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THIS CITY ELECTS A BEAUTY QUEEN

Miss Rose Grantham Chosen At
Mass Meeting Wednesday
Night; Committees Appointed

MR. BARTLETT SPEAKS

Smithfield's Queen in the Eastern Carolina Exposition will be Miss Rose Grantham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Grantham, the choice having been made at a mass meeting held at the court house Wednesday night. Interest in the contest helped to bring out a good crowd and the spirit shown at the meeting indicates that Smithfield is lining up solidly to make a complete success of the Exposition which will be held here April 13-18.

Mayor John A. Narron presided and stated the purpose of the coming together. Mr. N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, who was in the city to confer with some committees, was present and Mayor Narron called on him for a talk in regard to the Exposition. Mr. Bartlett outlined the program which has been planned and incidentally made suggestions for additional committees. When Mr. Bartlett had concluded his remarks his audience had a deeper realization of the magnitude of the event which is to be staged in Johnston County in April.

"I do not want to scare you folks," said Mr. Bartlett, "but I do want you to realize what a big thing it is."

The meeting then approved the appointment of a housing committee composed of Mrs. P. H. Casey, Mrs. F. H. Brooks, Mrs. L. G. Patterson and Mrs. John O. Ellington. The following were named on a publicity: Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, Messrs. Geo. Y. Ragsdale, H. B. Marrow and E. J. Wellons. A motion was passed to form a Bureau of Information, and a chairman will be named later. Mr. as chairman of this Bureau. Mr. W. Ransom Sanders was made chairman of the local float committee.

The matter of closing the stores on the afternoon of the opening day of the Exposition in order to help the other nine towns in the county welcome the guests, was considered, the suggestion coming from the Selma merchants. The suggestion was favorably received and the stores will close on Monday, April 13, from one to four o'clock.

Mr. J. A. Wellons presented the idea of having a T. I. reunion in connection with the exposition and former T. I. students present met after the mass meeting to formulate plans which will be published when perfected.

Last but not the least feature on the program was the selection of a Queen to represent Smithfield in the Beauty contest. Queens from the ten towns in Johnston County will compete for a \$500 diamond ring, while a similar contest will be conducted for towns out side Johnston County. It was decided to select the Queen for Smithfield by popular vote and Messrs. H. P. Johnson, H. C. Woodall and Rev. A. J. Parker were named to have charge of the election. Every one present was asked to write their choice on a slip of paper, and the following young ladies were thus nominated: Miss Lucile Cotter, Frances Green, Arah Hooks, Irene Myatt, Lucile Johnson, Ethel Barbour, Carrie Young, Rose Grantham, Ila Brady, Mary Gattis Holland, Ruth Brooks, Rhetta Martin, Jean Abell, Mary Ellington, Margaret Moore, Dorra Barbour, Luma McLamb and Mary Bateman.

The three receiving the highest number of votes were: Miss Frances Green, Arah Hooks and Rose Grantham, and these young ladies were voted on again. The second vote eliminated Miss Frances Green, and the final show down found Miss Grantham the winner though Miss Hooks ran close.

Bible Study Class To Meet
The Bible Study Class of the Methodist Missionary Society will meet next Monday afternoon with Miss Mattie at three o'clock.

Crack-O'-Doomers



Robert Reidt, the "crack of doom" prophet and family, who had his name on the lips of nine million New Yorkers, February 7th, when he adhered to advance Seventh Day Adventist's vision of world end, is now looking for a job as a paper-hanger.

Washington's Birthday Exercises At S. H. S.

On Wednesday morning of this week Rev. A. J. Parker made a very interesting address to the Smithfield grammar grade and high school students on George Washington as a boy. Mr. Parker held the interest of the pupils unusually well and made a deep impression.

The chief characteristics of Washington as a boy discussed by Mr. Parker were his exact and cheerful obedience to his mother's wishes at all times, his dependability, and his habit of following rules of conduct which he made for himself when a boy of thirteen.

In telling of Washington's obedience to his mother's every wish—his father died when he was fourteen—the story was told how Washington had an ambition to become a sailor, how he had already gone on board the ship after having secured his mother's permission, how his mother changed her mind at the last minute, and then how Washington cheerfully gave up his ambition and went back to his mother.

