

Mentone Egg Show Queens

The first Egg Show has held in April of 1936, but no queen contest ~~was~~ was held until 1940 when Delta Deane Doran of Burket was the winner. Ileen Sarber, daughter of Earl Sarber, was selected in 1941. *Five years later,* ~~(Incidentally, she contacted polio~~ during the epidemic of 1946 *she was stricken with polio.*

Patricia Gaerte was the first queen when the Egg Show resumed after the war. Phyllis Latta, the 1947 winner, also won ~~the~~ State Egg Show at Indianapolis.

~~The Atwood representative,~~ Mylan (or Wylan) Titus from Atwood was chosen in 1948, followed by Miss Beaver Dam, Kathleen Perry, who was the daughter of Warden Perry. Tomaline Witham, daughter of Thomas Witham, was crowned in 1950. The Mentone High School contestant, Geneva Whetstone, daughter of Cassel Whetstone, won in 1951. She was followed by Joyce Metzger, Shirley Overmyer, ~~and~~ Sally Shively and Sandra VanLue.

Betty Griffis, daughter of Gib Griffis of Mentone was Egg Show Queen in 1955. JoAnn Tucker was next, followed by Boni Spradlin and Sandra VanKirk. Diana Ballenger, daughter of Gerald Ballenger, was the last queen. Due to varied and rapid changes in the poultry industry the committee decided to discontinue the ~~Egg~~ Show.