

Lydia Reed to Promote Dairy Industry as Jefferson County Dairy Princess



Lydia Reed, right, was recently crowned the 1986 Jefferson County Dairy Princess at Jefferson County's annual Strawberry Festival. Jennifer Shields, left, received the alternate title.

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BROOKVILLE — Lydia Reed was crowned 1986 Jefferson County Dairy Princess at Edgewood dairy during the Strawberry Festival on June 15. 1984 Dairy Princess Carol Pifer presented Lydia with her crown and a bouquet of red roses.

The alternate dairy princess title went to Jennifer Shields. Jennifer is the daughter of James and Cathy Shields, R.D. 1 Summerville. Jennifer received a banner and flowers along with a cash award.

Lydia, a 1986 graduate of the Punxsutawney Area High School, is the daughter of Richard and Judy Reed, Punxsutawney. Lydia enjoys helping on her family's Holstein dairy farm. She is actively involved in the county's 4-H program, dairy ambassadors and her church choir. In the fall Lydia

plans to attend Indiana University of Pennsylvania to major in elementary education.

Jennifer will be a senior at the Brookville Area High School in September, where she will resume a busy schedule. Jennifer is active in her high school band, show choir, German club, and national honor society. Jennifer is also a member of the Pennsylvania Youth Education Association as well as on the school's newspaper staff. Jennifer's family milks a combination of 25 Jersey and Holstein cows.

Jefferson County agriculture agent Susan McCaslin was the coordinator for the event. Judges were Elaine Chamberlain, Eloise Pifer and Bill Sreckengost.

Both Lydia and Jennifer believe that being a member of the newly-established Jefferson County dairy

ambassadors program has helped prepare them for their upcoming year. The dairy ambassadors are a select group of volunteer high school boys and girls from each of the school districts in Jefferson County. Under the direction of the Jefferson County Penn State Cooperative Extension Staff, the ambassadors carry the dairy message to schools and other community organizations in Jefferson County. The dairy ambassadors work with the reigning dairy princess. Both help advertise the benefits of milk and milk by-products.

During her reign Lydia will travel throughout the county promoting milk and dairy products.

In September she will travel to Harrisburg to compete for the Pennsylvania Dairy Princess crown.

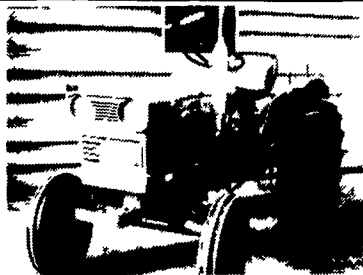
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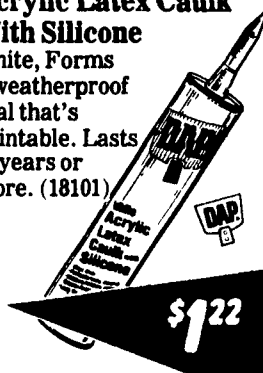
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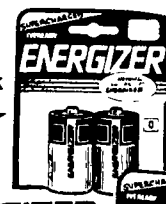
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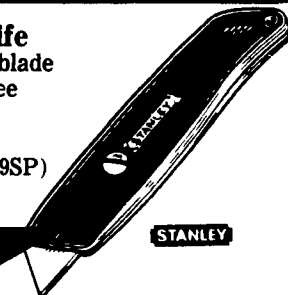
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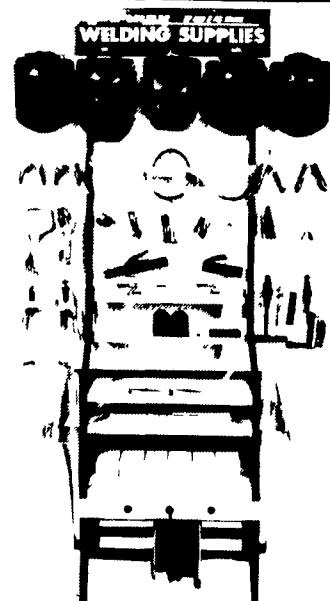
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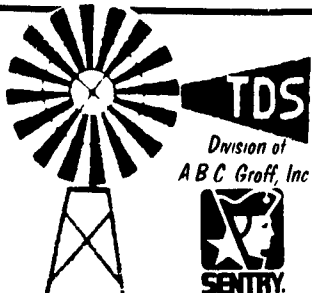
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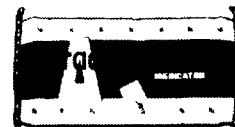
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