

South Carolina Girl Named Miss U.S.A.

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—Miss South Carolina, a Dixie coed who is all woman, today is the new Miss U.S.A.
Miriam Stevenson, 21-year-old college senior from Wainsboro, S. C., won last night over 40 other entrants for the title which will pit her against 32 foreign beauties for the Miss Universe crown.
Miss Stevenson's first words to newspapermen after she won were "I can't believe it."
Asked if she knew she would have to lose her southern accent now that she has won a movie contract with Universal-Internation-

Studio, she answered: "She suff."
Of voluptuous build, the wholesome-looking winner has perfect measurements: 36-inch bust and hips and 24-inch waist. Her 120 pounds are well distributed over a 5-foot-6 frame.
She had come here without luggage except for an evening gown which she had designed herself and a bathing suit which contest officials gave her. That was all she needed.
Her luggage, lost on an airliner that brought her here last week hasn't caught up with her yet.
She scored heavily in the bathing suit and evening gown competitions but it was her naturalness and humor in the poise and personality talk that won her the judges' nod.
Contestants were asked to give a brief speech on "the most important thing in my life." Miss South Carolina brought down the house when she told the big crowd at Municipal Auditorium that the most important thing in "mah life was to get mah luggage back."
Runners-up in the contest were in this order: Miss Virginia, Ellen Whitehead, an 18-year-old Chatham, Va., brunette; Miss New York State, Karin Hultman, 22, of Rochester; Miss New York City, Renee Roy, 23-year-old actress, and Miss Texas, 20-year-old Betty Lee of Austin, one of the tallest girls in the contest.
Miss Virginia, who gave the winner stiff competition, took her loss cheerfully and said, "It went to the prettier girl."
Miss South Carolina is a senior at Lander College in Greenwood, S. C. She is a major in home economics and can cook and sew. She wants to get married but says she wants to take a crack at a movie contract.
She also wins a new convertible, plus a number of other prizes.

Tonight she and the foreign beauties will go through preliminaries of the Miss Universe contest. Judging will last late into the night, with the finals tomorrow night.

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