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July 29—30, 1977

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MISS AMERICA 1977



DOROTHY BENHAM





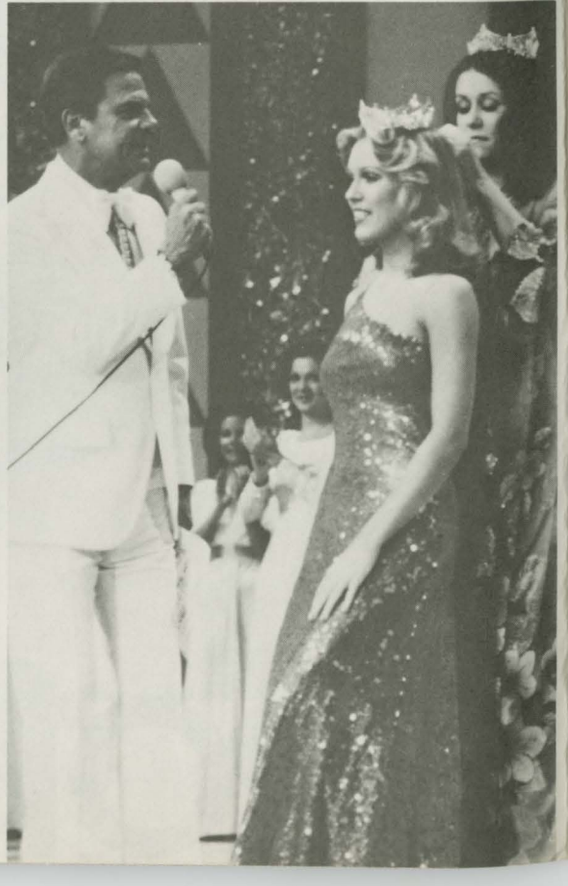


Dorothy Benham, a 20 year old Junior at Macalester College majoring in Vocal Performance, entered her first Local Pageant, sponsored by the South St. Paul Jaycees, because she wanted a scholarship. She not only received a $400.00 scholarship but the local title as well. Dorothy went on to capture another $1,000 scholarship when she became Miss Minnesota at the Austin Jaycee sponsored State Pageant.

She arrived in Atlantic City by Labor Day, along with 49 other beautiful, talented and intelligent young women, all ready to compete for the $74,500.00 in scholarships which would be awarded at the conclusion of the 1976 Miss America Pageant.

It was soon evident there was something very special about this lovely slender young woman from the Mid-West when she stepped to the center of Convention Hall stage and sang the aria "Adele's Laughing Song" from the opera "Die Fledermaus." The thunderous







applause of the audience brought a sparkle to Dorothy Benham's eyes. But at the conclusion of the talent competition that preliminary night, the fine quality of her inner beauty brought further respect and admiration from her fellow contestants for Dorothy was rather surprised at capturing the preliminary talent award. She voiced her sincere feeling that the talent of *all* the contestants was so exceptionally good.

Her glorious voice and excellent stage presence makes her goal, after college, of a musical career on the concert stage, in light opera, and television seem very attainable indeed. Her beauty is acknowledged, as it was by the National Panel of Judges who awarded her top honors in the preliminary swimsuit competition. Here again, Dorothy evidenced her humility, for when a reporter asked what she did special to stay in shape, she replied, "I just came as me." Perhaps, however, her enjoyment of water skiing, ice skating, swimming and hiking help to keep her "in shape" in spite of her fondness for chocolate and French fries!











Dorothy Benham, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dahle, was raised along with her sister Totiania and brothers, A. Kelley and Sean Scott, in what Dorothy describes as a strict and old-fashioned upbringing, including home cooking and songfests around the piano. She obviously adores her family, and the Miss America Pageant predicts America will "adore" this charming, honest, clear-eyed and level-headed young woman who giggles once in a while and will be known throughout this year as Miss America.

P.S. Dorothy Benham won her 3rd scholarship - $15,000 with her Miss America title.









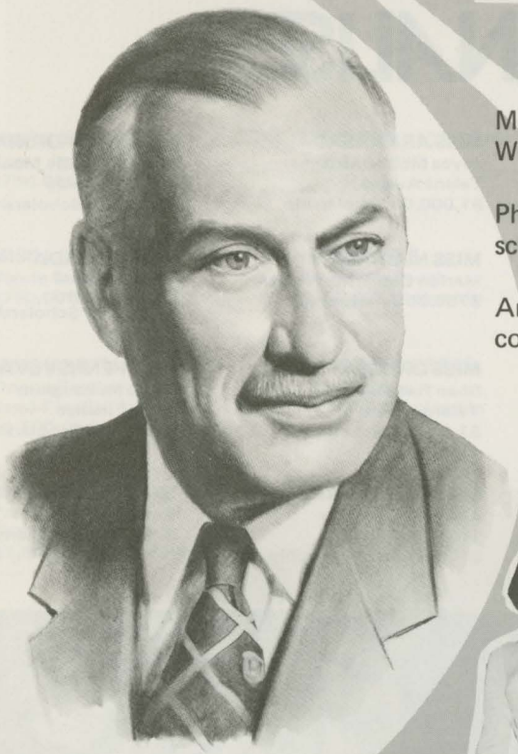


PRE-SATURDAY NIGHT WINNERS

There were two double winners in the 1976 Miss America Pageant Preliminary Competitions, Miss Minnesota and Miss Texas both won Talent and Swimsuit Preliminaries with Miss Texas tying with Miss New York in Talent Competition.



The Misses Virginia, New York, Minnesota, Texas and South Carolina.



