

Open Class Tobacco Show Biggest Ever

Even though Lancaster County farmlands absorbed record rainfalls in 1972, judges at the annual tobacco show, Thursday, said they were looking at a "dry weather crop."

Planted between endless raindrops and often in fields that looked more like rice paddies, the county's traditional cash crop experienced one of its worst growing seasons on record.

When the rain finally ended and the floods had subsided, the final months of the growing season came through dry and farm crops suffered as if there had been no rains all Summer.

But growing like the weed it is, tobacco survived and 184 entries were judged in the annual County Tobacco Show that concluded Thursday at the Farm and Home Center.

It was the highest number of entries in a county tobacco show in four years. Last year only 144 exhibits were shown.

Donald Nissley, 24, New Providence RD1, had the grand

champion binders. Nissley and his brother, Larry 26, Holtwood RD2, who placed second in the same class, grew six acres of tobacco in their spare time. Both are employed in construction of silos.

Ray A. Brubaker, 206 Rohrerstown Road, Lancaster, showed the grand champion wrapper tobacco. Ray is the son of Raymond S. Brubaker, one of the county's veteran tobacco growers.

The Reist family made a major assault on the county show, sweeping nine of 10 placings in wrapper classes and seven of 10 placings in filler classes.

The show was judged by A.K. Mann Jr., independent tobacco dealer, and Lester Whitmore, of American Cigar.

Mann said after the judging that county growers now know how to pick out tobacco for showing better than they did five years ago.

In deciding placings, Mann said he looked for "crops I could sell for more money."

The same tobacco will be judged again Sunday at the State Farm Show in Harrisburg where placings will be determined at least in part by an actual burn test.

The county tobacco show is supported by the Lancaster Tobacco Growers Assn., the Lancaster Leaf Tobacco Board of Trade, and the Cooperative Extension Service.

The top placings in each class were as follows:

Short Fillers—Robert Burkholder, Washington Boro,

Society 18

Farm Women Society 18 met recently at the home of Mrs. Lester Kreider, Buch Avenue. Devotions were led by Mrs. Igera Smith and the business session was conducted by Mrs. David E. Burkholder, president.

Delegates elected to represent the group at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show included the president, Mrs. Burkholder, Mrs. Willis Z. Esbenschade, and Mrs. Lester Kreider.

Mrs. Doris Thomas, Lancaster County Extension home economist, spoke on the preparation of a Holiday Buffet and served the dishes she had prepared to the group.

The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. January 20 at the home of Mrs. I. Wayne Brubaker.



John Yokum was the judge for the FFA corn and tobacco show, and the open tobacco show held Thursday at the Farm and Home Center.

1st; Alfred Reist, Eden Rd., 2nd; Marian Reist, Eden Rd., 3rd.

Long Fillers—Arthur Reist, Eden Rd., 1st and grand champion; Douglas Reist, Eden Rd., 2nd; Marian Reist, 3rd.

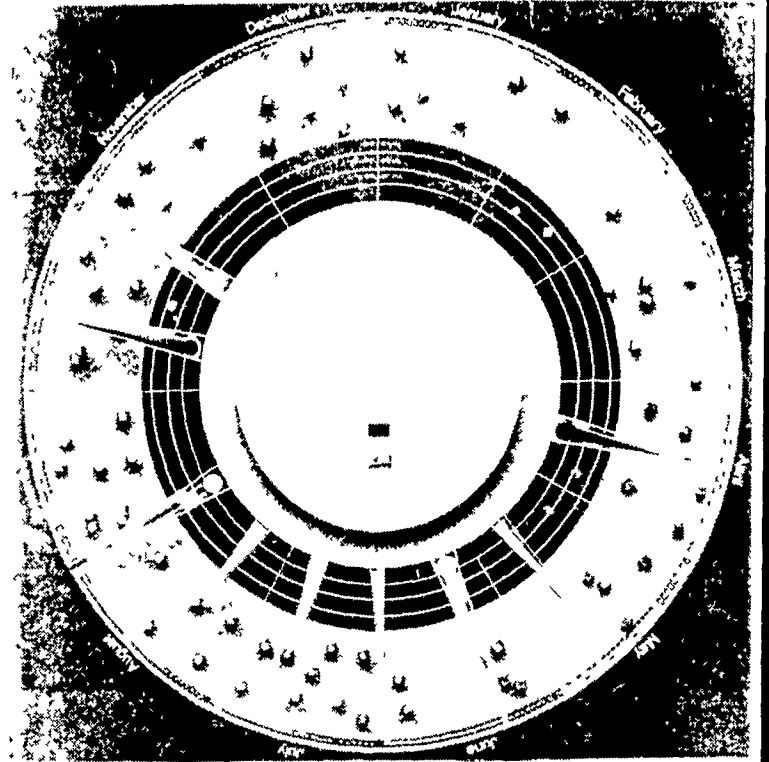
Short Binders—Roy M. Rohrer, Strasburg RD1, 1st; Michael E. Rohrer, Strasburg RD1, 2nd; Rich Burkholder, Washington Boro RD1, 3rd.

Long Binders—Donald Nissley, New Providence RD1, 1st and grand champion; Larry Nissley, Holtwood R2, 2nd; Gregory S. Mann, Lancaster R2, 3rd.

Short Wrappers—Ray A. Brubaker, 206 Rohrerstown Rd., 1st and grand champion; Alfred G. Reist, Eden Rd., 2nd; Marian Reist, 3rd.

Long Wrappers—Linn L. Reist, 980 Eden Rd., 1st; Douglas Reist, 2nd; Alfred Reist, 3rd.

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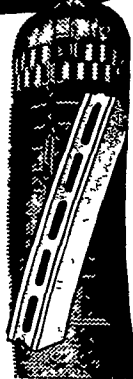
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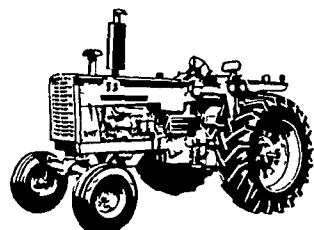
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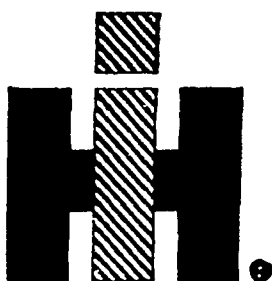
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