

# TEEN-AGE TRIBUNE

## Miss Hilltop '69 Is Serious, Friendly

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Her laughing eyes and warm smile reveal the friendliness that helped put Wanda Thompson, St. Leo's High School junior, on the road to success which led her to be crowned as Miss Hilltop '69.

On the night of the contest this green-eyed lassie was chosen first runner-up. But when the winner was disqualified, Wanda was crowned.

She was judged on her beauty, poise, and talent. Her contribution during the talent contest was an original poem, "Questions with No Answers." It revealed a serious side of Wanda that is not usually shown. Its first three and its last three lines exemplify the message of the poem:

*The sky is so bright and blue*

*The church so beautiful and true.*

*I sit here and wonder, "Why can't  
people be this way?" ....*

*I'm black and I know I will  
make it.*

*I pray that my dream will  
come true*

*Because I believe peace starts  
with me and you.*

For Wanda, becoming Miss Hilltop is only a beginning. She has a business school or a beauty school scholarship. There is also the possibility of modeling jobs awaiting her. Maybe on her way into the doors opening to her, Wanda will find the answers to some of the questions she expresses in her poem.



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