

# Rohrer tops tobacco show for second year

By JOANNE SPAHR  
LANCASTER — Donald M. Rohrer, 1428 Lime Valley Road, Lancaster, should have started showing tobacco a long time ago. Last year, in his first attempt at competition with samples of his crop, he came out champion in the open tobacco division of the Lancaster County corn and tobacco show, placing first four out of six classes. This year he equalled that record by showing the first place entries in the long wrapper, long filler, and long binder classes, and earning the champion titles for the three divisions of filler, wrapper, and binder. Taking the grand championship of the vocational agriculture show was Donald Dohner, 17, Elizabethtown R1, a member of the Elizabethtown Future Farmers of America. His

first place hand of wrappers topped the first ranked fillers shown by Kerry Boyd, Ephrata R5, who exhibited the champion entry in the 4-H corn roundup, as well. Boyd's corn win was his eighth consecutive championship.

Other winners in the Lancaster County corn and tobacco show were Harry Kreiser, Gap R2, who entered the champion of the vocational agriculture corn contest, and Beverly Buckwalter, the 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Buckwalter, Lititz R3, who topped the 4-H tobacco entries. Miss Buckwalter's first place uniform hand of wrappers was judged of higher quality than the first place hand of 4-H fillers, also shown by this first year competitor.

Rohrer, who exhibited Pennlan in the victory of the open show, grows 12 acres of

Pennsylvania type tobacco but does not handle the popular Pennbel variety. After growing the relatively new variety Pennlan, for two years, Rohrer is "well pleased" with it, saying it handles nice, has nice color, and has fine texture.

Fortunately for Rohrer, his crop managed to escape the shed burn which is so prevalent this year around the county. In his description, his crop was "very good," and was sold to House of Windsor, a division of United States Tobacco Company, Yoe.

Dohner's grand champion vocational entry was Pennbel, and according to his father, Victor Dohner, came from a crop that was also "good, with hardly any shed burn." The Dohner family raises 12 acres of tobacco in the Elizabethtown area, 1½ acres of which are Donald's FFA project.

In the corn contests, Judge John Yocum, superintendent of the Penn State Southeast Research Laboratory at Landisville, described Boyd's 4-H entry as "fairly uniform, with fair tip fill." The entries also had sound cobs, and no mold.

The FFA champion corn shown by Harry Kreiser, was described as having very straight rows, excellent tip fill, and good uniformity.

On the whole, Yocum commented that this year's corn contest showed signs of problem growing conditions. In some cases, there were molds, poor tip fill, and diseased cobs, which is indicative of wet weather and poor pollinating conditions.

Boyd, who in 1977 won the 4-H corn contest, also, says that this year's crop was just as good as the previous year's.

Although he topped 1977's 4-H tobacco show, Boyd was

pleased with this year's vocational agriculture first place filler ranking because he'd never placed in the FFA tobacco competition during his three years of showing.

According to Jay Irwin, Lancaster County Extension agent, this year's corn entries were light compared to last year. The vocational agriculture tobacco show, however, was the same size as last year, as was the open show.

Tobacco judges Mark Hess, marketing specialist for Agway, and Lester Whitmore, assistant manager of American Cigar Company, a division of American Brands, were both pleased with the open show entries.

"The quality of these exhibits was very good," remarked Hess, adding that the prize winning entries were of outstanding quality. "The wrapper classes were

as good as we've ever seen" he added.

According to Hess, however, there was evidence of shed injury.

Complementing Hess's remarks, Whitmore added that he thought the crop compared favorably with the previous years and that the five runners-up were also of excellent quality.

County show entries are automatically entered in the State Farm Show for further judging on Sunday by John Yocum. Farm Show judging includes a burn test.

Complete results follow:

## TOBACCO SHOW

**Wrappers**  
Long Wrappers - 1. Donald Rohrer, 1428 Lime Valley Road (grand champion wrapper); 2. Raymond S. Brubaker, 206 Rohrerstown Road; 3. John M. Hess, Manheim R4; 4. John H. Hess, Jr., Manheim R4; 5. Ray A. Brubaker, 260 Rohrerstown Road.

