

Jennifer Halvorson - 1984

Dalton Threshing Reunion decided success despite cold, wet weather; Halvorson is queen

It's History . . . and, despite cold and inclement weather, the 31st annual Steam Threshing Reunion at Dalton, was a decided success.

The events in the museum building were well attended, all the way from the Queen of Steam coronation through the talent show, open participation and the church services Sunday morning.

The Parade of Giants was conducted each day, sometimes with a sprinkle of moisture, but, nevertheless, with complete participation of the steam and gas tractors prepared for the show.

Visitors enjoyed the new headquarters building on the grounds, complete with office facilities and the display of various room settings. The latter were installed last week with a lot of help from contractors and members alike.

The threshing by steam engines, powering of saw mills, and the operation of antique gas tractors took the fancy of all the visitors who came to the grounds all three days.

Jennifer Halvorson was crowned Queen of Steam and her attendants are listed under the picture of the royalty. The Little King and Queen were crowned by emcee Jack Brush.

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Borg Drug, Jensen's Hardware Hank, Dahlen's Short Stop and Sandy and Nancy's City Restaurant, all of Ashby.

Judges for the Little King and Queen were: Joan Fitch, Kathy Berdan and Al Fitch, all of Fergus Falls.

Judges for Queen of Steam were Bonnie Barber, Brian Peterson and Charles Sherbrooke, all of Fergus Falls.

The uptown parade went off without a hitch Saturday forenoon and many interesting entries were observed. The parade was followed by a square dance demonstration and water fights between rival fire departments. (The street sure got clean.)

Duane Poole did a good job of keeping the acts in order as emcee of the open par-



Royalty of the Dalton Threshing Reunion posed here for The Review-Post Camera following the coronation Thursday evening. Queen Jennifer Halvorson is seated, and to the left is Miss Congeniality, Susie Swendsrud. To the right of her on the picture is first runner-up DeAnn Rogers and Sarah Melby. The Little King and Queen pictured are Derrick Olson and Amanda Holicky.

ticipation show Saturday evening.

Sunday's events were dampened a little by intermittent sprinkles, but the people who attended were well pleased.

The year was the anniversary of Allis

Chalmers equipment and there were many pieces of farm and road machinery on display for the spectators. The huge steam wheel was running many hours of the day and proved to be the center of attraction.