

Teresa Martin Captures Lancaster County 1987-88 Poultry Queen Crown

by Lou Ann Good

Five young women flashed winning smiles and displayed their talent for promoting eggs and chickens during the Lancaster County Poultry Queen Pageant held at the Farm and Home Center on Saturday.

In the end, Teresa Martin captured the crown with her ability to handle the judges' grueling questioning and her knowledge of the poultry industry. Lonna Rohrer was named alternate queen.

Teresa, who is better known to her friends as T.J., dressed up as the Easter Bunny Newscaster for Egline News during her required promotional presentation. Her news briefed the audience on egg economics, nutrition and sports events featuring an egg toss.

Besides being judged for promotional presentations and their responses to interview questions, contestants responded to an on-the-spot question from Master of Ceremonies Grover Gouker. Teresa

hesitated only a moment when asked, "Who is your idol and why?" She then stated that Martin Luther King is her idol. With confident on-stage composure, Teresa noted the progress King has made in helping minorities.

The new queen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Martin, 1346 W. Main Street, Ephrata. She said that her father who is employed by poultry industry, Victor F. Weaver Company, coaxed her to compete for the county title.

Teresa is majoring in elementary education at Messiah College and is employed by Sauders Poultry during the summer months. She admitted, "It may take a little swinging to combine my Poultry Queen duties with college," but she is optimistic that "everything will work out."

Teresa believes that one of the best parts about being poultry queen is the opportunity it gives her to visit schools and educate

students about the nutritional value of chicken and eggs.

The queen was awarded a \$500 scholarship to further her education.

Seventeen year old Lonna Rohrer will assist the queen in upcoming promotional activities. Lonna's pageant presentation entertained the audience with her fact-filled speech on "Which came first the chicken or the egg?"

The alternate queen, daughter of Charles and Kay Rohrer, 690 Strasburg Road, Paradise, received a \$300 scholarship. A senior at Pequea Valley High School, Lonna has not yet chosen her future college, but she is "leaning towards Bucknell University." Lonna said that she spends plenty of time gathering eggs from the 15,000 layers on her parents farm.

Other queen contestants were Debra High, Lancaster; Julie Zimmerman, Reinholds; and Doreen Brubaker, Lititz.

Other features of the pageant included Jim Huber, County Commissioner Chairman, who said that he along with the other commissioners are proclaiming the month of August as Poultry month in Lancaster County. He said this is in recognition that Lancaster County is first in the state for production of laying hens and broilers and it ranks number two in the nation for supplying poultry products.

Soloist Peggy Schnupp entertained the guests by singing popular tunes from the past.



Teresa Martin, right, was crowned Lancaster County Poultry Queen 1987-88, during the annual pageant held Saturday at the Farm & Home Center, Lancaster. Alternate Queen Lonna Rohrer, left, will assist Teresa in promotional activities.

The 1986-87 Lancaster County Poultry Queen Elizabeth Simmons gave a teary, farewell speech that showed the pleasure she has had representing the poultry industry. Pageant judges were Lilly Ann

Kopp, former Lancaster County Poultry Queen; Lester Carnathan, store manager for Willow Valley Supermarket; and Dr. Maurice Hoppie, professor of economics at Elizabethtown College.

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