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Apple crop causes concern

By Dieter Krieg NEW DANVILLE -- Some apple trees are carrying such heavy loads this year that a few have actually toppled over from the weight. Richard Haas of Cherry Hill Orchards, here, walked through his apple grove with a mixture of pride and concern. He says this year's yield will be the biggest he has ever had and color and quality are very good too.

"How are you going to sell

this many apples?" I asked the bearded young fruit grower. Haas answered with worried facial expression 2 and crossed fingers on both of his hands. A pick-yourown program began Thursday, which may lighten the load.

The International Apple Institute, of which Haas is a this year. "Suffice it to say,"

greatest marketing challenge in modern history." The 175 million bushel crop is the largest since 1934 and comes at a time when demand has fallen off.

R. Brian How, fruit specialist at Cornell University, who spoke at an member, predicts more than agricultural outlook con-175 million bushels of apples ference earlier this month will be produced nationwide noted that apple growers probably face greater unan IAI newsletter points out, certainties than usual this

"the industry has its fall. Haas agrees with that prediction.

presenting his In statement last month, How remarked: "The market for fresh apples was strong early this season, but there is apprehension concerning future trends and the level of processor prices. Processors incurred high costs for sugar and containers last season, and some are reported to be planning a reduction in pack [Continued on Page 20]

Crowds visit Solanco Fair

By Dieter Krieg QUARRYVILLE - The Solanco Fair didn't officially open until Wednesday night, but no one would ever have known it by the amount of activity going on and the size of the crowds.

A number of visitors remarked that the Wednesday crowd was every bit as large as the crowds usually seen on Thursday and Friday nights. The flood of people continued into-Thursday in spite of rain during the afternoon, and

fair officials expressed bike rodeo, tractor driving gratitude and satisfaction contests, judging contests of for the large turnout.

the dairy cattle department, observed that three excellent Holsteins were shown in the aged cow class, and commented on the "real good quality" animals that were being exhibited. Holsteins crushed stone floor by fair completely filled the new dairy barn.

Among the feature events at the fair on Wednesday and Thursday were a baby parade, a tug-of-war, trail-

all kinds, with more to come Bob Wenger, chairman of on Friday and Saturday. One of the surprises was that the new exhibit building, which was not expected to be completed for in-door food service, had been completed. Original plans called for time, but the cement floor became reality, and visitors were treated to full course meals inside and out of the rain.

The highlight Wednesday

night was the baby parade, which had proud parents pulling their children along in all kinds of floats depicting various themes. Floats included a "Puff the Magic Dragon", a Conestoga Wagon, Bicentennial themes, the Flintstones and Dino, and Tweety snd Sylvester.

Shouts and cheers during the tug-of-war could be heard all over town when FFA students from county

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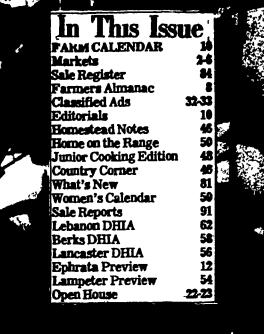
By Melissa Piper The second annual Elizabethtown Market Place doors to visitors on Wed-

by the Elizabethtown Jaycees and for the second year in a row, has invited Fair and Festival opened its residents of the area and county to exhibit agricultural goods as well as needlework and crafts in the market place fair. Rows of fresh vegetables including ripe red tomatoes and baskets of herbs lined the shelves in the fair exhibit building. Also sharing the limelight were pumpkins and squash in various shapes and tobacco from area farms.

shortage of canning jars and little resemblance to the lids - at least at the fair, for long rows of cherries, pickles and jams were evident and a popular sight at the event.

regular farm tractors, the exhibit brought much attention.

Agriculture Awards Grains and vegetables: Division A - Hybrid Field Corn - 1st - James Ruth, Elizabethtown R1; 2nd -Steve Kauffman, E-Town R1: Indian Corn - 1st - Mrs. Ray Mull, 246 Skyview Lane, Lititz; Popcorn - 1st - Mrs. Ray Mull, 246 Skyview Lane, Lititz; 2nd - Doug Fackler, Hershey R1.



nesday evening, Sept. 17 following a ribbon cutting ceremony, which included Morley Mays, president of The Elizabethtown College and honorary chairman of the event. Gary Myer, Joe Maher, and Bill Hershey, cochairmen of the festival conducted a tour of the marketplace fair following the opening event.

The festival is sponsored

There appeared to be no

A host of baked goods which ranged from breads to thickly iced cakes were also awarded prizes and were auctioned off on Wednesday evening with proceeds going to the borough park improvement.

Catching much of the limelight at the event was a display of "super tractors" sponsored by the Pa. Tractor Pullers Association. Bearing

attended

manager thought since I was

in FFA I must be in-

build a permaneant foun-

dation for his greenhouse

and since then the building

has been full of bedding

plants, house plants and a

Jeff's greenhouse has also

housed a collection of some

45 African Violets which

collection of cacti.

Jeff's brother helped him

terested.'

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Jeff Keeney Hort major wins award

By Melissa Piper

YORK - Horticulture and landscaping are becoming -increasingly popular fields of study for youths and one young man who has already shown promise in this area of agriculture is Jeff Keeney of York.

Jeff is presently a sophomore at the York Campus of Penn State, majoring in horticulture and is planning to transfer to the main campus in November. Although Jeff had been interested in growing house

plants and gardening for many years, his real interest in the field broadened when he began attending the York County Vo-tech school majoring in horticulture.

"I became very interested in pursuing my interest in horticulture and saved enough money to buy a green house; from then on my enjoyment of the work has increased," the youth explained.

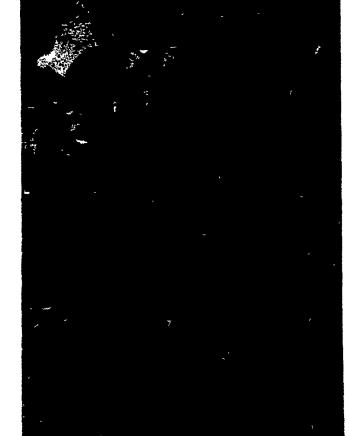
Jeff recalled that buying his green house turned out to be a bargain.

the were displayed at the York Philadelphia Flower Show Fair. and bought my green house at a low cost." "I guess the While attending the York

County Vo-tech school, Jeff was a member of the FFA and served as vice president and also the county treasurer. Two years ago, Jeff was the first place winner at FFA State days in the ornamental horticultural contest.

The youth was also awarded the first place

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The largest apple crop in more than 40 years is hanging on the nation's trees. Fairly representative of the expected 175 million bushel crop is this scene taken at the Groff Orchard, Kirkwood.