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Meet Lancaster County's Dairy Princess At Home

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June Dairy Month and June the month for brides. Yes, both ring a bell for our present Lancaster County Dairy Princess, the former Debrah Elaine Binkley, now as of June 1, 1969 Mrs. V. Allen Peters. Truly the past year has been most exciting, to say the least, for this charming lass who comes from near Mountville.

June of 1968 Debbie graduated from Hempfield High School. After graduation she accepted a position with Armstrong Cork Company, Lancaster. She is a clerk-typist in the Employee Relations Department. She is also treasurer of the Circle A Club there. She enjoys her work at Armstrongs and says they have been wonderful to her, permitting her to attend all the functions in connection with being Dairy Princess.

July 10 she was crowned Lancaster County Dairy Princess at the Host Town Motel in Lancaster. What has it been like, being Dairy Princess? Debrah says "I enjoyed it. You get to know a lot of people." Her appearances stack up like this:

July 30 — Lancaster County 4-H Dairy Show at the Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders' Association Sales Pavilion. July 31 and Aug 1 — Lancaster County Black and White Show, she gave out ribbons. Aug 7 — "On Parade Day" — Atlantic Breeders Cooperative, handed out milk and gave a talk. Aug 29 — Southeastern Black and White Show — Pennsylvania Farm Show Building helped hand out ribbons. In September and October she rode in the parades of the Southern Lancaster County Community Fair, New Holland Farmers' Fair and the Mannheim Community Farm Show. Sept 25 and 26 — Pennsylvania State Dairy Princess Pageant, in which 25 girls competed. Oct 15 — Lancaster County Farmers' Association Annual Banquet. Oct 25 — Lancaster County 4-H Dairy Clubs Annual Meeting. Nov 6 — Lancaster County Holstein Breeders' Association. Jan 21 — Lancaster County D H I A Annual Meeting — Farm and Home Center. Jan 23 — Mount Joy Farmers' Cooperative Annual Banquet. Feb 26 — Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative District 7 Annual Meeting. This comprises Donegal, Lebanon Co., Lititz, Milledale and Lampeter areas. She gave pep talks at the banquets. She also had TV interviews on WGAL, Lancaster with Bob Malick and on WLYH Lebanon. She will be on WGAL TV and radio for interviews in June.

What are the prerequisites to become a Dairy Princess? You must be a milk producer's daughter, not under seventeen years of age, must have graduated from high school and must



MRS. V. ALLEN PETERS, nee Miss Debrah Elaine Binkley in the regalia she will wear when she crowns the new Lancaster County Dairy Princess. Her gown is of yellow crepe. L. F. Photo

be single. It started at noon July 10 when the contestants and judges had luncheon together. After lunch the judges had conferences with individual contestants. In the evening they attended a banquet where Harry Kauffman of New Jersey was the M C. He talked to the girls about their life at home. While the speaker gave his talk the judges made their decision, then the master of ceremonies asked the girls questions.

The Mountville Church of the Brethren was the scene of a beautiful wedding June 1, 2 p.m. when Miss Debrah Binkley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard O. Binkley, became the bride of V. Allen Peters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Peters of Columbia R D 2. She was attended in a beautiful long white dotted swiss gown and veil and was attended by a maid of honor, two bridesmaids and a flower girl. The couple announced their engagement March 9, 1969.

The bridegroom is an electrician working for Elam E. Her-

shey, Electrical Contractor of Lancaster. His parents operate a truck farm. Allen and Debbie are looking forward to buying a small farm and farming it on the side while continuing in their present occupations.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Binkley were both raised on farms and they have been farming since 1954, having lived on their present farm the past five years. They have a 57 acre farm and rent some additional ground, thus they farm 75 or 80 acres altogether. They keep 62 head of registered and grade Holsteins, 33 being milking cows.

Mrs. Binkley (Julia) helps with the milking but says "My home is my main interest." Her hobby is flowers and she has many. She enjoys working in her rock garden. She likes to read and write poetry. Here is a poem she wrote before she was married.

