

Miss America Charms Her Audience On Visit Here

Wearing a white Cecil Chappan banton sheath dress, accentuated by a single red rosebud, Nancy Anne McNeil, Miss America of 1961, flashed her famous smile and charmed an audience in Presbyterian College's Belk Auditorium last Thursday night.



MISS AMERICA

Along with other beauties, including Sandra Browning of Greenwood, Miss South Carolina, she was presented with gifts from Joanna Mills, Clinton and Lydia Mills, Hallmark Manufacturing Corp., and the Anderson-Hosery Co.

With her appearance in Clinton, the reigning Miss America ended a week's visit throughout North and South Carolina, where she participated in six Christmas parades. "The South's holiday parades are unique," she said.

Since her selection in September, the statuesque brunette has already traveled some 25,000 miles of the approximately 100,000 she will travel during her reign.

She travels with a chaperone, Mrs. Margaret McNeil, who waits year-round for the pageant. Mrs. McNeil shoulders a huge amount of details and work in caring for the beauty. For example, pageant opened supreme Thursday when a card of certain to be the only girl in which Miss America is supposed to ride was not available. The chaperone takes a great deal of personal interest in her ward—watching her morning, trying to give the girl some privacy, making sure she always looks her best for the public.

Commenting on Nancy Anne, Mrs. McNeil said, "She handles her position with a great deal of dignity." Indeed, the former Miss Michigan possesses a poise and charm unusual for a girl who graduated from high school this past June.

"I love traveling," she com-

menting on the people she wonders. "The people of Clinton have been especially fine—it is trying."

After her year as Miss America, Nancy Anne looks forward to attending at Michigan State to study home economics with journalism. She hopes to work with women's magazines, and then plans the ultimate career of marriage.

Behind the gorgeous smile that flashed up and down Clinton's streets to the hundreds gathered for last Thursday's parade, there is quite a mind, for Nancy has accumulated some \$11,000 in scholarships.

The Miss-America Pageant is the largest scholarship organization in the country," Nancy Anne says. "Over 600 girls are currently attending college on scholarships provided by the local, state and national contests."

It was cold in Clinton last Thursday and participants as

well as spectators felt the nip of winter.

Beauty queens, apparently clad only in flimsy evening gowns, probably suffered less than those along the sidelines.

Hidden under the glitter of the gowns Thursday was a strange assortment of warm clothes. Many had on two long-sleeve sweaters, disguised by arm-length gloves, and a scarf at the neck.

Mrs. McNeil confided that the bouffant skirts often hide slacks and leotards.

Sandra Browning, Miss South Carolina, avoided cold feet by wearing socks with her high heels.

Many of the regal queens wear sneakers and loafers during their parade appearances. All of this might detract from the glamour of the beauties—but it sure makes it easier to flash the inevitable warm smile up and down the parade route.

Addison Named Vice-President Of Waddell & Reed, Inc.

The appointment of Thomas E. Addison, Clinton, as a resident vice-president of Waddell & Reed, Inc., national distributor of the United Funds, Inc., group of mutual funds, has been announced by the firm's home office in Kansas City, Mo.

Addison, who joined Waddell & Reed in August, 1956, has been



T. E. ADDISON

serving as the firm's regional manager in this area since February, 1958. The region, with headquarters in Clinton, includes the Carolinas and 20 counties in Tennessee. He is a partner in Wolfe and Addison, local securities firm.

Addison is in the carbonated beverage business here and has other interests. He completed business administration courses at Presbyterian College in Clinton.

E. J. Evatt Elected Gray Court Mayor

Gray Court—E. J. Evatt was elected mayor of Gray Court in a town election here Tuesday.

He defeated J. M. Rhodes, incumbent, by a vote of 95 to 82.

Five men were in a race for four alderman seats. Elected were Raymond Cooper, incumbent, 158 votes; Marcus Cook, 153; L. N. Cook, incumbent, 143; and Eugene Babb, 141.

The fifth candidate was W. D. Armstrong who received 122 votes.

Alderman R. E. Gray did not offer for reelection.

Mayor Rhodes was seeking his fourth two-year term. The new administration takes office in January.

Junior High To Give Choral Program

Mrs. Hazel Giffilin, director, will present members of the Clinton Junior High School Choral group in a program of seasonal songs and impressions of the principal Christmas characters.

This performance in which approximately 150 voices will take part, will be given in the school auditorium on Friday evening, December 9, at 8 o'clock.

The public is invited.

"Erskine On The Air"

"Erskine on the Air" is a new radio program originating from Abbeville, planned and executed by sophomores Georgia Young and Jackie Cooper.

The program is designed to publicize Erskine, telling of various events of interests to students, alumni, and friends.

Informal "chitchat" by Georgia and Jackie is interspersed with records and dedications. The theme song—"Look for a Star"—by Billy Vaughn.

The two students, both from Clinton, have had four years of experience with this type of program, having done a similar one concerning Clinton High School.

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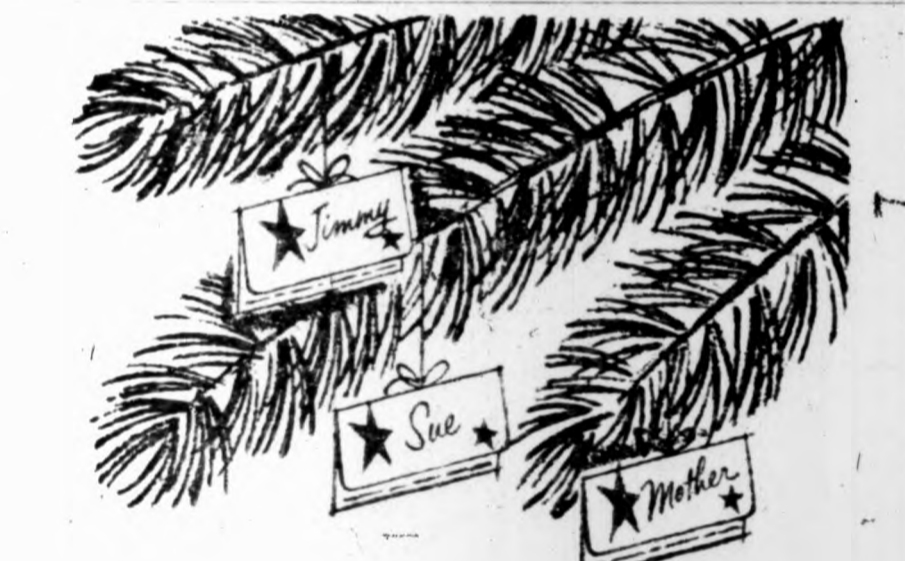
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