

Christian Farmers' general manager addresses local Federation branch

by JOHN FORGET

Martin Oldengarm, general manager of the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario was on hand for a meeting of the local Federation branch at the Simcoe County building on Tuesday, Feb. 4.

Oldengarm started off the meeting by saying that the Federation, which has 21 districts in Ontario has a current standing of 600 plus, farming families.

Oldengarm also stated that the organization was a grass roots organization that is funded by membership fees and donations and that the Federation strives together for answers and solutions to farm problems.

Elbert VanDonkersgoed, also of the Federation, was the main speaker at the meeting in which the main subjects covered were young families breaking into the farming profession and how many of the farmers survive in this day and age.

VanDonkersgoed divided new farmers in two categories, the 1975-85 group, who have already started working their farms, and the 1985-95 group, the farmers of tomorrow.

"The 1970s farmers had an easier time borrowing money from banks," stated VanDonkersgoed. "This gave them the freedom to obtain money and buy equipment and machinery they didn't really need, leading them on to thinking that the more technologically advanced their farm was the more successful they would be."

VanDonkersgoed continued with saying that the 1985-95 farmers face a lower interest rate than their predecessors but have to battle with a higher inflation rate.

"Many banks are reluctant to lend money to new farmers because many farms are going under," continued VanDonkersgoed. "But I am assured that anybody with enough will and ambition to obtain a bank loan will succeed."

VanDonkersgoed also spoke of farmers helping each other out instead of seeing each other as competitors in the field.

"When my grandfather was farming all the area farmers got together and helped each other out," continued VanDonkersgoed. "When the crops were ready they got together and did one farm at a time."

Nancy Penny

Nancy Penny passed away in Huronia District Hospital on Feb. 15, 1986, after a lengthy illness. Born and raised in Toronto and Ancaster, she attended McMaster University, in Hamilton, Ont., where she received a B.A. in anthropology. She did post-graduate work at the University of Manitoba and received her M.A. in anthropology in 1971.

After moving to the Midland area in 1974,

she became actively involved with the Huronia Players and took part in many productions. She worked for Sainte-Marie among the Hurons, where she did costume research and designed and produced many of the period costumes worn on the historic site.

She is survived by her husband Burke, and son Colin.

Memorial donations to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada would be appreciated.

John Nicholson) of Midland and Judy (Mrs. William Gianetto) of Hamilton, and 10 grandchildren, survive him.

M.J. Barber and Edith Craig were his parents.

Rev. David Barker officiated at the funeral service. Interment in the spring in St. Margaret's Cemetery.

John Barber

A funeral service for the late John Mateland Barber of Everton Road, Midland, was held Feb. 13, 1986, in the J.H. Lynn Funeral Home, Midland. Mr. Barber died in Huronia District Hospital at age 71 on Feb. 10.

The former assistant manager of the Midland LCBO outlet retired in 1978. The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 68, Penetanguishene, member served with the Second Canadian Army Tank Brigade in the Second World War.

John Barber married Leona Robillard in Toronto on May 19, 1938.

His wife Leona, sons John of the N.W.T. and Wayne of Waubaushene, daughters Sheila (Mrs.

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St. Patrick's Day tea

A St. Patrick's Day tea will be held in Bonar Presbyterian Church, Port McNicoll, on March 15. Home baking and crafts will be offered for sale. Hours of the tea are 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.


Commodore Petras even series

Commodore Petras of the Ladies Hockey League began their semi-final playoffs against the Gravenhurst ladies team on Friday evening. Unfortunately the Petra's came out on the short end of the 5-3 score. The Petra's scored twice in the first period with Janice Holmes scoring from Jane Derry and Maureen McKinnon and Georgina Gage getting the second marker on a strong shot from the blueline. In the second period, the teams exchanged goals with Derry assisted by McKinnon and Norma St. Amand putting the Petras up 3-1. The third period was a different story as the Gravenhurst team deposited four goals in their opponents net (It is rumoured there was help from the home team!) to make the final score 5-3.

Go Western Night dance

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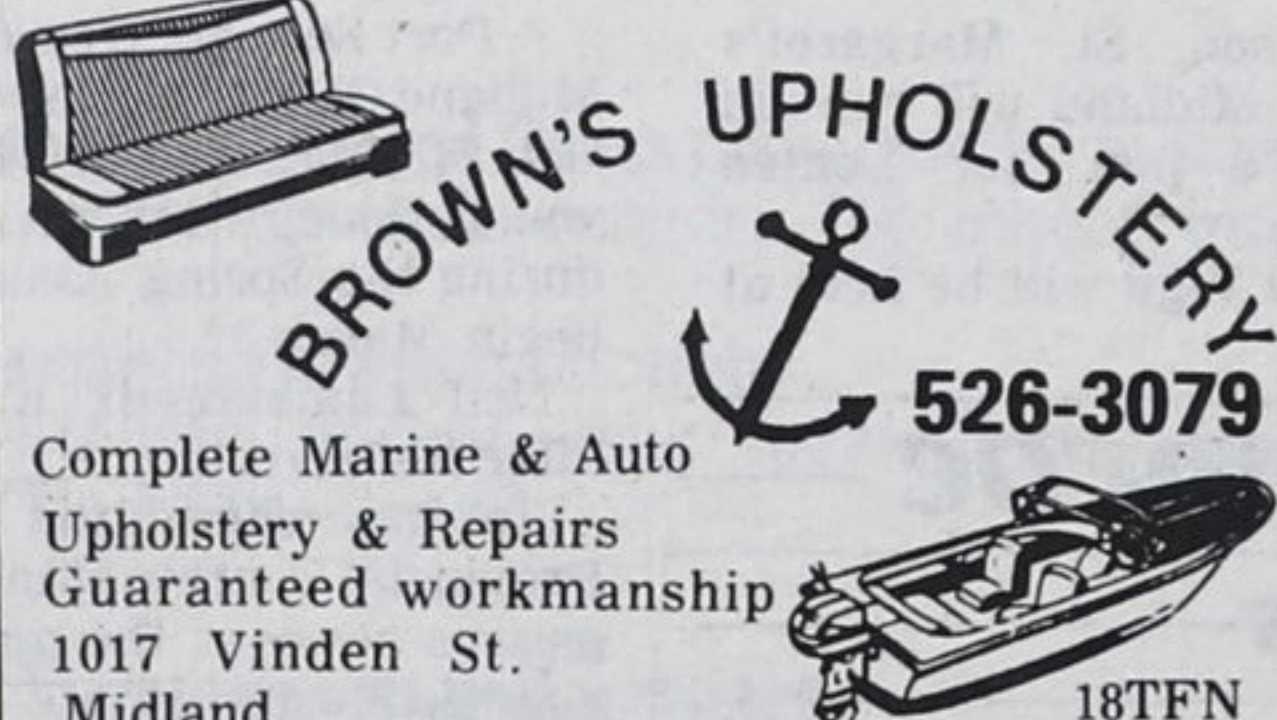
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