How It Feels To Win A Beauty Crown

By LOIS SUTTON

"Miss Shrine Princess"

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Miss Lois Sutton, 18, daughter of Mrs. James Sutton, 1863 Mintwood Pl., N.W., won national beauty honors last week in St. Louis, where she was crowned "Miss Shrine Princess of 1948" over 23 other contrants. The beauty contest was held in conjunction with the annual convention. Proceeds from the affair go to the Shriners' Tuberculosis and Cancer Research Foundation.)

By LOIS SUTTON

I believe that I am the happiest girl in America this week, because last Wednesday (August 18) I won the Shriners' beauty crown.

Everyone asks me how I felt when my name was called over the loudspeaker system at Kiel Auditorium naming me "Miss Shrine Princess of 1948."

Well, to tell you the truth, I didn't expect to win, so I wasn't exactly nervous. I thought the girl from Cleveland would win it and, frankly, I was tired of sitting around and wished the judges would quit fooling around and get it over with.

It was awfully tiring. We had paraded around the stage once in our bathing suits, came back in our evening gowns and then talked over the "mike." All of this took about three hours, so you can imagine how boring it was.

"A Thrilling Highlight"

After my name was announced, I suddenly became weak in my knees. When I got over my nervousness, I really felt great.

It was certainly a thrilling highlight to one of the grandest weeks of my life.

I left Washington on the B. & O.'s "Nationzl Limited" for St. Louis on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. I arrived in St. Louis the following day about 4:30 p.m. As I was tired from the long train ride, I went straight to bed.

On Monday, the contestants were taken on a sightseeing tour of St. Louis and on Monday night I attended the Shriners' Ball, where I met Jersey Joe Walcott, the fighter, who almost beat Joe Louis.

On Tuesday I was interviewed by a disc jockey on KLOW; attended a pre-contest rehearsal and went to a St. Louis Cardinals ball game that evening. Following the ball game, I was taken to the Club Riviera, where Erskine Hawkins and his band were playing.

Could Eat Enough

Wednesday was the big day! During the afternoon I enjoyed the Shriners' picnic held in beautiful Forest Park. However, I would have enjoyed it more if I could have eaten the oodles and oodles of food that was on hand.

However, we were told to eat a light dinner, because of the contest finals that night. I have already told you about the contest.

It's pretty hard to tell about what happened after the contest was over, because things happened so fast and furious. There were all types of pictures taken, I was given the key to the city by the Mayor, invited to appear on several radio shows.

5'4" Tall, 118 Pounds

I returned home on the Shriners' special train on Saturday, arriving here Sunday night about 11 o'clock, and the glorious week was over.

I have been asked to report my measurements. Well, here they are: I am 5 feet 4 inches tall, I weigh 118 lbs., my neck is 12 inches, bust 34 inches, waist 24 inches, hip 36 inches, thigh 19 inches, calf 13 inches, and ankle 8 inches.

I graduated from Cardozo High School last June and plan to enter Howard University this fall. At the present time, I work as a model for several local photographers, but I don't plan to follow this as a profession.

My greatest ambition after finishing college is to marry and have three children.

Sought Beauty Crown at Shriners' Meeting in St. Louis

These are the lovelies who vied for first honors in the Shriners' annual beauty contest this year. Miss Lois Sutton (front row, fourth from left), a resident of Washington, won the title and was crowned "Miss Shrine Princess of 1948." The other young women are, from left, Francis Ophelia Smalley, Indianapolis; Albertine Lee, Atlanta, Ga.; Roosevelt Whitmore, St. Louis; Bernice Johnson, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Marie Jones, Lovejoy, Ill.; Beulah Haley, East Chicago, Ind.; Bunny Evans, New York City; Maryellen Wilson, Cleveland; second row, Alma Gaston, Denver; Virgie Mae Cheerie, Portsmouth, Va.; Rosa Rainey, Newport News, Va.; Virginia Wilson, Newark, N.J.; Lois Marie Brown, Omaha, Neb.; Mary Bradley, Evansville, Ind.; Dorothy Parks, Wichita, Kans.; Shirley Craig, Springfield, Ill.; Natalie Sumlin, Birmingham; Dolores Tolson, Detroit; Victoria Fulton, Oklahoma City; third row, Betty Johnson, Little Rock, Ark.; Geneva Parks and Maybelle Butler, St. Louis.

