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Meet The Contestants



MISS CYNTHIA VIRGINIA RUMNEY

Cynthia Virginia Rumney is among the contestants who will compete Saturday, August 23, for the title of Miss Bessemer City 1970. The fourth annual Miss Bessemer City Pageant sponsored by Bessemer City Jaycees will take place in the auditorium of Bessemer City High School. Cynthia, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Kenneth Rumney of 217 West Washington Avenue, is a rising senior at BCHS where she is the Drum Major of the school band. She has played the French horn in the school band for four years and belongs to the Journalism and French clubs. She is a library assistant and holds the title of Miss Teen Bessemer City 1969. In addition to band, she has studied art for three years and piano for three years. She lists art and swimming as her hobbies. For her talent, she will display her art work. Following graduation, she would like to attend Brevard College. Cynthia is five feet three inches tall, weighs 112 pounds, has light brown hair and brown dark eyes. Mrs. Jimmy Ramsey is her hostess.

Bill Putnam County Legionnaire Of Year

William R. Putnam has been selected as The Legionnaire of The Year by the Gaston County Council of The American Legion. He received the honor Tuesday night when the Gaston and Catawba county councils held a joint meeting in Cherryville with Tryon Post 100 serving as the host post.

Putnam is a member of Bessemer City American Legion Post No. 243. This makes the second consecutive year that Post No. 243 has produced the outstanding Legionnaire for the Gaston County Council. This past year, Lonnie Burleson received the honor.

Legionnaire Putnam this past year was selected as the Gaston County Council's Go-Getter of The Year in securing a large number of members into membership in the American Legion.

Putnam had been nominated for the honor by Post No. 243. In its letter of recommendation naming Putnam, the following information was given:

"Post 243 has great pride placing in nomination the name of William R. Putnam as Legionnaire of The Year. Legionnaire Putnam has given freely of his time, talent and efforts to promote the American Legion programs in the Bessemer City area and

has done much to raise the public image of this organization.

"Legionnaire Putnam is responsible for the congenial cooperation between the American Legion and civic and service organizations.

"In taking a closer look at some of Legionnaire Putnam's contributions - - - Legionnaire Putnam has excelled in Membership Activities for his Post. This is the THIRD year that Bill has been a member of the coveted Century Club by securing over 300 members in the past three years. As active Legionnaires, you are well aware that this is no small accomplishment. During the last two years Legionnaire Putnam has been Service Officer of Post 243. He not only kept a close vigilance of LEGIONNAIRES on sick call but was also available to counsel and discuss the benefits available to members of this Post. As example, one of the member's sons was awarded a scholarship under Bill's administration. The post also placed in a home a severely retarded child of a former deceased member, after all efforts and channels had been exhausted by the surviving parent.

"No part of any Legionnaire's family was forgotten while he

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BEAUTIES HAVE FUN IN SUN- Pictured above is a group of local "beauties" sunning by a swimming pool at a social given jointly by Miss Bessemer City 1969 (Cynthia Lutz) and the Bessemer City Jaycees. A swim-supper was given Saturday afternoon at Cynthia's home on North 12th Street Extension. Attending the party were the candidates for the Miss Bessemer

City Pageant, their hostesses and the Jaycees. Pictured above are, from left to right, Claudette Navey, Sherry Neal, Cynthia Rumney, Cynthia Lutz, Sandra Broome and Louise Davis. A covered dish supper was served by the Jaycees following swimming. A series of socials for the contestants have been planned by the Bessemer City Jaycees and Jayceettes.

25 Years Ago— In Bessemer City

The following items appeared in the Gastonia Gazette twenty-five or more years ago. Lois Lynette Sexton was correspondent.

Mr. and Mrs. John Myers and children Betty and Bobby of Concord spent Sunday with Mrs. W. A. Horne. Churches completing their Red Cross sewing projects are Bessemer City Presbyterian, Grace Lutheran, First Baptist and Garrison Memorial AR Presbyterian. The families of Henry and M. L. Morgan attended funeral services Sunday for Mrs. Elizabeth Honeycutt Morgan held at First Baptist Church in Cabarrus County.

