

Halton Agriculture Report

AGRICREW ANNOUNCED

By Henry J. Stanley
The program, "Agricrew" has been designed to provide a practical work experience for young people during the summer of 1979. The program is to offer 320 positions. Crews will be placed in selected areas of Ontario to work as a team under a subsidized government program.

As a part of an "Agricrew" team members will be placed on farms and asked to do jobs that may not have been done because of the volume of regular farm work. In addition crew members could be hired to assist with harvest during seasonal periods. An Agricrew could also be hired to help agricultural societies prepare their grounds for rural community fairs.

Agricrew members be over 15 years of age as of May 1, 1979, and are expected to remain on assigned work for the full period of the work agreement. They will be selected on their willingness to perform agricultural manual labour.

The employers are to be engaged in farming full time and will be required to sign a work agreement indicating work to be done, method of payment and alternate work plans for inclement weather. Crews may also be employed by agricultural societies.

Agricultural employers may request the services of one crew only. The maximum number of work agreements any one farmer can make with Agricrew is limited to five days over the program period.

All Agricrew members will be required to participate in any orientation sessions planned for them by the co-ordinators. The orientation sessions will help train crew members in various skills associated with farm work. Agricrews are required to work as a team, not to be subdivided (i.e. 4 crew members + foreman), under the direct supervision of the crew foreman.

All Agricrew employees are hired by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food at the following wages: Foremen - \$3.50 an hour and Crew Members - \$3.00 an hour. The farmer pays the co-ordinator a cheque payable to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food in the amount of \$90.00 for the services of the Agricrew for each day's work. At the conclusion of the program, O.M.A.F. will reimburse the farmer \$15.00 per day for the total number of work agreements made throughout the summer.

Application forms for the positions of foreman or crew members are available at the agricultural office, Milton.

Farm Board

Farmers to have voice on Farm Machinery Board
Agriculture and Food Minister Bill Newman has announced measures to answer farmers' complaints about machinery repairs and spare parts.

He said the Ontario Farm Machinery Board will be re-constituted to provide for broader representation by both farmers and industry. The board will have a responsibility to assure farm machinery service and educational programs for farmers.

Mr. Newman also said manufacturers, distributors and dealers are working towards a voluntary code of practice to assure repair and parts. It would also establish standard purchase contracts and minimum warranties.

Annual sales of farm machinery in Ontario amount to \$300 million, and Ontario farmers make up 22 per cent of the Canadian market for farm machinery.

Branch Head

Art Peppin Heads Societies Branch

Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Food Ken Lantz has announced the appointment of Arthur J. Peppin as director of the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies Branch. Mr. Peppin will also serve as secretary-manager of the International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Show.

Mr. Peppin, who graduated from the Ontario Agricultural College in 1941, joined the public relations department of the college in 1952, and became a member of the Information Branch of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

Since 1969, Mr. Peppin has been associated director of the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies Branch where he also served as assistant secretary-manager to the Ontario Plowmen's Association and treasurer of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies. Mr. Peppin succeeds Ed Starr who retired in December 1978, after thirty years with the ministry.

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