

Dauphin Co. Dairy Princess

Princess crowned amid local celebrities

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 Feature Writer  
 Dauphin County's 1976 Dairy Princess is 17-year-old Donna Brandt, crowned before an attentive crowd of 250 people in the Colonial

Park Mall, Harrisburg, last Friday night.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brandt, Hershey, Donna said she wants to spend her year promoting milk and hopes to "get more people to drink milk."

First Alternate was Deborah Miller, 17, Halifax, R1, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fran Miller. Deborah is a senior at Dauphin County Technical School.

The five girls competing for the title were interviewed by WHP radio personality Ron Drake, who attracted much attention for the dairy industry.

In response to a question, the new Dairy Princess said if she were to have to make a commercial to sell milk she would tell people it was nutritious, good for your health and the number one drink.

Donna will be a senior at Lower Dauphin High School where she is on the varsity tennis team, student council, class council, a member of the business club and Future Secretaries of America. She had been a 4-H'er for five years. She plans a career as dental assistant.

The Brandts own a mixed milking herd of 40 head of Holsteins and Brown Swiss. About living on a dairy farm Donna said, "I love it - I

would not want it any other way." As for the beginning of her reign as Dairy Princess she said, "I feel good - I'm excited about it."

Last year's Dairy Princess Marjie Hoffer not only crowned her successor, but presented an enlightening story about her reign as dairy princess and the many ways she promoted milk. She also introduced the audience to "Goldie," her pet cow puppet who assisted in educational presentations.

The audience was treated to an appearance by Charlene Maust, Pennsylvania Dairy Princess from Somerset County. Charlene asked spectators to imagine what it would be like if there were no dairy farmers - there would be no ice cream, no milk, no cheese or any other dairy product. She then told them some basic nutritional facts about dairy products and why they need to be included in the daily diet.

Charlene said all the contestants were already promoting milk just by participating in the program. She told each one she was a "special princess," and that she hoped they have gained knowledge, responsibility and friendship during their time together. Among the other con-

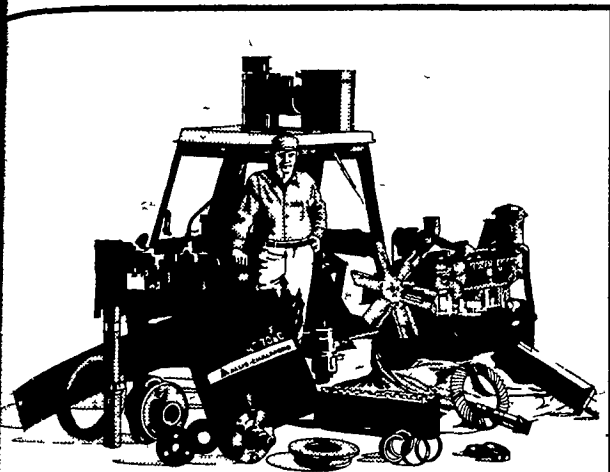


New Dauphin County Dairy Princess, Donna Brandt, poses with first alternate Deborah Miller.

testants were Joy Marie Byers, Middletown R1, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Byers; Darlene Fetrow, Palmyra R1, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Fetrow; and Theresa Watts, Hummelstown, R2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Watts.

Judges for the event were Mrs. Joyce Bupp, York County farm wife and writer for dairy publications; Mrs. Coleen Greecher, nutritional consultant, Dairy Council, Inc.; and Tom Inswiler, marketing specialist, Bureau of Rural Affairs, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. The judges conducted individual interviews with the girls prior to the contest and got to know them informally at dinner.

