

Young Cathy Stevens Is a Returning Farm Show Veteran

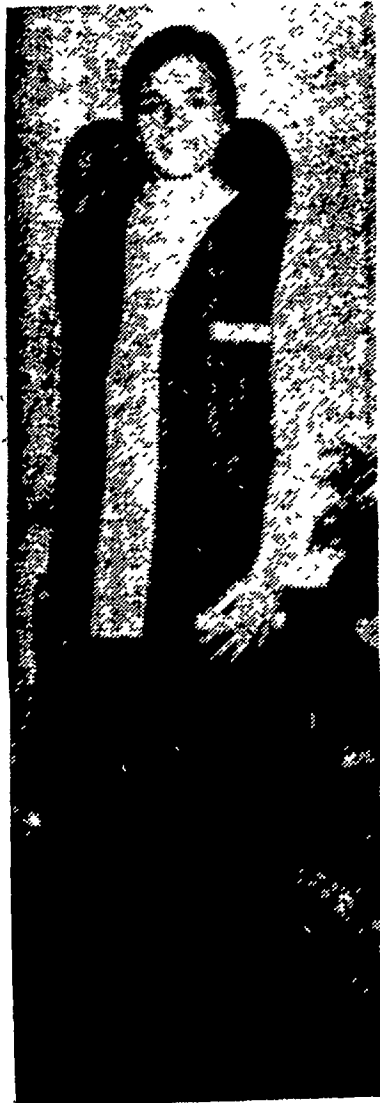
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The fifty-fifth annual Pennsylvania State Farm Show in Harrisburg will see many individuals from Lancaster County exhibiting not only all kinds of farm products and livestock, but also all kinds of entries in the Home Economics Department.

This is the show of shows in the state and only the very best is shown there.

Small wonder that this show draws so many thousands of visitors to view it.

It offers fine entertainment in the large arena Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday



Miss Stevens made this brown striped wool ensemble of pants and midi vest and the yellow turtleneck knit tunic top, with a brown striped skirt to match.

evenings such as Pennsylvania State Police exhibition, FFA Band concert, folk dance festival, horse pulling contests and livestock cavalcade.

The various state associations meetings are also held in Harrisburg, mostly in the Farm Show Building, during the week. Of interest to women are the Farm Women's and FHA meetings.

There are three classes in foods and clothing, namely open classes, 4-H and schools. And in home related arts there is an open class and a school class. Foods include canned fruits, vegetables and meats, jellies, baked goods and dried fruits and vegetables. Clothing includes dresses, tailored suits and coats, ensembles, jumpers, skirts, blouses, etc. Home Related Arts includes textile accessories, rugs, wooden crafts, stitchery etc.

Anyone interested in entering exhibits should refer to the Farm Show premium catalog or consult the Lancaster County Extension Service Home Economist who has always cooperated in getting small exhibits delivered. The schools likewise get school exhibits taken to the show.

One young lady in the county who is planning to take food and

clothing is Miss Cathy Stevens of 1909 Split Rock Drive in the Landis Farms Development. She is a very talented seamstress and a good cook.

She plans to take an exhibit of cookie bars. This entry requires five kinds. This is the fourth year she exhibited cookie bars. In 1968 she placed third, in 1969 she placed second and last year won first prize on them.

This year she hopes to exhibit a blouse and a skirt; an ensemble of a yellow flowered blouse, floor length skirt and a sleeveless bolero; an evening gown; and an ensemble of pants, skirt, midi vest and a turtle neck knit tunic top.

Cathy is a Senior and is enrolled in the College Preparatory course at Manheim Township High School, taking home economics, English, refresher math, Algebra II and home and family living.

She has applied at three colleges for next year. She wants to take home economics and is interested either in foods or teaching sewing.

She has had Home Economics every year in senior high school and this is her fourth year in sewing. She also wants to take an evening Extension sewing class at the Farm and Home Center this winter.

She placed fifth in the York District of the "Make It Yourself With Wool" contest sponsored by the National Wool Council.

In home ec I the students get home furnishings, cooking, nutrition and sewing.

In home ec II they get a half year of sewing and a half year of cooking. In this they get foreign cookery, canning, salads, desserts and make a meal.

This year Cathy is in home ec III and has a class in home ec every day. They get a half year of sewing, child care, anything specific about cooking like planning a big dinner party.

At the beginning of the year each girl can make a request of something she would like to get in the course.

Mrs. Elsie Zug is Cathy's teacher. There are also two other home ec teachers in the school.

The school does not urge the girls to take entries to the Farm Show nor spend time in preparation, but will eliminate entries and see that they get to the Farm Show.

Cathy says she doesn't look at the Farm Show catalog so it doesn't influence what she makes. She takes to school what she would like to enter and if there is a class for it the school



Cathy Stevens models her moss green satin and velvet evening gown she made and will enter at the Pa. Farm Show next week.

takes it. She plans to attend the Farm Show one day this year.

Probably one reason Manheim Township School has a lot of entries is because anyone exhibiting at the Farm Show is given a day of legal absence from school. Any student can go to the Farm Show, but it is counted as an illegal absence if you do not have something exhibited.

Cathy not only sews for herself but for her three sisters, her mother and girl friends at school. She also loves to make cookies and to cook and often has dinner ready when her mother returns from work. She likes to try out new recipes.

This attractive five foot six and a half inches tall, brown-eyed brunette is active in many things at school. She likes to go to school plays, wrestling matches and basketball games.

She enjoys all sports. She is on the gymnastics team and prac-

tices every day, some days right after school and other days later in the evening. There are eight schools in competition in gymnastics, counting Manheim Township, and they compete once against each team, then there are two city-county meets each year.

She was in the Powder Puff football game the Saturday after Thanksgiving at school. This is touch football. The Sophomores beat both the Seniors and the Juniors.

The Stevens family has a membership at Conestoga Country Club, so all the family except Mrs. Stevens and a sister, Linda, play golf. Cathy does very well in this sport.

She takes after her father playing golf and also skiing. She has taken some skiing lessons. She has skied at Round Top in York County and at Big Boulder and Camelback in the Poconos. She also wants to go to Elk Mountain and Denton Hill.

Cathy likes to ice skate and loves to water ski at the bay. She's in aquatics (advanced swimming) class and gets senior lifesaving and junior instructors in this. She is interested in horseback riding and is going to learn to ride this spring.

Cathy was a Girl Scout for eight years. She was a member of Troop 249 which meets at Highland Presbyterian Church every Thursday evening.

She is interested in all kinds of eight years. She was a member of a local MYF group. She took an eight week course in modern dancing at the YWCA. She be-

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