

## Apple blossoms

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of the relative merits of the pies baked by Mrs. McCleaf and Mrs. Taylor, stating

only that both were excellent examples of Adams County pie baking. The surprise of the day

came during the auctioning of the third place pie in the 19 and over division. That prize went to Jennifer Schulteis, R 1 Biglerville. The bidding for her pie took off like a bee through an orchard, quickly going beyond the \$8 bid for the first

place pie and moving right up to \$13, more than had been offered for any other pie in the contest. The bidding stalled for a moment and then took off again, soaring to \$20 before auctioneer Dave Redding could coax no more bids. Jennifer was County Apple Queen two years ago, and

bidders obviously knew she could bake apples as well as promote them. The Apple Blossom Festival is sponsored by the County Fruit Growers' Association, and the County Poultry Association. Those who haven't attended an Apple Blossom tour, and those who never

miss one, can plan to be at the South Mountain Fairgrounds next year, first Sunday in May. And once again, Mother Nature will cloak the hillsides of Southcentral Pennsylvania with the beauty to be found only in the individual and collective splendor of billions of tiny white apple blossoms.



Tammy Lobaugh was crowned new Adams County Apple Queen by Penn State Agriculture College Dean James Beattie. Looking on are last year's queen Kris Shutt and Tammy's flower girl Shelly Hartman.



Plenty of poultry dinners filled hungry visitors at the South Mountain Fairgrounds near Arendtsville. Apple blossom festivities are co-sponsored by the poultry association.

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