

Changing traditions

The changing agricultural scene in Halton is often reflected in the barns that dot the landscape with diminishing regularity. There are still the well kept barns, the sign of serious farming and often unique in their architecture that ranges from the pioneer stone to the more recent quonset styles. But there are also the barns, propped precariously, being stripped of their decorative "barn board" at unheard of prices. There are also the farms where only the silo indicates the site of an earlier barn. As rural fires take their toll the number of barns decreases. Today a "barn-raising", once a social highlight of a pioneer community, is unheard of. Barns in Halton 1974 are reflections of a changing agricultural influence.

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