

Chester County youth enjoys being a farmer's daughter

By Melissa Piper
COCHRANVILLE — There's a phrase that has become popular of late and it expresses the thought "I'm proud to be a farmer's daughter." One youth who is quite exemplary of that idea is Gwen King, Cochranville R1.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph King, a dairying couple, Gwen believes that there's no better place to grow up than on a farm.

"I just couldn't imagine living in the city," the attractive strawberry blonde explained.

"Out here you have all the room you need and I love it!"

While Gwen has not been a member of any formalized farm youth organizations, the young lady has been active in many school and community projects.

A senior at Octorara High School, Gwen is a member

and secretary of the Chorus, a member of the Bible Club and future nurses club and belongs to the National Honor Society.

Gwen is an active member and works closely with the Victory Chapel Church in the Cochranville area. The young lady serves as organist and pianist for junior church and substitutes for adults church, helps organize the very successful bus ministry and also sing in the choir.

"I enjoy working with the young people at the church," Gwen explained.

"We have quite a number of them attending and it keeps us very busy to see that they all stay in line."

Gwen devotes several nights a week to the church including choir practice and programs.

Working on the farm has always been interesting for

Gwen and the young lady has done her share of milking and working in the fields.

"I guess I really enjoy driving the tractor and working in the fields."

"A lot of girls don't care for that part of farming but I just like being outside."

The Kings milk about 60 head of Holsteins and Gwen is no stranger to the dairy business. At an earlier age, Gwen did much of the work at the barn during milking but younger brothers and sisters have now taken over her duties.

Alternate Dairy Princess

This past spring, the Kings' milk tester suggested that Gwen should try out for the Chester County Dairy Princess Contest.

"At first I thought they were kidding, but after thinking about it I thought it might be fun to try."

Gwen entered the contest and placed second, becoming Chester County's alternate dairy princess. Gwen has represented the dairy enterprise by traveling to several events including the Unionville Old Timer's Day and the Chester County Holstein Day. The youth will also be speaking at several banquets in the area this fall.

Gwen has some definite ideas about how milk should be promoted and is anxious to work on them. "I feel the best way to promote dairying is to get the story to the younger children."

"If you can get the ideas to them then the adults will follow."

The Chester County youth is waiting for next spring to roll around again since she is going to enter the contest for a second time.



Gwen King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph King, Cochranville R1, enjoys living and working on the farm. Named Chester County's alternate dairy princess this past spring, Gwen has organized some good plans for promoting milk.

An honor student, Gwen is interested in becoming a registered nurse. She would like to specialize in pediatrics as she enjoys children.

But no matter where her studies may take her, Gwen says she'll always be glad to be a farmer's daughter.

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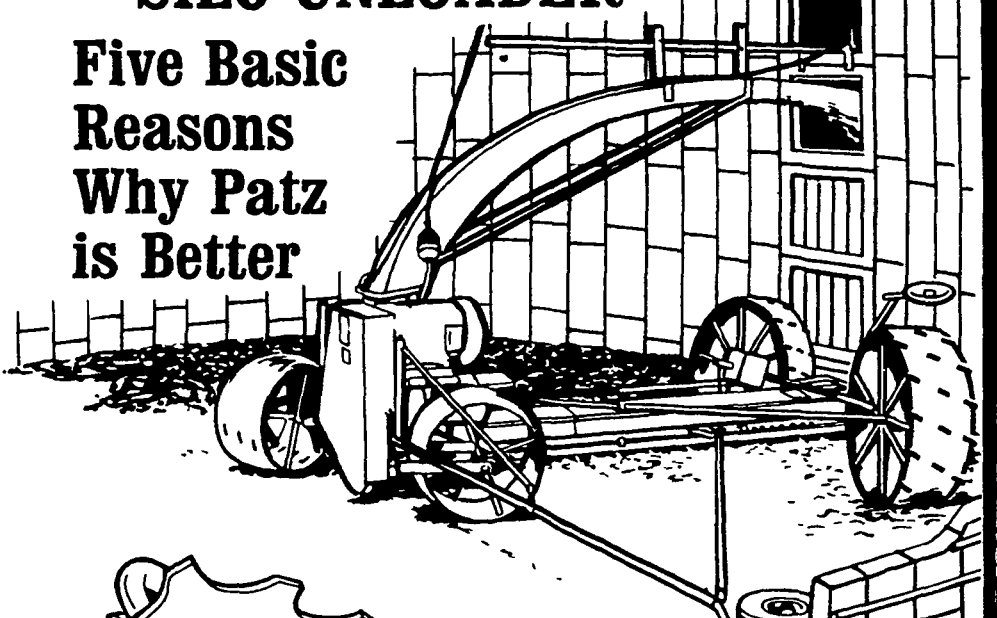
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