

Area girl third in "Miss Nude World" contest

By Roy Downs

A pretty 27-year-old woman, who lives near Eden Mills, stood third in a beauty contest held near Freelon on the Labor Day weekend and reports she loved every minute of the event.

This wasn't your ordinary beauty contest, mind you. These contestants were all stark naked when they paraded before judges. Barbara Uldricks of R. R. 1, Campbellville, mother of four children, came third in the contest in which a Toronto girl won the "Miss Nude World 1970" title. A Burlington housewife was second.

All the contestants were members of recognized nudist colonies in Canada and U.S.A. and the contest was staged at the Four Seasons Nature Park nudist camp near Freelon. All the contestants and most of the audience members were nude for the finals—only the judges and visiting newspapermen were clothed.

"There was a lot of tension in the weeks and days building up to the finale," said the Nassagaweya housewife. "When they called out my number as second runner-up I broke right down and cried, I was so excited. When it was over I felt nothing but fatigue."

She won a human hair wig, a dinner at a Toronto restaurant and a request to make an appearance at a German-Canadian Club "Oktoberfest" dance for placing third in the contest. But what's more important, says

Barbara, is the respect and support she has gained from her employers, fellow employees, customers and neighbors. "Everybody has been just wonderful, they were behind me all the way."

Shy wallflower
To obtain the whole story of how this quiet-spoken, raven-haired and darkly tanned beauty came to be among those in the winners' circle at the Miss Nude World contest, you have to go back several years. Barbara remembers when she was a girl in Hamilton she had a rather uninteresting life as a wallflower type and was always shy and reserved.

Her marriage to John Uldricks (a Dutch-born commercial artist presently working as a silk screener for a Guelph firm), the birth of their four children ranging in ages from five to nine and the scarcity of

reasonably priced homes led them to Nassagaweya Township where they bought a lot on the Guelph Lane Rd. north of 25 Sideroad and four years ago purchased a house trailer which still serves as their home in the country.

Camp nearby
When John and Irene Pries of Campbellville opened a new nudist camp complete with a large man-made lake right across the road from their country lot a year ago last spring, John and Barbara began wondering if nudism was as great as they had heard it was supposed to be. They frequently discussed going across the road and investigating and finally one night her husband suggested Barbara should do a bathing suit the next day and head over to "case" the place.

Barbara recalls the day vividly. It was hot and she felt like a swim so she put on her suit and walked over to the camp to have a look-see. Mrs. Pries and another woman were there alone, both basking in the sun in the nude, and Barbara discussed nudism with them at length. The refreshing coolness of the nearby lake beckoned but "it took me two hours to get up enough nerve to take off my bathing suit."

Once the suit came off it wasn't too long before Barbara was understanding the freedom and the relaxation that total nudity can bring. "In about four days all my shyness was gone," she remembers. She and her husband quickly joined the club—Sunny Acres Nature Park—and it wasn't necessary to talk the children into joining with such a great big swimming pool so handy within yards of their home.

Join Four Seasons
Unfortunately the Pries had problems with their man-made lake—something in the soil made it run dry—and the camp was closed. The Uldricks, seeing the camp close after just two months of enjoying nudism, decided to join the Four Seasons club which was closest to their home. They signed up there a year ago August.

"It's beautiful and secluded," reports Barbara. "There's an indoor and outdoor pool, a big lake and good facilities. It's very peaceful and contented, just wonderful, and our children are never so well behaved as when they're at the camp." Besides it offers full facilities for outdoor sports including volleyball, tennis and shuffleboard, games which Barbara admits she would never otherwise have been able to enjoy.

"And the people are wonderful." Occupations, financial wealth and their status on the social ladder all disappear with their clothes. Everybody is everybody else's friend and all are treated as equals, she explains.

At camp often
The whole family loves the camp. They spend most weekends there in a tent, enjoy a week's holidays at the camp each summer, and visit one or two evenings a week, summer and winter. "I have to drag the children from the pool, they're in it all the time," she complained.

How did she get into the "Miss Nude World" contest? Her friends at the camp talked her into it. She had never been in a

beauty contest before but they were sure she could win and her husband was all in favor.

So was her family, although they are not nudists. Her parents didn't know she was in the contest until her sister read her name among the list of contestants in a newspaper. Right then they became her biggest rooters and her parents, sister and brother even showed up at the contest finals at Four Seasons to lead the cheering section.

Just for fun
At work, the motel owner gave her his backing and the necessary time off work for the contest. Others on the staff and the regular customers solidly supported the Campbellville entry too, she said. "I really entered just for the fun of it, but everybody kept saying I was sure to win," she laughed.