Smithfield Triangle Debaters Chosen

Affirmative: Leo Ennis, Carrie Young.
Negative: Willard Lawrence, Worth Boyette.

Sanford and Dunn high schools are the other two members of the triangle. Smithfield's negative team will probably go to Sanford, while the affirmative team remains at home to debate Dunn's negative team.

The query for debate is the port terminals proposition.

Sanford Seniors Visit Smithfield High School

Misses Mary Tulluck and Elizabeth Cross, members of the senior class in the Sanford high school, on Tuesday of this week visited the Smithfield high school for the purpose of collecting data for theses which they are required to write before graduation. These two students will compare the two high schools. Superintendent Franks says the girls were very capable interviewers, that they had a long list of questions of a practical sort, and that they obtained a wide range of information which will be very useful in comparing the two schools.

MAD CAT BITES SEVERAL

Selma, Feb. 18.—A stray cat that had taken up at Roberts, Corbett and Woodard's store developed rabies Saturday morning. He scratched one of the clerks, Miss Lola Peel and bit Mr. N. J. Creech and Julian Corbett. The head was sent to Raleigh, where hydrophobia was pronounced. The patients are all taking the Pasteur treatment and are doing well.

LEAVE REMAINS OF COLLINS IN CAVE

Last Earthly Rites For Entrapped Man Held At Cave Entrance

SERVICE OF 55 MINUTES

Cave City, Ky., Feb. 17.—On the hill above Sand Cave this afternoon his family and friends held funeral services for Floyd Collins. There was no casket; no corpse, no grave, and no marker.

Sixty feet underground in the Sand Cave trap which closed upon him 18 days ago lay the body of Collins, discovered a few days too late by the rescuers. Rather than risk the lives of any of the tireless volunteers, his family chose to leave him in the cave for his last sleep.

Physicians, his friends and officials of the rescue party crept down into his narrow tomb today to gather the legal evidence that Floyd was buried there and that he was dead. None of his family could take a last look, but the thought that Collins would have chosen such a spot, among his beloved caves, comforted them.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Collins were there silent in the last earthly rites for their son. The aged couple sat side by side in small chairs near the edge of the same limestone ledge under which Sand Cave disappears.

Behind them, grouped on large boulders overlooking the valley below, were a dozen members of a choir gathered from among residents of Cave City. Mr. and Mrs. Collins listened with bowed heads while strains of "Nearer, My God, to Thee" drifted over the hill as the services opened.

The aged father looked often toward the mouth of Sand Cave 125 feet away as the words, "Like a wanderer, the sun gone down," floated away in the distance. The cave, naked in the absence of its sheltering canopy, yawned silently.

The Rev. Roy H. Biser, of Glasgow, a neighboring community, climbed to a stump to open a Scriptural service and a motion picture camera started to whirr. At the outer fringe of the group stood a sentinel with his rifle. Huges rocks were the benches of the outdoor chapel.

Men who had spent days in the struggle, unshaved and muddy in appearance, bared their heads in the chilling breeze. The prayer was offered. The little gathering of 150 men and women heard the Rev. Biser tell them they were "standing in the midst of death," and listened to him give thanks "for the brotherhood of man as manifested by those who had risked their lives on this site."

Mental comfort for the Collins family was besought and then Mrs. Ira D. Weathers, of Cave City, sang a solo.

Newspaper telephones, but recently installed all over the hillside, rang unanswered from various tree stations. A soft wind rustled the dried brown leaves and carried the song off down the valley.

The story of Floyd Collins, uncertain in its outcome, uncertain even from day to day, Rev. Mr. Biser referred to as paralleling the romance of mankind itself. No other incident within memory, he said, had brought so many prayers from the brotherhood of man for one fellow man trapped underground.

"Heroic deeds have laid a permanent monument for the whole country in the exhibitions of courage and stamina revealed for 18 days at Sand Cave," the Rev. C. K. Dickey, of Horse Cave, said. He supplemented Rev. Mr. Biser's statement that the spot forever would be sacred to the memory of him who had called forth so much loving kindness.