Announcement of the Dr. David B. Allman, F.A.C.S. Miss America Memorial Scholarships for Medical Education was made during Pageant Week by Mrs. Ann B. Allman.

Miss Montana received a $1,000 scholarship for the study of Physical Therapy, while Miss Georgia and Miss Maryland each received scholarships of $2,000 for pre-med studies.

These scholarship awards are separate and apart from the Miss America Pageant scholarships and have no bearing on the contestants' placement in the National Finals.



MISS MONTANA



MISS GEORGIA



MISS MARYLAND



THE 1976 NATIONAL FINALISTS

MISS ALABAMA
Denise Davis
$750.00 Scholarship

MISS ALASKA
Kathy Tebow
Talent Award
$1,000.00 Scholarship

MISS ARIZONA
Anne Katherine de Varennes
$750.00 Scholarship

MISS ARKANSAS
Joyce McCormack
Talent Award
$1,000.00 Scholarship

MISS CALIFORNIA
Linda Michelle Mouron
3rd Runner-Up
$3,000.00 Scholarship

MISS INDIANA
Tamara Trittschuh
$750.00 Scholarship

MISS IOWA
Ronda Lee Frogley
$750.00 Scholarship

MISS KANSAS
Linda Hall
$750.00 Scholarship

MISS NEBRASKA
Marion Catherine Watson
$750.00 Scholarship

MISS NEVADA
Sandra Kastel
Talent Award
$1,000.00 Scholarship

MISS NEW HAMPSHIRE
Peggy Spellacy
$750.00 Scholarship

MISS NEW JERSEY
Lori Renee Johnson
$750.00 Scholarship

MISS NEW MEXICO
Melody Griffin
$750.00 Scholarship

MISS OREGON
Shan Rae Moss
Talent Award
$1,000.00 Scholarship

MISS PENNSYLVANIA
Marie McLaughlin
Semi-Finalist
$1,500.00 Scholarship

MISS RHODE ISLAND
Debra Cerroni
$750.00 Scholarship

MISS SOUTH CAROLINA
Lavinia Merle Cox
1st Runner-Up
$10,000.00 Scholarship

MISS SOUTH DAKOTA
Beth Guthmiller
$750.00 Scholarship

TALENT

Anyone who attended the four nights of the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City this past September realizes the exceptional talent displayed by all 50 contestants. Pictured here and on the following page are the eight State Representatives who were each awarded $1,000.00 scholarships for Talent at the 1976 National Finals.


Miss Nevada


Miss Alaska



MISS COLORADO
Karen Jean Land
$750.00 Scholarship

MISS AMERICA 1976
Tawny Godin

MISS CONNECTICUT
Debra Jane LaRoche
$750.00 Scholarship

MISS DELAWARE
Deborah Lipford
Semi-Finalist
$1,500.00 Scholarship

MISS KENTUCKY
Victoria Jane Harned
Talent Award
$1,000.00 Scholarship

MISS LOUISIANA
Candy Sue Crocker
$750.00 Scholarship

MISS MAINE
Susan Wanbaugh
$750.00 Scholarship

MISS MARYLAND
Barbara Jennings
Semi-Finalist
$1,500.00 Scholarship

MISS NEW YORK
Sonja Beverly Anderson
4th Runner-Up
$2,000.00 Scholarship

MISS NORTH CAROLINA
Susan Gayle Proffitt
$750.00 Scholarship

MISS NORTH DAKOTA
Donna Grotberg
Semi-Finalist
$1,500.00 Scholarship

MISS TENNESSEE
Terry Alden
$750.00 Scholarship

MISS TEXAS
Carmen McCollum
2nd Runner-Up
$5,000.00 Scholarship

MISS UTAH
Suzanne McKay
$750.00 Scholarship

MISS VERMONT
Suzanne Leah Wind
$750.00 Scholarship

MISS VIRGINIA
Pamela Polk
Semi-Finalist
$1,500.00 Scholarship


Miss Arkansas


Miss Ohio


Miss Kentucky



MISS FLORIDA
Nancy Stafford
$750.00 Scholarship

MISS GEORGIA
Sandy Adamson
$750.00 Scholarship

MISS HAWAII
Haunani Asing
$750.00 Scholarship

MISS IDAHO
Ra Nae Petersen
Talent Award
$1,000.00 Scholarship

MISS ILLINOIS
Betsy Jamison
$750.00 Scholarship

MISS MASSACHUSETTS
Deborah Guastella
$750.00 Scholarship

MISS MICHIGAN
Diane Kaye Hansen
$750.00 Scholarship

MISS MINNESOTA
Dorothy Benham
Miss America 1977
$15,000.00 Scholarship

MISS MISSISSIPPI
Bobbye Wood
$750.00 Scholarship

MISS MISSOURI
Marcia Kathleen Kolich
$750.00 Scholarship

MISS MONTANA
Janice Frankino
$750.00 Scholarship

MISS OHIO
Janice Elaine Cooley
Talent Award
$1,000.00 Scholarship

MISS OKLAHOMA
Lucia Dinese Miller
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MISS WASHINGTON
Theresa Lynn Adams
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MISS WEST VIRGINIA
Teresa Lynn Lucas
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MISS WISCONSIN
Julie Ann Nowak
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MISS WYOMING
Carol June Wallace
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Miss Oregon


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Miss Wyoming

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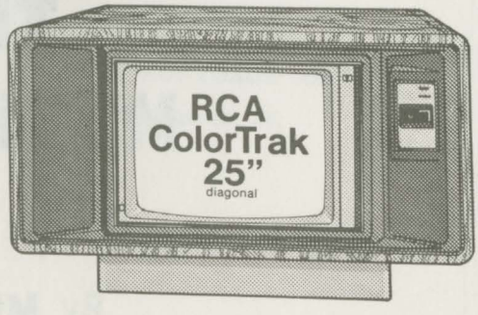
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RULES AND REGULATIONS

Entrant agrees to abide by all the rules of the local and national contests now in effect or as announced hereafter.

