

# New museum exhibit honors John Deere, McDuffe Implement Company

By Linda Kirby  
The Ontario Agricultural Museum declared the John Deere farm implement agency open Wednesday.

The occasion held special meaning for many people, including several individuals from Milton.  
The first John Deere

plows sold in Canada were shipped to West-brook and Fairchild in Winnipeg in 1876.  
John Deere as an

organization came to Western Canada when the John Deere Plow Company Ltd. succeeded the Fairchild Company in the latter part of 1907.

Several years later the John Deere Plow Company of Welland Ltd., incorporated Dec. 15, 1911, was formed to distribute Deere goods in eastern Canada.

that of a dealership and shop which could have been found in any agricultural community during the first half of this century.  
With assistance from John Deere, Grimsby,

the office and shop have been set up almost identical to a dealership of that era.  
The parts, bins, filing system, literature displays, office accessories, signs and steamers have

been supplied by John Deere, whether they are reproductions or originals.  
Participating in the special event was Dr. J.C. Rennie, assistant deputy minister, In-

formation Education and Special Services with Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.  
John Deere representatives included Michael Frank, president of the Canadian division; Jack

Gilliland, manager, retail finance; Al Thomson, vice-president and director of finance; Doug Laurie, dealer development advisor and Mike Noonan, manager of corporate communications.



A special moment: Arnold McDuffe, left, of Milton celebrates the opening of the John Deere building named after his father at the Ontario Agricultural Museum with Michael Frank, centre, president of the Canadian division of John Deere and Dr. J. C. Rennie, right, assistant deputy minister of information, education and special services with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

One of the first Ontario dealerships was operated by Richard McDuffe of Milton in 1920 when he started a farm machinery agency selling George White and Dain City products, later to become John Deere Welland Works.

The business was then known as McDuffe Garage and Machinery and concentrated on sales of hay loaders, hay tedders, manure spreaders, binders and Gray Dort and Briscoe automobiles.

In 1924 he sold the first Waterloo tractors in the Milton area. Three years later the George White Company in London was given exclusive distributorship for John Deere tractors and McDuffe's Garage and Machinery were the very first tractor dealers.

The business has changed names over the years, but the tradition of selling farm machinery has remained within the family.

Today the late Richard McDuffe's son Arnold and grandson Brian remain in the business, with Brian McDuffe now running McDuffe Used Construction Equipment.  
Many McDuffe family members turned out for the opening of the John Deere building at the Ontario Agricultural Museum.

The building represents 1937, in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the John Deere steel plow.  
The design is similar to

## Home economists speak to group

Nassagaweya Women's Institute June meeting was at the home of Mrs. Glen Pearce June 11, with 20 members and guests attending. Sharon Anderson read the poem "The Kitchen Range" by local poet Laura Dixon.

The motto was, "Just as you think you are making ends meet, someone pulls the ends." Roll call was ideas to make all wise consumers.  
Minutes and treasurer's report were given

by Marguerite Currie. Fran Pearce reported on the District Annual. Members were asked to bring articles for the Milton Fair display to the September meeting at the home of Mary Small.  
Guest speakers were

Dominion Stores home economists Jan Callan and Jane Webster. One spoke on fresh fruits and vegetables and made several strawberry desserts. The other spoke on barbecues and gave out pamphlets. They were introduced by Jane Baynton.  
Merle Young thanked all who helped with the meeting. Lunch was served by Liz Adamiuk and Joyce Bott.

## Baptists form new congregation here

Milton Baptist Church is Milton's newest church congregation.  
The church has formed a congregation, affiliated with the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, with headquarters at Halton Centennial

Manor where services have been held Sundays since January.  
Kelvin Mutter has been named pastor of the congregation and arrived in Milton June 1 as a full time pastor. He will be officially inducted on Oct. 2.

Pastor Mutter's first job will be to organize the congregation and lay plans for the building of a church.  
The growth of Milton and the fact it has a large population of newcomers were deciding factors in the church establishing here, he said. Back in January, the church received permission to hold Sunday services in the chapel at Halton Manor, which is an ideal arrangement as there were no regular Sunday services being held there. He said there are over 30 attending the Sunday services on a regular basis, about one-third of them community members, the rest from the Manor.

