

Mary Helen Showell Is Chosen 'Miss Brainerd' for 1950

Amidst a thunder of applause and cheers, Miss Mary Helen Showell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gust Showell, 1324 Fourteenth avenue N. E., was crowned "Brainerd Queen of 1950" at the climax of the queen contest, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce last night at the Brainerd theatre. Van's Cafe is the sponsor of Miss Showell.

Fourteen "lovelies" appeared on the stage to display their beauty, charm, grace and poise.

The girls walked individually across the stage after being introduced by Carl L. Johnson, master of ceremonies. Background music was provided by Howie Hill and his orchestra. Jean Lindell, former Brainerd queen and 1949 Winter Wonderland Queen, was on the stage to give confidence to the girls.

After each queen candidate had made her single appearance, the girls were called back to appear together on the stage until the three Little Falls judges cast the final vote.

Three queens were asked to step forward, including Mary Helen Showell, Mary Duerr and Joyce Holsapple. At this time Jean Lindell, resplendent in for-

mal attire and wearing the crown bestowed upon her last year, walked slowly back and forth across the stage, finally stopping directly in front of the winner, where she removed the crown from her own head and placed it upon the head of Miss Showell.

Following the contest a reception was held at the Elks club for "Queen" Mary Helen, Jean Lindell, other queen candidates who wished to attend, and the Little Falls judges.

Van's Cafe, sponsor of the new queen, will supply her with a winter wardrobe which will include a snow suit and accessories.

Miss Showell will go to Crosby Saturday to compete in the regional contest, the winner of which will go to the St. Paul Winter carnival, expenses paid, to compete with girls from all over the state.

Miss Showell will represent Brainerd as queen throughout 1950, and will appear in the Labor Day parade, riding in a convertible, along with other appearances throughout the year where the presence of royalty is needed.