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**KINGSTON FESTIVAL** — The midway of the Kingston Festival is shown in the upper left photo. Reigning queen, Sonny Chaffin, upper right, inspects a doll on display at the Country Store. Playing on the midway, lower left, is the Adolpho Bond, one of the entertainment attractions last year. At lower right is an antique auto, which was part of an auto show. This year's festival begins Wednesday. (Gazette Photos)

## Kingston Festival Wednesday

Kingston's four-day miniature fair, the Village Festival and Homecoming, will open Wednesday for the 10th consecutive year.

From a humble beginning of a fish fry and a few game booths, the festival has expanded into a major event featuring ball games, a queen contest, an antique car show, horseshoe pitching, wrestling and live bands.

Proceeds realized from the festival are used to advance the Community Park Project.

One of the highlights of the festival will be an old-fashioned country store, featuring antiques, homemade articles and numerous items of interest.

A parade on Wednesday will feature 19 Zane Trace High School girls competing for Miss Kingston Festival, along with F. G. L. H. H. champion sports teams, cheerleaders and several marching bands.

One of the features Saturday, June 27, will be the antique car show, attracting old automobile buffs from all over Ohio and neighboring states.

Local judges will review the cars on their authenticity and trophies will be awarded to cars in 24 classes. One trophy will be awarded to the car traveling the longest distance, one to the oldest car and one to the man and woman who will be wearing the most authentic costume. The public will have a chance to choose its favorite car, as will the judges for the presentation of two special trophies.

Also on Saturday, Mrs. Paul Kitcher will demonstrate candle-making and Mrs. Helen Greenhall will give a flower-arranging demonstration.

Around 1960, the residents of Kingston felt the need for a community park. Letters were mailed to each resident and organization of Kingston to organize a fund-raising committee to purchase and develop a park. The Kingston Festival Committee was formed for this purpose.

The north portion of the present park was purchased for \$2,728 from Frank Hopkins. The proceeds from the first five festivals paid for this land. The entire project was purchased from the Kingston Union High School at a cost of \$5,500 by the Kingston Village Council.

The north section was donated by the late Phillip Dooling, at an approximate value of \$5,500. A parcel of land was donated to them. Ours in 1965 from the Cyrus Subdivision to be added to the park. The park now consists of approximately six acres. Mr. and Mrs. Dooling donated an additional access in 1969. The land was excavated and leveled by interested citizens through donations of equipment and manpower.

In 1966 the first Village Park House was sponsored by the Village Council. The board of the Park Trustees control all entrances, exits and permanent structures on the park. Permanent structures now on the park consist of a shelter house, trees, a ball diamond, ground equipment and drinking fountains, tennis court, playground.

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