

Dolores Is All Set to Try For 'Miss Washington, D. C.'

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Washington, Aug. 8 (UP)—The gal who has a good chance to be "Miss Washington, D. C." at the raw hide show that is called the Miss America contest is, like most Washingtonians—a foreigner. Dolores Paoloni was born in Harvey, Ill., and claims West Allis, Wis., a suburb of Milwaukee, as her home. That, of course, doesn't keep her from being lovely. Particularly with: bust, 38 inches; waist, 24; hips, 35; ankle, 8; calf, 12; thigh, 19. Shoe size 4AA.

She's five feet, six, brown as a berry and has a voice like a thrush. Trouble with Dolores is that she got started as a professional too early in life. She's only 18 now, pushing 19, and at the Congo Room at the Carlton hotel where she sings the male set already is driving her nuts. "I got so many nasty letters from wives," she told me over a glass of coke, "that I started to cheat—by wearing a wedding band."

As Mel Dodds, the tobacco-chewing press agent for the Atlantic City beauty show, will tell you, the emphasis there is on talent rather than beauty. Bebe Shopp, the Minnesota milkmaid, won the thing last year and has spent a lot of time overseas lately running down her American sisters. She played the vibraharp pretty like, of course. But the 37 bust didn't hurt her any when the gals paraded down the ramp in bathing suits, which is still part of the performance and counts a little.

Dolores is a long way from becoming Miss America. She won't even get a chance to be Miss Washington until tonight when they hold the finals here. But already she's plotting a future of singing and dramatic lessons. The scholarship is the reward she wants, she says.

Dolores hasn't had it too easy. Almost all of her life she's had to buck the tide. She pulls in \$80 a week as a singer now but out of that she has to support her mother and an aunt. "Who do you suppose buys these nice clothes I wear?" she asked. "I do."

More correctly, the talented young lady doesn't buy them. She makes them herself. Looks right well in 'em, too.

Dolores has a love interest, also. Guy named Jimmy, aged six. It all happened kind of sudden, like things that do. Jimmy was in the Congo Room with his folks and took a shine to the dark-skinned girl with the deep voice. He winked. She winked back.

Later they met in the lobby of the hotel. They talked about school and Jimmy's other girl friend. Finally, he said he was

Work Resumes In Local Plants

Work resumed at the plant of the Salem Concrete Pipe & Products company Monday under a wage agreement reached late Friday. Other plants will resume Tuesday.

Several plants have been idle a number of weeks in a wage dispute. The agreement was followed by a joint statement from representatives of the Salem Building Trades council and the employers. The statement says:

"The River Bend Sand & Gravel company, the Walling Sand & Gravel company, the Salem Concrete Pipe & Products company, the Oregon Gravel company of Salem, and the Builders' Supply company of Corvallis have reached a satisfactory agreement with the Teamsters Local Union No. 324, AFL, which will continue until December 31, 1950.

"The sand and gravel and ready-mix plants will open Tuesday, August 9, and the concrete pipe plant will open Monday, August 8.

"Men will be called as needed to meet these schedules." Terms of the agreement are an increase in pay of 5 cents an hour retroactive to January 1, 1949, an additional 7 1/2 cents effective as of August 1, and an additional 2 1/2 cents dating from next January 1 and continuing through 1950.

going away for the summer on vacation. "Promise to be true?" Dolores teased. "Who wants to look at girls when I've got you?" That's what Jimmy said. He said a mouthful.

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Music Awards Are Offered

The first of a series of American music awards, established by Sigma Alpha Iota, the national professional music fraternity, is announced by the fraternity.

Awards this year will consist of a prize of \$300 for the outstanding piano composition and \$300 for the outstanding choral composition submitted to the fraternity.

Publication of each composition by Carl Fischer, Inc., as part of the Sigma Alpha Iota Modern Music Series, with the composer retaining all royalties, is also part of the award.

Under the rules established by the fraternity, any American-born composer between the ages of 22 and 35 may enter the competition.

Information and entry blanks may be obtained by writing Miss Rose Marie Grentzer, 120 Claremont avenue, New York City 27.

District Buys Bus

Woodburn — The Woodburn district school board has let a contract for the purchase of a new 54-passenger GMC school bus to the Truck Sales and Service company of Salem. Bids on the repairs and alterations of the high school building and gymnasium were received from eleven contractors but the letting of the contract was postponed until the three low bidders could be contacted.

Fire Destroys Yachats Hotel

Yachats, Ore., Aug. 8 (UP)—Fire destroyed the three-story Yachats resort hotel, driving 20 thinly clad guests out in a drizzling rain yesterday.

The hotel had been an Oregon coast landmark since its construction in 1925.

Jim Gross, owner, said the fire broke out about 4:15 a.m., gutted the interior and caved in the roof and top story. Flames reached 50 feet into the air, attracting an early morning throng of vacationing spectators.

The cause of the fire that first started near the rooftop was un-

determined. Gross said he would not rebuild and estimated damage at \$35,000.

Firemen from Yachats and Waldport fought the blaze. Assistant Fire Chief B. F. Grubbs said damage was confined to the hotel and that the adjoining post office and garage were unscorched.

Divorce Suits Take Experts to Unravel

Los Angeles, Aug. 8 (UP)—Court Commissioner Clarence E. Johns needed the aid of an interpreter and two attorneys to unravel the marriage complications of two deaf-mute couples who may trade spouses.

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Mrs. Mary Margaret Loomis, 41, was granted \$15 a week support for her and her son from Derald Loomis, 42-year-old unemployed photographer, pending a divorce trial.

Present in court was Mrs. Maude Perdue, 38, holding her nine-week-old baby, Deraldine, admittedly fathered by Loomis. Loomis said he hoped to marry her when she becomes free from her husband, Curtis Perdue, who has filed for divorce.

To complete the circle, Loomis' lawyer said Mrs. Loomis is "going with Perdue."

Fatal Plunge Probed
Renton, Wash., Aug. 8 (UP)—Civil aeronautics administration officials today probed the charred wreckage of a war-weary P-40 fighter plane that crashed during a test takeoff Sunday killing Pilot Harvey Gerlach, 28.



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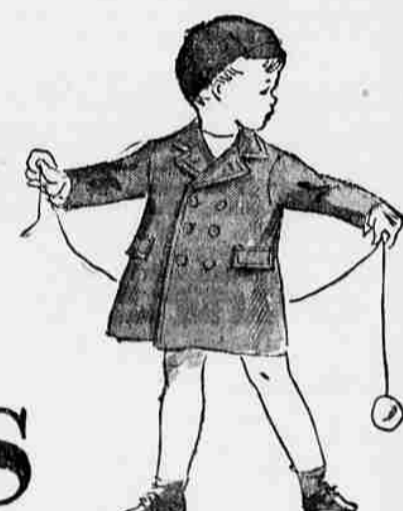
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