

Fun And Fashions For Fall

WILLIAMSPORT (Lycoming Co) — "Fun and Fashion for Fall" is the theme this year for the annual Fall Family Living Day to be held September 29, at the Grace United Methodist Church in South Williamsport. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

The program will include Trooper Michael Knight speaking on Protection from Scams. Several organizations will discuss the role of volunteers for their programs.

Lunch will be catered by Ray and Randy Crouse and will

include their famous coconut cake along with homemade chicken salad, green bean casserole, molded gelatin salad and beverage. Wilma Smith will again be the mistress of ceremonies with her storytelling and bell ringing.

After lunch guests will be entertained with a unique fashion show featuring wonderful creations by members from the Homemakers clubs. There will also be a demonstration of four

new crafts. These will include picture frames, fabric flowers, Christmas card boxes and pine needle hot pads.

Registration fee of \$6.50 is due in the Extension office by Monday, Sept 21.

Tornado Clean Up Overwhelming

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age area. A two-story building was replaced with a one story. We did all the ripping down and building by ourselves with wonderful people who helped. We have been insured by the same company for 50 years so we are hoping they will treat us fairly," Mertz said.

Although media reports claim that federal funds were sent to the area for tornado victims, the Mertz family knows of no property owners who have received any money.

"We started out with nothing 35 years ago, but I don't think we could do it again," Larry said of the farm he and Carol lived on since their marriage in 1963.

The handsome stone house and property had been in disarray when the Mertz family first obtained it.

"The house was in bad shape, termites were in the beams. We put in steel beams, replaced windows, ceilings, walls, and rewired the house. We remodeled a bank barn and milkhouse.

"Dairy farmers can do anything," Carol said of her husband's ability to transform the place.

Although not raised on a farm, Carol learned fast. She and Larry's mother milked 130 cows, until her mom passed away about three years ago.

Later, the family erected a free-stall barn and milking parlor.

Most of the crops raised on 385 acres are used for their own stock, but some is sold.

The Mertz's son Mike lives on the original family farm, which adjoins the one Carol and Larry live on. Michael, his wife Melanie and three boys work on the farm.

Another son Steven, his wife Stacy and children live in a modular home erected on the property and also work on the farm. Daughter Michelle lives at home and works for Bell Atlantic.

Carol said, "We don't know what normal is anymore, but we don't want to complain. We have a

lot to be thankful for. Everyone is alive and together and we really appreciate that."

Some days the Mertz's just want to give up. "But we can't let it like this. We love it here. This is what I

do," Mertz said of his attachment to the farm, which has been in the family for several generations.



This is one of the scenes the family faced when they walked out of the basement on that fateful day, May 31.

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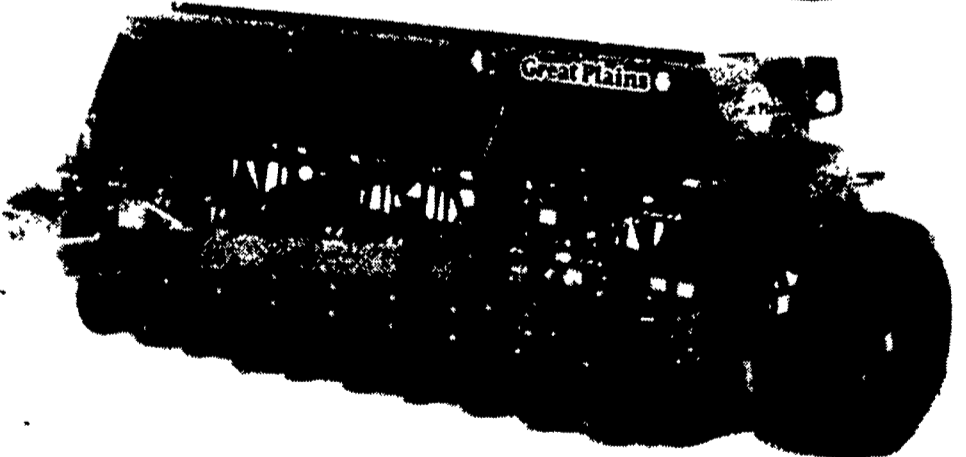
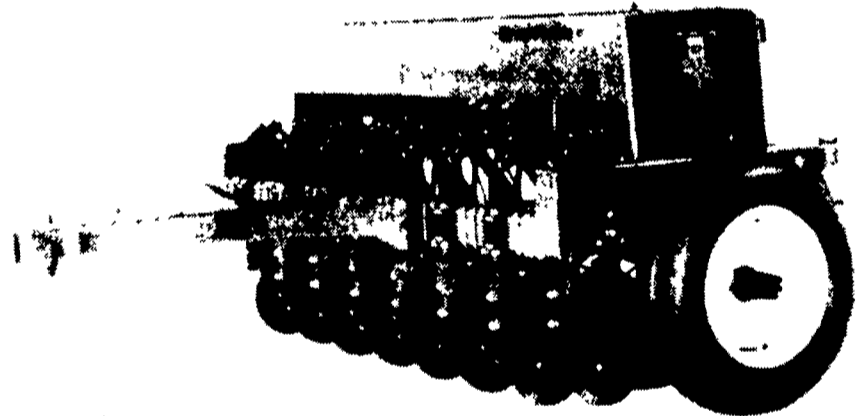
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