The services have filled a need at the Manor, and given the church a base from which to grow, he said.  
Pastor Mutter is married and living in Milton. He has a Bachelor of Theology from Ontario Bible College, Toronto (1978) and a Bachelor of Arts from Waterloo University this year. This is his first church of his own, but he worked with various churches during his six years of college studies.  
Born in Ottawa, he has lived in Toronto, Bay Ridges and Landsdowne before moving to Milton. Set name for



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Milton Baptist Church

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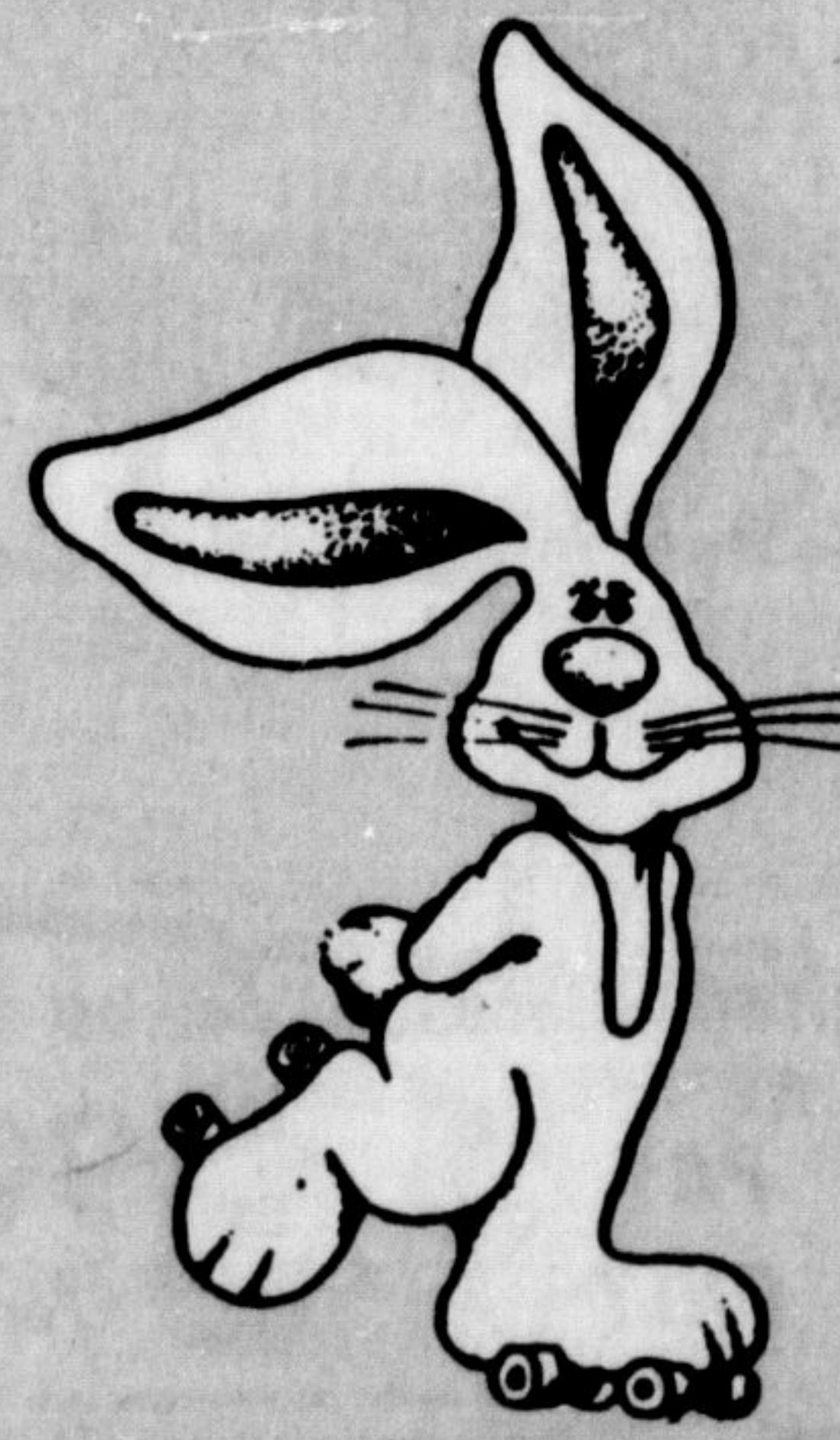
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FIGURE SKATE CLUB 4 pm - 6:30 pm \$2.00	FAMILY LEARN TO SKATE 6 pm - 7 pm \$1.50	LADIES FITNESS CLASS Y. Trained instructor 6:15 pm - 6:45 pm \$1.00	ADULT LEARN TO SKATE 6 pm - 7 pm \$1.50		OPEN SKATE 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm \$2.00	OPEN SKATE 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm \$2.00
OPEN SKATE 7 pm - 10 pm \$2.50	FAMILY NIGHT 7 pm - 10 pm \$1.50 each Singles \$2.50	LADIES NIGHT 7 pm - 10 pm Ladies \$1.50 Reg. Adm. \$2.50	ADULT NIGHT 7 pm - 10 pm 18 & over \$2.50	OPEN SKATE 7 pm - 9 pm \$2.50	OPEN SKATE 7 pm - 9 pm \$2.50	FAMILY SKATE 6 pm - 8 pm \$1.50
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