



Contenders in the cow milking contest, sponsored by the Lancaster County Farmers' Association last Friday evening, included Lancaster City Mayor Albert Wohlsen, the Ole' Sheriff Bob Montgomery, Miss Pennsylvania Carolyn Black and Miss Lancaster County Cynthia Taylor.

Miss Penna. captures cow milking crown

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LANCASTER—Carolyn Black's 23rd birthday will be one to remember. The beautiful reigning Miss Pennsylvania celebrated it Friday night at the Park City Mall with several hundred people watching while she beat out three other contenders at a cow milking contest near the center fountain.

Although not a farm girl, the Elizabethtown native, gamely joined in the contest sponsored by the Lancaster County Farmers Association as part of their week-long promotion, and succeeded in being named winner over Miss Lancaster County Cynthia Taylor, Lancaster City Mayor Albert B. Wohlsen, Jr., and "The Country sheriff," Bobby Montgomery.

Montgomery had been the winner at the contest in the past two years, but Miss Pennsylvania outpulled them all to win the contest with .2 pounds of milk in the bottom of her shiny bucket. The three others tied with .1 pound of milk each.

Montgomery was chagrined at losing his title, but realized early in the one minute he was allotted for milking that he was not getting enough milk to go for a win. With the luck of the draw he was the first to milk and drew the left hind quarter. Despite proper preparation, the cow apparently had not achieved a proper letdown when he began pulling.

Carolyn Black, who drew second spot in the contest, graciously gave Montgomery all the credit "for getting it started." She admitted to having received tips from well-wishers on milking, but had never actually sat down to a cow before. She was not timid. She drew up her stool, and after some consideration of whether to milk the right hind quarter with her left or right hand, began. She was obviously pleased because

she said excitedly, "I'm getting milk."

When asked how she might have prepared for the contest she said with her brightest smile, "I drink a lot of milk."

Mayor Wohlsen, who had brought supporters from city hall and family members, was clearly disappointed that he didn't make a better showing. While he, too, had never milked a cow, he said he had been receiving tips

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