Polio Fells Two Camden Children

CAMDEN—Polio cases here are increasing daily. Among the latest victims are Catherine Harrington, 9, of 1139 Pine St., and Ann Sioval, 4, of 226 Sycamore St.

The Harrington girl was the 19th case reported in Camden City and the 32rd case in Camden County.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harrington, the girl was stricken on Aug. 11. She was ordered to Cooper Hospital by Dr. Howard E. Primas.

The case was diagnosed as polio on Saturday; and she was transferred to Municipal Hospital.

Her condition is reported fair. There is one other child in the family.

The Stevall child's illness was diagnosed as polio by Dr. U. S. Wiggins. She was admitted to the Municipal Hospital.

10 Annapolis Elks at 50th Convention

The group which left for the 50th anniversary session included: Mrs. Hattie Pierce, daughter ruler; Mrs. Margaret Taylor, past State president; Mrs. Ida E. Harris, deputy; Mrs. Hattie McPherson, Mrs. Ophelia Barnett, national appointee; Miss Evelyn Perry, senior mother; Miss Sarah V. Johnson, junior guardian; Mrs. Alverta Thomas, recording secretary; Mrs. Martha Gross, trustee of the Tri-State convention, and Mrs. Martha Sesco, treasurer.

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Shriners' Women's Unit Elect New Commandress

Baltimorean, Treasurer 15 Years, Honored; Group Resolves to Use Ballot, Fight Prices

ST. LOUIS—Mrs. Ercelle H. Moore of Buffalo, N.Y., was elected imperial commandress of the Daughters of Isis, auxiliary to the Shriners, by an overwhelming majority at the closing session last Friday in Kiel Auditorium.

Her election came after the incumbent, Beula L. McKay of Oklahoma City, had declined to stand for re-election because the pressure of her duties as a licensed funeral director. She later accepted unanimous election to the treasurer's office.

Other Elected Officers

Other elected Imperial Court officers included:

Mrs. Leola Robinson of Cleveland, imperial deputy commandress; Mrs. Ida Tyree of Chicago, first lieutenant commandress; Mrs. Alberta Parker of Los Angeles, second lieutenant commandress; Mrs. Alma Neville of Richmond, Va., imperial high priestess; Mrs. Ruth Tucker of Pittsburgh, oriental guide;

Miss Wilhelmina Lewis, Detroit, imperial recordress; Mrs. E. M. Coleman, Natchez, Miss., first ceremonial daughter; Mrs. Lucille Patterson of St. Louis, second ceremonial daughter; Mrs. Mildred Wells of Philadelphia, inside spy, and Mrs. Martin of Detroit, outside spy.

Baltimorean Honored

Imperial Commandress Moore immediately announced the appointment of Mrs. Pearl Dabney of Allah Court, Kansas City, Mo., as assistant recordress.

Mrs. Laura Henson of Jerusalem Court, Baltimore, treasurer for the past 15 years, was honored by having the past imperial commandress degree conferred upon her.

Others who received the degree were Mrs. Alice J. Willis, Mecca Court, Washington, D.C.; Mrs. May Oliver, Egyptian Court, Los Angeles; Mrs. Louise Jones, Jerusalem Court, Baltimore; Mrs. Helene Holman, Arabia Court, Portsmouth, Va., and Mrs. Louise S. Jones, Pyramid, Court Philadelphia.

The Daughters of Isis by a large majority vote passed a resolution to challenge those who would substitute world for world peace; who would ignore the brotherhood of all mankind; and who would deny rights and privileges which accompany full citizenship.

This stand was taken in the light of the fact that women now outnumber men in voting strength by 800,000.

They further resolved that the Daughters of Isis join other women in carrying out women's new responsibility in their own communities, States, and throughout the country.

They also urged, through resolution, that legislation be enacted that is important to human welfare and progress of minorities, of which our own racial segment is the largest unit.

High Prices Protested

A slap at the high cost of living was encouched in one resolution which put the Daughters of Isis on record as deploring the present high cost of living.

