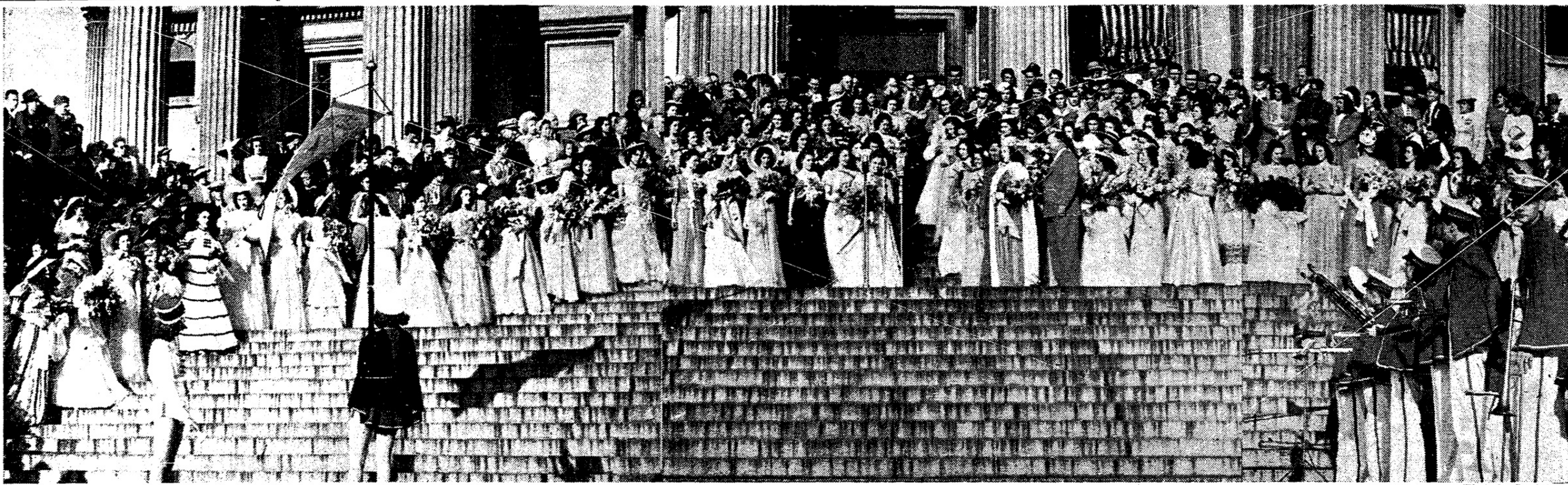


Brilliant Assemblage On Custom House Steps Tuesday For Coronation Of Miss Charleston



(Photo by Jacobs)

Azalea queens, Miss Charleston of 1939, and high city, state and festival officials are shown here on the Custom House steps just before the transfer of crown from Miss Margaret Welch, last year's representative of the city, to Miss Louise Mack, Miss Charleston for the 1940 festival. The ceremonies took place yesterday afternoon. The various queens representing South Carolina cities, the nation's capital, Savannah, Ga., and the state, are shown lined up in front, while at the right center is Mayor Henry W. Lockwood, who a moment later removed the crown from the head of Miss Welch and bestowed it on Miss Mack. In the right foreground is shown the Kingstree High school band, and on the left are two of the girl leaders of bands in the parade, which preceded the coronation rites.

PRIZES GO TO PARADE FLOATS

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of the Charleston Playground department.

Divisions
The long procession was in eight divisions and the pretty queens and floats were evenly divided. The queens who didn't ride in floats rode in gaily decorated open cars, driven mostly by local girls.

The parade led by Col. Harry O. Withington, the grand marshal, and the usual police escort disbanded on East Bay street. The spectators either followed the parade or rushed directly to the custom house by taking short cuts so as to secure a point of vantage to watch the coronation of Miss Charleston.

A swarm of Boy Scouts kept the crowd from occupying the spacious landing in between two flights of steps in front of the federal building. The Kingstree band was chosen to furnish music for the occasion.

