

Reluctant Contestant Now Enthusiastic Queen

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LINCOLN — Teresa Martin, 20, may have been a reluctant contestant, but she is now an enthusiastic queen. Pretty and soft spoken, Teresa was named the Lancaster County Poultry Queen last week, and, as the county winner, also wears the crown of Pennsylvania Poultry Queen. The daughter of Darrell and Earla Martin, Lincoln, Teresa will be a junior at Messiah College at Grantham.

It was Darrell who brought home the entry forms from his work at Victor F. Weaver in New Holland, and encouraged both Teresa and her 18-year-old sister Cheryl to enter the county contest. He was joined by other family members and Teresa's boy friend, and eventually Teresa caved in and entered. Now she's glad she did. Cheryl chose not to enter.

"I found out it is more of a worthwhile thing. If it had been strictly a beauty contest, I never would have entered," Teresa says. Indeed, the role she is least looking forward to is riding floats in the county fair parades.

The part she is most eager to undertake is "talking with people and getting to meet people." She is eager to tell of the benefits of using poultry products, saying, "Eggs are the best source of animal protein, and are economical and nutritional. They are also easy to prepare." She thinks promoting eggs will be easy, because, "I like them."

Teresa is looking forward to learning more about chicken, and points out that Lancaster County remains number one in processed poultry products.

A junior at Messiah College in Grantham, Teresa is majoring in elementary education and is looking forward to making elementary school presentations. She says, "I'll make time for it. This is my major interest and it will give me some experience in the classroom. It will definitely help my career goals." Her interest in elementary



Promoting the use of poultry products also means showing the many delicious ways in which they can be used. Here Teresa is ready to serve some freshly baked cookies to a guest.

education evolved after many summers spent as a camp counselor.

Teresa feels she has a pretty good grounding in promoting eggs because she is working for R.W. Sauder, Inc., Lititz, for the second summer. Glenn Sauder, who hired

her for the job, provided her with informational brochures about eggs to help her with the necessary background before entering the contest.

She admits candidly that she did not want to work there at first, because she wanted to have a job where she could "dress up." Now she's glad she accepted, because being poultry queen will give her ample opportunity to "dress up" and to "meet new people."

She recalls that she first met Sauder when she was solo canoeing down Pine Creek, through the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon. Sauder was also canoeing, and he liked Teresa's ability to handle a canoe and her adventuresome spirit and asked her to work in his processing plant for the summer.

Having mastered several different jobs in the plant, Teresa takes the place of people who have gone on vacations. As such, she also works a variety of shifts. She says, "Candling is the hardest job, and took the longest to learn."

Teresa acknowledges that most of the workers at the plant were very enthusiastic about her becoming Poultry Queen. Her boss, Glenn Sauder, was "pretty thrilled about it, and her father "was busting from the seams," Teresa said.

For her promotional presentation during the contest, Teresa dressed up as an Easter Bunny and gave a newscast about different ways to use eggs. One of her more unique reports was an egg toss at the Olympic games.



Making appointments and juggling a full schedule will keep Teresa's upcoming year full of excitement. The telephone and appointment book will become constant companions.

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