

KM Native Helps Fight Fires

Kings Mountain native Fire Captain Roger Gantt, busy fighting raging forest fires in Mariposa County, Calif., talked to his mother, Mrs. Isaac Gantt, this week and reported the fires under control and he was glad to be home.

The 1965 graduate of Kings Mountain High School also said "It feels good to drive through a town that hasn't burned." "There's a lot of satisfaction in knowing that if we hadn't been there the houses would have been history."

Gantt also told his mother that when the Citrus Heights fire engine lumbered through

the smoky streets of Greely Hill last week, townfolk came out to wave and shout, "God Bless the firefighters."

The engine crew was ending a grueling five days of duty on mountain homes surrounded by raging forest fires in Mariposa County. The duty meant little sleep, aching heads, canned water and burning eyes for the Sacramento firefighters. But the stay in the mountains was not without its reward to the men, said Gantt.

Gantt, who heads up the Citrus Heights fire crew, and his men were part of a local strike team that includes

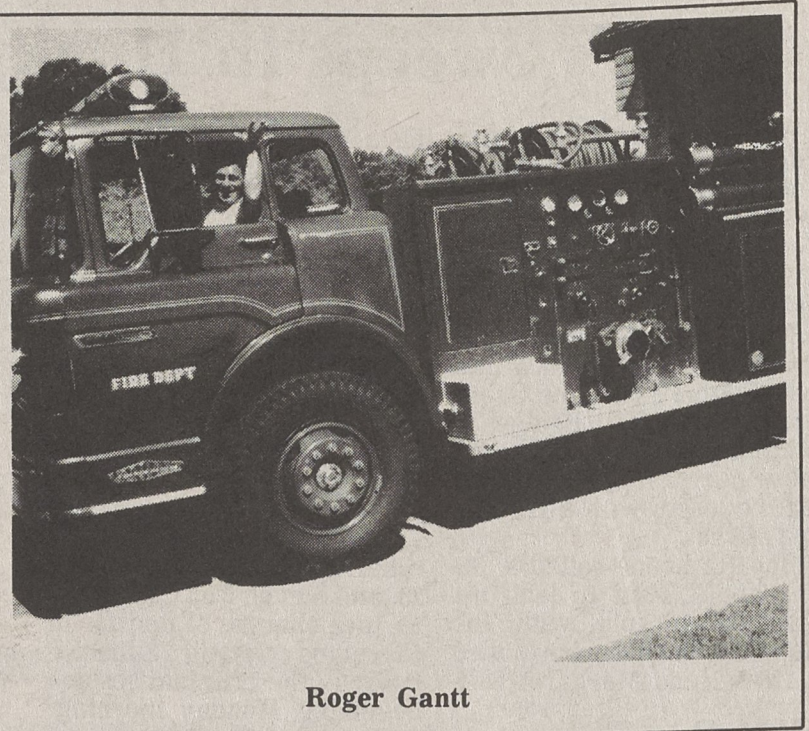
engines from Florin, Elk Grove, Folsom and Galt, Calif., and they went to a number of fires referred to as the Stanislaus Complex fire.

Gantt, who is the son of the late Issac Gantt and grandson of Mrs. W.R. Millen, has lived in California for 17 years after marrying Jeanine Milner of California while he was in service. They have two children, Robert, 15, and Rachele, 13. Gantt came to Kings Mountain for his 40th year reunion at KMSH and was here Christmas with his family.

The Sacramento County strike theme was there main-

ly to protect evacuated structures from the burning debris caused by the backfires, Gantt explained to his mother. His particular team, Gantt said proudly, didn't lose a single home, business or item of value.

Many firefighters were among the thousands who battled the recent mountain-side blazes in Northern California. A total of 107 OES engines are stationed strategically around the state in case of emergency. The Citrus Heights engine is one of four OES engines in Sacramento County.



Roger Gantt

Workmen Repairing Roof

Workmen were at Kings Mountain Senior High School Wednesday repairing the roof and entranceway which was damaged over \$100,000 when a tractor-trailer crashed into it when the cab top of the truck caught underneath the overhang Tuesday.

Kings Mountain Patrolman Benny Melvin, of the Kings Mountain Police Department, said the freak accident occurred at 10:45 a.m. and luckily no student was outside the building at the time

Six Wrecks Monday Keep KM Police Busy

Kings Mountain Police were busy investigating wrecks this week, six of which occurred Monday, and involving high property damages and injuries to four people.

