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Dave Martin, aboard Cracker Jacks, tries to mark his horse for the best score of the day during a rodeo

earlier in the season. The young man hails from Menges Mills, York County.

## York County Youth Realizes Dream As Rodeo Promoter

Many young people dream of the careers they would like to pursue however, many often find it difficult to make their ideals come true. One young man, however

has seen his dream come true but by a lot of hard work, planning and determination. David Martin, 21, York County, has become one of the youngest rodeo

promoters and professional cowboys here in the eastern United States, and will see his work pay off on July 4, 5, 6 when the gates will open on [Continued on Page 22]

## Planning, Hard Work Bring Dairy Success

A breeding program faithfully followed for more than two decades, combined with a controversial approach to herd health and a feeding program they believe in have made the father-son partnership of Harold and Donald Bollinger one of Lebanon County's leading milk producing teams.

The Bollingers' rolling herd average in June, with 44 cows, was 19,151 pounds of milk and 678 of fat. To feed their herd of Registered Holsteins, the Bollingers grow some 80 acres of silage corn and 25 to 30 acres of alfalfa on their 165-acre farm just outside Kleinfeltersville.

"We should have more land," Harold, the elder Bollinger told Lancaster Farming, "but land is just too expensive to either buy or rent around here." The Bollingers used to grow some tobacco to flesh out the milk checks, but gave that enterprise up when they put in a 72,000-bird contract broiler operation. Although

Donald does most of the work in the chicken house, both partners share equally in the farm work.

Harold Bollinger was a foresighted dairyman back in 1943 when he signed up for DHIA, and a year later when he started his artificial breeding program.

Type is very important to the Bollingers. "We look at a cow's type and try to breed her to a bull that will correct her weaknesses," Donald said. "We look for production, too. We don't use too many minus PD (predicted difference) bulls."

Two of the favorite Bollinger studs right now are Harrisburg Gay Ideal and Whittier Farms Apollo Rocket. "Rocket has the highest PD in the world,"

Harold said. "His daughters give 2361 pounds of milk more than their herdmates. But he has a minus PD in type because of a weak rump. If we have a cow whose rump isn't all it should be, we won't breed her to Rocket."

Bollinger pointed out, though, that no matter how good the breeding, cows won't perform according to their genetic ability unless they're fed right.

Corn silage and haylage are the mainstays of the Bollinger feeding program. The corn silage is kept in a bottom-unloading sealed concrete silo, while the haylage goes into a top unloading silo. They buy vitamins and minerals from

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## Berks Farm Family Chosen

The Feryl Treichler Family, Kutztown R3, were recently named as the Berks County Farm Family of 1975.

Honored at a banquet in Bernville and also at the Reading Fair this past week, the Treichlers explained that their secret to success is to accept losses and to "keep plugging along."

The Treichler family, including sons, Keith and Rodney share in the farm and are active members of the Virginville Grange. Their farm consists of fifty owned acres and another 210 which are rented. Hay, alfalfa and corn are the

principal crops raised along with a dairy operation.

Mrs. Treichler is a busy farm wife who enjoys canning and freezing their produce as well as sewing and collecting recipes. Pie baking is also one of her favorite pastimes and one she is quite good at, having won the grand champion honors in the pie baking contest at the 1973 Kempton Fair.

The varied farm related activities of all the Treichler family leaves little doubt that they are indeed Berks County's Outstanding Farm Family.

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## Area Counties Select Dairy Princesses



Donna Akers, Lancaster County Dairy Princess

Four brand new princesses were crowned last weekend as area dairy princess committees wrapped up weeks and months of preparation and hard work. On Friday night, Dauphin County's new princess was crowned, and on Saturday evening, shining crowns rested for the first time on the heads of young ladies from Berks, Chester and Lancaster Counties.

Pictured here are three of the winners, with more photos inside. Yet to come are the York County contest, set for today, June 28, and the Lebanon County competition slated also for this evening.

Winners from each of the



Cathy Yanos, Berks County Dairy Princess.

contests will compete in the State Dairy Princess Contest in September.

### Lancaster County

For sixteen-year-old Donna Akers Saturday was not only the longest day of the year but surely the most exciting. Donna was crowned the 1975 Lancaster County Dairy Princess at the Farm and Home Center, concluding a day of interviews and an evening of festivities.

Donna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Akers, Quarryville R2, and will be a senior at Solanco High School. She was crowned by outgoing Dairy Princess Diane Crider.



Sandy Evans, Chester County Dairy Princess.

First Alternate was Lisa Rae Hoover, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond M. Hoover, Gap R1. Lisa will be a senior at Pequea Valley High School.

Debra Crider, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Crider, Nottingham R2, was selected Miss Congeniality in balloting by the eight contestants.

The setting was old-fashioned, with a touch of red, white and blue to accent the bicentennial theme, but the contest was thoroughly modern. There were flowing dresses, happy smiles and quick answers as the girls competed for the right to represent Lancaster

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