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Festival To Help The Needy

By JEFF GRIGG

The Kings Mountain Spring Festival, sponsored by the Kings Mountain Fire Department and Mountain City Building Supply, began Tuesday and will run through Saturday in the front parking lot of Mountain City Building Supply on Cherokee Street.

The fire department's share of the proceeds will go to the Toys for Tots program.

The amusement rides were brought to Kings Mountain by Jimmy Drew Rides which travels throughout the country each year and attends many carnivals and state fairs.

Jimmy Drew is no stranger to Kings Mountain. His father started the carnival tradition during the depression when he got a job with the Coal Brothers World Tour Circus. After it went out of business in 1940, his father soon bought his first ride and began the family business which is now one of the top 10 in the United States.

His father, while traveling through Kings Mountain, met

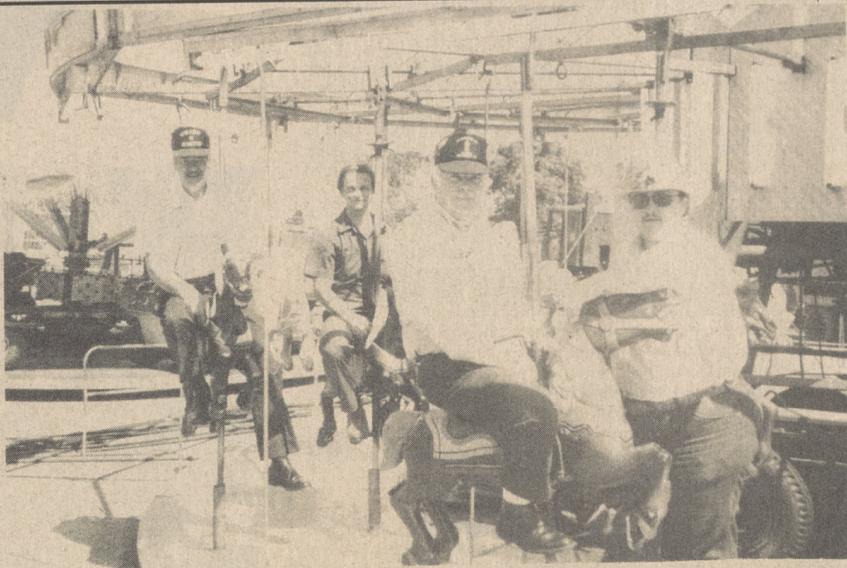


Photo by Jeff Grigg

FESTIVAL RIDERS - Kings Mountain Festival sponsors try out rides before starting the five-day festival Tuesday at Mountain City Building Supply. Front row, left to right, are

C.E. Ware, assistant fire chief, and Jimmy Dickey, back row, Gene Tignor, fire chief, and fireman Steve Hicks.

and married Eulia Whitworth, a cousin of Jim Dickey, forming a link to Kings Mountain and many families in the community.

Drew begins a tour each July and travels throughout the United States until November.

when he goes back to his Augusta, Ga., home and spends the winter repairing, repainting and improving his rides.

The festival which started here Tuesday features five rides, including a Merry Go Round, Tilt-a-Whirl, two kiddie rides, and

a new Super Himalaya. The Super Himalaya opens Thursday because of its size and the careful work needed to construct it.

The Himalaya is the newest of Drew's rides and comes from

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Expansion Is Needed

Bennett Masters, vice-chairman of the special committee studying expansion of Mountain Rest Cemetery, urged the City Board of Commissioners Monday night to relieve the "present critical situation" of lack of grave plots at the cemetery by making two-plot graves available to the public south of the area of the cemetery known as Jenkins Circle.

The committee is also requesting that the city acquire additional property to expand the present cemetery.

Masters said the section of the cemetery south of Jenkins Circle needs to be "marked off quick" in two-grave plots. "There's a shortage of two-grave plots and that's about all people want anymore," he said.

According to Masters, there are a number of 12 to 20 grave plots in the cemetery that have only two people buried on them. "That's a waste of space," he said.

The committee is asking the city to look into the possibility of acquiring property which adjoins the cemetery on Gold Street and King Street and also suggested that a new ballfield be built and the present City Stadium be used to expand the cemetery. Masters also said the city should look into the possibility of acquiring a 30-acre tract of land south of I-85 which is presently owned by Foote Mineral.

If these recommendations are approved by the board, Masters said, "it is the opinion of this committee that the needs of Kings Mountain and the area will be taken care of for far into the future."

According to Mayor John Henry Moss, all citizens of Kings Mountain and the Kings Mountain School District are eligible to purchase plots at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Moss said most of the suggestions will be looked upon as "long-range recommendations" but the board decided to study the committee's request about making two-grave plots available immediately and make a decision at the next scheduled board meeting.

The board passed a resolution of appreciation to the committee members, who volunteered their time and met weekly over the past several weeks. Committee members were Masters, Rev. Ken Looney, Geraldine Werner, Curtis Gaffney, George Mauney, Jonas Bridges, Corbet Nicholson, Lib Stewart and Ronnie Hawkins.

In other action Monday, the board:

*Held a public hearing to con-

sider the use of projected revenue sharing funds. The city hopes to receive \$144,852, with \$62,287 going to the police department, \$50,698 to the street department and \$31,867 to the sanitation department for general use.

