

Chester County's 4-H'ers rated in dress revue

By JOANNE SPAHR
 PARKESBURG, Pa. - Fifty-nine young seamstresses representing 12 4-H sewing clubs from Chester County gathered at the Parkesburg Baptist Church on July 15 for an evaluation of their Summer projects and with the hope that they might be one of nine girls chosen to go onto regional dress revue competition at the Lehigh Valley Mall in Allentown on July 22.

Speaking to the audience prior to the naming of the nine young women chosen to go onto further competition, Valerie J. Peoples, Chester County Extension home economist, stressed the fact that "These girls don't wake up in the morning with the knowledge of how to sew a garment properly," and that dedication of members, leaders, and parents, combined, helped the 4-H'ers in their accomplishments.

She also reminded those present that all girls taking part in the review were winners, although only six senior 4-H members and three junior members could go on to attend regional competition.

The six seniors chosen were: Wendy Davis, Downingtown R1; Beverly Hershey, Cochranville R1; Dawn Krapf, Downingtown R1; Nadine Prange, Cochranville R1; Susan Windle, Coatesville R3; and JoAnn Wyatt, West Grove.

Miss Davis's outfit was a flowered cotton sundress with a flared skirt stitched to a fitted bodice. It featured a back button closing, patched pockets, and a ruffled bottom and shoulder straps in matching material. Miss Davis, who is 16 years old, is a member of the East Brandywine 4-H club.

Beverly Hershey, last

year's regional winner, created a light blue polyester cotton jumpsuit featuring a zipper front closing, patched pockets, and top stitching. She also sewed a multi-color floral blouse with front gathers at the shoulder seams, and long sleeves. Miss Hershey, age 18, is a member of the Glen-Hi 4-H Club.

Dawn Krapf, a 17-year-old member of the East Brandywine 4-H club, also created a jumpsuit of blue cotton. Her ensemble included a front zipper, elastic waitline, as well as a collar and pockets with white trim. A contrasting red print tie set off her suit.

A two-piece outfit consisting of a semi-fitted blouse and a gathered skirt in a brown multi-colored cotton polyester earned Nadine Prange the right to attend regional competition. The 18-year-old member of the Oxford 4-H Home Ec Club created a blouse gathered at the front into a shaped yoke and a round neckline. Miss Prange's skirt featured a three-tiered effect with lace trim.

Susan Windle, a 15-year-old from the Highlanders 4-H Club, made a two piece green plaid wool blend outfit featuring a skirt and a lined vest with princess seaming and a V neckline. Miss Windle also made covered buttons to match the outfit. To finish the ensemble, she wore a cream colored, long-sleeved blouse with a tie front.

A dark green chiffon and gabardine gown accented with chiffon long sleeves and gabardine cuffs earned JoAnn Wyatt the status of competing in regionals. The Avondale 4-H'er's gown featured a low rounded neckline.



Senior winners from the Chester County dress revue were: (left to right) JoAnn Wyatt, Avondale 4-H; Susan Windle, Highlanders 4-H; Dawn Krapf,

East Brandywine 4-H; Wendy Davis, East Brandywine 4-H; Beverly Hershey, Glen-Hi 4-H; and Nadine Prange, Oxford 4-H.

Also attending the regional competition with the senior members, but acting only in the capacity of hostesses were three junior 4-H members. These girls were Sally Arters, Downingtown, a member of the East Brandywine 4-H club; Linda Mauer, Downingtown, also of the East Brandywine Club; and Lynda Thompson, of Kennett Square, from the London Grove 4-H Club. Betsy Wollaston of Maple Lawn Farm, Toughkenamon, was chosen as junior alternate.

Dress review criteria judged the girls on total appearance, from poise to the way the outfit was fit to their body build and complexion.



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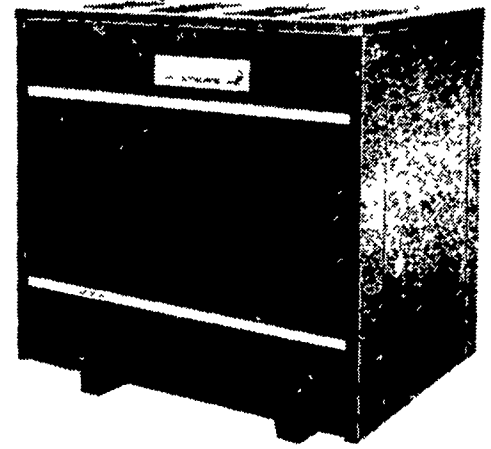
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