

# Dairy wife Dorothy Moyer's collection is the cat's meow

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LEBANON — While the dairy cow will always be the most important animal on Albert and Dorothy Moyer's Fernhost Farm, cats are there in abundance and hold a pretty special place in Dorothy's heart. They may not provide the income, but they provide a lot of enjoyment and are certainly conversation starters. There are the usual number of barn cats, and one very well-behaved house cat, but the

largest number of cats are not of the living, breathing variety.

Collecting cats began for Dorothy, 1915 North Seventh Street, Lebanon, when she was four years old and an aunt gave her the first figurine, which she still has. "I've always loved cats and people who know me always gave me cats as gifts. If I saw a nice cat I bought it," she states as way of explanation for her extensive collection.

Several years ago she



Dorothy Moyer poses by the cabinet which contains most of her feline figurine collection. She has been collecting for years and happily adds to her collection when she takes trips.

needlepoint cats.

There is also an extensive collection of jewelry done in the cat motif, including pins, earrings, stuck pins and necklaces. Dorothy has return address labels with cats and she keeps her letters and pencils in holders decorated with cats.

Calendars, clocks, bookends, salt and pepper shakers, toothpick holders and stuffed kittens also

abound. In the kitchen one is greeted with foam rubber cats decorating the refrigerator and there is a lovely mirror framed with the outline of a cat. She also has a large collection of "cat" figures which contained Avon products.

The cats represent about seven different states and are made from almost every

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Chocolate chiffon cake is one of Dorothy Moyer's special desserts, and anyone who has tasted it knows how delicious it is. She slices a piece for her family.

## Yvonne King

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plans to attend college but is undecided about specific fields in study.

Diane, though an Ephrata High School Senior, lives in Chester County where she is herdsman for Robert Campbell, an Ayrshire dairyman. Diane owns three Ayrshires and has been an FFA member participating on the dairy judging team. Her plans are to continue as Campbell's herdsman after graduation from High School.

Lisa is a Junior in the academic course at Octorara High School where she is a member of the National Honor Society and on the yearbook staff. She has been involved in 4-H for six years. Her father and brothers milk three hundred Holsteins at their Glenville Road farm near Cochran-

ville. Lisa plans to attend college but she has made no definite career or studies selection yet.

Judges for the contest were former Lancaster County Dairy Princess Donna Akers, retired dairy farmer and very active Grange member Charles McSparran and staff writer for LANCASTER FARMING Susan Kauffman.

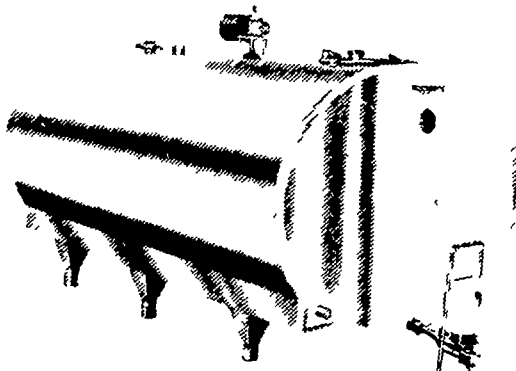
Past Chester County Dairy Princesses also honored at the pageant were Bernice Prange Springer, Cochranville, 1962; Susan Blevins Kauffman, Peach Bottom, 1964; Deborah Hicks, West Chester, 1968; Sandra Evans, Chester Springs, 1975; Susan People, Oxford, 1977 and out-going Princess Nadine Prange, Cochranville, 1979.

counted her figurines and range in size from life-sized on-the-floor models to several that are no larger than a thumbnail.

But her cat interest doesn't stop with figurines. The walls of the Moyers' farm home are adorned with cats; there are cat pillows; pillows in latchhook and

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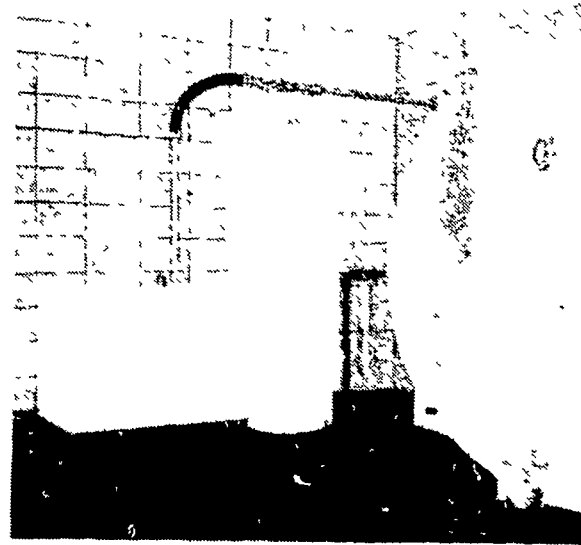
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