

# Molly Johnson is Pa. Cattlemen's Queen

BY SHEILA MILLER

STATE COLLEGE — A sparkling tiara was placed atop nineteen-year-old Molly Johnson's auburn hair on Monday evening during the annual banquet of the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association. She was selected as the 1981 Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Queen and will be assuming the promotion responsibilities for the state's beef industry as Laura Wenberger, last year's queen, retires.

The beef industry is nothing new for the Penn State sophomore. Not only is she an animal production major in the College of Agriculture, but she hails from a beef and hog operation owned by her parents', Ruth Ann and Philip Johnson, near Nottingham. And, in her first Penn State Little International, Molly was chosen Champion Angus Fitter last year. She was a member of the 1980 Meats Judging Team at Penn State last year, too.

The attractive queen who stands 5 feet 9 inches tall said she wants cattle producers to understand she's not just another pretty face.

"I want to continue to work with consumers — but I want to work more with producers. I want them to know their queen does know something about cows. I'll be someone they can air their views through," she said.

After graduation from Penn State, Molly said she hopes to find a job in livestock production as a herdsman and added she hopes to someday own a farm. While a student at the University, she is getting practical experience working as an assistant herdsman at the Haller Research Farm.

Other contestants for the title of Pa. Cattlemen's Queen included. Laurie Dobrosky, 18, daughter of Anthony and Patricia Dobrosky, Glen Rock, York County, Linda Ebaugh, 21, daughter of Sharon and Paul Ebaugh, York; and Susanne Jendrowsky, 20, daughter of Wilham and Eugenia Jendrowsky, Langhorne, Bucks County.

Judges for this year's contest were Mary Wilson, Dave Seaman, Marlene Sovyak, all of State College, and Betty rode, with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.



The new Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Queen is Molly Johnson, left, of R.D. 2, Nottingham. Selection of the Cattlemen's Queen was a feature of the Cattlemen's Banquet March 2 at Penn State. At right in front row is last year's runner-up for queen from Delaware County, Tracey Higgins of Chadd's Ford. Runners-up for 1981, back row, are Linda Ebaugh of R2, Delta; Susanne Jendroski of Langhorne; and Laurie Dobrosky of R2, Glen Rock. All of these young women are students at Penn State.

## Cattlemans of the year

STATE COLLEGE — Ralph Dotterer, a cattle feeder from R2 Mill Hall, Clinton County, was named Pennsylvania Cattlemans of the Year on Monday during the annual banquet of the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association.

Dotterer, who is the retiring president of the Pennsylvania Beef Council and served as a past president of the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association, commented as he received the plaque from Harry Stambaugh, director, "This is a surprise and honor I don't know if I deserve it, but I'll accept it."

The fact Dotterer did deserve to receive the honor was not a question in the minds of the other cattlemen Dotterer, along with his sons Charles and Ralph, Jr., have developed a prosperous cattle operation from the roots of a former dairying and milk bottling plant.

Dotterer received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture from Penn State in 1949. While a student, he was a member of the livestock judging team.

Now, Dotterer's operation feeds out 1500 head of crossbred steers

each year. A brood cow herd of 165 crossbred cows roams the pastures of his 300 acre farm, plus additional rented pastureland, totaling around 150 acres.

Dotterer and sons raise their own feed on 1000 acres of cropland. His production record and methods of growing and harvesting his haylage, corn silage, and high moisture ear corn helped to earn Dotterer the recognition of 1980 Master Farmer.

Dotterer, who is also a member of the Grange, noted he supplements his feed ration for his steers with potato waste from Wise Potato Chip factory in Berwick. He noted the waste is "about like corn silage on a dry matter basis, but because there's so much water with it, it's expensive to transport."

Dotterer, who's been raising beef cattle since the 1930's, accepted the honor and recognition of his fellow cattle producer's with humility. Looking on proudly and smiling as he received the award Monday evening was Verna, Dotterer's wife, a home economics school teacher. — SM

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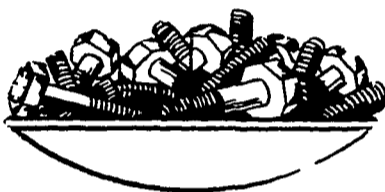
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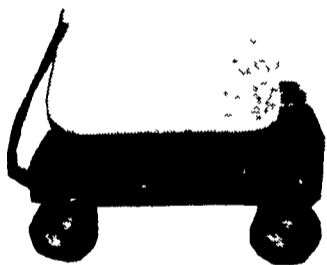
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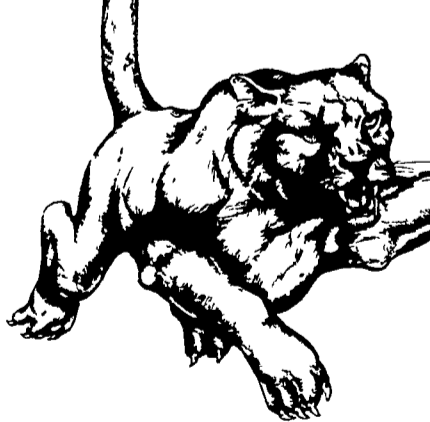
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