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Amos Sauder, Manheim RD1, left, had the top FFA corn entry, while Dennis Rohrer, Lititz RD2, right, had the best filler tobacco entry in the annual FFA competition this week.

## Agway to Build at Elizabethtown

Agway, Inc. has purchased land in the Elizabethtown area for construction of a modern multi-million dollar warehouse and distribution center to serve parts of four states.

The new center is expected to be in operation within two years and will replace several smaller facilities now in operation, including the Spring Garden facility in York County.

Spring Garden and the other facilities, however, will not be phased out until the new structure is in operation at Elizabethtown, according to Wilhs Esbenshade, one of 18 Agway directors and the only one from Lancaster County.

The new structure is to be started soon on a 10-acre parcel of ground, part of a larger tract owned by Agway. When completed the new facility will cover nearly nine acres of ground under roof, according to Esbenshade.

Esbenshade described the new \$2.2 million facility as a "wholesale distribution center for this area. The area includes parts of the states of New Jersey,

Delaware, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

The new facility is one of three being built by Agway to modernize its distribution system. The first of the three buildings is already in operation at Geneva, New York.

The Agway board of directors has already approved land purchases for both the Elizabethtown and Westfield, Massachusetts centers.

The new Geneva plant is re-

ported by company officials as "functioning quite smoothly" after several months of shake-down operation.

Esbenshade noted that company figures project a savings of nearly half a million dollars a year over current operations when all three new buildings are in operation.

Esbenshade described primary advantages of the new facilities, including the new structure at (Continued on Page 10)

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## Lancaster County Tobacco Show Report

The annual FFA county corn and tobacco show and the adult tobacco show were held at the Farm and Home Center Thursday.

FFA winners were: Amos

### Farmers Can Up Wheat Benefits Under ASCS

The Lancaster County ASCS Committee is now establishing wheat yields for use under the 1971 wheat programs.

According to Miss Dorothy Neel, ASCS County Executive Director, farmers have the opportunity to establish yields based on actual wheat production rather than the now established projected yields.

Farmers electing to furnish proof of wheat production and harvested acreage must do so, however, prior to official notification of 1971 bases, allotments, and yields, which will be mailed in February.

Base period for proven yields is 1967, 1968, and 1969. The farm must have had a wheat allotment and harvested wheat acreage in all three years of the base period, Miss Neel said.

She explained that for the farmer this means: if the farmer's 1967-69 average yield is higher than the established yield now on record in the ASCS office, he would be eligible to have his base figure ineligible for higher payments unfigure. This would make him der the 1971 wheat program.

Sauder, Manheim RD1, first in corn competition; Dennis H. Rohrer, Lititz RD2, first in filler tobacco, and Jay Bauman, Washington Boro RD1, first in wrapper tobacco. Bauman was also named overall grand champion in FFA tobacco.

Bauman is a student at Penn Manor High School, while Sauder and Rohrer are students at Manheim Central High School.

In the adult competition, judging involved six classes in three categories of tobacco — wrapper, binder and filler.

Winners by categories were: Binder — Roy M. Rohrer, Strasburg RD1, who was judged first in both long and short binder.

Filler — Dale Rohrer, Lititz RD2, with long filler over 26 inches, over Witmer J. Rohrer, Strasburg RD1, who was first in short filler under 26 inches.

Wrapper — Elmer Boyd, Ephrata RD1, long wrapper, over Eugene M. Rohrer, Strasburg RD1, who was judged first in short wrapper under 26 inches.

### Farm Calendar

Monday, January 11  
Pennsylvania State Farm Show, January 11-15.  
Fulton Grange 66 meeting

Saturday, January 16  
7:30 p.m. — Lancaster County Pomona Grange Dinner Meeting, Rhoads Spanish Restaurant, Quarryville

Others placing in the top five in each of the three FFA and six adult classes were as follows.

FFA corn — Ted Huber, Millersville, second; Eugene Bollinger, Denver RD2, third; Greg Landis, Lancaster RD6, fourth, and Cliff Charles, Millersville, fifth.

FFA wrapper tobacco — Clyde Erb, Columbia RD2, second; Donald S. Wenger, Manheim RD2, third; Clark Stauffer, Ephrata, RD1, fourth, and Kenneth Groff, 37 Quarry Road, Leola, fifth.

FFA filler tobacco — Sam Trupe, East Earl RD1, second; Douglas Rohrer, Lititz RD2, (Continued on Page 8)

### Weight Watcher Course To Begin January 19

Do you, like everyone else, have the desire to cut down on specific foods and lose weight?

How about joining a course being offered at the Farm and Home Center by the Lancaster County Extension Service, asks Miss Joan D. Lucas, assistant Extension home economist.

The "Lose Those Extra Pounds" course starts January 19 at 1:30 p.m. and will meet every Tuesday for six weeks at 1:30 p.m. until February 23.

"By the end of six weeks if you are faithful," promises Miss Lucas, "you'll walk away feeling and looking better. See you January 19, 1:30 p.m. at the Farm and Home Center."



Elmer Boyd, Ephrata RD1, shows the long wrapper tobacco which won him a first place in the wrapper category in the annual tobacco show Thursday at the Farm and Home Center. Boyd, who just turned 60, noted he has been growing tobacco since he was 14 years old. He had about five acres this year, but lost one acre when Middle Creek overflowed during the summer's heavy rains. (Boyd's 12-year-old son, Kerry, won the 4-H corn contest last week. See story on page 29.)

# This Is Our Annual Farm Show Issue