

1995 - Port Elgin Junior Farmers Celebrate 75 Years
Seventy five years of continuous service! That's a statement few Junior Farmer Clubs in Ontario can make. Many clubs had their first organizational meeting before 1920. Many, if not all of these clubs disbanded for a few years during the Depression or during World War II. As far as we can tell Port Elgin Junior Farmers is the oldest continuous club in the province.

The first meeting took place on January 30, 1920. At the same time there was a Junior Institute club formed too. Mrs. Stanley Ferguson was elected as the first Junior Institute President. They disbanded a short time later and re-organized in 1927 with Mrs. Clarkson Bricker as President. In 1960 the Junior Farmer's and Junior Institute united to form a single club. On June 10th, 1995 the club celebrated 75 years with an Anniversary Banquet and dance, at Underwood. Lloyd McGillivray of Bruce Twp. is the Junior Farmer Past President this year and Cynthia Halliday of Elderslie Twp. is President of the combined group 1996.