

Mountaineer Days Celebration Is Next Week

Mountaineer Days 1987 is billed as "something for every member of the family", according to Chairman Jim Downey.

The Oct. 2-3 celebration will be kicked off on next Friday, Oct. 2, with a big street dance from 8 p.m. until midnight.

Saturday, Oct. 3, will be full of family entertainment, according to Downey, and will begin with opening ceremonies downtown at 10 a.m. Prior to the opening, the KMSHS Band will perform on the street from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Mayor John Henry Moss will give the keynote address on "Kings Mountain-Going For The 90's" after which a number of entertainers will perform on the stage on S. Battleground Ave. Performing will be Festus and Country Boys at 11 a.m., North School Cloggers at 11:30, The Summitts at noon, The Golden Keys at 12:30, Elester Sawyer at 1 p.m., Holly Robinson at 2 p.m., The Samaritans at 2:30 p.m., The Voices of Praise at 2:55 p.m., The Swinging Mountaineers at 3:25 p.m., Joy of Youth at 4:05 p.m., Holly Harmon at 5 p.m., Bridget Barrett at 5:15 p.m., Dance Reflections at 5:30 p.m., Blue Grass Band at 6:15 p.m., Jane Campbell at 7 p.m. and a street dance, featuring Country Unlimited, from 8 to midnight followed by fireworks conducted by Bill Ware of the KM Fire Department at 12 midnight.

During the full day of activities, sponsored by the City of Kings Mountain, arts and crafts, a car show, exhibits of trucks, tractors and cars, a Boy Scout village, a horseshoe contest, and numerous other exhibits and activities will be open to the public in the downtown area.

Displaying arts and crafts at City Hall beginning at 9 a.m. on Oct. 3 will be Ruth Green, quilts and dolls; Toney King, woodcrafts; Steve Brown, woodcrafts; Bonita Lowe, painting; Nancy Holmes and Margaret Dixon, miscellaneous; Melody Coley, baskets; Pat Childers, folk art; A.B. Snow, painting; Herman Hammett, woodcrafts; Lisa Harrelson, ceramics; Ruby Hubbard, dried arrangements; Kay H. Beam, sewing; Jim Downey, painting; and Southern Arts, miscellaneous.

Exhibiting antique cars will be Delane Davis, Tom Devenney, Richard Eller, Ken Carpenter, Tony Horn, Junior Short, Kevin Sawyer, Ralph Anthony, Danny Dilling, Scott Ledford, Derek Roper and Tedd Bess.

KM's Meeks

Wins Germany Run

A Kings Mountain man, Vaughne S. Meeks, won the 11th running of the Frankenstein Castle Run in Germany in 52 minutes, outdistancing the second place runner Helga Schmidilz.

A member of the 30th Postal Detachment, Meeks, 34, runs or bikes 10 to 12 kilometers a day, works out in the gymnasium, goes to aerobics classes and plays London handball. His hobby is photography and traveling.

The Castle Run took place on a 13 kilometer course in Frankenstein Run Territory in the hills above Cambri Fritsan Kaserno in Germany.

Band To Perform At Senior High

A seven-piece Naval Band from the Charleston, S.C. Naval Base will present a musical program at 10 a.m. Thursday morning in B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

Members of the Band include John Clemmer of Kings Mountain, a veteran of 20 years service in the U.S. Navy. Clemmer is a 1966 graduate of Kings Mountain High School.

Clemmer's family will be among the audience for the presentation.

George Lublaneski, president of the Kings Mountain Rotary Club, arranged the program.

Exhibiting race cars will be Jim Testa, Hardee's and Barry Stroupe. Exhibiting tractors will be Roger Goforth, Mike Berry and Freightliner.

Area Boy Scouts, under the direction of Tommy King and Dick Staub, will display a

Boy Scout Village on Lake Street near City Hall with bridge demonstrations and cooking.

