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ROCKY MT. MAN SHOT IN FIGHT SUNDAY NIGHT

Allen Smith Shot Twice by Unknown Negro At Fair Grounds

CHANCE TO RECOVER

Nine Participants in Fight Arrested By Local Police, But Man Who Did Shooting Escaped

Allen Smith, young man employed by the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company and whose home is in Rocky Mount, was seriously shot here Sunday evening when he with several other telephone employes was in a fight with several negroes. Smith's condition is considered very grave, but doctors at the Washington hospital where the man was carried, report that there is hope for a recovery. Officers took the case and early yesterday morning nine arrests had been made, but the man using the gun was not identified among that number. The nine men arrested stated that the gunman was a stranger to them, that the fight was arranged by him. While several of the nine admitted their part in the fight, they insisted that it was the fault of the missing man that the near-tragedy was brought about.

According to information coming from various sources, the trouble got underway Sunday evening when Smith with several other members of the telephone company's construction force was walking in the fair grounds and when a negro brushed against one of the telephone men. Words were exchanged and a fight started when several negroes rushed to the scene. Showmen brought the fight to an end and it was generally thought that the trouble was over. However, when the several telephone men were leaving the grounds and when they reached the gate, the fight was renewed by the negroes. Several rocks were reported thrown but the fight soon took on a more personal aspect and knives, razors and a gun were brought into use. Several of the telephone men were badly cut and had their clothes sliced while their assailants escaped with very few injuries.

At noon today officers were slow to offer any information regarding the identity of the gunman and when an arrest was expected to take place. The exact cause of the disturbance has not been learned, and all the accounts relating to that part of it have been of a most varied nature. Young Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith, of Rocky Mount. He has been here only a few days where his company is working on a construction program.

EARLY MORNING FIRE UP TOWN

Little Damage Done by Blaze in Barber Shop Sunday Morning

A fire of mysterious origin caused members of the volunteer fire company to be called from their rest in the wee morning hours last Sunday. When the alarm was turned in, it looked as if the Midway barbershop here was in ashes, the smoke was so dense. After an entrance was gained, the fireman found an old stove sitting in one corner with a red hot fire in it. The stove had no pipe and with several old rags on it, the smoke was making a great show. A delay on the part of the fire company would have been costly, however, for the partition dividing the barbershop and the Ambers pressing club had started to burn when the engine arrived.

STRAND THEATRE

NO SHOW WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

FRIDAY

The Most Beautiful Woman on the Screen

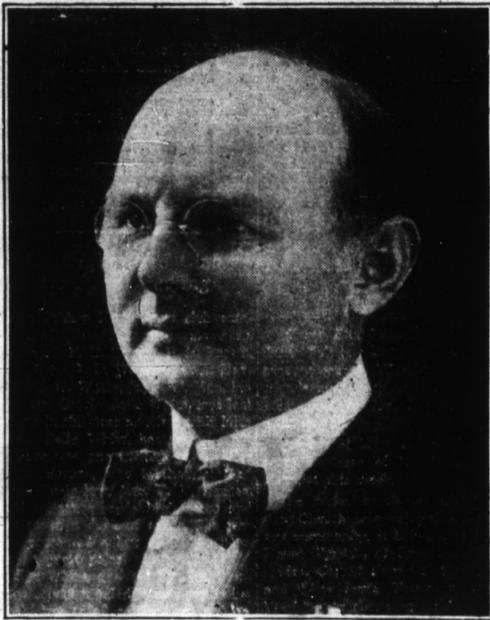
CORINNE GRIFFITH

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"THE LADY IN ERMINE"

Always a Good Show.

IS MANAGER OF THE CLEANEST MIDWAY



J. F. Murphy, general manager of the Nat Reiss Shows, is the executive in charge of all of the many attractions on the seven acres of midway offered for the entertainment of visitors to the fair this week.

Nat Reiss Shows Presenting Largest Midway Ever Here

WIDE VARIETY OF ENTERTAINMENT

Double Midway Is Lined With Rides, Shows, And Booths

Although the sixth annual Roanoke Fair did not open officially until today, there was a fair crowd on hand at the grounds last night to enjoy the many attractions offered by the Nat Reiss shows on the greatest and most attractive midway ever seen at any fair in this part of the country.

Stretching from the main gate all the way to the rear end of the fair grounds, the midway runs in double aisles that occupy more than seven acres of land, and that is with all of the many attractions so close together that there is no room between them. It would be impossible to visit all of the shows and rides in one afternoon, so numerous are the Nat Reiss midway offerings.

The long Nat Reiss showtrain of 26 double-length cars pulled into the fair grounds Sunday afternoon, and all day yesterday the 425 men who constitute the permanent personnel of the organization labored to have everything in readiness for the evening attendance. It seemed a superhuman task, to watch the vacant fair grounds transformed into a vast city of tents, dotted by the massive frame work of the Ferris wheel, the whip, caterpillar, hey dey, skooter, mix-up, merry-go-round and other rides presented by the Nat Reiss people, but as the sun went down the long midway burst into a blaze of brilliance as the curst was turned down in the 20,000 or more lights, and the sixth annual Roanoke Fair was under way.

