

## Major Cities In United States Will Be Included On 1955 Maid Of Cotton Tour

The United States itinerary of the 1955 Maid of Cotton will carry King Cotton's young fashion emissary to major cities in every section of the country, the National Cotton Council has announced.

For the first time in the sixteen-year history of the tour, the Maid will visit Pacific Northwestern states.

Included on the Maid's whirlwind schedule in the United States are: New York, Miami, Columbus (Ga.), Birmingham, New Orleans, Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, El Paso, Phoenix, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Spokane, Seattle, a number of cities in the San Joaquin Valley of California, Des Moines, St. Louis, Chicago, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Boston, Washington, Charlotte, Detroit, Nashville, Memphis, Dayton, and Cleveland.

### Foreign Countries

Several other additions probably will be made before the tour begins, the Council noted. Foreign countries to be visited by the 1955 Maid of Cotton will be announced later.

The Council said that currently the contest is in progress to select the girl who will represent the cotton industry on the 1955 tour. Deadline for entries in the contest is midnight, December first. All entries must be postmarked before that date.

### Entry Requirements

To be eligible to become Maid of Cotton, a girl must be born in a cotton-producing state. She must be between the ages of 19-25, must never have been married, and must be at least 5 feet 5 inches tall.

Entry forms and complete information about the contest are available from the National Cotton Council, P.O. Box 18, Memphis, Tenn. Entry forms must be completed and returned to contest headquarters along with two photographs, one a head and shoulders portrait and the other a full-length view.

### Important Attributes

The Council points out that the competition is not a "beauty contest." Girls are judged on the basis of poise, personality, and intelligence, as well as appearance.

After the Maid is selected at Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 4, she will begin her tour with a month's preparatory period in New York. There she will be outfitted with a glamorous all-cotton wardrobe, representing the best in cotton for 1955. There will be about 50 outfits for every occasion and every season of the year in the Maid's fabulous collection.

She will wear these fashions everywhere to show cotton's leadership in the high-fashion world, and she will appear as featured model in all-cotton fashion shows at each stop.

### Constantly in Spotlight

The Maid of Cotton also will serve as good will courier for the cotton industry. She will meet mayors, governors, city and civic leaders throughout the tour to present the industry's greetings. Wherever she goes, the Maid constantly is in the spotlight in her role of fashion and goodwill emissary for the 13 million members of the cotton industry.

The Maid of Cotton is sponsored by the National Cotton Council, the Memphis Cotton Carnival, and the Cotton Exchanges of Memphis, New York, and New Orleans.

### Vets' Question Box

Q—I am a World War II veteran training under the original GI Bill. Next month I expect to finish my course. Since I have some entitlement remaining, would I be allowed to enroll in another course in a different field?

A—No. Once you complete or discontinue a course under the World War II GI Bill, you generally are prohibited from taking another course, even though you do have additional entitlement.

Q—If I simply send an application for Korean GI term insurance to VA within the 120-day deadline, will I be able to get the insurance? I'd like to pay my first premium at a later date, if possible.

A—An application alone, submitted within the 120-day period, would not be enough to entitle you to Korean GI term insurance. You also must pay your first premium within the 120 days.

### N. C. SOYBEAN CROP IS 25 PERCENT ABOVE LAST YEAR

The North Carolina soybean crop is forecast at 4,769,000 bushels as of October 1. This is an increase of 25 per cent over the 1953 crop of 3,814,000 bushels. A crop of 4,769,000 bushels would be the largest crop since 1951 when production totaled 5,098,000 bushels.

On the basis of reports made by growers to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service, the yield per acre is forecast at 16.5 bushels. This exceeds the 1953 average yield by two bushels and equals the record yields of 16.5 bushels set in 1951 and 1952.

### RECORD MILK PRODUCTION

Estimated production of milk on farms in North Carolina during September totaled 154 million pounds—the highest of record for the month, according to the Crop Reporting Service. The September flow reflected a seasonal decline of 11 million pounds from the 165 million milked during the previous month but was 5 million above the 149 million pounds produced during September 1952.



America by 1975 will face a great rise in the demand for electrical energy because of the anticipated growth of five major industries.

The National Association of Manufacturers quotes W. V. O'Brien, vice president, General Electric Company, in the forecast for increased power use. He visualizes a:

100% increase in electrical power usage by the paper industry, now the third largest user in the nation.

25% increase by the allied printing industry.

Sizeable increases by the rubber, synthetic textile and iron ore industries.

Mr. O'Brien also pointed out that whereas steam turbine-generator have increased in size from 50,000 to 125,000 kilowatts, generating units as large as 250,000 kilowatts now are being manufactured.

### Corn Crop Estimated Smallest Since 1944

Based on reports from growers as of October 1, the Tar Heel corn crop is forecast at 53,425,000 bushels. According to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service, a crop of this size would be the lowest production of corn since 1944. It would also be 7.4 per cent less than last year's poor crop of 57,699,000 bushels.

### Sweet Potato Crop Smallest In Years

The 1954 North Carolina sweet potato crop is estimated at 3,600,000 bushels as of October 1, by the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. A crop of this size, if realized, would be the second smallest production since 1871 when growers harvested 3,569,000 bushels. Due to smaller acreage, the 1951 crop was even below current prospects, as production totaled 3,478,000 bushels.

Continued dry weather before and during the maturing season has resulted in lower yield expectations, and present prospects are for a yield of 90 bushels per acre compared with 105 last year.

### LIBRARY NEWS

The Perquimans County Library, this week has added an interesting 3 volume encyclopedia, "The Animal Kingdom." Just recently published, it has been acclaimed by critics as the most complete authentic natural history of the wildlife of the world. It describes in non-technical language the strange and wonderful ways of mammals, birds, reptiles, fishes, and insects. It is well illustrated by hundreds of drawings and photographs.

Another worthwhile addition to the library is "Adventure in Freedom," written by a Harvard professor of history, it tells the history of the Jews in America. The book is one of several published this year commemorating the 300th anniversary of the arrival of the first Jews in America.

"Madelaine, Young Wife" is a Home Demonstration Club reading list book just received.

This week's new juvenile books are: "All About the Sea," "Men of Flight," "The Greatest Adventure," the story of Jack London. "Gray Riders," Jeb Stuart and his men, and a new edition of "Two Little Confederates," by Thomas Nelson Page.

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS ATTEND DISTRICT RALLY OCTOBER 9TH  
Thirty-nine members of the Future Homemakers of the Perquimans High School, accompanied by their advisor, Frances Newby, attended a District Rally in Roanoke Rapids on October 9.

Morning and afternoon business and program sessions were held in the high school auditorium, with a picnic dinner served on the school grounds during the noon hour. The Perquimans Chapter was well represented on the talent program by several selections from the Keel sisters.

The home economics branch of the office of education and the American Home Economics Association are co-sponsors of the FHA, which is a non-profit incorporation of youth formed of pupils enrolled in Junior or Senior High School. Membership is voluntary.

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