

Washington County Contestant Wins Maryland Dairy Princess Title

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FREDERICK, Md. — Kaylena Martin of Smithsburg, Md. was crowned Maryland State Dairy Princess July 31. The silver celebration of the annual event was held at the Sheraton Inn in Frederick.

Nineteen-year-old Kaylena competed for the title with seven regional princesses. Carroll County dairy princess Nancy Powl was selected first runner-up.

The Miss Congeniality Award went to Sarah Osborn of Frederick while Upper Shore Princess Frances Talley was recognized for having the best skit.

Others competing for the title were Kimberly Anne Archer, Baltimore and Harford counties; and Rhonda Lynn Patrick, South Central area.

During the evening, Kaylena dazzled the judges with her poise and charm and answered

questions with confidence. A graduate of Shalom Christian Academy, Kaylena has just completed one year of study at Rhema Bible Institute in Broken Arrow, Okla.

Masters of ceremonies Mr. and Mrs. William Baker asked Kaylena to explain why she is pursuing a career in elementary education. She replied: "I enjoy working with young people very much. They are the ones who are really open to change. Farming and dairying has done so much for me. This is something I can do to give something back..."

The daughter of Marlin and Eva Martin, Kaylena helps her family run a Holstein dairy farm in Washington County. A 4-H member for nine years, Kaylena was also the 1983 Washington County Farm Bureau Queen and first runner-up in the state contest.

Kaylena has won honors for her public speaking ability. She credits

her father with helping her to master the skill.

"I would rather see her give two statements that come from the heart, than memorize," her father explained.

It was evident that Kaylena's answers were indeed spontaneous and sincere. She delivered her message without a stammer or a memorized word. In answer to the question, "What do you see as the future of the dairy industry in the state of Maryland?" she demonstrated her speaking expertise.

"I see the future as promising because of the people who are behind the dairy industry in Maryland," Kaylena said. "It's the people who are going to pull the industry through. Together we're going to make it work."

Sheila Bender, the 1985 Maryland Dairy Princess, was among 14 past state princesses who were present to celebrate the 25th year of an event that was instituted to promote dairy products. Sheila moved the audience to tears as she recalled the many pleasant memories of her reign, including butter churning at the Inner Harbor and milk promotions at an Orioles ballgame.

"After each dairy committee meeting, I was really excited about dairy foods," she said. "I hope that I have passed on this enthusiasm to each of you. Don't be afraid to promote your product," she advised. "I'm sure the dairy industry will be represented at its very best with all of you as its representatives," she told the seven regional winners.

With Kaylena Martin at the helm, the Maryland dairy industry will indeed be well represented.

The new princess already has ideas for the programs that she hopes to investigate later.

"Some people see the dairy princess program as a women's organization," she explained. "I want to work on changing that image."

She suggests bringing agribusiness and farm people together through the committee to

create a type of forum with emphasis on dairy products promotion. "Who better than dairy farmers to promote their product," she said.

The new princess does not plan to return to Broken Arrow. She is registered at Hagerstown Junior College for the fall semester. Her mother explained, "One year away from home is enough right now."



Kaylena Martin, right, was recently selected Maryland State Dairy Princess. Nancy Powl, left, was first runner-up.

Bradshaw Receives

Homemaker's Scholarship

CREAMERY — The Annual Extension Homemakers Scholarship has been awarded to Karen Bradshaw of Telford, a nutrition major at Albright

College. A second scholarship was also awarded to Annie Musselman, Harleysville, who is majoring in home economics education at Immaculata College.

The scholarships are awarded annually by the Homemakers Groups affiliated with the Montgomery County Cooperative Extension Service. The awards are given on the basis of academic

excellence, community involvement, and 4-H experience.

Information on the scholarship may be obtained by contacting the Extension office at 489-4315.

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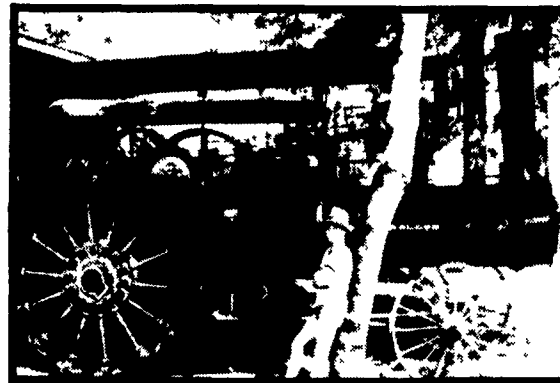
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You can find anything running there from very early "hit-'n-miss" gas engines once used to pump water, shell field corn, wash clothes, or power a small mill, to large gas-powered tractors.

— EVENING PROGRAMS —

WEDNESDAY: A threshing demonstration and fiddlin' (with everyone welcome to join in the fiddlin'.)

THURSDAY: Warren Mercer will play for square dancing, so bring and swing your partner.

FRIDAY: Steam and gas games and competition. This is a don't-miss evening with contests the like of which you have never seen before, like the "How slow can you go?" (without stalling) event and precision handling of tons of powered iron.

— SPECIAL FEATURE —

A special feature of this year's reunion will be a chronological display of many pieces of machinery made by the Hart-Parr/Oliver-White farm machinery company. If this name sounds strange, please remember that modern companies hold no exclusive title to company mergers. A bit of history of these company names and how and when they merged, will be included in the demonstration narrative.