

State Dairy Princess Crowned in Harrisburg

by Sally Bair

Pennsylvania's 1975 Dairy Princess is sparkling seventeen-year-old Debra L. Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Miller, Linglestown, RD4.

Debra was crowned by retiring Princess Marcia Gnagey in ceremonies held at the Penn Harris Motor Inn in conjunction with the 1974 Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show.

Chester County's Dairy Princess Tina Marie Acker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Acker, Chester Springs RD1, was named first runner-up in the state contest. Second runner-up was Mary Ellen Krompasky, Wayne County Dairy Princess. Mary Ellen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Krompasky, Hamlin.

Another area Dairy Princess, York County's

Gale L. Bentz, won the coveted Miss Congeniality prize which is awarded by the contestants themselves. Gale is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laverne K. Bentz, Wellsville.

For the first time, seven semi-finalists were selected and interviewed during the ceremonies. In addition to the winners, they included Robin Rice, Bedford County; Evelyn Logut, Butler County; Aliceann Paxton, Washington County; and Ann Uschak, Westmoreland County.

Two additional awards were presented for the first time. One was given for the best five-minute oral presentation which each girl was required to give to the judges and other contestants. Second runner-up Mary Ellen Krompasky received that award and the new Dairy Princess was one

of six girls to receive honorable mention.

The contestants also chose the best scrapbook of activities and that award went to Aliceann Paxton, Washington County Dairy Princess.

Other local contestants who participated in the two day contest were Lancaster County's Diane M. Crider, Nottingham RD2; Berks County's Susan Seidel, Richland; Lebanon County's Ruth L. Miller, Myerstown RD4; and Debra Alice Gregory, Lititz RD1 who represented the Penn State Dairy Science Club.

The Dairy Princess coronation was held in conjunction with the 25th anniversary meeting of the national Dairy Shrine Club. During the Shrine Club program, four "pioneers" of the dairy industry were honored, including O.F. Foster, Clarkston, Michigan; James F. Kendrick, Arlington, Virginia; John R. Valentine, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania and Joe S. Taylor, State College, Pennsylvania. Guest of Honor award went to Dr. Harry A. Herman and the student recognition contest winner was Dale Matheron, Merced, California.

Donald V. Seipt, Easton RD4, was elected president of the Dairy Shrine to succeed outgoing president Dr. George Trimberger, Cornell University.



Pennsylvania's new dairy princess, Dauphin County's Debbie Miller, is shown here shortly after she was crowned Wednesday night in Harrisburg. Flanking her are Tina

Acker, Chester County's dairy princess who was state runner up, and Mary Ellen Krompasky, Wayne County, who was named Miss Congeniality.

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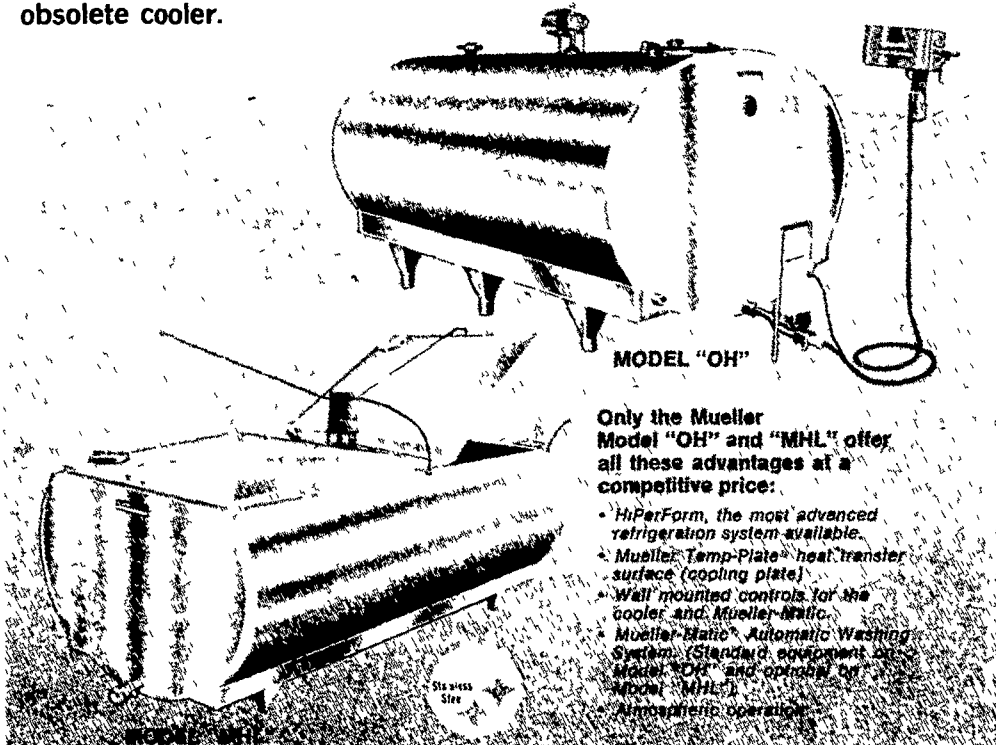
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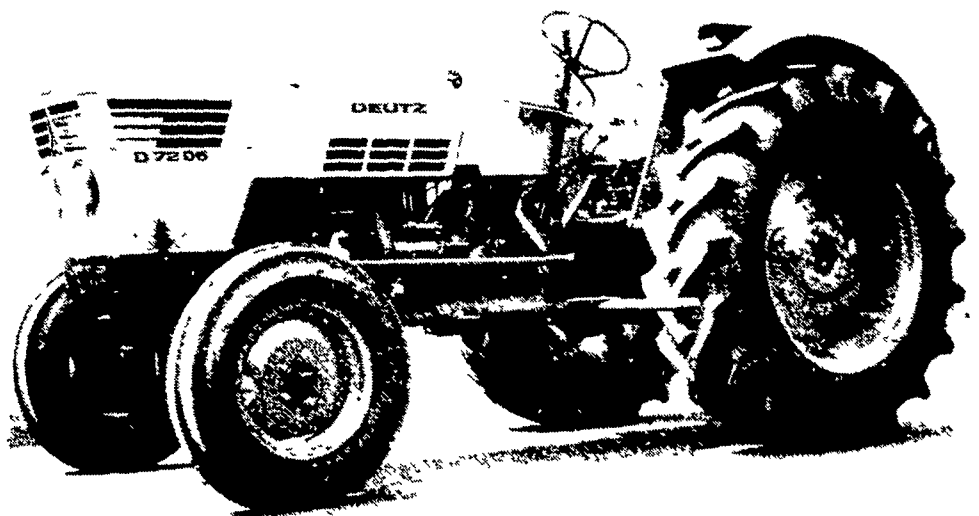
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