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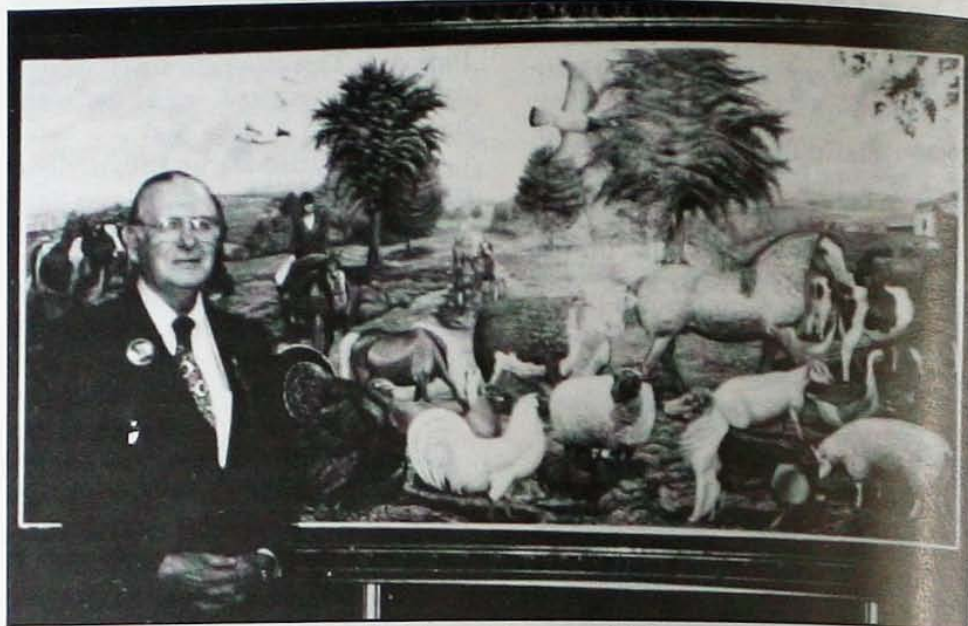
The Butler Project, an enthusiastic campaign to get agriculture into the classroom, is well underway.

Sponsored by the Women's Institutes of Oxford North and South, the project is named for Canadian artist Ross Butler of Woodstock, who supplied the art. A self-taught painter and sculptor who specialized in livestock and poultry, he was commissioned in the 1930's by the Ontario Department of Education to create a series of pictures of major domestic breeds of farm animals. Reproductions of these pictures were used in Ontario schools as teaching aids and their popularity led to their introduction into schools across the country.

The Butler Project will reprint and redistribute these animal pictures, illustrating the historical and cultural contribution of ideal type livestock.

This set of pictures will be distributed to every school in Ontario, accompanied by a bilingual teacher's kit which provides background information on the breeds and suggestions on how the material may be incorporated into existing curricula.

Quality printed with a finished size of 8 1/2 by 11 inches, the illustrations include reproductions of 28 of Mr.



Pictured above is artist Ross Butler with one of his works depicting a variety of agricultural breeds. This and several other pieces were on display at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair last fall.

Butler's original paintings plus added works.

Also in the package will be information and pictures of today's true type animals, provided by the various breed associations and commodity groups in Ontario.

A selection of Mr. Butler's original works will be on display at the Woodstock Art Gallery from Sept. 11 to Oct. 11 and at the National Museum in Ottawa during December.

A 12-minute video explaining the Butler Project is available to groups by contacting Mrs. Donna Kittmer, R. R. #3, Lakeside, N0M 2G0. Please specify whether you wish VHS or Beta. Butler Booster Buttons are also available for \$1.

Donations to the project may be sent to David Ebel, Manager, Royal Bank of Canada, Thamesford, N0M 2M0.

Speakers, films, slides from Oxfam

The OXFAM-Canada Action for Africa program would like to offer rural women's groups in eastern Ontario a unique chance to find out more about the lives of women in Africa.

Action for Africa is an educational community service funded by the Canadian government through the public participation program of the Canadian International Development Agency and OXFAM-Canada.

In the counties of Carleton, Renfrew, Lanark, Leeds, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Action for Africa will provide guest speakers, films, and slide shows on African development issues, with a special focus on women in development. Some of the topics

are; women and famine in Africa, women under apartheid in South Africa, and building links between Canadian and African farmers.

There is no charge for these services, and presentations will be tailored to the needs and interests of particular groups.

For more information, or to book a speaker, please write or call Anne Gillies, OXFAM-Canada Action for Africa, 251 Laurier Ave., West, Suite 301, Ottawa, K1P 5J6, (613) 237-5236 or (613) 594-2826.

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