

Reception Honors Major

John W. Major, who assumed his duties as plant manager at Kings Mountain's Eaton plant four weeks ago, was the guest of honor at a reception at Kings Mountain Inn last Thursday.

It was an event to introduce Major to business, industrial and political leaders in Kings Mountain and Cleveland County.

About 50 guests met in one of the KM Inn banquet rooms to chat with Eaton's new plant manager. Major replaces Ron Tompkins, who was transferred to manage another Eaton plant in the south of France.

Major said the plant is "functioning beautifully and was when I came here." He said he understood there were problems to be overcome when the plant first opened and added, "that without the community's and the people's help operations would not be going as smoothly as they are."

Joe Robillard, public relations man for Eaton, asked Sen. Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain to do the honors of formally introducing Major to the guests following the social hour.

Sen. Harris said being asked to introduce Major reminded him of another incident when he first settled in Kings Mountain to operate his funeral home.

"The ministers in the community came to me to ask if I would be in charge of the religious census," Sen. Harris said. "I asked why me? Why not so and so? Everyone I named was answered with so and so is a good Baptist, or Lutheran or Presbyterian or Methodist. They told me that even among the ministers there was a bit of jealousy, so they picked me because they figured I wasn't much of anybody in the community yet."

The senator said, "Joe asked me to come because our mayor is raising a flag in



Photo By Tom McIntyre

RECEPTION — John Major, new manager of the Kings Mountain Eaton Plant, chats with Kings Mountain Commissioner Fred Wright Jr. during a reception honoring

Major at KM Inn last Thursday night. Major was introduced to business, industrial and political leaders from the county.

Pearl Harbor for some reason or another."

Major commented to the guests that he was "one yankee who had to come north to go south. I came here from Caracas, Venezuela. That was some experience, but the greatest experience to me is having been born right here in America. You learn to appreciate that after you've spent time in a foreign country. You also realize how many things you take for granted in America by living in a foreign country."

Major concluded his brief comments by saying, "my family and I have received the warmest of welcomes in Kings Mountain, so let me restate a commitment made by Eaton Corporation and that's to dedicate myself and the Kings Mountain Eaton plant to being a good community neighbor."

Among the guests attending the reception were Kings Mountain Commissioner Fred Wright Jr. and commissioner-elect James J. Dickey. Also Shelby City Manager David Wilkinson, County Manager Joe Hendrick and county commissioners Jack Palmer,

Coleman Goforth, L. E. (Josh) Hinnant, Hugh Dover and C. M. Peeler. Sheriff Haywood Allen and KM Police Chief J. D. Barrett were also present along with numerous business and industrial officials from Kings Mountain and Cleveland County.

Dance, Gym Classes Set

Registration for a new square dance class is scheduled at Gastonia's Memorial Hall Tues., Jan. 3, 1978 at 8 p. m.

Persons interested in taking lessons should plan to be there at that time. A small fee will be charged, according to Cynthia Byars of the Gastonia Recreation Department.

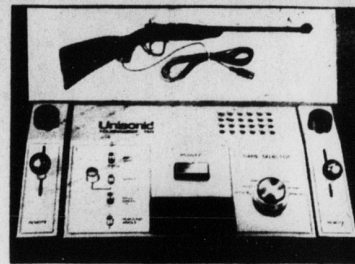
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The recreation department also has spaces available in winter gymnastics classes, according to Ms. Byars. Children 4-years old and up are being accepted.

The classes are currently being taught at Phillips Center by Bill Farrell and Robin Pearlman and a small quarterly fee is charged.

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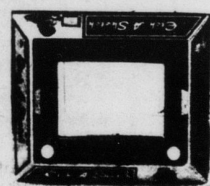
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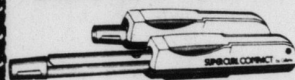
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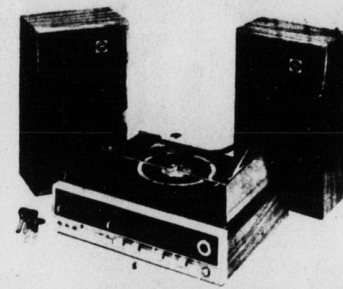
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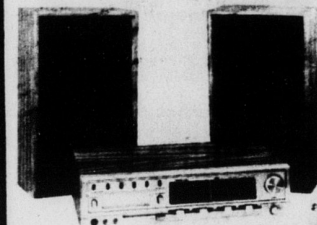
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