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Flossie Erickson Wins "Miss Radio" Crown By Hearing 240 Different Broadcast Stations



"Br-r-ring" of her alarm clock helped Flossie Erickson, of Bloomington, Ill., to win the "Miss Radio" contest conducted by the great Radio Show of Chicago to find the radio fan who has heard the greatest number of broadcasting stations. This victorious "Diana of the Air" officially was credited with having heard 240 different broadcasting stations with her five-tube Atwater Kent receiving set. She heard stations in thirty-seven of the forty-eight States of this nation, 21 stations in Canada, two in Mexico, one in Paris, France, one in England, and one each in Cuba and Porto Rico.

NEGROES STAGE A DEBATE

Decide That Moses Was a Greater Leader Than the Apostle Paul

King's Mountain Herald. Resolved that Moses was a greater leader than the Apostle Paul. What you say to that? Which side of the query do you want? Well, Moses got the laurels by the help of Ed Bratcher.

Paul was mighty popular with all hands and especially with McKissick & Jimison, who fought valiantly to "whip the question."

Preacher Sims tried to look awfully sanctimonious while P. D. Herndon brayed like a hungry mule and Elmer honked like a fat hog and Preacher Black shook like a tin bucket over a boiling tea kettle. Fletcher Herd grinned like a basket of possum heads while the ladies giggled gleefully. Wayne Ware and Joe Neisler bubbled over with joy while the Old Man Page joined the rest of the white folks in a genuine old-time break down hilarious spell. The negroes enjoyed the meeting to full measure and especially when they snared the silver net around "our white friends" and began calling for shekels like the twin auctioneers trying to market a hard lot.

Preacher Sims soon quit his foolishness and every time the speaker would address the "gentlemen of the jury" or "Mr. Foreman and yer fellerin'" he would hold over like a pot of soap when a drop of water strikes it. When we came out Brother Sims wiped his weeping eyes and said to me, "Brother Page, I owe you a debt of gratitude that I can never pay without eating dinner with you some time."

Preacher Black said "It is the richest thing I ever got into in my life."

When the collection got up to \$8.08 it struck a snag. The damnd who had started it off with a dollar and a spool had long ago turned the auctioneering over to Bratcher and McKissick, who had yelled themselves hoarse. And the harder they yelled the harder the other sang. Finally McKissick addressed Bratcher saying "Are you givine to terminate the collection here?" Whereupon Bratcher answered and said in many tears and a doleful swing of the head, "I did want ten dollars but it looks like I shall have to terminate without it." This moved Elmer, who is cashier of the bank and has plenty of money, and he spoke up to the white folks and said "Boy, they ought to have it, lets give it to 'em." Then our folks shelled out again and when silence was again had and the count was made, it was determined that over eleven dollars had been laid on the table to help pay the debt off of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church and the negroes were overflowing with joy and gladness and sang the songs of Zion with a fervor and made many addresses of gratitude to the good white folks.

This was all done last Friday night. The colored folks out at Mt. Olive, just beyond the underpass on the Battleground road invited Rev. J. C. Black. "To come out and bring several of his most important members and a few deacons to help decide whether Moses or Paul was the greater." The matter was to be discussed in debate style by the members of the congregation. Some of the speakers didn't show up. In fact most of them were conspicuous by their absence.

But you can't down a bunch of negroes when the collection depends upon a program. So Ed Bratcher agreed to take the part of Moses without a bit of preparation. Jimison agreed to

"I am a six to eight hour listener in each day," explained "Miss Radio" upon being crowned queen of the DX fans. "I set the alarm clock to call me to my radio for any program in which I am interested—night or day. I have an extension cord for my loud speaker which permits me to move it from room to room as I do my housework."

"Miss Radio's" new ambition is to be a broadcaster of radio programs, now that she has excelled at receiving them. Her interest in radio began when she was confined by illness to her bed, and told by her physician that she never would be well again. How she surprised him she recalled:

"I forgot my condition through the thrill I got from radio. Soon I was raining strength each day. Within the four walls of my home I have heard every thing human ears could hear—operas sung as if by my bedside; orators whose eloquence held me still; statesmen, discussing the nation's needs with me; baseball games with thrills for each score."

"I heard the aeroplane broadcasting 4,500 feet above Chicago and also the deep sea diver talk from the bottom of the ocean. Even the Liberty Bell tolled for me on New Year's Eve. I have listened by radio to travelogues and have visited all corners of the earth through them."

Sims was elected foreman and a decision declared in favor of Moses. Brother Sims made the announcement and commended the negroes highly for their splendid knowledge of the Scriptures and took no account of the reference that had been made to Lot as the grandson of Moses and nephew of Aaron.

