



Photo by Gary Stewart

FIRE SCENE - Two people died and two others were critically injured when this house at 504 Broad Street burned Tuesday morning. The blaze apparently began in a front bedroom, where three of the four people were sleeping. The fire claimed the life of Conley "Dude" Payne, 22, and Connie Sue Martin.

age 14 months. Payne pushed Nancy Martin to safety through a front window and three-year-old Melissa Lynn Martin, who was in a back bedroom, was rescued by Kings Mountain policeman Harry Martin and revived by Kings Mountain fireman Frank Burns.

Cop, Fireman Save Child 2 Die In Fire

By GARY STEWART
Editor

A 22-year-old Bessemer City man and a 14-month-old child died and two other persons were critically injured in a house fire Tuesday morning at 504 Broad Street in Kings Mountain.

Dead are Conley Elwood "Dude" Payne, 22, of 211 East Georgia Avenue, Bessemer City, and his daughter, 14-month-old Connie Sue Martin of 504 Broad Street, Kings Mountain.

The baby's mother, Nancy Martin, who was burned over 90 percent of her body, was thrown through a bedroom window by Payne and is in critical condition at the North Carolina Burn Center in Chapel Hill. Three-year-old Melissa Lynn Martin was rescued by Kings Mountain Policeman Harry Martin and given life-saving mouth-to-mouth resuscitation by Kings Mountain Fireman Frank Burns. She is in critical condition at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte.

According to the Kings



FRANK BURNS
...Revives child

Mountain Fire Department, the fire began around 10:40 a.m., apparently from a faulty gas stove in a front bedroom where Payne, Mrs. Martin and the baby were sleeping. The three-year-old child was apparently playing in a back bedroom, with the door shut.

The front portion of the home



HARRY MARTIN
...Rescues child

was apparently engulfed in flames before anyone knew the house was on fire. A teenage neighbor, Louise Price, attempted to call the fire department but instead called the number of Foote Mineral Company. A Foote employee called the fire shut.

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Two New Industries Locate, One Expands

By GARY STEWART
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The Kings Mountain Industrial Committee Tuesday announced that two new industries have located in Kings Mountain and one existing industry is undergoing an expansion program.

The news will create over 200 jobs for area citizens within the next three years.

New industries locating here are Cable Link Products, a subsidiary of Magnetic Controls Company of Minneapolis, Minn., which will manufacture

computer grade molded cable connection assemblies for the telecommunications and computer industries; and Cirtex, a textile weaving operation which will be utilizing some of the most modern European weaving equipment on the market.

Commercial Shearing is converting its 50,000 square foot warehouse into a facility that will manufacture precision gears for hydraulic gear pumps.

According to General Manager Clyde Shultz, Cable Link Products, which is located at 311 Childers Street in a building owned by Charles

Mauney, will employ 10 people initially and build to a work force of 80 to 100 in three years.

The telecommunications industry continues to expand despite the down trend in the economy, Shultz pointed out, and he expects it to build to an \$8 billion industry by 1988.

"We don't look for any kind of a decline," he says. "Even in recession, companies are still purchasing computers."

The company located in Kings Mountain by coincidence, Shultz explained.

"I called a friend, Claire Kincaid, in Gastonia, looking for a

building," Shultz said, "and she talked to Mayor John Henry Moss. He said he'd find a building. We're very happy to have located in Kings Mountain and are already trading with local suppliers and banks."

The company plans to invest over \$250,000 in tooling and has already purchased over \$400,000 worth of equipment, Shultz said. Four employees have been hired and the company will begin operations by March 15. It will begin hiring on February 15.

The first 10 employees hired will be supervisors and trainers

for additional personnel, Shultz said. The company plans a two-shift operation in three years, and then will expand.

"Anybody we hire initially we would like to have them grow with the company," Shultz said. "They will have to be able to do many things, then whatever their inclination is they can go that way."

Cirtex, owned by Fredric Moore, opened December 1 in a 10,000 square foot building owned by Carolina Throwing. Three persons have already been hired and will serve as instructors for future employee training.

Moore said the company hopes to expand every two months.

The company will manufacture polyolefin, a fabric with unlimited use potential. It's a relatively new fabric which is used in the same applications as canvass fabrics.

"It's growth potential is unlimited," Moore said. "The market is just beginning to open up. We're looking to grow very slowly and get the market adapted to our product."

Moore said if all goes well his

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NOW, LISTEN UP - Julie Hovis, eight-year-old daughter of Robert and Nelling Hovis of Route 3, Kings Mountain, whispers her Christmas requests into Santa's ear. Julie is a

student at Tryon School. Santa Claus will be visiting Julie and all other youngsters late Friday night.

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Parkdale Mills Is Sold

Stockholders of Parkdale Mills, Inc. today approved, with no dissenting votes, a plan under which Parkdale Mills will be acquired by Parkdale Holding company, a corporation owned 50-50 by the W. Duke Kimbrell family and the George F. Henry, Jr. family of Gastonia.

Henry's wife, Douglas, is the daughter of the late William Robinson, who before his death in 1961 was president and chief executive officer of Parkdale. Kimbrell succeeded him as president.

UFO Sighted In Sky

Kings Mountain Police Sgt. Bob Hayes reported the sighting of an unidentified flying object last night while running radar on Highway 74.

Hayes said the object was several thousand feet in the air and appeared to be heading in a southerly direction.

Although the flying object appeared to be many miles away, Hayes said it resembled a sleigh, pulled by about eight reindeer, and was carrying a big fat man dressed in a red suit and black boots. In the back were several big sacks which Hayes said contained toys, fruit, clothes and other items.

If it continues at its current speed, Hayes predicted it would be in Kings Mountain sometime late Friday night or early Saturday morning.

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Two Grover Men Killed In One-Car Wreck Monday

Two Grover men were killed Monday afternoon when the pickup truck in which they were riding ran off the road in an attempt to avoid hitting a car head-on.

The accident occurred on Highway 29 just inside the South Carolina line.

Dead on arrival at Cherokee County Hospital in Gaffney, S.C., were Dewey Lovelace, 46, of Route 1, Grover, and Randy Rails, 26, of Grover.

Paul M. Neisler Jr. Dead At Age Of 60

Paul M. Neisler Jr., Kings Mountain textile executive, died Saturday in a Charlotte hospital at the age of 60.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of Kathryn Moss Neisler of Kings Mountain and the late Paul M. Neisler. He served as president of Elizabeth Weaving Company of Grover and Dicey Mills of Shelby.

He was a veteran of World War II and a member of First Presbyterian Church.

In addition to his mother, he is

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survived by his wife, Joan Alexander Neisler; three sons, Charles Neisler and Paul Neisler III of Kings Mountain and Alec Neisler of San Francisco, Calif.; a daughter, Elizabeth Sumner of Gastonia; two brothers, Charles Neisler and Henry Neisler of Kings Mountain; and one grandchild.

Graveside services were conducted Monday at 2 p.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery by the Rev. Eric Faust.

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