



Country music, country dress and country charm is the forte of Contestant No. 4, Milene Alestra, who treated the audience to a Western dance routine. She graduated from Farmington High School this spring with high honors.



Roxanne D'Ascenzo, who captured the Miss Farmington title last year, returned to crown this year's title holder and dance to "The Last Jazz Song."

Roxanne Varty takes title

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DETERMINATION aside, Varty said she wore her grandmother's "lucky jewelry" and a "lucky dress" of pink chiffon sprinkled with hand-sewn sequins for pageant night.

The Scorpio-born rules also quoted her horoscope for the day which predicted she would "get what she hoped for."

What she also got was a three-page list spelling out her schedule of personal appearances that would bring her to the four corners of the sister cities for various events throughout Founders' Festival weekend.

And there is another schedule to come from the pageant committee for the balance of her yearlong reign.

Sensing that pageant-goers might not realize the work the young women put into getting ready for their appearances before the audience and judges, pageant director Pat Fallon added something new this time around: a slide show of events leading up to pageant night.

The short presentation squeezed in shots of the contenders doing their hair and makeup, in dance sessions, being

fitted for costumes, sitting in classes, being cued, having their walk perfected, being photographed.

"It's all volunteer," Fallon said. "Musicians, make-up experts, groomers, the choreographer, the backstage crew, everybody that helps put on the show comes out to lend a hand, year after year, as a labor of love."

AMONG THE former Miss Farmingtons who came out to lend a hand this year were Jan Schrier Fredericks, who won the title in 1975; Doris LaMarra Matkowsky who took the title in 1977; and Kelly Garver, Miss Farmington of 1981.

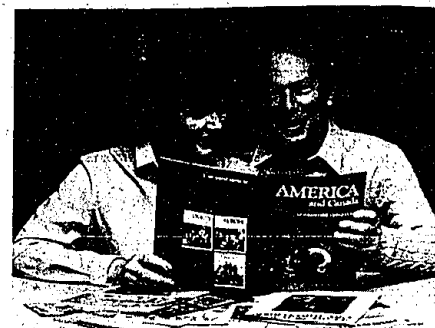
The three performed during pageant night with Roxanne D'Ascenzo, who gave up her title this week. Also entertaining was a group of former contestants and others who entertained under the name of The Farmington Pageant Revue and The Miss Farmington Orchestra.

Lisa Varty said she was looking forward to her "long year ahead as Miss Farmington."

D'Ascenzo, in her farewell speech as she relinquished her crown, said, "The year has gone by much too fast."



An All-American gymnast for three years, Kimberly Ann Edwards performed a combination dance and gymnastic routine to Eric Carmen's "Haven't We Come a Long Way, Baby." The 1983 graduate of North Farmington High School will enter Western Michigan University as a pre-law student this fall.



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