Entrant agrees that the time, manner and method of judging the contest shall be solely within the discretion of the organizations sponsoring local, state and national associated with the Miss America Pageant.

Entrant agrees that if she is selected as the winner of this contest, she will not sign a management contract with any individual or corporation, and that she will not give any written or verbal endorsement of any merchantile commodity, nor will she permit any photographs to be used in connection with any advertised commodity of service not associated with this contest, without the permission of the Mount Airy Jaycees or Miss America Pageant.

Entrant must be a resident of the official territory by this particular contest for the past six months. This rule is only waived for contestants whose residence is out of the territory of state, but who is a college or university student in city where contest is held and at time the contest is held. She must not have completed in more than one official preliminary contest this year.

Entrant must be single and never have been married, divorced, or had marriage annuled.

Entrant must be a high school graduate by September First of this year.

Entrant's age on September First shall not be less than eighteen nor more than twenty-eight years.

Entrant must be of good character and possess poise, personality, intelligence, charm and beauty of face and figure.

Entrant must possess and display talent in a three minute routine. This talent may be singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, dramatic reading, art display, dress designing, etc., or she may give a three minute talk on the career she wishes to pursue.

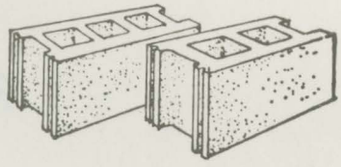
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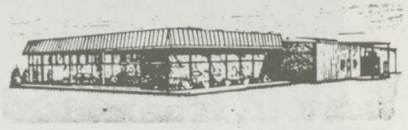
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My year as Miss Mount Airy will be a year I will always cherish and remember for the rest of my life. I would like to express my appreciation to the Mount Airy Jaycees for allowing me the honor of representing them and their town, and I would also like to thank them for all the hard work they have put into the Miss Mount Airy Pageant.

Now it is time to close this door in my life. I leave you keeping in mind that God never closes one door without opening another.

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A Letter to Cindy

Dear Cindy,

The headlines on the papers read, "Cindy Harris is the new Miss Mount Airy" ..... just a little less than a year ago. Now it is time for the headlines to be rewritten, but you yourself have written your own headlines for the pageant and Mount Airy during this year . . . you have been a wonderful representative of young womanhood in this community and I'm sure I speak for everyone that lives here, when I say how proud we all are of your accomplishments.

Cold days with parades and the smiles of people shivering against the cold, just to see you as you rode by smiling and waving as though it was a warm July day . . . . . trips to other pageants where you took the story of Mount Airy, the Autumn Leaves Festival and the granite city . . . . . competition in Miss North Carolina . . . . . doing the floor show's at Helen's . . . . . your best friend (Darlena Cockerham) traveling with you when Sid and Gloria couldn't make it . . . . . seeing your buddy and roomie (Sharon Maness) crowned North Carolina Rhododendron Queen . . . . . traveling to Bedford on Easter weekend for a show with Mrs. Brackett . . . . . trips to Eric's for fittings . . . . . 4th of July in Roanoke, Va. for two parades and a show . . . . . dancing, eating, exercising, dieting . . . . . going to Susan Griffin's for voice lessons . . . . . packing and unpacking . . . . . Sharon Maness and yourself eating footlong hotdogs at a pageant while everyone else competiting starved and dieted . . . watching your Miss N. C. room mate (Miss Matthews - Kim Greene) imitate people and laughing with each other during trying times . . . . crossing your eyes during photography sessions and blowing photographers minds when they developed their pictures . . . . homemade ice-cream, pop-corn and hamburgers (are they fattening?) . . . . wishing Tri-county Junior Miss good luck in state (Sonja White) and being there to support her . . . . loving the Mount Airy Jaycees and being afraid that you did not thank them enough . . . . writing your farewell speech . . . . working on the production of the pageant tonight . . . . and of course . . . . "LUCILLE".

All of these memories and more are in your heart and I know that you are happy with your accomplishments just as I am proud of all you have meant to me during this year.

As I told Patti last year . . . . you will not be forgotten but you will step in line behind the rest of the former Miss Mount Airys to make way for a new one and then the cycle will start all over again. Next year at this time, I only pray that she can look back with the happiness and joy in her heart that you have had in yours.

It has been my pleasure to have worked with you this year . . . . I wish you much happiness in life and hope that God goes with you everywhere you go.

Much love to you, Cindy- . . . . you are special to all of us and we will miss you . . . but know that you are in our hearts forever.

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It is neither accident nor magic that our pageant has become the oldest continuous running local pageant in the state of North Carolina. Dedication and hard work has brought this pageant to you each year. The success and longevity of this pageant can be attributed to the support that is received each year from this community. The Mount Airy Jaycees thank you for that interest and support that has prevailed through the years. We believe the pageant to be a source of community achievement and pride.

When you have seen this year's pageant, we believe that everyone will agree that any one of the young ladies entered in this year's competition could wear the "crown" graciously.

Once again, let us pause, and say thank you, Mount Airy for supporting the 1977 "MISS MOUNT AIRY PAGEANT."

