

Miss Somebody from West Virginia Is Twins!

The latest "unknown" beauties to be discovered by Family Weekly are sisters who look so much alike that even their father has trouble telling them apart

DARK-EYED, delicately featured Janet Kesler struck me immediately as the kind of girl I was searching for to be FAMILY WEEKLY's 12th Miss Somebody.

But a difficulty arose: folks in Beckley, W. Va., told me, "There's another one just like her." And how right they were—for I found that Janet has an equally lovely identical twin sister, Judith. (Even their father, Clarence E. Kesler, sometimes has trouble telling them apart.)

So, to stay out of double trouble, I recommended that FAMILY WEEKLY present twins as its Miss Somebody cover girls for the first time since the series began in 1960.

Despite the inevitable problems that result from looking alike, the 17-year-old beauties enjoy being twins. In fact, they share a companionship and mutual regard that is rare among sisters and even unusual among twins. Their consideration for each other was particularly apparent in their decision not to apply to attend the International Girl Scout Roundup in Vermont last summer. They felt both would not be accepted, and each preferred to forgo the pleasure if the other couldn't enjoy it, too.



In the Kesler kitchen, the twins help their mother make a pie. That's Judy on the left.



The twins, their parents, and brother Larry. Another brother, Clark, lives in New Mexico.



Janet fixes Judy's hair in the bedroom they share with a menagerie of stuffed animals.



Janet (left) and Judy show their father their new Girl Scout uniforms.

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That was a lot to give up, for Janet and Judy have been active in Scouting ever since they became Brownies at seven. Both girls have earned the Curved Bar, highest award in Intermediate Scouting, and they have participated in a wide variety of Girl Scout activities—including a rifle-marksman course that earned them sharpshooter badges.

But the twins don't always do everything together. Each is very definitely a different personality, and they pursue individual interests. For instance, in the last few months, Janet has been in the senior play and the all-state chorus, while Judy has been prom queen and attendant to the high school's Centennial Queen (West Virginia is currently celebrating its 100th year of statehood). Only on rare occasions do the girls double date.

The Kesler twins' happy facility for keeping their individuality while remaining the closest of pals is evident in their plans for going away to school this autumn. Judy, who wants to be a schoolteacher, will enroll at Marshall University. Janet will become a student nurse at St. Mary's Hospital. Both institutions, however, are in the same city, Huntington, W. Va.

And so, although Janet and Judy will be going their separate ways—they'll still be together.

COVER:

Camera tricks weren't needed to get this picture. Ozzie Sweet's two models were twins, Judith (left) and Janet Kesler, Family Weekly's latest Miss Somebodies. His story about the girls appears above.

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