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SR. LEO: What're you talkin' about? You couldn't see her window from our house.

FR. VIRGIL: You could if you stood on top of the dresser!

SR. LEO: Virgil!! Anyway, I just knew for sure I was gonna be the Delta Queen. 'Cause I had teased myself a bee-hive over twenty-eight inches high.

FR. VIRGIL: Her flaming red hair looked like a fire hydrant in heat!

SR. LEO: Virgil, I would've won that contest, if Verla Mae hadn't cheated and put starch in her hair. She had herself a bubble that was a perfect thirty-six side to side!

FR. VIRGIL: Not to mention her perfect thirty-six, top to bottom.

*VIRGIL indicates on hourglass figure with his hands.*

SR. LEO: Oh! You hush!... Anyway, after she'd won, she told me she was gonna ask Virgil for a date 'cause he had just been named captain of the football team. Well, I just said, "Verla darlin', I'm so sorry, I guess you didn't know that Virgil has decided to become a priest!" Well, that bombshell sure burst her big bubble hair. To this day she still calls him Father **What-A-Waste!**

FR. VIRGIL: When I saw Verla Mae at that reunion, I sat down and wrote a song about her.

SR. LEO: Like to hear it? Here it goes.

*During music introduction, VIRGIL gets microphone and mike stand from the band platform. LEO exits SR.*

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### The Delta Queen

(Fr. Virgil)

FR. VIRGIL: I was the captain of the football team  
And she was the pageant queen.  
Her deck was stacked, and I ain't talkin' cards,  
I know y'all know what I mean!

But it was her hair that people stopped and stared at,  
The tease-off was her thing.  
A perfect thirty-six, she was pretty as a picture.  
And she sure made my chimes ring.