



**LIFTING PRINTS** — Kings Mountain Police Sgt. Richard Reynolds lifts latent fingerprints from the door of a vehicle belonging to Mrs. Charles Blanton reported stolen between 10-11 a. m. Monday and recovered about 3 p. m.

about one block away on Parker St. The car was taken from the parking lot of the KM District Schools Administrative offices on W. Parker St. The 1972 Monte Carlo was left in front of an abandoned house on Parker St.

# The School Dropout

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Last week we touched on what might be done to prevent a youngster dropping out of school. This week's discussion will be on measures to be taken after it has happened. This office has a special interest in the subject because a high percentage of teens who get into serious trouble with the law are dropouts.

For the parent who has himself gone on through college, the thought of high school dropout is incomprehensible. Even to the parent who was a dropout in his own time it is hard to understand, because he, more than anyone, knows what a long-range mistake is being made.

What goes through the teen's mind when he becomes a dropout? Is he concerned with what it will mean to him later, how much it will cost him in unearned income, the effects it will have on his

future family? Obviously he thinks only of himself, and what else could be expected of him, at this stage in emotional development he is taking a seemingly final, easy way out of what appears to him as a lot of senseless hard work.

Quick, immediate countermeasures are needed. Some found to be helpful are:

1. Arrange with a young college student — one who is having to work to help put himself through school — to talk to your dropout about why he is putting forth all the effort it obviously takes.

2. Determine what your youngster likes to do best, and try to tie it in with a career later. Example: he likes building model airplanes, and this might lead to becoming an aeronautical engineer, but certainly not with less than a college education. Show him how, without proper formal education, he cannot do the things he most enjoys and will have to forego them in

favor of work he won't like to do, just to make enough income to survive. Point out the alternative occupations, using those you know would be most repulsive to him.

3. If he is involved with a girl he cares for, discuss the possibilities of later marriage, how due to his lack of education, she will always have to work to help support their family. And, that she will most likely have more education than he and probably as a result, earn more money than her husband all their lives. Make him cringe at the thought, work on his ego.

4. If there is a family church bond, arrange for him to have a talk with your minister. Even a minister unfamiliar with the family or this situation would be more than willing to help in counsel.

5. Freearrange a talk with an employment counselor, preferably one connected with a private employment agency. Pay for the time taken, if necessary, for

having the differences in job availabilities explained by a professional will carry considerable weight

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## Urban Renewal And Housing Coming Together In Spring

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contractors will be prepared to come back and begin paving all the streets during the paving season early next spring. The base coats applied first will preserve the road beds until paving can be done."

Eight firms bid on the street construction contract last Friday and the bids ranged from a low of \$532,580.85 to a high of \$656,709.71.

The initial engineering estimate of the project cost was \$605,099.80.

White said the initial street construction will probably begin on N. Railroad Ave. This street runs beside the Southern Railroad right of way and between the housing authority units for the elderly and Elmer Lumber Co. White said negotiations are complete with the railroad for the right to fill in the embankment on the RR right of way

in order to widen the street to 50 feet. Curbing and guttering will be constructed on the Elmer Lumber Co. easement granted the redevelopment commission.

"It is something of a miracle that all of this work, completion of the R-96 project and the housing authority units, coincides," White said. "It looks like the first occupants of these low income units will enter the premises on new streets."

### Jaycees Kickoff Pennies

#### Campaign For Easter Seals

On October 18, 1976, the Kings Mountain Jaycees kicked off their local Campaign in an effort to help collect 10,000,000 pennies for the state-wide Jaycee 10 Million Penny Project.

Local residents are encouraged to collect pennies or other change in whatever vessel they choose and contribute to the growing pile of pennies at Kings Mountain Drug between the hours of 9 a. m. and 9 p. m. through November 15.

Ten million pennies is a lot of pennies, but that is the goal of the state-wide Jaycee 10 Million Penny Project — to raise 10 million pennies or \$100,000 to help the North Carolina Easter Seal Society build a special swimming facility at their new camp for handicapped children and adults in North Carolina. Camp Sertoma.

Each of the Jaycee regions across the state has as its goal the collection of 1,500,000 pennies, or, as Gerald Wheeler, state chairman for the project says, "about six pounds of pennies per member. Ten million pennies to provide a special swimming facility at the Easter Seal's Society's Camp Sertoma is a dream — a dream that

will become a reality with your help and participation."

He emphasized that "anything goes during the drive — nickels, dimes, quarters," and that the Jaycees will convert all proceeds to pennies, so that at the end of the campaign they will be able to say "Thanks 10 Million."

### Single Accident Reported

Only one accident was reported in the city during the week's period ending Wednesday.

Cars operated by Gail P. Metcalf, 215 Morris St., and Andrew M. Wubbenhorst of Kinnelan, N. J. hit at the traffic light on W. King and Candler Sunday. Wubbenhorst, operating a 1964 Chevy, told city officer Mike Sanders that he was blinded by the sun and when he saw the traffic light was red it was too late to stop. Damages were estimated at \$350 to both cars.

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