

# Fancy Flock Flyers spin, weave their way to championship

LEBANON — Lebanon County kicked off their week-long Farm-City celebration last Friday evening with a Sheep to Shawl contest and farm equipment display at the Lebanon Plaza Mall, along Route 72.

The grand champion team in the Sheep to Shawl contest was a group of women who called themselves the Fancy Flock Flyers. Team members included Carol Buskirk, Harrisburg; Joanne Higgins, Harrisburg; Jimmie Hepford, Summerdale; and Diane Dilger, Lebanon.

They were the first team of three spinners and one weaver to complete their shawl in a time of 102 minutes.

The shawls, which had to be a minimum of 20-22 inches wide, 70 inches long, with at least 5 inches of fringe on each end, were judged by Dotty Lewis and Phyllis Robinson of Lancaster.

The judges explained they were looking at the shawls' designs, along with the team members' spinning and weaving ability, their speed, and their team identification (costumes).

The championship team's shawl was auctioned off after the contest and sold to Rich Brandt Farm Sales for \$170.

The reserve champion shawl was created under the skilled hands of the Ridley Creek Craft Guild from Chester and Delaware counties. Team members included Ann Bates, Suzanne Keenan, Debby Sax, and Louise Buls. Bidding stopped at \$160 for the reserve champion shawl, going to Mrs. Carl Wenger, Myerstown.

Each of the remaining



Carl Buskirk of Lingelstown knots off the championship shawl. The shawl was created in one hour and forty-two minutes.

three shawls sold for \$150 each.

The third place team was called Quiet Valley's Spinster Web, Monroe County. Team captain and weaver was Barbara J. Lord. Her spinners included Sue Oiler, Maryellen, Mross, and Sandra Terrill.

In fourth place were the Fiber Fanatics of Cumberland County. The four-member group consisted of Ginny Leber, captain; Sharon Worley; Jane Eggleston; and Ruth Clark.

And in fifth place were the Thistledown Spinners. The

Cumberland County team was made up by Florence Seidler, Ruth Singleterry, Margaret Loy, and Carolyn Winslow.

The fleeces for the contest were shorn from Corriedale crossbred sheep, provided by the Ben Bow family, Annville. Daughter Julie Bow performed the shearing.

The event was sponsored by the Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Lebanon Plaza Mall Association. Assisting in the event was the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.



Five Commodity Queen were on hand for the opening night of Lebanon's Farm-City Week celebration at the Lebanon Plaza Mall. Posing for a quick picture are Lebanon County Dairy Princess Bev Burkholder; Adams County Apple Queen Tami Lovag; and Pa. Lamb and Wool Queen Lauren Putnak. Also part of the festivities were Pa. Red Cherry Queen Lauri Roth and Pa. Honey Queen Becky Fisher.



Cumberland County's Fiber Fanatics concentrate on knotting-off their shawl. Their finishing time was 104 minutes — two minutes off the champion team's time.



The winning team receives the championship rosette from Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Chet Heim. Members of the Fancy Flock Flyers are, from left, Joanne Higgins, Harrisburg; Diane Dilger, Lebanon; Jimmie-Hepford, Summerdale; and team captain Carol Buskirk, Lingelstown.

## Pa. Meats team in top ten at American Royal

KANSAS CITY, Mo — The Pennsylvania 4-H Meats Judging and Identification team placed in the top ten in stiff competition at the National Contest, held here in conjunction with the American Royal on November 12-13.

The team, consisting of Bryan Palmer, Ken Sunday, Mark Ebaugh and Michelle Bankert all from York County, placed seventh in

the overall contest in placings and oral reasons with 1839 points out of a possible 2070 points. Winning the contest was the Virginia 4-H team with a score of 1925 points.

In beef judging, the Pa team took third place. Team member Bryan Palmer placed third with an individual score of 139 out of 150 points.

Team members had to identify 24 cuts of retail meat giving the type of animal, the wholesale cut, retail cut and correct method of cooking. The Pa team placed fifth in this division, with Ken Sunday placing fifth individually.

In total placings of beef and pork and retail classes, Pa 4-H came in ninth with Virginia winning the contest.



With feet treading and fingers guiding, the spinners from Monroe County's Quiet Valley Spinster Web conjure up images of days-gone-by when spinning fleeces into wool yarn was not only an art but a necessity.



Modeling the five completed shawls are weavers, from left, Caroline Winslow, Thistledown Spinners, fifth place, Ruth Clark, Fiber Fanatics fourth place, Barbara Lord, Quiet Valley's Spinster Web, third place, Deborah Sax, Ridley Creek Craft Guild second place, and Carol Buskirk, Fancy Flock Flyers, first place.