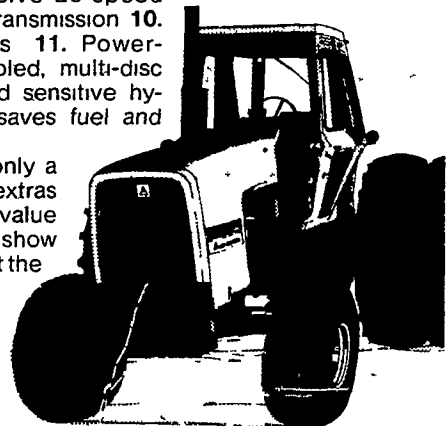
Mrs. Pat Miller was chairman of the contest. The Dairy Council provided their life-sized cow "Geraldine" and nutrition posters to help with the promotion.



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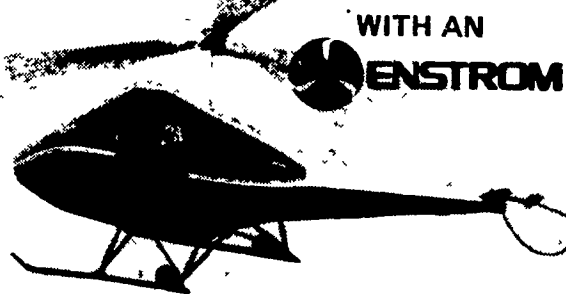
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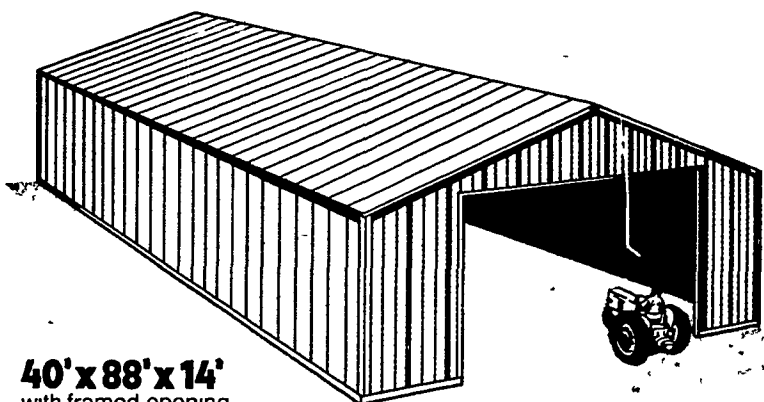
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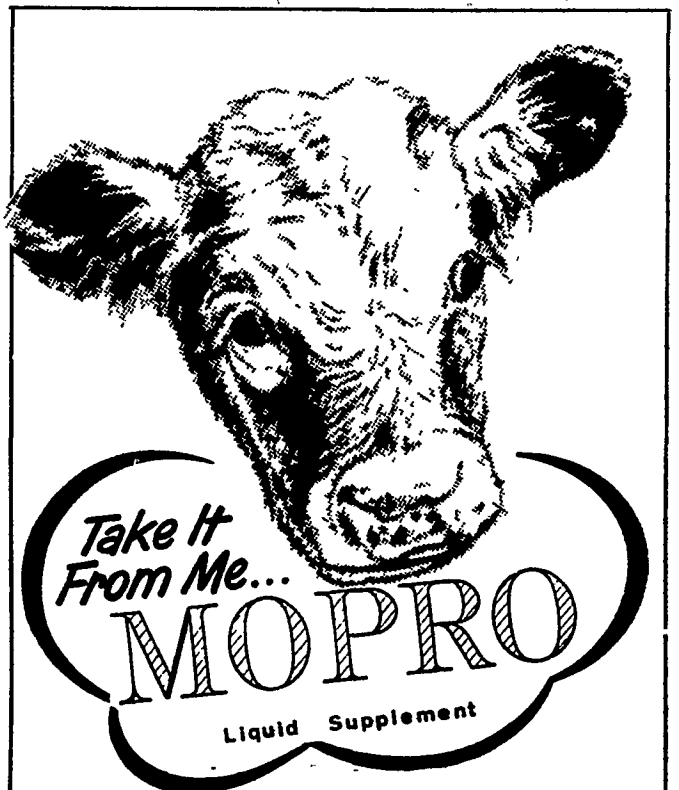
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