

Dancer Mickey Gunnerson Draws Flight Pay on Stage

When it comes to drawing flight pay, the Marine fly-boys have no monopoly. Mickey Gunnerson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gunnerson, 2002 Shepard St., Morehead City, takes to the air in one number of the Broadway musical show, "The Girl in Pink Tights."

A dancer in the chorus, she's earthbound throughout the show except for the finale. For the conventional dancing she gets \$85 a week, the union rate for a non-speaking dancer.

But when it comes to the aerial display, she gets extra pay for performing while suspended from piano wire. "The Girl in Pink Tights" is starring Renee Jeanmaire at the Mark Hellinger theatre.

Mickey's sister, Gunhilde, will graduate from Morehead City High School Tuesday. While Mickey considered flying here for the big event (via plane rather than piano wire) her parents think it might be better if Gunhilde goes to New York for a visit after graduation.

Mickey, a native of Wilmington, N. C., has been in New York since September 1953. Her father, who is with the Standard Oil Co. in Morehead City, has been located at various times in Wilmington, Fayetteville, New Bern, Southport and Clinton.

Don Bishop, Broadway correspondent for the Greensboro Daily News, tells the story of Mickey's current success in New York, as follows:

She came to New York under circumstances similar to those of many another youngster. Her parents had envisioned the usual college training for her at Woman's College in Greensboro. She went there four semesters, then badgered them into letting her have a fling at a career in the big city.

Several years of study of dancing in her early years had planted in her the seeds of a ballet career. When she enrolled at the School of American Ballet in New York, the first thing they told her was to forget everything she'd ever known.

That in itself should have been enough of a blow to stop a fairly accomplished young entertainer who had danced well for audiences in New Bern and other eastern Carolina cities. But the sprightly little brunette was undaunted. She signed up for six classes a week, later expanded that to nine.

Worked in Office
She acquired three apartment mates to hold down living expenses. They boned up on a book owned by one of them, called "New York on a Modest Income."

"Our income was so low it was more than modest. It was embarrassing," she said. She worked for \$25 a week in an insurance office and was "bored to distraction."

Last December, by then an intermediate student at the ballet school, she decided to plunge into the tough grind of going to auditions. Her first choice was the chorus call for "The Girl in Pink Tights."

Agnes de Mille was doing the choreography and already had held a private audition for 75 artists who had danced in her previous productions. She also had held a required audition for members of Equity. Next came the open call—generally a perfunctory session held only because it too is required by theatre rules.

Miss Gunnerson recalled that as she moved out on the stage, she was aware only of a single row of glaring lights—and a lone, terrifying figure watching her movements.

Angry at Audition
But Mickey Gunnerson, instead of reacting like many good dancers and freezing up, got angry at the thought of her schoolmates being so petrified that they couldn't show Miss de Mille their best work. She just went ahead and did her best, surviving many eliminations.

Her best wasn't good enough at the moment, but a few days later the show management reached her by telephone, said she had been turned away by mistake, and was wanted for the chorus.

That meant cancelling a Christmas appearance in J. Gaskill McDaniel's annual Yuletide Revue in New Bern—something that she had wanted to do again now that she had New York training under her belt—but she was needed immediately for rehearsals.

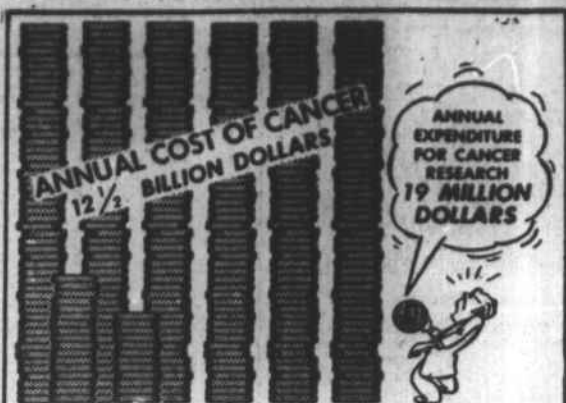
She showed a certain independent streak which may be the making of her in this tough showbusiness world. She said she'd join the company of "The Girl in Pink Tights" if no more auditions were required.

She signed a contract.

Four-Year-Old Saves Horses with Warning

Portland, Ore. (AP)—Cowboys—and horses—were racing across the TV screen, and Kathleen Card, 4, was watching them. Her younger brother preferred to throw things around. Exasperated, Kathleen warned:

"If you don't stop that you'll break the television, and all those little horses will fall out on the rug."



Cancer costs for U. S. people are largely the loss of goods and services which might have been created had people not been disabled or killed by the disease according to estimates by the American Cancer Society. Conservative figures

put such losses at 12 billion dollars a year, society officials say. Hospital and medical costs are thought to add at least another half billion dollars, but the experts admit they know very little about those costs. They might be much larger.



