

Willow Street Vo-Tech students get highest scores

Horticulture field day featured many exhibits

LANCASTER — The second annual Lancaster County Horticulture Field Day took place here Wednesday with a host of representatives from related businesses and dealerships providing interesting exhibits and information. It was all for the educational benefit of students from area vocational-technical schools, vocational agriculture departments, as well as interested passers-by. While the numerous displays and demonstrations

dominated the scene, there were also some competitive events designed to test the knowledge and skills of students. All activities took place in Long's Park, Lancaster.

Winning the horticulture contest for the second year in a row were the students from Willow Street Vo-Tech. Coached by instructor James Kerr, teams from the Willow Street area placed first and second. As individuals, they captured eight of the top ten places.

The horticulture contest involves: 1. Identification of 50 pieces of plant material, where students are required to give both the common and botanical name. Identifications must be made from cuttings, rather than whole plants. Involved are trees, shrubs, and ground covers. In addition, there is also a 50-question exam.

Part 2 involves judging four classes of plant materials. Basically, they are evaluated on quality, in a

manner that livestock is scored for desirable traits.

A final portion of the contest centers around landscaping projects. Students are challenged to critically evaluate landscaping projects, based on design, symmetry, and other features.

A team of first-year students from Willow Street's Hans Herr FFA Chapter won first place with a score of 2276 points. Second was another Willow Street team with 2161.6 points.

Mount Joy Vo-Tech was third with 1985.6 points, followed by Brownstown Vo-Tech. Each competing school had two teams, with four students per team.

On the individual scoring chart, Wes Pritchard of Willow Street came out on top with 768.4 points. School mates Jeff Miller and Karen Silvius came in second and third with 754 and 753.6 points, respectively. In fourth place was Mount Joy's Jim Caldwell with 730.4 points.

Chrissianne Brubaker led the next string of Willow Street competitors with 722.8 points for a fifth place. She was followed by Tracey Rebman, 720; and Beth Miller, 718.8.

Eighth was Chris Snavelly of Mount Joy with 705.6 points. Carmen Baciotti, Willow Street, followed with 689.2 points and Scott Lefever, another Willow Streeter, with 665.2 points, rounded out the top ten.

New Farm Show director named

HARRISBURG — Hugh M. Coffman, a Rawlinsville, Lancaster County, native and U.S. Rep. Robert S. Walker's administrative assistant in Washington, has been named the new director of the Pennsylvania Farm Show by Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell.

The secretary made the announcement in Harrisburg, during a meeting of the Farm Show Commission, at which Wellington D. Smith, the current director, announced his retirement. In his new position, Coffman will be in charge of the Farm Show and the operation of the Farm Show Building Complex.

Coffman, 30, is the son of

Mr. and Mrs. H. Marshall Coffman of Holtwood R2.

A graduate of Penn Manor High School and Millersville State College, Coffman has been in Washington since 1971, when he joined the Republican National Committee staff. He joined the congressional staff of Edwin D. Eshleman in 1975, and Walker picked him as his chief aide in 1977.

He is married to the former Patricia Leoniak of Levittown, Pa., whom he met while at Millersville State College.

Coffman will begin his new duties in Harrisburg on May 9. Walker said he is "sorry to lose Hugh - he has been invaluable - but I am glad for him in that he has been given an important assignment in

which I know he will do well." Walker said that he has not yet made a decision about replacing Coffman.

Coffman's salary in his new post will be between \$25,000 and \$26,000. His current salary as Walker's administrative assistant in Washington is \$26,000 annually.

Davidsburg 4-H club meets

DAVIDSBURG—The Davidsburg 4-H Club held a meeting on April 19. Reports were given by Robert Livingston on 4-H Council; Amanda Spahr on 4-H officers training; Annette Shermeyer on the 4-H auction; Audrey Shermeyer

on the 4-H Easter Egg Hunt and David Datteron on the teen leader weekend.

The club will hold a clean-up drive on April 28th. They will also erect an obstacle course at Paradise School's Spring Spree on May 19.

After the meeting, slides

were shown on the 4-H bicycle program. Annette Shermeyer gave a demonstration on packing a lunch. Mike Welsh demonstrated camera care.

The next meeting will be held on May 17 at the 4-H Center.

Under-beveled knives recommended

NEW HOLLAND — The under-beveled knife design used on all self-propelled and pull-type Sperry New Holland forage harvesters adds extra stiffness to the cutterhead assembly. Knives pass the shearbar at a more nearly vertical angle than conventional single-bevel knives, says New Holland product manager, Larry Fisher.

"It's sort of like the difference between a flat-of-the-hand slap and a Karate chop," explains Fisher. "This steep-angle knife mounting makes the cutterhead less subject to foreign object damage. It's a stronger design."

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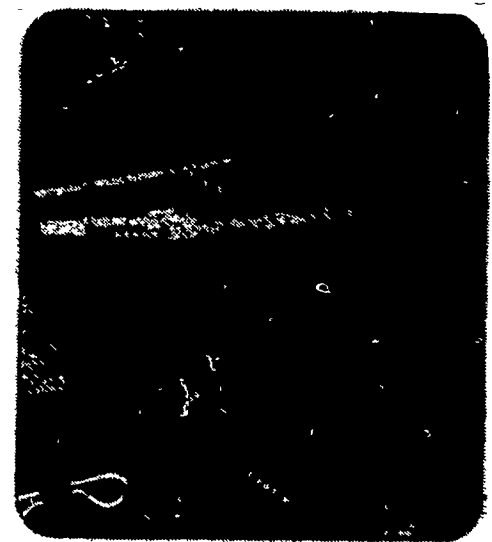


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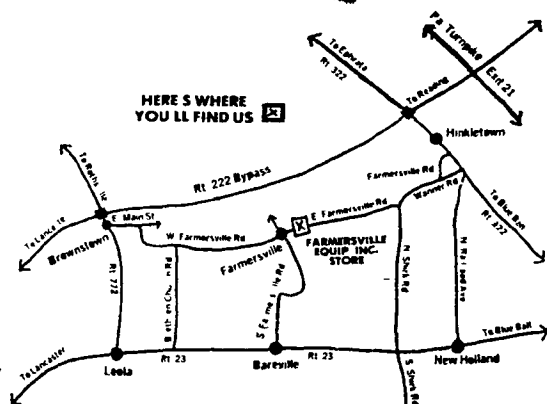
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