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## BEAUTY IN THE RAIN.

Typical summer day, 1960. At New Brighton, not a soul in sight. But wait! Move along to the swimming pool, for the Grand Final of the Bathing Girl Contest. Even Lancashire - itself famous for levely lassies - has rarely mustered 20 as beautiful as promenaded here. Spectators were under cover, but all the girls who wanted to be Miss New Brighton had to get their expensive swim suits wet at last, and begin the damp parade. Vicki Burns, from Blackpool, a student-teacher.

Barbara Smith, from London, showed that the south is in good shape, no less than the north. From Heswell, Cheshire, came lovely Anne Thelwell. Her ambition is to make the most of life; none of the competitors should find that difficult. The winner of the Silver Trophy and prize of £200 was Joan Boardman. She's a furniture buyer. Many a young man would gladly buy some for her.