

Lynn Hembury Is Sullivan County Dairy Princess

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DUSHORE — Lynn Hembury, Dushore, is the 1986 Sullivan County Dairy Princess. Looking like a southern belle in an off-the-shoulder lavender gown with heart shaped neckline and a sweeping skirt with ruffles and lace, she was crowned Saturday night, June 21, at the conclusion of the June Dairy Month Parade. Approximately 500 to 800 people attended the event.

The 5-foot-4-inch hazle-eyed blonde is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hembury of Dushore. Lynn, 16, will be a senior next year at Sullivan County High School. This past year she was vice-president of her class and is a member of the band and a cheerleader. She belongs to a 4-H club and plans to attend Penn State after high school graduation for a course in business administration.

The Hemburys have a registered Holstein herd of 120 cows on test and farm about 450 acres.

When asked during her onstage interview what she does around the farm, the princess said she has three older brothers and noted that she gets the "leftover" chores. She said she does whatever needs doing at the time. To promote dairy products she said one of the best approaches would be to talk to children in the schools.

Alternate dairy princess for 1986 is CherieLynn Brown, 16, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerrod Brown of Shunk.

In a short farewell speech Lynette Higley, 1985 Sullivan County Dairy Princess said she visited several arts and crafts shows, schools, and dairy shows on behalf of the dairy industry.

The pageant was judged by Tom Mahoney, Bradford County agent; Alice Sherwood, Tunkahannock; and George Mueller, Dushore.

Special guests for the festivities were Yonna Taylor, 1986 Bradford County Dairy Princess; Christina Adams, Wyoming-Lackawanna Dairy Princess; and Stephanie



Lynn Hembury, right, is the new Sullivan County Dairy Princess. Cherie Lynn Brown, left, will serve as her alternate.

Whitehead, Maple Queen.

The dairy parade climaxed a month of dairy-related activities which included a theme contest by a local newspaper, a dinner by the local chamber of commerce, and the annual Twilight Meeting sponsored by June Dairy Committee and Sire Power which gave the public a chance to visit a working dairy farm. A block party followed the parade sponsored by the local fire company.

The parade and other activities

were arranged by the June Dairy Month Committee comprised of representatives from the Sullivan County Cooperative Extension Service, The Sullivan Review, Dushore Fire Company, Dushore Lions Club, the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce, local businessmen, dairy farmers, and past dairy princesses.

Emcee for the event was Fred Fiester of Claverack Rural Electric, Towanda. Francis Moll donated five tractors and five wagons for the parade.

Community Works Together For Annual Dairy Parade

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DUSHORE — For 23 years Sullivan County, one of the smallest, most sparsely-populated counties in the state, has been holding its annual dairy pageant in combination with a parade through Dushore.

According to Mary Lambert, parade organizer for 20 years, as many as 2,000 to 3,000 people have lined the streets of this small town to view the parade. Many are "cabin people," Mary says, who come to spend their summers in the Endless Mountains, while a substantial number are local residents.

The parade is successful, Mary believes, because the community organizations all work together to celebrate June as Dairy Month.

The dairy parade was started in 1963 when chamber of commerce president William H. Gregory, who also happened to be the county agent, told the chamber that with 165 dairymen in the county generating about a million and a half dollars a year, June Dairy Month should be observed.

Since that time the parade has become a tradition in which all the local organizations such as the fire company, Lions Club, chamber of commerce and businessmen and dairy farmers, participate.

Community organizations working together in harmony is a major reward of the parade for Mary. "We can all work together," she says. "It's a joint venture."

Mary also notes that the people "just like to do floats." The library and historical association are two organizations that have made floats for the parade from the

beginning.

A unique feature of the parade is that everyone gets to see it twice. "Dushore isn't that big, so we go around twice," Mary explains. "People spend hours on the floats and to just zoom by? . . . So we go around twice."

The distance of the entire parade route is about 8 city blocks.

According to Mary, attendance at the parade fluctuates, with some

diminishing attributed to the decrease in the number of farmers. This year she estimated the attendance at between 500 and 800 people, noting that it was wonderful hay making weather on Saturday and she saw few farmers in the crowd.

Mary, and husband, George, in partnership with their two sons, operate Lambert Farms, Dushore. They milk 125 registered Holsteins and farm 500 acres.



Mary Lambert, parade organizer, relaxes in a chair at the library following the parade. "I'm not going to do it next year," she says. And then laughing, she admits that she says that every year.

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