

Ministry Ag reps

Aiding the farmer for 75 years

By LINDA KIRBY
Champion Reporter

In 1907 six young men known as district representatives were established by the Ontario Department of Agriculture in six counties in Ontario.

Their objective was to help farmers, by means of instruction and advice, and serve as a link between farmers, the Agricultural College and the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

They reported on the appearance of new diseases and pests and provided information on a variety of farming interests.

Seventy-five years later, the extension services, as it has become known, has achieved significant growth and importance within the farming industry.

It was the early farming courses that led to the formation of present organizations such as 4-H clubs, Junior Farmers, Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association, Livestock Breed Associations and the local Federations of Agriculture.

"During the first years of the service, representatives were concerned about putting on courses for farmers to encourage agriculture, proper feeding programs, etc.," explained Henry Stanley, Halton agricultural representative.

Mr. Stanley, who this year celebrates his 25th anniversary with the Ministry, has served as the branch representative for more than 18 years, and has witnessed considerable change and development in the rural industry.

Today's farmer is better educated than ever before, he said, adding many hold a college degree.

"We have an extremely high quality of farmers in this region."

"Most are doing a pretty good job of producing meat and milk, but need help managing money, especially with the way interest rates have gone for the past two years."

"We are still stressing technology, but we are putting more emphasis on the financial management of a farm," he says.

The high cost of running a farm operation has not, however, deterred young people from trying their hand at farming.

"We have a lot of young people farming in Halton, more now than 18 years ago," he said.

"It is very difficult for a young person, but it is possible where the parents are behind them," he said.

His office assists many families by showing them how they can turn a farm over to the son with fewer tax implications.

They also provide advice on how to borrow money and how to prepare budgets.

"Another important area is marketing. Some farmers have developed their own market, others have not. We show them how to sell future contracts for their goods," he says.

"Basically we are showing them how to be successful in today's economy."

While Halton possesses some of the best agricultural land, it also boasts fairly expensive acreage.

Many farmers, therefore, are finding it more economical to rent, with the result that 52 per cent of all farming land in this region is rented for

agricultural purposes.

"Halton is a small region compared to others, but it has a great variety of crops and livestock and topography."

"Even though we are small, we have a little bit of everything," he said.

When the former Ontario Department of Agriculture first established an extension services branch in Halton in 1907, it was located in Burlington.

Six years later it was moved to Milton, considered a more central location.

The office has moved twice more, but remains in Milton at 17 Wilson Dr. with a staff of nine.

They include George King with the dairy inspections branch; Joe Uyenaka of the plant industry branch, a fruit and vegetable specialist for Halton, Peel, York, Wentworth and Wellington regions; Burke McNeill, also with the plant industry branch and nursery specialist for all of Ontario; Doug Miller, associate agricultural representative to Henry Stanley, assisting with 4-H clubs and Junior Farmers; Norm Mattie, office manager; Jean Christensen, secretary; Jim Myslik, engineer; Nancy Schmidt, home economist and Mr. Stanley.

A sheep farmer himself, he is concerned with the future of agricultural land in this region, and has devoted considerable personal time in the past 10 years to the issue of land use in Halton.

A 1981 census of agricultural profile indicates a total of 969 farms in Halton produced \$61,284,034 worth of gross agricultural products in 1980.

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MILTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Kelvin F. Mutter
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Sunday, Oct. 24/82
10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
10:55 a.m. - Church School for the Whole Family
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MILTON GOSPEL HALL
306 Ontario St. S.
878-2022
Christians Gathered In The Name Of The Lord Jesus Christ
Sunday, Oct. 24/82
10:00 a.m. - Breaking Bread
11:45 a.m. - Sunday School
7:00 p.m. - Gospel Service
Wednesday
7:30 p.m. - Prayer and Bible Reading
All Are Welcome
To These Services Behold The Lamb of God, which taketh Away the Sin of the World. John 1:29

MILTON ALLIANCE CHURCH
Sam Sherratt Public School
Rev. Joseph Kyle, Pastor
878-8549
Sunday, Oct. 24/82
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for the Whole Family
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship. Pastor Marvin Christenson will bring the Message
6:30 p.m. - Film "Reflections of His Love" Everyone Welcome
Nursery Facilities at all Services
Tuesday
7:00 p.m. - Prayer & Praise
Church Office - 295 Alliance Rd.
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HIGHWAY GOSPEL CHURCH
106 Wakefield Road
Pastor: Rev. Guido Alfieri 878-3358
Sunday, Oct. 24/82
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. - Evangelistic Service
Nursery Available
On Wednesdays
9:30 a.m. - Hour of Power 401 Valleyview Cres.
7:00 p.m. - Bible Study at the Church
Thursday
7:00 p.m. - Youth Hour

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX, MILTON
170 Main St., E., 878-6066
The Rev. T. J. Lewis
Organist/Choir Director—Mr. Brian Stoll
Sunday, October 24/82
9:45 a.m. - Senior Church School
- Young Adults Bible Class
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship - Sacrament of Baptism
- Junior & Intermediate Church Schools
- Adult Supervised Nursery
Mid-Week Activities
Wed., Oct. 20/82 - 7:30 p.m. - Fellowship Meeting
Thur., Oct. 21/82 - 7:15 p.m. - Youth Choir
8:00 p.m. - Senior Choir
8:00 p.m. - Canadian Bible Society Meeting
Sat., Oct. 23/82 - 9:30 a.m. - Presbytery Workshop
"Church Growth" Leader - Dr. Jim Sauer
- 7:30 p.m. - P.Y.P.S. - Square Dance
Tues., Oct. 26/82 - 8:00 p.m. - Coronation Group.
Hostess - Lois McPhail
Wed., Oct. 27/82 - 9:30 a.m. - Mother's Morning
Out. Topic - "Wise Shopping" Speaker - Jane Webster
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EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
245 Commercial St.
Milton, Ontario
Pastor: Ken Campbell 878-8461
Sunday, October 24/82
9:45 a.m. - Family Bible Hour - Classes for all ages
10:30 a.m. - Sunday School "Round-up" "The Liberty Singers"
11:00 a.m. - Family Worship Hour
- Mini-concert by "The Liberty Singers"
7:00 p.m. - "Liberation"
- a service of song and salvation - presenting Dr. Ron Carlson in the third of a 6-part film series on the cults.
- "Transcendental Meditation, Yoga and Reincarnation"
9:00 p.m. - Pastor Campbell hosts a Metro Toronto, after-church, Christ or Chaos in Confederation Rally with the Liberty Singers and featuring guest preacher
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- at the Peoples Church
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Wednesday 7:00 p.m. "Hour of Power"
- Adult Bible Study and Prayer
- "Word of Life" Youth Bible Study and Prayer
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CHURCH OF CHRIST
1412 Britannia Rd. West
Minister: Brian Cox
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Sunday, Oct. 24/82
10:00 a.m. - Bible School
Class for all ages
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship and the Lord's Supper
7:30 p.m. - Preaching of the Gospel.
Thursday
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study
"The Church of Christ Salutes You." Romans 16:16

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
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Burlington
4272 Appleby Line
Rev. W.E. Payne
634-4379
Sunday, Oct. 24/82
9:45 a.m. - Bible Study for all ages
11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Guest Preacher
Rev. Bill Downing
Tuesday
7:00 p.m. - Boys and Girls Clubs
Wednesday
8:00 p.m. - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study