Miss America of 1972

Halfway House helps alcoholics

Tom sat on the bed in the small hotel room, his body trembling and shaking. An alcoholic on rehabilitation at the Elizabethtown Comprehensive Care Center's halfway house on the second floor of the Taylor Hotel, Tom scratched his balding head and spoke candidly of his bout with liquor.

"I owe my life to the halfway house. When I came in here, I was a wreck. I was 25 pounds and I was shaking so much I couldn't get a cup of coffee to drink without spilling it all over my shirt.

"I was dirty, my clothes were ragged, I hadn't taken a bath in weeks. I hadn't shaved. My mind was all messed up. I didn't care whether I lived or died. I felt that if I died, it would all be over.

"I slept in old cars and under houses. I'd go for two to three days without eating. I lied, stole, cheated and conned everybody just to get money for something to drink. People would see me coming down the street and cross the street or go into a store because they knew I was going to ask them for money.

"I started asking them for 25 cents but I got down to asking them for a penny just to get a drink of wine. I was on rock bottom. I couldn't get any further down. I was just as far as I could go.

"Just to show you how far gone I was, I have a sister in Louisville and another one in Springfield. Last Christmas my sister in Louisville gave me an electric razor and the other gave me a white shirt and sport coat. They brought the presents over that morning, and by that night I had already sold them for whiskey.

"My niece gave me a large bottle of Mennen shaving lotion. After the money was gone, I had to have something to settle me down so I drank that shaving lotion. Then I borrowed a dollar from a friend of mine from Louisville and bought some paint remover and drank that. A man found me under a tobacco warhouse and with that shaving lotion and paint remover, I was about gone.

"Some people told the Comprehensive Care people in my town that I was about to die and I probably wouldn't have made it through the winter. I was in jail at the time for being a public drunk. I had served part of my time and had a good deal more to pull. The sheriff told me if I came over here to the halfway house, it would square things with them.

"They say that a drowning man will grab at a straw, and so will the halfway house was a life raft. I came in here and they gave me kindness, courage and even hope. I thought I had lost it, but they gave it back to me. A word of encouragement, a pat on the back or a warm smile does more for me than a package of pills could ever do. What I like about this place is they're sincere. They don't do it because they're paid, they do it because they're interested. There's 10 of us in here, and God knows we need help.

"I've been in here five weeks and I still shake some. I couldn't have talked to you when I first came in because I was too nervous. That's what alcohol does to you when you drink for 25 years. I had some good jobs, some wonderful jobs, but they all went down the drain because of alcohol.

I asked Tom what started him along the road to becoming an alcoholic.

"It started after the war," he said, "I always had an inferiority complex. I was always kinda shy. Some guys would go to a dance and dance with the prettiest girls there, but I always sat in the corner. I had to take two or three drinks to build up my courage.

"I kinda liked to drink and get high, and I'd have a good time if I didn't drink too much. But it got a hold on me and when I started I couldn't stop. I'd wake up in the morning and couldn't think of what I said or did or how I got home. It started a vicious circle. I'd have to have a drink the next morning, and I'd get high again.

"The only way for me to have stopped was to be locked up in jail or out of money. But when I was out of money, I would go to paint remover and shaving lotion."

Dorothy Murphy, director of the halfway house, said that the purpose of the rehabilitation center was to motivate alcoholics to stay off alcohol. We want to dry them out (get the alcohol out of their system) and motivate them to return to society for school, work or family, she said. "This is hard, since an alcoholic lives from day to day. When he's here sober in the morning, we don't know if he'll be drunk in the afternoon."

The halfway house offers the alcoholics four hours of group therapy every afternoon and takes them to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings in the evenings. Their mornings are spent doing odd jobs or working at an opportunity workshop. The idea is to keep them busy so they won't think about drinking.

Is it working? The men in the halfway house seem to think so. "It's really helping me," said Ellis, a resident. "It's something I'm getting interested in more and more each day."

