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TWO QUEENS — Sue McLelland of Cerro Gordo is the new Carolinas Yam Festival Queen. She was crowned Thursday night at the Queen's Ball. Gayle Grainger, 1960 Yam Queen was on hand to reign during the judging.

Miss Cerro Gordo Is New Yam Queen

BY LANY WALDEN

"I just can't believe it," said Susan Dina McLelland when she was crowned Queen of the 1961 Carolinas Yam Festival Thursday night, October 5, at the queen's ball in the Planters Warehouse.

The crowning of the new queen was the highlight in the beauty contest which included the festival parade Thursday afternoon and a dinner for the contestants and judges at Ruby and Gene's Restaurant Thursday evening.

The 17 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel McLelland of Rt. 1, Cerro Gordo, won over fifteen other contestants vying for the title.

First runner-up was Miss Betty Cotton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Cotton of Marion, S. C. A junior in high school, she was sponsored by the Marion Jaycees.

Miss June Buffkin, second runner-up, was sponsored by the Merchants of Mullins. Miss Buffkin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Buffkin of Mullins, S. C.

Also among the beauties taking part in the pageant was the 1960 Yam Queen, Miss Gail Grainger of Green Sea, Miss Grainger, a freshman at Limestone College, made her final official appearance as the Yam Queen when she crowned Miss McLelland.

Miss Grainger turned over to Miss McLelland not only the crown, but also the responsibility of representing the Tabor City Merchants Association in parades, beauty pageants, and various other festivities throughout this area.

Deep brown eyes, a lovely smile were qualities which helped win the new title for the petite (5' 1") Miss McLelland.

Escorted by Roger Green of Cerro Gordo, the young beauty paraded gracefully for the judges in a blue strapless evening gown of nylon tulle ruffles. Although she stayed for most of the dance, she said she couldn't wait to get home and tell her family.

While Miss McLelland is the first Yam Festival Queen from Cerro Gordo, she is not the first title-holder in her family. Her older sister Mary was Miss Cerro Gordo in 1959.

In addition to retaining the Miss Cerro Gordo title in her family in 1960, the new queen is also FFA Sweetheart and Halloween Queen of Cerro Gordo High School, where she is a senior.

Proving the energy her personality reflects, she plays center on her high school basketball team, enjoys skating, dance,

and her special talent, acrobatics. She also has taught a Sunday school class of beginners at the Cerro Gordo Baptist Church.

In school her favorite subjects are business courses, but she thinks she might like to be a nurse because, said the radiant Miss McLelland, "I'd like to have a job caring for others."

FHA Installs Club Officers, New Members

The Tabor City Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America installed new officers and initiated new members in a candlelight service Thursday night, September 28, in the Tabor City school auditorium.

Ann Ward, out-going treasurer, was in charge of the installation of the following officers: Mary Jo Fowler, president; Katie Tompkins, secretary; Ruby Norris, treasurer; Phyllis Watts, parliamentarian; Wanda Fowler, reporter; Gayle Gore, historian; Kay Rogers, recreational leader; Dian Faulk and Pat Wright, pianists.

The thirty-nine new members were initiated by the new officers, and each was presented an FHA emblem by the president.

Also taking part in the service was Audrea Hardee, who read the scripture and led the Lord's Prayer. Wanda Fowler and Pat Wright, accompanied by Dian Faulk, sang the FHA Prayer.

After the service, a social hour was held in the home economics department. The officers, wearing red and white dresses, the chapter colors, served as hostesses. Refreshments also carried out the red and white scheme.

Seventy-two mothers of FHA members and other guests were present in addition to fifty-two members.

RE-REGISTRATION FOR CUBS

Announcement has been made that a re-registration for Cub Scout Pack 508 will be held Tuesday night, October 17 at the School Cafeteria at 7:30.

John Joyner, district scout executive will be present. Each boy registering is asked to bring \$2.05 with him to pay for the subscription to Boy's Life magazine and the registration fee.

Boys are asked also to bring their parents.

Development Sponsors Hold Dinner Meeting

The Columbus County Community Development Association honored its sponsors with a dinner in the Tabor City school cafeteria Friday night.

Composed of eleven organized communities — Bethel, Cherry Grove, Freeman, Lebanon, Mishops, North Whiteville, Prosper — Livingston, Sandy Plains, Smyrna, Western Prong, and White Marsh—Red Hill—the Association lists as its financial sponsors merchants of Tabor City, Whiteville, Chadbourne, Clarendon, Fair Bluff, Cerro Gordo, Acme and Clarkton.

