



MISS RODEO CANADA — Dawn Abbey of Strathmore was crowned 1985 Miss Rodeo Canada following a week of judging on horsemanship, public speaking and personality. She also had to write examinations. Dawn, who has taken over from Susan Hargrave, was crowned at the Canadian Rodeo finals in Edmonton recently and part of her duties will include attending any number of 65 rodeos this next season, plus promotional functions. —News photo Frank Webber

Stunning shots with small camera

By JOHN MEYER
Scripps-Howard News
Bill Forrest puts on slide shows from time to time.

He's an accomplished mountain climber, and the slides he took on Pakistan's 20,000-foot Uli Biaho — considered the most difficult rock climb in the world — are chilling for those who believe mountains are best admired from a safe distance. His shots of climbing forbidding red rock towers in the Southwest may leave some wondering if Forrest has a death wish.

What Forrest's audiences don't realize is that he shot most of these stunning pictures with a 35mm pocket camera. This camera isn't much bigger than a pack of cigarettes and can cost less than dinner for two at a decent restaurant.

The tiny cameras can produce the picture quality of the bigger, 35mm SLR (single lens reflex), with the convenience of those pocket ones you use to take snapshots at family reunions.

When you're climbing sheer rock walls, and your life is literally in your hands, you want good pictures but you need a camera you can shoot with one hand and stash in your pocket. Forrest uses an Olympus that

cost him \$80.

"I carried cameras for years and they always stayed in the pack," says Forrest, who's planning a Mount Everest expedition in the spring. "This one doesn't stay in the pack. It's a handy, no-think camera. I'm amazed I'm getting such good pictures with such a little camera."

You don't have to be a nationally known mountaineer to see the practicality of these 35mm pocket cameras. You can take advantage of their convenience when you're skiing, hiking, biking, horseback riding, hunting, sky diving — even if you're running in a particularly scenic area. To be sure, they have their limitations, but you can take them a lot of places where the larger SLR camera would be too bulky to carry.

The picture quality is surprisingly good. Because you're shooting the same 35mm film you'd use in an SLR, you get better enlargements than you would with smaller films like 110 Instamatics use. Only a trained eye could tell the difference between prints from a 35mm pocket camera and an SLR.

"You'd be surprised how many working photojournalists have them," says Bryan Moss, Rocky

Mountain News director of photography.

Photojournalists still use their more elaborate, expensive equipment on assignment, but might stash a pocket 35mm in their glove compartment. Working photojournalists feel "naked," as Moss put it, if they don't always have a camera within arm's reach.

Ease of operation is another advantage. Most pocket 35s have automatic focus, so you can shoot them with one hand. This is much to be desired if you're hanging from a rock outcropping or clinging to the reins of a horse. It's also nice to have if you don't see too well. Most of them set their own exposure and f/stop, so you can let the camera make its own light readings and necessary adjustments.

Some let you know the film is properly loaded and ready for shooting. Many wind the film automatically after each shot, and rewind automatically at the end of the roll. Some have a built-in flash, and tell you when you need to use it, while others engage the

flash automatically if light is low. And some are what we might call self-contained. That is, they close up and protect the lens, so you don't have to bring along a separate pouch.

One of them even talks to you. "Load film," the little voice says if you're too dumb to realize you haven't loaded it yet. It also says, "Too dark," and "Check distance." It doesn't congratulate you for a great picture, however.

We said they do their limitations, and they do. The biggest is that they all come with wide-angle lenses. That means if you're on top of Mount Evans and take a picture of the Continental Divide, those mountains are going to look farther away and far less spectacular than they do to the naked eye.

"I'm more into climbing than photography," says Forrest. "I just want to take a couple of pictures that will capture the feel of the climb."

With his \$80 Olympus, he gets them. And his audiences always applaud the results.

Family held celebration of life

By Dave Brown
Ottawa Citizen

OTTAWA (CP) — Fifteen weeks ago, riddled with cancer and running out of time, Margaret Munson-Davis sat in a wheelchair at her own wake and belted out a song: "Forget your troubles and just get happy. Get ready for the Judgment Day."

In a room at the Ottawa Civic Hospital at 11 p.m. on Tuesday, in the arms of her son Dwight, she quietly announced she was ready for that Judgment Day. Her words were: "Dear Jesus, take me now."

When her family realized she was running out of time they decided not to wait for a funeral to pour out love and eulogies, but to do it while she could enjoy it. They called it "a celebration of life" but it was tantamount to inviting her to her own wake.

It was a surprise party Aug. 12 at the Chimo Inn. Husband Roy Davis wheeled her into a room, on the pretext of a small gathering. But friends and family numbered well over

100.

There was a tense moment as some wondered how she would react to what was clearly a farewell party.

She loved it. Later she said: "I've always felt if I was going to go I'd like to throw a party. To tell everybody goodbye. To tell them I loved them."

Little more than two weeks after that party she was admitted to hospital.