Gene, another member, said, "I've only been here a week. I lost my wife and kids, but I think this is going to help me. The judge sent me over for 90 days, but I may sign up for 90 more.

"I lost my house, but if I had it, I might sell it for a drink. All I want to do is to get a job and have a place I can go where I won't drink. The halfway house has helped me more than anything I ever went through. I was ashamed of myself when I came here, but I ain't ashamed now."

Mrs. Barbara Rogers, who stays at the halfway house 24 hours a day says she doesn't think anybody wants to be an alcoholic.

"Alcoholism is something you can arrest, but can't cure," she noted. "Nobody knows for sure what causes it, but they think it may be in the body's chemical structure. This is why we insist that they help themselves.

"We can't help them unless they want to. This is not a place to come and lie around because it's better than being out in the cold. The men have to help themselves."

Mrs. Rogers echoes Mrs. Rogers' words when he talks about his future plans.

"What I would like to do is find regular work and live here in E'town. If I go back home, I'll get in the old circle crowd and get the same old way. Now I see a better way.

"I'm still a little shaky, but I'm going to progress. I'm going to start making myself a better person to everyone else and to myself."

The Elizabethtown Comprehensive Care Center is operated by the North Central Mental Health-Mental Retardation Regional Board, a non-profit corporation governed by local citizens.

Fifteen Mental Health-Mental Retardation regions offer community mental health services in all areas of Kentucky. The Kentucky Department of Mental Health sets up guidelines for the community mental health services and aids in obtaining funding for each region's operations.

Miss America to crown new Miss MSU April 6

Laurie Lea Schaefer, Miss America of 1972, is appearing Thursday, April 6, in the finals of the fifth annual Miss MSU Scholarship Pageant at Morehead State University.

The 7:30 p.m. competition at Button Auditorium will produce a successor to the current Miss MSU, Lisa Palas of Richmond.

Miss Schaefer, a native of Bexley, Ohio, will perform and later crown the new Miss MSU. Preliminary competition is scheduled Wednesday, April 5, when 10 finalists will be selected from 33 entrants.

Tickets will be available at the door for both the preliminary and final competition.

Five judges considering beauty, talent and poise must select the new titlist to represent MSU in the Miss Kentucky Scholarship Pageant this summer in Louisville. The campus and state pageants are official preliminaries of the Miss America Pageant.

The current Miss Kentucky, Robbie Lynn Halcomb of Somerville, and Janet Hatfield Lowman, Miss Kentucky of 1968 and a former MSU student, are emcees for the opening night.

Tom Yerovine, Pleasure Ridge Park senior, is the pageant's executive director.

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Use a check or money order to pay your 1971 Federal income tax Robert J. Dath, District Director of Internal Revenue for Kentucky, said today.

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Farm & Home

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Canned chicken products include soups, sandwich spreads, stew, gravy and baby food. Dehydrated chicken soups are also available.

Boneless turkey roasts and boneless turkey rolls are popular convenience items. These are available in white meat, all dark meat or a combination of both.

When buying poultry, (1) Buy for intended use--roasting, broiling, frying, barbecuing, baking or steaming. (2) Look for the official U.S.D.A. grade mark in the form of a shield. It is your assurance of quality. A circle inspection denotes wholesomeness of product and that it is processed, packaged under sanitary conditions and that it is accurately labeled. (3) How much to buy depends on how many persons are to be served, the size of the servings, the yield of cooked, boneless meat from the kind of poultry chosen, the way you cook and serve the poultry and whether or not you want left-overs. For instance, if you are buying halves or quarters for broiling, or barbecuing, allow one-half chicken per serving if they are small (two to two and one-half pounds), and one-fourth chicken if chickens are larger.

For further information on buying poultry, storage, and basic poultry cookery, and recipes contact the Nicholas County Extension Office and ask for the U.S. bulletin, "Poultry in Family Meals".

