

Crowning Dairy Princess

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The dairy booth at the Lebanon County Dairy Princess Festival does a booming business. Offered were free milk, 10 cent double-dipper ice cream cones and 25 cent do-it-yourself sundaes.

A cow milking contest preceded the dairy princess contest at the fairgrounds. Two docile Holstein cows were provided for Lebanon Mayor Walter Swanger and County Commissioner Thomas Behney. The purpose of this contest was to show just who had the most "pull", county commissioners or mayors, according to Carl Brown, field representative for

the Holstein Friesian Association of America who acted as master of ceremonies for the festival. The mayor won, but the contest was called with 15 seconds to go when the mayor's cow decided she had had enough and neatly stepped away from the mayor and his milk pail. She spooked the commissioner's cow, who in turn "kicked the bucket", but not the

commissioner, and also walked off the scene. Commissioner Behney was left with an empty pail and Mayor Swanger was declared the winner.

Several hundred of the thousand cow pictures entered in the "Daisy the Cow" coloring contest were exhibited. Winners were Joanne Nolt, a second grader at Fort Zellers Elementary School and Clark Smith, a second grader at Jackson Elementary School in Myerstown. Miss Nolt was named grand prize winner and was awarded an inflated cow in addition to her cash prize. The contest was open to all children in kindergarten through fourth grade.

Winner of the poster contest, open to fifth through eighth graders, was Karen Reist, a fifth grader at Cornwall Elementary School. All posters were on display at the fairgrounds. Each had to contain an original slogan or picture designed to promote the use of milk in the daily diet.

The cow coloring contest and poster contest were organized through the schools so that children would be sure to learn the value of using dairy products. In order to encourage attendance at the festival, the owner of the winning cow or poster had to be present to win the prize. All children who had entered a cow in the coloring contest and who attended the festival Saturday night received a free certificate from a local merchant - and they were bound to have picked up some information on the value of dairy products. Mrs. Sandra Klinger coordinated the contests.

A highlight of the festival was a dairy foods contest. There were 18 entries in six categories. Winners and their categories were: cheesecake - Pat Arnold, 941 Mt. Zion Road, Lebanon for Strawberry Cheesecake; cake - Mrs. Pauline Heffelfinger, Lebanon RD2, Sour Cream Coffee Cake; main dish - Celie Arnold, Lebanon RD2, Stuffed Chicken Delight; appetizer-snacks - Debra Hartmoyer, 1247 Willow Street, Lebanon, Blue Cheese Balls; low-calorie - Hilda G. Light Morrisey, Lebanon, Low Calorie Dip, breads - Mary Arnold, RD2, Kiffels.

The grand prize cooking award went to Celie Arnold, with her Stuffed Chicken Delight. The recipe follows:

Stuffed Chicken Delight

Filling:
 3/4 cup butter
 1/2 cup onion (chopped)
 2 teaspoons oregano
 2 teaspoons dry mustard
 4 teaspoons parsley flakes
 4 cups bread cubes
 Sauté onions in melted butter; add the oregano, dry mustard and parsley flakes. Add bread cubes, toss together.
 4 chicken breasts, boned
 4 slices Monterey Jack cheese
 Seasoned salt
 Paprika

Sauce:
 1 can mushroom soup
 1 can milk
 Line each chicken breast with a slice of cheese; sprinkle with seasoned salt; place 2 tablespoons bread filling on each. Fold chicken over filling, anchor with toothpicks.
 Place in casserole dish and pour the sauce over the stuffed chicken and add the remaining filling. Bake at 375 degrees for one hour.

Carl Smith presented an award to the grand prize winner and he said the foods contest was a valuable part of the festival because "it showed the many and varied ways to use dairy products."

Judges for the dairy foods contest were Mrs. Jan Cooper, home economist for Hershey Foods Test Kitchen; Mrs. Christopher Sowers, home economics teacher at Lebanon High School; and Mrs. Sally Bair, feature writer for LANCASTER FARMING.

The dairy festival was a family affair, with something of interest for everyone. Both before and after the contest there was a dairy booth, which gave away milk and did a booming business in ice cream cones and sundaes, charging 10 cents and 25 cents respectively. Portions were very generous, and you could dip your own toppings for your sundaes.

The committee promoted dairy products all the way, and to help defray expenses of the contest, they sold cheese cleavers, pretty MILK glasses and "Moo-Cow" cream pitchers. For the little tots there were balloons (sometimes even a free "blow-up" for the balloons), and "drink more milk" tops.

At a reception for the new Dairy Princess following her selection everyone had the opportunity to sample the dishes entered in the dairy foods contest, as well as enjoy tidbits and dairy dips supplied by the committee.

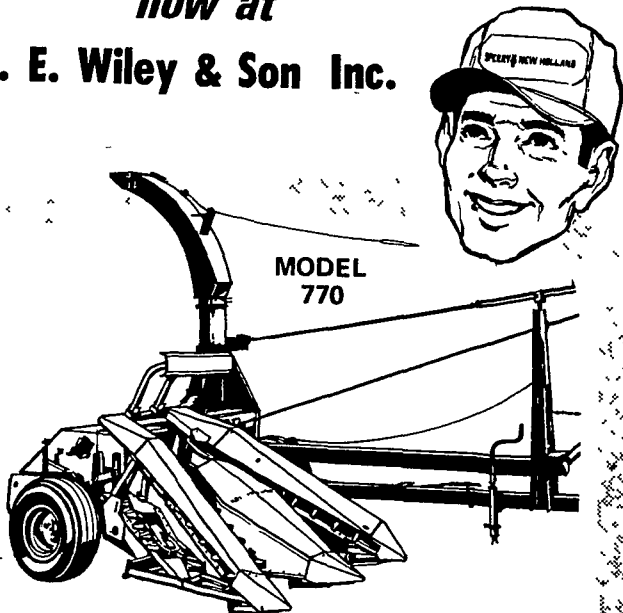
In other presentations, Mrs. Irvin Horst, on behalf of the committee, gave outgoing Princess Pat Krall a pewter pitcher in appreciation for her work over the past year, and a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Ray Sattazahan for her work in putting the contest together.

The Lebanon County festival committee took the job of promoting milk seriously, and did all they could to let the general public know that June is Dairy Month. A promotion like this each year will soon have all the people of Lebanon County looking forward to the good things that mean Dairy Month is here.

The dairy festival committee was: Mrs. Ray Sattazahan, chairman, Mrs. Albert Moyer, Mrs. Irvin Horst, Mrs. Sandy Klinger, Miss Patricia Krall, Kenneth Sellers and Carl Smith. Mrs. Alletta Shadler, Lebanon County Extension home economist and Newton J. Bair, assistant County Agent, acted as advisors to the committee.

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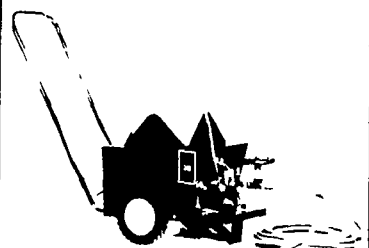
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