'Family farm' topic of Fergus session

The status of the family farm in the '80s and farm survival through direct action are the topics of two of four workshops on rural issues to be held during a day-long conference on rural offairs in Fergus on Saturday. April 23.

More than 100 farmers and small businesspeople from across rural Ontaria are expected to attend the conference which will take place between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at Melville United Church.

Merle Gunby, an executive member of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, will be the keynote speaker at the conference and will also conduct the workshop on the status of the family farm.

The Huron County bog farmer has a particular interest in land conservation and absentee ownership of Ontario farmland.

In accepting the invitation to introduce the conference, Gunby said, "There are a lot of economic and social pressures facing farmers today and we need all the dialogue possible to try to come up with solutions which are equitable to both farmers and the community as a whole."

Allan Wilford, the outspoken president of the Canadian Farmers Survival Association, will lead a workshop on direct action and farm survival.

THEFT CHARGES Wilford was recently arrested on charges of theft in connection with a "penny auction" conducted by the association to forestall a Toronto-Dominion Bank foreclosure in Teviotdale near Palmerston.

Wilford ended an eightday hunger strike in a Perth County jail following approval in principle of a federal bill to help protect farmers facing bankruptcy. He has since called for amendments to the bill to cover fishermen and other small businesspeople.

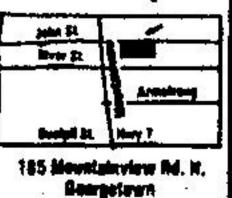
Bonnie Greene, former co-ordinator of the Inter-Church Task Force on Church and Corporate Responsibility, will conduct a workshop on the role of agribusiness in Ontario.

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communities will be moderated by Ron Woodissee of the Drayton District Co-operative.

The conference, sponsored by the Wellington-Dufferin-Peel New Democratic Party on behalf of the rural caucus of the Ontario NDP, is intended as an open forum of information exchange. All interested members of the public are welcome.

The afternoon session will include a brief address by Ontario NDP leader Bob Rae, followed by a question period. The public is invited to attend afternoon discussion groups which will examine policies and prospescis for rural Ontario.

Resource people for the policy discussion will include Donald MacDonald, former leader of the Ontario NDP and longtime agricultural critic, and Mel Swart, the current agricultural critic for the NDP.

The conference registration fee of \$12.00 includes a hot lunch. Preregistration is necessary. Cheques payable to the Wellington-Dufferin-Peel NDP should be mailed with workshop selection . (first and second choices) to Derk Zantinge, R.R. 4, Arthur, Ontario NOG 1A0. For further information, call Sandy Young in Hillsburgh at (519) 855-4565.



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Jacket leads to arrest

A 32-year old Church Street, Georgetown man was charged with possession of stolen property and obstructing police Friday. The man was seen by police wearing a blue baseball jacket allegedly stolen March 23. The jacket is worth about \$45. When police moved in to arrest the man who was standing near the Main and Mill Streets intersection in Georgetown at about 11:40 a.m., he gave false identification and the obstructing police charge was added.

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