Short Wrappers - 1. Raymond Brubaker; 2. Jenny Lynne Shultz, Mount Joy R1; 3. Jay Neff, Millersville R1; 4. Donald Rohrer; 5. Samuel Barnes, Manheim R4.

## Fillers

Long Fillers - 1. Donald Rohrer (grand champion filler); 2. Raymond S. Brubaker; 3. Elmer L. Boyd, Ephrata R5; 4. Ray A. Brubaker; 5. Fred Hess, Washington Boro R1.

Short Fillers - 1. Ray A. Brubaker; 2. Donald Rohrer; 3. Jay Neff; 4. Raymond S. Brubaker; 5. Kerry Boyd, Ephrata R5.

## Binders

Long Binders - 1. Donald Rohrer (grand champion binder); 2. Terri Rohrer, 1428 Lime Valley Road; 3. Jay Neff; 4. Gary R. Neff, Millersville R1; 5. Jere Neff, Millersville R1.

Short Binders - 1. Terri Rohrer; 2. Jay Neff; 3. Jere Neff; 4. Donald Rohrer; 5. Elmer L. Boyd.

## FFA CLASSES

Wrappers - 1. Donald Dohner, Elizabethtown R1 (grand champion); 2. Jere Neff; 3. Jay Neff; 4. Raymond Hess, Strasburg; 5. Kerry Boyd.

Fillers - 1. Kerry Boyd; 2. Jim Harnish, Lancaster R6; 3. Jere Neff; 4. Dave Wiker, 2628 Chapel Road; 5. Jay Neff.

## 4-H CLUB CLASSES

Wrappers - 1. Beverly Buckwalter, Lititz R3 (grand champion); 2. Kerry Boyd; 3. Freda Swarr, Manheim R2; 4. Jeff Breneman, Millersville R1.

Fillers - 1. Beverly Buckwalter; 2. Jeff Breneman; 3. Kerry Boyd; 4. Freda Swarr.

## CORN SHOW

### FFA

1. Harry Kreiser, Gap R2; 2. Kerry Boyd, Ephrata R5; 3. Steve Shertz, Millersville R1; 4. Stuart Martin, Willow Street R1; 5. Wayne Hess, Conestoga R1.

### 4-H CLUB

1. Kerry Boyd; 2. Phillip Aument, Quarryville R1; 3. Scott Brinton, Peach Bottom R1.



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Harvested October 10, 1977 with a John Deere combine						
Brand	Variety	Plants Per Acre	% Lodging	Green Bu./Acre	% Moisture At 15.5%	Bu./Acre
Jacques	Exp 7108	18 280	1.1	145.7	19.0	139.7
Pioneer	3780	19 300	1.0	148.8	17.8	144.6
Jacques	JX182	19 080	3.2	149.3	17.5	145.7
Jacques	JX174	18 050	2.2	182.1	17.5	158.3
Jacques	JX177	13 280	0	157.0	17.0	154.2
Jacques	JX1133A	19 510	3.1	149.9	18.5	144.6
Jacques	JX153	21 370	1.9	133.2	18.5	129.4
Jacques	JX180	12 450	3.1	181.5	22.7	147.7
Jacques	JX187	19 080	2.1	158.3	21.8	146.5
Jacques	JX1153	19 020	2.0	188.9	20.5	158.9
Pioneer	3535	18 260	2.2	162.8	20.5	153.1
Jacques	JX188	18 880	2.2	155.1	25.3	119.4
Jacques	JX190	18 880	1.1	158.3	25.0	140.5
Jacques	JX194	18 880	2.7	171.1	24.0	163.9
Jacques	JX202	20 340	0	180.5	24.4	181.5
Jacques	JX227	14 920	0	184.1	21.5	148.5
Jacques	JX233	15 860	1.3	150.4	23.0	137.1
Pioneer	3169A	20 750	2.0	170.6	25.0	156.7

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