

Joe Garber tops Red Rose Roundup

BY JACK HUBLEY

NEW HOLLAND — Fourteen-year-old Joe Garber reached the height of his 4-H career on Friday, Nov. 16, by topping Lancaster County's Red Rose 4-H Beef Roundup held at the New Holland Sales Stables.

"This is the best I've ever done," beamed the ninth-grade Donegal student from Maytown, who noted that he has been spending plenty of time working with his blue-ribbon entry.

An Angus-Chianina crossbred bred by J.C. Enterprises of Ringgold, Pa., the steer will end his show career amid stiff competition in January's Farm Show.

"Ever since Keystone I've been pouring on the feed," noted the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Garber, who escorted his champion to a seventh-place finish in the Keystone International Livestock Expo's steer show, as well as a first-place finish in his class at the Elizabethtown Fair.

After selecting his top middleweight steer for grand champion honors, judge Erskine Cash of Penn State slapped his reserve champion middleweight for reserve grand honors. The reserve spot went to Manheim's Kelly Rohrer and her 1210-pound Angus-Chianina steer that had placed first in his class at the Manheim Farm Show.

"It seems that there's never

enough you can do," said the veteran of five years of 4-H competition, noting that she spends many hours fitting her steers before they are ready to enter the show ring.

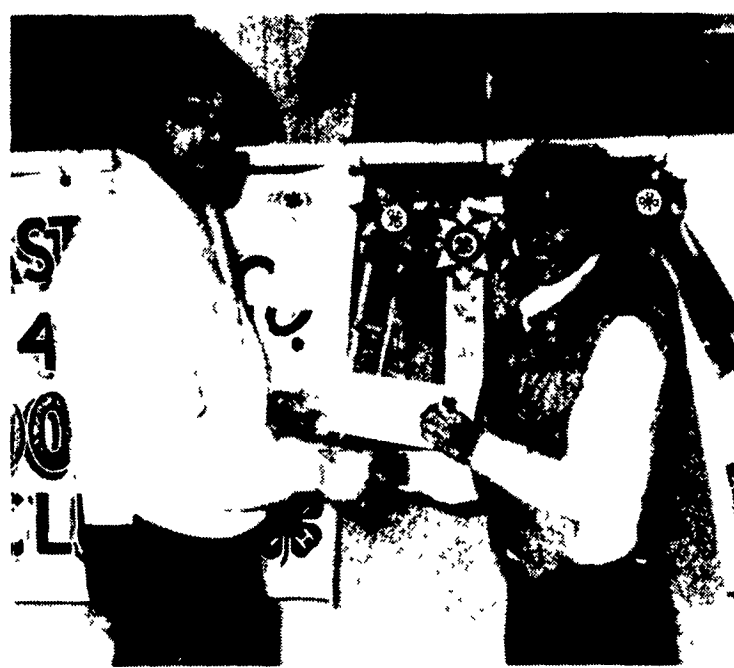
Bred by Wayne Miller of Indiana, Miss Rohrer's steer will also be among the contenders at Farm Show. As Farm Show time draws near, she expects to be walking her steer two miles each day to maintain the animal's weight and muscling.

"It's going to take a lot of walking to keep him there," said Miss Rohrer, who is determined to keep her steer in the middleweight division through exercise rather than reduced feed consumption.

Other Lancaster County steer exhibitors chosen at the Red Rose Roundup to compete in Farm Show are: Derek Nissley, Heidi Frey,

Julie Greider, Brian Hess, Michelle Nissley, Jeff Craig, Freida Frey, Emily Weaver, Michelle Dean, Vicky Hess, Fred Weaver, Kurt Kline, Patti Greider, Anna Marie Frey, Kristin Chupp, Gina Bowman, Jodie Weaver, Doug Musser, Fritz Frey, Alida Farrington, Stacey Linton, Greg Musser and Scott Hertzog.

The Red Rose Roundup has also become the traditional event where two local newspapers show their support for the 4-H steer program. This year's champion showman, Brian Hess, was the recipient of the Intelligencer Journal calf, presented by Intelligencer editor William R. Schultz. The event's reserve champion showman was Margaret Herr, who accepted a \$300 cash award from Lancaster Farming newspaper.



Lancaster Farming livestock editor Jack Hubley presents a check for \$300 to Margaret Herr of Narvon, the reserve champion showman in this year's Red Rose 4-H Baby Beef Roundup.

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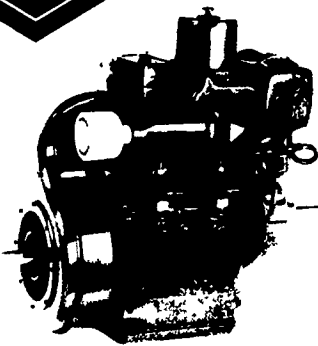
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