

First Class Show

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had extended shoulders and shaped front hemline. The straight semi-fitted skirt was complemented by a vest, off-white blouse, and a black wool hat and leather gloves and shoes. Susan's grandmother, Edith Wise, made the suit.

Susan is the current Knox County Sheep Queen and is a senior at Danville High School. She plans to major in accounting or education at college next year.

In addition to points for modeling, leading, and fashion, contestants received extra points if their outfit was 100 percent wool, if they had made their own outfit, and if they owned the sheep they led.

Judges for the competition were Gary Ricketts, University of Illinois Extension sheep specialist; Joan McCauley, Chester sheep breeder; and Marilyn Engle, home economist.

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Judges for the Lead Line contest were, from left, Gary Ricketts, University of Illinois Extension sheep specialist; Joan McCauley, Chester sheep breeder; and Marilyn Engle, home economist.

sion went to Berks County Wool Queen Amy Eshelman. The 17-year-old is the daughter of Susan and Larry Eshelman of Sinking Spring. Although she placed first in Lead Line at her county fair, this was the first time she placed so high in KILE competition.

Amy showed her Oxford sheep named Cinnamon. Amy wore a 100 percent cream colored wool skirt, a navy blue boiled wool jacket with green plaid trim over a cream colored blouse accented with a green paisley Italian scarf. The 10-year, 4-H member will major in animal science next year.



Third place in the junior division went to Meagan Hayes who washed, dyed, carded, and spun the wool for her outfit.



Amy Eshelman is the Berks County Wool Queen. She placed third in senior competition.

Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser



September has always been considered by me to be the busiest month of the year because there is so much to harvest. But this year it will be October that is busiest as we plan to move later in the month.

I've already put some 50 flower plants from the garden into pots. They are stored on the back porch for the time being and I'm hoping our six black cats and kittens don't break them. They can gingerly walk around them without touching them. However, the three kit-

tens are quiet playful and certainly can damage fragile plants.

Lately I've been hauling baskets of tomatoes to my Amish neighbors. As I grew the plants from seed, they are just now bearing abundantly and I've already canned all that I need. You see, there was a large carry over from the previous year and I do not need any more.

We expect to have a big sweet potato crop if the few plants that I robbed are any indication. With my fingers I probe around the

roots and I've been finding very large sweet potatoes. Despite the dry weather the vines have completely covered 18 feet of the garden. The watermelon and white potatoes are now difficult to find.

To add to the busy season, my husband decided that "now" was when he wanted his cataract operation. Our youngest daughter took off from her job and came home. He spent eight hours in the hospital and when the patch was removed from his eye the next day, he was amazed to find that he could see fine without glasses. But, as he has been blind in one eye since birth, it was a long 24 hours for him. Being fed and led around is no fun. I'm sure that in time he would have adjusted and become more independent.

It certainly is a miracle when we consider what modern surgery can accomplish!



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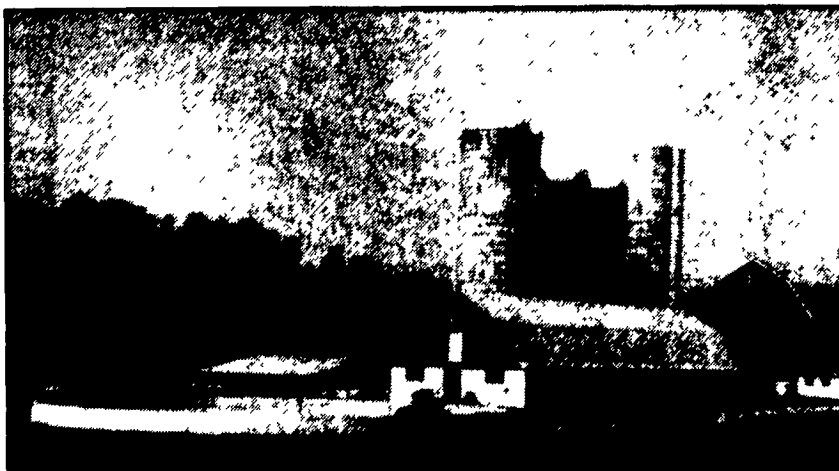
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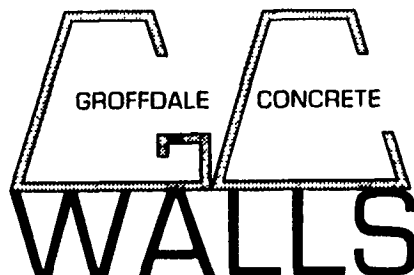
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