Hospital notes

Visiting hours are 2-4 and 7-8:30 p.m.

March 11, 1972 to March 17, 1972

ADMITTED: Nancye Berry, Estle Blake, Mary Berry, Leora George, Mabel Morris, Arthur Bretz, Brenda Cecil, Ed Call, Maurice Reid, Eddie Jolly, James Smedley, Carlisle; Florida Moore, Annie White, Nathalee Overbey, Mt. Olivet; Rosie Snapp, Barterville; Vickey Tumey, Ewing; Dorothy Price, Flemingsburg.

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Jenny Wiley summer schedule

The musical production "Jenny Wiley," which opened last summer at the Jenny Wiley Summer Music Theatre in Prestonsburg, will be one of four musicals that will make up the theatre's 1972 season.

The season opens with a week's run of "The Music Man," June 20-25, then continuing on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays through July 15.

"Jenny Wiley" will play Wednesday, Fridays and Sundays, June 28-Aug. 26. The musical fable "Once Upon a Mattress" will play Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, July 20-Aug. 5, and Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic, "Carousel," will run Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, Aug. 10-26.

Nicholas Countians attend State tourney

The following Nicholas Countians attended the State Tournament in Louisville last week:

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Wills Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Shumate, Mr. and Mrs. Custer Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Coatney and Susan, Miss Kathy Small, Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bowen and Tara, Doug Darbro, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shearer, Mr. and Mrs. Billy K. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Allison, Ken Knapke, Bobby Anderson, C. H. Fink, Paul Garrett, Emery Clark, Jimmy Hall.

William Dampier, Owen Barnes, Reese Smoot, Gerald Hatton, Damon Booth, Pat Donovan, Billy House, Junior Terrell, Dennis Allison, D. P. Parsley, Pat Conley, Miss Janet Booth and Miss Windy Owen.

Births

BERRY

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Berry, Route 4, announce the birth of a son born March 13, 1972 at the Nicholas County Hospital. He weighed eight pounds and 10 ounces and has been named Ronnie William.

TRIVETTE

Mr. and Mrs. Don Trivette of 1011 Elmendorff Drive, Lexington announce the birth of a son Wednesday, March 15, 1972 at the Central Baptist Hospital.

Mr. Trivette was a former music and band instructor at the Carlisle High School.

Foster camp dates at EKU

June 18-July 15 have been announced as the dates for the 1972 Stephen Collins Foster Music Camp at Eastern Kentucky University.

EKU marching band director, Robert Hartwell, also Foster Camp director, said the camp for high school musicians will enable them to study band and orchestra under Eastern's music faculty and "outstanding guest conductors."

The Foster campers will present three concerts weekly under the stars in Van Peursem Pavilion on the campus to which the public is invited.

This will be the 37th season of the camp. Besides giving the student experience in band and orchestra, it provides small ensemble training and private lessons on various instruments and in music theory, Hartwell said.

"The campers are permitted full advantage of Eastern's living and rehersal facilities, along with recreational facilities for basketball, swimming, tennis and other sports," Hartwell said.

High school students wanting more information about the Foster camp may obtain it by writing Hartwell, care of the EKU music department.

Miss Earlywine to wed April 8

The engagement of Miss Donna Jo Earlywine to Allen Lane Flora, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Flora of Carlisle is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William David Earlywine of Millersburg.

Miss Earlywine is a senior at Bourbon County High School.

Mr. Flora attended the Nicholas County High School, and is employed in Winchester.

The wedding will take place at the Headquarters United Methodist Church on April 8 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The reception will follow at the church.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Girl Scout Leaders to meet

The Girl Scout leaders meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 28, at 10 a.m. in the Girl Scout room in the courthouse.

SOCIETY

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Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Jones have sold their home on Locust Street and have moved to Bowling Green.

Mrs. Julian Atkinson, Mrs. Judy Campbell and John Steven of Louisville were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Hamm and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dotson.

