

Twila Brubaker crowned midst gala affair

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Feature Writer

LANCASTER, Pa. - Twila Brubaker, Manheim R4, is not only pretty, but popular, and the combination made her a double winner Saturday night when she was crowned the 1977 Lancaster County Dairy Princess at ceremonies at the Farm and Home Center. She also received the Miss Congeniality award, based on a vote by all contestants.

Seventeen-year-old Twila was first alternate in the 1976 contest, and made several appearances on behalf of Deb Kreider, who crowned her successor.

First alternate in the contest was Susan Lynn Skiles, Narvon R2, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. Skiles. Susan graduated from Pequea Valley High School this month and will enter Lancaster General Hospital School of Nursing in the Fall.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brubaker, the new dairy princess

graduated from Manheim Central High School in June. She wishes to train as a licensed practical nurse, and must wait until September of 1978 to be enrolled at Willow Street Vo-Tech because of the courses' popularity.

Twila said her work as first alternate helped prepare her for the coming year. "It gave me an idea about how busy I will be."

In an interview following the contest, she said, "I am honored to be chosen, and I feel it will be a very rewarding experience." She said she will plan to continue programs of promotion carried out in the past, but added, "I hope to develop some new ways of promoting milk."

As a contestant, Twila spent time promoting milk with the other contestants at the Mall Day Dairy Month promotion sponsored by the committee. About the experience she said, "I really enjoyed working with the public. I also liked helping

Deb with an elementary school appearance."

In her interview before the audience and the judges, Twila had the opportunity to tell why she feels dairy products are important in the daily diet. She said, "Because of milk's nutrition. Milk helps build healthy bodies and strong teeth."

It was a gala evening for the local contest, and even a severe thundershower left the area in time for the patio-reception, as planned. The rain did nothing to dampen the spirits of the 325 dairy supporters who attended the banquet and contest.

All contestants teamed up for a milk promotion before the dinner, when they carried in ice cold pitchers of milk for the banquet tables, and sang along with Jane Ayers in a specially written rendition of the promotion song, "Milk is a Natural." Everyone enjoyed seeing the contestants doing the "natural" thing for anyone interested in being a dairy princess.

The on-stage part of the contest began with an

audience-pleaser when the 10 contestants appeared in a musical number attired as "southern belles" complete with parasols and bouquets. Jane Ayers led the girls in singing, and she appeared on the program later in her own musical numbers. Glenn Hough, well-known organist, provided the accompaniment throughout the evening.

The "southern belles" carried through on the southern theme of decorating which featured high white columns, abundant greens and spanish moss, and "doll" cakes at each table.

The rest of the contest was carried out on a more traditional level, with master of ceremonies Grover Gouker, Jr., of the Dale Carnegie Institute, leading the girls through interviews and questions.

Judges were Mrs. Raymond Armacost, dairyman's wife and active dairy princess promoter from Upperco, Md.; Eugene Richard, vice-president, American Bank, Myer-

stown; and Alfred Brandt, retired dairyman from Lebanon R2.

Other contestants were: Margo Armstrong, daughter of Joan Armstrong and Hugh Armstrong, New Providence

R1; Sheryl Boll, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren F. Boll; Linda C. Lititz R4; and Linda C. daughter of Mr. and

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Twila Brubaker took the throne as this year's Lancaster County dairy princess during ceremonies last Saturday evening at the Farm and Home Center.

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