

Farm Show

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praise for Harrisburg's annual ag expo. "It's always a good show, we always look forward to coming, and it pays all five of us to be here," a spokesman said. "It's the biggest and best show on the East Coast," he concluded.

"It's very definitely to our advantage to show here," the man at the Schuld exhibit exclaimed. He was pleased with the facilities, very well satisfied with 1976, and very optimistic for 1977, based on the inquiries he was getting from farmers. "The Farm Show stacks up very, very fine to others in the country - it's one of the finest in the states," he concluded.

The people at White Motors considered attendance here to be excellent, in spite of adverse weather and road conditions. They had brought in seven tractor-trailer loads of displays, including \$32,000 worth of props.

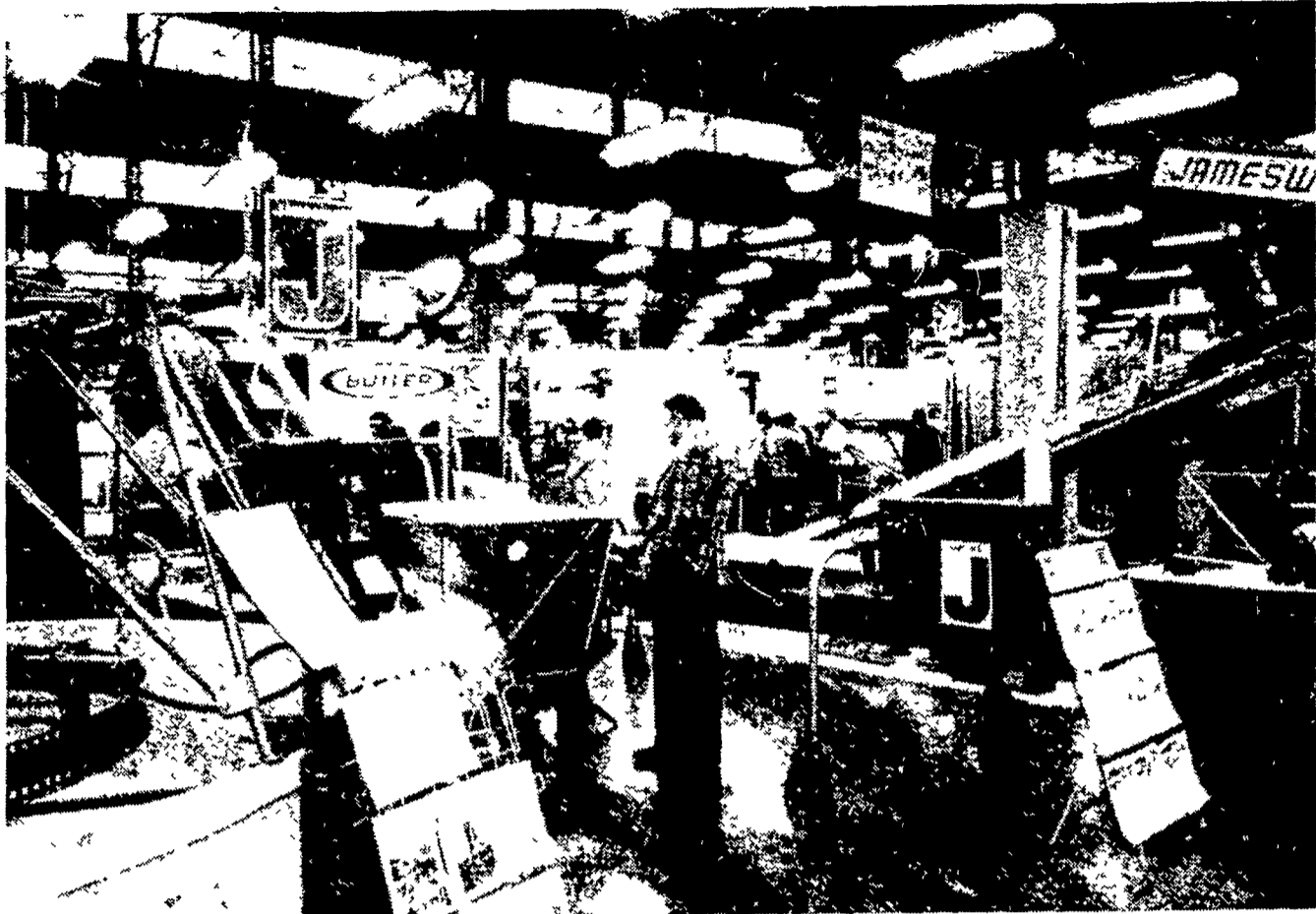
In the 16 years that a gentleman at the Mathews Company display has been coming to Harrisburg, he has "never been disappointed." He went on to relate that "this is one out of basically six major shows that we go to, and this is the best or tied for the best."

Who's the Farm Show tied up with? If that's so, the M-C man was asked.

"Louisville," he replied. Asked about space availability, the company representative said it was the Farm Show's major shortcoming. The other was that the structure was aging noticeably. "Maybe we should build a bigger building even if the exhibitors have to end up paying higher space rentals," he concluded. Another exhibitor disagreed, affirming he'd prefer to stay with the old facilities if a new building means higher rental rates.

The representative at Hamilton Equipment concluded his remarks by saying: "the Farm Show itself is the high point of our year in respect to showing new and interesting concepts of machinery to farm associated people and farm implement dealers. It's a very important show for us. There aren't too many good outdoor shows anymore, most have degenerated to a circus-like atmosphere. This show is on a higher plain."

Next on this writer's list for interviews were the fellows outside. It was 5 p.m., the sun had disappeared and the icy weather held a tight grip on the nearly deserted scene. Company representatives were apparently keeping warm somewhere, as was most anyone else. So ends this story.



Impressive and spacious is what visitors to the Farm Show consider the main exhibition hall. But to some who exhibit here, the facilities are

inadequate to put on the kind of exposition they'd like to see.

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