

Karen Markey named York County Apple Queen

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RED LION — At 18, Karen Markey has become what many girls only dream of being, a queen.

She was chosen the 1980 York County Apple Queen at the annual York County Fruit Growers banquet held January 19, at Rutter's Restaurant, Red Lion.

Karen resides in rural York with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Markey and her younger sister, Joyce. Joyce may very well become York's Apple Queen in the future if she follows in her sister's footsteps.

Karen graduated from High School in 1979 and is currently attending York College. She is studying for her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Speech Communication. Eventually pretty, outgoing Karen wants to go into Public Relations.

In the meantime, York's new First Lady of the Apple Industry is leading a very full, busy life.

Karen finds time to work a part-time job in a department store and even help out at home.

She is a member of York College's Forensic Society, a speech team. The members of this Society travel around to many different colleges and make speeches. They are then judged on their speech and given awards.

Karen has become a member of Phi Kappa Delta, a National Honor Society for speech competition.

"You have to have at least 15 rounds of competition to be chosen to this Society," stated Karen.

The Markeys have been growing apples for 42 years. Their farm consists of 100 acres with 10 acres of apple



Karen Markey is the new York apple queen. She is surrounded by, from left, Mrs. Debbie Barton, chairman, apple queen committee; Kathy Boyd, Pennsylvania Apple Queen; and Paul McPherson, president, York County Fruit Growers.

trees, and 4 acres of peaches. The rest of the land is used to grow small vegetables such as sweet corn and potatoes.

Laying hens are also a part of the farm. All of the Markey produce is sold retail at the Central and Eastern Markets, York. They grow many kinds of apples such as Red and Yellow Delicious, Jonathan, Stayman and Paula Reds.

As Apple Queen, Karen should have an eventful year. She will be promoting apples all around York County. There will be mail promotions, radio and television spots, newspaper articles and speeches to civic groups to do.

"One thing I will be sure to tell people," Karen remarked, "is that all apples are eating apples. There are not just baking apples, you

can eat them too. And people should eat more nutritious apples."

The State Apple Queen Pageant will be held January 29 in conjunction with the State Horticultural Association Convention in Hershey.

Karen will be there representing York County and competing with seven other girls. There will be an interview with the judges and an evening gown competition.

For two years now, York County has been the home of the State Apple queen. In 1978, Sandy Markey, Karen's sister won the honor. This year's reigning queen is Kathy Boyd of Delta.

The following is Karen's favorite apple recipe.

APPLE CRISP

Place in a greased 8" square pan.

4 cups sliced, pared, cored, baking apples (about 4 medium)

Blend until crumbly; then spread over apples.

$\frac{2}{3}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ cup brown sugar (packed)

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup sifted Gold Medal Flour

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup rolled oats

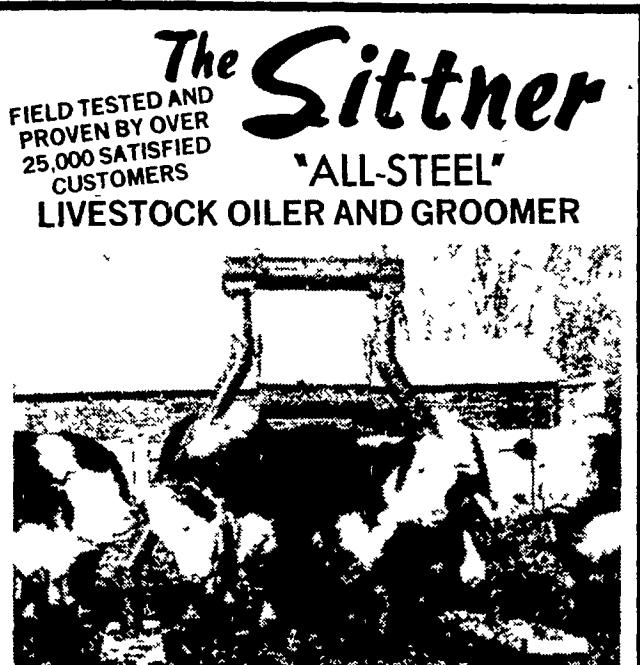
$\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon cinnamon

$\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon nutmeg

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup soft butter

Bake 30-35 minutes until apples are tender and topping is a golden brown. Oven temperature should be 375°. Serve warm with cream. Makes approximately 6-8 servings.

Karen uses with her recipe either Jonathan, Yellow Delicious, or Stayman apples since they hold their shape while baking. Red Delicious is the best eating apple but is not used for baking as it tends to lose its shape or fall apart.



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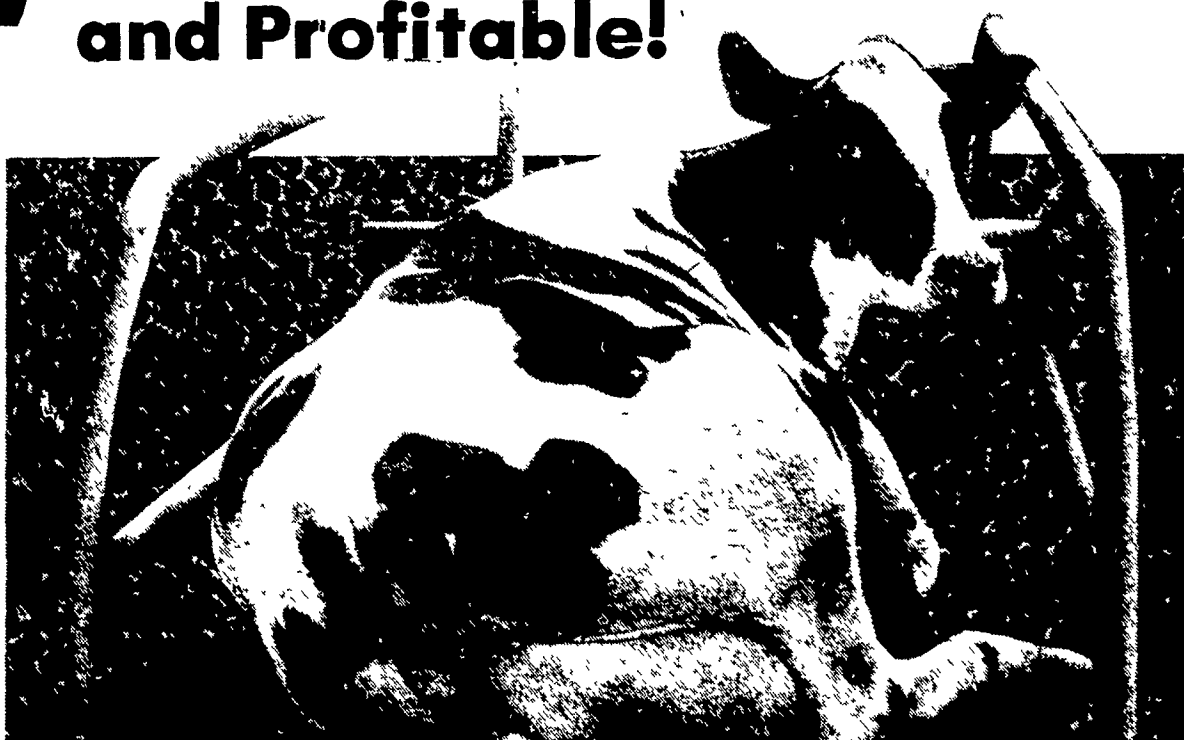


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