Mrs. Gertrude Jahmael spent one Sunday recently visiting Mrs. Opal Williams and Sandy of Owingsville.

Sidney Clay and Miss Christine Clay were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Bennett in Bath County on Sunday, Mar. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Darrell and Tommy have returned from a vacation trip to Flordia. While there, they visited Disney World.

Mrs. Robert Hensley, Louisville and Mrs. William Smith, Ft. Thomas, are guests of their sister, Mrs. William Harper and Miss Jane Harper.

Mrs. W. S. Atkinson Jr. of Falmouth was a guest of Mrs. W. S. Atkinson Sr. and Miss Alma Atkinson on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Saunders Jr. of Winchester were weekend guests of Mrs. Edith Saunders and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Flora.

Mrs. Walter Flora was a visitor Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McGinley of Lexington.

Mrs. Bonnie Toy and Toni were Sunday guests of Mrs. Ruby Bradley of Moorefield.

Mrs. Charles Hamm has returned to her home after a weeks visit in Louisville with her daughter, Mrs. Oliver Hughes, Mr. Hughes and Deborah.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Mitchell tree, Paris; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Crump and Mrs. John Cleaver Jr. were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Vice.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Jacobs and son John Darwin of Lexington, and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Conrad and Ernest Jacobs were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. Angus Jacobs.

Mrs. Phillip McKay of Plymouth, Mass. is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tucker of Paris. Mr. and Mrs. Tucker have just recetly returned from a two weeks vacation in Fla.

Emmett Darrell received a Ky. Colonel certificate recently.

Mrs. Edgar Buckner, Jackie and Ginger, Ester Purvis and Michael Lynn spent Sunday afternoon in Wilmore with Rev. and Mrs. Gwinn H. Briely.

Mr. and Mrs. Hood Wright and Scottie spent Sunday with their son, Jack Wright, Mrs. Wright and family in Lexington.

Mrs. W. J. Clark returned Sunday from a visit with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Flora.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Owen and children returned to their home in Kennedy Heights on Monday after a weeks vacation in Orlando, Fla.

Buds and blooms are sure signs--it's spring

By Helen Price Stacy

Easter lillies are six inches tall and gold and purple crocus blooms have been around for at least two weeks. Pussy Willows have tiny velvet balls about the size of a new kitten's paw and japonica bushes are sprouting pink buds. Even the casual observer can notice nature's way of announcing spring in its many forms, though snow could spit in the air and nights remain clear and cold.

It is a time to get outside, take a drive through the country on a Sunday afternoon or spend a day in one of Kentucky's state parks. Even better would be to camp in a state park and some weekend brave the cold of winter, slush of snow, glitter of ice.

Such a weekend would allow you to unwind like a ball of yarn, the kinks working their way out until finally you are as relaxed as a cloud of fruit tree blossoms reeting over the waters of Creebs or Dewey Lake.

It is a time to fish, a time to boat, a time to hike. It also is a time to walk a crooked path up a hollow and marvel at the surety of spring, of warmth, wildflowers and a country turned green.

If the mind has been dormant too long in a fortress against the dark and grayness of winter, tantalize it with words like Cypripedium acaule and Kalmia Latifolia. The subject isn't actually art, music or science, but merely names for Kentucky wildflowers, jack-in-the-pulpit and mountain laurel, that soon will be blooming along every trail in parks maintained by the commonwealth.

Some of Kentucky's wildflowers, such as the pink and yellow lady's slipper are on the endangered list as are goldenseal, yellowroot, grass-of-parnassia, bluebells, cinquefoil and some trilliums.

Commissioner of Parks Ewart Johnson is emphasizing camping and new campsites this year in Kentucky's parks, which means that more and more people will get to enjoy the scenery of the Bluegrass state.

Every Kentuckian who alone or with his family or nature group becomes a part of the population that enjoys a park or any part of the outdoors this year should also learn to identify the area's wildflowers. This self-education does not end with a diploma neatly signed on the last day of school, but is a never ending process that makes ambassadors of Kentuckians for Kentucky.