Sponsor hosts of the dinner were the Radio Station WTAB, Wacamac Bank & Trust Co., the News Reporter, Radio Station WENC, the Columbus County News, First National Bank, Columbus Production Credit Association, Peoples Savings & Loan and the Tabor City Tribune.

Master of ceremonies in the absence of Pat Wooten, president of the Association, was Mr. Lloyd Hinson, president of the Bethel Community.

Following the invocation by M. T. Bowen, Mishops Community, and special music by Lloyd Collier Jr., a barbecued chicken dinner was served to the approximately 300 members, sponsors and hosts present.

"Agricultural Opportunity" was the topic of guest speaker William L. Carpenter, N. C. State College Agricultural Information Division head. Mr. Carpenter stressed the importance of the opportunity of formal education, tying in low income with the large percentage of non-high-school graduates in the state.

Pointing out with visual aids that the state's population is still predominantly rural, Mr. Carpenter challenged the Association to take the lead in the development of "the state's greatest resource—its people."

He praised the Association for the work it had accomplished and stated his hopes in the development of such organizations all over the state.

Billy Hooks of the North Whiteville Community presented a progress report summarizing the various activities of the communities in improving the standard of living in their locales.

NEW EMPLOYEE

Lany Katherine Walden of 164 Orange St., Tabor City, has accepted a position as society editor of the Tabor City Tribune, announced W. Horace Carter, publisher.

Miss Walden, a 1955 graduate of Tabor City High School, received an A. B. degree in English in 1959 from the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina. She was an editorial assistant with Progressive Grocer magazine, New York, N. Y., and taught English and Journalism in A. L. High School, Kannapolis, N. C.

MAYOR PROCLAIMS BICYCLE SAFETY WEEK

Mayor Howard Harelson has proclaimed the second week in October, beginning Monday, October 9, Bicycle Safety Week in Tabor City. In connection with the proclamation, the Tabor City Jaycees will sponsor various promotional and educational activities during the week.

Bicycle Safety To Get Boost

The Bicycle Safety Program, sponsored in Tabor City by the local chapter of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the State Department of Motor Vehicles, is now getting underway.

Eldred Dudley, Jaycee chairman of the program, said that the schools will handle the first phases of the safety event. This will include instruction in regulations covering bicycles in the state, and safety education.

Plans are now being made for a Bicycle Rodeo, to be held on Saturday, October 28.

The Rodeo, which will officially end the program will include written exams, oral exams, bicycle inspections and riding tests.

The riding test will be in the form of a competition among all those entered, with prizes to be awarded to the winners and runners-up in the two age group classifications.

The two classes are from ages six to nine, and from ages nine to fourteen.

The location of the Rodeo will be announced next week. Bicycle Safety, a program being sponsored statewide by the Dept. of Motor Vehicles, will have state representatives in Tabor City for the event on the 28th.

Spurgeon Canady and Maurice Covington of the DMV will partially conduct and supervise the activities.

All bicycles entered in the Rodeo must pass the safety inspection. Brakes, pedals, drive chain and sprocket, tires and rims, axle adjustment (front and rear) spokes and reflector will be checked for safe operation.

The competition is open to all boys and girls between the ages of six and fourteen. Those without bicycles may enter provided they can borrow a machine from someone.



SEVERAL THOUSAND spectators lined the streets of Tabor City Thursday to watch one of the biggest parades in Yam Festival history. Pictured is the float entered by the Tabor City Merchants Association, sponsors of the three-day event.

Red Devils Notch 4th Win Chadbourne Is Friday Foe

The Tabor City Red Devils take on the Chadbourne Panthers Friday night in the only scheduled Wacamac Conference game of the week.

The Panthers, victims of defeat last week at the hands of powerful and unbeaten — "inspired" — on Elizabethton, will be seeking to take over undisputed third place in conference play.

The Red Devils have posted a 2-1 mark for a percentage of .667, while Chadbourne has won one and lost one for a .500 mark.

This all important game, which if won by Tabor City will put the Red Devils at the head of the conference in number of games won, will be played at Chadbourne.

It comes on the heels of a hard fought victory for Coach Stevens' eleven last Friday night over a surprisingly tough Shallotte team, 12-6.

In that game, a superlative defensive stand in the waning moments halted what appeared to be a game-tying touch-

down drive and a possible game-winning extra point.

With time running out, and with Tabor hanging to a thin 6-point edge, Pirate backs Charles Todd and Howard Benton began hacking out sizeable chunks of yardage. A fifteen-yard penalty put the ball on the visiting Devils' 20-yard line.

In four plays, the home team was unable to gain beyond the 12, and Tabor took over, killing the clock to tie the victory, their fourth of the season against one defeat.

