

## Little Miss Valentine Pageant Held

The Youth Department of Freedom Chapel AME Zion Church held a Wee Miss Valentine Pageant Saturday night.

The winner was little Miss Tasha Breeden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Breeden.

The second-place winner was Shantanette McDougald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McDougald.

The third-place winner was LaTonya Ross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ross.

The other contestants were Stephanie Monroe, Michon Ferguson, Katina Cunningham, Michelle Glenn, Arnetra Ray, Denise Stewart, Tamika Bease, and Angela Thomas.

The Rev. James S. Glenn is pastor of Freedom church. The youth directors are Corine Cook, Blanche Farmer, Lillie Rheames, Onnie Dudley, Beatrice Ray, and Willie Ray.



Tasha Breeden [right], first; Shantanette McDougald [center], second; and LaTonya Ross [left], third.

## Tiny Band Of Greek Islanders Weathered Storms Of Barbarism

by Rebecca R. Kirtland  
National Geographic News Service  
WASHINGTON -- Classical civilization may have made its last stand against barbarian invasions on the barren islands off the rugged coast of Boeotia in central Greece.

Ruins recently discovered above ground on tiny Kouveli Island in the Gulf of Corinth provide evidence that the influence of the Roman Empire continued there until the eighth century A.D., and in an altered fashion well into the 12th century.

The evidence indicates that some 60 to 100 Kouveli inhabitants clung to their civilization while only two miles away the Greek mainland was under siege by Germanic invaders and later Slavs.

### Bridging the Gap

"The material found there bridges the gap between ancient and medieval times," said historian Timothy Gregory, director of the Ohio Boeotia Expedition from Ohio State University. Walls of some structures on the 1-mile-long, 1/2-mile-wide island stand over 3 feet high, and the layout and street plan of the village are visible.

"In many places in the eastern Mediterranean, you'll find ancient ruins and you'll find medieval ruins, but they are separated by a break in civilization," Gregory said. "Here we have a community that seems to have survived the collapse of the Roman Empire and maintained continuity into the medieval period."

Relics found on Kouveli indicated that a prosperous and possibly peaceful community thrived until the eighth century and the advent of Arab piracy. Up until that period, the island was most likely a marketplace for seagoing trade, Gregory said.

"From the eighth to 12th centuries, Kouveli appears to have become more of a beleaguered outpost but one that still maintained trading ties with other parts of the Mediterranean," he continued.

In addition to finding arrowheads and projectile points from the Middle Ages, Gregory found fifth and sixth century pottery from North Africa and 10th-12th century pottery from the Constantinople area. "These shards show evidence of contact with the great centers of Roman and Byzantine civilization, and this pottery would have been acquired by free exchange and friendly means," he said.

### Ripe for Discovery

"But what is so unusual about Kouveli is the wealth of material so well preserved and spanning so many periods. Here we have a site one just does not ordinarily find from the classical world: a whole settlement visible from surface examination, without any excavation."

Gregory and his team surveyed virtually every square yard of the island and made aerial photographs. The project was conducted under the authority of the American School of Classical Studies and supported by the National Geographic Society and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Dating from about A.D. 100-300, during the Imperial Roman Period, is a structure the size of a football field made up of small rooms. "This enormous building would suggest considerable commercial activity," Gregory said, "and that life was centralized into a single complex."

By the late Roman times through A.D. 476, a period of continued prosperity and trade on Klulevi, the settlement sprawled outward with more than 14 small, separate structures.

These structures appear to have been in continuous use until about the time of the Fourth Crusade when, in A.D. 1204, western Europeans attacked Constantinople, took over the Byzantine Empire, and set up feudal states.



"Political organization became fragmented and Kouveli's former trade connections would have broken down. I suspect the islanders moved to the coast where they could better survive under the new rule," Gregory said.

### Now Deserted

Since the end of the 12th century, Kouveli has not been inhabited. This may explain why these ruins have not been discovered earlier.

"Also it is a true desert island, a desolate, inhospitable place with

no water or trees," Gregory said. An out-of-the-way region of Greece, the Gulf of Corinth is framed by bare and rugged, reddish-gray, limestone mountains that plunge directly into the water. The area is subject to much seismic activity: The epicenter of Greece's large earthquake in February 1981 was near Kouveli.

The Gulf is peppered with more barren rocky islands that Gregory hopes to investigate next summer. "If there is so much material on this one little island," he asked, "how much more is there on others?"

## Sweetheart Ball, Valentine Contest

A Sweetheart Ball was held at Upchurch Junior High School Friday night, and a Valentine Sweetheart and members of her Court were chosen.

The winner was Marsha McGregor. She was escorted by Mike Smith.

Named to the Court were, with their escorts, Meredith Williams, Seventh Grade first runnerup, with Lew Upchurch; Sonya Thomas, Seventh Grade second runnerup, and Rodney McRae; Janice Jones, Eighth Grade first runnerup, with Nicky Hunt; and Teresa Dudley, Eighth Grade second runnerup with

David Jacobs. Student Council President Laura Sterling presented Miss McGregor with a bouquet of roses and the runnersup with bouquets of carnations.

Miss McGregor was crowned by Darlene Capps, the 1981 Valentine Sweetheart.

The contestants were chosen from paired home rooms, 11 representing 23 rooms.

The Sweetheart and runnersup were chosen by majority votes in a student election Friday morning after the candidates had campaigned for a week.