Now, after all is said and done it was a good meeting. The negroes have an air of devotion and sincerity about their worship that the white folks know nothing about. I don't know but they get a little closer to the throne too.

Rev. M. A. Osborne talking Camp Meeting

T. B. Laney in Monroe Journal. The Rev. M. A. Osborne, from out at Waxhaw, was in town this morning and called by our place and it seemed like renewing old acquaintance for he is a Union county product and nearer than that he is from Buford. He is home folks and one who went and made good just like all other Union county folks. Throw them into a jungle and they will come out with honors.

Look at the good preachers that left from Union county and went to other places and made good: Sam, George, and Darling Belk, George Moser, M. A. Osborne, Tom Rogers, and E. K. McLarty, Steve Stewart, Sneed Ogburn, George Stevens, James, Ed and Sam Long and many others.

And every one of them stands right at the top and the people look upon them as successful men and as I say, throw them anywhere, Japan, China, Mexico, or Africa, or any civilized place, they will come through with honors. Why? They are the class of people that go out to make good and will make good regardless. Rev. Mr. Osborne was talking camp meeting and he says the aim of the ministerial folks and the good people is to have the best camp meeting ever and have Dr. Sam Belk and Byrum there to wade in with gloves off, and knock sinners right and left, and Rev. Mr. Osborne to back stop, and with every base full, and Dr. Sam Belk at the bat, and when he knocks a home run the Pleasant Grove camp ground will score the biggest success in the history of camp meetings.

And all the good folks will be there and the ones not so good and the order of the day will be the hand shaking of old friends and the meeting of loved ones and the revival and the rekindling of the good spirit and the old fellows and sisters will peep through the intervening veil and see themselves happy on the other shore. And it will be a Union county meeting by Union county people for Union county people.

Not Permitted, But Is It Stopped? Raleigh Times.

"Absolutely not," wires Parson Commissioner Sink to the Florida authorities seeking information as to whether North Carolina permits the flogging of convicts in penitentiaries or on chain gang. And unquestionably Mr. Sink is right in his statement that it positively is not permitted. The Supreme Court of the State of North Carolina in the case of the State against Nipper several years since said the same thing, holding that the section of the Constitution, forbidding "cruel and unusual punishment" positively prohibited the use of Black Aggie, as the strap which floggings were administered was called.

But whippings continued. They continued at the State prison and on the gangs. The Legislature of 1917

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enacted a statute requiring the presence of a prison physician and the whippings administered at the State farm, and the State board of health secured the services of one of its most valued employees when Dr. F. M. Register quit Tillery for Raleigh because he would not assist at such functions. From time to time cases have been brought in court charging convict guards and supervisors with inhumanity which took the form of flogging. Only recently Judge Sinclair presided at the trial of such an offender and imposed a prison sentence on a guard. There is under indictment in Stanly county now a supervisor charged with flogging and worse. The State Constitution and for the past few years the bulk of sentiment which the people have vocalized have absolutely forbidden the use of the lash. In his official pronouncement Mr. Sink speaks truly for North Carolina. But the State will indeed be fortunate if the Supreme Court, Judge Sinclair and Governor McLean have really convinced those having the custody of convicts that the practice must be abandoned. Burbank's "Beliefs." Charlotte Observer. Mr. Luther Burbank, known to fame as the "plant wizard," recently "joined" the Masons and was graduated in the thirty-third degree. Last week Mr. Burbank gave the people a modified thrill by reason of a public statement that he belongs to the abolitionists of the "true infidel," and that he does not believe in the God

try would forever feel sorry about the fate that overtook the discoverer. It would not be a pleasant thought to reflect upon—the American discoverer of the North Pole being a charge on the hands of the Government in an institution maintained for citizens who have gone wrong. The crowning of the discoverer might be a proceeding with embarrassing features attached. House Denied Right to Publish Wilson Letters. New York, Jan. 28.—Colonel E. M. House, who is soon to publish his memoirs, has been denied permission to print letters written to him by President Wilson. The New York World says in a dispatch from Washington the dispatch suggests that denial of permission is a sequel to the mysterious break in relations. As a result, the dispatch proceeds comment has been caused in Washington because at last one hundred Wilson letters have appeared in the memoirs of William Jennings Bryan. Dry Agent Give Head to Filling Stations. Kinston, Jan. 28.—Federal dry agents operating out of this city are devoting attention to filling stations around Kinston. A number of "arrests" have been made at such establishments and elsewhere since the first of the week, whiskey totalling approximately 80 pints being taken in the raids. Gilded wigs, surmounting faces powdered with gold to match, are being seen in Paris.