Herrs sweep Ephrata sheep show



Barbara Herr, Narvon R2, swept nearly all the classes of the Ephrata Fair Lamb Show. Miss Herr, left, poses with her champion pen of three market lambs. Helping her hold her animals are Nancy and Billy MacCauley, Atglen.

By JOANNE SPAHR

EPHRATA - Barbara Herr, 14, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Herr, Narvon R2, made close to a clean sweep of all the top placings in the Ephrata Fair Lamb Show on Wednesday.

All told, Miss Herr walked away with the champion rosettes in the market lamb, pen of three wethers, and onfoot carcass contests. She was also named the champion sheep showman and fitter in the third and fourth year sheep showmanship and fitting contests.

Teaming up her winnings with those of her brother and sister gave the Herr family quite an impressive record for the day.

Barbara's brother Christian, 15, showed the reserve champion market lamb, and 10-year-old Margaret earned the reserve champion trophy for the pen of three wethers. In the senior showmanship and fitting contest, Christian, a six-year-showman, took both honors.

According to Barbara, who shows Suffolks, the family members trade off breeds from year to year. As a whole, she says she prefers Dorsets for breeding sheep and Suffolks for market animals. The Herrs raise approximately 50 Dorset breeding ewes and each child has one or two of his own animals in this breed.

Barbara's champion market lamb at Ephrata was also the grand champion wether at the York Fair. Along with York, Barbara has also shown at the Solanco Fair, where, with her sister, the Herr's won all the classes in the Dorset breed.

The Garden Spot freshman, was showing her FFA

projects in the competition at Ephrata, and plans to take the three market Suffolks to Timonium, Md. for the Eastern Nationals, or possibly onto the Keystone Exposition. Barbara's also preparing a pen for Farm Show. Barbara, Christian, and Margaret pick up much of their knowledge of showing market lambs from their father.

Christian's Hampshires (his breed for the year) were also FFA projects, and Margaret's reserve champion pen of three market lambs was a 4-H project. This year Margaret got to show the family favorites-Dorsets.

The reserve champion onfoot carcass lamb went to Richard Strauss, Ephrata R1, with a crossbreed.

One class in fitting and showing eluded the Herr family members. In the first and second year contest, Andy Dittrick, Lititz R1, placed as champion showman and Gary Martin took the rosette for champion fitter.

Judge for the junior market lamb show was William MacCauley, Atglen. He judged the animals a second time - on the rail - on Thursday-at John F. Martin & Sons, Inc., Stevens R1. The animals were then sold at auction on Friday.

Results from the Show follow:

Market Lambs

Cheviot - Barry Martin, East Earl R1, first and second; Dorset - Margaret Herr, Narvon R2, first and second; Hampshire . (Continued on Page 21)

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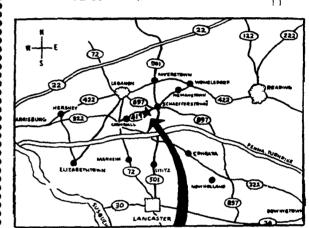
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