While thousands of eyes were looking on the beauty queens, led by Miss Caroline Palm, queen of the festival, Miss Emily Wolfe of Orangeburg, who is Miss South Carolina, Miss Jacqueline Cabell Meredith, who is Miss Washington, and Miss Harriette Clark, queen of Savannah's Empire State festival, came down the steps of the building from in between the huge columns of the edifice. One line went to the right and the other to the left.

Then appeared Miss Mack, followed by Miss Margaret Welch, Miss Charleston of 1939. The beauty queens and Miss Charleston's court then placed themselves in a position so as to form a semi-circle behind the two young ladies in the center "stage," where stood Mayor Henry W. Lockwood and Governor Burnet R. Maybank.

The mayor in bestowing the crown upon the blonde head of Miss Mack removed it from Miss Welch's head. This done the mayor leaned gently and kissed Miss Mack on her cheek.

Governor Maybank then took the royal robe from the shoulders of Miss Welch and placed it around Miss Mack. While this was going on photographers and news-reel cameras shot away.

Then Miss Charleston after extending her greetings as official hostess, declared: "I now announce the Azalea Festival as being in full swing."

The young woman brought laughter to the throng when she addressed Governor Maybank as "Mr. Mayor." But she quickly rectified the error.

City of Charleston
Here is a brief description of floats in the parade.
The City of Charleston: Miss Louise Mack, Miss Charleston of 1940, made a lovely picture surrounded by her court of ten young women and Ann Lockwood, 11-year-old daughter of Mayor and Mrs. Henry W. Lockwood. There was a bush of lavender azaleas on this handsome float decorated in white and green.

The order of Rainbow Girls: Red flowers spotted green decorations covering the body of the float. A huge circle portraying a rainbow stood toward the rear rising from the platform where stood girls wearing long white flowing afternoon gowns.

Charleston Rifle club: Decorated with yellow and green colors. It bore three young women dressed in lavender and yellow.

The Charleston Junior and Senior Chambers of Commerce: Decorated with silver tin foil in red white and green. The two young ladies riding on it were dressed in long white gowns and wore red bouquets of flowers.

