

New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware State Dairy Princesses interviewed

Dairy Princess advises "come out smiling"

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BALTIMORE, Md. — Maryland's reigning Dairy Princess until August 7 when the new Princess will be selected from eight contestants is Karen Markline. She comes from a 150 acre dairy farm in Harford County about fifty-five miles outside the city of Baltimore. Karen's parents milk fifty Holsteins.

New Jersey's Dairy Princess until August 26 when the new one will be selected is Linda Hengst

from Warren County. Linda has five brothers and sisters; one sister-Peggy was also a State Princess three years ago. Her family milks 75 cows.

And Delaware's Princess is Marian Hopkins. Marian has nine brothers and sisters on the family's farm in Sussex County. They milk over 200 head of Holsteins.

When asked what the highlight of their reign was, each princess had an answer ready. Marian found her experience on television and the trip to the Zoo among her

most memorable experiences. She also said that her first super market promotion was a great teaching device for her because she was not prepared for the range of questions she was asked by the young children. She said she learned a valuable lesson in being better prepared when she went before the public after that first promotion.

Karen felt that the large promotional given at the Oriole's baseball game with local radio disc jockeys was the most memorable experience during her year's reign. She also recalled with pleasure being hostess at a Washington, D.C. press club gathering. She especially enjoyed her trips into the elementary schools.

Linda Hengst, New Jersey's Princess, said "Everything was memorable for me." She appeared on television and found the back stage making of a televised program a

learning experience for her. She also recalled and related to the other contestants at the seminar her work with a "Hand-in-Hand" promotion at the community college when she helped with handicapped children. She had two calves there and decided after that experience to major in teaching the deaf in her college education.

Before giving their final words of advice to the 1980 contestants, the three state Princesses outlined the way their states run their pageants. Linda explained that New Jersey's contestants meet in the morning at the Hunterdon Extension Office to present elementary school geared skits, to have personal interviews with the panel of judges and attend a banquet in the evening. After the banquet, the group proceeds to the Flemington Fair Grounds where each contestant answers a question before the public assembled there and then

the new state princess is crowned.

Marian said the Delaware contest differs greatly from the other state pageants in that it is held on the fair grounds at Harrington during the State Fair. Contestants take written tests, lunch with the judges, present skits in the afternoon on the fairgrounds to the crowds and then crown the new princess later in the day. She immediately begins her reign by working at the dairy show that evening and the next day.

Karen explained that the Maryland pageant is held this year in the Sheraton

Hotel in Frederick in the late afternoon and evening program which includes personal interviews and introductions and questions before the public attending the pageant.

After having her pocketbook stolen during an appearance, Linda Hengst advised the girls to watch after their personal belongings. Karen advised planning ahead to eliminate as many confusing and unnerving problems as possible. And Marian told the contestants to "always come out of each experience smiling."

Calf give-away to highlight York-Adams Guernsey meet

HELLAM — Some lucky York or Adams County youngster will go home with a real prize on July 24. That's the date of the Guernsey Breeders summer picnic, hosted by the Ellsworth-Lehman family, York R1.

The drawing for a registered Guernsey calf is open to all youngsters between the ages of 8 and 18 and will be held as the finale of the picnic, which begins at 7 p.m. with a chicken barbecue. Program plans for the evening meeting includes several classes of cattle judging and a review of the Lehman milking herd. Ellsworth and Kathy Lehman's Honeycrest herd includes 86 registered Guernsey milking animals, with a rolling herd average near 13,000 pounds of milk and 700 pounds of fat. The prize baby calf is from the

Honeycrest herd, from a high record dam and a popular sire.