Ron Dunning, President
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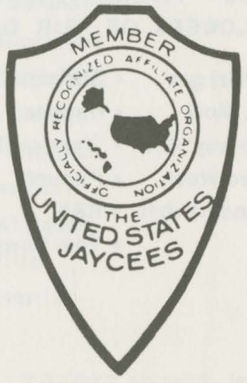
I have been told that the Miss Mount Airy Pageant is one of the best local pageants in North Carolina. This is a tribute to the young women in our area and also to the businesses and citizens who make it possible. Mount Airy's excellent community involvement is something to be proud of.

Thank you Steve Ball, Mount Airy Jaycees, Mount Airy Jaycettes, businesses and merchants for your help. And a special thanks to the young ladies in this years pageant. You all deserve to win.

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1957	Glenda Llewellyn
1958	Wilma Joy Golding
1959	Judy Beamer
1960	Eleanor Blackburn
1961	Carolyn Bishop
1962	Mary Oren King
1963	Jane Davenport
1964	Donna Hartman
1965	Sandra Puckett
1966	Janet Evans
1967	Linda Reed
1968	Brenda Marshall
1969	Tanya Blackman
1970	Penny Nichols
1971	Deborra Smith
1972	Brenda Whitaker
1973	Judy Lawson
1974	Wendy Whitaker
1975	Patti Miller
1976	Cindy Harris

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This year we are extremely proud to be awarding two Jaycette sponsored scholarships. For the first time, a $100.00 scholarship from the Mount Airy Jaycettes will be awarded to the Most Talented Non-finalist and an additional $100.00 scholarship will be presented to Miss Congeniality.

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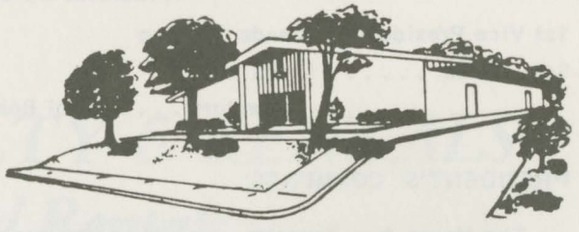
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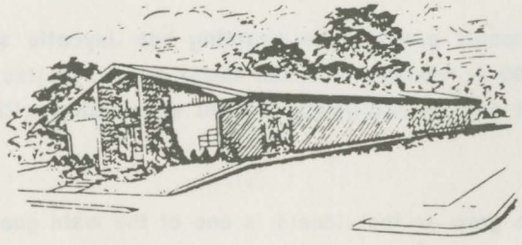
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Leon is a member of the Statesville Jaycees (External Vice President) and has been affiliated with the Miss Statesville Pageant for seven years. He has judged high school, college, Junior Miss, and local pageants all across North Carolina. A program manager for the Statesville Re-Development Commission, Leon is married and the father of one child.

MR. DAVID HARB

Mr. Harb is from High Point and has completed his Master's Degree from East Carolina University. He has judged high school, college, Junior Miss, and Miss America preliminary pageants in North and South Carolina. David is a member of the National Association of Accredited Talent and Beauty Pageant Judges and is in the Chief Judges List for N. C.

MS. SUSAN LYNN GRIFFIN

Miss North Carolina 1975, Ms. Griffin was a non-finalist talent winner at the Miss America Pageant. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Griffin of High Point, Susan has served as Mistress of Ceremonies, performer, and judge for many pageants. She was also a member of the 1975 Miss America USO Troupe which toured Europe and the Mediterranean.

MARGARET H. BRACKETT

A Newberry, South Carolinian, Ms. Brackett has worked at every pageant level. She has judged Miss America Preliminaries in five states, and also high school, college, and festival pageants in North and South Carolina. Margaret is a member of the National Association of Accredited Talent and Beauty Pageant Judges.



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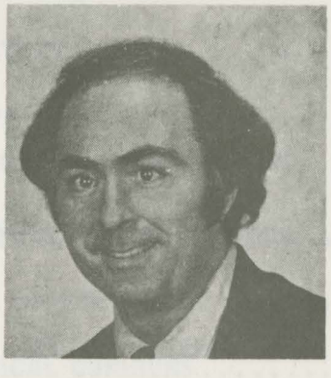
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LeANNE GARVIN

A 1977 graduate of Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, with a degree in Clinical Psychology, the 21 year old former Miss Elkin Valley is now doing her internship at Bowman Gray Neuro Psychology Clinic. A semi-finalist in the 1975 Miss North Carolina Pageant, Ms. Garvin was also a telethon hostess for the 1976 March of Dimes Telethon. LeAnne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frances Garvin of North Wilkesboro.

