

Bill Doggett, Not Fats Domino, Causes Near Riot At Local State Fair Arena

BY CHARLES R. JONES
Although Antonio "Fats" Domino, undisputed king of the rock 'n' roll circuit, is known throughout the nation for his ability to cause riots with his frantic and steady tempo, it was organist Bill Doggett and his band who brought the fans into the aisles screaming, dancing uncontrollably and even fighting during the Biggest Show of Stars for '57, held at the State Fair Arena last Wednesday night. No casualties were reported, however.

Tommy Brown, whose rendition of "Since I Met You Baby" was so stirring that it created an almost deathly silence in the huge arena and caused Tommy himself to sit down at the edge of the stage, and whose rock 'n' roll numbers were such that the crowd of some 6,000 spectators joined him in the choruses, Doggett most assuredly earned the title of "new king" of rock 'n' roll, at least as far as Raleigh is concerned.

only played two numbers as a result of the "bum" public address system which had "acted up" throughout the show. He was the last performer to appear and following his second number, "I'm Walked Out on You," leaving Ann Cole, unseen, unheard and unmourned.

Lavern Baker, known far and wide for many hit numbers, (her latest is "Jim Dandy") was grating all over the stage. Her antics brought



BILL DOGGETT

had 'em screaming



FATS DOMINO

walked out on 'em

"oohs" and "aahs" from some of the disapproving members of the audience, who apparently were interested only in her

singing ability. Chuck Berry, the "All Hall Rock and Roll" man, was the lead-off performer and added another "sensational" to his many appearances in the Capital City in recent months.

As usual Clyde McPhatter brought the house down with his rendition of his current hit, "With-

out Love." Charles Brown proved to be one of the real troopers of the show when he continued to perform after the microphones went completely "on the blink." Brown, who holds a bachelor's degree from Prairie View College, Texas, was praised by the M. C. as a great

performer and applauded by the audience for his actions in the true spirit of the saying "The show must go on." Others appearing on the mammoth program were Paul Williams and his band, The Schoolboys, Eddie Cooley and the Dimples, The Five Satins, The Moon Glows and The Five Keys.

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The group elected the following slate of officers for the 1957-58 school year: President - Mr. W. A. Wilder, Vice-president - Mr. A. O. Carntchel, Secretary - Mrs. F. A. Turner, Assistant Secretary - Mrs. Ruby Fair, Treasurer - Mrs. Tempie Lindsey, Chaplain - Mr. Oscar Johnson.



MRS. BLANCHE ROBINSON

Mrs. Blanche H. Robinson Final Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Mrs. Blanche Holmes Robinson of 221 West Lehigh Street were conducted Saturday, April 6, at 1 p. m. from the Lighter Funeral Home with the Rev. Howard Cunningham officiating. Eulogy was given by Rev. J. A. Henderson, former president of Franklin Christian College. Interment was at Hillcrest cemetery.

Mrs. Robinson died Wednesday morning, April 3rd, at 1 A. M. at Duke Hospital, Durham. She was the daughter of the late Robert and Dora Jones of Cary, and the widow of the late George Robinson, a retired Southern Railway porter.

James Cobb, NAPE Prexy, Blasts House Committee

WASHINGTON, D. C. — If the House appropriations committee contemplates throwing people out of jobs and the serious disruption of the Postal Service as acting within reason, and in the behalf of the American people, it is totally misguided.

Addressing himself to the action of the House Appropriations Committee in slashing the Post Office Department from \$47 million to \$37 million, James B. Cobb, President of the National Alliance of Postal Employees, said today emphatically that the massive campaign

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