Fifty-five minutes had elapsed when the final "Amen" brought the closing of the services. Such was the last hour of spiritual tribute to Floyd Collins. A few more hours and his body will have been sealed in its tomb deep in the earth below. A block of concrete will be permitted to solidify in the lateral leading to the rescue shaft, while the shaft proper will be filled with rock and earth from the

PARADE FEATURES THE OPENING DAY

Rev. Billy Sunday Will Deliver Address and Victor's Band Will Play

SIX FULL DAYS

From the program announced for the Eastern Carolina Exposition some time ago through the press, it seems that there will be more real constructive entertainment in six days than has ever been presented to a North Carolina audience. In fact, every day seems to have been mapped out to fill a different part of one's general make-up. An analysis of the program will reveal some interesting things.

In the first place on the opening day, at 2 P. M. the gong will sound, the Chief Marshall will sound his command to "March" and that great line of expensive floats will proceed down Smithfield's thoroughfares in regular army fashion. When the famous J. S. F. Victor strikes up the first note of the forward march, the ten thousand folks on the streets will bend their necks to see what is coming. Leading the parade will be the Chief Executive of North Carolina, who is an Eastern Carolinian and an ardent boster of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, Angus Wilton McLean. He will be followed by that always attracts the human eye: the thirty or more Queens representing as many towns, on specially prepared floats; among them somewhere will be that magnetic power who has spoken to more people than any other living man, possibly: Rev. W. A. (Billy) Sunday, who will speak in the afternoon and night of the opening day.

Then the floats, floats, floats and some more beautiful floats. Then the parade will come to a close at 2:30 in front of the main entrance of the mammoth Exposition building, and then the program will begin to move off on the inside. President John W. Holmes, of Farmville, will turn the Third Annual Exposition over to Eastern North Carolina with appropriate address. Governor McLean will speak and local fellows will welcome the big crowd. Then Billy Sunday, the famous Evangelist will deliver one of his stirring addresses to a packed house. The evening program Monday will be a band concert, followed by the famous Roster Act from the Hippodrome in New York, and then Mr. Sunday will deliver another of his outstanding addresses. To be sure of getting started right, every body should be there the first day and night. The habit will be easy from then on until the end of the week.

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TWO MAIL BAGS STOLEN

Tuesday morning two mail bags thrown off train number 83 which passes here about six o'clock, were stolen before the official mail carrier could get them, the thieves making their escape down the railroad. On yesterday morning the two bags were found by Chief Cable in some bushes near Austin's gin. The bags had been opened and letters and packages rifled and scattered around.

Johnston Co. Medical Society Holds Meeting

The Johnston County Medical Society met in regular session Tuesday night, February 17th, at 7:30 in the Grand Jury room of the Court House. Business proceedings of the Society were disposed of and interesting talks were made by the following members: Dr. J. B. Person, of Selma, on the best treatment for Influenza; Dr. B. A. Hocutt, of Clayton, on the best treatment for Broncho-Pneumonia; Dr. I. W. Mayerberg, of Selma, on the best treatment for Leg Ulcer. General discussion was then entered into by all members.

A committee was appointed to formulate plans for entertaining the Society at some future date, and a motion was passed to hold the meetings months, next meeting to be held semi-monthly rather than every two weeks on Tuesday night in March at 8:00 o'clock, in Selma.

Meadow School Bonds Sell Well

Bids for \$35,000 worth of five and a half percent school bonds for the Meadow School district were opened here Tuesday morning, twenty-one sealed bids having been submitted to County Superintendent H. B. Marrow. The highest bidder was Kalman, Gates, White & Co., of St. Paul, Minn., whose bid was \$36,536.50. Every \$100 in bonds sold brought \$104.39.

Bidders besides Kalman, Gates, White & Co. were as follows: Emery, Peck & Rockwood, Chicago, Ill., \$35,806.00. Seipp, Princell & Co., Chicago, Ill., \$36,215.00.

Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Toledo, Ohio, \$35,761.00. Ryan, Southerland & Co., Toledo, Ohio, \$35,663.25.

Braun, Bosworth & Company, Toledo, Ohio, \$35,318.00. Northwestern Trust Company, St. Paul, Minn., \$35,805.00.

A. C. Allyn & Company, Chicago, Ill., \$35,975.00. The Weil, Roth & Irving Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, \$36,310.00.

Campbell & Co., Toledo, Ohio, \$36,114.00. Drake, Jones Co., Greensboro, N. C., \$36,405.00.

