

Plunging Necklines Aren't for The 'Junior Miss America'

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS

Washington, Dec. 16 (AP)—The "Junior Miss America" thinks a heap more of hogs and tomatoes than she does of plunging necklines and mink coats.

She showed up for the picture fellows wearing bobby sox, blue jeans and a pair of low-heeled shoes.

Carolyn Rudy, aged 17, of Bluffton, Ind., was right in character. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl F. Rudy, she was here to attend the 15th annual convention of the National Junior Vegetable Growers association.

If you ask the pretty brunette, she'd rather be a farmers' daughter, than a step-child of Broadway. She's pretty enough to have her choice.

Carolyn has what it takes to make a senior "Miss America" at the annual contest in Atlantic City, N.J. She doesn't care much whether she gets the nod next year as "Miss Indiana," but there is some talk that maybe she might when she comes of age.

In the big time, the score card is rated on talent, beauty, and how a gal looks in an evening gown.

Talent? Carolyn's got it. She plays the piano and can sing "Always" like it always should be sung. And, although she is a little country girl, she's not afraid of people. She and her brother have been appearing in public for years.

Beauty? She's got it. Evening gowns? She doesn't own one, she says, but if she looks as cute in one as she does in blue jeans—she couldn't miss.

Carolyn is the kind of a kid you hope your own daughter will grow up to be. Wholesome, she was raised out among the bees and clover in Indiana. She's a 4-H'er. Her specialty is raising tomatoes. She also is a fair hand behind the serving machine and she can cook. Her mother, who is pretty enough to be a "Mrs. America," said that her daughter has taught her a thing or two about how to broil a steak.

The youngster doesn't know exactly what she wants to do. All of this fuss about the "Miss Junior America" title, which she won in Pittsburgh last August has posed a lot of problems. There are offers to model for magazine covers. The photographers are after her all of the time.

She maybe wants to be an air-line hostess. Or perhaps do fashion modeling. Or go to college at DePauw at Greencastle, Ind. Study music, of course.

But with all of that, the kid isn't spoiled. She has learned a few things like putting on the grin when you don't feel like it and to give her best when there are a few handicaps available.

held in New York Dec. 4. The reports stated the leaders of the group urged their followers to join the Elks and other organizations to "work for peace."

Roads in Good Shape
Road conditions over Oregon were good today except on the Warm Springs highway, where chains are needed because of packed snow. There was packed snow in other passes but it had been sanded. Icy spots were reported on the pavement at most eastern Oregon points.

O'Mahoney Asks Revise All Taxes

Washington, Dec. 16 (AP)—Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney, D., Wyo., called for a complete revision of the tax system to stimulate investments.

Chairman of the joint congressional economic committee, he said the federal government must provide "tax incentives" if it would solve the problem of "using" investment capital.

The present tax system, based upon wartime needs, is acting as a brake on small business expansion, he said.

"It is my personal judgment," he said, "that the time has come to revise the law for the express purpose of promoting competitive enterprise."

O'Mahoney declined to commit himself on any specific tax change, pointing out that his subcommittee is studying investment problems.

"We have heard a number of suggestions for amortization privileges and special exemptions, all of which should be explored thoroughly," he said.

The guide in writing incentive taxes, he said, "should be the promotion of business and the promotion of federal revenue."

Elks Lodge on Guard Against Communists

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 16 (AP)—The communist party line will not be heard in any of the 1535 Elks lodges in the United States, according to Emmett T. Anderson, grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Anderson said here today he is alerting every lodge to the communist threat to infiltrate the order of Elks, requesting that they exercise great vigilance to route from membership anyone who follows the Moscow party line, and to expel any who may have succeeded in obtaining membership in violation of the oath they took.

