

New state dairy princess promises to do her best

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HARRISBURG — With attributes that would make any father proud and a promise to do "the best I can to make you all proud of me," 17-year-old Jolene Sue Snyder of Volant, Lawrence County, began her reign as 26th state dairy princess Tuesday night at the Penn Harris Motor Inn, here.

The pageant was held in conjunction with the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show at the Farm Show Complex.

Jolene's credentials would make any farmer sit back with a breath of relief knowing that his industry is going to be justly represented. And this is what happened at the pageant. She charmed not only the judges, but also the audience with her smile and people-personality. Gowned in purple, her appearance was the epitome of a healthy, young girl who drinks milk daily.

Jolene, representing both Beaver and Lawrence counties in the pageant, is a senior at Wilmington Area High School

where she is a varsity cheerleader and secretary of the student council. Jolene is active with her community as a 4-H'er and as president of the dairy club. Her future plans include attending nursing school.

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During final competition, seven semi-finalists — from Beaver/Lawrence, Bedford, Blair, Huntingdon, Lancaster, Somerset and Washington counties — were asked to relay what they would make their first priority should they be elected the first woman president of the United States tomorrow. Jolene's answer was world peace. But she went on to clarify the statement in a manner that left the audience wondering if she meant peace or the dairy industry. She said, "We should have unity, together to conquer anything."

To the same question, Washington County's Rachel

Sherman echoed Jolene's request, saying, "I would try to get the U.S. together as a nation so everyone can love one another and love the nation as well." This thought helped her win the first runnerup position.

Rachel is the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Minor from R2 Washington. A freshman at Washington and Jefferson College, she is majoring in dairy science. Rachel sees her future including agricultural Extension work and life on a farm. It was a doubly special night for Rachel because her mother served as Pennsylvania state milk maid queen in 1959.

Second runnerup honors and the

coveted title of Miss Congeniality went to Lancaster's LuAnn Brenneman of Mount Joy. LuAnn, 21, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Brenneman. This congeniality award is LuAnn's second within the last few months she has served as dairy princess, having received the same title at the county contest. LuAnn also earned one of the two top scrapbook awards.

The winner of the other scrapbook award was Perry County's Kimberly Kriebel of Millerstown. She is the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kriebel and is presently a freshman at Messiah College.

Before competition began for the

evening, Commonwealth National Bank received a special reward for their work with the dairy industry, and for a dairy day they held at Penn Square in Lancaster in June. On hand to receive awards were Bob Bucher, vice president and head of their agri-loan department, and Pam Klahr, Lancaster region marketing representative.

Judges for the pageant were Helen Remsburg of Jefferson Md., Karen Kurtz of Altura, Minn., Michael Nolan of Wakeman, Ohio, and Robert Rawlins of Arlington, Va.

The 1982-83 state dairy princess was crowned by outgoing princess Charlene Rohrer of Chester County.



As tradition goes, one just has to be hugged after receiving such a great honor, and Jolene was no exception as she tearfully threw her arms around outgoing princess Charlene Rohrer, following the big announcement.



With smiles that certainly will sell a lot of milk, these three new dairy representatives posed for the cameras following their pageant Tuesday night. Taking the seat of state princess was Jolene Sue Snyder of Beaver and

Lawrence counties. First runnerup, left, was Rachel Sherman, 17, of Washington County. Second runnerup and winner of the Miss Congeniality award, right, was LuAnn Brenneman, 21, of Lancaster County.

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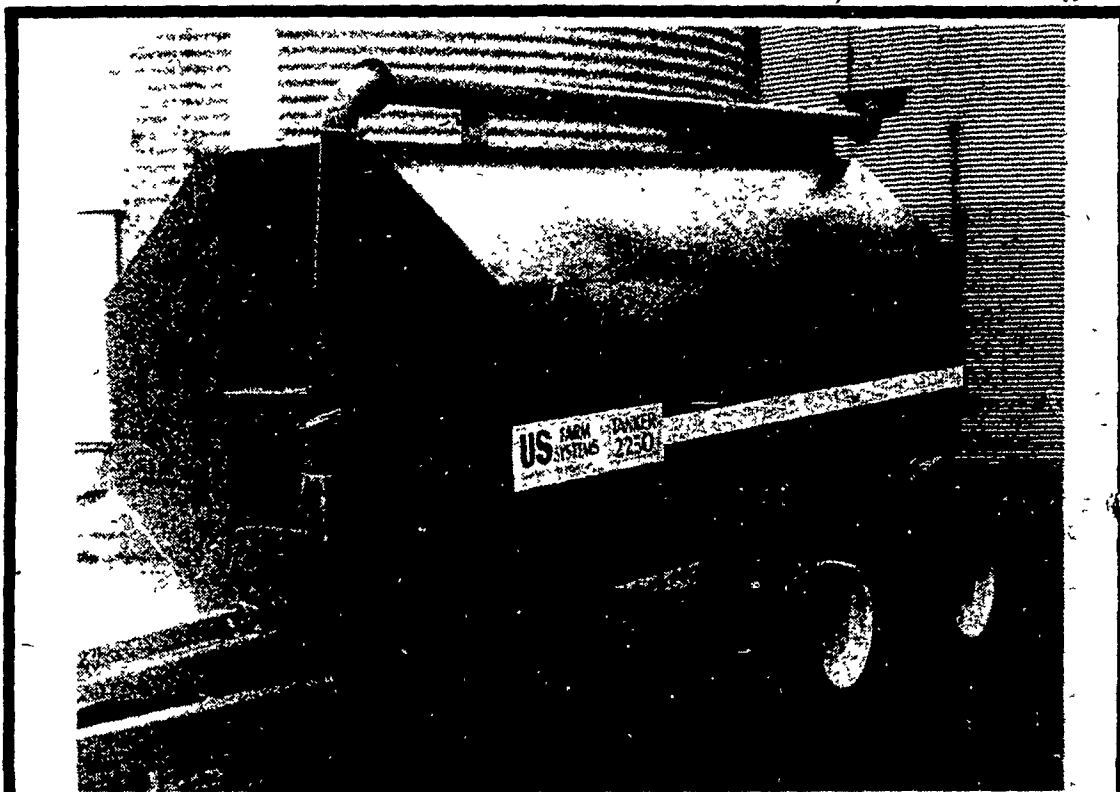
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