

KMHS News

by Nancy Wiesener



A morning assembly was opened Wednesday, September 27th, by student body president Jerome Cash. He announced that the S.P.O. (Student Participation Organization) had, in its most recent meeting, ruled in favor of the newest project on the program. The plan is to support an underprivileged child through the Christian Children's Fund of Richmond, Virginia. The cost of \$144 per year may be paid monthly or in one lump sum. The project was unanimously passed and a container will be placed in the lunchroom for students' donations.

At this point principal Jake Atkinson took over the program for a few announcements of his own. He first commended the students for their general attitudes and behavior, pronouncing the students "exceptional". Mr. Atkinson stated that the "Smile Campaign" started off at the first of the school year is apparently working.

He went on to explain that there are still some problems which do need work. The new study hall system is not working as smoothly as hoped. It can succeed only if the students cooperate. At present the noise is extremely bad, and unless the students begin to take this new responsibility more seriously the old system will have to be reinstated.

Other problems include the excess hall traffic in restricted areas and the neglected trays in the cafeteria. Mr. Atkinson seemed to feel that, while these problems are serious, they can be corrected through cooperation between the students and the administration.

After his brief talk, Mr. Atkinson turned the assembly back over to Jerome Cash for the long-awaited announcement of Homecoming Queen. The queen's court was announced first including: Miss Teresa McDowell, Miss Freida Sexton, Miss Denise Blacklock, and Miss Linda Weaver. Finally, the 1972 Homecoming Queen was announced—Miss Debbie Page.

Mrs. Grady Howard, director of the homecoming activities informs me that, as a part of the "Golden Anniversary of Football" theme of this year's homecoming, players of the first Kings Mountain High School football team have been invited to attend the game as special guests. The list is as follows: Fred Plonk, J.M. McGinnis, Howard Pursley, Plato Goforth, Jake Hord, Joe Lee Woodward, (all now residing in Kings Mountain) Toni Fulton, of Tennessee; Herman Falls, Florida; Hoyt Mathews, Charlotte; Odell McGinnis, Gastonia; Tom Sanders and Clemence Boone, both of Virginia.

October 7 Marks 192nd Anniversary

A Battle And A Love Affair

(Editor's note: The 192nd Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain will be observed Saturday, October 7. In keeping with the policy of community service the MIRROR offers this special feature to its readers. This article is a reprint from the January 19, 1964 edition of the Greensboro Daily News. The author, Calvin Jarrett, is well known throughout the state for his knowledgeable articles delving into North Carolina history. Jarrett holds a master's degree from UNC-Chapel Hill and is currently teaching at Southern Alliance High School in Alamance County. The MIRROR thanks Mr. Jarrett for his permission to print this most timely article.)

By CALVIN JARRETT

The Battle of Kings Mountain, Oct. 7, 1780, has much significance for both Carolinas, as well as the rest of the nation. While the Kings Mountain battleground is in South Carolina, about 1/2 miles across the North Carolina boundary, the City of Kings Mountain is in North Carolina. This has created some confusion in the minds of Americans who are not familiar with the region.

Outstanding celebrations at the battleground were held in 1815, 1855, 1880 and 1909, and President Herbert Hoover delivered the sequicentennial address in 1930.

The 159th anniversary of the battle in 1939 held special significance as the descendants of American patriots gathered. The country was on the brink of war again.

For the 159th anniversary, Dr. J. Rion McKissick, at that time president of the University of South Carolina, was chosen as the speaker. The celebration was sponsored by the Kings Mountain chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, of York, S.C.

At this celebration the visitors to the battleground were given a vivid picture of "the turning point of the American Revolution."

Bones Collected

In 1814 Dr. William McKean, of Lincoln County, North Carolina, who fought as a surgeon in the Colonial army, had the bones of soldiers slain in the battle collected and buried with proper honors. He did this at his own expense.

Time has almost demolished the stone inscription which reads: "Sacred to the memory of Major William Chronicle, Capt. John Mattocks, Wm. Robb and John Boyd, who were killed on the 7th of October 1780, fighting in defense of America."

On the west side of the stone was the additional inscription: "Colonel Ferguson, an officer of his Britannic Majesty, who was defeated and killed at this place Oct. 7, 1780."

In 1880 the legislatures of North Carolina and South Carolina provided \$2,000 for a monument known as the "old monument." It is 28 feet high.

A short time after this monument was erected, Maj. A. H. White of Rock Hill, S.C., erected a monument as his own expense. The granite pillars mark the spot where Maj. (not Colonel) Ferguson fell mortally wounded leading his Redcoats. This is the same spot where he is buried.

The Kings Mountain chapter of the DAR must be given credit for getting the United States government to give proper recognition to the battleground in 1909. The government erected a monument at the cost of \$30,000.

The grave of Maj. Patrick Ferguson is heaped high with loose stones. There were two bodies buried in this grave, Ferguson and one of his mistresses, the lovely Virginia Sal. A mixture of fact and legend fashions a story of how this came about.

Ferguson was a soldier who possessed more than his share of egotism. He always had a beautiful girl with him wherever he fought. When he made his stand at Kings Mountain, the beautiful blond-haired Virginia was his favorite of the moment.

