

Statistics on unpaid family workers

According to Statistics Canada, the number of unpaid family workers has dropped from 132,000 in 1975 to 93,000 in 1987. The majority of unpaid family workers are employed in agriculture. In 1987, 59,000 or 64 per cent of the total, worked in this area. Most unpaid family workers are married women aged 25 and over. The number in this group has also declined. Between 1975 and 1987, the number of married women aged 25 and over working without pay in agriculture dropped 25 per cent from 53,000 to 39,000. Many of these women were shifting into paid work and self-employment in agriculture. Statistics Canada suggests these changes are a result of developments in matrimonial property law.



Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Recognition Week is April 9 to 15.

Gift ideas

Looking for small gift ideas? The following are available from the FWIO office, Box 1030, Guelph, NIH 6N1.

FWIO Tea Towels \$5 each
90th Anniversary Sun Visors...\$3 each
(blue or gold)
Erland Lee Home notes (3) \$50
per package

Bank newsletter

The Bank of Nova Scotia publishes a quarterly newsletter called Agri-Trends. It is available by asking at your local Scotiabank branch. In the Winter 1989 issue, Gerry Chamberlain, Vice-President of Agriculture Services has an article on planning to the year 2000.

WI Days at the Lee

Ontario WI Days at the Erland Lee (Museum) Home are June 6, 7, and 8, 1989.

Organization to help disabled farmers

Do you know of a farmer coping with a disability as a result of an accident? There is a U.S. based organization which these people may find beneficial. For publications or information write to Bill Field, Breaking New Ground, Department of Agricultural Engineering, Agricultural Engineering Building, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, 47907. This is a non-profit organization and there may be a nominal charge for literature.

Precautions for children

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9. Know your child's routes to school, friend's house, etc... Be sure he/she avoids walking through empty lots, fields, parks and school yards. If possible, accompany your child. Start a car pool.

10. Be extremely cautious and thorough when selecting baby-sitters, preschools and day-care. Check references. Know the person.

11. Children who are home alone should never volunteer information to a stranger. Instruct them to say that your are at home but cannot come to the telephone.

12. Post emergency numbers near your telephone.

13. Instruct your child to report any suspicious incidents to you, the police, his/her teacher, school nurse. Teach your child the importance of remembering license plate numbers.

14. Instruct your child to scream, shout, yell, kick and fight if threatened by a stranger. Draw as much attention as possible to the situation.

15. Avoid dressing your child in clothes imprinted with his/her name.

16. Develop an identification file on your child.

17. Teach your child never to go anywhere with anyone without checking with you.