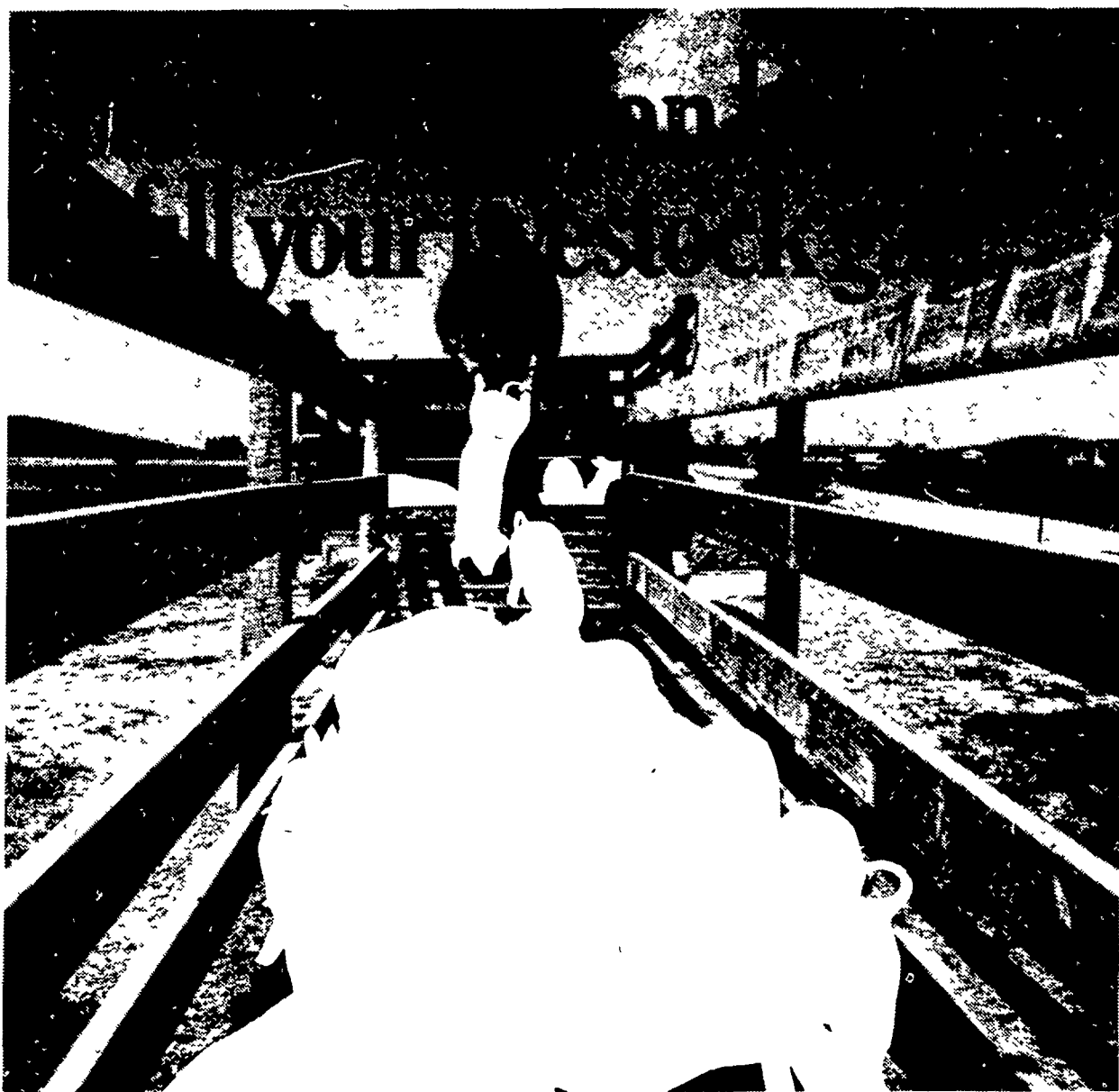
Honeycrest Farm is located just off the Route 30 bypass east at Hellam.

Detailed directions and reservations for the dinner are available from the county extension office.

Cost of the meal is \$4 for adults, \$3 for 4-H members and no charge for children under age 8.



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