



**TOM BRADISH**

(1943-)

Tom was born in London, Ontario, and raised at the edge of the village of Glanworth, on the family farm. He attended S.S. 14 Westminster, followed by Wheable Collegiate in London. Tom's parents, William & Jessie Bradish, had a dairy farm, where William also bought and sold many Holsteins. Tom came home to the farm in 1960, after which his younger brother Ed went to Ridgetown College for his diploma. Tom went to Guelph to pursue his diploma in agriculture from 1965-1967, and returned to work on the farm. Tom and his wife Helen have two daughters, Cheri & Kelly, and a son, John.

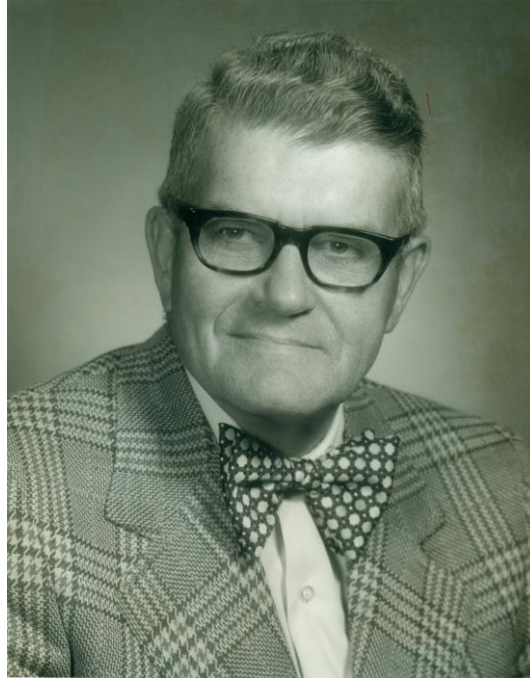
Since 1961, Tom has been involved in growing vegetables for processing, including peas, green beans, squash and sweet corn. Along with the Fergusons and the Cuddys, he is one of the founding partners of Strathroy Foods, which became Carrier Foods, and was purchased by Bonduelle Foods in 2007, a family-run business from France. Now farming with his son John, Tom's company Glan-R-Vest harvests approximately 20,000 acres of vegetables for Bonduelle's Ingersoll and Strathroy locations. The harvesting

keeps 25-35 employees busy from June to early October and stretches from Chatham to Tillsonburg and north of Ilderton to Port Stanley in the south.

Tom's agricultural involvement includes the hosting of the 1985 IPM (International Plowing Match), Co-Chaired (with Doug Reycraft, Glencoe) the 2002 IPM Tented City held in Middlesex, and in 2003 was the Vice President of the World Plowing Match at the experimental Research Farm in Guelph. He has been an Alumni Association Rep. at the University of Guelph.

He has been heavily involved in the community through coaching, as a founding member of the Glanworth Optimist Club, member of the Glanworth Oddfellows. Tom has also been a Conservation Authority representative with Upper Thames and Kettle Creek. In addition to his farm, family and business life, Tom is an avid collector of antique tractors. Tom credits his accomplishments to the assistance of his wife Helen, who has worked with him and supported him on many projects over the years. Not one to seek the spotlight, Tom has gained the respect of his peers by working with others for the betterment of agriculture, both locally and beyond.

In 2011, Tom Bradish was inducted in the Elgin Federation of Agriculture Hall of Fame.



**ROY JEWELL**

**(1912-1993)**

Roy Jewell was born and farmed in Dunwich Township, Elgin County, but his personality and reputation were well known throughout Southwestern Ontario. He began his career in journalism during the depression as a writer for the Family Herald. Intrigued by investigative reporting, Roy Jewell went on to anchor CFPL-London's first farm radio program, "The Farm Page", which ran for 31 years. When London got its first television station in 1953, the "Roy Jewell Farm Show" became the first regularly scheduled farm television program in Canada. As a regular contributor to the London Free Press and editorial columnist to the Western Ontario Farmer, he kept his urban and rural readers informed of current agricultural events and trends.

Reflective of the diversity of his interest in agriculture, he sat on many commodity boards and was a member of several agricultural associations and fair boards. Always seeking to expand his knowledge of research, production and marketing, Roy Jewell organized agricultural tours for local farmers to many destinations around the world. In the community, he was an active member of his church, the Masons, the Chamber of Commerce, Drama Club and Highland Games in Dutton. Roy Jewell was honoured for his involvement and commitment to local, provincial and national agricultural production, marketing and communications organizations.

Roy Jewell was a founding member and Fieldman for the Middlesex Federation of Agriculture and wrote the history of the organization's first 25 years. In 2014, the Federation celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> year in Middlesex County. Roy was inducted in the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame in 1994, sponsored by the Middlesex County Federation of Agriculture.

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Roy was a London television pioneer, the "Roy Jewell Farm Show" was the first and perhaps the longest running farm TV show in Canada. The CFPL television station started broadcasting on a Saturday night in November of 1953 and Roy's show went on air live the following Monday night. The show ran for 24 years.

While many of us remember Roy on radio or television, he maintained his "Oats and Thistles" column in the London Free Press for many years before becoming an editorial columnist for the Western Ontario Farmer from 1970 to 1984. In this manner he was able to keep his urban and rural readers informed of current agricultural events and trends,

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Roy Jewell received many honours, including induction in the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame, for his involvement and commitment to local, provincial and national agricultural production, marketing and communications organizations. Perhaps the most lavish was his retirement appreciation night held here at Western Fair in October of 1977 where more than 500 fans and friends gathered to honour Roy for his long term dedication to agricultural communication.

Today, we gather here once again, to honour that dedication by inducting **Roy Jewell** to the Middlesex County Agricultural Hall of Fame.