*Approved installing a lake water level gauge to monitor the lake level at Moss Lake. The addition will increase the price of lake improvements by \$8,900 to a total of \$525,810. Moss said the gauge would be "very valuable, especially when we think in terms of a hydro-electric plant." Moss said the gauge would be located near the siphon pipe and an instrument panel would be located inside the water plant for constant monitoring of water level.

*Approved a resolution requesting the State Wildlife Resources Commission to adopt special rules for safety at Moss Lake.

*Awarded a bid of \$7,252.23 to Earl Tindol Ford for a truck to be used by meter readers.

*Approved budget amendments totaling \$70,500.

*Approved advertising for bids for one dump truck for the water and sewer department.

KM School Board Approves Bill For Four-Year Terms

The Kings Mountain District Schools Board of Education Monday night approved a legislative bill which will reduce the length of board members from six to four years.

The bill will now be introduced in the General Assembly for ratification. It is expected to be passed without opposition.

The schedule for returning to four-year terms includes:

*The outside city seat held by Paul Hord Jr., who was elected last year to fill the remaining two years of the unexpired term of

Harold Lineberger, will be up for election for a four-year term next year.

*The inside-city seats held by June Lee and Doyle Campbell will be available for four years in 1987. Campbell was elected last year to fill the remaining four years of the term of Jerry Ledford.

*The inside-city seat of Kyle Smith and the outside city seat of Bill McDaniel will be available for four-year terms in 1989. Both were elected to their second six-year term last fall.

After 1989, all seats will be available for four-year terms.

In other action Monday night, the board:

*Was told by Kings Mountain High School Principal Ronnie Wilson that 250 seniors will graduate on June 1. That figure is somewhat smaller than most recent years. Of that number, 18 will receive scholar's diplomas and four have qualified for the Presidential Academic Fitness Award program. Two seniors are graduating through the Extended Day School program. Seven seniors have already received academic scholarships and several others are expected to receive partial or full scholarships. Six seniors dropped out of school this year, Wilson said.

*Accepted the 1984-85 vocational education plan, presented by Vocational Education Director Betty Gamble. The department will have a budget of \$167,998 in local funds, \$331,472 in state funds and \$93,208 in federal funds. A new industrial arts program is included in next year's program.

*Increased its liability insurance coverage from \$1 million to \$2 million for car liability, and from \$500,000 to \$1.5 million in general coverage. The premiums will be \$1,253 per year.

*Was told by Davis that the band program continues to grow each year and is outgrowing its facilities. He said there are 81 seventh and eighth graders in band this year and 118 have registered for next year. "We're outgrowing space to teach them and find it difficult to manage the students with the two teachers we have," he said. He said the board must find ways to deal with the situation, either by limiting the class size or finding larger facilities. The board took no action but will discuss the problem at a later date.

*Was told by Davis that the school system had closed the

deal on the sale of the Compact School plant to Barrett's Floor Covering. Barrett paid \$75,000 for the facility and plans to use it as a warehouse.

*Was told by Davis that the recent auction of surplus school property brought in \$2,796.

*Was told by Wilson that three new subjects will be offered at the high school next year. There will be five classes of woodworking, one Latin class and one class of advanced placement American History at the junior high level.

New Industry Coming To Area

The Kings Mountain Industrial Committee announced today that a new industry has been recruited to occupy the building previously owned by the Great Dominion Corporation on Grover Road. Mayor John Henry Moss said a formal announcement will be made tomorrow.

Joyce Cashion Faces Runoff Opposition June 5

The top six vote-getters in last week's Cleveland County Commissioners race in the Democratic Primary will square off in a runoff June 5.

The top three finishers in the runoff will face three Republicans for the three vacant seats on the Board of Commissioners in November.

Two of the six candidates in the June 5 runoff are from Kings Mountain and led the 13-person ticket in last week's primary.

Gene LeGrand of Route 2, a Shelby businessman, led the way with 5,794 votes, followed by Joyce Cashion of Route 1. Mrs. Cashion, former chairman of the Cleveland County Democratic Party and a convenience store owner, received 4,447 votes.

Jack Spangler of Lawndale ran third last week with 3,537 votes.

Incumbent Commissioner Coleman Goforth of Shelby, T.W. Martin of Lattimore, and

Tom Brown of Shelby, who finished fourth, fifth and sixth last week, officially called for a runoff this week.

Three Republican candidates—Ruth Wilson, Charlie Harry and Billy Davis—won their party's nomination last week and await the three winners of the Democratic runoff.

Only those persons who were eligible to vote in the primary will be eligible to vote in the runoff.

Utility Meters

Read Late

Some Kings Mountain utility customers may be alarmed when they receive their bills this month, but there's no reason to get excited.

Due to recent turnovers of personnel in the meter reading department, many customers had their meters read late this month and their bills, when they receive them, could be for as many as six to seven weeks.

However, the meter readers should be back on schedule by the first of next month and those customers who receive bills for six to seven weeks of service this month will receive bills for one to two weeks of service next month.

Normally, meters are read by the 30th of the month and bills are in the mail on the first day of the month.



Photos by Lib Stewart

AWARDS TO MOTHERS—Mrs. Veralee Mask, left above, of the City Recreation Department, presents plaques and gifts to Alma Mitchem, center, 84, the senior mother attending the city's Aging Program at the Depot Center, and Willie Jo Lossiah, right, the youngest at 61. Plonk's and McGinnis Department Stores presented gifts to the honorees and flowers were also presented at the noon hour Friday at the Depot Center. The Foods Service Program sponsored the event.