

Capital Region sends seamstresses to state

By JOANNE SPAHR
LANCASTER — Three Lancaster County seamstresses and one York County stitcher will represent the Capital Region in state 4-H fashion revue competition to be held in August at Penn State University. Chosen Thursday from a field of 60 young women representing Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster,

Lebanon, Perry, and York Counties, the girls will have the opportunity to attend 4-H state days and compete in the statewide sewing contest. Six semi-finalists for the Capital Region were also selected on Thursday as were six junior winners. Only the four gold ribbon seniors are eligible for state competition.

Those four girls are: Robin Esbenshade, the

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Esbenshade, Manheim R7; Julie Bare, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bare, Lancaster; Cheryl Gingrich, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gingrich, New Holland R2; and Christine DePalmer, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael DePalmer, Brodbeck's R1.

For her award-winning outfit, Miss Esbenshade, age

17, utilized a Calvin Klein suit pattern and created a three-piece wool ensemble with a velveteen vest. The uneven plain jacket featured a kick pleat in the back and sleeves as well as hand topstitching on the pockets and lapel. The charcoal skirt included a back hand-picked zipper, and the vest featured a back buckle, a side panel, and front button closure.

A light blue gabardine suit was the creation with which Julie Bare earned honors. Miss Bare chose to accent her outfit with a pink blouse.

Her flowing skirt was cut on the bias with inset pockets and a front button closing. The semi-fitted tailored jacket was accented with welt pockets and floys placed on an angle to give variety.

Cheryl Gingrich wore a bamboo colored dress with prints applied on the bodice trimmed in brown. The dress tied in the back and had an A-shaped front yoke with a fitted bodice.

An old-fashioned look was the aim of Christine DePalmer. Dark plaid washable wool was the fabric used for an ankle-length gored skirt finished with a Hong-Kong hem and a barrel lining. She utilized a pull-over blouse of polyblend satin weave fabrics with lace and bows accenting the collar. A velvet

vest highlighted the outfit, and for cool evenings, Christine designed a matching unlined stole.

Semi-finalists in the senior division came from York, Lebanon, Dauphin, Adams, and Lancaster Counties.

The list of six girls included: Kathy Whitcraft, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Whitcraft of Loganville; Lisa Yordy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Yordy, Palmyra; Carole Ebersole, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ebersole, Lititz R2; Marianne Villa, Hershey; Marilyn Eberly, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Eberly, New Holland R2; and Jan Crouse, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Crouse, Gettysburg R8.

Kathy Whitcraft chose jewel green lightweight wool for her three-piece tailored suit. She also designed a matching shawl for wearing over the suit or as an accent to another outfit. She also made the cream-colored blouse that coordinated the ensemble.

A three-piece ensemble was the winning outfit made by Lisa Yordy. She used printed cotton to make the vest and skirt. The three-tiered skirt featured a back zipper and a set-in waistband. To accent the outfit, Miss Yordy used a matching ribbon.

Carole Ebersole's award-winning suit consisted of a medium brown Donegal tweed fabric made into a

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These four young ladies will represent the Capital Region in state 4-H dress revue competition to be held in August at 4-H State Days. From left the girls are Cheryl Gingrich, Robin Esbenshade, Christine DePalmer, and Julie Bare.

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