

First combine in Bruce moved to agricultural museum

The first combine used in Bruce County left Monday morning for Toronto where it will be exhibited in the Ontario Agricultural Museum.

Mr. Cliff Hewitt Sr., who farms north of Bervie received the McCormick Deering combine in 1938. Unlike the self-propelled machines now in use, the combine was tractor drawn and one person had to sit at the side to fill bags with grain. Mr. Hewitt remembers that a crowd of about 50 people gathered

to watch the combine when it arrived.

The machine was in use for 22 years before being retired in 1960 for a bigger and better model. It had been in storage at the farm of Charlie Lemmon until recently, when Mr. Hewitt contacted the Agricultural Museum to see if they wished it as an exhibit.

Although Mr. Hewitt received his machine in 1938, it was manufactured by the McCormick-Deering Company in the early 1930's. He believes that only three came to Ontario, one to a farm near Paisley.

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Cliff Hewitt Sr., RR 2 Kincardine, sits astride a tractor which pulls the first combine that ever appeared in Bruce County. Mr. Hewitt donated the combine to the Ontario

Agricultural Museum. It was picked up by museum staff members on Monday. (News Photo)



Sean, Duane and Kathy Hewitt stand on the combine owned by their grandfather, Cliff Hewitt, Sr. The combine was taken Monday to the Ontario Agricultural Museum in Toronto.