

Successful Achievement

Days for the 1976

Russell 4-H Program

In the past few weeks, the 4-H members in Russell County completed their activities for the year. Claude Peloquin, the 4-H Co-ordinator, is well satisfied with the amount of participation showed by the members.

Firstly, on August 7 during the Russell Fair, the members participated in a Judging Competition. In the novice class, Benoit Dutrisac of Sarsfield ended up with the greatest number of points as well as the Canadian Natinal Exhibition plaque. He was followed by Jane Marie Romme of the Russell Club.

In the senior class, Laurent Bourgeois of Marionville won the first prize by Francois Dutrisac of Sarsfield and Tim Mount of Navan.

During the same day, several exhibits were shown by the members. Out of 27 halters entered, Watt McWilliams of Navan won the first prize followed by Gabriel and Fernand Seguin of St-Pascal Baylon. The Sarsfield club had the best educational exhibit on farm safety followed by the Navan Club.

Donna Dugdale of Russell showed the best tree leaves collection out of 15 entries. She was followed by Serge and Dominique Arcand of the Embrun Club. Donna also had the best collection of tree fruits followed by Dominique Arcand of Embrun and Laurent Dutrisac of Sarsfield. Finally in the collections of wood samples, the best exhibit was shown by Serge Arcand of Embrun followed by David Sharkey and Don McNeely of Navan.

The next Thrusday, August 12, the 4-H membrs had their Achievement Day. The Champions in several classes are listed below:

Grand Champion Jersey — Steven Bols of Russell; Reserve Grand Champion Jersey — Frank Bols of Russell; Grand Champion Guernsey — Guy St-Pierre of Marionville; Reserve Grand Champion Guernsey — Michel St-Pierre of Marionville; Grand Champion Beef — Don McNeely, Navan Club; Reserve Grand Champion Beef — Pam McNeely, Navan Club; Grand Champion Ayrshire — Kim Eadie, Russell Club; Reserve Grand Champion Ayrshire — Lorraine Eadie, Russell Club; Grand Champion Holstein — Pamela Smit, Russell Club; Reserve Grand Champion Holstein — Paul Villeneuve, Sarsfield Club; Grand Champion Showman — Lorraine Eadie, Russell Club; Reserve Grand Champion Showman — Kim Eadie, Russell Club.

In the other classes of exhibits, the best corn project was shown by Cathy Heymans of Russell followed by Jean Marie Menard, Michel Menard, Gilles Perras and Rejean Perras all of Embrun.

In the Hay project Gilles Ranger and Andre Ranger of Sarsfield both showed the best entries.

Marian Nooyen of Navan showed the best garden project followed by Helen and Anne Beimers of Vars. The best Landscaping project was shown by Dominique Arcand of the Embrun Club followed by Lynne Perras also of Embrun.

Some 25 weed collections were also shown with the bst one being shown by Dominique Arcand of Embrun followed by her brother Sylvain, then Luc Ouimet of St. Albert, Serge Arcand of Embrun and Don McNeely of Navan.

In the tie-up competitin the Navan Club came first followed by the Russell Club and Clarence Creek Club. On Saturday the 14, the Navan Club showed the best float in the parade followed by Clarence Creek and Russell.

In general, there was very good participation from all members this year in the agricultural 4-H program. Those who completed their projects will participate in a bus trip later this summer and the awards night will take place later in the Fall.

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North Russell W.I.

Some North Russell gals went to a meeting one day, Gave their institute greeting in the same old way Offered their gifts of geranium slips so tender, so green and so gay.

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I invite you to come and visit me, do,

So that all may enjoy this living gift, too.

Margot McCallum

First Aid For Ailing House Plants

Symptom: Lower leaves of most afflicted plants turn yellow and stems become soft and dark in colour; cacti become mushy, soil stays soggy and green scum forms on clay pots.

Cause: Too much water.

What To Do: Make sure pot's drainage hold is not clogged and don't let the plant stand in its saucer water for more than half an hour. If soil has become compacted, roots may decay for lack of oxygen; repot plant. Water only if necessary.

Symptom: Leaf edges of most afflicted plants dry and curl under, or lower leaves turn yellow with brown spots and fall; cacti and succulents become yellow.

Cause: Too little Water or too much heat.

What To Do: Water until excess runs out of pot. Thereafter water as specified for the plant. If condition persist move to a cooler location.

Symptom: Yellow or brown patches develop on leaves of most afflicted plants or leaves on one side of plant turn brown. Cacti becomes yellow.

Cause: Too much light, sun-scorch.

What To Do: Move plant further from window so that it will not be subject to so much heat, or shield with a curtain. If plant is growing under incandescent lamps move it further from the bulbs or use lower wattage bulbs that generate less heat.

Symptom: Leaf tips turn brown especially on ferns, leaves or stems appear crushed or broken

Cause: Bruising.

What To do: For appearance sake, use scissors to cut off the damaged sections of foilage. Keeping as much as possible of each leaf or stem. Move plant to a more protected location where people are less likely to brush against it.

Symptom: Leaves turn yellow and fall off suddenly, the plant tissue appears glassy and translucent.

Cause: Suddent rise or fall in temperature.

What To Do: Move plants from drafts, air conditioners or radiators when the damage is

severe, remove the plant from the pot. If the roots are rotted discard the plant; if roots are healthy prune them back to keep them in balance with surviving top growth and repot plant.

Symptom: Plant appears crowded, roots protrude from drainage hole in bottom of the pot or crop out on top of soil. Plant wilts between waterings or produces only a few small leaves.

Cause: Plant to big for pot.

What To Do: Repot plant in a larger container.

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