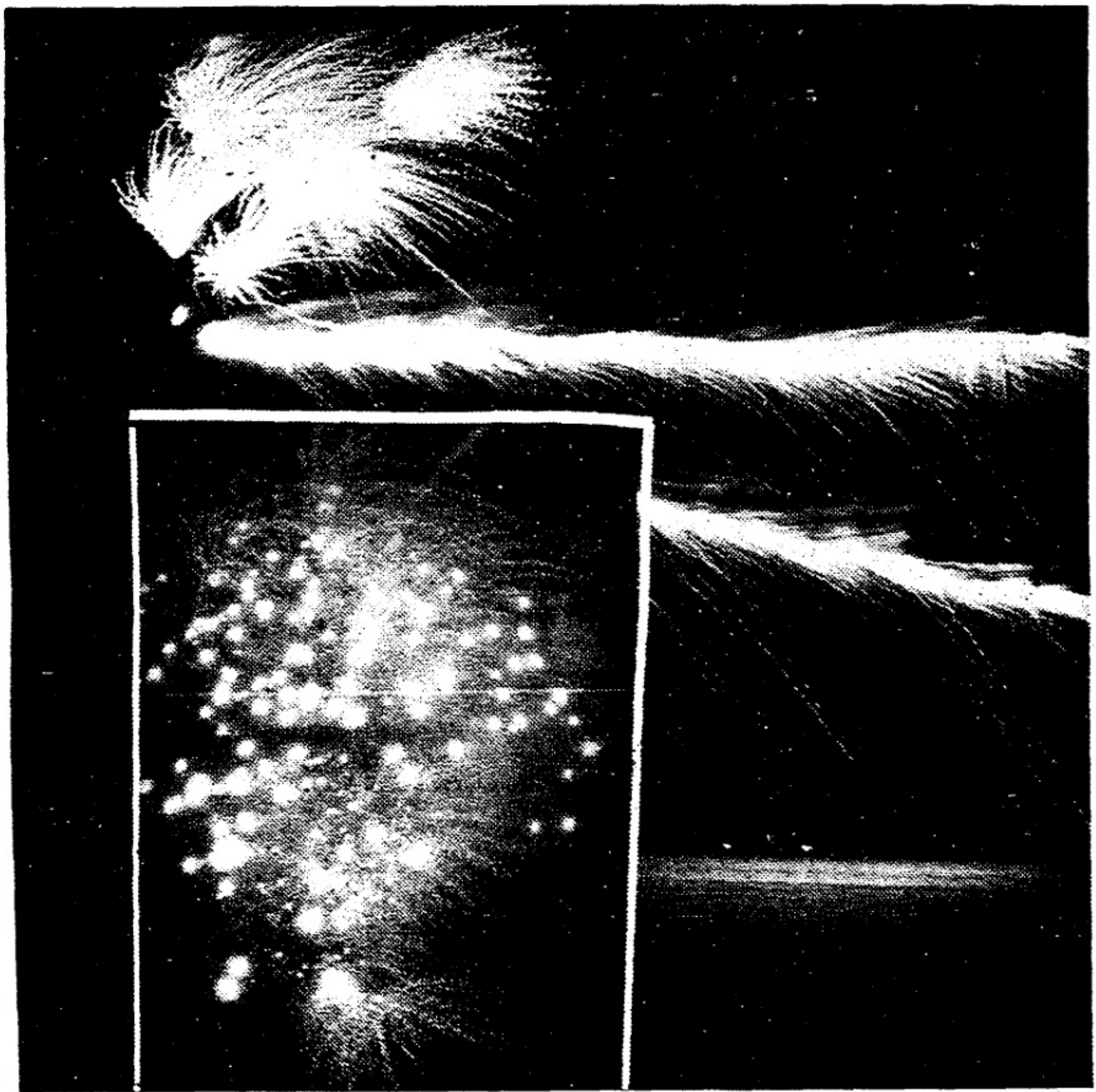
Education
Chicora School: This float had a sign in front which read: "Education is a possession of which man cannot be robbed." The decorations were spotted with lavender flowers.

The City of Kingstree: The float represented a white balcony on which stood five girls including the queen of that city.

Lions Club of Conway: The decorations were in orange and lavender. Two huge lions stood in front of the float and the reins attached to them were held by three young ladies.

Navy Yard Employees: The front

Spectacular Fireworks Light Up Charleston's Sky



(Staff Photos by Peck)

The photographer turned his camera skyward Tuesday night and caught bombs bursting in air as fireworks were discharged from Plum Island in a brilliant display of pyrotechnics. There were stars, flares, flashes and streamers of light, while the explosions sounded like reverberations of sharp thunder.

of the float bore a golden eagle and the American flag. Another American flag with stripes in shining tin foil stood on a platform toward the rear. Three young women wearing bouquets of red roses rode on the float.

Georgetown: Decorated in white, blue and yellow colors and had large flowery seats carrying the queen of that city and two other young women.

The service club: It was decorated in lavender. Toward the rear of the platform appeared a large circle, like a gate to a garden, and in the garden were several pretty girls.

The City of Dillon: Its decorations were in green and yellow, and it carried Miss Dillon.

Palmetto State
State of South Carolina: A blue and gold float riding attractively dressed young ladies. In the rear was a large archway.

Post-Courier: A float with an azalea motif. Over the conveyance were large reproductions of flower petals and stems, and Miss Caroline Palm, queen of the festival, rode under a large petal in the back.

City of Columbia: A large blue and gold affair, with twin cornucopias in the front and an archway in the back.

State Highway Department: A small wooden float, with three upright pillars. Over the float were lettered such admonitions as "Drive Safely" and "Walk Safely."

Hotel Men's association: A modernistic float of gold, silver and maroon, with sharp-angled decorations.

Elks' club: A red and white float, surmounted by a large snowy elk, driven by a young lady. Other girls on the float wore purple sashes on which were written "Justice," "Friendship," "Fidelity" and "Charity."

