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Celebration Set Thursday

The big Fourth of July celebration which will be climaxed with a giant fireworks display will be held Thursday at the Kings Mountain Community Center and Commissioners Park.

Events will begin at 10 a.m. for children and adults of all ages. The fireworks display will complete the day's activities at 10 p.m.

There will be pool events, field events, special entertainment and other activities.

A complete list of events includes:

POOL EVENTS

(Sign up at pool)

- 10 a.m. - Diving contest (low board)
- 10:30 a.m. - Big splash contest.
- 11 a.m. - Freestyle race.
- 11:30 a.m. - Diving contest (high board).
- 12 Noon - Penny dive.
- 12:30 p.m. - Watermelon carry.

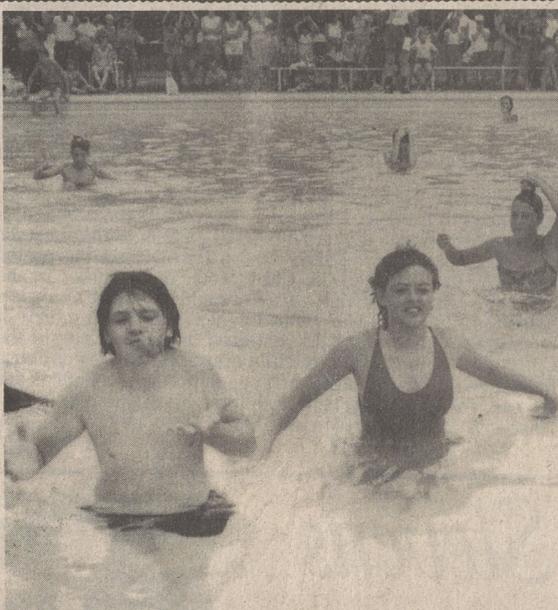
FIELD EVENTS

(Sign up at P.A. tent)

- 3:30 p.m. - Pie eating contest.
- 4 p.m. - Watermelon eating contest.
- 5 p.m. - Chicken chase.
- 5:30 p.m. - Bunny chase.
- 6 p.m. - Greased pig chase.
- 6:30 p.m. - Greasy pole climb.

MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS

- 10 a.m. til - Little League and softball championship tournaments.
- 1 p.m. - Horseshoe pitching contest (Sign up at horseshoe pit area).
- 2-4 p.m. - Waterslide (front of Community Center).
- 2:30 p.m. - Pool table contest (Inside Community Center).



FOURTH FUN—Swimmers try to balance potatoes on their heads while walking the length of Deal Street pool during last year's July Fourth celebration. A full day of activities is scheduled for Thursday beginning at 10 a.m.

4 p.m. - Championship carpet golf.

ENTERTAINMENT

- 3 p.m. - Country Western band.
- 7 p.m. - Breakdance, Open Street dance.
- 10 p.m. - Giant fireworks extravaganza.

ONGOING EVENTS

- Fire truck rides.
- Ballgames.
- Kiddie Rides.

KM Cemetery Probe Complete

Agents of the State Bureau of Investigation have completed a nearly three months investigation into allegations of missing funds from the Kings Mountain cemetery department but it will be at least a week before their report is submitted to District Attorney Marty Shuford.

Dan Crawford, of the Kansas City District office of the SBI, said the SBI investigation covered a five year period.

Crawford said the agent assigned to the case will have his taped notes transcribed in the next few days. The tapes will be sent to Raleigh also and the typewritten report to the District Attorney for review and determination, in his opinion, if more investigation is in order or if violations have occurred.

The SBI was asked to conduct an independent investigation at the request of the Kings Mountain Police Department and the Kings Mountain Cemetery Committee headed by City Commissioner Irvin Allen, Jr. Commissioner Allen had said some discrepancies were un-

covered in an audit opened to his committee in April. Allen said at the time that the committee's investigation into possible violations of rules governing cemetery fees indicated that fees were only collected from Bennett Masters and there seemed to be no record of others being paid by monument suppliers. Allen said that according to the city audit, a private monument company, Wiley

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Herald To Print Tuesday

The Herald will publish a day early again next week.

The paper will be printed on Tuesday and carry a Wednesday dateline.

Deadline for advertising, social news, and church news will be 5 p.m. Friday. Deadline for all regular news and sports will be 5 p.m. Monday.

Griffin, Mayse Elected To First Union Bank Board

Charles A. Neisler, Chairman of the local Board of Directors of First Union National Bank, announced changes in the membership of the bank's Kings Mountain Board. E. Wilson Griffin, Jr. and Dr. R. Scott Mayse have been elected as new First Union Directors.

Reelected to a three year term on the local board were John O. Plonk, Jr., Dr. Thomas Baker, and L.E. Hinant.

Also elected were Senator J. Ollie Harris and John L. McGill, who will serve the Kings Mountain First Union Board as Honorary Directors for life.

Former owner of Griffin Drug Company and local pharmacist, Wilson Griffin joins the First Union Board with an extensive background of community leadership and volunteerism.

Wilson serves the Central United Methodist Church on several operating committees, and has served as Chairman of the Church's Administrative Board. A charter member of the Kings Mountain Rotary Club, he has twice served as President. He was also an active Jaycee, and also served that group as President. Wilson is active in governmental positions, serving as: Chairman of the Kings Mountain Planning and Zoning Board, a member of the Cleveland County Board of Health, and in the past served on the Mental Health Association Board, and the Cleveland County Welfare Board. Wilson is married to Sara S. Griffin, and has one daughter Mrs. Myra Jane Griffin Wallace. The Griffins are active members of the Kings Mountain Country Club and Kings Mountain Cotillion Club.