It is not enough to know that old-timers gathered under the shade of a beech tree to hear Sunday sermons--it is better to be able to identify a beech tree or popular or the various pines that grow to such tremendous heights in rugged regions of Eastern Kentucky.

Before another month has come there will be 100 or more wildflowers making their appearance within boundaries of Kentucky parks. The following are to be especially protected: longhorn and shortborn wild ginger, wild geranium, trailing arbutus, iris, wood lily, trilliums, blue phlox, wild sweet william, lady's slipper, American dog violet, cut-leaf violet, wild orchids, bellwort, showy orchis and puccoon.

It is a time to enjoy spring. Enjoy it in front and back yards, along parkways and country sideroads. Enjoy it in a state park. But take time this year to become a real diplomat for Kentucky.

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Wilderness Road seeks musicians

Wilderness Road, Paul Green's prize winning outdoor drama opening June 29 in a new production at Indian Fort Theatre in Berea, is seeking performers who play musical instruments. Specifically needed are performers who play guitar, banjo, fiddle, trumpet, drums or bass (non-electric) instruments. The performing company will number approximately 75 actors, dancers, singers and musicians and all performers will appear in both the musical and non-musical portions of the play.

Scheduled for Tuesday, Mar. 14 in the Gray Auditorium of the Presser Music Building on the Berea College Campus, the audition is divided into two sessions: 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Anyone interested should come prepared to perform a musical selection. Director Jay Huguely and Musical Director Rolf Hovey will be in charge of the auditions.

George Mallonee, managing producer, points out that Paul Green's recently revised script calls for an expansion of the musical aspects of the play including the use of those instruments representative of the area and the period of the play.

Acting, singing, and dancing auditions for Wilderness Road were recently held at Berea College, and the company was also represented at the Southeastern Theatre Conference auditions held last week in Columbia, S. C. Representatives will attend the upcoming auditions sponsored by the Institute of Outdoor Drama to be held Mar. 11 at Chapel Hill, N.C. Other auditions in Kentucky and the surrounding areas will be announced at a later date.

Wilderness Road opens June 29 and plays through Sept. 4 at Indian Fort Theatre in Berea. Rehearsals will begin about June 1.

Miss Taylor's engagement announced

Miss Taylor

Mr. and Mrs. Bill S. Taylor of Chicago, Ill., announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Karen Jean, to Whitney Frank Gilbert III also of Chicago.

Miss Taylor is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Taylor of Barterville. She is employed ac a secretary in Chicago, Mr. Gilbert is with a recording company in Chicago.

Woman's Club to meet Mon.

The Community Woman's Club will meet Monday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. James Hamm on Cliffway Drive. Miss Fleet Allison and Mrs. Dan Rich will assist Mrs. Hamm in entertaining.

Spiritual values will be given by Mrs. Dan Rich.

The International Affairs Department will present Jaswant Kumar Goomber who will discuss the woman's role in his country of India. Mr. Goomber is presently teaching mathematics at Nicholas County High School.

Miss Kingsolver rates superior

Miss Barbara Kingsolver earned a rating of superior in piano solo in the annual music festival sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs held in Lexington on March 12 and 13.

She participated in a concert for the Kentucky Federation on Tuesday, March 21.

Mr. Halcomb speaks Monday at Garden Club

The Carlisle Garden Club met Monday afternoon at Rock Haven.

Wilmer Halcomb, U. S. Soil Conservationist, was guest speaker. He told of how to plant gardens when the soil and weather are in condition rather than waiting for the signs, although the moon and star dust are closely related to the Earth.

He dwelled at length on, "Outdoor Classrooms on School Grounds." With the assistance of D. P. Parsley and aid from other organizations, he hopes to get one started at the high school.

Miss Mary Lois Campbell was hostess, assisted by Mrs. B. C. Ingels.

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