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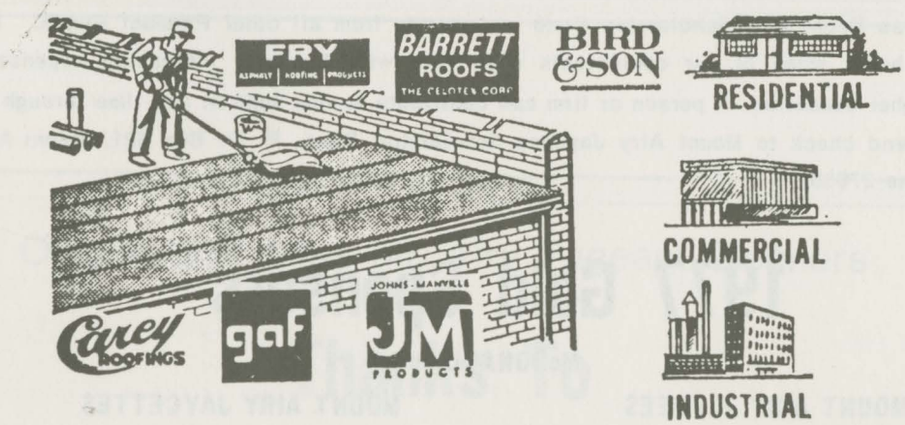
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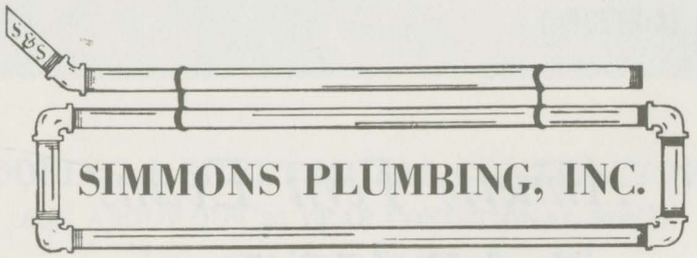
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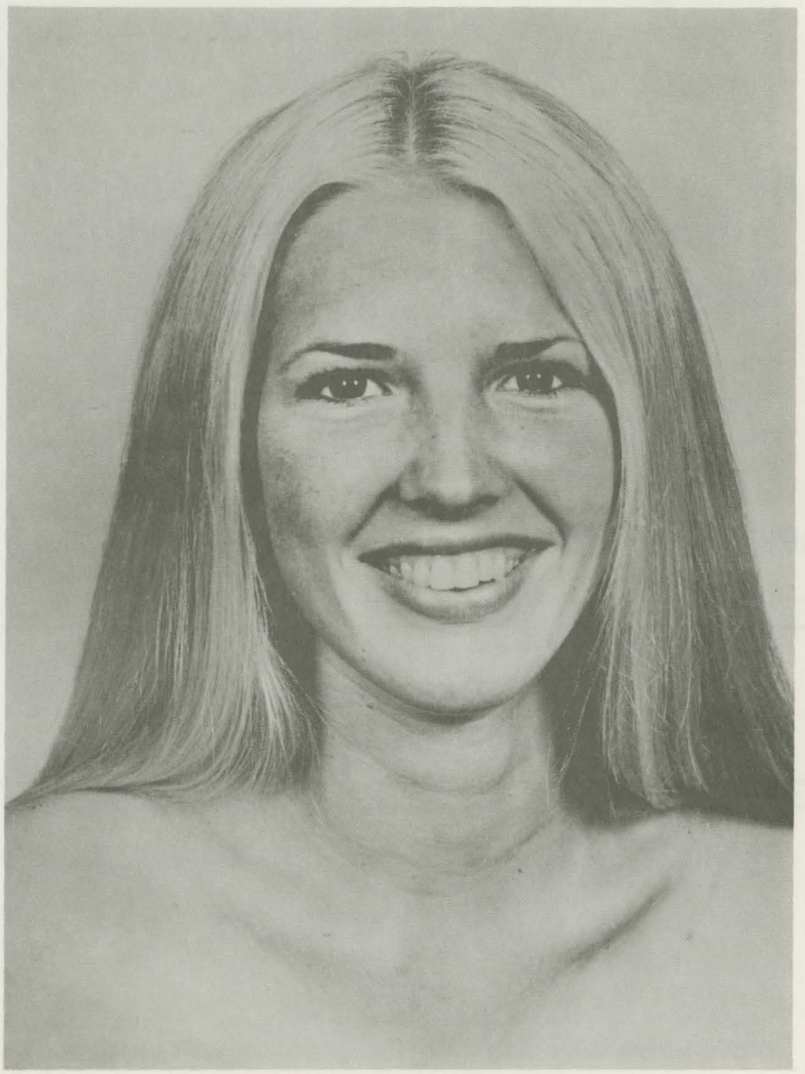
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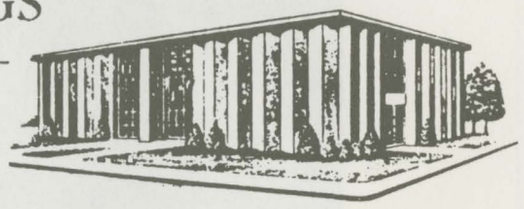
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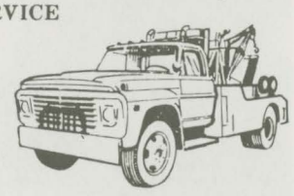
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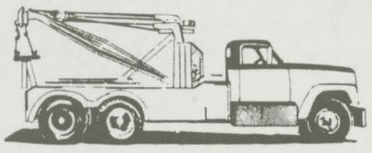
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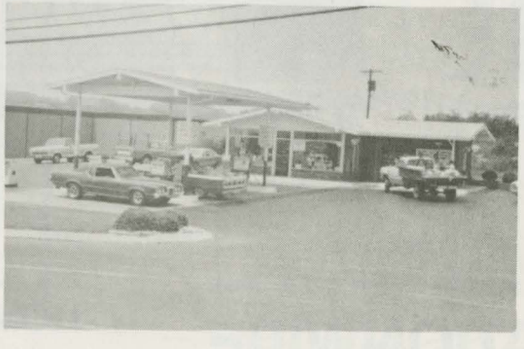
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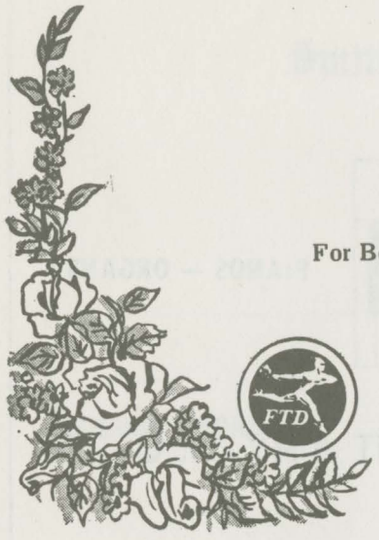
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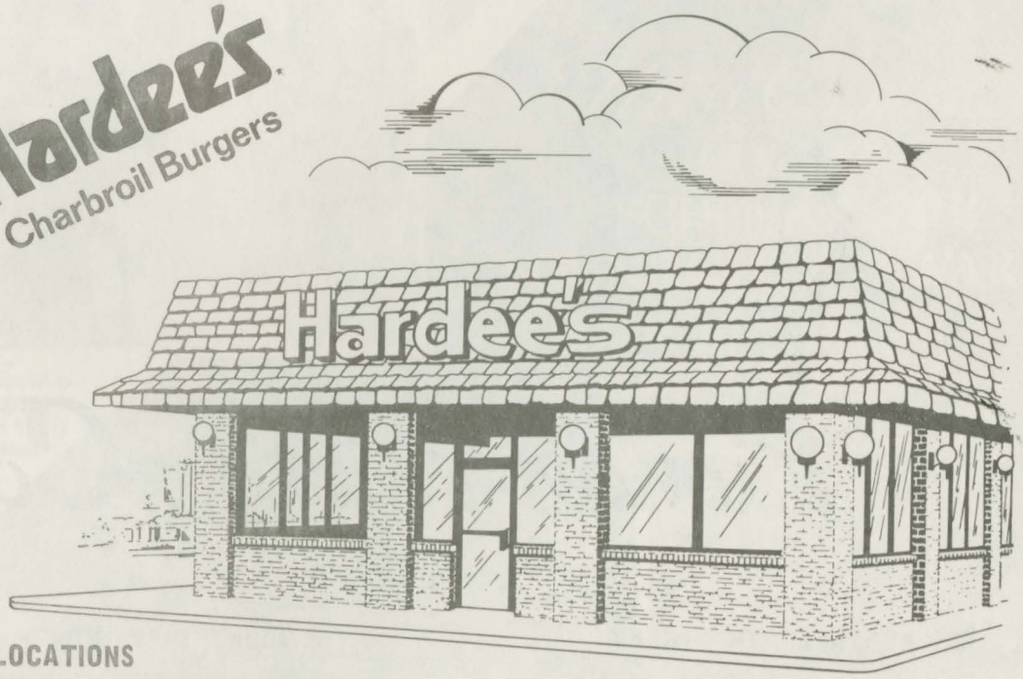
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WHAT THEY'RE DOING NOW