The following firemen and junior firemen attended the Firemen's Drill School in Charlotte: J. B. Schofield, assistant chief, Miles Rhyne, Glenn Stalcup, L. A. Poteat, Charles Harmon, Elmo Bridges, Roy Franklin, Lloyd Sarvis, John Morgan, Bobby Hager, Kye Horne and W. A. Hornes, Jr. Mrs. Alice Thompson is a patient at Garrison General Hospital. Mrs. M. Mullinax spent the week-end in Schofield, Va., with J. P. Bell and family. Miss Dorothy Starnes who resides in Charlotte where she holds a position in the office personnel at Morris Field, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Starnes. Tom, Tony of Camp Rucker, Alabama spent

the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Sally Rayfield. Mrs. Mabel Armstrong and daughter, Mrs. Julia Absher, spent the week-end in Lockhardt and Union, S. C. Billy Dean Gore of Atlanta, Ga., spent the week-end with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Gray and Mrs. Molly Gore.

Robert Herman Carpenter of DeLand, Fla., has been promoted to third class Petty Officer's rating in the U. S. Navy. He and his wife and children, Jacquelyn, Betty, Gene and R. H. Jr., visited with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Sisk. The family of Mrs. C. C. Kiser celebrated her birthday with a family dinner. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kiser and Henry, Jr., Luther Kiser, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kiser and family all of this city, Kemp and Bill of Fayetteville, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abernathy of Gastonia, Mrs. R. E. Eaker and Mrs. Ed. Rudisill of Cherryville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Brown of Gastonia entertained Sunday at a birthday dinner in honor of J. T. Brown, Jr. The entire family was present with the exception of Frank who is in North Africa and Alonzo who is somewhere in the Pacific. Mrs. L. D. Murray of Ky., has returned home after visiting her mother, Mrs. D.M. Withers. She was accompanied by her son, Jimmy. Miss Clara Withers visited her brother, Cpl. Albert Withers of

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MISS SANDRA KAY BROOME

Sandra Kay Broome is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Broome at 417 East Georgia Avenue. She is a 1968 graduate of BCHS and after attending Gaston College, she is now enrolled at Western Carolina University where she will continue her training as an elementary school teacher this fall after attending summer school at WCU. She studied piano for eight years, voice for three years, baton for five and plays the clarinet and flute. At BCHS, she was a majorette for four years, president of the Junior Civitan Club, selected to "Who's Who," and received the Citizenship Award. Sandra belonged to the F. T. A. and F. H. A. For her talent, Sandra will sing. At five feet eleven inches, she is the tallest contestant. She weighs 155 pounds and has auburn hair and green eyes. Mrs. Wayne Isenhour is her hostess.

Arrowoods At Convention

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arrowood have returned from Asheville where they attended the four day national convention of the Professional Bookmen of America that took place at Grove Park Inn. Professional Bookmen is the fraternity of the sales representatives of the leading publishers of America.

Representatives attended the convention from thirty-eight states. Mr. Arrowood took part on the program for the first general meeting. He made an entertaining talk on stories of the native humor of mountaineers.

22nd District Membership Quota Passed

The 22nd District of the American Legion is the first in the nation for its category in membership. It exceeded its set quota percentage-wise to be the top district in the nation for the number of veterans enlisted for membership for the 1968-1969 fiscal Legion year.

Lonnie Burleson of Bessemer City Post No. 243 is the vice commander for the 22nd District. The 22nd District is comprised of Gaston, Lincoln and Catawba counties.

Legion Group To Convention

Among the delegation from Bessemer City American Legion Post 243 who plan to attend the annual Legion convention are Lonnie Burleson, Ray Melton, Raymond Hook, William R. Putnam and Don Markwalder.

The 51st National Convention of The American Legion is to take place August 22-28 in Atlanta, Ga.

William C. Doyle is the American Legion Nation Commander and along with Legionnaires, will cite support for the Safeguard Anti-Ballistic Missile System at the convention.

Featured speaker at the convention is to be Col. Frank Borman USAF, who commanded Apollo 8 on the epic, six-day journey of man's maiden voyage to the moon last December 21-27.

The Apollo 8 was Borman's last space flight as a National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Astronaut. He is now field director of Space Station Task Group at the NASA Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston, Texas.