Sullivan's Island: The principal item on the float was a large coast guard dory in which was Chief Boatswain Mate Clarence D. Toar. In the front was a cannon for firing a lifeline and the coast guard flag.

On the side were the words, "Since 1870 in peace and war Sullivan's Island has done its part."

South Carolina Power company: A blue, white and yellow float ridden by a number of beautiful girls.

Public Hearing At Georgetown

Application has been made to the war department by the South Carolina state highway department, Columbia, for approval of plans for the construction of a bridge across Black-Mingo creek, approximately 17 miles north of Andrews, on S. C. highway No. 311, between Andrews and Hemingway and 36 miles upstream from mouth of Black river via Mingo creek, approximately at the site of the existing highway bridge.

The question of the needs of navigation interests in the waterway at this locality is to be considered and notice is given by Major Reading Wilkinson, U. S. district engineer, that a public hearing will be held regarding the proposed structure at 11 o'clock a. m., Monday, May 6, in the courtroom of the county courthouse, Georgetown.

The plans submitted, which may be inspected at this office, show the proposed bridge to be of steel and concrete construction, crossing the creek approximately normal to the channel. The proposed structure will be 240 feet long, excluding earth fill approaches, and will have a roadway 24 feet wide. The bridge will have six spans on steel piles with concrete caps, on 30-foot centers; one 60-foot span, which will have a horizontal clearance between fenders of 50 feet normal to the channel, and a vertical clearance of 6.47 feet above high water (September, 1929) and 21.47 feet above low water. There are no harbor lines established in the vicinity of the proposed structure.

In the back was a large gold disc with a fringe of blue sparks.

Cooper River Bridge: A large silver float, trimmed in red. Queens stood on a platform under the shadow of a canopy.

Mount Pleasant: A large float covered with real flower leaves, stems and buds.

Charleston Fire department: A white float with an azalea motif, riding a young lady seated on a throne.

S. C. CONSTANTLY REPRESENTED

In U. S. Fisheries Bureau, Acting Commissioner Points Out

Charles E. Jackson of Washington, acting commissioner of the U. S. bureau of fisheries, who attended Tuesday a conference of the Southern Association of Fish and Game Warden in Charleston said that this state has always had representation in his bureau from the time it was organized.

William Decory Ravenel of South Carolina, probably from Charleston since that family name is of great prominence here, helped to organize the bureau while associated with the Smithsonian institution, said Mr. Jackson.

Later when the bureau began to function, Mr. Ravenel created the bureau's division of fish culture, a department which has steadily grown and which today spends over a million dollars a year to carry on its work.

Mr. Ravenel resigned in 1902 to resume his work with the Smithsonian institution. But at the same time Miss Jessie Drayton, another South Carolinian became an employee of the bureau. She was associated with it until 1933 when Mr. Jackson went in.

Mr. Jackson is a native of Columbia. He first went to Washington 17 years ago as a secretary to Senator "Cotton" Ed Smith. He remained in that position until 1933 when he went to the bureau.

President Roosevelt has proposed that the bureau of fisheries and the bureau of biological survey be consolidated into a Fish and Wildlife Service, under the department of interior. The matter is now pending before Congress.

"Even if they consolidate the two departments South Carolina will still have representation," he said. Mr. Jackson is quite a young man and has no intention of retiring. Indeed, he may be appointed as the head of the new service.

Ladies of the Elizabethan period anointed their hair with a pomade composed of the pulp of pears mixed with rosemary and lard.

Three of the Bands Which Furnished Parade Music



(Photos by Carl Fudge)

Three of the snappy bands which took part in the Azalea festival parade yesterday are pictured here. At the top is The Citadel's musical organization, while in the center is shown a section of the Winthrop group, and below is the band of the Eighth infantry at Fort Moultrie.

THREE INJURED In Minor Accidents on Opening Day of Festival

Three persons were injured in minor accidents yesterday. One was State Highway Patrolman F. B. Ponder, Jr., of Sumter. He suffered abrasions when his motorcycle turned over at King and Hudson streets, after the mud guard of the machine had struck J. T. Randall, of 531 Rutledge avenue, reported the policeman, who said he was trying to avoid an accident. Ponder resumed

duty after being discharged from Roper hospital, where he was taken by Joe Truere.

