

Fun, Feed and Crafts to fill show

For the first time this year, women's groups have become involved in the Russell County Feed and Seed Show and, as a result, the event is taking on a spring festival air.

The show, to be held March 17 and 18 at Embrun Community Centre, will be more than a display of farm crops; it'll be an old-time country social complete with craft and baked good exhibits amateur night, fashion show, and dance.

It was decided this year to expand the event to two days and add the home section on a trial basis, said Roger Pommainville, associate Russell County agriculture representative.

Combined crafts and feed shows aren't unique, Mr. Pom-

mainville said; in fact, one is held in neighboring Prescott County and the trend is growing.

Because of the size of the show this time, it was moved from Limoges where it has been held for the past several years to Embrun. The new arrangement will allow more opportunity for public participation, said Mr. Pommainville, who expects about 1,000 people to attend the show.

The ag. rep is hoping for as many as 200 exhibits with about 125 in the farm category and the remainder cooking and crafts. Participation in the home section will come from several branches of the Women's Institute and l'Union Culturelle des Franco-Ontariennes throughout the

county.

As in the past, the farm section will be sponsored by the Russell County Soil and Crop Improvement Association. Winners in the agricultural classes will be eligible to exhibit during the Ottawa Valley Farm Show, March 21 to 24.

Registration for the Hay, Feed, and Handicraft Show is Thurs., March 16, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Cooking and craft exhibits will be judged in the afternoon.

Judging of hay, grain, and silage exhibits will take place Friday morning, March 17. Open house begins at noon with two discussion periods scheduled for 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

The first talk will review Ontario programs to stabilize

farm income; the second lecture will concern practical research carried out at the Experimental Farm in Ottawa.

At 8:00 p.m. Friday the fun really begins with performances by amateur musicians and dancers as well as local ladies modelling their original creations. Men are also welcome to take part in the fashion display.

Mr. Pommainville pointed out that March 17 is St. Patrick's Day and invited all good Irishmen to turn out at the community centre to celebrate the occasion.

Saturday, March 18, will include open house in the afternoon

and demonstrations of dry flower arranging and copper enameling.

Prizes will be awarded winning exhibits during a dance beginning at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$2 each; there'll be live entertainment and lunch.

Those wanting to take part in the amateur show must leave their name at the Ministry of Agriculture and Food office (443-3391) before 5 p.m., Monday, March 13. Ladies wanting to enter the fashion show must contact Nancy Romme (443-5547) by March 13 and men interested in modelling must contact Jean-Paul Patenaude (443-5659).



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The Russell County Federation of Agriculture held its annual executive elections this past month at Limoges. Pictures above are left to right: president, Rejean Leclerc; secretary, Denise Arcand and vice-president, Peter Romme. Also

elected were township co-ordinators Claude Legault, Cambridge; Don Campbell, Russell; Laurier Bruyere, Russell; and Pierre Saumure, Clarence.

Russell delegates attend convention

The 78th Annual Convention of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies was held in Toronto on February 15th and 16th. Five delegates attended from Russell: George Young, secretary of the Russell Agric. Society Naomi Eadie, Joyce MacGregor, Iva James and Mona Saunders.

The two days of meetings and activities gave the delegates new ideas for the Russell Fair, an insight into the problems and successes of other fairs, and an opportunity to have discussions with other 'Fair Folk'.

Three exhibits from the Russell Fair were shown in Toronto: Japanese Embroidery, Quilling

and a display entitled "Maple and Its Products." These exhibits were well received and attracted considerable interest from other delegates.

Don't forget to circle the following dates on your calendar, August 4, 5, 6 and 7 for the Russell Fair.



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