Included on the convention program will be the "Sing Out South" troupe, part of the world famous "Up With People" movement; and, a Parade of Champions band contest to take place in Georgia Tech. Stadium.



MISS CYNTHIA ANN LUTZ

Cynthia Ann Lutz, Miss Bessemer City 1969 participated in the 18th annual Pageland Watermelon Festival that took place this past week-end in Pageland, S. C. She was among the 29 title holders who competed for the Watermelon Queen title and a \$600 scholarship. Cynthia participated in swim suit and evening gown divisions. She wore a pink swim suit and a pink formal. For the Saturday morning parade with 86 units, she wore a mint green formal. Entertainment features were planned throughout the festival. Mrs. Miriam Barnes, official hostess for Cynthia, accompanied her to the event. Cynthia is to compete this week-end in the Grape Festival that takes place in York, S. C. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lutz. Her mother accompanies her to York. She will crown Miss Bessemer City 1970 for the Bessemer City Pageant scheduled for August 23 at the high school auditorium.



CHAPLAIN ALLEN E. MORRISON

Chaplain Allen E. Morrison was recently promoted to the rank of Major with the U. S. Army National Guard. He was installed as minister Sunday night of Long Creek and First Presbyterian churches. Rev. Mr. Morrison returned last week from fifteen days of annual Field Training, serving as Chaplain with the 150th Combat Engineer Group of Charleston, West Virginia, at Camp Dawson, Kingwood, West Virginia. The combat engineers received training in all types of military construction. He has served eight consecutive years as chaplain with the National Guard and has taken two weeks of annual training for six years at Camp Pickett, Va. The past two years he has had active training at Camp Dawson. Chaplain Morrison resides with his wife and four children at the Presbyterian Manse at 307 West Washington Avenue.

Community Club Sponsored By Church

A group of men formed the Bessemer City Community Club which is sponsored by Second Baptist Church. The purpose of this club is to do human-

istic acts for the aged and the sick.

To date the club has twenty-two members with the membership drawn from interdenominational sources.

The men work together on financial projects with the proceeds from the projects placed in the club treasury.

Rev. Marion Pierce is the pastor of Second Baptist and works with the club. The club holds its meetings in a fellowship room at Second Baptist which is located on the corner of Maryland and North 13th Street.

Tuesday, August 12, starting at 7:30 p.m., the men have planned a bottle pick-up. This project is worked in conjunction with the town's civic improvement program.

Another project related to the town's Clean-Up-Fix-Up-

Bloodmobile To Visit On Wednesday

The Gaston County Red Cross Bloodmobile unit will make a visit here on Wednesday, August 13, at First Baptist Church. It will be in operation to receive blood donors from 10:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The visit is being sponsored by the Lions Club with Harold McClellan, chairman.

Mrs. W. M. Costner is in charge of securing volunteer workers.

Practices Get Underway

Pre-school opening practices for Bessemer City High School Yellow Jackets got underway Monday, August 11, when candidates checked in for practice with their physical forms filled out by each Jacket's respective family doctor.

Jackson Parker, BCHS athletic director, said forty-three players from the "B" team and left over from the varsity team reported for practice along with a group of newcomers from Tryon and Lincoln high schools.

Uniforms are to be issued on Friday, August 15. At that time, practices will be increased to two per day with one a heavy practice and the other, light.

The first game will be a non-conference opener played versus West Lincoln here. Tommy Stowe and Bob Hager are assistant coaches.



MISS SHARON MARTHA NEAL

Sharon (Sherry) Martha Neal is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Neal of Route 2. She is a rising senior at BCHS and has studied tap and ballet for three years; piano, nine years; baton, three years; and, organ, six months. For her talent entry, she plans to play "Norwegian Concerto" by Greig. Following graduation, she would like to enroll at either Lenoir Rhyne College or Appalachian State University. She holds the title Miss Tryonota VFD 1968, is a Queen with a scepter in GA's, and won the trophy for the girl Best Foul Shooter for the Tryon Tigeresses. She belongs to the Beta, French, Science and Monogram clubs. The H. A. and F. T. A. and played basketball for three years. She lists basketball, sewing and playing the piano as her chief hobbies. She is five feet seven inches tall, weighs 128 pounds, has blonde hair and brown eyes. Mrs. Kea Armstrong is her hostess.