

They have organized their own school, have their own teachers and in 1990 had an attendance of about 50. They realize education is important in Canada and so some also use the public education system. The boundaries are not drawn. They have adherents from the more conservative Mennonite groups as among the EMC.

Socially they discourage dancing, gambling, alcohol consumption and urge discernment in television viewing as do most Mennonite groups.

TOBACCO FARMING



Many changes in Tobacco Farming have taken place over the past 11-12 years, changes which were not foreseen by the Tobacco Industry at that time. Increased taxes and a fall in the popularity of smoking due to medical research have made it difficult for a tobacco farmer to have an independent method of making a living, which he had previously.

Gradually farmers have ceased growing tobacco entirely or have added to their base of operation, other crops such as ginseng, peanuts, tomatoes, cucumbers and canola (for oil).

In 1980 there were, in the larger area surrounding Calton as many as 2400-2800 tobacco farms. Today the number is approximately 1200. Many have chosen to take extra jobs to supplement what used to be an adequate living. In spite of lower prices for tobacco, all other costs have increased such as labour, chemicals, machinery and machinery up-keep, making at this time a great change in the whole tobacco industry of Southwestern Ontario.



COMMUNITY HALL





The Community Hall continues to be used for family picnics, funeral receptions and Institute meetings etc.

In 1991 a board of local residents was appointed to oversee and organize renovations to the Hall, and they have begun in the kitchen. The Board consists of Roger James, Linda Millard, Randy Underhill, & Bob Maertens.

So far, new cupboards have been built and new flooring laid in the kitchen. Electrical wiring has been improved, two sinks installed and water will soon be joined up ready for use. Since much of the work is done by volunteers it will take some time before present plans are all completed.

The Women's Institute members have donated \$1200.00 to date toward the renovations. In 1989 the Institute purchased a used refrigerator for \$350.00 and in 1993 Ruth Wolfe and Ruby Woodworth planted a tree in keeping with our Institute "Plant a Tree" year.





CARTER ROAD CONSTRUCTION





In 1992 Carter Road in Malahide Township came in line for improvements. In the section between Conc. 4 and Conc. 5, most of the trees were felled for widening from Highway 3 south to Elgin County Rd 45. There were many who objected to the removal of the trees but local residents were not consulted. The tobacco farm on the south east corner of the intersection of Carter Rd. and Conc. 5 was owned and operated from 1938 - 1967 by Frank Barnes. He had bought it from Emery Kilmer. The farm was originally deeded from the Crown in 1865. In recent years it has been operated by some share growers under Nick & Sylvia Cerna (Frank Barnes's daughter), by Sylvia's son Frank (1978-85) and at present by Rick Cerna, his wife Teressa and children Kevin & Katherine. the house without the trees is included with these pictures of Carter Road.