On Oct. 7, 1780, when word came to his camp that American troops were marching to Kings Mountain to attack, the arrogant Redcoat officer burst into coarse laughter.

Word came as the major was drinking and gambling with his men. He lifted his glass high and said, "To ho-- with the Continentals!

I'm ready for them; my boys will slay them. All the Continentals in this continent can't run me off Kings Mountain!"

Virginia, who loved the arrogant soldier well but not wisely, pleaded with her lover to retreat into the hills. The tipsy officer laughed in her face as he refilled his glass.

All morning Ferguson drank and gambled with his men, while Virginia sat in the opening of the major's tent looking apprehensively down the road. Shortly after noon she saw them coming—a great body of soldiers marching steadily.

"The Continentals are coming!" she screamed. Ferguson lurched drunkenly to his feet, gathered his Redcoats and prepared to do battle.

Battle Begins

Guns roared. The cries of the dying and wounded could

be heard above the wind. On the Americans came through the cold, drizzling rain. They were a solid mass of determined frontiersmen. It was to be a British Waterloo on the mountain.

Virginia saw the British lines slowly fall back. She

kept her anxious eyes on the man she loved. The sight of the dying Redcoats had sobered the drunken major and he was putting up a fight.

Suddenly, Virginia saw an American soldier raise his gun and aim at Ferguson. Virginia ran screaming at

the soldier and snatched his gun from his hands. Still holding the gun she ran out to the major and stood in front of him, shielding him with her beautiful body.

A volley of shots struck her in the breast and she fell back against the frightened major. He no longer had an arrogant sneer on his face.

Ferguson pushed her aside and ran like a scared rabbit to his horse and rode crazily across the battlefield.

The Americans quickly picked him off. He fell headlong from his saddle, and with a wild cry lay dying. The cold rain lashed his upturned face.

When Virginia heard his cry, although she was mortally wounded, she drug herself through the mud to his side. An American officer lifted her tenderly in his arms and carried her to the major's tent and wrapped her in a blanket.

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A.C.T. Honors New Teachers

By Sylvia Holmes

The Association of Classroom Teachers (president, Mrs. Brenda Bost) honored the new teachers in the Kings Mountain School System at a coffee given on Monday, October 2nd at the High School.

Mrs. Sarah Griffin and Mrs. Hilda Wilson organized the event which was held in the afternoon, after school, in the courtyard. All the teachers, principals, school personnel and board members as well as local ministers and other community leaders were invited to attend. After meeting the new teachers, guest were served coffee or punch, cake and sweet and savory snacks. There are twenty new teachers in the system, six of them began teaching here during the 1971-1972 school year and the other fourteen began their teaching at the start of the 72-73 school year.

The new teachers are Mrs. Neomi R. Tillett, Mrs. Barbara R. Lail, Mrs. Lynda O. Jadick, Mrs. Carolyn L. Mitchell, Mrs. Nan P. Ormand all at the Early Childhood Education Center. Mrs. Evelyn G. Kiser, Mrs. Margaret A. Ellis, Mrs. Barbara P. Bridges and Mr. Danny R. McDowell

all at Bethware Elementary School. Miss Mary Suzette Roberts, Mrs. Marjorie T. Woodall, Mrs. Tracy C. Trammell and Miss Patsy D. Smith all at West Elementary School (Miss Smith is also the homebound teacher). Mrs.

Donna E. Mauney and Mr. Steven F. Moffitt both at Central Junior High School. Mrs. Betty W. Bates, Mrs. Kathryn P. Goforth, Mrs. June J. Green, Mrs. Carol A. Peeler and Mr. Edgar T. Guy all at the High School.



Mr. Howard Bryant chats with Mrs. Carol Peeler at the reception for new teachers. Other new teachers seen here are (from left to right) Mrs. Lynda Jadick, Mrs. Marjorie Woodall, Mrs. Tracy Trammell, Mrs. Kathy Goforth, Mrs. June Green, Mrs. Barbara Lail, Mrs. Carol Peeler and Mrs. Brenda Bost (president of A.C.T.). Mirror Photo by Sylvia Holmes.

Central News

by Chris Holmes



Monday and Tuesday of last week Dr. William Durham came to Central. Durham is professor at Eastern Carolina University. He came as a consultant for school projects.

Scott Brodnax has designed several covers for special school projects lately. Scott deserves credit for a job well done.

Mrs. Powell, Mr. Allen and Mr. Nanny have been working

on the booth from Central for the Cleveland County Fair. The theme of the booth is: It Takes Good Fools To Build A Good Life.

On Wednesday afternoon a pep rally was held by the Central cheerleaders. Later that afternoon Central beat Shelby by the score of 8 to 6.

On Thursday night a sock-hop was held in the Central gym.

Celebrates

1st Birthday

Barbara Ann Hawkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Hawkins, formerly of Kings Mountain, celebrated her first birthday on September 8. A family party was held in which ice cream and cake was served.

Ann's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.I. Cable and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hawkins, both of Kings Mountain.



Barbara Ann Hawkins

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