

Tobacco show boasts quality and quantity

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LANCASTER — The Lancaster County Tobacco Show, held here at the Farm and Home Center on Wednesday afternoon, was one of the best in quantity and quality on record. The number of entries, 171, was the most since 1973, and the quality, according to Lancaster County Agricultural Agent Arnold Lueck, was as good as any he has seen.

Showing grand champion hands of tobacco this year were Gary Neff of Millersville RI and Raymond S. Brubaker of Lancaster. Neff's winning entry was a selection of long wrappers, while Brubaker came out on top in the long filler category. The first-place long binder entry was exhibited by J. Marlin

Hershey of Lancaster. Raymond S. Brubaker of Lancaster was first with his hands of short wrappers and short fillers. Capturing first place in short binders was Eugene M. Rohrer of Strasburg.

In 4-H competition, Jerry Myer of Lancaster won grand champion honors. The Penn Manor High School student exhibited a hand of wrappers for the title. In addition, he had the top entry in the filler class.

In competition among vocational agriculture students, Jere Neff of Millersville was named grand champion as a result of the quality displayed in his filler leaves. Tops in wrapper entries was that of Donald Dohner of Elizabethtown RI.

Judges for this year's

competition were A.K. Mann, a Lancaster tobacco dealer, and L. Clay Whitmore of American Cigar Co. Both noted that the quality of this year's tobacco leaves was better than that of a year ago. Mann commented, however, that some evidence of shed burn was evident in some of the entries. "The color is good, it runs more uniform than it ever did," he said. Commenting on the grand champion sample, Mann described the leaves as well matched. "He knows how to pick a sample from the center of the stalk," he concluded.

The next level of competition of the entries will take place at the Pennsylvania Farm Show, which begins Monday.

Following are the placings of the show:

OPEN CLASS Wrappers

Long Wrappers: 1. Gary Neff, 2. Raymond S. Brubaker, 3. Ray A. Brubaker, Lancaster; 4. Jere Neff, Millersville; 5. Elmer Boyd, Ephrata.

Short wrappers: 1. Raymond S. Brubaker, 2. Gary Neff, 3. Ray A. Brubaker, 4. Jere Neff, 5. Lois Rohrer, Lancaster.

Fillers

1. Long fillers: 1. Raymond S. Brubaker, 2. Michael Rohrer, Strasburg; 3. Eugene M. Rohrer, Strasburg; 4. Kay A. Brubaker, 5. Dawn M. Rohrer, Lancaster.

Short fillers: 1. Raymond S. Brubaker; 2. Ray A. Brubaker; 3. Eugene M. Rohrer; 4. Deborah Boyd, Ephrata; 5. Kerry Boyd, Ephrata.

Binders

1. Long binders: 1. Eugene M. Rohrer; 2. Jay Neff; 3. Raymond S. Brubaker; 4. Terri Lyn Rohrer, Lancaster; 5. Lois Rohrer, Lancaster.

Short binders: 1. Eugene M. Rohrer, 2. Jay Neff, 3. Raymond S. Brubaker, 4. Gail Marie Rohrer, Lancaster; 5. Jere Neff.

FFA CLASSES

Wrappers: 1. Donald Dohner, 2. Jere Neff, Millersville; 3. Jay Frey Jr., Conestoga; 4. Kerry Boyd, 5. Jim Harnish, Lancaster.

Fillers: 1. Jere Neff, 2. Jim Harnish, 3. Jay Frey Jr., 4. Kay Shertzer, Millersville; 5. Calvin Weaver, New Holland.

4-H CLASSES

1. Wrappers: 1. Jerry



Jere Myer of Lancaster displayed this winning tobacco entry in the 4-H division of the Lancaster County Tobacco Show. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Myer.



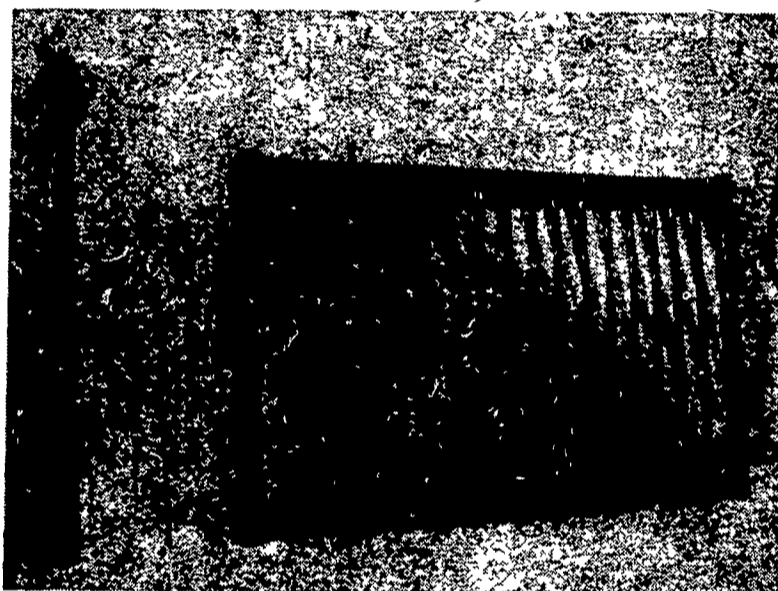
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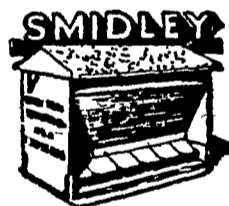
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Farm Show

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 varied agricultural associations will emphasize the diversity of Pennsylvania farm products as they present the Governor with gifts from their commodity groups at the preview.

Following the presentation of the gifts by the queens, visitors to the Governor's Preview will be treated to entertainment featuring the Zumbo Temple Drill Team, a State Police Horse Training Act, the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps and the United States Army Drill Team.

Shelhamer called these groups definite crowd pleasers. He said that the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps provides a real taste of colonial pageantry. The Old Guard, decked out in colonial uniform with real muskets, puts on a drill that must be seen to be appreciated.

As the program in the Large Arena ends Sunday afternoon, the Governor's Tour of the Main Exhibition area beings. On display throughout the 13-acre building will be the best and

the most modern farm equipment and technology. In addition, the finest of the state's dairy cattle, horses, sheep, hogs and poultry will be in the barns in preparation for judging later in the week.

Shelhamer said that the main exhibition areas of the complex will be closed until 3:00 p.m., but following the entertainment in the arena, all areas will remain open to the public until the doors close at 5:30 p.m.

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