Stevenson, Perry, Stacy & Co., Chicago, Ill., \$35,766.50. Prudden & Co., Toledo, Ohio, \$36,157.00.

C. W. McNear & Co., Trinity, N. C. (Chicago, Ill.), \$36,489.91. Lewis, W. Thomson & Co. St. Louis Mo., \$35,252.00.

The L. R. Ballinger Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, \$35,493.50. The Farmers Bank & Trust Company, Smithfield, N. C., \$35,885.00.

R. S. Dickson & Co., Gastonia, N. C. Rep. Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., \$36,008.00.

W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo, Ohio, \$35,644.00. W. K. Terry Co., Toledo, Ohio, \$35,637.00.

Wells, Dickey & Company, Minneapolis, Minn., Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., Winston-Salem, N. C., \$35,105.00.

Child Knocked Down By Truck

Yesterday afternoon the little four-year-old boy of Mrs. Betty Coafs, was knocked down by a school truck in front of his home on Second street and was bruised about the face and head. The little fellow lived in front of the hospital and he was taken there and his wounds treated, it being necessary to take two or three stitches in a cut. His injuries are not thought to be serious. The accident according to report, was unavoidable.

SELMA CITIZENS BACK EXPOSITION

Mrs. A. R. Wilson Chairman
Better Babies Committee;
Prizes Are Attractive

OTHER SELMA NEWS

Selma, Feb. 18.—The Selma people are talking the Eastern Carolina Exposition which is to be held in Smithfield in April. The majority of them are standing solidly back of the movement.

The following information about the Better Babies Contest has been given out by Mr. N. G. Bartlett, of Kinston Manager, of the Eastern Carolina Exposition, and Mrs. A. R. Wilson, of Selma, chairman of the Johnston County Baby Show, which is to be staged in Smithfield in April. One boy baby and one girl baby between the ages of 18 months and 36 months old may be entered from each of the 17 townships in Johnston County. Two women from each township will be appointed to assist in getting the babies entered. The prizes are as follows: \$25 first; \$15 second; \$10 third, for the three winners in the boys' class and for the three winners in the girls' class. They will be introduced from the platform Wednesday afternoon and will be voted on by the audience by ballot. The contestants must be entered in time to reach us by April third, which will give us ten days to prepare the ballots to have them ready for the Exposition. The contest, of course, is limited to white babies.

One of the most enjoyable affairs of the season was the Father and Son Banquet given by Selma troop No. 1, Boy Scouts of America, in the Kiwanis Club rooms, Friday evening of last week. The hall was very appropriately decorated with flags and the national colors. The banquet was prepared by the Domestic Science Department under the supervision of Miss Clell Branham. Prof. H. B. Bueck, local Scout-Master, called for the scout oath, which the boys gave standing. This was followed by the song, America. Supt. F. M. Waters gave the address of welcome, which was responded to by Dr. George D. Vick. Between courses short talks were made by Messrs. Geo. F. Brietz, John Lacy Deans, Dr. I. W. Mayerberg, all of Selma, and Mr. T. C. Young, Smithfield. The meeting was full of pep and enthusiasm from start to finish and much credit is due Professor Bueck for the excellent training and fine spirit which the boys show. Music was furnished throughout the evening by the local orchestra, composed of Messrs. Edgar Stancil, Mavon Deans, Ed Creech, C. L. Griffith and H. B. Bueck.

Mr. T. S. Cheek, of Mebane, spent last week end here with friends. Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Godwin spent the week end with relatives in the Brogden community. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Whitley, of Benson, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Woodard Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Whitley and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Whitley, of Durham, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Eason Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Holcombe, who moved to Selma several months ago, have returned to their home in Charleston, S. C. They have made many friends here who regret to see them leave.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Wilson spent Monday afternoon in Dunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Biggs, of Wilson, spent the last week end here with Mrs. T. R. Fulghum.

Mr. W. A. Herring and family have moved to Goldsboro this week. The best wishes of their friends here go with them.

Mrs. J. F. Saunders and Mrs. Monroe Brewer who have both been quite ill are improving now.

Mr. N. T. Straughan, of Florence, S. C., spent last week here with his brother, Captain J. B. Straughan.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Pollock, from Pollockville, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ray.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Person and son

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