How was the contest itself? Gruelling, in a word. It started a few weeks before Labor Day weekend when the contestants modelled clothes at a fashion show during the opening of

Queenston Mall, continued when they went to a blood donor clinic as a publicity gimmick, and climaxed on Labor Day weekend with a five-part contest. It began Friday night when they paraded before the judges in evening gowns. The Saturday afternoon they were judged in bathing suits. That night they met the judges in cocktail dresses. Sunday afternoon the finalists were chosen in the nude, and Sunday night they were back again, clothed, standing on the stage until 10 p.m. on a rather chilly summer night.

Beautiful girls
Among the judges were several newspapermen, two newspaper women, Angelo Mosca of Tiger-Cat fame and renowned broadcaster Gordon Sinclair (who arrived wearing a kilt.) Sinclair later said he has judged a lot of beauty contests but had never before seen such beautiful girls as the contestants.

The 12 entrants were judged on beauty, poise, general appearance and over-all per-

sonality. Judges must have had a tough job but seemed to enjoy it. Unlike other beauty contests, there wasn't any backstage quibbling between the entries. "We all got along fine together," says Barbara. Just to keep things fair the organizers Hans and Lisa Stein, owners of the Four Seasons resort, eliminated the entry numbers 7 and 13.

Deserved to win
Did the winner, 21-year-old Toronto bookkeeper Miss Rhonda Stellan, deserve to win over the other 11 entrants? "Oh yes, she really did deserve it. She was very well spoken and pretty and she has an outstanding figure," Barbara said. Mrs. Annette Greef, 25, of Burlington was first runner-up. Ironically, two of the queen's four prizes were items of clothing—a pant suit and a bikini plus a trip to Florida and a live monkey.

Only nudists, invited press representatives and families of the contestants were allowed into the park on the final day when the nude judging took place. Over

1,600 watched the contest. John Uldricks took 190 pictures during the weekend, which brought up another question—who does the picture developing? "We have a friend we can trust," smiled Barbara.

Would Barbara enter the contest again? She wasn't sure—"I'll have to wait until next year and see." The organizers plan to make it an annual contest although this year's was the first in Canada. "I'd like to sit back and watch it but I probably won't enter—someone else should get a chance."

More sex on beach
Has the contest created any problems for Barbara? Very few, she says. Only a few people have spoken disrespectfully of nudism since the glare of publicity exposed her hobby to all her neighbors and friends. "They seem to think that nudism and sex go together, well they don't. There's more sex on the beaches or in the subdivisions than there is in a nudist camp. My parents now think it's fantastic, especially

after visiting the camp for the contest and seeing it."

Would she recommend nudism for everyone? She thought that one over for a moment, then explained "It takes a lot, for some people. If they think they are interested I would recommend they try it."

Is nudism the answer to anything? "It's a great equalizer—clothes make some people, but remove them and we are all the same. There would be a lot more peace in the world if we were all nudists."

Overcame shyness
She recalls her earlier shyness with a great chagrin. "It's unbelievable, to think I missed so much from being so shy and self-conscious. Since I became a nudist I'm more confident and outgoing."

And one final comment? "If everybody was a nudist, I think we would have a wonderful world," smiled Mrs. Barbara Uldricks of Campbellville, the third most beautiful nudist in the world.



MISS NUDE WORLD 1970 got a run for her money when vivacious 27-year-old Barbara Uldricks of R. R. 1, Campbellville competed in the first Canadian-sponsored nudist queen competition at Freelon on Labor Day weekend. Mrs. Uldricks flashed the smile that helped her claim third prize in the competition.—(Staff Photo)



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Other head table guests included Judge Alan B. Sprague of Oakville, Halt County Court Judge, and County Court Judge William A. Masdel of Guelph, and County Court Judge John G. Roberts of Brampton, and Provincial Judge Kenneth M. Langdon of Georgetown.

Other guests included Sheriff Andrew W. Frank of Milton, Sheriff of the County of Halt, Gordon E. Madill, Local Supreme Court Registrar of Burlington, and Robert Silk, Supreme Court Reporter.

Ross Ryrle, Q.C. of Oakville was congratulated by the members on his 40th anniversary of being admitted to the Bar and Cecil E. Putman of Oakville on his 50th anniversary of practising law.

Mr. Justice Moorehouse was the guest speaker of the evening and was introduced by D. V. Latimer

of Georgetown, the President of the Halt County Law Association and was thanked by the Vice-president, John Ford of Oakville.

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