White Plains Shriners will again sponsor a jail-a-thon in the downtown area and barbecue concessions. In addition, there will be exhibits

from Girl Scouts, Cleveland County visiting artist, a spinning wheel, John Burch still, quilting, muscular dystrophy displays, puppets, balloons, and exhibits of basket weaving plus exhibits by KM Historical Museum, Cleveland Technical College,

KM Country Club, Cleveland County Fair, and Cleveland County Museum.

Ray Cline will call "Bingo" in the Fire Department.

The Mountaineer committee also includes Glenda Downey, Mark Summitt, Ray Cline, Tommy King, Dick

Staub, Phillip Wood, Billy Ware, Gene Tignor and John Henry Moss.

Mountaineer Days celebrates the Oct. 7, 1780 Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain and Wednesday, Oct. 7th marks the 207th anniversary.

KINGS MOUNTAIN CITY ELECTIONS - 1987

ISSUE #2: THE NEW GOVERNMENT

At the last City Council meeting, the Commissioners voted 5-0 (Commissioner King was absent) to adopt and implement the City Manager form of government. Below is a description of the City Manager's job and duties which was taken from general statutes:

§ 160A-148. Powers and duties of manager. — The manager shall be the chief administrator of the city. He shall be responsible to the council for administering all municipal affairs placed in his charge by them, and shall have the following powers and duties.

(1) He shall appoint and suspend or remove all city officers and employees not elected by the people, and whose appointment or removal is not otherwise provided for by law, except the city attorney, in accordance with such general personnel rules, regulations, policies, or ordinances as the council may adopt.

(2) He shall direct and supervise the administration of all departments, offices, and agencies of the city, subject to the general direction and control of the council, except as otherwise provided by law.

(3) He shall attend all meetings of the council and recommend any measures that he deems expedient.

(4) He shall see that all laws of the State, the city charter, and the ordinances, resolutions, and regulations of the council are faithfully executed within the city.

(5) He shall prepare and submit the annual budget and capital program to the council.

(6) He shall annually submit to the council and make available to the public a complete report on the finances and administrative activities of the city as of the end of the fiscal year.

(7) He shall make any other reports that the council may require concerning the operations of city departments, offices, and agencies subject to his direction and control.

(8) He shall perform any other duties that may be required or authorized by the council. (1969, c. 629, s. 2; 1971, c. 698, s. 1; 1973, c. 426, s. 22.)

POINT -- These powers and duties are very specific and as one can see the City Manager will be handling most all of the affairs of running the every day operations of the City. He will be a highly qualified professional both educated and trained to fulfill the demands of the job for the benefit of all of the Citizens.

For the last two years, several of the current commissioners have taken it upon themselves to run the different departments of the City and to control personnel policy. These actions have created a situation of pure chaos with the City's employees caught in the middle of a political war between the two groups of commissioners. This war has degenerated into tests of loyalty of the City's employees to the groups. Personnel policy has become tool of political means and ends rather than a system of rewards for good works. In general, we have a mess created by a few men who were elected by the voters who thought that they would lead them progressively and proudly.

ACGG POSITION - With the hiring and installing of the new City Manager, all of the commissioners both newly elected and currently in office along with the new mayor must make a pledge and declaration publicly to support the City Manager. This declaration is vital to the restoring of credibility and believability to the City Government. Conduct of the City's business should be open, fair, impartial and not political. A clear restoration of basic management concepts must be put into place so the City's employees will have clear lines of responsibility and accountability in directions both up and down the chains of command.

We believe that a City Manager will implement all of these things but only IF the commissioners will grant him the powers to make these changes. If the commissioners intend to keep the situation "as is" and continue to interfere as they have then the hiring of a City Manager will be a waste. Hiring a City Manager will be expensive but in the long run, it will prove to be well worth the money spent. It is our hope that the transition will be smooth and pleasant. It is up to all of us and especially the Mayor and Commissioners to make sure that it will work.

**WHAT ARE THE POSITIONS OF THE CANDIDATES?
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