Dr. Mayse also represents a wide range of the community in joining First Union's Board. Scott practices medicine at his clinic, Kings Mountain Internal Medicine. His community involvement includes service as President of the Kiwanis Club, the Kings Mountain Indoor Pool Foundation, and the Cleveland County Medical Society. Scott is also a past President of the Kings Mountain Hospital Medical Staff, and a past member of the Board of the Red Cross and Diabetic Society. Dr. Mayse is a member of the Board of the Kings Mountain Hospital and Gardner Webb College. The Mayses are active members of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Dr. Mayse and his wife Sarah have three children; Marie, Nathan and Elise.

"First Union is proud to announce these changes in its Board, and look forward to these members' leadership and influence in the community," said Neisler.



PHOTO BY LYNNE LYNN

KINKS WITH CUBS—Todd Cloninger, center, signs a professional baseball contract with the Chicago Cubs as his father, Jim Cloninger, left, and Cubs scout Billy Champion, right, look on.

Cloninger Inks With Cubs

Todd Cloninger, 19-year-old southpaw pitcher from Kings Mountain, last week inked a professional baseball contract with the Chicago Cubs.

Cubs area scout Billy Champion of Shelby, former pitcher with the Philadelphia Phillies and Milwaukee Brewers, was in town to ink the 6-3, 180-pounder.

Cloninger left Sunday for Chicago's Wytheville, Va., team in the Appalachian League.

Cloninger, a former baseball and football player at Kings Mountain High School, was signed after attending a Kansas City Royals tryout camp. He caught the eye of UNC-Charlotte Coach Gary Robinson, who contacted Champion.

"Coach Robinson asked me if I wanted to sign or go back to school," Cloninger said. "I told him I'd rather sign."

Cloninger inked a baseball scholarship with Wingate College after graduating from Kings Mountain High in 1984. "I tried college and it wasn't for me," he said. "I always wanted to play baseball. This is the shot at the chance I've been looking for all my life and it doesn't come along but once. It's all on my shoulders now."

Cloninger has been told that it may take him two weeks to get into a ballgame. "To start off with, they plan to work me in the bullpen and get me back in shape," he said. "Of course, I'd rather be a starter but the main thing is just to be able to play."

Cloninger played first base and the outfield until his junior year of high school when then KMHS Coach Barry Gibson began to use him some on the mound. He

was the Mountaineers' ace pitcher his senior year when he struck out 18 batters in a seven-inning game against Chase. In legion ball last summer, he hurled a one-hitter and fanned 19 in a victory over Burke County.

He has been clocked at 88 miles per hour and throws consistently at 85.

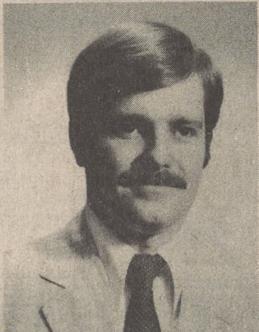
"The Cubs told me that once I get the kinks out of my motion they can bring my fastball up a little more," he said. "My arm is still a bit rusty. They said they'd like for me to put on some weight and get a little stronger."

Since leaving Wingate, Cloninger has pitched some with the Kings Mountain A's semi-pro team.

He says his main goal is to make it to the major leagues, a goal even he admits will be a long shot. "But just being able to have the chance to play is something I've always wanted," he said. "This opportunity doesn't come around very often and I want to do the very best that I can."

Cloninger is the first Kings Mountain product to sign a pro baseball contract in over 20 years. KM's last pro baseballers was the late George Wilson who retired from the Japanese Major League in the late 1960's.

"I'd like to thank Barry Gibson, David Heffner and Bruce Clark for all they did for me in high school," Cloninger said. "They really believed in me when nobody else believed I could pitch. They stuck by me and gave me the chance. And, I'd like to thank my dad, Jim Cloninger, for supporting me and being there when I really needed him, and for pushing me when I needed a little nudge."



DR. SCOTT MAYSE



WILSON GRIFFIN

Michal Lewis Moss, 24, Dies From Gunshot Wound

Michal Lewis Moss, 24, of 5270 Midpines, died Monday afternoon at 3:50 p.m. of a gunshot wound to the head, according to Cleveland County Coroner Ralph Mitchem who said that an autopsy was being conducted and the investigation is continuing.

Mitchem and Det. Joe King of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department are investigating the shooting which occurred at 7290 Midpines. Mitchem said no foul play is suspected.

Moss was shot with a .44 magnum.

He was employed by Lithium Corporation and was a member of the N.C. National Guard. The son of Buster Moss of Kings Moun-

tain and Opal Stewart Burris of Kings Mountain, he was a member of Midview Baptist Church.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are his wife, Teresa Feimster Moss; his son, Michal Joseph Moss of Kings Mountain; and his grandmother, Mrs. Bertha Moss of Cullowhee and Mrs. Polly Stewart of Kings Mountain.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m. from Midview Baptist Church by Rev. Fred Wells. Interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Wednesday night from 7 until 9 p.m. at Masters Funeral Home.