

LOVE OR CAREER FOR TEEN-AGER?

What's the Matter Marrying Young? Asks Miss America

By VIVIAN BROWN (AP Features)

What would you do if you were crowned "Miss America," had a glamorous career ahead of you—but you were in love? Would you marry the boy? Choose the career? Or try to have both?

Pretty 19-year-old Jacque Mercer, our current "Miss America," had that decision to make recently—and Jacque chose both, when she married Douglas Cook. Says she:



Jacque Mercer... "Miss America" believes in marrying young.

"Right now there is no reason why I can't have marriage and a career together.

"I am fulfilling all my Miss America commitments. My husband is doing advertising work in Phoenix. In September my reign will be over and we plan to settle down in Hollywood where Doug will enter art school."

Jacque will continue her career even though for a while, if she chooses. But eventually after they get settled they'd like to rear a family—at least four children is the plan. Says she:

"A lot of people argue about young marriages. What's wrong with marrying young?"

"Lots of couples attending college as man and wife get better grades than the unmarried ones, I hear. My parents were married while they were attending college and finished the last three years together."

Of course this doesn't mean that you should say "yes" to the first boy you ever date, cautions Jacque.

She thinks it's fine to marry young, but only "after a steady dating period," which Jacque says is the time when you learn the other person's habits, ambitions and even what he looks like "washing the family car."

"After marriage two people should sit down and make their plans carefully. I like to sew and Doug is artistic, so we plan to make many things for our home to give it that personal touch, and to work and build it together."

Garden Club Keeps Officers at Turner

Turner—Mrs. E. E. Ball was hostess for a group of old members of the Turner Better Homes and Garden club.

During gasoline shortage the club consolidated with Cloverdale Cloverleaf club, this consolidation became an extension unit.

Old officers resuming their offices are Elizabeth Ball, president; Helen Peetz, vice president and Margaret Miller, secretary-treasurer. Several new members were added to the list.

The next meeting will be the second Tuesday in March at Walter Miller's.

Linn Resident Recalls Lincoln Pat Upon Head

Albany—A pat on the head from Abraham Lincoln in about 1860 is the highlight of childhood memories for Mrs. Emma Denny, 95-year-old great-grandmother, whose birthday, like the great emancipator's, falls on Feb. 12.

Mrs. Denny, now living with her daughter, Mrs. E. G. Harris, on the Onkville road, seven miles from Albany, still recalls when Lincoln walked in the door at her parents' farm home at Nebo, Ill., where he was a frequent visitor, beamed and said "This is my little Dolly" and patted her on the head. Mrs. Denny was four or five years old, she recalls, when she met Lincoln.

"He never forgot that my birthday was on the same day as his."

"When he got elected, I really thought I was something, knowing the president of the United States," she said.

Mrs. Denny has been living with her daughter for four years. Previously she had lived in Corvallis. She moved from Illinois when she was 12 years old and settled with her family in Kansas and later in Missouri. She moved to Oregon with her husband in 1912 from near Walla Walla, Wash. Mr. Denny died in Corvallis in 1912.

A son, Dimmer Denny, Vancouver, Wash., and a daughter, Mrs. T. M. Davis, Portland, came down to the Harris farm Sunday to celebrate with Mrs. Denny on her 95th birthday.



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Birthday Ends in Death—

Mrs. Maytriss Ramey (above), mother of two small children, was killed in Washington when a Japanese bayonet was driven through her heart during a party celebrating her 20th birthday. Authorities have charged her husband, Frederick P. Ramey, 22, with murder. Police say Ramey thrust the war souvenir through the door of the bathroom in which Mrs. Ramey had locked herself during a family squabble. Mrs. Ramey, according to police, was leaning against the door. (Acme Telephoto.)

Dallas Gets Fifth Precinct To Help Election Machinery

Dallas—Because this city has grown to the place where the county court found it necessary to create a fifth voting precinct to facilitate election machinery, the city fathers have another major problem on their hands.

Addition of the extra precinct upsets the city's ward system and number of councilmen, as provided in the charter.

In the past, two councilmen have been elected to represent each of the four wards, and one councilman was chosen at large, making a governing body of nine men and the mayor. Ward boundaries correspond to precinct lines.

Now, with the addition of the fifth precinct, the city apparently has four alternatives, none of which is considered especially desirable.

1. Another ward may be added to the city plan and two more councilmen added.
2. The city may abandon the wards altogether and elect nine councilmen at large.
3. The election board for precinct 5 (central part of the south side of town) might split the vote cast, those living west of Main going into ward three and those east of Main going to ward four.
4. The city might conform to the five precincts and reduce the number of councilmen to one from each ward, plus the

one (or more) councilmen at large.

Most of the city fathers believe that the council is big enough and no more members should be added. However, it would be very difficult for precinct five election boards to handle a split city vote for wards three and four.

At the recent city council meeting, the matter was discussed and turned over to Mayor Hollis Smith and City Attorney C. L. Marsters for study and recommendation. Action must be taken soon because it may be necessary to approve a charter amendment to make the change conform to new arrangement. Councilmen are not voted upon at the primaries and the amendment might be made at that time.

All Dallas precincts are over-

loaded with voters, especially ward three where the board worked all night and well into the next day to complete its count at the last general election. This was the reason for adding the fifth precinct.

Four councilmen are ending their terms this year. They are Dr. Wm. A. Oit (1), J. R. Allgood (2), Cecil Dunn (3), and V. O. Williams (4). Strangely enough, of the present nine councilmen, three live in new precinct five. They are Dunn, Williams and Walter Craven of ward 4.

Silverton Youngster Breaks Collar Bone

Silverton—Louise, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Frank of 524 South Third street, suffered a fractured left collar bone in a fall down the steps of the family home when her tricycle got out of control.

Louise went through the snow and ice without accident and mixed with her tricycle on the first day of good weather as she was out for a ride. A cast was not necessary. She is being cared for at home.

Admiral Praises Chinese Pilots

Chiayi, Formosa, Feb. 15 (AP)—Adm. Charles M. Cooke, Jr., former commander of U. S. naval forces in the western Pacific, told Chinese nationalist airmen today that their air offensive against the Chinese communists "will be recorded in history for hundreds of years to come."

The admiral, now retired, spoke at an air base here at the invitation of Madame Chiang Kai-shek, who is touring military installations and hospitals on the island of Formosa.

Addressing the officers and men who recently stepped up nationalist raids on docks, power plants and other installations in Shanghai and other points on the communist-held Chinese mainland, Cooke said their morale is "better than I expected."

"Now is the most critical time," he said. "Your work will be recorded in history for hundreds of years to come."

Madame Chiang told the airmen that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is gratified with their accomplishments and she herself is proud of them.

Speaking at a dinner given in her honor by the mayor of Chiayi, Madame Chiang said she was confident the people of Formosa will resist Russian and Chinese communist aggression with the spirit of their forebears, who fought against the Dutch and the Manchus.

"We must preserve our nation and our race," she said.

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