



READY FOR THE SHOW
Linda Goes Into Talent Show



Photos by John Robinson

TWIRL OF THE FIRE BATON WINS POINTS FOR TALENT SHOW

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Here is the story in pictures of Mercer's entrants in the Miss Macon contest. Above, Linda Watson, who won the honor, goes into her fire-baton twirling act. At right Misses Ginger Jones and Carole Avery are shown. Bottom left is Miss Macon herself.

"Like Cinderella" Says Mercer's Miss Macon

by NANCY MINTER

"I feel like Cinderella!" laughed Linda Watson, newly crowned Miss Macon of 1959, as she stood in the midst of regal scepters, crown and ribbon and beautiful gifts.

Linda, a junior from Stone Mountain, is the first Mercer girl to win the Miss Macon title, and she will compete for the dis-Georgia crown, May 15-17, at Columbus.

Still she rejoiced from the honor. Linda has already been picked around Macon by the Jaycees, who sponsored the contest. Her activities as Miss Macon began the night after her crowning when she turned the tables and judged a beauty contest at Willingham High.

Another joy of the same seven-phased year when she gets pertaining to her job as Miss Macon is that she will attend a birthday party at the Bibb County Orphanage which is sponsored by Sertoma, the Macon service organization which sponsored Linda for Miss Macon. All 75 of the children who live at the home attended the contest to pull for Linda, and they were excited to have her at their monthly birthday party. One freckle-faced little boy told her, "I knew you'd win 'cause I clapped my hands, and kicked my feet, and even chattered my teeth!"

THE BIG SHOW

In addition to her service to the city, Linda must find time for modeling and dancing lessons, both gifts to her, which will polish her stage personality and talent routine for the big show at Columbus. She also received a watch, radio, jewelry, and clothes, as well as the traditional red roses and key to the city.

Linda's most appreciated gift, however, was a \$250 scholarship. A psychology major with plans to do social work with children after graduation, Linda has modeled and done office work during the past three summers to pay for her college education.

Though Linda's greatest interest is rightfully placed in her major and minor English, she also participates in campus activities as a cheerleader, Cluster staff member of Mercer Playoffs and military sponsor. She is a Phi Mu.

OTHER TITLES

She has also had experience in winning beauty contests. While holding the titles of Miss West Georgia, West Georgia Homecoming Queen and Miss Carroll County, Linda was a runner-up in the Miss Georgia A-B-K contest which is a preliminary to the Miss Universe competition.

Now able to laugh about it all, Miss Macon recalled some of the frustrating things that happened to her before, during, and after the contest.

Linda will be a busy girl during the next month as she prepares for the Miss Georgia contest, the winner of which will vie for Miss America. Accompanying Linda to Columbus in May will be her most ardent supporters, all of the Macon Jaycees and all of her sorority sisters.

Macon has had three Miss Georgias and one Miss America.



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