

No Charges Made, But Accident Damages High

No charges were preferred but damages were high in several automobile accidents occurring in the city during the weekend.

According to report of investigating Ptl. J. A. Burton, Kyle F. Smith, operating a 1975 Ford, opened his car door near the post office on E. Mountain St. Thursday and into the path of a 1978 Ford operated by Carol M. Brazzell of 311 Fulton Dr. Damages were estimated at \$800 to the Smith vehicle and \$600 to the Brazzell car.

Larry Jackson, of Rt. 3, operating a 1970 Chevy truck, told investigating Ptl. Tom Gladden that he started to make a left turn off Battleground Ave.

Friday and failed to see another car operated by Donald W. Johnson of 707 Cleveland Ave. Damages to the left door of the Johnson Ford were estimated at \$300 and damages to the right rear fender and bumper of the Jackson vehicle were placed at \$200.

A "rear end" collision occurred Friday at 4:16 p. m. on busy East King Street when a 1968 Ford operated by Benjamin Fields of Dallas slowed in the line of traffic and was hit by a 1965 Chevy operated by Jim Walter Barnett of Rt. 1 said investigating Ptl. Tom Gladden. Damages totaled \$850.

Robert Lee Jaycox, of Rt. 2, operating a 1976

Ford, stopped for a stop sign on Mountain Street, then pulled into the path of a 1966 VW operated by Michael G. Ramsey, of Rt. 6 Gastonia, according to Ptl. Mike Sanders. Damages were estimated at \$1,000.

Both drivers claimed the green light in a two car crash involving cars operated by Doctor Tommie Waters, 519 Katherine St. and William J. L. McClain, Rt. 1 Grover, Saturday at the intersection of E. King and Cleveland Ave. Damages were estimated at \$350.

Elizabeth W. Slaw, of Shelby, operating a 1968 Pontiac, told city Ptl. James Camp she was backing in West Gate Plaza and didn't see a 1972 Chevy operated by Brenda D. Rikard, of Rt. 2. Total damages were \$400.

25 ACCIDENTS

The State Highway Patrol reports a total of 25 accidents in Cleveland County during the week of March 28-April 3. Speeding was the major cause of accidents in which 44 persons were injured. The county highway death toll since January 1 stands at six persons, according to Lt. Sgt. H. K. Holcomb.



RETIREE — Frank Owens has retired following 30 years employment at Burlington Industries Phenix Plant in Kings Mountain. Owens will be 65-years old on May 20, 1977. At Burlington's local plant Owens was a shop mechanic on the

Photo By Luther Bennett
third shift. The retiree resides at 624 S. Railroad Ave. He has three sons and four daughters and 17 grandchildren. Now that he is retired, Owens plans to keep up with his hobbies — fishing and raising honey bees.

Vandals Strike At Country Club

Vandals broke the metal lock from the golf cart storage building and broke a window in the pro shop at Kings Mountain Country Club during the weekend, KMPD reported. Nothing was reported missing from the pro shop, according to Ptl. Ralph Grindstaff, who

investigated. Roger Greason, of 811 Ramsey St., reported theft of two mini bikes, valued at \$300, from his residence. Investigating officer is Ptl. Burton. In other law en-

forcement activities, KMPD charged Lee Hutchins with larceny of \$21 from a residence and Andy DeBruler with damage to the property (yard) of Boyce Memorial ARP Church.



HE'S A STAR — Ben Walker (center), the personable WSOX-TV news anchorman, paid a visit to Kings Mountain last Thursday to present a program to the Rotary Club. He found himself presented with his very own "star" and other goodies from the community. The star was fashioned by Chuck Wor-

chester, a student in Mrs. Diane Harper's art class at KM Senior High. At left Bryant Grier holds a framed letter of welcome from Mayor John Moss to Walker and at right Jack Woodbury holds a gift set of executive socks from Mauney Hosiery, also a gift to Walker.

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