

New York Dairy Princess To Be Crowned

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — On August 19 the New York State Dairy Princess for 1988-89 will be crowned at the State University of New York at Cortland campus. The princess will be chosen from the 35 local county princesses who will gather at the campus to compete for the state title. The 26th state princess will prove an important resource for the state's dairy industry. She will be an active spokesperson for the industry, promoting milk and dairy products to a variety of groups.

Two days of actual competition precedes the pageant. The young promoters are judged on speaking ability, knowledge of the dairy industry, poise, appearance and creativity. Each princess presents two five-minute speeches and also conducts a personal interview with the three pageant judges. This year's contestants will also have to create a billboard carrying a milk message for the judges' inspection.

The pageant commences at 5:30 p.m. with a milk punch hour which is followed immediately by a banquet. The contestants will be introduced by the master of ceremonies while being escorted by their fathers. Prior to the announcement of the eight finalists, the three speech winners will give their presentations. The eight finalists will then answer an impromptu question regarding the dairy industry.

Christa Miller, the 1987-88 New York State Dairy Princess, will present her farewell speech marking the highlights and achievements of her year as the state's dairy princess.

Christa's speech is immediately prior to the coronation of the 1988-89 New York State Dairy Princess and her alternate.

The New York State Dairy Princess program is one of the several milk promotion programs developed and sponsored by the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council (ADADC). The ADADC is a generic milk promotion organization serving over 20,000 dairy farmers from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Alissa Hooper

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She considers herself a disciplined person who, if necessary, will arise early and stay up late to finish a

project.

She gives 4-H a lot of credit for helping her to gain self-confidence



Alissa stitched her Uncle Sam outfit that captured the attention of the audience during her rousing speech on "Vote for Poultry."

in public speaking and in setting career goals. She said, "4-H taught me my modeling skills, which helped me in the pageant. I'd like to see more kids get involved." Although she has tried to solicit her friends into joining, she hasn't been too successful. She said, "They complain, 'I can't sew.'" Alissa said, "They don't realize that I couldn't either before I became involved with the program. It takes patience and practice."

Unlike many seniors, Alissa is not counting the days until school is over. "I'm the emotional type," she admits, "It will be difficult to break away from it." Although she makes good grades she said, "Grades don't come easy for me. I work for what I want."

Because Alissa enjoys people and looks forward to telling them about poultry products, she believes she'll do a good job in being a spokesperson for the poultry industry.

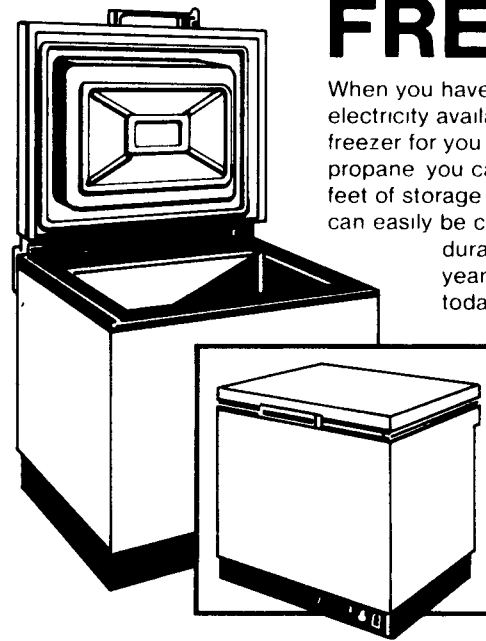
The Hoobers moved from their

farm five-years-ago. But the twins still help on the chicken farm, which their father owns. "I miss the open spaces we had at the farm," she said.

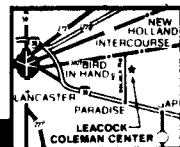
She admits to dreaming every since she was a little girl that someday she'd be the poultry queen. This was her first try at the poultry queen crown. Last year she placed in the top ten out of 50 girls vying for the Miss Teen crown. She said, "I think every girl should experience being part of a pageant." At this point, she doesn't foresee entering more pageants. She intends on doing a competent job as the county poultry queen. She explained, "I know my limitations, but I try to do the best I can do when I take on a project."

That's who Alissa Hooper is. A conscientious teen, determined to do the best she can in all that she tackles. And always, she smiles a gentle, caring smile. Oblivious of any snobbery despite her successes, she concentrates on showing concern toward others.

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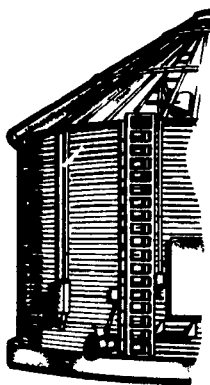


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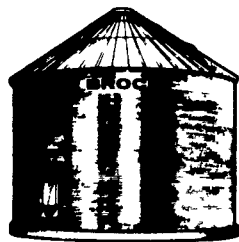


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