Mary Lynch, 10, of 3 Duc's court, received slight injuries while crossing Meeting street near Line, when struck by a machine driven by Maxie Burris, of Fort Moultrie, who took the child to the hospital.

Betty Lou Craven, 8, of 25 Chiniquin street, suffered an injured right foot early last night at Cannon street and Rutledge avenue, when struck by a truck. She was discharged from Roper hospital following attention.

Supervisor Faces Charges

Moncks Corner, April 24. (AP)—County Supervisor R. A. Thornley, of Berkeley, was charged today with selling county-owned gasoline and oil, a violation of the state criminal code.

The charges were contained in 100 warrants sworn against him by Magistrate L. H. Mitchum of the Bethera section.

Thornley denied the charges.

CARNIVAL IS ON PROGRAM

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ing their wares in the streets every day of the year, will compete in salesmanship as they go on chanting and pushing the carts in South Battery. This will be held at 5 o'clock, immediately following the pets parade which starts at 4 o'clock.

The dancing tournament of daring knights riding spirited horses will be held at 7:30 o'clock at the Johnson Hagood stadium. And this will be followed by an Azalea ball at 10 o'clock at the fair building.

All the beauty queens, the guest queens, Miss Charleston and her court will attend this brilliant affair at which Tommy Dorsey's orchestra will play soft tantalizing music.

The Climax
The big moment for the 42 beauty queens representing as many cities in South Carolina will come Friday night at 8:30 o'clock. One of them will be selected as queen of the Azalea Festival to succeed Miss Palm.

The selection of the new monarch will be made by Miss Susan Myrick, of Macon, Ga., and Harry Somerville, manager of the Willard hotel in Washington. Then will come the crowning, and at 9:30 o'clock at the fair building will be held the coronation ball. The music for this dance will be furnished by Dean Hudson and his Clubmen.

Luncheon
The program Friday will start at 1 o'clock in the afternoon with a luncheon at the Francis Marion hotel for the members of the legislature and distinguished guests. The luncheon is sponsored by Mayor Henry W. Lockwood and city council.

Principal speaker on that occasion will be General George C. Marshall, chief of staff of the U. S. army. According to Fort Moultrie authorities he is flying to Charleston from the national capital early Friday morning.

General Marshall and the guests that afternoon at 4:30 o'clock will review a dress parade at The Citadel.

Meanwhile at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon a bird house contest will be in full swing at the Charleston Museum.

Saturday and Sunday will see many affiliated events of the festival. Saturday is State Port Day and Sunday is Summerville Day.

A huge treasure hunt for children will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock after Pirate Azaleo gets through planting gold. In the afternoon there will be motor and sail boat races off the Battery.

An ocean sailing race will be held Sunday morning in Charleston. The craft will start from sea and race to the Fort Sumter hotel pier.

Solons to Recess
Columbia, S. C., April 24. (AP)—The general assembly agreed today to hold no sessions Friday so that legislators could attend the Azalea festival at Charleston.

The assembly will be entertained at a luncheon by Mayor Henry W. Lockwood of Charleston.

Rep. Moore of Spartanburg objected to the recess resolution in the house, saying he believed "it would be to the best interests of the state for the legislature to remain in session for the purpose of working on this free conference report" on the general appropriation bill.

Proposed Tax On Fuel Oil

The imposition of a six cents a gallon tax on fuel oil, proposed in the state assembly's free conference report on the general appropriation bill, would apply only to oil used in vehicles used on highways. It is understood by T. Wilbur Thornhill, local oil dealer who over the past week has conferred in Columbia with state officials.

In effect the proposed tax would affect only those who through the use of fuel oil avoided the payment of the gasoline tax, receipts from which go to the maintenance and construction of highways.

Mr. Thornhill said that he understood it would not affect farm tractors, nor furnace oil.