

Gov. Jim Holshouser 'Kings Mountain Area Is What America's All About'

"The Kings Mountain area represents to me what America is all about," North Carolina Governor Jim Holshouser declared Friday during dedication of the new visitors center at KM National Military Park.

Heavy rains forced moving of the ceremonies from the park to B. N. Barnes Auditorium where between 350-400 people heard speakers praise the pioneer spirit of the mountaintop at Kings Mountain Oct. 7, 1780 at the last major celebration in the two Carolinas of the Bicentennial.

Referring to the patriot forces, South Carolina Governor James Edwards said it was at the battle that pioneer riflemen joined together for the first time to challenge Ferguson and noted that the challenges of 1976 are just as severe and call for as much sacrifice. He called for rededication to those principles that filled those 1,000 riflemen at Kings Mountain.

Douglas T. Wheeler, deputy assistant secretary of the interior, called Kings Mountain "the beginning of the end for British hopes in the South" and said that the 1976 Celebration theme "Hands Across the Mountain" reflects the strength and purpose of patriotic Americans.

National Park Director Gary Everhardt said that Friday's celebration of the 198th anniversary of the Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain marked the fifth major Bicentennial event of the year in the southeast region of the National Park Service,

noting that new visitor centers have also been dedicated at Guilford Courthouse National Military Park at Greensboro and at Fort Moultrie, a part of the Fort Sumter National Monument at Charleston.

Also on the platform were U. S. Representative James Broyhill of North Carolina, Representative K. L. Holland of South Carolina, Sam P. Manning, 32nd District House Representative and vice chairman of the South Carolina Bicentennial Commission, Ben F. Moomaw, former superintendent of KM National Military Park, John Hills, director of the South Carolina Bicentennial Commission, Miss South Carolina Lavinia Cox, Charles F. Goodspeed, deputy director of the Bicentennial Commission from Washington, D. C., Dick Ellis of Raleigh, director of N. C. Bicentennial Commission, Miss North Carolina Susie Proffitt, Kings Mountain Mayor John Henry Moss, Russell Falls of Charlotte, project manager for the new construction at the park, Harry Smith of Tennessee, representing the Overmountain Men, and Mrs. George Tucker, representing the Kings Mountain DAR Chapter of York, S. C. which led in the movement to erect a monument at Kings Mountain and donated the original 40 acres of land to the National Park Service.

The Clemson University ROTC Color Guard advanced the colors and the Kings Mountain Senior High Band, under direction of Donald Deal, played The

National Anthem. Rev. J. Richard McAllister, pastor of First Methodist Church of York, S. C., gave the invocation and Rev. M. L. Campbell of Kings Mountain pronounced the benediction.

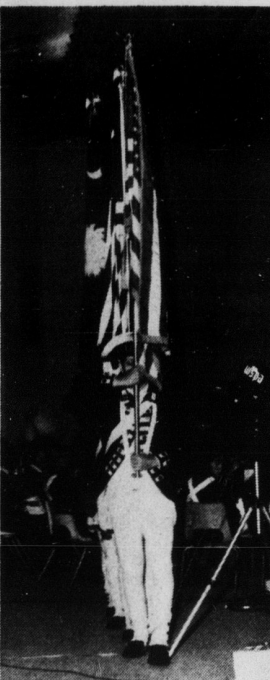
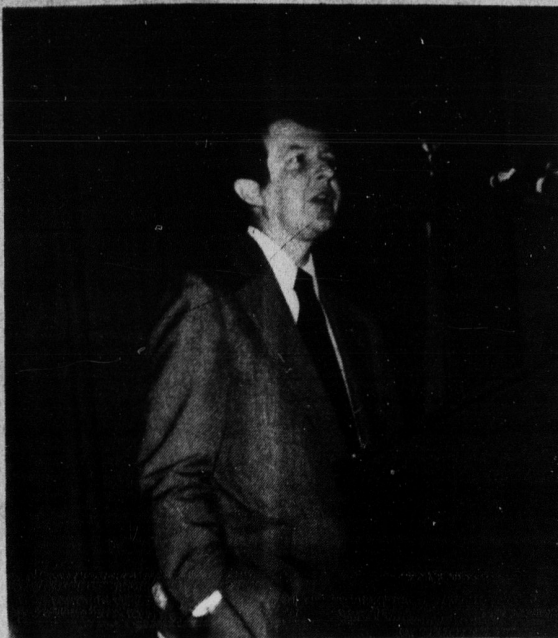
Andrew Loveless, Park Superintendent, was master of ceremonies.

