

To be on bowl parade--

Ginny to Rose Bowl

PASADENA — An Alaskan girl, Virginia "Ginny" Christiansen of Anchorage, will be spotlighted "live" before hundreds of thousands of persons watching the historic spectacle, and will be seen by millions of television viewers as a result of her selection to ride on the Western Airlines float in the 1976 Rose Bowl Parade New Year's Day in Pasadena.

Ginny is an Eskimo girl who was born and attended grade school in Kotzebue, Alaska, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs High School program in the Seattle area.

She is a graduate of Alaska Methodist University in Anchorage, studying nursing, and at present is a school nurse at Central Junior High School in Anchorage. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Walker of Kotzebue.

A former Miss Alaska, Ginny was selected to represent Alaskan Natives on Western's float in the parade, which has been designated as the first official event of the Bicentennial year by the American Revolution Bicentennial Committee.

The float, which will carry the theme of "One Nation For All," presents a salute to the "melting pot" society that has contributed to 200 years of American greatness.

Ginny will be one of eight young ladies of different ethnic origin chosen as representatives of their particular background from various locations within the area served by Western Airlines.

The seven other groups represented are Chinese, Spanish-American, Hawaiian, Indian, Japanese, Black and White.

The girls on the float will stand on pedestals beneath a spectacular 16-foot tall basket of roses, and will slowly revolve around a fountain of flowers spilling over a garden of orchids and roses. Providing protection for them are 25-foot wings of



GINNY CHRISTIANSEN

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two 16-foot tall Eagles.

One Eagle will look proudly back on 200 years of the country's glorious past, while the other gazes confidently ahead to the future. A recording of John Phillip Sousa's "Under the Double Eagle" will be played on the Western float.

Some 70,000 blossoms will be used to decorate the float, including gladiolas, orchids, roses, and 10 different types of exotic ferns. The float was designed and is being built by Fiesta Floats, Inc., Temple City, Calif.

This is Western's second year in the New Year's Day event, and with the airline having captured the coveted President's Trophy in 1975, the float is certain to be one of those spotlighted in the 1976 parade.

In addition to taking part in the parade, Ginny and the other fortunate young ladies will visit Disneyland and other Southern California areas, tour Western's facilities in Los Angeles and be royally entertained during their three-day stay in the Southland.