

Music Program Set In Shelby



RENEE MOSS

Renee Moss Wins Award

Renee Moss, daughter of Lois and Henry Moss of Kings Mountain, won a jeweled crown from Hillbilly Shrine Club of York, S.C. recently for collecting \$201 for crippled children.

Miss Moss, age 8, a second grader at Grover School, has participated in numerous beauty and talent contests recently. She was second runner up in the talent division and four runner up in the beauty division of the Little

Miss Charity pageants.

She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dave Van Dyke of the Love Valley Community and the late Mr. and Mrs. Jason Moss of Clover, S.C.

Miss Moss said "I want to thank all the kind people who made donations to the Shriner's Children's Hospital in my name. Your kindness enabled me to win a crown of appreciation for my efforts in fund-raising."

Frank Proffitt, Jr. from Pick Britches, North Carolina, in Watauga County will team with Minnesota's "Farmers Troubadour" Larry Long to create some exciting mountain/riverstyle folk/bluegrass music in the old courtroom of the Cleveland County Museum next Saturday at 2:00.

Proffitt plays a homemade banjo and dulcimer, sings, and tells "Jack" tales and other folk legends. Traditional music is a part of Frank's heritage. His ancestors were among the first settlers of the Appalachian area. These pioneers started making fretless banjos and dulcimers to provide entertainment for themselves and their families. The talents for wood-craft and making music have been passed down on both sides of Frank's family for generations.

"It's not the kind of art that is gained by education in schools. Much of it is handed down by oral tradition - a heritage passed down from generation to generation. It is in the heart, an inherited talent," explained the ge-

nuine mountain musician.

Frank is the son of the late Frank Proffitt, Sr., who gained national recognition as one of his century's outstanding folk artists. It was the senior Frank's version of the ballad "Tom Dooley" that folklorist Frank Warner collected in 1938 and that became an overnight hit when the Kingston Trio sang it on the Ed Sullivan Show in 1958. The tremendous appeal of "Tom Dooley" contributed to the great folk music revival of the early '60's.

Following his debut at Berea College with his father, Frank, Jr. began a career of public performances.

He has appeared in numerous folk festivals, including: Newport Folk Festival, 1969; North Carolina Bicentennial Folk Festival, 1976; National Storytelling Festival, Jonesborough, Tennessee, 1980 and 1982; World's Fair, 1982, Smithsonian Festival of American Folklife, 1983; Sunday in the Park, New York City, 1984, sponsored jointly by the Borough of Queens and Carnegie Hall.

Long is a Minnesota folksinger, a modern-day Woodie Guthrie who has been called "the Farmer's Troubadour." His music features small farmer, Native American, and Mississippi River themes. Larry has traveled with combine convoys in the mid-west wheat fields, met with copper miners in the Rockies, and traveled the length of the Mississippi documenting with his songs and guitar America's lifeblood, its working people. The Plainview Minnesota

News says that Long resembles "a cross between a young Bob Dylan and an unstoppable Bruce Springsteen. He wasn't as loud as Springsteen, but his music carries the same type of message that has made Springsteen the hero of today's youth."

Frank and Larry are being brought to Shelby by the Cleveland Tech Visiting Artist Program in cooperation with the Historical Museum and Uptown Shelby Association, Inc.

Mr. and Mrs. John Grant Announce Birth Of Son

Mr. and Mrs. John Grant of Kings Mountain announce the arrival of their son, Steven Edward Lincoln Grant, March 26, Cleveland Memorial Hospital, Shelby. The baby weighed nine pounds, three ounces.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Burns and Mrs. Nan Jean Gantt Grant, all of Kings Mountain, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald E. Grant of Brockton, Mass. and great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. E. Lincoln of Peter-

borough, England, and J.B. Burns of Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Grant is the former Annie Burns.

Steven Edward Lincoln Grant has an older brother, Kenny.

Mrs. Bob Baker To Host Meeting

Mrs. Bob Baker will be hostess Monday night at 7:30 at her home on West Mountain Street to members of PEO Chapter AP.

All members are encouraged to attend the meeting and program.



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