## Deaths & Funerals

### Mrs. Stella Armstrong

Mrs. Stella Armstrong, 62, died Thursday.

The funeral was to be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Solid Rock Holiness Church by Eldress Eloise Campbell. Burial was to be in Mountain Grove Cemetery.

Surviving Mrs. Armstrong are her husband, Dan Armstrong; her daughters, Mrs. Flora Graham and Mrs. Mary Skinner of Southern Pines, and Mrs. Roberta McNeill of Raeford; her sons, Donnie, James Albert, Willie, Louis and Robert Armstrong of the home, and Danny Jr., Steve and Jimmy Armstrong of Raeford; her sisters, Mrs. Mary Hinson of Southern Pines, Mrs. Hester McClelland and Mrs. Juanita Williams of Paterson, N.J., Mrs. Sylvester Ferguson and Mrs. Flora Prince of the Bronx, N.Y., Mrs. Janice Byrd of Spartanburg, S.C., Mrs. Evelyne Bethea of Aberdeen, and Misses Frances and Mary Gillis of Fayetteville; her brothers, Solomon Gillis of Aberdeen, Willie Gillis of Raeford, Henry, Sammy, James and Curtis Chambers of Aberdeen, Garland Chambers of Raeford, Willie Chambers of Fayetteville, and Robert Chambers of New York; and 18 grandchildren.

### Mrs. Annie Jackson

Mrs. Annie Jackson, 58, died Saturday.

The funeral was conducted Monday afternoon in Ephesus Baptist Church by the Rev. Clifton Canpie. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, Luther Jackson, Jr.; her daughters, Mrs. Peggy Posey and Mrs. Shelia Porter of Raeford, and Miss Mary Margaret Jackson of Fayetteville; her mother, Mrs. Nola Herndon; her brothers, Laurie Herndon of Orlando, Fla., Robert Herndon of Seattle, Wash., Lloyd Herndon of Fayetteville, Billy Herndon of Red Springs, David Herndon of Columbia, S.C., and Know Herndon of Gastonia; her sisters, Miss Dorothy Jackson of Dunn, and Mrs. Lucy Shelby of Dallas, Tex.; and four grandchildren.

Crumpler Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

### Henry L. Leak

Henry L. Leak, 52, of Raeford, died February 8.

The funeral was conducted Friday afternoon at Mt. Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church by the Rev. B.T. Whitted. Burial was in Silver Grove Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Susie Leak; his daughter Mrs. Shirley Manuel of Fayetteville, and Mrs. Juanita Campbell of Raeford; his

sons, Matthew Leak of Raeford, and Albert Leak of Fayetteville; his sisters, Mrs. Flora Jane Newton of New Haven, Conn., and Mrs. Annie Lee Gates of Raeford; his brothers, E.W. Leak of Raeford, John Ellay Leak of Fairmont, and Roy Leak of Baltimore, Md.; and 13 grandchildren.

### Samuel L. Glisson

Samuel L. Glisson, 76, of 811 Loop Rd. Hendersonville, a native of Raeford, died January 30 in an Asheville hospital.

He was a son of the late Thad and Annie Belle Black Glisson.

Samuel Glisson lived in Henderson County the 30 years before his death. He retired in 1973 from

Johnson Paving Co. of Doraville, Ga.

Mr. Glisson was a member of First Baptist Church of East Flat Rock.

The funeral was conducted the morning of February 2 in Thomas Shepherd's Church Street Chapel by the Rev. J. Nathan Blackwell. Burial was in Shepherd Memorial Park, Hendersonville.

Mr. Glisson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annie Chason Glisson; his sons, Malcombe Glisson of Black Mountain, and Milton Glisson of Danville, Va.; his brothers, William Glisson of Raeford, and Claude Glisson of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; his sister Mrs. Ruby Parnell of Lexington, Ky.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

## From the Superintendent's Desk

by Raz Autry

### Richard Lindsay

One of the saddest moments of my life is when one of our children meets a tragic death. In the 33 years I have been working closely with children, I have watched many of them meet an expected, or unexpected, death. The most tragic time is when a child meets death from his or her own choosing. It is at this time that unanswered questions begin to multiply so quickly the mind can't handle them.

All of us share in the dreadful thought that perhaps an arm around Richard's shoulders, a cheery word, or a pat on the head might have meant the difference between life and death. Many times persons very close to us are screaming for help but we do not hear because we do not take the time to listen.

We also share in the grief of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay. They have lost a very precious child. A part of them died along with Richard.

Richard was a happy youngster. He always greeted me when I would see him in the hallway at Upchurch School. His sense of direction was clear to him; unfortunately, it got tangled in a web of confusion when this twelve-year-old tried to figure out who he was and why he existed.

If there is guilt to be found, it will be found in all of us. We are the ones who created a society in which each individual is judged by a standard size, a certain degree of intelligence, and a bubbling personality. If we happen not to fit in this mold, we are considered runts, dumb, or introverts. We preach the

philosophy that all people are different but we simply do not accept this preaching without a struggle.

Children can be cruel in their own actions without really meaning to be. Indeed, if they are cruel, it is learned from the adult world.

God, the creator of us all, fully understands the makeup of that creation and though He might be greatly disappointed in us, He nevertheless will look after us in our most trying and thoughtless moments.

Out of every tragedy comes a lesson. If, in the future, those of us who work closely with children would take time to observe them a little closer, to love them a little more, and to listen to what they are saying, then perhaps this tragedy will cause us to learn this lesson well.



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