

## Acres' reign fulfills dream



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Despite her past experience in getting up in front of an audience, she admits the dairy princess contest July 13 at Iroquois was the occasion for some stage fright. "I was really nervous," she says. "I didn't know what to expect from the interview."

Although she was advised to be ready for questions from the judges about hobbies and interests, her interview actually focussed very little on personal information and more on nutrition and the workings of the Ontario Milk Marketing Board.

"I did a project on marketing boards this year, so I was able to use a little bit of that," says Colleen. Her own feelings are that the milk board is one of the most efficient there is, and she hopes to be able to communicate this message during her term as princess.

"I would really like to help inform people of the goodness that milk contains and that it's not such a high-calorie product as everybody is led to believe," she says.

As the travelling ambassador for the county's more than 375 milk producers, Acres has spoken to an estimated 2,500 toddlers and elementary school students over the past year.

"One little boy asked me why there wasn't a dairy prince and he asked if he could be my prince," Acres recalled last week with a smile.

Unlike other counties, where the dairy princess can concentrate on bringing farmers' messages to an urban public, Acres found most of the children and groups she met were well acquainted with the milk industry. So she talked instead about nutrition and the importance of dairy

products and the other three Canada Food Guide groups.

Although Colleen isn't sure what career she will choose to follow after university, she believes the experience of growing up on a farm is a valuable background for most occupations.

"I know how to work, and I can work long days," she says. "I see myself as a more responsible person because I know I have to be home every night at five to do the milking."

Children growing up on a farm understand where food comes from, and they learn about life and death at an early age. "I can cope with that better than someone who doesn't see things born and things die on such a regular basis," says Colleen.

According to Colleen, there's a good reason why farm kids learn responsibility. "This is my bread and butter, so I have to make it got just like everybody else - just like my mom and dad."

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## Isabella Farlinger

Colleen Acres, 19, ends her reign as 1987-88 Dundas County dairy princess Saturday

## Dairy Princess



### For me?

Isabella Farlinger accepts a bouquet, tiara and other awards as she is crowned Dundas Dairy Princess 1988/89. It was the 30th anniversary of the competition

Isabella Farlinger, daughter of Charles and Joan of R.R.1, Morrisburg is a grade 12 student who will be returning this year for her grade 13 finals. Isabella talked to the crowd of onlookers about "Life at Seaway View", she examined the fact that people take milk for granted and know little about its production.

This being the thirtieth anniversary of the Dundas Dairy Princess competition some very special guests were in attendance at the ceremonies. Dundas Dairy Princess 1957-58 Estella Rose and Princess Mary Fawcett 1958-59 were present to say a few words about the contest, and to tell their tales of being chosen as royalty.

Time for some more special guests as Meldrum called upon Dairy Princess of 1960-61 Janet Stoble and 1961-62 Jean Atchison, both expressed their past happiness at being the chosen representative for Dundas County and wished this year's contestants luck.

Miss Dundas 1965-66 Lois Presley and 1968-69 Doris Baker, both sisters, better recalled by many as the Stoodley sisters were present to offer their sincere recollections of the wonderful year they each spent as the Princess.

Rachel Wessenburg (1982-83), Eileen Rose (1981-82, Ellen McNaughton (80-81), and Connie McDermid all appeared on stage to introduce themselves and to say what they are doing now in their lives.

Following this the last group of past Princess' appeared. Joanne Alber (1986-87), Sherri Van Allen (1985-86), Mary Jane Van Ogden (1984-85), and the Princess of 1983-84.

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this year's Dundas Dairy Princess Competition, but the award went to Debbie Cooper, 18, of Brinston.

Cooper prepared a speech concentrating on Ault Foods Ltd.'s history from 1891 to the present production of its light butter.

The Brinston teenager will have a hectic six months because her two reigns overlap until January. She hopes to be working at either Winchester Cheese or Ault Foods.

"I want to work for a year before going to college and save some money," said Cooper. "If I work at either place they should understand my other obligations."

Cooper wants to become a behavioral science technician. By talking with more people now, she thinks it will help her later in her desired field.

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