

horses were sold, one going to the lumber woods, the other to Mr. Clarence Gough of Springfield. In 1951, Cement mangers, walking trenches, steel stanchions, and water buckets were installed. In 1965 the barn yard was all cemented by the Mills Brothers. In 1966 a steel implement shed was built and the milk house covered with steel siding. In 1968 the barns were painted by the family. The farm name "Wilmar Farm" was chosen and approved, it being part of each of their names.

One outstanding crop was in 1958, when green beans were factory constructed, machine picked, and netted \$3,000.00 from 18 acres. Another year to be remembered was the storm on January 26th, 1978, when snow drifted and exceeded 10 feet high. Snow machines, and the army were called out to rescue school children, who had spent 2 days and nights in school. Many people were without hydro, telephone and heat, having to go to bed fully clothed wearing hats to keep warm.

In 1976 the entire herd of 45 holstein cattle were sold. A new diesel tractor purchased at a cost of \$15,000.00, plus new equipment as well. Cash crops of wheat and corn were then grown.

In 1978 - 1979, the entire farm was tiled. Although the house has changed very little on the outside throughout the years, several changes have been made.

In 1946, the South veranda was torn off, a new porch, steps and awning put up, with a new deck added in 1979. In 1955 Cement steps, sidewalks, curbs and iron railing added as well as being landscaped. In 1963 a car port was built, the house painted. In 1965 aluminum doors and windows were installed. Several renovations have been made inside, partitions moved new cupboards in 1950, replacing the old ones, containing a dumb waiter used with cords and pulleys to lower a shelf to the basement, where food was kept cool, thus saving many steps. In 1951 a new bathroom was installed upstairs and down, with a vanity added in 1979. A new furnace was installed in 1970, replacing the old coal stoker. Taxes have increased considerably: 1916 paid in lbs. ?

1969 - \$348.20, Ten years later 1979 \$950.00

1st children of Wilford and Marion Clarke :

Larry Willard, B.A.M.A., born January 20th, 1942 - married Barbara MacDonald of Hilton Beach, a registered Lab. Technician. They reside in Sault Ste. Marie, with their two sons and daughter, Jason, Justin and Jana, where Larry is a teacher.

2nd.

Leon Richard B.A. born March 19th, 1947 - married Linda Pash of Sarnia, a medical secretary. They reside in South River, with their two daughters, Alison and Devon, where Leon is a teacher.

3rd

William Clarence, B.A., born July 5th, 1949 - married Linda Youcke of Aylmer, a Registered Nurse. They reside in Kitchener with their daughter, Erin, where William is manager of a large business firm.

Wilford and Marion are semi - retired as of this date, living on the family farm, where winter wheat , a cash crop is grown.

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