



Agriculture in Halton

By HENRY STANLEY
Agricultural Representative

New assistance guidelines

Dennis Timbrell, Ontario Minister of Agriculture & Food, says the Ontario Farm Adjustment Assistance Program guidelines have been changed. The changes are retroactive to Jan. 4, 1982.

The \$60-million program was set up recently to assist farmers in financial difficulty. Assistance may be in one or more forms: a six month deferral of interest on bank loans; an interest reduction grant (maximum 5 per cent) on the authorized bank floating rate line of credit; or a government guaranteed new line of bank operating credit.

The new eligibility criteria are: (1) the producer has equity in the farming assets of 10 to 60 per cent (increased from 50 per cent) at current market value. (2) The value of agricultural production for 1981 is at least \$12,000 (decreased from \$25,000). (3) The annual principal and interest payment requirements exceed 20 per cent of farm operating costs.

Further information and assistance may be obtained at the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food office in Milton.

The Crop Insurance Commission of Ontario is expecting a significant increase in the number of farmers insuring their crops because healthy hikes in input costs for 1982 mean even greater risks to the farmers' financial vitality.

There was a time when a farmer could in reality afford to carry his farm debt from a disaster year into the next one. In 1967 when crop insurance first started and interest was 6 per cent, the carrying cost from one harvest to the next for a corn crop was a mere \$5.82 per acre. Using today's crop budgets and 20 per cent interest, that figure has skyrocketed to an unprecedented \$69.77 per acre. Farmers used to be able to survive a crop loss by covering it with a modest cash reserve or by seeking off farm employment, but there is no supplementary income that would come close to covering such a loss today.

Each year crop losses due to hail, wind, frost, flood, drought, insect infestation and disease occur and the farmer's only protection is through Crop Insurance. There's no doubt in 1982 farmers will consider crop insurance as their best investment toward protecting their future. Halton farmers can contact: Clifford Brown, 81 Millside Drive, Milton, our local salesman.

The use of computers on the farm has increased dramatically in the past two years, as has been the case elsewhere. Up until last year, there were approximately one million computers in the world. Last year, another one million were produced while in 1982 some companies alone will produce one million computers. This was part of the information presented at the final computer workshop on Wednesday March 10 at the Agricultural office in Milton.

The first minicomputer was available in 1977 with the first available in agriculture in 1980. Thus, this is a new field expected to double or triple in use each year. A farm computer should have a five year life expectancy, but could last much longer.

The main questions to be asked if you are thinking of a computer for your farm are - Do you really want one? Do you have enough workload for a computer? Are the software or programs available that you need? and What type of service can you expect from the person selling the computer?

Computers can be justified on many farms - they can be an aid to keeping records, both physical and financial. You can keep records on each cow or sow on your farm, Income Tax and management records. A computer can be a good tool if used often and wisely.

Live demonstrations of computer programs suitable to Halton farmers were put on by Reid Frank of Milton; John Stoveken of B.M.B. in Milton; Alex McKinney of RR 2, Brampton; and Donald Shanks of Blenheim. Guest speaker was Randy Ross of the Ridgeway College of Agricultural Technology.

Some fertilizer dealers are trying to convince Ontario farmers that micronutrients must be added to their fertilizer to achieve top yield. This concerns farmers at a time when production costs continue to increase and crop receipts are declining.

Rod Lamb

Ex-reporter on the pulpit

Omagh

By ELLA PATTERSON
Champion Correspondent

Mr. Rod Lamb, former news editor of this paper, The Canadian Champion, was speaker at Omagh and Boston churches on Sunday Mar. 14. He delivered a fine message and will be in these pulpits again next Sabbath. Mr. Lamb is a first year student in the college of Theology of the Presbyterian Church, Toronto. Friends in this area were pleased to learn of his new career in the ministry of the church and wish him well.

A reminder that the Elmira Maple Syrup Festival is to be held on April 3 starting at 7 a.m. with breakfast for the early visitors and closing at 4 p.m.

The fifth meeting of Hornby South 4H (Early Risers) was held on Monday evening with all members attending. Roll call was name your favorite sweet yeast bread. The work period was spent in making sweet bread and rolls. The dough was let rise once, punched down, rested and then formed into fancy shapes such as bow knots, daisies, twists and buns.

These were then frozen and they will be thawed and cooked at the next meeting. The method for this after shaping, place in freezer unwrapped to stop the action of the yeast. When frozen solid, place in freezer bags, press out air and close tightly. To defrost unwrap, cover and leave in refrigerator over night or let stand at room temperature for 6-9 hours. When doubled in size bake as usual. We will know next meeting how this method turns out. The book work was on caloric values of different flours, fats, sweeteners and their ingredients. Further plans were made for the club party.

Members brought loaves of bread made at home and these were judged, scored and later were served for lunch with jam and hot chocolate and were quite tasty. Next meeting is Thurs. evening Mar. 16 at 7 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Amme returned home this week from a month's holiday in Florida. Happy holiday and a safe trip to all students, teachers and others who will enjoy the winter break from March 19 to 26th.

The March meeting of Omagh Presbyterian Women's Association and Missionary Society was held on Monday in the church hall. Mrs. J. H'ison welcomed the members for the WA portion of meeting and read a poem. Mrs. Colin Marshall was in charge of the devotionals. A letter of thanks for flowers sent to Jim Graham in hospital, was read.

The treasurer's report showed that the recent dinner served to the Halton Farm Safety was a success. Proceeds were to be divided between the WA and WMS A rummage sale is scheduled to be held at Boyne Centre on Sat. April 17 from 10 a.m.



ROD LAMB

Named to list

A Milton student has been named to the Dean's List for academic excellence during the Fall Term and Intersession at Washington & Jefferson College, it has been announced by Dean of the College Herbert E. Wyles.

To earn Dean's List recognition, students must have a Quality Point Average of 3.50 or higher out of a possible 4.00.

Keith M. Weis, of 81 Millside Dr., has been named to the list.

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Weekly euchre

Drumquinn

By ELLA PATTERSON
Champion Correspondent

The weekly Saturday night euchre party held at Hornby Centre on March 13 had the following prizewinners. Mrs. Rose Trofoli, Mrs. Hazel Preston, Fred Workman, Mrs. Marie Peacock, Mrs. G. McGillivray, Mrs. Vivian Shaw, G. McGillivray and Mrs. Marie Murray. There were ten tables in play.

The Bethel UCW meeting was held in the church hall on March 3 at 8 p.m. Mrs. J. Pickett, president, opened the meeting with a poem "Friendship".

The ladies are invited to Hillcrest Daffodil tea on April 15 when Dr. Bette Stephenson will be guest speaker. The Kitchen conveners plan to purchase several large salad bowls before the turkey supper on April 2. There was a display of crafts made by the members during the winter months. Many beautiful articles of crochet, knitting, rugs, sewing and quilts were on display.

A games and euchre night convened by the Sunday School will be held March 19 at 7.30 p.m. There will be games for the children and euchre for adults. This is open to the public with admission fee of \$2 and \$1. Mrs. Stan Henry concluded the summary of the book by Marjorie Wilkinson. "I Counted all Joy" Mrs. S. McMillan served a lunch.

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Prof. Bill Scott

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Tues., 7 - 10 p.m., Apr. 6 - June 22
Prof. Gilman Ostrander

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