Each year the Miss America Pageant is fortunate to welcome home those Miss Americas who can journey to Atlantic City to witness the National Finals. In addition to the Miss Americas pictured on this page, present also, of course, was Phyllis George, Miss America 1971, who served as Co-Host with Bert Parks for the 1976 National Finals.



Shirley Cothran Barret (Miss America 1975) is shown on her recent goodwill tour to Hong Kong during The American Fortnight. Shirley was selected by The American Consulate to head a U.S. delegation to that Far East country for 15 days. On May 15, 1976 Shirley became Mrs. Richard Barret in Denton, Texas where they now make their home. Shirley, who plans to begin work on her doctorate, still keeps a busy schedule of personal appearances each month and is also continuing work on completion of her book to be published early next year.



Two Minnesota Miss Americas. . . the newly crowned Miss America 1977, Dorothy Benham, of Edina, receives warm congratulations from Miss America 1948, BeBe Shopp Waring, of Hopkins, Minnesota.



Franny Burke Kenney, Miss America 1940 walking Convention Hall runway at the 1976 National Finals.



Four beautiful and charming Miss Americas were caught by the cameraman in their Box at the 1976 National Finals. Reading left to right are Becky King, Miss America 1974; Shirley Cothran Barret, Miss America 1975; Evelyn Ay Sempier, Miss America 1954; and Marian Bergeron McKnight, Miss America 1933.

Named Minnesota's Outstanding Young Woman of the Year for 1976, Judith Lerstad Hill (Miss Minnesota 1962) is Co-Founder of Hill and Associates, Inc., an international consulting firm, and has long been involved with the business world. Judy was also the first woman President of the Augsburg College Alumni Association, serves on the Board of Directors and performs with the Minnesota Chorale, volunteers her time as a "Mother Helper" at the Sky Oaks Elementary School and is active in the Mount Olivet Lutheran Church as a member of the Senior Choir.



The Miss Minnesota Alumni Association, founded and directed by Judith Lerstad Hill, held a luncheon in July, 1965 as its initial event. Since that time, the Association has evolved as an autonomous, self-sustaining group, dedicated to the pursuit of charitable causes. The group is using those talents, which enabled them to earn the Miss Minnesota title, in a goal of funding benevolent organizations.

Pictured are those members of the Miss Minnesota Alumni who attended the function in 1972 and had just presented a gift of $1,000 to the United Fund Representative on behalf of their entire membership.





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Debbie Bryant Berge, Miss America 1966, who loves to ride whenever she has some free time, stays active with personal appearances, business commitments and a return to school. Debbie is presently working on her Masters at Florida Technical University. Her greatest joy in life, however, remains 4 year old daughter Kristin, whom she describes as "just a doll and a delight to her Mama!"



A military ceremony began the married life of Annabelle Pinkham, Miss Vermont 1954, to Sgt. George Lee Miller on June 18, 1955. The Millers were blessed with three daughters, Robin, Tammy Ann and Kimber Lee. "Pinky" felt most fortunate when the entire family was permitted to join George at Yokato A.F.B. in Japan for four years and again from 1963 to 1966 at Laon A.F.B., near Paris, France. After retirement from the service, Pinky and the family settled in Jefferson, North Carolina, where George was elected Sheriff of Ashe County and Pinky keeps active as a leader in Girl Scouts, worker with the Jefferson 4-H Club, member of Eastern Star and secretary for the Ashe County Board of Education. Most of all, she enjoys being a wife and mother.



