

Aspiring herdswoman chosen dairy princess

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NEWVILLE, Pa. - Karen Smith, a 17-year-old senior at Big Springs High School, has been crowned the 1977 Cumberland County Dairy Princess. She was chosen from a field of five competitors during the June 15 pageant at Big Springs High School, Newville.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, Shippensburg R1, Karen plans to become a herdswoman after high school graduation. Her dairying background includes several years in 4-H work; she owns eight registered Holsteins. Karen is a teen leader and also carries cooking, sewing, crafts, and flower projects as well.

Active in school activities, she is a member of the concert band, twirls a flag on the marching band front and plays on the volleyball team. Sunday mornings find Karen teaching a first grade Sunday School class.

Pitching in with the family barn chores are part of the new dairy princess' schedule. She helps milk the 50-Holstein herd, feeds calves and gets behind the wheel of the tractor when needed in the fields.

Her presentation to the audience during the princess competition included posters and background information on milk. During one-stage

judging, the new princess readily shared her favorite dairy recipe from memory.

With a busy Summer already scheduled, Karen is looking forward to her year of milk promotion appearances.

"I'm especially eager for the chance to take live cows into the schools," Karen said.

First runner-up is Janice Davidson, who is a senior at Shippensburg High School. Janice, age 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Davidson, Shippensburg R2. Janice and her sister take turns rising at 5:00 a.m. to help milk the family's 60 Holsteins. A 4-H member for seven years, she enjoys taking her project animals to area shows, and serves as a teen leader.

Janice has won two degrees in the Future Homemakers of America and is a member of the Pennsylvania Junior Holstein Association. Her future plans include a secretarial career.

Sheree Mains, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mains, Newville R1, was

named second runner-up. A 1977 graduate of Big Springs High School, Sheree will attend Shippensburg State College in September, majoring in elementary education. She is currently employed by her father to help milk the herd of 150 cows.

Peggy Staub, 1976 Cumberland County pageant winner, is currently serving the dairy industry as Pennsylvania dairy princess. She spoke during the program, reviewing her year's activities, and offering thanks to all who had helped her. Peggy was presented with a legislative citation, recognizing her achievements, which was sponsored and presented by Representative Fred Noye.

Musical entertainment for the evening was provided by vocalist Paul Roth.

Pageant judges were Mrs. David Roth, Loysville, dairy farm wife and retired guidance counselor; David Yoder, Lancaster, general manager of Atlantic Breeders Cooperative; and Mrs. Leroy Bupp, Seven Valleys, dairy farm wife.



Peggy Staub, 1976 Cumberland County dairy princess and reigning Pennsylvania dairy princess, crowns her successor, Karen Smith.



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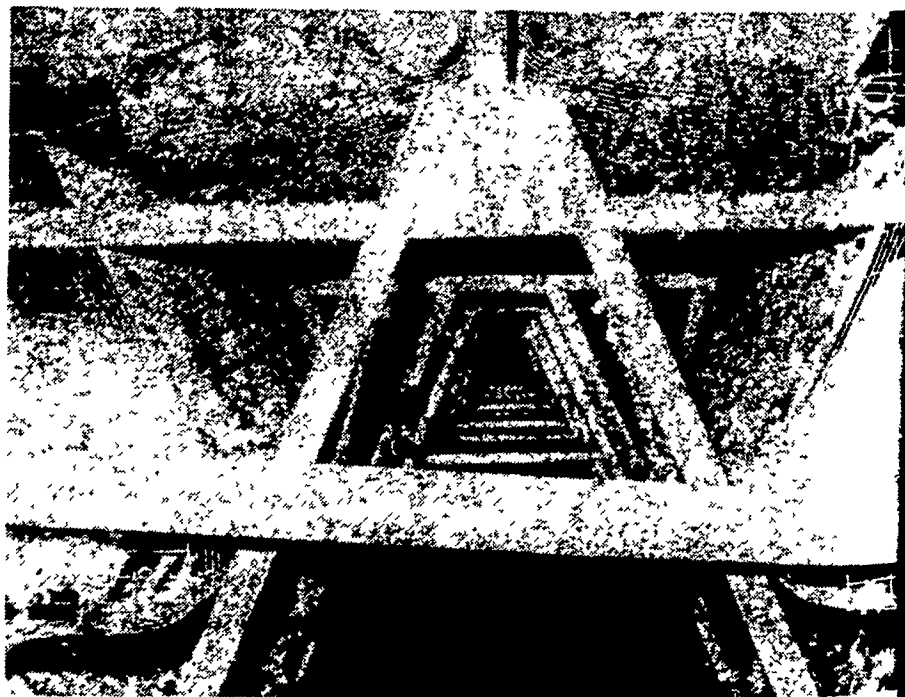
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