

This Chick is PA's Newest Poultry Ambassador



Kathy's been playing the organ for eight years and played the piano for three years before that. But she insists she still must practice.

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She had annual flowers as a project for five years and in her last year she raised vegetables. She said, "I got pretty many firsts in flowers and flower arrangements."

Another project was "health" where she learned good nutrition, physical fitness, and personal care. She served the club as treasurer, secretary and social chairman. A teen leader for four years, Kathy helped visit other members.

Her 4-H projects provided "a lot of the money to pay my way to school." In addition to the money, she said 4-H work has been very enjoyable to her. "It gives you responsibility to learn to care for animals. Even raising flowers or vegetables teaches you a sense of responsibility. 4-H is really beneficial."

When asked if she'd marry a farmer, she said, "Sometimes I think I would, but I wouldn't like getting up early in the morning to milk cows. I really like the farm and I think it would be great if

Seasoning Sense

Beef steaks should be seasoned after browning for a very important reason. Salt, a common seasoning agent, draws meat juices to the surface which retards the initial browning that maximizes the wonderful flavor of beef. An easy rule is to season each side of the steak after it has been browned.

every child could grow up on one. But it is a hard life, 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

She feels that only if a young man can get a boost will he be able to profitably go into farming for a career, and added, "It's a hard life to keep up with as you get older." It is her feeling that farms will become larger in the future, but said, "It is sad to lose the smaller farms." As an example of an unfortunate loss of farm land she cited the new Route 422 Bypass which will be built south of Anville and "will take away some of the richest farm land around. "It makes me mad."

About being the mother of a queen, Mrs. Early said, "Her father and I are very proud of her. She's been a very good girl." Mrs. Early went on to explain one of the reasons her daughter is so active, relating that when Kathy was in seventh grade she broke her leg and had to stay in bed for three months. Kathy said then she was going to "go, go, go" when she got out of bed, and her Mother said she has done just that ever since.

Kathy says her hobbies are playing the organ, cooking, reading and crocheting. "I'm also starting to sew - my roommate at school is teaching me." Since money is scarce as a student, she says, "I'm making my gifts for Christmas."

Kathy has already made an

appearance in the Myerstown Halloween parade as the new Poultry Queen, and her next duty will be to present a turkey to Governor Shapp as part of the Farm-City week observance in Harrisburg. She plans to be at the Farm Show, appearing in the Poultry Federation Booth, and she said there will be other appearances at banquets and meetings throughout the year.

Kathy said she is really looking forward to her year as Poultry Queen. "I think it will be quite an experience."

And Kathy Early, the dairy farmer's daughter from Anville, will be quite an attractive, articulate representative of the state's poultry industry.

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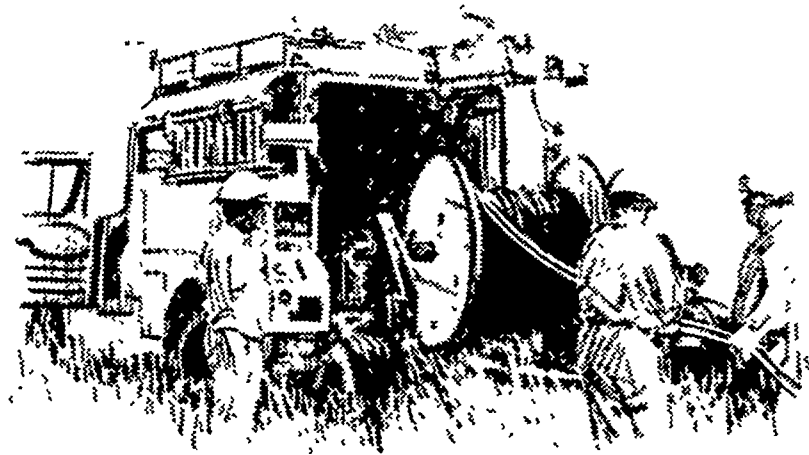
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