

Farm management specialist has several responsibilities



Gary Stephens

Farm management specialist Gary Stephens has been employed with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAF) since May 1974. He began work in Oxford County seven years ago.

Prior to his association with the Oxford branch, Stephens was for six years the assistant agricultural representative for Haldimand County.

Now he's a resource person for the financial assistance programs offered by the federal and provincial governments. Stephens has also been designated as the county's swine and beef program contact.

His interest in the agricultural industry comes from growing up on a farm in

Lambton County.

Stephens graduated from the University of Guelph during 1974 from the Agriculture

Economic and Business program.

He and his wife, Janet, have two children: Sarah 7 and

Mark 4. They live at Curries. Stephens' hobbies include the restoration of a 1926 Chevrolet four-door sedan.

ROS representative enjoys numerous facets to job



Bea Gosselin

Gosselin is also involved with offering educational programs to foster better employer-employee relationships on the farm.

"I also act as a consultant to farm groups, helping them evaluate the health of their organizations. I work with the same groups to help them develop problem-solving skills and decision-making techniques so that group's

can achieve their objectives or goals."

She is presently finishing her thesis on "Training and developing needs of rural organizations specialist". The work is through the World Extension Studies at Guelph University.

Once completed she will receive her master's in Rural Extension Studies.

Management specialist has impressive background



Richard Hendry

associate agricultural representative in Prince Edward County, 1973 through 1983 and summer assistant with the Soils and Crops branch, Kingston 1972.

Hendry's duties include the delivery of numerous ministry, farm management related programs such as, Beginning Farm Assistance Program, Farm Start Program, Farm Management Safety and Repair Program, and Farm Management Analysis Project to name a few.

He is also the designated dairy contact for Oxford County, and his responsibilities include the evaluation and formulation of computer dairy ration and the organizing of producer information sessions such as the annual Woodstock Dairy Symposium, and Women's Dairy Day.

Richard, and his wife, Jay, who holds a degree in Zoology from the University of Guelph, and their six year old son, Iain, reside in Innerkip.

Richard Hendry, farm management specialist, joined the Oxford County team of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food in 1983. Previous work assignments include assistant and

Rural Organizations Specialist, Bea Gosselin enjoys numerous facets to her job with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAF) branch in Woodstock.

Prior to coming to Oxford, Gosselin worked for the London, Clinton and Newmarket offices of OMAF. She has a degree from the University of Manitoba in Home Economics.

Although her chief responsibilities are responding to the needs of leadership resources and organization development information, Gosselin still functions as a food nutritionist for Oxford County, offering solutions to problems with baking, cooking, canning, and possible concerns over meat quality.

But she spends most of her time conducting continuing education programs for rural youth and adults, helping them to become more effective citizens. Her instruction places an emphasis on leadership skills and expansion of general knowledge.