"Preview To Spring"

Wasn't it beautiful out today?
It made me feel so carefree, so gay.

I rose before the sun had yet
climbed the hill
And the whole world seemed
peaceful and still.

I sat by the window and watched
the sun rise
And it was really a feast to my
eyes.

Just then a robin appeared on
the lawn,
Picking up crumbs I had
scattered at dawn.

I watched for awhile, then a
worm showed his head
But it wasn't long until he was
dead.

The day looked so inviting I
donned sweater and cap,
I was finally awaking from a
long, winter's nap.

Oh, winter has its beauty and is
all right, I suppose,
If you're willing to sacrifice
your nose and your toes.

What's that? It seems I'm
partial you say!
But I was simply captured by
this wonderful day.

The Binkleys have five children of which Debrah is the oldest. At home Debbie helped in tobacco, helped make hay and unload straw on her father's farm when she was in school and helped milk on week-ends since graduation. She likes to bake and sew and has done some oil paintings and embroidery work. She teaches Junior I Dept. Sunday School class of 8 and 9 year olds at Mountville Church of the Brethren.

Carol is a Junior in Hempfield Sr. High School, taking the Academic course. She is in the Math Club (must be invited to join it), the American Field Service Club and Future Teachers of America. She will be in Hempfield Singers next year. She likes to knit.

Glenn is in eighth grade at Centerville Jr. High School and will be an Industrial Arts student in Sr. High next year. He was in a model car club. He has two heifers he's raising.

Jeanne, 10, is in fifth grade at Mountville Elementary School. She has calves to feed and is quite a tomboy, however, she is a good little baker.

Laurie is 8 and in second grade at Mountville Elementary School. She likes her teachers, enjoys school and is a pretty good artist. She likes pets, especially some fish she has.

The Binkleys are avid users of milk and milk products. An old family lunch favorite is toasted cheese sandwiches and tomato soup. They are very fond of soups with a milk base and find no better way to relax than with a good milk shake. Mrs. Binkley uses her blender to make the milk shakes and finds it most convenient to make many recipes. She likes to cook and here are a few of her tried and true recipes.

BAKED CORN

To 1 cup ground dried corn
add 2 cups hot milk; (corn need



Mrs. Richard O. Binkley, mother of the Dairy Princess, relaxes with her milk shake. L. F. Photo

not be ground if you put hot milk in a blender and add corn, then blend.) Let stand 1 hour (or less). Add 2 beaten eggs, 1 cup milk, 1 teaspoon butter, 2 tablespoons sugar, salt to taste. Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees.

2 egg yolks
1 cup whipping cream
3/4 cup graham cracker crumbs
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Dissolve gelatin and 1/2 cup sugar in 1 cup boiling water. Add 1/2 cup cold water. Beat egg yolk until light and lemon colored. Add gelatin and whipping cream (not whipped). Chill in freezer 15 to 20 minutes, or until set. Beat 1 minute or until smooth. Meanwhile beat cream cheese until fluffy. Fold into stiffly beaten egg whites. Fold into gelatin mixture. Butter 9"x9"x2" baking pan, bottom and sides. Sprinkle in 1/2 cup graham cracker crumbs flavored with cinnamon. Pour cream cheese mixture over crumbs. Sprinkle rest of graham cracker and cinnamon mixture over top. Chill until firm.

BAKED CHICKEN & RICE (8 servings)

1 cup extra long grain rice
2 tablespoons butter
6 lb. frying chicken
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
4 eggs
4 cups milk
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
Sprigs of parsley
1 cup oil

Cook rice, stir in butter. Coat serving pieces of chicken with flour, salt and pepper mixture. Fry in heated oil until golden. Place chicken in large, shallow baking dish (single layer). Mix eggs, milk, nutmeg, parsley. Stir into rice with fork. Pour over chicken. Bake 45 minutes at 350 degrees.

REFRIGERATOR CHEESE CAKE

(8 or 10 servings)

3 oz. pkg. lemon flavored gelatin
1/2 cup sugar
4 3 oz. pkg. cream cheese
2 egg whites

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