

On The Farm Front

Farm recordkeepers have been invited to a meeting on Tax Management to be held at Haldimand Agricultural Centre, Kohler, starting at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 14. Topics to be discussed are those related to income tax about which management decisions can still be made before the end of the tax year. A meeting on tax filing is proposed for next spring before the filing deadline.

A ten session night school program is offered on Tuesday evenings starting January 8. Registration can be made at the Haldimand Secondary Schools or at the county agriculture office. For want of a better name the course will be called Agriculture and Society. Subject matter of concern to farm people will include Land Use Planning, Environment, Organizations, Leadership, Government,

Taxes, Communications and "Quality of Life." Early registration is requested.

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Producers of Industrial milk are taking advantage of the I.M.P.I.P. loans that are available. About 17 percent of the applicants are converting from can to bulk handling of the milk. Dairymen who are making the change from cans to bulk tanks will be eligible for the 20 percent refund even if there is no increase in milk production.

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95.5 percent of the cucumber growers in a recent ballot indicated their preference for inclusion in a marketing plan. The plan provides for negotiation of agreements, including minimum prices, between growers and processors.

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Ed Pridham has been appointed to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food position Soil and Crop Specialist for Haldimand, Norfolk and Niagara. Howard Henry is now the Soil and Crop Specialist for Wentworth, Brant and Oxford.

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Home Economist, Bev. Carson, plans to be at the Haldimand Office for Wednesday afternoons starting in January. Those who may wish to contact the Home Economist directly might make note of the change.

Federation News

by Harmene Sytsma

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture held its annual convention in Oshawa last month, and reached its convention target of 18,000 individual service members about one month early. Here are some of the comments Gordon Hill, President made in his address. "Farmers must accept that their land is no longer their own. We must accept that for the good of all the people in Ontario society has the authority to decide the purpose for which our land can be used."

In return, Mr. Hill seeks a fair deal for farmers and demanded three chief guarantees:

Assurance of the provincial government that farmers who produce food on land locked into farming can make a profit.

Special areas in each county set aside for poultry and livestock production. It is not acceptable that livestock and poultry units built in good faith be closed down because of odour complaints.

No more big city garbage dumps outside the city limits.

He called on farmers across Canada to unite and take the initiative in exporting farm products. "If farmers were strongly organized today, I'm sure we could sing up long-term contracts. I'm also sure we could be selling a larger degree of pro-

cessing in our export products."

He told the farmers present that the first step to cornering export markets is for farmers across Canada to band together. Then, they would be strong enough to work with governments and the trade as a team.

Mr. Hill cautioned, that although farm income in the last few months has been higher than in several years, dimmer days are ahead. He predicts another round of soaring input costs at the farm gate during coming months.

1) "Farmers can expect to pay another \$15-million next year when the price freeze on fuels is lifted. Ontario farmers can count on a 5¢ a gallon increase on heating oil and a 6¢ a gallon increase on diesel oil and gas.

2) Hydro costs will be up another 10% in the new year.

3) Fertilizer prices on some analyses are already 35% above last fall's prices."

"It's a fast moving world, and we're living in the day of the obby. Either farmers dig in and get our share, or learn to be satisfied with what is left over."

To Ward 1 Voters

I would like to say a sincere thank you to the voters of Ward 1, City of Nanticoke for the support at the polls on Dec. 10.

Joyce, Alex, Tony and I, W. James Davidson, wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

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Knox Ladies Meet

by Jessie Miller

The December meeting of Knox Church Ladies Aid and W.M.S. were entertained at the manse on Tuesday afternoon, December 4.

Mrs. Wallace Mitchell, President of the Ladies' Aid opened the meeting by reading a poem comparing the Light of Bethlehem at Christ's birth with all other lights before or after. All sang "Away In A Manger."

The Roll Call, minutes and financial statement were in charge of the Secretary Helen Miller. Bonus for various officers in the Church were approved as Christmas gifts. The offering was received and dedicated. The meeting closed by repeating the Lords Prayer.

The W.M.S. officers then took over the meeting. Mrs. R.A. Miller opened with prayer, followed by the singing of "Simply Trusting Day by Day." Mrs. Herman Fess read the minutes, called the roll and gave the financial statement. The President reported the meeting of the Bible Society held the night before in which a tentative Bible Society day of Jan 24 was set.

It was proposed to hold an all day session

taking in Children's groups in St. Mary's School in afternoon and Knox Church after School, with Mrs. Filling as speaker in the morning at St. Paul's.

The evening service is to be held in Wesley United Church with Rev. Kenneth McMillan of the Bible Society as night speaker. The Rev. Zurbigg will be the Conventor throughout the day. The ladies were asked to consider this meeting as arrangements so far are still in the planning stage. Suggestions will be appreciated.

Miss Frances Law, convened the Christmas program, leading in prayer and scripture.

She was assisted in her program by her sister, Mrs. Fess who emphasized the fact that God's gifts were not always recognized; His greatest gift being that of Jesus, His Son, to us. Frances gave the story of St. Frances of Assisi.

Holy Night was sung, Frances reading another Christmas story - "A Letter From Home." The President closed with prayer. After this Mrs. Charles Powell acted as auctioneer for the sale of foods.

Mrs. Lloyd Mitchell and Mrs. Fess assisted the Hostess as Lunch committee. Mrs. Powell made the courtesy remarks.

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