By ROSE WEBER
It sounds like the plot of a movie
or novel — beauty queen meets
seminary student and it's love at
first sight.
But in the case of Nancy and
Jeff Pannaude the truth is even
better than fiction. "It was August and my last appearance in Schuylerville, N. Y.
after a year as Miss Dominion of
Canada. My contact there was to
be a Angelo Gentile and of course
I had no idea what he looked like,"
Mrs. Patnaude, said.

A young man introduced him-self at the airport as her escort. Much to her surprise, "he didn't look like an Angelo Gentile to me."

The young man apologized for being late and explained he had been preaching in church.

HER REACTION to that was laughing disbelief. But after a day spent with his family she knew all about the young student.

"I guess you could say it was love at first sight. We only had that one





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day together but both of us knew," she said.
As Miss Dominion she left for Japan the next day and it was October before Jeff could visit her. In August, 1970, they were married.

August, 1970, they were married. Mrs. Patnaude was in the 13th grade in Chatham, Ontario, when the executive director for the Miss Dominion pageant approached her at a fashion show where she was a model and asked her to enter. "I was surprised but decided to do it. He said it would be a lot of fun. My dad reminded me that I had better look at it as just a lark so I wouldn't be too disappointed when I lost," she said.

BUT SHE NOT only did not lose but went onto be the first Canadian girl to enter all the international pageants. She was crowned Miss North America and competed as a finalist in the Miss Universe World, International and Queen of the Pacific.

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What is the life of a beauty gueen like? Hectic, tiring and like a college education crammed into one year, she said.

"I had so many beuatiful experiences and met so many nice people. I always felt a little guility because I was the only one from Canada having those experiences," she said.

The worst part is always smiling and being pleasant and never showing anger or tiredness.

"I flew from Canada with a tem-perature of 25 below zero to Aus-tralia with a temperature of 95 de-grees above. And in spite of the temperature extremes and jet lag, I had to participate in a full day and evening schedule," she said.

SHE PARTICULARLY remembers a small fishing village in Newfoundland for the warm friendliness of the people. She arrived by car after eight hours on the road.

Her luggage was missing and she was car sick, "but the people treated me like the Queen of England. They live such limited lives and they were so thrilled that I came they couldn't be nicer."

Unlike Miss America, Mrs. Pat-naude traveled unchaperoned. And instead of a talent part to the com-petition contestents were jduged on native costume. Hers was a Royal Canadian Mounted Police costume.

"A lot of emphasis was placed on personality. Because how can you judge between the beauty of a Miss Japan and a Miss Congo? Both are equally beautiful in their own way," she said.

Mrs. Patnaude thinks she won the Miss Dominion pageant be-cause she stayed true to herself and really worked on not letting the honors change her.

"I KNOW THE women's liberany problems. I have always felt liberated.

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"It disturbs me when people try to label mile. I never in all the pageants leaves the above the second property of the property of the second property of the second property." She explained.

After she married Jeff, she worked at managing apartments through school. She also helped in his ministry whenever he asked for assistance.

Her husband is the Rev. Jeffrey Patnaude, assistant at St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham.

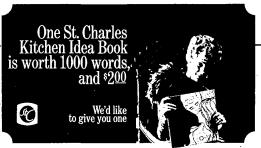
NANCY PATNAUDE

"He doesn't expect me to do more than I want to do. I will join the St. Catherin's Guild at St. James Church and help him with the play he and the young people are producing, "she said.

She considers her year of reign an experience not to be forgotten or missed. She considers it a valuable maturing experience and recommends it to any girl.



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