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Six to Vie For Dairy Princess

Six young ladies will be vying for the title of Lancaster County Dairy Princess when the annual Dairy Princess Pageant is held on Saturday evening, June 23, at the Farm and Home Center.

The winner of the contest will become a goodwill spokesman for the dairy industry. She'll also compete in the state dairy princess pageant to be held later this year. Last year's local winner was Donna Book.

To be eligible for the contest, a girl must have completed her junior year in high school, and she must be the daughter of a dairy farmer, herdsman, farm

manager of dairy farm owner.

Festivities on the 23rd will begin with a reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00. Master of ceremonies for the evening will be David Yoder from Atlantic Breeders. Judges will be Mrs. Pat Erway, women's editor of LANCASTER FARMING, and Gary Martin, of the Sperry New Holland public relations department. There will be a third judge announced later.

This year's contestants are:
 Cheryl Balmer, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Balmer, Lititz RD4. She is a junior at

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His Holiness, Abuna Theophilos, left, Patriarch of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, was the guest of Jay Garber, right, on Wednesday. The Patriarch and his party

toured the Garber farm to become acquainted with American agricultural methods.



Cheryl Balmer



Dorothea George



Raelene Harbold



Rhoda Stauffer



Joann Weidman



Jeanetta Witmer

Ethiopia Church Leader Visits County Dairyman

When Jay Garber and his wife visited Ethiopia last year, they never expected a return visit to their New Danville farm from one of that country's most respected citizens. But that's exactly what happened this week, when His Holiness, Abuna Theophilos, dropped by to see what a Lancaster County farm looks like.

Abuna Theophilos is Patriarch of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, and thought by many to be the second most influential man in that African country of some 22 million people. The Patriarch is spending a month in this country, visiting church and other groups who've been active in helping his country develop its resources.

In Lancaster County, he visited the Eastern Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities, which maintains an extensive missionary and hospital program in Ethiopia. Jay Garber is on the Eastern Mennonite board of directors, and it was in that capacity that he and Mrs. Garber flew to Ethiopia for a 10-day visit in February of last year.

The primary reason for the trip was to observe the Mission's work. Garber said, though, that he learned many things about Ethiopian agriculture during his visit. While the country is located near the equator on Africa's

western coast, the climate is not exclusively tropical. The mountainous terrain has given the area a very diverse range of climates, from tropical to temperate, and even colder in some

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Milk Production at The Masonic Home

Barney Wilson manages one of the most successful Ayrshire herds in the state. Wilson is dairy manager for the Masonic Home Farm in Elizabethtown, and is responsible for producing all the milk consumed by the Home's 1200 guests.

The Home's placid Ayrshires

produce some 100,000 pounds of milk in an average month. Only about 25,000 pounds are needed by the home, so the surplus is shipped to a dairy in Harrisburg. Wilson said they have 103 cows, with 85 head milking at the present time. His herd average is

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Barney Wilson, dairy manager of the Masonic Home farm in Elizabethtown, has been working on the farm for 19 years.

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Farm Calendar

Saturday, June 2

1 p.m. -- Grooming and Showmanship Clinic, All 4-H Horse Club Members; Glick's

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