The Marriage Of A Dairy Princess

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crs who prepared barbecue ribs and and chicken, and partly because the place holds fond memories of Becky's affiliation with 4-H and dairy princess activities.

The day before the wedding, the bridal couple helped friends prepare the reception decorations. They rented a helium machine and filled the balloons. Unfortunately, helium seeped from the balloons overnight and the balloons were lying on the tables. Unknown to Becky, Fred's brother discovered the deflated balloons and found a church that owned a helium machine and used it to fill fresh balloons so that by the time of the reception, the balloons were flying high.

Since Becky was a dairy princess, she thought it only proper that milk be served to guests and a milk toast was offered.

Becky encourages using the talents of friends to cut wedding costs and to make the wedding more personable. The disc jockey, the wedding cake decorator, and the photographer were friends.

Even the best laid plans can go awry. And, it did for the couple on their wedding night, but even that ended up saving them money. The couple had secured a suite with a jaccuzzi at a well-known hotel chain. They had a confirmation number, but when they arrived, the hotel said that an unexpected busload had arrived and they had given the couple's room to someone else.

It was late, and Becky was near tears at this point. The chain sent them to a hotel next door, who when they heard of the newlywed's plight, gave the couple a more elaborate room than the previously booked one, all at no cost to the couple. The pair then traveted to Florida where they stayed in a a Bed and Breakfast, chosen from the many magazine clippings that Becky has saved for many years.

Even on the honeymoon, the couple found ways to conserve dollars. They ate a late breakfast, had no lunch, and ate an early dinner

When the wedding day and the honeymoon were over, the couple moved into a Lancaster home that they had purchased with money saved from budget-trimming wedding expenses.

"You save here and you spend there," Becky said about wedding costs. "No matter how inexpensive you try to do things, it ends up costing a lot when you have 250 guests.

"It is important for couples to decide what is the most important and more deserving of money and where expenses can be cut. It's a decision that can affect your lifestyle for years to come."



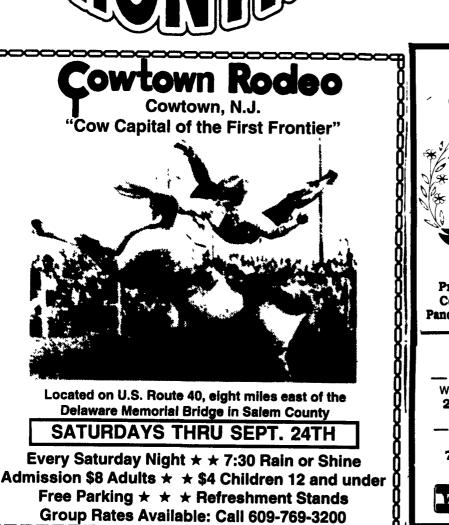
Bride Rebecca Sonnen is surrounded by her bridesmaids and flower girls. The teale-blue suits, which are suitable for other ocassions, were ordered through a catalog.



With about the same amount of money as a tuxedo rental would have cost, the groom and his groomsmen purchased suits. When combined with tuxedo shirts, cumberbands and bowtles, few people noticed that the suits were not tuxedos.



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