

Lancaster seeks dairy princess contestants

LANCASTER — Qualified contestants are now being sought for the 1984 Lancaster County Dairy Princess contest to be held Friday, June 15, 1984 at the Farm and Home Center.

In a departure from recent years, the Milk Promotion Committee has scheduled an evening program, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Families are encouraged to attend and refreshments will be served.

To be eligible, contestants must have completed their junior year of high school and cannot reach their 22nd birthday by December 31, 1984. A contestant must be the daughter of a dairy farmer, a dairy farm manager, herdsman, or

dairy farm owner during the current year, or own at least one dairy animal prior to May 1, 1984.

The new Dairy Princess will be crowned by Boni Gochenauer, the reigning Lancaster County Dairy Princess, and will represent Lancaster County in the 1984 Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Coronation. She will also attend the annual training seminar sponsored for Dairy Princesses throughout the state. All contestants receive prizes.

Deadline for applications is May 15. For further information contact the Penn State Extension office or Gerald and Linda Kreider, co-chairmen for the 1984 contest, at 284-2242.

Landis Valley Associates to discuss tobacco production

LANCASTER — The Landis Valley Associates will continue their study of Lancaster County industry at their April 17 meeting with a discussion about tobacco production.

Arthur L. Reist, a graduate of Millersville University, will talk about "Tobacco Production of Lancaster County as a Cash Crop." The illustrated talk will include some little known facts about the golden weed which has been a mainstay of Lancaster County since shortly after the Civil War. There will be some humorous tidbits of information which may even be shocking to our society today.

Mr. Reist did graduate work in agronomy at the University of Maryland, where he specialized in tobacco breeding. A representative for the United States at the First World Tobacco Congress in Amsterdam, he has been continuously growing tobacco for 43

years on the family farm where tobacco has been grown longer than any other farm in Lancaster County.

Reist is a history teacher in the Conestoga Valley School District and past president and former board member of the Landis Valley Associates. He is the author of "Tobacco Lore of Lancaster County, Pa." and "Conestoga Wagon - Masterpiece of the Blacksmith." The meeting starts at 8 p.m.



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