They urged the use of every possible means to bring about, within the law, prices that will enable the lowest income group to live above a starvation level, and that where practicable, to refrain from buying commodities whose prices remain in inflated brackets.

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, who addressed the convention, was lauded as an outstanding example of womanhood, and the Daughters were urged to support the National Council of Negro Women because it is advancing the cause of womanhood.

Other Officers

Others elected were G. L. Anderson, grand treasurer, Jackson, Miss.; Charles J. Nicholas, grand recorder, Chester, Pa.; Stephen A. May, grand prelate, St. Louis, Mo.; Lee E. Leaville, grand warden, NYC; Lawrence Hammon, grand swordbearer, St. Louis, Mo.; W. S. Lathem, grand standard bearer, St. Louis, Mo.; Charles Gillis, grand captain guard, Kansas City, Mo.

SEEKS MISSING HUSBAND

Mrs. Virginia Gaffney of 24 Acquedact Alley, Newark, is seeking her husband, Jackson Gaffney, formerly of Washington.

Legion Auxiliary Wins 4th Trophy

WASHINGTON

For the fourth consecutive year, the women's auxiliary of James Reese Europe, American Legion Unit No. 5 has won the trophy for obtaining the largest number of new members over a one-year period.

The trophy was presented at the Department of Commerce Auditorium on Friday night during the annual Department of the American Legion Auxiliary convention. The James Reese Unit also won four others of the 14 awards made. They included obtaining most new members up to the preconvention closing of the books, for child welfare work, best legislative program and best history submitted by unit historian.

The James E. Baker Unit won two citations at the convention, one in the history contest and the other for rehabilitation work.

"THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE"

Statement by Negro Americans To The President And Attorney General Of The United States

Paul Robeson Charles P. Howard

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WE, the undersigned Negro Americans, strongly condemn your brazen-faced warning arrests of national leaders of the Communist Party, and call upon you to take positive action to protect civil rights instead of persecuting political minorities.

We raise here no defense of the principles of the Communist Party. Our concern is to defend the *right* of political and other minorities, especially the Negro people, to fight for the kind of society which they consider necessary to give full expression to the principles of American democracy.

We agree fully with the declaration of Henry A. Wallace:

"Defense of the civil rights of Communists is the first line in the defense of the liberties of a democratic people. The history of Germany, Italy, Japan and France Spain should teach us that the suppression of the Communists is but the first step in an assault on the democratic rights of labor, national, racial and political minorities, and all those who oppose the policies of the government in power."

The obvious purpose of these Gestapo-like arrests of Communist leaders is to frighten people away from the Wallace Movement and progressive people's organizations generally, practically all of which have been slandered as "communist" or "subversive" by the Attorney General and the Un-American Activities Committee.

Here, clearly, is an attempt to strengthen the current drive to war and reaction in general by intimidating all political opposition to such a program.

It is significant that the indictment of these Communist leaders does not even charge them with any attempt to use "force and violence," for political or any other purpose. Indeed, the asserted basis of their indictment has already been overruled by the Supreme Court of the United States—in the "Schneiderman Case," where the late Wendell Willkie served as defense attorney.

We take special note of the fact that two Negro leaders are among those involved in the recent "Communist round-up"—one a veteran, the National Administrative Secretary of the Communist Party; the other a lawyer, whom some 60,000 citizens voted to elect to the Council of the City of New York. The significance of these facts will be understood by the Negro people.

We call upon our Government to halt its fascist-like attacks upon opposition minorities, and to act for the protection of minority rights.

We call upon the Attorney General to use the power of his office to defend the lives and liberties of the Negro people in the South.

We call upon the President to give more than lip-service to civil rights (while acting to destroy them)—to use his executive authority to abolish discrimination in federal employment and segregation in the armed forces; to throw the full influence of his office into the battle to have Congress repeal the poll tax, establish a national FEPC and outlaw lynching.

