

# Miss Apple Queen USA reigns from Ohio

BY DEBBIE KOONTZ

GETTYSBURG — Twenty-year-old Karen Dodd, a horticulture student at Ohio State University, became the 1982-83 Miss Apple Queen USA, Saturday night, at the annual harvest festival.

The new queen hails from Amherst, Ohio — a state which sent the national queen to the competition in 1976 and a first and second runner-up two other years.

First runner-up honors went to Alice Elaine Butler, daughter of fruit growers in Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Michigan sent the second runner-up to the contest this year in the form of Michele Lynn Parker, daughter of the Parker fruit growing family of Millington. Michigan also can brag of a national queen, from 1979.

The new queen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Dodd, surpassed a bevy of nine other young state queens to capture the national title.

The Dodd family runs an operation of 85 acres — mostly apples, but some other fruits, according to Mrs. Dodd.

Karen plans an apple-oriented career and may return to the home orchards upon graduation despite having four brothers who also enjoy orchard work.

Karen's interests, in addition to



Karen Dodd  
Miss Apple Queen USA

apples, are cooking, sewing (she was a 4-H member for 10 years in the sewing project), junior leadership, camp counseling and sports.

On hand to crown the new queen at the "Apple Harvest Ball" was last year's winner, Sandra Kay Williams from Arkansas.

The crowning ended a week of judging activities and apple fun — including apple bobbing, visits to apple packing plants, and special luncheons and dinners.

Other states represented at the pageant were: Arkansas, Delaware, Maryland, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania (Jean Ann Mobilia from Erie County), and Virginia.



This bevy of beauties posed for the cameras before their pageant at a luncheon at the Host Inn in Harrisburg last Friday. Miss Ohio, buried in the second row, second from right, moved to the front of the line Saturday night when she won the title of Miss Apple Queen USA. Other contestants and past queen are, l to r, Alice Elaine Butler, first runner-up, from West Virginia; Susan Jill Gardenhour, Maryland; Sandra Kay Williams, last year's national queen, from Arkansas; Jean Ann Mobilia, Pennsylvania; Jannette Moore, western New York; Dana Kay Dugger, Arkansas; Linda Beth Megonigal, Delaware; Lesa Rene Seay, North Carolina; Danita Ann Crumbeller, Virginia; Karen Dodd, Ohio and new queen; and Michele Lynn Parker, Michigan, second runner-up.

## Thomasville club elects officers

SPRING GROVE — The Thomasville 4-H club held its meeting Tuesday, Sept. 28 at the 4-H Center near Bair to elect officers.

The following were elected: president, Mike Welsh; vice president, Michelle Lehigh; treasurer, Sue Eisenhart; assistant treasurer, Robert

Haskins; news reporter, Steve Eisenhart; assistant news reporter, Ron Horn; song and game leader, Jenelle Boyer; assistant song and game leader, Jon Haskins; historian, Ellen Bentzel; assistant historian, Darren Smallwood.

The next meeting will be a hayride on Oct. 26.

## USDA adopts final rule on grain inspection

WASHINGTON, D.C.

— The U.S. Department of Agriculture is adopting as final a rule which exempts all grain shipped by rail and truck to Canada and Mexico from official inspection and weighing.

Federal Grain Inspection Service Administrator Kenneth A. Gilles said the rule has been in effect as an interim rule for about one year. The rule clarifies the fact that official grain inspection and weighing services will still be available to exporters requesting the services, he said.

"Exporters have generally shown satisfaction with the interim exemption and oppose changes," Gilles said. "We haven't received any complaints regarding quality or quantity of grain shipped under the exemption since it went into effect."

The final rule was published in the Sept. 29 Federal Register. More information is available from Lewis Lebakken, Jr., Regulations and Directives Management, USDA, FGIS, room 1636-S, Washington, D.C. 20250. Phone: 202/382-0231.

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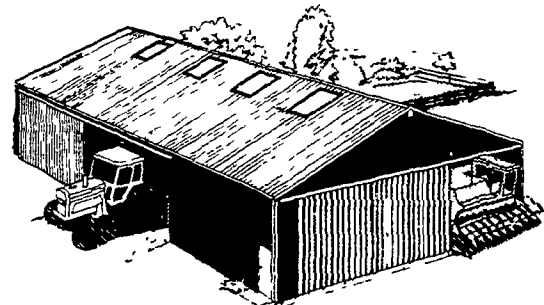
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