The game, which was somewhat lacking in offensive spark by either team, saw only two sustained drives, both of which ended in touchdowns.

Tabor scored first, early in the second quarter, after tackle Sammy Williams recovered a Shallotte fumble on the 47-yard line of the Pirates.

Led by fullback Ronald Foley, who proved to be the steady ground-gainer for the Devils, Tabor drove to the Shallotte four, with Foley go-

ing over guard for the six-pointer.

An attempted run for the extra point was stopped short. Later in the same period, a pitch-out was tumbled in the Pirate backfield, and Tabor halfback Larry Fowler charged into the scramble for the ball and came out with it and raced 18 yards for the score.

Another attempted run for the extra point was unsuccessful.

That ended the scoring for the Red Devils, and for the remainder of the game they were unable to mount a serious threat.

At halftime the score stood at 12-0.

It was not until the fourth quarter that the partisan Shallotte crowd had a chance to shout about something.

Quarterback Bobby Hubbard began taking to the air, and although he hit only one of three passes, it was enough to loosen the tight forward wall of the Red Devils, allowing

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Yam Market Opens In Tabor Today

The Tabor City Marketing Company has set today (Wednesday) for the opening of auction sales for sweet potatoes. Sales will begin today at 9:30 A. M. and continue daily as long as volume is sufficient to warrant such sales.

Those who are familiar with the sweet potato crop in this area say that the crop is again short this year due primarily to the exceptionally rainy June and July.

While no sales have been made by auction here, thus far and no prices have been set, it was generally conceded that yams would bring a better price this year than in the recent past.

IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Dalma Stanley of 108 Jones St. was admitted to the Columbus County Hospital Friday. She requests prayers in her behalf.

1961 Festival Said To Be Successful



ELWOOD DORMAN

The 1961 Carolinas Yam Festival has come and gone and those who were closest to its planning and operation have tabbed it another successful event.

Directors of the Tabor City Merchants Association, who sponsored this 14th annual festival, met Tuesday morning and examined the various aspects of the promotion. Objective criticism of the individual events was noted with the aim of eliminating the problems in next year's festival.

Starting with the Gospel Sing last Wednesday night, the committee expressed satisfaction with the event that attracted more than 1000 persons during the course of the four hour sing. Many persons from long distances were on hand to hear the Blue Ridge Quartet, The Serenaders, The Twin States Trio, and other singing groups.

Directors of the association expressed the belief that this was one new angle of the festival that was well received and plans now call for a similar but expanded Gospel Sing in 1962.

The Thursday parade, that had some of the most beautiful floats yet seen in a festival parade, left something to be desired in organization, directors felt. Some suggested that more people be on hand at subsequent parades to better space the floats, bands, etc., and generally help it to form and move in a more organized fashion.

But while last week's festival may have left something to be desired, it nevertheless attracted an estimated 5000 persons.

The Queen's Ball on Thursday night and selection of the 1961 Yam Queen went off smoothly and a good crowd was on hand to dance and hear the music of the Ed Turbeville orchestra.

Friday night's show for the rock and roll dancers was also well attended, orderly and successful.

Both performances of the Beers-Barnes circus were well attended and the weather was fine all three days of the festival.

The most significant mishap was the breakdown of the Blue Ridge Quartet bus in Harrisville, S. C., on Wednesday afternoon. This necessitated a trip to Harrisville by Festival Committee Chairman Elwood Dorman who brought the singers back to Tabor City in his station wagon.

Following the singing, Executive Secretary Ken Lovell had to carry the singers back to Lancaster and didn't arrive home until 7:00 A. M.



MRS. T. LEAMON SING

Tabor City Police Chief Jesse Barker has announced that the headstone for the grave of Police Officer Thomas Leamon Sing has been purchased and has been placed at the burial site in Long Cemetery, in the Pireway Community.

The stone for Officer Sing, who died of a heart attack July 19, was paid for with funds contributed by Tabor City merchants and townpeople.

The spontaneous campaign to raise the money began a few days after Sing's death.

Chief Barker said that several people contacted him, asking if they might make a contribution.

Subsequently the Police Department sent out letters to local citizens who had known Sing, informing them that contributions were being received.

"We had a very good response," Barker said. "We were able to buy a nice stone

It was the one that Virginia (Mrs. Sing) had picked out and was planning to buy."

Barker said that letters of appreciation to all who contributed have been sent out.

Mrs. Sing has added her own expression of appreciation. "I'm so proud he had so many friends here."

Sing, 50, a native of Columbus County, was the son of the late William and Minnie Long Sing. He had served on the Tabor City Police Force for a little over eight years.