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Youngsters of Police Boys Club Enjoy Picnic Outing on Navy Ship

Fifty-five members of the Northwest Police Boys Club, Calhoun and Gold Sts. were guests on a picnic cruise down the Chesapeake Bay, Sunday, on an LCI ship of the U.S. Naval Reserve. In the first photo, a group of the youngsters are shown aboard ship with Officer Harry Scott (wearing hat). In the second panel, the boys take to a game of cards when a shower forced them indoors; and in the last photo, they gather around a sailor who explains to them the proper use of a life preserver. —(Engeman Photo)

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3 Judges Say Man Attacked 2 Old Women

SALISBURY, Md. — A three-judge court in this Eastern Shore town, Wednesday, convicted a 21-year-old youth on charges of making a sex attempt upon two white sisters, one of whom is 73 and the other 76 years old.

Motion for a new trial was immediately filed by NAACP Attorneys Donald Murray and Calvin Douglass of Baltimore. The NAACP of the county worked in the youth's defense.

Still pending against the young man, Carl V. Johnson of Marion, Md., are five charges of burglary.

It was during a burglary attempt of the sister's home in Marion that they charged he tried to attack them.

State Police even produced a "confession" to the sex attempt which Johnson allegedly made.

The youth's testimony was that he was trying to get out of the women's house when surprised in the act of burglary, when one of the sisters tried to struggle with him.

Mr. Murray said that he and Mr. Douglass will probably press for a change in the location of the trial if a new hearing is won. The same three judges who convicted the youth are the ones who must rule upon the new trial motion.

They are Judges Levin C. Bailey, W. Lee Henry and Edmond M. Johnson.

Feuds Over Women's Love Fatal to Two

Homicides in Richmond Brought Total for Year to 22, a New Record

RICHMOND

What is believed to be an all-time high murder rate (average of one a day) was set here last week when four men were slain within a 4-day period, according to records on file in police headquarters, from which these figures were obtained.

The homicide orgy began Tuesday morning with the slaying of Harold Goodall, 21, no address known, which was followed the same day by the fatal shooting of Isaac Conner, no age listed, of 102 W. 22nd St., a woman's love being the motive behind each of the killings.

Two days later, Garfield Johnson, 19, of 1218 Louisa (formerly Boyd St.), died en route to St. Philip Hospital as the result of a stab wound over the heart, inflicted by Raymond Christian, 20, of 1010 W. Catherine St.

Minor Admit Killing

The fourth victim, the only white person in the group, was shot to death a day later by Robert Crisp, 28, of 1447 E. Main St., also white. The victim, William B. Wareham of 1547 E. Main St., was shot as the climax of an altercation between the two men.

Charges against Dennis Minor, 24, who reportedly admitted killing Goodall—then being sought by officers on charges of criminally attacking a 13-year-old girl—because Goodall had "taken advantage" of his girl friend, have been certified to the grand jury.

Minor and Goodall's accuser live at the same address, 208 W. Duval St.

Also pending action by the Hustings Court grand jury are charges of murder and assault against David Hubbard, 23, of RFD 2, Box 279, Fair Oaks, accused of shooting Conner fatally and wounding Edward Bosher, 58, of 1323 N. 34th St.

The two men were shot, according to police, during a dispute between Connor and Hubbard over an unidentified woman, words leading to a fight. Bosher was shot in the leg, suffering a compound fracture, as he walked into the room where the battle was in progress, witnesses said.

Hubbard fled following the shooting, but was later picked up by local police. The shooting took place in Mr. Bosher's home, according to the report.

Police records show that last week's homicides served to pile up a total of 22 killings in Richmond since the first of the year. A total of 18 slayings had been chalked up from Jan. 1 through July 31 of this year.

Christian, accused of the murder of Johnson, is scheduled to be given a preliminary hearing in police court today (Thursday) before Justice Carleton E. Jewett.

Cosmetologist

Five Star Beauty Salon and secretary of the Progressive Beautician' Club of Newark, was graduated from the National Institute of Cosmetology in Washington recently. Mrs. Emma Brown of New Brunswick, also a member of Progressives, also graduated. J. Mercer Burrell, Newark lawyer, delivered the commencement address.

Vet Parley Split by Segregation

WASHINGTON

A discordant note was struck at the 50th annual encampment of the Spanish-American War Veterans in session here this week, when jim crow raised its ugly head.

Colored and white veterans had been mingling freely in the sessions held at the Mayflower Hotel and even danced old-fashioned "square dances" together at their annual ball held at the Armory on Monday night, when a dispute arose.

