

By Dick Miller

"It has been a wonderful year. The people I've met, the places and events I've attended are things that I will always treasure," said lovely Gayle Sloan, North Carolina Poultry Queen.

"Every body has been wonderful to me, and I consider my title has taught me much more than I could have ever learned from formal study."

It all started at White Lake last summer when Dallas Shaden asked his neighbor's son if he knew a pretty girl with talent that might compete as Miss Poultry Princess at the Rose Hill Poultry Jubilee. His answer was simply Gayle Sloan.

Gayle was a natural for the title because of her beauty, poise, personality and musical talent.

Miss Sloan was sponsored in the Rose Hill Poultry Jubilee contest by Arbor Acres Farm, Concord, North Carolina. She recently spent the day touring Arbor Acres and visiting with her original sponsor.

Gayle was a special guest of the North Carolina Poultry Federation Banquet in Charlotte and it was there that she was officially named North Carolina Poultry Queen.

She has represented the poultry industry in many places in North Carolina including a trip to Raleigh where she presented poultry products to Governor Robert W. Scott and to Agriculture Commissioner James Graham.

A visit to the North Carolina

Farm Bureau was made while in Raleigh and on a return trip to the capital city, Gayle presented a chicken cooking contest.

She officially attended the North Carolina Blue Berry Festival at White Lake and recently represented the poultry industry at the Herrell's Community Fair in Sampson County.

She has been a guest of television stations including WNCN-TV, Greenville; WTNB-TV, Washington; WRAL-TV, Raleigh; WWAY-TV, Wilmington; and WSOB-TV, Charlotte, and has been interviewed on several radio stations.

Of much interest to Gayle was the local poultry industry and related industries that she has visited in Duplin County.

Gayle also attended a three-day Southeastern United States Poultry and Egg Association Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

"That was quite a treat for me. I expected that the exhibit halls of poultry equipment to be most boring, but I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it. The new equipment for the chicken houses and processing plants purely fascinated me," said the lovely brunette.

"We heard an interesting address by Barry Goldwater and did lots of partying at night."

Gayle was chaperoned on all her trips by Mrs. Annette Fountain whom she described as most helpful, the kind of help that always produced the right thing at the right moment.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sloan of Chinquapin have

been "just wonderful". They haven't had much to say about the whole thing, but they have supported Gayle in every way and were always available for any problem.

Her twelve-year-old sister, Kaye, thinks it is just great to have a big sister who is North Carolina Poultry Queen. Kaye does not resemble her brunette sister, instead she is a very pretty blonde. And if the Rose Hill Jaycees will make a note of the fact, they will have some good material for their pageant about the year 1979.

To the new poultry queen, Gayle advises, "Wear your title and your crown with pride because being North Carolina Poultry Queen is something to be proud of."

And of the Rose Hill Jaycees, Gayle said, "They are absolutely the most wonderful group of men that God ever let live. They have granted my every wish, and in fact exceeded many of them. They are just fine."

Gayle is now attending Florida State University where she will major in Music Therapy.

"I'm a people-girl and I have to be with people. My love for music and for children makes me know I have made the right choice. A concert pianist spend far too many hours alone for that to appeal to me."

And so, next week a new Poultry Queen will be chosen. But Gayle Sloan of Chinquapin will long be remembered as one of the outstanding North Carolina Poultry Queens.



Miss Gayle Sloan scarcely remembers a time that music was not a part of her life. Her love of music and love for people has been the determining factor in choosing a career in music therapy.



Miss Gayle Sloan, North Carolina Poultry Queen, visited with Gov. Scott in Raleigh and presented him with chicken wing-dings, eggs and several turkey products. She extended to Gov. Scott a most warm invitation to attend the North Carolina Poultry Jubilee in Rose Hill October 4.



As her first official duty Miss Gayle Sloan, Poultry Princess visits the Coast Guard Cutter MENDOTA in Wilmington. She is shown aboard by Captain C. S. Marple.



Jaycees David Fussell and Jimmy Riley find it their pleasant duty to escort Miss Poultry Princess, lovely Gayle Sloan, newly crowned Princess from Chinquapin—who likes chicken.

Seymour Johnson Sentry Dogs

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