

CORRECT POSTURE HELPS MISS AMERICA OF 1958 WIN HER TITLE



Miss Marilyn Van Derbur, Denver, Colorado, Miss America of 1958, who exemplifies correct posture at its best.

Winning the title of "Miss America" is not just a matter of beauty, although that, of course, is important. Considered are grace, charm, poise and intelligence. Good posture plays an important part, too.

When Marilyn Van Derbur of Denver, Colorado walked down the 150 foot long runway in Convention Hall, Atlantic City, on September 7, 1957 as a contestant for the title of Miss America, her charm and grace were enhanced by near-perfect posture. When the judging was over she was Miss America of 1958. For her that was one of the happiest days of her life. For the chiropractors of Colorado it was a red letter day, too, for they had played a significant role in helping Marilyn Van Derbur achieve her coveted title.

It all started with an idea of Dr. Robert Ohlson of Denver. As a member of the Denver Junior Chamber of Commerce, he was on the Miss Colorado Scholarship Pageant Committee. The preliminary state contest of the Scholarship Pageant is sponsored by the Denver Junior Chamber of Commerce. The winner becomes the Miss Ameri-

ca Candidate from Colorado. Dr. Ohlson approached the Denver Jaycees, offering the support of the Colorado chiropractors for the Pageant of 1957. He told the Jaycees about National Correct Posture Week and explained what an incentive it would be to school youngsters to have a Miss Colorado tell them how important correct posture is to beauty and health. The Jaycees invited the Colorado chiropractors to join in the sponsorship of the Miss Colorado Pageant and offered complete cooperation with the National Correct Posture Week Program.

So the work of promoting the Colorado Pageant, tied in with National Correct Posture Week, proceeded. Little did they know that their efforts would receive national attention. Then came the dramatic day when Marilyn Van Derbur was crowned Miss America. Colorado chiropractors and the Jaycees of Denver were fully rewarded for all the work they had done up to that time. Miss Van Derbur, who is no stranger to chiropractic, could be thankful that her perfect posture had played an important part in her being selected Miss America.



ANOTHER CHOWAN CAMPUS QUEEN - While Chowan's campus is beautiful with its many trees and spacious green lawns, more prized than these are the pretty co-eds who lend charm and grace to enhance the picture. One of the prettiest is Miss Frances Johnson, secretarial student from Williamston. She will graduate in June and plans a summer wedding with Ervin "Buddy" Leggett of Robersonville as the lucky man. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lance Johnson, Frances was Chowan's basketball queen; is a member of Alpha Pi Epsilon national honorary society; and is secretary to Mr. John McSweeney, Director of the School of Graphic Arts.

May Day Program is Historical

(See picture of May Day Queen Audrey Marriner on cover.)

Many guests and students joined Miss Audrey Marriner of Hickory, Va., the Chowan College May Queen, on Chowan's campus Saturday afternoon, May 9.

On that occasion she turned back the pages of time to the year 1825. It was on February 26 of that historic year that Gilbert Montier, Marquis de La Fayette, visited the town of Murfreesboro.

Historical Note

In keeping with the strong historical note being sounded this year throughout Hertford County as it observes the 200th anniversary of its existence, the annual May Day exercises at Chowan College took the form of pageant depicting the treasured appearance of the young French General who played such a noble part in the American Army's battle for freedom.

Concerning La Fayette's visit to Murfreesboro, Winborne's *History of Hertford County* says: "A committee consisting of Col.

James Brickle, Dr. O'Bryan, Lewis M. Cowper and John W. Southall was appointed to meet the General at Somerton, Va., and escort him to the town. He stopped at the Indian Queen Hotel, then owned by Henry A. Ramsay. The brilliant young lawyer, Thomas Maney, in a speech of welcome, greeted the distinguished visitor, who graciously replied. The parlors of the grand old hotel were beautifully decorated with the national colors and patriotic banners. The brass band filled the hearts and souls of the assembled multitude with patriotic music, the noble and beautiful women of the town and county on that occasion would have done honor to a presidential inaugural ball at the present day. A most dignified and elite reception was held, when all were given an opportunity to shakehands with the General. At 11 o'clock p.m. they sat down to supper. The people came in from all parts

of the surrounding country to see and shake hands with the great General and join in the great rejoicings."

The Pageant

The May Day pageant was directed by Miss Anna Belle Crouch, a member of the college faculty, and Mrs. Edwin P. Brown of Murfreesboro. Mrs. Neva Cambell, college librarian, furnished the historical background materials around which the pageant was built. The characters in the several dramatic scenes chosen to highlight the La Fayette visit was played by Chowan students selected from the men's and women's physical education classes.

Reigning over the May Day festivities with Queen Audrey Marriner were her maid of honor, Patsy Picot of Franklin, Va., and representatives of the various student organizations on the Chowan College campus: Phi Theta Kappa (National Honorary Scholastic Fraternity), Lillian Carter, Woodland; Freshman Class, Frances Johnson, Williamston; Woman's Athletic Association, Jeanne Miles, Norfolk, Va.; Baptist Student Union, Jane Winslow, Bevidere; College Choir, Carol Landen, Weldon; Young Woman's Auxiliary, Gwen Eure, Eure; Women's Judiciary, Linda Watson, Conway; The Chowanoka (College Yearbook), Mitzi Oden; Hatteras; Delta Phi Epsilon (National Honorary Business Fraternity), Delores Hill, Woodland; National Education Association, Kathryn Triplett, Banner Elk; Spanish Club, Bonnie Tinkham, Alexandria, Va.; Monogram Club, Lisa Taylor, Nashville; Men's Council, Brenda Bradshaw, Franklin, Va.; Sophomore Class, Bettye Jo Lassiter, Ahsokie; The Chowanian (College Newspaper), Geneva Congleton, Washington; Chemistry Club, Serina Davis, Davis.



WILLIAM WALLACE MANGUM, Jr.



BETTY CRAFT MATTHEWS

Two \$500 Scholarship Winners

Betty Craft Matthews, 206 Sampson St., Clinton, and William W. Mangum, Jr., 211 Pendergrass St., Durham, have been awarded "Donald G. Matthews, Sr. Competitive Scholarships," in the amount of \$500.00, for the 1959-60 academic year at Chowan College.

The two high school seniors were selected from many outstanding student applicants from the 40 counties which make up the three eastern North Carolina educational districts. Their selection was based upon academic scholarship, character, leadership ability, personality, and need.

Miss Matthews, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. E.

Matthews of Roseboro, is among the top ten students in this year's Clinton High School graduating class. A National Honor Society member, her extra-curricular activities have included dramatics, glee club, athletics, and work with the school newspaper.

Mangum, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mangum, Sr., is one of the top five students in a graduating class of more than one hundred seniors at Northern Durham High. Like his co-winner, he is also an active member of the National Honor Society. He is also an active member of the Student Council, business manager of the Northern yearbook, and had a leading role in the Senior play.