

**VESPER SERVICE  
SUNDAY**

A huge Vesper Service will be held Sunday afternoon at five o'clock at the Community Center. The Rev. Lawrence A. Watts, of Raleigh, Chaplain at State Prison, will preach and a choir composed of the choirs of all neighboring churches will sing. The public is cordially invited to attend. See program on inside page.

**PET PARADE**

The Pet Parade, sponsored by the Garden Club, is one of the features for Wednesday. A number of pets have been entered and this is expected to prove a most interesting feature of the Festival. See program on inside page.

**PARADE**

Everybody loves a parade so be here and see for yourself what a grand parade the Rockfish Festival can afford.

The Lions Club represented by a committee composed of Dr. W. A. Carter and U. B. Pierce, is sponsoring the parade.

It is expected there will be fifteen or twenty floral floats and in addition there will be horse units, bands and other marches.

The Rotary Club is in charge of bands for the festival and parade and several will be present. See program on inside page.

**Fishing Contest**

A committee composed of F. N. Rowe, C. R. Turner, John Willey, E. H. Parker, N. J. Shepherd and Allen Pierce is in charge of the fishing contest which will be held from 5 a. m. to 11 a. m. and from 3 p. m. to 5:30 p. m. each day of the Festival. Prizes will be awarded for the largest fish caught during those hours. See program on inside page.

**MUSEUM**

A Museum, sponsored by the American Legion, will be open each day of the Festival in the Boy Scout Hut. Be sure and see the things of interest displayed there. See program on inside page.

**MOTHER GOOSE  
JUBILEE**

Be sure and see the Mother Goose Jubilee which will be given Wednesday afternoon, April 30th at five o'clock on the Pageant grounds in front of the Community House by the Elementary school. Over a hundred children in costume will appear in this Jubilee. Come and bring the children. See program on inside page.

**ROCK MUDDLE**

Thousands of pounds of fish will be cooked into the world's largest fish muddle which will be served on Monday and Tuesday afternoons at 5:30 at 50¢ plate. See program on inside page.

**HAVE YOU  
A NICKEL?**

Are you sending Wooden Nickels to your friends? Are you asking your merchant for Wooden nickels? Are you paying your purchases with Wooden Nickels? Get in the swim and get your Wooden Nickels, as they will be at a premium soon! Everyone is using them in Weldon as they are just as good as a nickel from the mint, so get the spirit of the Rock Fish Festival deal in Wooden Nickels and send souvenirs to interested people out of town.

**Miss Mabel  
Barnhill**

Miss Mabel Barnhill died at her home here last night following an illness of several months. The body was taken to her old home in Bethel, N. C., where funeral rites were conducted from the Methodist Church this afternoon at 3:30 and interment was made in the Bethel Cemetery.

Miss Barnhill was a native of Pitt County but had made her home here for the past several years. In 1906 she was graduated from the University of North Carolina and for a number of years was the only licensed woman pharmacist in North Carolina. Prior to coming here to make her home she operated a Drug Store in Bethel and still maintained a laboratory there at the time of her death.

She is survived by three nephews with whom she resided here, David Willis, Jack Willis and C. E. Willis, her mother, Mrs. M. A. Barnhill of Bethel, one sister, Mrs. Evelyn Tucker of Kinston and four brothers, Joe Barnhill of Bethel, Lon Barnhill of Miami, Fla., Harry Barnhill of Richmond and Frank Barnhill of Stella, N. C.

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## Thousands Expected For 2nd. Annual Rockfish Festival

**Queen and Members Of The Court**



—Photo Courtesy F. L. Howard

Her Majesty, Queen of the Second Annual Rockfish Festival, Florence Ann Clark, left above and three of the members of her court. Seated next to her is Martha Ellis, Mamie Nash, who is "Miss America" and Jeanette Robinson. Miss Clark won the Queen's title in the Popularity Contest which ended last night with 414,000 votes. Miss Nash was a close second with 397,000 popular votes and received the title of "Miss America." They both will be honored during the three-day celebration beginning Monday, April 28th.

**BOYS and GIRLS**

Be sure to enter the Kiddie Parade Wednesday afternoon, April 30th. Prizes will be given for the best boy and girl story book character. Perhaps you'd like to dress up like Tom Sawyer or Captain Kidd or even Little Boy Blue. And how about Hansel and Gretel or Alice in Wonderland or Red Riding Hood. Pin a placard on your back with the name of the character you are portraying. It'll be such fun! Then there will be bicycle floats with prizes for the prettiest. Start now to decorate your bicycles! The Pet Parade is also a part of the Kiddie Parade. Be sure to enter your pet. A prize will be given for the biggest pet, the smallest pet and the most original pet float. Don't miss this opportunity of showing off your pet. You'll like the prizes. Tell your teacher what part of the parade you wish to enter and she will turn in your name. Be at the Weldon school grounds at 3 o'clock Wednesday, April 30th. The parade starts promptly at 4 and you don't want to be late.

