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Crowning Glory: A Look at Royal Coronations

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Coronations are grand ceremonies steeped in tradition and have been an important part of British history for centuries. The coronation usually takes place at Westminster Abbey in London and involves a series of rituals and processions that symbolize the monarch's authority and power. The coronation is a time for celebration and pageantry, with thousands of people from all over the world coming to witness the historic event.

With the recent coronation of King Charles III on May 6th, it got me wondering about the coronations of previous monarchs. It has been almost 70 years since the world has witnessed one of these lavish affairs. How did old newspapers cover these extravagant events?

Let's take a look at some interesting facts and newspapers highlighting past coronations.

Elizabeth II - Coronation June 2, 1953

Elizabeth's coronation was the first to be televised, with an estimated 27 million people in the UK tuning in to watch the broadcast. The coronation regalia included the St. Edward's Crown, which weighs almost five pounds and is set with over 400 precious stones.

George VI - Coronation May 12, 1937

George's coronation was the first to be broadcast on the radio, with an estimated 20 million people in the UK tuning in to listen the broadcast. The coronation regalia included the Imperial State Crown, which weighs almost three

pounds and is set with almost 3,000 diamonds.

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An Unsolved Mystery

On February 1, 1896, Albert Jennings Fountain and his eight-year-old son Henry disappeared while traveling through the desolate deserts of New Mexico. Fountain was a prominent lawyer and politician who had made many powerful enemies throughout his career, including members of the notorious "Cowboy" faction. Despite extensive searches, their bodies were never found, and their disappearance remains a mystery to this day. Many theories abound, ranging from Fountain's political enemies to a robbery gone wrong, or even the work of supernatural forces. The story of their disappearance has become a part of New Mexico folklore, and Fountain's legacy as a fierce opponent of corruption and vigilantism lives on. <u>Unravel the mystery at NewspaperArchive</u>.

MISSING FATHER AND SON.

No News from Col, Fountain-The Trail Obliterated-Searching Parties Still Out.

Despite all the reports to the contrary there are absolutely no tidings of Col. A. J. Fountain and his little son from Dona Ana county. Albert Fountain and party have returned to Las Cruces. They followed the trail sixty miles to the foot of the Sacramento mountains, where a herd of cattle had wiped out all trace of it. Two of Col. Fountain's horses have been recovered at Luna's well. The trail split shortly before it reached Dog canon, where the cattle herd came over it, one trail leading southeast, the other going toward Wiley's well. Other search parties are still scouring the Jicarilla and Sacramento mountain sections. Albert Fountain does not believe his father has been killed.

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The Scientific Magazine was a periodical that was first published in London in 1797. It featured articles on a wide range of scientific topics, including natural history, chemistry, and medicine. The magazine aimed to make scientific knowledge accessible to the general public and was popular among both scientists and laypeople. While it only ran for a few years, the magazine played an important role in the popularization of science in the late 18th century.

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