May Day Fete to Close St. Martin ABC Event

ST. MARTINVILLE — Miss Rosemary Fournier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fournier from the celebrated poem, "Evangeline," by Henry W. Longfellow, was crowned The Evangeline contestant during Queen Evangeline at St. Martin's Day Festival, a major event registering a number of entries both Acadian and American. Several weeks of preparations went into the coronation of the Queen, who is the sister of Louisiana Governor Earl Fournier, a well-known figure in Louisiana politics.

The Acadian and American community of St. Martinville celebrates Acadian Heritage through various cultural events and traditions, including the annual May Day Festival, which culminates with the coronation of the Queen Evangeline. This year, Miss Rosemary Fournier was selected as the new Queen, carrying on the legacy of Acadian culture and heritage in St. Martinville.

Additionally, the newspaper article highlights the signing of a $122,000 contract for the new St. Martinville Elementary School. The contract was signed by Principal Louis Fournier and was a major milestone for the community, ensuring the development of new educational facilities for local students.

Infant Hit by Auto, Dies in Lafayette

A 15-month-old baby, a minor accident victim, was struck by a car early last night when he was playing on the street in front of the Lafayette police station. The accident occurred around 1:15 a.m.

Reggie Charles Monty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hedo Monty, received treatment at the hospital after being hit by a car. A police investigation was underway to determine the cause of the accident.

2 St. Landry Jail Escapes

A young man was arrested and sentenced to two years in the St. Landry Parish jail for escaping from the county jail.

The prisoner, identified as James Johnson, fled from the jail on the night of the jailbreak, but was recaptured the following morning after a search by law enforcement officials.

The St. Landry jail is one of the oldest and largest in the state, housing over 50 inmates at any given time. The jailbreak was a shock to the community, and officials are now reviewing security measures to prevent such incidents in the future.