

# Shelhamer crowns milk princess



Agriculture Secretary Kent Shelhamer chats with Pammy Robbins, center, 1977 dairy princess for Columbia and Luzerne counties. With them are, left

to right, Claire Young, alternate; Joyce Groff, PDA dairy promotion; and Jeanette Schultz, alternate.

BLOOMSBURG - Pennsylvania's secretary of agriculture, Kent Shelhamer, had the honor of crowning his home county's new dairy princess recently, when 17-year old Pammy Robbins was chosen to represent the dairy industry in Columbia and Luzerne counties.

Shelhamer, who owns a fruit farm in Columbia County was guest speaker at the event, which was held at the Will-O-Bett Farm. He also used the occasion to bestow the first Century Farm Certificates in Pennsylvania.

The highlight of the evening was the crowing of

the dairy princess, Pammy Robbins, by Kent Shelhamer. Alternates were Claire Ellen Young and Jeanette Shultz.

Judges for the evening were: Mrs. Cliff LeVan, Gordon Boyer and George Urbanis. Escorts were: Tammy "Boz" Robbins, Bob Jones and Gary Ent.

The dairy princess contest was presented for the sixth year by the Columbia County-Wide Dairy 4-H Club, with the help of the dairy committee chairmen Albert Hack, Mrs. Jack Dent, Mrs. George Duncan and Mrs. Richard Ridgway.

The new princess is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Robbins, Bloomsburg, R4 where the family owns a dairy and general farm with a milking herd of 72 Holsteins.

Seventeen-year old Pammy helps with the milking, feeding, and cleaning, and is owner of two milking cows and two calves. She has been actively involved in 4-H for eight years where she is currently serving as 1977's Columbia County Outstanding Girl, she is also secretary and news reporter for the Rifle Club, president and teen leader of the County-Wide Dairy Club and Mt. Pleasant Community Club, and secretary and news reporter for County Council.

A senior at Central Columbia High School, she is vice president of FHA.

After graduation next Spring she plans on attending nursing school.

Alternate Jeannette Shultz is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Shultz of Berwick. She is a 1977 graduate of Berwick High School. Her parents own 47 Holstein Dairy cows.

Claire Ellen Young is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Young of Drums, R1. She is a 1977 graduate of Hazelton High School, and lives on a 100 acre dairy farm.

## Crittenden retired

NEWARK, Del.—Dr. H. William ("Bill") Crittenden, a plant pathologist noted for his successful work as a breeder of disease resistant soybeans, retired June 30 from the University of Delaware's College of Agricultural Sciences. During his 30 years with the College, Crittenden was responsible for the release of six soybean varieties, all of them closely tailored to growing conditions on the Delmarva peninsula.

The plant scientist came to

Delaware in 1948 from his native Ohio, where he earned his graduate degrees at Ohio State University. According to Dean Donald F. Crossan, who has known the pathologist both as a teacher and a researcher, Crittenden made many significant contributions to the College

and to Delaware agriculture during his many years of service.

Through now retired, he doesn't plan to remain out of harness long. He is hoping to resume his research efforts with soybeans once he and his wife relocate, somewhere in the mid-West.

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