Jane Kathryn Bair (Mrs. Beau) Pierce, Miss Kansas 1968, developed and teaches a Dancercize program: combination of dance, some traditional calisthenics, special orthopedic exercises to relieve backache problems and some elements from Yoga. Jane's students, ages 6 to 60, find the choreographed Dancercizes set to music fun to do. The program includes nutrition and diet information and, Jane says, it's exciting to see the sometimes dramatic results. Beau, a free lance commercial photographer/filmmaker, has documented segments of Jane's classes and, when Jane last wrote, they were putting together a package of such Dancercizes to be used in working with the developmentally disabled.

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Neva Langley (Mrs. William A.) Fickling, Jr., Miss America 1953, has enjoyed a very busy and happy 20 years of married life. Parents of two sons and two daughters, the Ficklings travel extensively as Mr. Fickling serves as Chairman of the Board of Charter Medical Corp. Neva has devoted much time to community volunteer activities, including 15 years in the Jr. League of Macon, serving as Chairman of the Museum of Arts and Sciences, editor of an Arts Calendar and heading a Fund-Raising Auction which realized $150,000 to help restore Macon's Grand Opera House. She has also given her time and energies to her church work, Garden Club, and Music Club, but adds that raising their four children has come before all else.

Barbara Walker (Miss America 1947) and her husband, Dr. John V. Hummel, celebrated their 28th Anniversary last June and are understandably proud of their children, Andy (25), Robert (23) and 19 year old Sally. In addition to raising her family, Barbara has been active in politics (ran for State Legislature once), works with the Medical Auxiliary, appears in local stage productions and school operas, is church soloist, president of her Sunday School class, and secretary of the Memphis Opera Theatre Board and Memphis Opera Guild. Barbara's busy life obviously agrees with her, and each autumn the Hummels enjoy a restful vacation in Europe, the latest planned for a tour of Germany.





After the arrival of young Brad, Judi Ford Johnson, Miss America 1969, resumed making personal appearances, working in radio and TV, as well as doing commercial and promotional work. Judi continues as a member of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and sports, so flys to Washington every few months for meetings. She also works locally for the special Olympics, which provides athletic competition for handicapped children.

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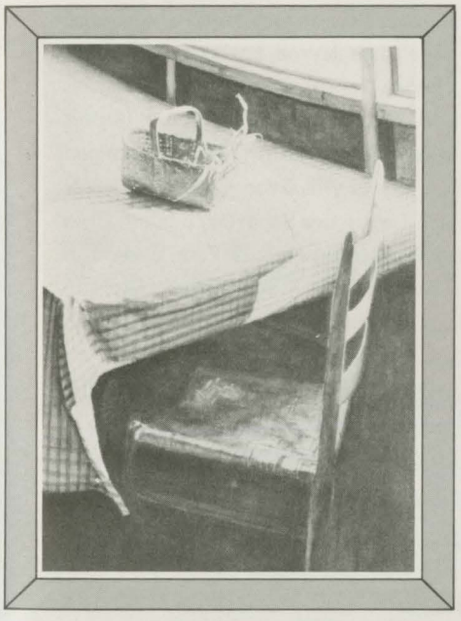


Rita Wilson Howard, Miss Tennessee 1961, has lived in England for the past nine years. She and her husband, C. Peter Howard, an English scientist, have a two year old son, Peter Duncan. Rita has enjoyed many careers, including films, theatre and commercial television shows. She serves as International Travel Co-ordinator for a travel agency and has toured 40 countries throughout the world, served on charity ball committees in England and entertained extensively at their home.

Since her year as Miss Arizona 1972, Linda Gail Sirrine has embarked on a successful photography modeling career, including local and national television commercials. She has continued with private vocal studies, sang with her own group and, when she wrote last, was looking forward to seeing her first record on the market. Linda thoroughly enjoys her new career, as well as her extensive travel throughout the United States and abroad.



Anne Ariail (Mrs. Tom) Muller, Miss Alabama 1956, thoroughly enjoys two art forms. . . she is teaching ballet at The Dancers Studio in Nashville, Tennessee, and is currently exhibiting her art work in the Central South Art Exhibition 1976, following several one-person art shows to include the Parthenon Gallery and Vanderbilt University. Anne also teaches a teenage Sunday School class, which is "at once a challenge and a great source of joy and growth". . . the same joy she obviously finds in her four beautiful daughters, Lauren, Heather, Ariel and Jolie.



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Gloria Cherie Fenderson, Miss Virginia 1950, was married in 1951 to Realtor Walter Forrest Dance III. They are the parents of three children, Walter Forrest IV, Jan Marlon and Gloria Cherie. Gloria's favorite hobby is Little Theatre and her life's work (other than her family) is her own school of dancing which she opend in 1951 and to which she devotes much of her time, talent and love.