Michael Ray Carlisle, of Edgewood Road, Gastonia, was charged with stop light violation after a two car crash at the intersection of Gold and Cansler Streets. Carlisle's vehicle struck a car operated by Marcus Clifford Gold, of Shelby. Damages were estimated at \$300.

Sybille Jean Patterson, of 131 McGinnis St., was treated at the hospital for injuries after her 1986 Nissan was struck in the rear by a 1987 Chevrolet operated by Tracy Walton Smith, of Lithium Springs, Ga. Damages were estimated at \$850. The accident occurred at the intersection of W. King and Cansler Streets.

Vandalism Reported

Police are investigating reports of mailboxes being torn down, among other reports of damage to property.

Fred Hambricht, 307 Maner Road, and Lawrence Cobb, of 102 Fulton St., reported that their mailboxes were torn down.

Deborah Hullender, No. 52 Pine Manor Apts., reported that someone damaged the hood of her car while it was parked outside her apartment.

New Image Hair Salon, 116 S. Railroad Ave., reported that an unknown vehicle struck the brick-walled flower bed in front of the business and extensively damaged it, about \$500.

Betty Ivy, 700 Sterling Drive, reported that someone busted the windshield on the driver's side of her automobile.

Rodney Eugene Short, 1002 N. Piedmont Ave., reported that his car was damaged \$250 while parked at McDonald's.

Jimmy Thompson, 129 McGinnis St., Trip Morris, 709 Groves St., and Kelly Franklin Ware, 807 Boyce St., reported larceny of bicycles.

Laura Ruff, 407-A E. King St., reported that someone broke into her residence, damaging the window and back door, and taking money.

Bobby Lee McAbee, of Apt. 5 Pine Manor, told police he was assaulted and held while another person hit him. Investigation is continuing and no charges have been made.

of the incident.

According to the officer, Lewis Hood, of Waxhaw, was operating a Ryder Truck Rental tractor trailer of Charlotte and delivery textbooks to the high school. Hood told KMPD he swerved his vehicle to avoid a parked truck in front of the shed area of the high school at the entranceway, pulled too far to the right, according to the police report, and the roof began caving in along with support beams.

A 1985 Ford operated by William Eugene Davis, of 408 S. Columbia St., Gastonia, backed out of a parking space at Hardee's and into a 1978 Plymouth owned by Regina Oates which was damaged \$300.

Sandra Ladara, of 200 Marigold Ave., operating a 1981 Toyota at the intersection of Cleveland Avenue and York Road, pulled around a 1983 Chevrolet Truck operated by Richard Charles Belch, of Browns Summit, S.C., attempting a right turn. Damages were estimated at \$3,000.

Thomas McKee, of 501 Rhodes Ave., backing his 1984 Mazda from the driveway of the KM Police Department, struck a parked 1986 Chevrolet in the door which was owned by Benny Melvin, Jr., of 902 Henry St., a city police dispatcher who was on duty at the time of the accident. Damages were estimated at \$650 to the patrolman's private car and \$150 to the McKee vehicle.

An unoccupied parked vehicle owned by Myrtis Hill Propst, Route 3, Lincolnton, rolled into a 1974 Pontiac at 519 Katherine Ave, doing \$450 damages. Mrs. Propst's 1965 Ford rolled across the street, police said.

A hit-and-run driver fled the scene after his car struck a parked car owned by Robin Leon King, 23-A Battleforest Apts. doing \$200 damage to the 1981 Mercury.

A vehicle operated by Barry Randall Dellinger, 606 Bridges Drive, backed from a parking space at McDonald's and into a car owned by Freida Judith Farmer, of Route 2. There were no damages reported.

