

## Couple Recall Public Wedding At The Fair

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UNION BRIDGE, Md. — Fifty-three years ago, on August 23, 1939, Frances Bauerline became the bride of Frank Fogle of Union Bridge, Maryland. Now, at age 71, Mrs. Fogle said that, like many brides, she had the wedding day jitters. Understandably, Frances Fogle had more to be nervous about than most brides. Approximately 3,000 people witnessed the event at their public wedding at the Carroll County Fair.

"I saw all the people when I got into the limousine," she recalled.

"It didn't make any difference to me," said her husband, Frank Fogle. "The more the better. There were about 6,000 people on the grounds that evening," he added.

How the couple came to be married at the fairgrounds is an interesting story. "We had been going together for about a year and a half," explained Mr. Fogle. I was at her home one evening when I saw this ad in the paper:

Attention: Young Couples in Carroll County. Would you like to have a pretty wedding

on Wednesday, Aug. 23, 1939, at the Carroll County Fair at Taneytown? If so, contact Mrs. T. B. Cash, Westminster or George E. Dodrer, Taneytown for information.

"I showed [animals at the fair] all my life. I said we might as well get married there," he mused. The economy was not good at the time, according to Mr. Fogle, and he said that they saw this as a way to "get married for free."

They applied for the public wedding and all of the free services that went with it — free formal wear for the bridal party, flowers, hair styling, a limousine and cash. "That's the only free haircut I ever had," said Mr. Fogle with a chuckle.

The young couple competed with about 16 other couples who dreamed of the same grand wedding at the Carroll County Fair. At the time, the site of the fair was in Taneytown where the Taneytown Shopping Center now stands. It was the 42nd annual fair in the county, and the Public Wedding was an eagerly anticipated annual event.

"I think we were chosen

because we would draw a good crowd, Frances being from Westminster and myself from Union Bridge," he surmised.

The names of the chosen couple were kept a secret from the public until that Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. when Miss Frances Bauerline stepped onto the grandstand and stood by the side of her 22-year-old husband-to-be, Frank Fogle.

"It was almost like you were in church," recalled Mr. Fogle. "They stopped all the rides. It was surprising how you could get 3,000 people to quiet down, he observed. "They didn't want to miss anything," said Mrs. Fogle.

The Fogles' wedding was the first "top hat, white tie and tails affair" at the fair according to a report that was picked up by the Associated Press. Another article reported that the bride, "a charming brunette, wore a gown of white taffeta, with puffed sleeves and a short bodice, and a long, attached train. Her tulle veil was also full length and was caught with a transparent white velvet bow. She carried a colonial arrangement of white roses and

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Frank and Francis Fogle were married at the Carroll County Fair in Maryland in 1939.

## Poultry Queens To Be Crowned August 7

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Two queens instead of one will be selected at the annual Lancaster County Poultry Queen banquet on August 7. One will be crowned as the Pennsylvania Poultry Queen and another as the Lancaster County Poultry Queen.

Three contestants are competing for the honor of promoting the poultry industry. It is a bit confusing, but two of the contestants are named Melissa D. Yoder. The other contestant is Mary Sauder. The two 17-year-old Melissas

did not know each other until they met at a get-together sponsored by the Poultry Association to prepare the contestants for the pageant.

Melissa Dawn Yoder is the daughter of Vernon and Barb Yoder of Christiana. She works part time on her parents' 150 acre farm where they raise 20,000 broilers, 50 pigs, 120 steers, a dog, and "1800" cats. She also works part time at Yoder's Country Market in New Holland.

Melissa will be a senior at Lan-

caster Mennonite High School in the fall. She is a member of the Campus Chorale and is president of her church's youth group.

She has a brother and a sister who are married.

Melissa Darlene Yoder is the daughter of Richard and Sherry Yoder of Mount Joy. She has two married sisters.

In the fall, Melissa will be a senior at Lancaster Catholic High School where she plays softball and runs cross country. During the

summer, she works as a waitress at the Martin House Restaurant.

Melissa's mother works for Wenger Feeds, which makes Melissa eligible to compete for the Poultry Queen title.

Mary Sauder is the daughter of Glen and Joyce Sauder of Neffsville and has one brother. Glen is co owner of Sauder's Eggs of Lititz where Mary had worked part time for two years.

Nineteen-year-old Mary is a recent graduate of Lancaster Mennonite High. She is a waitress at Lancaster Airport Restaurant and is majoring in early childhood education at Lancaster Community

College.

Mary enjoys riding horses (she previously showed) and water skiing.

The banquet program includes a presentation skit by each contestant and impromptu questioning.

The contestants are judged on appearance, speaking ability, poise, personality, industry knowledge, achievements, and availability to make appearances.

Tickets for the banquet on Friday, August 7, which starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center, are \$12. For tickets, call Guy Martin (717) 626-2074 or (717) 397-7820.



Preparing for the Lancaster County Poultry Queen Banquet are, from left, Melissa Darlene Yoder, contestant; Lancaster County Poultry Queen Michele High, Alternate Lancaster County Poultry Queen Marlene Enck, and Melissa Dawn Yoder, contestant. Another contestant, Mary Sauder, is missing from the picture.