**Honored Visitor Here Next Monday**



The Honorable J. Melville Broughton, Governor of North Carolina, who will be the honored guest at the Rockfish Festival here Monday, April 28th. He will take the leading role in the day's activities.

The finishing touches are being made to the plans for the Second Annual Rockfish Festival which gets underway here Sunday afternoon with Religious Services at 5 o'clock on the Community Center Grounds. Thousands of people are expected to attend the celebration.

Monday is Governor's Day and the official opening day for the Festival.

Governor J. Melville Broughton and Mrs. Broughton, Lieutenant Governor R. L. Harris and Mrs. Harris and many others of prominence will be present and will take part in the days program.

In the afternoon, the Governor will make a talk and in the evening prior to the beginning of the Coronation Ball, he will crown the queen of the Festival, Barry McKinley and his orchestra have been secured to play for the Coronation Ball. This well known orchestra has been featured on the Hit Parade and the Philip Morris radio program.

Over two hundred characters are now in rehearsal for the mammoth historical pageant, "America on Parade", which will be staged each evening of the three Festival days. One of the excellent scenes, "The Coming of the Pilgrims" will be depicted by Weldon.

The Colonial Period has been cast in Halifax under the direction of Mrs. Quentin Gregory. Miss Dorothy Flanders will be in charge of the scene, "The Early Pioneer Spirit of American People" which will be depicted by a group of Enfield High School students. A colorful patriotic prologue and an intricate mechanical ballet will be presented by Weldon girls, while a Spanish scene will be executed by a group from Roanoke Rapids. A delightful scene of the 1890's will be handled by Scotland Neck and Seaboard will present the gay and gleaming story of the Gay 90's pageant when the "horseless carriage" presented itself and the bicycle came for two was the latest invention. Paul Revere's ride and the World War scene will be enacted by Weldon and Boy and Girl Scouts will take an important part in the prologue and finale. A group of spiritual singers will provide a background for the War Between the States scene.

The complete programs with the cast of characters are elsewhere in this issue.

**Weldon Baptist  
Church**

On Sunday, April 27th, Professor Will Nelson of Roanoke Rapids will make an address and at the evening service T. A. Chapell will talk.

The Rev. T. H. King of Wake Forest will preach at both the morning and evening services Sunday, May 4th. The Rev. M. King, formerly has been pastored at Mount Airy and is now at Weldon and is an excellent speaker. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

**A. L. A. To Meet  
On May The 8th.**

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Thursday, May 8th in the home of Mrs. Mike Josephson. The date has been changed from May 1st on account of the Festival.

**THE QUEEN AND  
HER COURT**

The Queen Contest closed Wednesday night and Miss Florence Ann Clark and Bill Edwards, Jr will rule as the Royal Mararch's over the Second Annual Rockfish Festival and their court will include Miss Mamie Nash as Miss America; Misses Martha Ellis, Hart Draper, Georgia Wills Tilghman, Jeanette Robinson, Betty D. Howell of Seaboard and Marie Cates of Roanoke Rapids.

With their royal robes the Queen and her attendants will wear corsages presented them by The Glad Home Florist and Mrs. W. P. Vaughan's Florist of Roanoke Rapids.

**Shipbuilding Appren-  
tice School To Open  
In Wilmington**

The Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company is calling attention through the school faculties to the opportunities offered by their Apprentice school to not only graduate of this year, but also perhaps to those of previous years, who are not yet twenty one years of age. They have also announced that a subsidizing shipyard is being established in Wilmington. Those interested may receive further information from G. Guy Via, Supervisor of Training, Newport News, Va.

**A.B.C. Board Turns  
Over Check To Co.**

On the first Monday in April the Halifax County Board of Alcoholic Control turned over to the County Commissioners a check for \$25,000.00 making a total of \$375,000.00 given to the County since the opening of the A. B. C. stores in 1935.

A statement submitted by the A. B. C. Board shows that their total sales for the quarter just past were \$132,149.00, making a net profit of \$36,038.08.

**\$5.00 PRIZE!**

A prize of \$5.00 is being offered by the entrant to the person who can read correctly, with out the aid of a magnifying glass every word of a very old letter on display at the museum, Boy Scout Hut.

**QUEEN OF FIRST  
FESTIVAL**



Queen Mary Virginia Whitefield, who reigned over the first Annual Festival here last year. She will present the crown to Governor Broughton Monday night and he will then crown the new Queen, Florence Ann Clark

**SPONSORS FOR THE GOVERNOR'S AND CORONATION BALL MONDAY**



DORIS LOUISE EDWARDS of Roanoke Rapids



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FRANCES NASH of Weldon



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Other Sponsors whose pictures could not be secured in time for this issue are: Sarah Frances Hux of Halifax, Rosa Lee Warren of Rich Square and Lula Carrington Gravely of Rocky Mount