Many and varied are the shows on the midway this year. First there is the big circus side show, wherein are to be found fifteen different and unique entertainments, featuring Kaulani's Royal Hawaiian troupe with Princess Kini, who was "Miss Honolulu" in a recent Atlantic City beauty contest. Then there is the funny monkey circus, with 35 performing simians, said to be the only show of its kind in America. Not the least interesting member of the monkey troupe is baby "Bing", one of the few monkeys ever born in captivity, and so named because she first saw the light of day while the Nat Reiss shows were appearing at the Binghamton, N. Y. fair. Tight-wire performers, acrobats, trick bicycle riders, automobile racers and many other trained monkeys in this show last night kept the audience in a constant uproar of laughter.

One exhibit that should prove of exceptional interest is the "End of the Road", said to be the most complete wax-works display in the country. In this show are groups illustrating the fact that crime never pays, portraying the fate that inevitably awaits the criminal as exemplified by such notorious criminals as Jesse James, the Dalton and Younger gangs, Leopold and Loeb, Gerald Chapman and many others.

In connection with this show Robert

LOCALS' FIRST GAME FRIDAY

To Meet Robersonville-Everetts Aggregation at Robersonville

The local high school boys will play the first football game of the season when they journey to Robersonville where they will meet a team composed of boys from that town and from Everetts.

Coach Hood has been carrying his boys through regular practice now for the past two weeks, and while his team is not in mid-season form he predicts his boys will make a creditable showing next Friday. The team starts out this year with only three old members returning to their berths. The probable line-up for the game includes, Herbert Cowan, left end; Hible Liverman, left tackle; A. J. Manning or George Gurganus, left guard; Darrell Price, center; John Hardison, right guard; Marvin Gurganus, right tackle; Jim Cook, right end. The backfield will be made up from the following: C. B. Clark, Jr., Edwin Cox, Durand Keel, Buck Saunders, Sam Brown and Tom Teel.

Three Stores Closed Here for the Day

The stores of Messrs. Margolis Brothers, Norfolk Undersellers and W. R. Orleans did not open this morning for general business, the day being a holiday with the owners.

Irwin, its manager, last night took occasion to criticize unqualifiedly the move started recently to erect a statue or monument in "honor" of Jesse James. Describing this proposal as "glorifying the American criminal" Irwin characterized it as a disgrace to its proponent and a blot on the slate of American ideals.

For those who crave thrills, the Nat Reiss motordrome with its sensational lion chase should satisfy the demands of the most avid seeker after hair-raisers, while for those who seek mystery, there is plenty of opportunity to try to figure out the secret of existence of "Maxine, the half-lady"; "Spidora", the spider with the head of a beautiful girl; "Violetta", the musical head on the victrola record, and the many other illusions in the Museum of Mystification.

It would take far more space than can be spared, to enumerate all of the many attractions on the Nat Reiss midway, but this story would not be complete without some mention of the "Eggy Ride" and the "Old Boat", two of the funnest fun houses imaginable. Both of these attractions are attracting capacity audiences today.

The midway will be in operation all week, after which the Nat Reiss shows will pack up their equipment and move over to Kinston to present all of the entertainment and amusement features at the fair there next week.

DEMONSTRATORS ATTRACT LARGE NUMBERS AT FAIR

Good Attendance at First of Series of Economics Demonstrations

IN WOMANS BUILDING

Several To Be Held Daily During Remainder of Fair; Experts Are in Charge

The first of the series of home economics demonstrations in the woman's building at the fair grounds here were largely attended by women from the several counties in this section today. The demonstrations, held by some of the leading demonstrators met with general approval and especially was this true in the case of the young girls who have been following the work.

Tomorrow the demonstrations will continue as announced one at 9 and another at 11 in the morning and one at noon and another at 3 in the afternoon.

The program for Thursday and Friday:

9-10 a. m.—Demonstration Food Preparation, cheese biscuit by Miss Laura Bryant.

11-2 p. m.—Food Preparation, small cakes and cookies, Miss Myrtle Floyd.

3-5 p. m.—Food Preparation, tea by Miss Bryant.

Miss Sabria Williams, Home Demonstration Agent, Washington county, will give demonstration in arts and crafts booth during the day in making gifts.

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9-10 a. m.—Food Preparation, ice box cooky, Miss Bryant.

11-12 a. m.—Demonstration in Tie and Dyeing, Miss Sabria Williams.

1-2 p. m.—Food Demonstration, quick coffee cake, Miss Floyd.

3-5 p. m.—Demonstration in Tea, Miss Bryant.

During the week, P. B. Bateman of the John Lucas Paint company, will give demonstrations in refinishing furniture.

Miss Nora Bradford of the Post Products company will also give demonstrations during the week in the various ways of using Jell-O.