She never disclosed her age. Someone at the party suggested she was in her 40s and she said she'd settle for that. Her son is 37.

An intensely religious person, arrangements were made to have her attend the papal mass Sept. 20 at LeBreton Flats. She was among dozens in wheelchairs at the foot of the altar.

As Pope John Paul left the site he stopped to touch and bless those in wheelchairs and gave her a rosary. She was still holding and finding comfort in it when she died.

The story of her farewell party was told

earlier in Ottawa Citizen column. The result was uncounted contacts from people she hadn't seen for years.

Many later told about a surprising experience.

Each conversation included an invitation from Munson: "Now you be sure to come to my funeral. You hear?"

It was a genuine invitation, given by a happy woman who appeared not the least upset that her life was ending. It gave those who talked to her cause to pause.

Said one woman caller: "She made me stop and think. I've always been so afraid of death I was even afraid to think about it. Now I wonder what I was afraid of."

Margaret Munson was a professional singer and during the '50s was a regular guest on many of the shows that pioneered Canadian television. Among those who sent respects to that farewell party were Rich Little, Paul Anka, Tommy Hunter, Gordie Tapp and Juliette Cavazzi.

Her funeral was yesterday.

Life not over at 40 — Hooker

By Barbara Wickens

TORONTO (CP) — Women are living too long to believe their life is over at 40, says Tish Hooker, who at 45 won a contest sponsored by a cosmetics company looking for an older model.

"This sense of accomplishment I have — of being a good mother and in my professional life — had to be accumulated through time," Hooker said in a recent interview.

"I'm in my 40s now and I feel I'm just reaping the harvest of my life's experiences. Some women feel their usefulness is over at 40. I take great exception to that."

Hooker, an interior designer from Nashville, Tenn., and mother of three grown children, was in Toronto as part of a promotional tour after winning Germain Monteil's search for a non-professional model for their Forty is Fabulous campaign.

Since being selected from 7,000 contestants in the United States, her face — with great, high cheek bones, a mane of silver hair and even a few wrinkles — has been featured in ads in newspapers and glossy women's magazines.

Another reason for her win be-

comes clear within minutes of meeting Hooker: Besides good looks, she has enthusiasm in abundance.

"There is a great hunger out there among women to feel good about themselves and if they don't, they are seeking out the means to feel good," she said. "If I can influence someone for the good, then I will have served my purpose."

Hooker says there is no excuse for women of any age not to look as good as they can because there is readily available information on exercise, nutrition and skin care.

She usually takes her own advice, although being on tour since Aug. 20 has interrupted her routine of three aerobics classes a week and an hour of race-walking with hand weights every morning at 5:30.

Because of food allergies she eats no red meat and drinks only a little wine. She was the only one of four daughters who collected \$1,000 promised by their father to each girl if she did not drink or smoke until age 21.

As for skin care, she said she used to use products from different manufacturers but has since learned it makes sense to use

products from one line because they are made to work together.

Hooker said she found her first grey hair when she was 17 and colored her hair until two years ago when she let her natural silver show.

Today she considers it one of her best assets and says even

strangers tell her it is nice to see a woman who feels good enough about herself to let the grey show.

Divorced for 10 years and with her two daughters and son grown, Hooker said she was looking for a change and had considered moving to New York.

What's on in the Hat

Quota Club Christmas party Dec. 4, 6:30 p.m., at Phil's Pancake House.

Medicine Hat Ostmty Association Christmas party Dec. 4, 7 p.m., in the CRC Boardroom.

Chapter J PEO Sisterhood will meet Dec. 4, 6:30 p.m., at the home of Betty Moillet. Program: Christmas in other lands.

Nursing Mother's Group will meet Dec. 6, 8 p.m., in the lounge at Fifth Avenue United

Church. Topic: The learning period — the first six weeks. For further information call 527-0798 or 527-9751.

Women's Aglow Fellowship Christmas banquet Dec. 12, 7 p.m., at the Medicine Hat Golf Club. Program includes guest speakers Charles and Ruth Ramer of Duchess Mennonite church, special music, praise and worship. Reservations and cancellations necessary. Tickets available at Jewellery Warehouse, Rainbow Book and Gift shop or by calling 527-0098 or 527-8928.

Labor joins with Management to support the United Way at Alpha Dairies.



Pictured above are: Workers Hung Chi Lung and Susan Good with management rep, Joel David.

Alpha Dairies at-work giving to the United Way was doubled by management to raise more than \$1,000 for the United Way. The co-operative effort is three times more than last year. At-Work-Giving has become a highly successful program in the 1984/85 United Way Campaign.

The campaign to date stands at \$157,212.00 which is 70% of the total \$221,830.00 target. United Way contributions may be made by mail to P.O. Box 783, Medicine Hat. Commercial outlets and others who have not yet contributed are encouraged to mail in their donation as soon as possible. Because of you the United Way works in our community and district.

MALL HAIR STYLING

The staff of Mall Hairstyling want to welcome back Tammy Bosch.

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