The statement came as an outgrowth of press reports of the meeting of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship

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Reunion in Seoul—Albert E. Willis (left), economic cooperation administration adviser, is reunited with his wife, Beatrice, on arrival at Seoul, Korea, along with Alfred T. Meschter (second from right), also an ECA adviser. The two men had been held in North Korea by communists since last September when a ship on which they were traveling was taken to communist territory by its Korean crew. At right is O. H. Ritchie, chief of the ECA Marine Transportation branch in which the other two men are staff members. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Tokyo)

Gale of Rumors Sweep Balkans

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Dec. 15 (AP)—Across the Balkans today sweeps a gale of rumors—mixed with well-based reports—of dissension among the satellite countries of Soviet Russia.

Aside from the open rebellion against Moscow rule by Marshal Tito's Yugoslavia, there is still far more talk than action, more passive resistance and whispered resentment than positive steps toward regaining independence.

Some of the reports come from refugees from Russia rule, which is exacting a tribute from the satellite nations often compared with that levied by the Roman empire. Some of the reports come from supporters of Tito's campaign for equal rights with Russia among the communist states. Some come from diplomatic sources.

All these reports must be weighed with caution against the propaganda on both sides of the cold war.

Here are some of the reports:

1. That Russia will incorporate the satellite states eventually into the U.S.S.R., through rigged voting, with Romania first on the list.
2. That the economic subjugation of the satellites, which already has gone far, will be stepped up. It was this sort of subjugation which helped speed the Tito break.
3. That, with the exception of industrial-minded Czechoslovakia, eastern European countries will be reduced to the status of agricultural supply bins for Russia, a throwback to the dreams of Russian czars.

Coffee Once Was Considered A Cure for All Ailments

By ARTHUR EDSON

Washington, Dec. 16 (AP)—Coffee, so much in the news now, once was considered something more than a fine drink. Back in the 1700's it was looked on as a cure for almost all that ails you.

Richard Bradley turned out a fascinating little book in 1721 called: "The Virtue and Use of Coffee with Regard to the Plague and other Infectious distempers."

Bradley, a Londoner, contended that if coffee had been known during the great plague, the disease never would have been so disastrous. And he advanced this as proof:

"In some parts of Turkey where the plague is almost constant, it is seldom mortal in whole families, who are rich enough to enjoy the free use of coffee; but the poor sort, who want that benefit, seldom escape."

Nor was that all, in Bradley's opinion.

"If a mother drinks frequently of it when she is with child, the infant will not be troubled with worms, during its first years," he wrote.

"Other authors assert, it cures consumptives, swooning fits, and the rickets, and that it helps digestion, rarefies the blood, suppresses vapours, gives life and gaiety to the spirits."

But even Bradley conceded that you can't have everything. "Mr. Ray," he observed, "disallows the use of it to such as are paralytic, and likewise such as are troubled with melancholy vapours, or have hot brains."

So if your brains are hot, don't turn to coffee for solace. Still, doesn't it look as if you get a lot, even at 85 cents a pound?

The whole history of coffee is wonderful, especially the legend of how man first learned of its value.

Kaldi, an Arabian goatherd, noticed in the year of 850 that his goats "not only kept awake all night long, but spent it in frisking and dancing in an unusual manner."

Turned out, the gay things had been on a coffee jag.

In spite of the popularity of coffee, man always has had a difficulty getting a decent cup of it. Back in 1721 Bradley wrote of a traveller to Con-

stantinople who reported on coffee:

"It was sold in many public places there, which he calls coffa houses, where the Turks sit chatting most of the day, and sip of a drink called coffa, in little China dishes, as hot as they can suffer it; black as soot and tasting not much unlike it."

The description was so apt that I dropped around to my favorite restaurant for a check. Sure enough, it still tastes like soot.

Head of Letter Carrier Auxiliary Passes

Portland, Dec. 16 (AP)—Mrs. Margaret Emma Spady, 51, president of the women's auxiliary of the National Association of Letter Carriers, died in a hospital here Wednesday.

She had served three years as auxiliary president and helped lead the successful campaign for pay increases for mail carriers and widows' annuities. She had lived in Portland 47 years.

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