



Tops Among the Women-Mrs. America (left) and Miss America (right) give you bright smiles after their respective victories. Mrs. America, Mrs. Frances L. Cloyd of San Diego, Calif., was chosen at Asbury Pary, N. J. Miss America, Jacque Mercer of Litchfield, Ariz., was chosen at Atlantic City, N. J.

#### NEW BEAUTY QUEEN STILL FLUSTERED

#### Miss America Gets Offer To Star With Burt Lancaster

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 13 (U.P)—Jacque Mercer, pert Miss
America of 1949, is a pint-sized Arizona ranch girl who can step right into a co-starring movie role with bobby-soxers idol for the reunion, Salem has altered to the reunion of the Cody clan, of whom "Buffalo Bill" was outstanding member, are yet here for the reunion, Salem has altered one taugh of the

But the 18-year-old brunette, whose ambition is to be a "real ready received one touch of the dramatic actress" still was so All these will net her an estimated today about winning the nation's most glamorous beauty erown that she wasn't tion to her \$5,000 scholarship Floyd R. McDowell, who op-

beauty erown that she wasn't tion to her \$5,000 scholarship able to make up her mind to sign the contract.

First the desert country beauty is going to indulge in the round of parties and personal appearances that became her queenly obligation when she was crowned over 52 other aspirants at the annual pageant here Saturday night.

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She left for New York yesterday and next week will go to Milwaukee for the annual outdoorsmen show. Then she will return to Phoenix Junior college to enroll for a limited buy a ticket to California.

Miss America Tells Her Plans

New York, Sept. 13 (P) — Eighteen-year-old "Miss Ameri-ca" said today she isn't going to match her curves against those of "Mrs. America."

Jacque Mercer. Litchfield Park, Ariz., wearer of the pul-chritude crown awarded at Atlantic City, N. J., last week, told newsmen she isn't going to take up the challenge of Mrs. Frances L. Cloyd of San Diego

Mrs. Cloyd, named America" at Asbury Park, N. J., las week-end, has said: "I'll match my shape against hers

the dare. "I'm not a missus yet so I'm not going to compete with

Besides, she added: "I've en-tered the highest kind of con-test there is and I'm not going to enter another as long as I

Miss America wants to get married—but she isn't in any hurry—and she wants "to have some kind of career on the

She has a principal boy friend—Douglas Cook, 20, a fel-low student at Phoenix College -but she has some others, too As regards Cook, she says: "We're not engaged. We go together because we have mutual interests-the theater, art and

Modestly, she parried news-men's questions on how it felt to be chosen America's prettiest Miss, "I'm not the prettiest," she said. "I'm just a typical average American girl. That's why they selected me. There were prettier girls and more talented girls than I in the contest."

#### Stray Horses Run Loose Near Liberty

Perhaps it's just a prelude to the Cody family reunion here

Floyd R. McDowell, who op-erates a farm four miles south-

lege to enroll for a limited course.

She has official permission from the college authorities to eliminate a few courses from her dramatic art schedule this year so she can properly discharge the obligations of Miss America.

She will have a long itinerary that will take her from coast to coast, and a flock of endorsements for concerns manufacturing everything from lipstick to undergarments.

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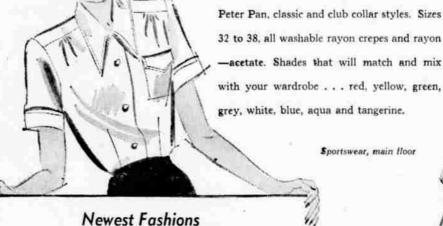
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