

Charlene Rohrer wears Chester County dairy crown

WEST CHESTER — The 1981 Chester County Dairy Princess is Charlene Rohrer, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Rohrer, Cochranville. Charlene was crowned at the Russellville Grange Hall, recently.

Charlene is a graduate of Lancaster Mennonite High School and is presently employed at Byler's Food Market in Gap. She is a member of the "Choraleers," a singing gospel group which gives programs across the state, as well as special singing tours. She is active in her youth group and is a member of her church chorus. Charlene has also done volunteer work at Black Rock camp.

The 1981 Chester County Alternate Dairy Princess is Nancy Yarnall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hoopes Yarnall, Oxford. Nancy is a graduate of Oxford Area High School and plans on attending Brandywine Junior College to major in fashion merchandising. She has been very active in her 4-H dairy club, and her animals and sewing garments have won her many awards. She is also a member of Russellville Grange 91, church choir and while in school was in the senior chorus, National Honor Society, FFA and varsity volleyball.

When the two contestants arrived in the afternoon, they were interviewed one at a time by the judges. The girls brought with them a scrapbook including information about themselves and their family.

The evening judging was open to the public when the contestants appeared on stage to give promotional presentations and answer questions from the Master of Ceremonies. The girls were ushered on stage by their fathers.

The emcee for the evening was Robert Rawlins, Public Relations

Director for the Maryland-Virginia Cooperation.

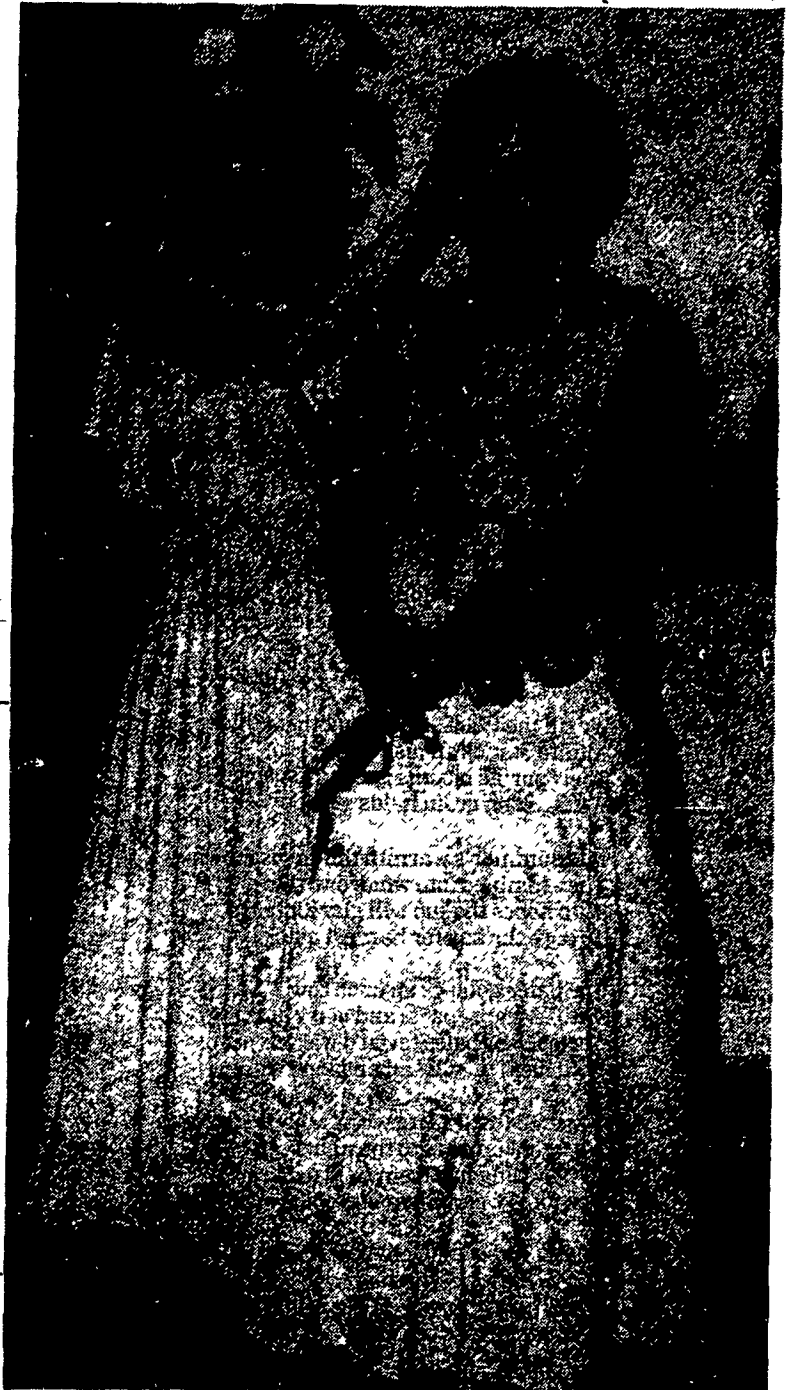
The girls were each asked to give a milk promotional skit. Charlene's skit involved a two-sided person, a waitress and a little girl, discussing why one should order milk instead of soda. Nancy was a broadcaster with a "special announcement" alerting the public to milk's good points.

The 1980 Dairy Princess Yvonne King, crowned Charlene. Yvonne gave her farewell comments to the crowd and thanked them for their support on the county level and as Pennsylvania first runner-up. She summarized her county duties as 23 school programs, 36 newspaper articles, 12 radio/television

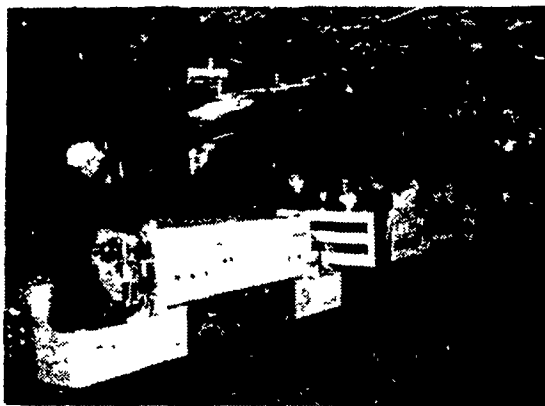
programs, 10 super-market/shopping center promotions, 6 promotions before non-farm groups, 10 farm meeting appearances, and 12 special events. That super performance entitles her to a \$100 cash award from the Atlantic Dairy Association for fulfilling standard Dairy Princess requirements.

The judges, were Miss Eileen Schull, the 1980 Pennsylvania State Dairy Princess, Mrs. Linda Musser, the proprietor of her own beauty shop and consultant to the State Princess Program, and Mr. Robert McSparren, the President of Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative.

Charlene Rohrer of Cochranville was named Chester County's 1981 dairy princess during ceremonies held at the Russellville Grange Hall recently. Crowning her is the 1980 princess, Yvonne King.



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