

MORE ABOUT Tobacco Queen

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armory as well as the four judges that deliberated over 15 minutes before reaching their decision.
Members of the 1948 queen's court were: Mozelle Liner, Jane Thompson, Zella Mae Rhinehart and Maxine Clark. Around 18 girls from Haywood county competed for the beauty crown.

Parade Across Stage
Miss Maxine Clark of Beavercreek was the first to parade across the stage. She walked nervously across the reviewing stand with a solemn smile and she received a large applause from ardent followers.

Next was Miss Zella Mae Rhinehart of Bethel, who pranced before the judges with a broad smile, wearing a white evening dress that almost matched her golden locks. She received a hearty ovation from onlookers.
Behind her came the queen to be, Miss Bonnie Trantham, who paraded graciously on the reviewing stage and the audience gave her a big vote of confidence by a lengthy applause that almost rocked the building.

The fourth girl on the reviewing platform was Miss Jane Thompson of Clyde who wore a white dress trimmed in black. She won a big round of applause from her many admirers. The glittering material in her hair lit up her beautiful face as she walked proudly across the stand.

Liner Is Popular

The final girl in the race for the queen was Mozelle Liner, representing East Waynesville school, who was the most popular girl in the contest. Her sparkling personality, along with her charming looks and red hair, almost set the place afire. Her ovation lasted two or three minutes and undoubtedly was the second choice of the judges for the crown.

Miss Trantham was crowned by Miss Peggy Noland, 1947 queen. The new tobacco queen was given a loving cup by Dave Felmer on behalf of the Merchants Association. The other contestants received gifts. Jonathan Woody was master of ceremonies.

From this writer's standpoint the judges made a wise decision although all the other queen contenders could have easily worn the crown and the crowd would have been contented. For the benefit of the male readers, Miss Trantham's telephone number was not available at press time.

Woody Sponsors Festival Dinner

A dignitary luncheon was given in the Towne House at noon Saturday in honor of all beauty queen contestants, tobacco warehousemen, members of the N. C. Mountain Burley Warehouse Association and other dignitaries attending the second annual Tobacco Harvest Festival event.
The luncheon was sponsored by

Soco Gap String Band Wins Honors In Festival Contest

Everything from left handed guitar players to the buck dancing of elderly men and women treated the 2,500 spectators that jammed the armory Saturday night to witness the final event of the successful second annual Tobacco Harvest Festival.

Armory officials estimated that the crowd was the largest that ever filled into the building. People were hanging from the rafters, some standing and a small majority sitting, but everybody marveled to the square dancing and string band music that marked the occasion.

The Soco Gap string band, led by Bornee Franklin won the string band competition contest. In second place was the Haywood Ramblers and Rube Lunsford and her band placed third among the competing bands.

A feature attraction of the program was the performance of Pan Handle Pete, who appeared with the Leicester string band. With his intricate music instrument, which included everything from false teeth to a cow bell, Pete entertained the people with two old selections. He has appeared in several movies with Roy Rogers and Gabby Hayes and takes a part in a regular radio network show.

The Carpenter string band were on hand to play for several of the square dance teams, but would not enter the competition.
Among the square dance teams that gave exhibitions during the evening were the following:

Hendon Mountain, Rankin Penland of Leicester, manager; Ecusta, Walter Wood of Brevard, manager; American Legion, Felix Picklesimer of Sylva, manager; Enkh, Fred Platt, manager; Smoky Mountain, Jimmy Cooper of Bryson City, manager; Asheville, Helen Thompson and Margaret Sweetwood, managers; Connemara, Frank Mintz, Jr., of Hendersonville, manager; Waynesville Old Timers, Henry Caldwell, manager; Champion "Y," Grover Suttles of Canton, manager; Pigeon Valley, Mr. Williams, manager, and Soco Gap, Sam Queen of Waynesville, manager.

Jonathan Woody, president of the First National Bank, who served as master of ceremonies. Corsages were presented to the beauty queen contestants by local florist shops, Clyde H. Ray and Waynesville Florist Company.

Among those attending the luncheon were: J. B. Hutson, president of Tobacco Associates; E. Y. Floyd, plant food institute; Mr. and Mrs. Blount of Pitt county; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cockfield, owners of new Planters Warehouse in Asheville; Jimmy Walker, of Bernard Warehouse in Asheville; George Farthing, N. C. Farm Bureau; Riley Palmer, Buncombe county agent; and Mrs. E. L. McKee, state senator of Sylva. Around 30 other guests attended the luncheon.

Woody Talks On Progress Of County

Several hundred Haywood county farmers attended Saturday afternoon's meeting of the Farm Bureau which was highlighted by an address by Jonathan Woody at the courthouse. Charlie McCrary, president of the Farm Bureau, presided over the meeting.

Mr. Woody discussed the progress of Haywood county during the past few years and stated that it was one of the most diversified counties in the state. He outlined the balanced program of progress being made in agriculture, industry and the tourist business.

Wages Are High
The local bank president remarked during his talk that wages in Haywood county are the highest per hour than in any other county in North Carolina.

