

'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 affairs in Fergus on Saturday, April 23.

More than 100 farmers and small businesspeople from across rural Ontario 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 eight-day 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.

A fourth workshop on small business in rural

communities will be moderated by Ron Woodlase 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 prospects for rural Ontario.

Resource people for the policy discussion will include Donald MacDonaid, former leader of the Ontario NDP and long-time agricultural critic, and Mel Swart, the current agricultural critic for the NDP.

The conference registration fee of \$12.00 includes a hot lunch. Pre-registration 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 N0G 1A0. For further information, call Sandy Young in Hillsburgh at (519) 855-4565.



Carol Black had on display Saturday at Gallery House Sol some beautiful dolls depicting ladies of the 18th and 19th centuries. Six years ago she became interested in fashion and then started working on minute replicas.

(Herald photo)

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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The handsome two-story brick home is perfectly suited to the medium frontage residential building lot. The plan provides in excess of 1,850 square feet of well-arranged finished floor space for present use, and allows for nearly 300 square feet of additional space for future use, in the unfinished family room/porch area to the rear of the floor plan. The design would make an excellent choice for the family which possesses a building lot which has an outstanding view to the rear, as the rooms to the rear of the plan provide excellent exposure in that direction. The Tudor-style exterior is finished in mixed brick veneer, stucco and large board trim, with twin brick chimneys, bay window and small-paned upper-story windows. The roof could be finished in either shakes or more conventional shingles, according to regional materials costs and availability.

The elevated, weather-sheltered main entry opens into a spacious reception foyer, which contains a multiple outerwear storage area, a two-piece vanity bathroom, and the stairway to the second level. From the foyer, traffic moves either left into the long rectangular living-dining room combination, or straight forward, to the right and down four steps into the sunken family room. The formal living room features a raised-hearth masonry fireplace and charming, front-facing bay window. This latter could have a window seat installed on the interior side for those whose decor tastes are traditional in tone. The adjacent dining area is presently open to the kitchen, but could have a pocket door installed for greater separation of dining style and privacy and hygiene. The dining area connects to the wide rear-facing deck by means of a convenient sliding glass wash-through.

The galley-style kitchen and dinette area provide abundant cupboard storage area, generous countertop work surface and a step-saving work triangle. The dinette could have either a standard dining suite or built-in banquette-style seats/furnishings.

The sunken family room is positioned adjacent to the kitchen-dinette combination, down four steps from the hallway. Presently unfinished, it features a second raised-hearth masonry fireplace and sliding glass doors which provide easy access to the wide rear balcony. Off the family room lies a convenient laundry-utility area, which also has access from the enclosed two-car garage. It features a side-by-side configuration of washer-dryer and a laundry-folding counter. From the laundry facility, the two-car garage is reached one step; thus, the area could also serve as a mud room.

All three bedrooms are positioned on the second level, accessible via stairway from the main entrance foyer. Each of the bedrooms has excellent exposure for view, ventilation and natural light, and each has generous closet storage facilities. The spacious master bedroom has a full walk-in closet and a raised-hearth masonry fireplace.

The upper-level bathroom separates the tub and one vanity sink from the commode and a second vanity sink by means of a space-saving pocket door, greatly increasing the flexibility of the bathroom.

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