Three Are Arrested for Hunting Without License

L. S. James, J. A. Manning and Paul Bellflower, of Hamilton, were arrested last week for hunting without licenses, according to a statement coming from County Game Warden J. W. Hines. The three men were arrested by Warden R. C. Brown, of Oak City. At their trial before Justice of the Peace J. E. Edmondson in Hamilton, the three men were fined \$5 and required to pay the costs. Few arrests of this nature have been made in the past several days, and it is the general belief that the law is being observed to a very high degree.

Stores Close Here

That all the employees of the various mercantile establishments might have an opportunity to view the exhibits at the fair here, the merchants have gladly agreed to close their stores at noon Thursday, giving a half-holiday to the clerks. This action comes about through the store employees and merchants. This plan was followed last year and Mayor Coburn, in speaking of the half-day holiday, stated he thought it would meet with popular approval.

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Sixth Roanoke Fair Gets Off To Good Start Here Today

JIMMIE SIMPSON AND WILLIE RODGERS



Two of the colored entertainers who are featured in the Georgia Minstrel, which promises to be one of the most popular attractions on the huge midway presented at the Fair this week by the Nat Reiss Shows.

COUNTY AGENT'S CAR IS STOLEN

Missed Last Night; Found Undamaged Near Here This Morning

A new Dodge coupe, belonging to County Agent T. B. Brandon was borrowed by some privileged character at the fair grounds last evening while Mr. Brandon was busy with the exhibits inside the main building. When Mr. Brandon went to get his car to come in for supper, he found that a rogue had won the race. He learned that a car, thought to be his, had been driven out of the grounds by way of the rear gate just a few minutes before. Working with this information, the agent tracked his car down the old brick kill road a short ways to a point where it was turned around and brought back by the fair grounds where it could be trailed no farther. The last Mr. Brandon heard from his car was told him by filling station attendants until this morning when it was found in the bushes in the Skewarke Church grounds near here. The car had apparently escaped damage.

Here from Pennsylvania

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Mizelle, of Malvern, Pa. arrived today to spend several weeks with Mr. Mizelle's brother-in-law, Alonzo Roberson, Mr. and Mrs. Mizelle before moving to Pennsylvania lived at Jamesville.

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TEACHERS AND CHILDREN ARE GUESTS TODAY

Admitted Free at Main Gate Until 5:30 This Afternoon; Many Attend

EXHIBITS FEATURED

Poultry, Swine, Community, School, Cattle and Individual Exhibits Are Greatly Increased

A record-breaking crowd was the forecast at noon today for the opening of the sixth annual Roanoke Fair here. In the absence of J. Pluvius, the cars from this and surrounding counties were running into the grounds in an almost continuous line. With the endless stream continuing, the crowd today will reach form six to nine thousand, it is thought. Thousands of school children are taking advantage of the fair association's hospitality today, and the schools all over the county have declared a general holiday.

With the largest show ever to play the fair here, reaching from front to back; there will be no end to the amusement features.

Poultry Department Larger

Mr. C. W. Jacks, superintendent of the poultry department, was very much pleased this morning when he checked his entries and found a few over 1500 birds in his coops. In the number there were 80 different breeds and they came here from as far away as Missouri and New York. It is, without a doubt, the greatest chicken show ever seen in this section.

Agricultural Booths

The agricultural booths were still going up early this morning and at noon today feature exhibits were all over the main buildings. The exhibits of Chas. M. Priddy and company, F. S. Royster Guano company, International Agriculture company were outstanding in their field. There are several splendid county exhibits and the farm exhibit by the Mount Gould farm, J. B. Cullipher, owner, is very good. The school exhibits surpass by far those of last year.

Swine Department

D. M. Roberson, superintendent of the swine department, stated this morning that he had exhibited at fairs in Maryland and Virginia, but he would win no such prizes here as he did in those two states because the competition was so much greater here. The number of hogs here this year is increased greatly, according to the superintendent.

Woman's Building

No less than two columns could be used in describing the "doings" in the woman's building. Demonstrations, held by leading demonstrators of the South, are going on almost continuously. The exhibits here are most varied.

Racing

Just before closing our columns today, the race horses were warming up for the first race. With more than seventy entered, the races are expected to beat anything seen here. Some of the fastest horses in the South will be on the track each afternoon. On Thursday, the community race will be held, and strange as it may seem, all of the owners have expressed a great confidence in their horses.

HIGGINS FAMOUS BAND ARRIVES

Gave First Concert At Noon Today; To Be Heard Again Tonight

The Higgins famous Husar band arrived here last night and gave its first performance at 1:00 o'clock in the grandstand at the fair grounds today. The band, carrying sixteen pieces, has just completed a successful week at Charlottesville, Va. where it played at the fair there.

The program at noon today included many of the popular pieces as well as those of a classical nature. The concert was greatly aided by Miss Eva Powell, Lyric soprano and Mr. Harry DeGray, vocal solist, when they rendered a local selection. Frank F. Higgins, manager and director, is originally from Boston, but for a number of years he has selected the South as his field where he plays many of the leading fairs throughout the Southern States.

Grand Stand, Autos, and Parking Space Free to All at Night