He urged all three business groups in the county to retain modernized policies and methods of conducting their business. Mr. Woody asserted that tenant farmers in the county have decreased 37 percent in the past few years. He stated that only through change could there be improvement and progress.

Mr. Woody was introduced by Mrs. E. L. McKee, state senator, of Sylva. No one gave thought to the fact that Mrs. McKee was making her final speech. She died in Sylva of a heart attack two and one-half hours later.

Mrs. McKee Speaks
Mrs. McKee, before introducing Jonathan Woody, put the crowd in laughter with her unmatched wit of several incidents that she had while serving this district in the state senate. Waving her wrinkled hands and speaking without the assistance of a microphone, Mrs. McKee, recently elected state senator, said that the second annual Tobacco Harvest Festival marked another notable step for Haywood county. In her brief talk, she uttered her final challenge to this county as a leader and mouthpiece for the other seven counties in Western North Carolina. With this message she retired to her chair, making her last speech before a group of people.

Anna Jo Miller of Waynesville was the holder of the lucky number to win a turkey that was given away during the meeting. Mrs. Taylor Medford won an electric percolator.
Wooten Joins Highway Patrol Force In County
W. R. Wooten, of Dobson, has joined the Highway Patrol Staff here in Haywood, taking the place of Patrolman Bishop who recently resigned to re-enter college.
Patrolman Wooten is at present working with the four other patrolmen throughout the county, and will be assigned a territory at the end of the 60-day special on-the-job training period.

MORE ABOUT Movie Star

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won the Academy Award last year, and played a leading role in the famous picture, "The Best Years of Our Lives," we stammered.

"That is the man. He is leaving at two o'clock today, so you had better hurry if you want to get a story. They are stopping at The Lodge and will have lunch there at one," my informant said.

The thought flashed through my mind that a man who had won the Academy Award would be surrounded by a corps of secretaries and the like, and I had better take along some help to get in. Feeling that Jim Massie knew the language of the movie world, I called by his office. Jim kindly consented to go along, all the while trying to recall whether he had met the famous actor on one of his several trips to Hollywood.

We got to The Lodge just a minute after Mr. and Mrs. March arrived after walking to Waynesville and back. Needless to say, they were a bit tired, but sent us word they would be right down.

Mrs. March was down first, and the minute we saw her, we realized why she had gone so far in the entertainment world—her gracious charm, and simplicity made us feel at ease as she began talking as if we had known each other for years.

Mr. and Mrs. March have just finished making a British picture "Christopher Columbus". In fact Mr. March just arrived from England three weeks ago, while Mrs. March finished her work in the film in September. The picture will in all probability be released about next fall.

Right now the couple plan to rest, after making three hard pictures in a row.
His latest American picture, "Live Today for Tomorrow" is scheduled for release soon. When work first started on the picture, it was called "An Act of Murder" and later changed to "The Case Against Calvin Cook" but the last two titles did not suit the picture, and the change was made to "Live Today for Tomorrow".

"That is a more fitting title, and is in keeping with the type work Mr. March has been doing," his wife commented.
"Actually, it is not a murder mystery, and his fans would not know him in the role of a murderer," she continued.

"Oh I don't know," he commented dryly, "I expect I could make a pretty good murderer—with practice," he said with a sly smile.

It did not take the famous couple long to drop the subject of movies and start talking about the Tobacco Festival.

Both of them were concerned about the rain during the parade, and the pretty girls on the floats getting wet.

Mr. March asked numerous questions about burley, and both were disappointed in not getting to attend an auction sale.

"I think it would be fun to hear the auctioneer chant at the sale," Mrs. March said. "I've heard them over the radio, but could not tell what they were saying."

Mr. March was interested in the burley crop from an economic standpoint, and was amazed to learn that it meant a million dollars to Haywood alone.

About that time the call came: "Lunch is served."
"Would you be kind enough to let us get a picture of you two—right here at the mantle?" we asked.

"Certainly, if you want one. Shoot away—how's this?"
While the photographer was getting a focus on the obliging couple, we asked Mr. March if he had ever considered coming here for a deer hunt, a bear hunt, or a pack trip through the Park.

His eyes flashed. We knew we had hit a responsive chord, as he replied: "Say, that's an idea. No doubt it can be arranged sometime. I truly like this part of the world—I'll be back soon. It was mighty nice of you to call. Good luck to both of you."

Jim and I walked out wishing that instead of 15 minutes we could have had several hours to talk with such a famous couple, but you'd never guess their importance by their actions or anything they said.

MORE ABOUT Pvt. H. M. Smith

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in the Rogers Cove Cemetery.
Pallbearers were members of the American Legion Post No. 47.

Pvt. Smith, who was employed by the Unagusta Manufacturing Company before serving in the Army, entered the service in May, 1942. He was trained at Camp Croft and Camp Wolters prior to being sent to the European Theater in 1946.

