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## Dairy Princess

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Carnegie Institute served as the be-all and end-all of Bert Parks during his stint as master of ceremonies

Connie's question for the judges was "How would you describe a cow to someone from outer space who has never seen one." Her answer was a simple explanation of the cow's physical characteristics with particular emphasis on the milk she produces.

Other contestants in the evening's competition were Robin Balmer, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry

Balmer, Lampeter; Lyndell Martin, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Martin and Karen Schmuck, 17, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Larry Schmuck, Peach Bottom.

Outgoing Dairy Princess, Lucinda Landis was honored with several standing ovations by the crowd for her work during the past year promoting dairy products.

Barb and Earl Stauffer were additionally awarded a handpainted butter churn for their work as chairpersons of the pageant

## Blue mold in fields

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their seedbeds or who have tobacco fields near those of a neighbor known to be infected.

"Thus far, the weather has been a big plus," Lueck said. "This week's hot, dry weather has been in our favor and has held down any spread of the fungus."

But both Lueck and Yocum expressed concern should the weather make a turn for the worst to cloudy, cooler and damp conditions.

Numerous reports of the mold moving from seedbeds to fields were coming into the Extension Office on Friday, Lueck said.

"It has developed rapidly in the seedbeds in spite of control spraying," he said.

"We have instances of it attacking large plants, some 18 inches across. Fields close to active seedbeds are particularly susceptible. It's vital to get rid of those seed beds as soon as transplanting is completed."

It is estimated that about 80 percent of the tobacco transplanting is completed. This puts some county growers a bit behind their normal schedule.

Early transplanted tobacco is looking good, according to Lueck, particularly with the hot, sunny weather. Problems are

arising with the late transplantings.

Seed bed problems with blue mold have been attributed to the lack of a regular and effective spraying program in the beds.

In neighboring Maryland, blue mold has been found in the fields of St. Mary's and Calvert counties.

"We are not certain what we are dealing with," said Claude McKee, extension tobacco specialist and agronomist at the University of Maryland.

"It is definitely blue mold, but some of the symptoms are different from blue mold that we saw before 1979.

"In some fields in St. Mary's county, the disease had gone systemic (affecting the entire plant), but farmers said they could not see it in the beds."

Field spraying has been recommended in Maryland, too.

It is also possible that growers may be encountering a new strain of the fungus, McKee added.—DA



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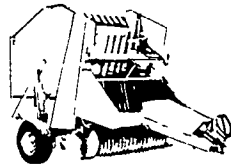
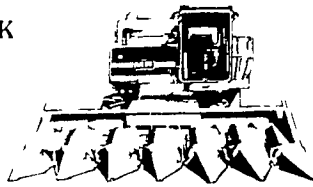
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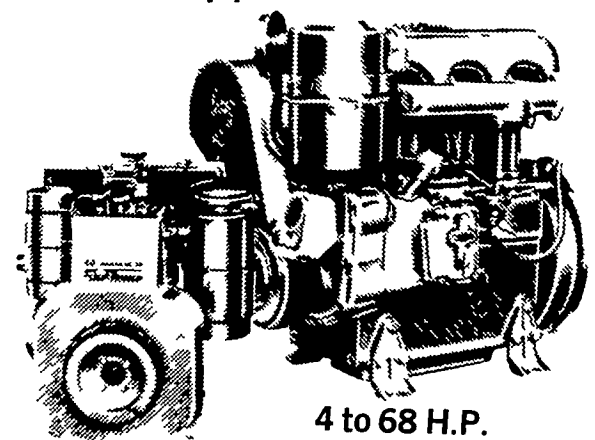
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