



Kings Mountain Senior High



KMHS band leads the parade...



Miss N.C., Janet Ward Black, General Westmoreland attend postal card program...



David Crawford places wreath on Ferguson's grave...



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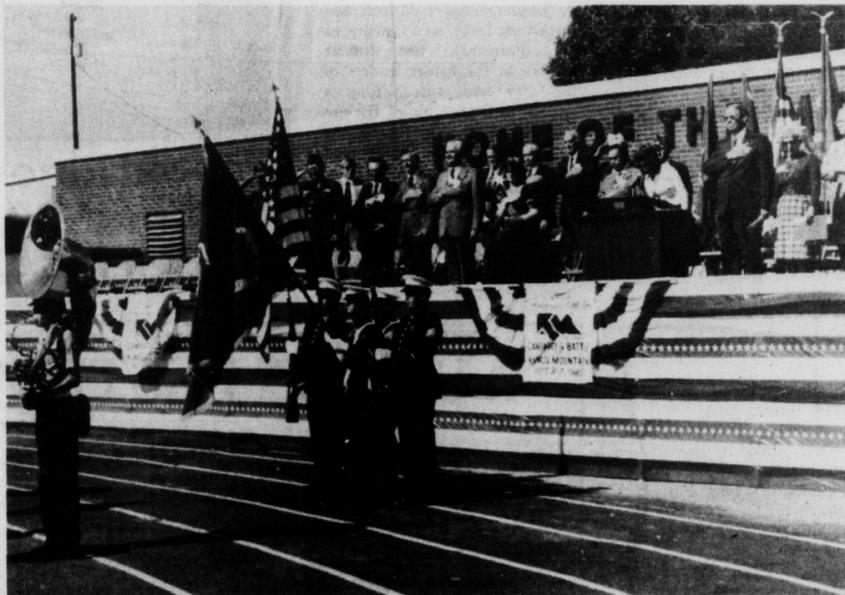
...s speaks at postal card ceremony...



...ronik displays replica of pistol in memory of battle heroes...

Battle Celebration stories by Lib Stewart

Photos by Lib Stewart, Gary Stewart and Katrina McCall



Marine band plays National Anthem at Gamble Stadium...



Clown big hit for parade watchers...

Participants Were Stubborn, Dedicated

Speakers at Tuesday's big 200th birthday Celebration of the Battle of Kings Mountain described the rugged mountaineers in many glowing, descriptive terms.

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Cecil Andrus, who addressed a capacity crowd at a Bicentennial luncheon at KMSHS cafeteria, called them stubborn, as well as dedicated.

Andrus used a prayer to depict the mountaineers: "Lord, grant that I may always be right, for thou knowest I'm hard to turn."

The stubbornness of the mountaineers led them to their ultimate victory over the British at Kings Mountain, said the speaker.

Prior to the address, Bill Walker of Channel 9 TV, master of ceremonies, recognized distinguished guests and Merna, executive assistant to the Postmaster General, presented additional commemorative stamp albums to Governors of the Carolinas, representatives of the five states involved in the 200th Celebration, to Rep. Jim Broyhill, Rep. Sam Manning, and to General Westmoreland, grand marshal of the parade and Celebration honorary chairman.

Andrus told the crowd that Kings Mountain is a thriving metropolis compared to the small town he grew up in Oregon and attended school in a one room schoolhouse.

"I'm delighted to see the enthusiasm of this community and am highly impressed with the diversity of individuals involved. You are all to be congratulated."

"You are a people," he said, "who left your image upon the land, a people that rebelled against injustice, a people who were both plain stubborn at times and plain dedicated to the cause of freedom."