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BEAUTY PARADE

There's a full house at the New Brighton swimming pool for the Grand Final of the "Miss New Brighton" Bathing Girl Contest. The programme says costumes are inspected before the girls enter the arena. Maybe they don't want the judges to get any false impressions.

The 20 finalists won through 10 heats to qualify. This is Jean Hunt of Pensby. It's going to be tough for the judges. Marlene Bee comes from Henley-on-Thames. Incidentally, how do you get a job as a judge like David Southwood? Claudia Stansfield of Northwich hopes there's nothing in this 'unlucky 13' business. We'll soon know. Here's the anxious moment as the girls wait for the decision. Anxious, did I say? There isn't a knee knocking!

And here, Your Worship, is the winner.....Kathleen O'Donnell of Birmingham! "Miss New Brighton, 1951" Now! Now! Mama told you you wasn't touch!

Miss New Brighton? Not likely! We'll turn up again if they have as good a crop of peaches there next year.

Now over to Southport to study some more beauties of nature at the Great Flower Show. This is claimed to be the finest herbaceous border in the country. The Southport show is the world's largest summer horticultural exhibition. This year there are nearly three thousand entries from 350 exhibitors. The beautiful rock-gardens are guaranteed to drive most weekend gardeners to despair.

Affiliated with the leading British societies, the show draws the finest exhibits in the country, like these lovely Festival blooms. Flowers like these call for the gardener's greatest skill and loving care. The camera brings out all the beauty of their texture. The show has it's practical side, too, like these onions and there's even a fleral Punch and Judy but you'll have to wait an awful long time, kiddies, if you're waiting for Punch to get cracking.