

"Fairest" title goes to Carolyn Routon

HENRY BEAUTY IS WINNER

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Carolyn Routon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Routon of Routon, is Henry County's new "Fairest of the Fair". She was selected from a field of 20 beauteous contestants Tuesday night at the Henry County Fair.

Named as first and second maids to the new queen were June Watkins, daughter of Mrs. Quince Watkins of 810 Curtis St., and Patty Jo Hamlet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hamlet of 437 Whitehall Circle. Both girls are 1964 graduates of Grove High School.

Alternates to the two runner-ups were Rose Dorich and Jane Vaughn, who received white carnations. The three top winners were each presented with trophies and flowers.

The new queen was crowned by Theresa Wall of Paris, the 1963 "Fairest of the Fair." Miss Routon will compete with "fair" queens from across Tennessee for the state title in Nashville next January.

The fair itself received a signal honor when Fair Association president Grady Hutson was presented with a "Community Services Award" by a representative of the Mid-South Fair in Memphis.

The handsome plaque Hutson received is reportedly one of 16 being awarded to outstanding county fairs in seven states. This year is the first such an award has been made by the Mid-South Fair Association. Jimmy Little, assistant manager of the Memphis event made the presentation during an interlude in the "Fairest of the Fair" pageant.

Also appearing during the pageant were Parisians Leon and Don Ridgeway who were presented in full regalia as he "Mayor Emeritus and Ambassador from Possumtrott (Tennessee)." They were introduced by Charles Farmer, who assisted emcee Leon in his duties.

Janice Linn entertained the large grandstand with two songs, accompanied by musicians Jimmy Tubbs, Steve Clark and Tommy McCutcheon.

The new "fair" queen is a 1964 graduate of Henry High School. She will be a freshman at the University of Tennessee at Martin this fall where she is tentatively planning to major in business administration.

The 5'8" blue-eyed brunette competed in last year's "Fairest of the Fair" event and this year's Hostess Princess revue.

She is a member of the Henry Church of Christ.

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Carolyn Sue Routon to seek State Beauty Title

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Henry County’s “Fairest of the Fair”, Carolyn Sue Routon of Henry, will compete with 53 other fair queens in state beauty competition next Friday in Nashville.

Selection of “Tennessee’s Fairest of the Fairs” is a highlight of the annual convention of Tennessee Association of Fairs, set Thursday and Friday.

Miss Routon, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Routon, will meet the other contestants at an informal tea Thursday afternoon. They will be guests of their sponsors at the association’s annual banquet Thursday evening.

Friday morning will be devoted to rehearsals, press conferences, and getting ready for the beauty pageant, which is to take place at a luncheon Friday.

Gov. Frank Clement and Linda Thorpe, reigning queen, will crown the winner. The new “Tennessee Fairest of the Fairs” will receive a spring wardrobe.

Miss Routon, a student at the University of Tennessee Martin Branch, won the right to enter the state event when she was selected “Fairest of the Fair” at the Henry County Fair last August.

She is a former “Miss Henry High School.” She was a member of the high school Beta Club three years, was president of its Library Club, was chosen outstanding home economics student in her sophomore year, and held a sub-district office in Future Homemakers of America

18-year-old queen won over competition from within her own family – her sister Marilyn, 15, was also a contestant in Tuesday's event.

The fair continued today with dairy cattle and products judging this morning. The Youth Talent Contest, featuring an array of local talent, will be tonight at 7.