He was wounded twice in action before his fatal injury. He was attached to the Fifth Army and his company was the first to enter Rome.
Surviving in addition to his father, are four brothers, Bill and Ben of Waynesville, Jack of Lake Junaluska and Bryson of Conover; five sisters, Mrs. Julia Winchester of Hazelwood, Mrs. Valeria Franklin, Mrs. Jack Kelly, Mrs. Neal Mathis and Miss Myrtle Smith of Waynesville.

Garrett Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

75 Exhibitors Show Tobacco In Event Here

Seventy-five exhibitors from Haywood county had 248 exhibits of burley tobacco on display at the Tobacco Show held Friday afternoon at the Armory.

Prizes and ribbons were given to the following in the various classes:

Flyings, first, Floyd Fisher, Clyde, R. F. D. No. 2; and Mark Ferguson; second, Edgar McElroy, Clyde, R. F. D. No. 1; third, James Ferguson, Clyde, R. F. D. No. 1; fourth, G. H. Best, Clyde, R. F. D. No. 1; and fifth, Jarvis Caldwell, Waynesville, R. F. D. No. 2.

Lugs, first, Floyd Fisher, Clyde, R. F. D. No. 1 and Mark Ferguson; second, Frank R. Medford, Clyde, R. F. D. No. 1; third, Jerry Ferguson, Clyde, R. F. D. No. 1 and Mark Ferguson; fourth, R. H. Ross, Waynesville, R. F. D. No. 2; fifth, Edgar McElroy, Clyde, R. F. D. No. 1.

Leaf, first, Roy Meador, Waynesville, R. F. D. No. 2; second, Horace Bryson, Waynesville, R. F. D. No. 2; third, J. W. Swayngim, Waynesville, R. F. D. No. 1; fourth, Mrs. Rankin Ferguson, Waynesville, R. F. D. No. 2; fifth, W. C. Chambers, Waynesville, R. F. D. No. 2.

Wrappers, first, Roy Meador, Waynesville, R. F. D. No. 2; second, Floyd Fisher, Clyde, R. F. D. No. 1 and Mark Ferguson; third, G. H. Best, Clyde, R. F. D. No. 1; fourth, Walker Chambers, Waynesville, R. F. D. No. 2; and fifth, J. B. Swayngim, Waynesville, R. F. D. No. 2.

In the class of individual exhibits, Mark Ferguson and Ray Fisher won first place; second, J. H. Leatherwood of Jonathan Creek; third, R. C. Francis of Waynesville, R. F. D. No. 1, and fourth place, D. J. Boyd of Waynesville, R. F. D. No. 2.

Want Ads bring quick results

Welfare Group Holds Meeting In Asheville

Election of officers and a discussion of current welfare problems from the viewpoints of agencies and laymen will feature the Western District welfare meeting today in Asheville.

The meeting will get underway at 10 a. m. in room 409 of the courthouse, with Carl S. Slagle, president, presiding. A public welfare forum, "Today and Tomorrow in Public Welfare," has been scheduled for 10:30 a. m. Mrs. E. L. McKee of Sylva, who died suddenly Saturday afternoon, was to be in charge.

Representatives from 19 county welfare groups will attend the district meeting. The meeting has been designed primarily for laymen, and arrangements are being made in a number of counties for civic leaders and workers with welfare groups and volunteer agencies to attend.

Representatives and interested persons from Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, and Yancey counties will attend.

MORE ABOUT Rainfall

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reported 44 inches of rain fell Saturday, and 3.20 on Sunday. The Sunday night and Monday morning rainfall is not recorded until late Monday.

The heavy rainfall was general throughout Western North Carolina, with some highways being a foot or more under water.

Richland creek left its banks and flooded the lowlands in and about Waynesville, but receded fast on Monday.

MORE ABOUT Court

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to jail.
A 68-year-old man charged with public drunkenness and driving while drunk, was sent to jail for four months, provided he paid \$50 on the costs, otherwise the sentence would be five months. Judge Sink reminded the defendant that "four-month rest in jail would do him good."

A middle-aged man was given 90 days in jail for public drunkenness just before court recessed on Monday 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. More court officials attended the dinner of Mrs. E. L. McKee in Sylva Monday afternoon.

Solicitor Bryant said he had not decided whether he would call the Ed Allen murder case on Monday. He will know sometime Tuesday, he said. Allen was found dead in a field far from colored towns last summer, in a field. A colored man and woman were questioned immediately after the murder.

SPECIAL REVIVAL SERVICE THIS WEEK

Rev. Harold Hampton of Murphree, N. C. is speaking each night at 7:30 at the Free Methodist Chapel on Depot Street.

This is the first revival held by the Church since locating in the old American Legion building. A great deal of work has been done in remodeling the interior of this building, and the public is interested in seeing the change that has been made. The church services, from 100 to 150 people can be seated in the chapel.

Rev. Hampton, formerly of Atlanta, is a man of unusual ability in preaching the Word in purity. There will be good singing each night for all who attend these old-fashioned gospel-giving Monday night, Nov. 29 and extending to Sunday night, December 4.

Bring Your Tobacco Checks to Waynesville to Be Cashed

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