

Dairy princess

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 Mayor Paul Doutrich, Dauphin County commissioners John Minnich, Earl Reider, and state representatives Jeffrey McCoola, Stephen Reed, Joseph Manmiller; and Joseph Diminni. In a unique and doubly challenging part of the contest, the vice milkers had to squirt

milk into glasses which were set five to six feet away from the udder. The crowd looked on in fascination.

In other portions of the program, 4-H'ers, FFA'ers and a few folks from the crowd chugged milk shakes. The competition was scored on an individual as well as team basis.

Once all that was over, the



The milking contest at the Harrisburg East Mall last week was of interest to farmers and shoppers alike.

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two finalists for the dairy princess contests were introduced. Accompanying them were the 1977 Dauphin County dairy princess - Donna Capp - and their respective male escorts.

Runner-up Kathy Feidt just finished her junior year at Upper Dauphin High School, and she is a member of the Upper Dauphin 4-H Dairy Club. A veteran of virtually every available office in that club, she owns six cows, and eight calves and has participated in many local and area dairy shows. Her parents have Holstein and Brown Swiss cows on their northern Dauphin County farm.

Debbie Cassel - the new dairy princess - says she enjoys drinking milk. The reason is that it tastes very good and it quenches her thirst quickly. "During my reign I will visit grocery

stores and grade schools to sell others on the value of milk," she commented during an interview last week. The new dairy princess believes the industry can benefit the most through visits to grade schools because the younger children haven't made up their minds yet as to what they'll want nutritionally. Older children and adults, are more difficult to convince, Miss Cassel explained.

Miss Cassel entered this year's pageant because she wants to help promote the dairy industry and please her parents at the same time, she said. She's at home on a 350-acre dairy operation which features 250 head of dairy cattle. Two breeds are represented - Holsteins and Jerseys. Asked which of the breeds she personally preferred, the young lady came up with a quick smile and accompanying "Jerseys." She says they make

better pets, are more lovable, and she has won more shows with them.

A secretary for Cleveland Brothers Equipment, Co., Harrisburg, Miss Cassel wants to go to college and major in dairy science. "I definitely want to live on a farm," she responded to one of the interviewer's questions.

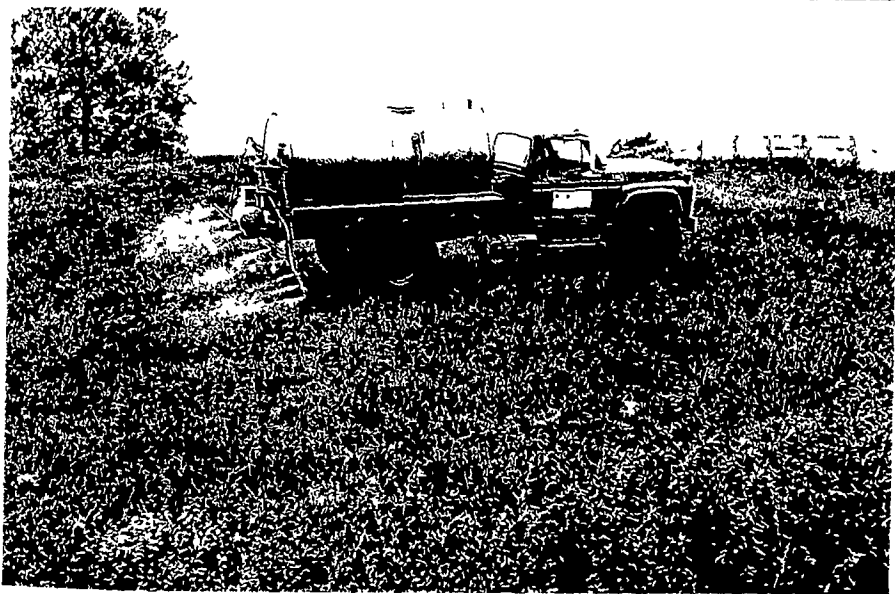
Aside from her responsibilities at the equipment firm, the new dairy princess also helps to milk cows in the evening and on weekends. Feeding some of the youngstock is another of her responsibilities. She has shown cattle for 10 years in 4-H and feels her coronation as dairy princess is "a great way to end my career in 4-H."

Franklin Co. 4-H beef club brands steers

GREENCASTLE - The Franklin County 4-H Baby Beef Club held its weigh-in and branding at the Greencastle Livestock Auction on May 13.

A total of 56 steers were weighed, branded, and tested for tuberculosis. The weights ranged from approximately 500 to 1000 pounds. This event was held in preparation for the

Franklin County Fair and the baby beef round-up and sale to be held in October.



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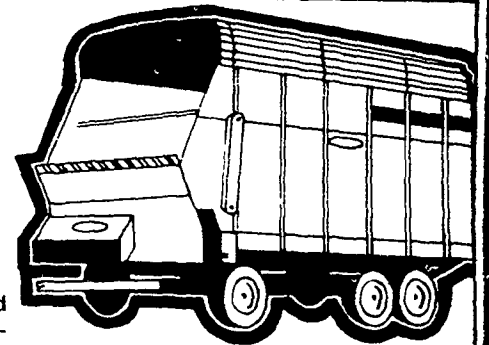
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