Separate Arrangements Hit

The squabble, which threatened to wreck this year's convention, came up when it was announced that the white delegates would be transported to Mt. Vernon, Va., via boat; while the colored delegates would be carried on the buses.

A white delegate from Boston jumped to his feet when the announcement was made and said he wondered why colored and white delegates couldn't make the trip together on the boat.

It was explained that the boat company, the Wilson Lines, barred colored and white passengers from mixing on the same voyage.

Solution Not Made

The AFRO was told that local members of the Department of Potomac, the colored division of the Spanish-American War Veterans, had protested the separate arrangements prior to the convention, when they learned that the white committee on arrangements were making such plans.

According to the informant, "we were promised that all of us would travel by bus, if we couldn't make the trip by boat together.

Mail Protest Letter

When it became known that separate arrangements were being made, the colored delegates unanimously balked at making the trip and sent the following letter of protest to H. M. Hovner, national commander:

"We, the comrades of the Department of Potomac, and all the comrades assembled, herewith inform you that we resent the action of the transportation committee with reference to the trip to Mt. Vernon.

Receipt Not Acknowledged

"We are members of the United Spanish-American War Veterans and do not feel that there should be any discrimination. It is understood that the Department of Potomac and colored veterans are to be taken by bus and the rest of the convention is to go by boat.

"If we cannot make the trip with the rest of the group, the Department of the Potomac will not go at all."—Signed: Fred L. Landers, Europe Post of the American Legion headquarters, in the 1400 block of Vermont Ave., N.W., no acknowledgement had been received.

Late Report

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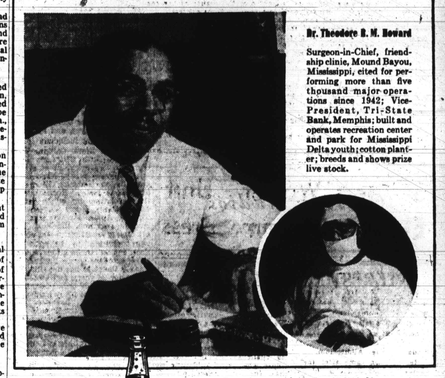
"If we cannot make the trip with noon, when the colored delegates met in a protest session at James Europe Post of the American Legion headquarters, in the 1400 block of Vermont Ave., N.W., no acknowledgement had been received.

LEADER IN HIS FIELD:



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2 Laundry Workers Regain Jobs, Given $2,500 Back Pay
WASHINGTON
The Home Laundry, Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Company, Inc., 1101 Raum St., N.E., will have to pay about $2500 in back salary to two former employees as the result of a decision handed down by the NLRB Tuesday.
The decision was made by NLRB Trial Examiner Charles L. Ferguson in favor of the United Cleaners and Laundry Workers Union, Local 66, representing Miss Virginia Lloyd and Miss Florine Vickers.
First Success in 10 Years
This, according to an NLRB spokesman, represents the first time in 10 years that any union active in laundry workers industry has been successful in forcing an employer to reinstate workers, with full back pay and at their own job.
The UCLW Union is an independent organization with colored leadership and is headed by Mrs. Cora Joppy, president, 500 block of 21st St., N.E., and Albert Black, organizer. Organizers who represented the discharged employees.
Miss Lloyd had worked at the laundry as a "feeder" for 16 years. She was discharged, according to evidence presented in the case, because she objected to "catching" which she termed injurious to her health, and charges by her supervisor that she was responsible for bad work.
Miss Vickers, who had worked in the plant for two years as a "shirt press operator" was discharged, according to testimony, because she was responsible for "piling up shirts."
The Trial Examiner held that assuming that some laundry had been returned by complaining customers as unsatisfactory which is not uncommon; was no reason to place all of the blame on Miss Lloyd. In the case of Miss Vickers it was held that the reason for her discharge did not exist in fact.
"Facts" Concocted
It was decided that the reasons for discharge did not stand up under scrutiny were not grounded in fact and were concocted to disguise the real or true reason for discharging these two employees.
The laundry must now notify all employees they are free to belong to the UCLW or any other union they desire without fear of their jobs or intimidation on the part of the company.
Mr. Black is a former representative of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, CIO, field representative of the CIO-PAC, Washington chairman of the Committee against Discrimination in the Armed Services.

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