Royal friends

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Guersey milk through Interstate Milk Producers and Abbotts Dairy.

Asked if she persuaded anyone to switch to Guernseys, she said, "One person I definitely did, and one 4-H'er who did it because of the money involved."

She lamented the difficulties in starting into dairying of any kind, and expressed annoyance at lending institutions which require new dairymen to purchase Holsteins because they think they'll get their money back faster. She feels this is an area which needs some good public relations by Guernsey breeders.

It is not surprising that both Connie and Millie feel living on a farm is the best way of life there is. Connie explains, "I think it is a really excellent way to bring up kids. You learn to work. I think it is really neat and I'm glad I was brought up on a dairy farm.'

It was hard to decide which event meant most during their year, but Millie thoughtfully said. "What really thrilled me and brought a lot of excitement was when I attended the Boulder View Sale at Baraboo, Wisconsin, The sale average was \$5,715 on 32 head of selected cattle. Over 400 people attended and the excitement and

the enthusiasm gave you a physical boost. It showed how far the breed has come. The whole place was in an uproar.'

Millie explained that because of Wisconsin's protein pricing many of the cows stayed in Wisconsin, with many having been purchased by top Holstein breeders. She concluded, "It was a big boost for the breed."

She is very optimistic about the future for Guernseys, explaining, "The convention in California was fantastic. Everything was on the upswing."

Connie's highlight may have been the state pageant last September, which was a sort of reunion for all the state Dairy Princesses who first met at a training seminar in July. "It was really neat, and I would have been happy for anyone who won. It was great to know we are all doing the same thing - promoting dairy products."

She praised the seminar by saying, "It refreshes your knowledge and helped us learn about the incentives to bring promotion money into the county.'

Connie is currently working part time as secretary for Farmshine newspaper, and Millie is working

full time with her parents on their dairy farm. Millie adds, "I always want to work with dairy cattle. Working with cows is the most fun they're softer and warmer than equipment." But she is just as much at home in the field as in the barn. Her primary responsibility is caring for the calves and feeding, but she says all decisions are jointly discussed.

She feels her future is tied to whomever she may marry, adding, "the guy has an advantage." Nevertheless, she hopes to work always with her Guernsey cattle.

While the girls did not know each other well before the past year, meeting frequently at banquets and other activities brought them many shared experiences and a new friendship.

They learned, for instance that it is easier to speak to a large crowd than a smaller one, and to strangers rather than to a group they know well. One of Millie's most difficult groups was speaking to the Guernsey Field day where she had many friends.

When she stepped down as Guernsey Queen in California Millie said, "My farewell speech went really well. I didn't feel like it was over until they gave me a standing ovation."

Connie is just beginning to think about her farewell speech, and she has already ascertained that her

Northampton, Lehigh counties to crown dairy princess

thampton-Lehigh dairy princess will be crowned on Friday evening, June 19 at a buffet dinner at the Stockertown Memorial Hall. The crowning ceremonies and a dairy dessert reception will follow the dinner.

According to Northampton-Lehigh dairy princess committee chairman Deborah Ackerman the dinner will begin at 7 p.m. and reservations should be made by June 12.

Tickets are available form

most difficult problem will be how to keep the tears from flowing. While she feels she is ready to crown the next Dairy Princess, the year has meant a lot to her.

The feelings of these two young women who worked so hard representing the dairy industry can be summed up by Millie, 'What a fulfilling year!"

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Retiring princess Lois Heyer of Rl Kutztown will crown the new princess and the alternate.

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