

From sister to sister goes York County's Dairy crown

EAST PROSPECT — History was made last Friday evening in the York County dairy industry when outgoing princess Tina Neufeld set the sparkling crown atop the brunette hair of her younger sister Candice Neufeld.

It marked the first time in the county's dairy princess selections that two consecutive winners were from the same immediate family.

Candy's selection from a court of five contestants highlighted the dinner and pageant hosted at the Wisheaven Hall, with over two hundred dairy industry guests attending.

Named first runner-up in the princess competition was Deanna Feeser. Nancy Eisenhart was chosen the second runner-up.

Sixteen-year-old Candy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Neufeld, York, R4. She's a senior at Northeastern High School, with plans to major in communications in college.

An enthusiastic athlete, Candy earned her varsity letters in field hockey and track, and she's a member of the school student government, chorus and musical.

Formerly a 4-H member, the new princess is active in her church youth group. She also works closely with the family's 130-head dairy herd, regularly helping to milk, assist with field work and feed calves.

For her three-minute milk promotion spot, Candy danced out on stage as a little girl, garbed in a frilly yellow dress, to instruct the audience, six-year-old style, all about milk.

Candy believes that following in Tina's footsteps as York County's dairy princess will definitely be an asset for her reign. While Candy is

making parade, school and banquet appearances Tina will be returning to Shippensburg State College for her sophomore year.

"I hope to be able to really get across to people that 'milk's the one,'" Candy says when speaking of her main goal for the coming year.

First alternate Deanna Feeser is 16 and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Feeser, Hanover R6.

Following her graduation next June from Southwestern High School, Deanna will study computer science. She's a member of the school's marching jazz and symphonic musical groups, serves on the yearbook staff, and is on track and held teams.

The Feeser's milk 115 Holsteins and Deanna carries a 4-H dairy project with the Central dairy club. For her promotion presentation, Deanna prepared and narrated a slide show on the "Land of Milk."

Nancy Eisenhart, the second alternate, is 17 and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Eisenhart, Thomasville R1.

She's a senior at Spring Grove High School, an honor society student and member of the band-front and choir. Following graduation, she'll pursue college studies in the computer field.

A 4-H'er for nine years, Nancy is active in the Thomasville Community club and County Council. For her promotion spot, Nancy sang a 4-H camp song with rewritten lyrics around the subject of dairy products.

The Eisenhart family milks 60 Holsteins and Nancy assists with milking and feeding the calves.

Also competing in the pageant were Audrey Anderson and Melinda Innerst.

Audrey is the daughter of Mr.



Candy Neufeld was crowned York County Dairy Princess during pageant ceremonies last week. On the right is first alternate Deanna Feeser, and left is Nancy Eisenhart, the second alternate.

and Mrs. Gene Anderson, Glen Rock R2.

Melinda Innerst is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Innerst, Red Lion R3. She gave a poetry recitation for her promotional spot.

Judges for the pageant were Sally Bair, Lancaster Farming correspondent, Susie Richburg, Director of Public Relations for Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers, Inc., and Dieter Krieg,

publisher-editor of Farmshine.

The Lanco Lads, a barbershop quartet sponsored by Vigortone Ag Products, was the featured entertainment of the pageant program. Emcee for the ceremonies was Dillsburg attorney Jan Wiley.

Mr. Albert Neufeld escorted his daughter Tina for her last appearance as the 1980 dairy princess. Escorts for the contestants were Kevin Laughman, Roy

Thompson, Andy Feeser, David King and Brian Lehman.

Activities of the York County Dairy Princess Committee were chaired by June Boyer, with Georgia Amspacher serving as treasurer. General committee members include Mr. and Mrs. Robert Charles; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rutter; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Neufeld; Mr. and Mrs. Paul King, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Amspacher, and Mr. and Mrs. Jed Beshore.

Weidman is "hard-working" princess

BY DONNA TOMMELLEO

LEBANON—Elwood and Beatrice Weidman always have had reliable help at their Lebanon County farm — they've had daughter, Joanne.

For most of her 17 years, the recent Lebanon County Dairy Princess has been tending cows, ponies, rabbits and any other kind of animal one might find at her

family's farm. An now that school's out, Joanne's workload has increased.

"She does practically all the chores, now," says her mother.

Although the Weidman's do not operate a bonafide dairy, they own a small herd of Holsteins, 11 of which are Joanne's. Her interest in dairy animals began about 10

years ago when she received a heifer as a 4-H project as did most of the other five children in Weidman family.

From that one heifer, Joanne's herd of 11 has evolved. Currently, two of her animals are leased to a neighboring dairy farmer and she may possibly lease more in the future.

Joanne speaks to her animals in quiet gentle tones and appears to have a natural ability when working with them.

"We (the rest of the family) have trouble chasing her cows," explains Joanne's mother, "but she just calls and they come."

While in school, Joanne maintained her rigorous home schedule but still found time to write for the school paper and year book staff. She was named to Northern Lebanon High's National Honor Society and competed on the school's cross country and track teams. With a time of 5:43:39, she holds the school's record for fastest mile.

Promoting milk and other dairy products this year will be an easy task for Joanne, who along with the rest of the Weidman clan drinks a lot of nature's finest beverage.

"I drink at least two glasses of milk at a meal," she says, but admits she loses count of her daily milk consumption.

She is especially interested in exciting younger people about milk's outstanding qualities.

What if she encounters a skeptic? She'll just make a deal with them. "I'll drink a glass if you drink a glass," she explains.

And coming from Joanne Weidman, an eager diplomat for the dairy industry, that's an offer no one won't refuse.



Joanne has been showing dairy heifers since she was eight. Her heifer, "Little-one," is one of two animals she plans to show this summer.



A member of Norlebo Dairy 4-H Club, Joanne has collected a number of awards over the years.