



Adding strength with partnerships

by Ron Bonnett, President
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It's well established that there is strength in numbers when governments are the focus of a lobby effort. That's why the Ontario Federation of Agriculture has been successful as a farm lobby organization for so many years. As Ontario's largest general farm organization with 38,000 members, governments have always been receptive to listening to and working with OFA and its members.

New partnerships are developing on the horizon that offer promise of increased political clout for Ontario farmers, and OFA plans to explore this potential. We're in discussions with the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, a 35-year-old organization with a long and successful history of lobbying for owner-operated businesses across Canada.

CFIB has 6,500 agri-business members as part of its national membership of 105,000 small and medium-sized businesses. Like OFA, CFIB takes on the responsibility of representing its members to all levels of government. Included in CFIB's agri-business membership is the ag services sector accounting for 19 per cent of members; 29 per cent live-stock operations; 26 per cent fruits, vegetables and horticultural crops and 21 per

cent field crops.

OFA doesn't categorize its members by commodity, working to support the needs of all members equally. CFIB, in its regular survey of members' issues and concerns, has determined similar answers to what OFA members tell us - farm income and working within government regulations are top priority items with its membership.

CFIB tells us that succession planning and capital gains exemption issues are prime concerns of its farmer membership. It is lobbying government to have the exemption increased from \$500,000 to \$1 million. This is an area where OFA and CFIB are forming a good working relationship to benefit farmers.

There are other organizations that have interests and activities that coincide with OFA. We're working on establishing an ongoing relationship with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. This group has about 80,000 members from urban and rural Ontario.

In the past, OFA has

worked with OFAH on animal cruelty legislation; regulations relating to the use of All Terrain Vehicles; deer removal authorizations; species at risk legislation; the spring bear hunt; the trails strategy; trespass to property act; and Sunday hunting. These are issues of concern for both farmers and the outdoors people who belong to OFAH, and OFA wants to add to its lobbying strength by working with OFAH.

The Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs is another large provincial group with members from rural and urban Ontario. When dealing with a provincial govern-

ment that has a keen interest in outdoor recreational opportunities for its citizens, OFA recognizes the advantages of having a group like OFSC as a lobbying partner.

These are just some of the working partnerships OFA is developing as we look for ways of increasing our political power in a world of constantly growing lobby interests.

OFA, as we mark our 70th anniversary this year, has a long list of successes to its credit. However, we are fully aware that we can't move forward without new goals and objectives - and new partnerships.

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Furniture, etc.: Ash hall seat with mirror and hooks, circa 1890 3-piece oak bedroom set, 1870 walnut marble top washstand, 9-piece mahogany dining room set, pair of ornate arm chairs, walnut drop front secretary, early dresser with mustache pulls, 5 ft. store showcase, Krug dining room set, primitive desk and other furniture in the rough. **Collectibles:** Oak Brunswick floor model record player, Belding, Paul & Company pool cabinet, oil lamps, dress and hat forms, large bottle and jar collection, 1954 #10092 Gilbert Erector Set, "The Master Builder Set", old molding planes and broad axes, 1895 communion set, Tilbury milk bottle, old purses, wooden decoys, cement lawn jockey, some stamps, Riverside Brewing Co. beer tray and other Windsor advertising, **very large collection of costume jewelry. Clock Collection:** Pequegnat wall clock, 3-gingerbread clocks, oak Regulator wall clock, Pillar & Scroll wooden works clocks, "The Hunter Clock", "The Steersman Clock", miniature Lux clocks and other miniatures, Junghans school clock and many others. **Large quantity of Glassware, China, 42 Royal Doulton figurines,** Coalport, 1949 Hummel "Flower Madonna", large quantity of green depression, Fiesta ware, blue Pyrex, Roseville, pinwheel crystal, McCoy, large quantity of cups and saucers, etc. **Tools:** Devair 5 HP compressor with 60 gal. tank (220), Craftsman 10 inch digital radial arm saw, Craftsman floor model shaper, spindle sander, router table, drill press, wood clamps, bar clamps, etc. Miscellaneous: large quantity of table clothes, linens and doilies, quantity of oils, prints and lithos and much more!

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4-H News Christmas Craft Club

BY TORI ROCHELEAU

Our first meeting was on Sept. 28 at the Essex Civic Centre. We elected Lacey Wolters for president, Darren Mayville for vice president, Tori Rocheleau for press reporter, Susy Wolters for secretary, and Angela Robertson for treasurer.

At our Oct. 5 meeting we started gluing the music rolls we made at the first meeting into a group of five. When we were done gluing them together, we put ribbons around them and put little decorations on, like little Santa's and pinecones. Then we put presents around and greenery. We also tried on sweatshirts. The last thing we did was think of some 4-H club names. The Club name is Santa's Crafters.