Prior to the ceremonies, which were delayed for

about an hour because of the weather which had delayed platform guests and forced cancellation by President Ford's son, Jack Ford as the principal speaker, the KMSHS Band played a concert and members of the Antioch Baptist Church Youth Choir presented an appropriate program of patriotic music.



National Park Director Gary Everhart, Governor Holshouser Speak At Dedication Ceremonies



Clemson Color Guard

Let's Talk About Our Teens

Roots For Teen Problems

By EARL LLOYD

When asked what he felt were the chief causes for youngsters getting into trouble, the Juvenile Officer of a large county said, (1) broken homes, (2) little or no church attendance, (3) school dropout, (4) parents paying little attention to teen activities.

National statistics mention these causes consistently among the top ten. Other important factors given are:

Homelife involving frequent partying by parents.

Father away a lot or deceased.

Parents who drink frequently, openly, "socially," excessively. "Giving" children everything desired.

A broken home is of no concern to those not involved, especially a local law enforcement agency, unless things get out of hand in the process. Yet, if a by-product is children who break the law, then it becomes, and rightfully so, community involvement. In these times, people no longer stay together "for the sake of the children" . . . some won't even get married for this reasoning. But, whatever causes the dissolution of a home, if there are children, there is no escaping the fact that they are involved and affected, though not

always outwardly apparent.

Should children be allowed to witness the bickering, name-calling and endless arguments that usually precede divorce, as some parents believe, to "better prepare them for the real world they will face?" Obviously not, such open policy in the home is reflected strongly and consistently in the case histories of thousands of teens who have later been arrested. The broken home may not be the immediate apparent cause of the teen's violation, but knowingly or otherwise the child may have developed a syndrome having its foundation in the family's separation.

Don't the parents have rights, the right to seek happiness in a new environment, with or without a new marriage partner? No one argues the point that each is entitled to start anew, the underlying question is, what about the human rights of the children? Are they not "entitled?"

The school dropout problem, far reaching in all causes and effects, is often tied in directly with the balance of the marriage and homelife in general, but not always. A child showing dropout potential should be given a crash course in the results he may expect; the public

library is probably the best source for statistics, but having the teen talk to someone else who dropped out — preferably one who took this route and later returned to finish school — is a good, practical demonstration of the fallacies.

So many times, in exploring the background of a youngster in trouble, we find he has never been made to do anything he didn't wish to do; he has never been made to realize there is a higher power in his home. Young people, allowed the luxury of this thinking, have a rude awakening when they get into trouble, and other peoples' rights have to be considered.

If it ever becomes necessary for a law enforcement agency to become involved in correcting your child's behavior, rest assured everything will be done to help him or her get back on the right path. In these situations the attitude of the parents determines at what point corrective measures start and, more important, often the direction and extent of the effort. In any event, parental cooperation with law enforcement can only be a factor for good, with the child's welfare being the ultimate goal.

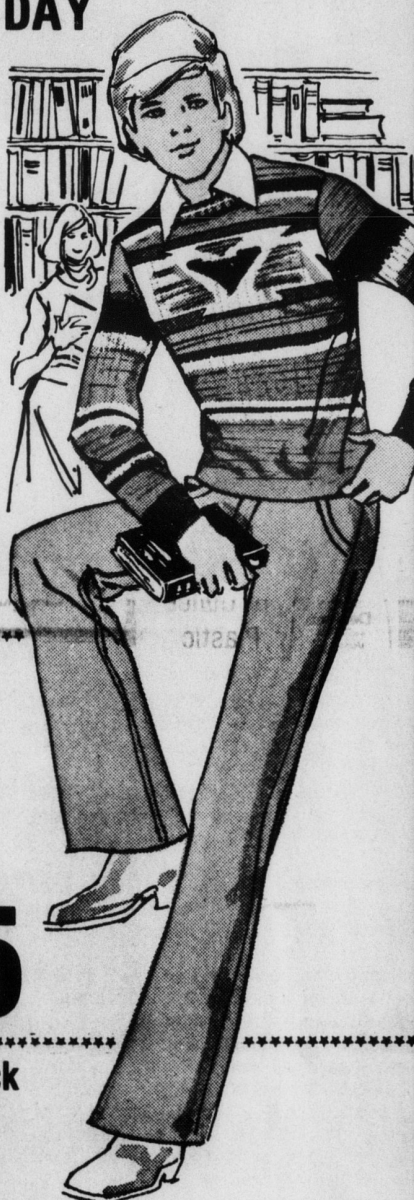
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