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1922-23 ..... Mary Campbell, Columbus, Ohio
1924 ..... Ruth Malcolmson, Philadelphia, Pa.
1925 ..... Fay Lanphier, Oakland, California
1926 ..... Norma Smallwood, Tulsa, Oklahoma
1927 ..... Lois Delander, Joliet, Illinois
1933 ..... Marian Bergeron, West Haven, Conn.
1935 ..... Henrietta Leaver, Pittsburgh, Pa.
1936 ..... Rose Coyle, Philadelphia, Pa.
1937 ..... Bette Cooper, Bertrand Island, N.J.
1938 ..... Marilyn Meseke, Marion, Ohio
1939 ..... Patricia Donnelly, Detroit, Michigan
1940 ..... Frances Marie Burke, Philadelphia, Pa.
1941 ..... Rosemary LaPlanche, Los Angeles, Calif.
1942 ..... Jo-Carroll Dennison, Tyler, Texas
1943 ..... Jean Bartel, Los Angeles, Calif.
1944 ..... Venus Ramey, Washington, D.C.
1945 ..... Bess Myerson, New York City, N.Y.
1946 ..... Marilyn Buferd, Los Angeles, Calif.
1947 ..... Barbara Walker, Memphis, Tennessee
1948 ..... BeBe Shopp, Hopkins, Minnesota
1949 ..... Jacque Mercer, Litchfield, Arizona
1951 ... Yolande Betbeze, Mobile, Alabama (Postdated)
1952 ..... Colleen Kay Hutchins, Salt Lake City, Utah
1953 ..... Neva Jane Langley, Macon, Ga.
1954 ..... Evelyn Margaret Ay, Ephrata, Pa.
1955 ..... Lee Meriwether, San Francisco, Calif.
1956 ..... Sharon Ritchie, Denver, Colorado
1957 ..... Marian McKnight, Manning, South Carolina
1958 ..... Marilyn Van Derbur, Denver, Colorado
1959 ..... Mary Ann Mobley, Brandon, Miss.
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1961 ..... Nancy Fleming, Montague, Michigan
1962 ..... Maria Fletcher, Asheville, North Carolina
1963 ..... Jacquelyn Mayer, Sandusky, Ohio
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1966 ..... Deborah Irene Bryant, Overland Park, Kansas
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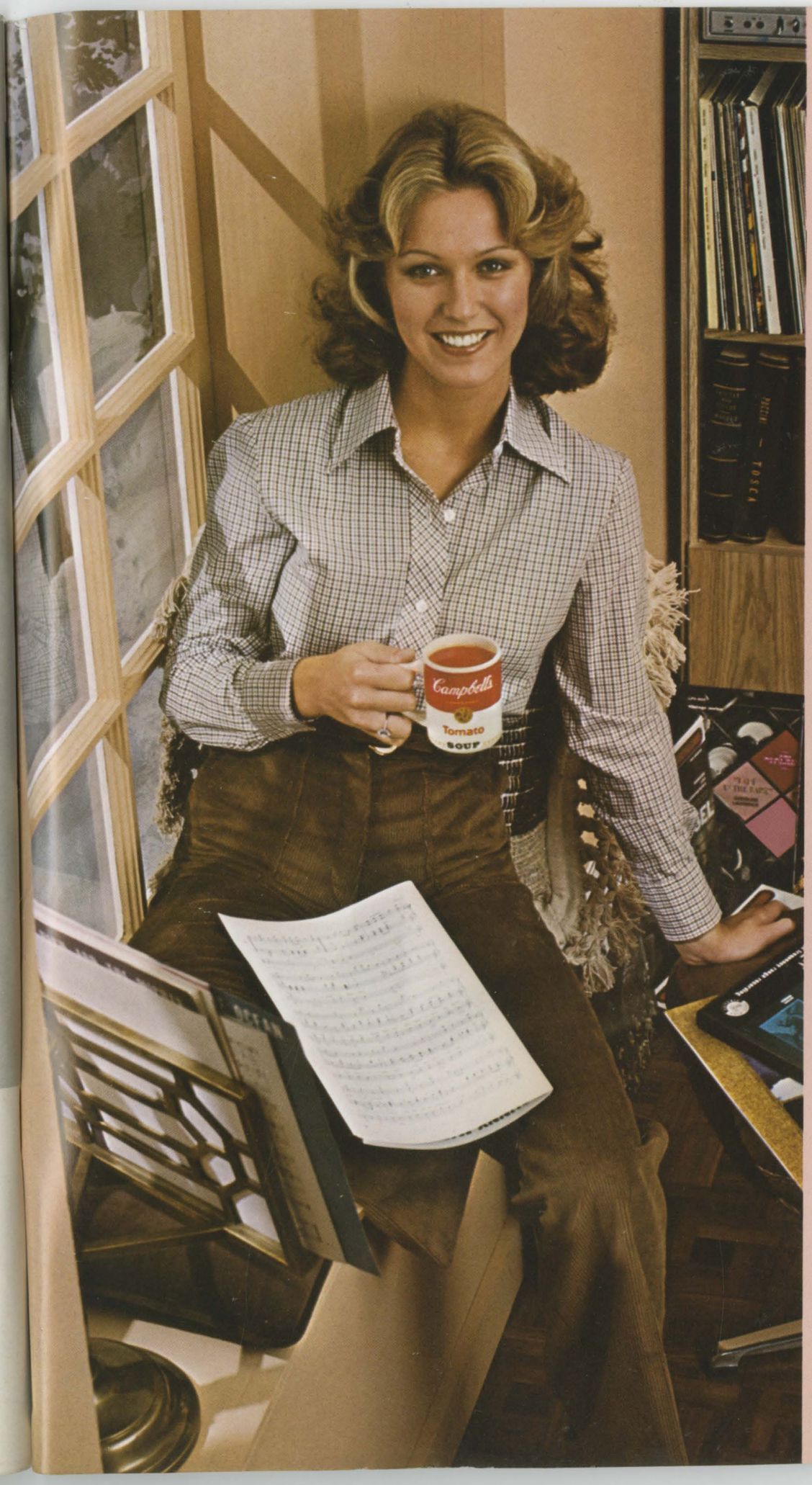
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