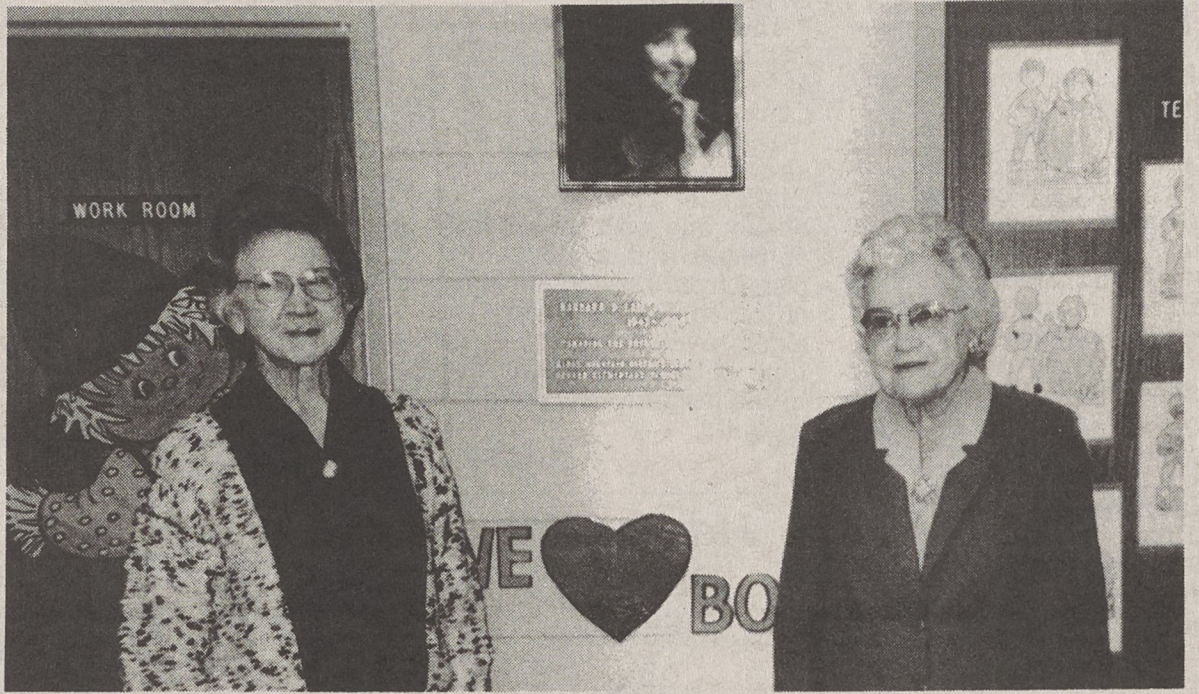
Freddie Lee Byrd, of School St., backing from The Pantry on Phifer Road, struck a 1982 Pontiac owned by Raymond Sean Garris, doing \$150 damage to his car and \$100 to her 1981 Buick.

A two car crash at a stop sign at the intersection of West Mountain and Sims Street involved a 1986 Chevrolet operated by Rhonda G. Washburn of Landing St., and Joyce Brown, of Grover, operating a 1979 Datsun. Police estimated \$1200 damage to the Washburn vehicle and \$500 to the Brown vehicle.

Joey Ward Pennington, of 115 Deal Street, and two passengers were hurt in a two car rear end collision. Police said that a 1971 Chevy truck operated by Jerry Earl Norman, Route 1, hit a 1977 Toyota operated by Joey Ward Pennington, doing \$500 damage to her car and \$300 damage to his truck.

According to Vivian Duncan, secretary to Principal Ronnie Wilson, office workers heard a loud crash and then a crumbling noise, rushed to investigate and saw the big truck cab caught underneath the roof and actually holding it up until a crane was dispatched to free the truck. Workmen are putting on another roof and repairing the entranceway, a chore they began as soon as school closed at noon Tuesday. Students were back in classes Wednesday.

"It could have been a disastrous situation if students had been outside the building and standing in the entranceway", said Mrs. Duncan. "We are so thankful no one was hurt."



FORMER TEACHERS AT DEDICATION—Former Grover School teachers, Dessie Cox, left, and Edith Jones, right, took part in the dedication ceremonies by Grover PTO Monday night of the Barbara R. Lail Primary Building. The PTO presented a picture and plaque which were hung in the Primary Building in memory of the late Mrs. Lail, a teacher from 1972-84. Mrs. Lail was a niece of Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Jones.

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FOR MAYOR
(Vote for one (1))

- IRVIN "TOOTIE" ALLEN
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- GILBERT HAMRICK
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- NORMA BRIDGES
- RONNIE FRANKS
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- JACKIE DEAN BARRETT
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- CARL W. GOFORTH
- KEN JENKINS
- AL MORETZ
- MARSHALL E. MULLINAX
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