May 24 — According to annual custom, classes at Ocracoke School have enjoyed class picnics during the past two weeks. High school students packed lunches, boarded a boat and enjoyed a visit to Portsmouth. Elementary children went on trucks to Ocracoke's "Second Hammock Hills," and primary children walked to a picnic spot not far from the school. All enjoyed the little respite from school and classes.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Scarborough and son of Portsmouth, Va., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Boyette, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Crowe and sons, of Morehead City and Atlanta, spent several days on the island last week. While here Mr. Crowe met with the recently organized Boy Scout troop.

Miss Mary Byrum of Raleigh visited at her cottage here this past weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Simpson of Tucson, Ariz., are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Needham Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. James Garrish and son of Columbia, S. C., are visiting their parents here.

Mrs. Tressie Howard, Mrs. Eleanor Ballance, Mrs. Maude Fulcher, Mrs. Eleanor Burrus, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wahab, and Capt. Ike O'Neal were dinner guests last Saturday night at Berkeley Manor.

Lloyd Fulcher is visiting his mother, Mrs. Helen Fulcher.

F. C. Hoggard Sr. visited Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Hoggard recently.

They returned with him for a visit at Virginia Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gaskins and children are spending a few days at Manteo.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Gallop and daughter are back from a visit at Virginia Beach.

Several Ocracokers enjoyed a Sunday trip to Cape Hatteras: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Styron, Mr. and Mrs. Elijah O'Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mason, Albert Styron Jr., Ike O'Neal, Danny Garrish, and Miss Virginia Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Dix Daugherty and daughter of Raleigh visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Tolson, last weekend. Son, D. S. Tolson, was also here for a brief visit with his parents and his family.

The Rev. R. L. Vickery Jr. preached last Sunday at Portsmouth Methodist Church. Several people from here accompanied Mr. Vickery, making the trip over in Elmo Fulcher's boat. They were Mrs. Maude Fulcher, Mrs. T. W. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Fulcher and children, Mrs. Elsie Garrish and children, Miss Marie Hodges, Ike O'Neal.

Also in Portsmouth that day were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald O'Neal and son, Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Gaskill, Fowler O'Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Styron, Mrs. Estelle Styron, Miss Chloe Garrish.

Dog Goes Down the Drain

Roanoke, Va. (AP)—Some 200 persons including a Boy Scout troop were on hand when people of the neighborhood finally rescued "Puddles," a four-year-old cocker spaniel. The small dog crawled into an eight-inch underground drain pipe and crawled some 225 feet before he was dug out.

VOTE FOR G. T. SPIVEY

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF CARTERET COUNTY



Beaufort, N. C.
May 25th, 1954

Dear Friend:

On Saturday you will find my name, G. T. Spivey, on your ballot as candidate for the office of Sheriff of Carteret County.

While I was not born in this county, I have been a citizen since February 1946, except for a few months, and even then I was continuing my Produce Business here, serving the stores of this county.

I believe that my family and I have been good citizens, and have always done our part in serving our community and our county since we became a part of it.

Our children have received most of their education in Carteret County Schools. They have contributed their services in many radio programs, Ted at the piano and Anne singing during the polio and TB drives. Anne is now a sophomore at Beaufort High School and Ted is a freshman at State College.

My wife has been part-time School Health Nurse for the past two years, is secretary for the Crippled Children's Clinic at Morehead City, is anesthesiologist at Sea Level Hospital and a member of the Bettie Home Demonstration Club.

I am 43 years old. I was reared on the farm of my parents near Willow Springs, N. C. and attended school there and at Fuquay Springs.

A few months ago I added Purina Feeds to my business and located at 114 Turner St., Beaufort. I own my own home and my business. I am a business man, an Oddfellow and a member of the First Baptist Church.

If elected I will strive above all things for an administration whose first consideration is the safety and welfare of the people. I will strive for close cooperation between myself and those who work with me in all matters which are of a civic interest and I will work vigorously in support of any action which will insure a safe and sound economic administration of our county affairs.

Voting is our American heritage. I would like to urge each of you to study each candidate well. Cast your vote for the man you sincerely believe will serve our County best, one whose first consideration must always be the safety and welfare of every citizen.

I am not being supported by any group or ring. I will appreciate any consideration given me by any law abiding citizen of our County.

On these presentations, I respectfully solicit your support and your vote.

Sincerely,
G. T. SPIVEY



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IS A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF DISTRICT SOLICITOR

It is an office of great trust and responsibility; likewise, an office of great honor. It has been filled by Pitt County for nearly all of the past generation. Pitt is the largest of the six counties composing the district. Our candidate needs, and should have, the united support of our people.

He is a young man of sterling character with a sense of deep appreciation of the duties and responsibilities of the office, is well qualified, and would make a Solicitor that we home folk of the county would be mighty proud of. Let's not have it said that we have failed to stand by and support him (our own county man) in this, his so-important undertaking.

We sincerely trust that you will go to the polls Saturday and give Luther Hamilton, Jr., your support and urge your neighbors to do likewise.

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