoe St. Watford	876-3516
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