

Police Report Wrecks

Kings Mountain police reported a number of wrecks during the past week, including a four-vehicle accident Friday which resulted in over \$2,700 in damages.

A car driven by Ronnie Philbeck of 618 East Gold struck an 18-wheeler driven by David Hall of Charlotte Friday at 11:33 p.m. on East King Street. The truck was owned by Standard Trucking. No damage was reported.

A car driven by Lenna Seay Milan of Forest City struck a car driven by John Champman of Connelly Springs Friday at 6:20 p.m. on East King. The Chapman car was knocked into a car driven by Jane Starens of 702 Woodside Drive, knocking her car into a car driven by Hugh Robbins of Fort Mill. Damage to the Robbins car was \$125, damage to the Starens car was \$250, damage to the Chapman car was \$1,400 and damage to the Milan car was \$850.

A motorcycle driven by Martin Diez Ortiz of Cowpens, S.C., struck a car driven by Sheila B. Hayes of 506 Landing Street Saturday at 6:10 p.m. at the intersection of Gold and Sims streets. Ortiz told officers his brakes failed. Damage to the motorcycle was \$400 and damage to the Hayes car was \$500.

Cars driven by Paulette Rogers of 113 Morris Street and James Mitchem Jr. of Route 3 collided Monday at 6:46 a.m. at Battleground and Ridge.

Damages were \$100 to each car. Vehicles driven by Steven Wilbank of Gastonia and John Cunningham of Waxhaw collided Monday at 10:55 p.m. at Cleveland Avenue and East King. There was no damage to Wilbank's Ford truck and \$100 damage to Cunningham's car.

Police investigated another four-vehicle wreck Tuesday at 4:34 p.m. on King Street. A car driven by Pamela D. Chapman of Route 2 struck a car driven by Mark Thomas Beenett of Charlotte, knocking it into a car

driven by Rebecca Champion of Route 6. Her car then struck a car driven by William Charles Lovelace of Union Mills. Damages were \$25 to the Lovelace car, \$400 to the Champion car, \$600 to the Bennett car and \$75 to the Chapman car.

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RECEIVE AWARDS - The pictured employees of Parkdale Mills of Kings Mountain received service awards Thursday. Front row, left to right, President W. Duke Kimbrell,

Roger Moore, Clarence Byrd, James Leach, James Gash, and Plant Manager Bernard Harvey. Back row, Coleman Anderson and Mike Coleman.



Photos by Darrell Austin

AWARD WINNERS - The employees of Parkdale Mills pictured above received service awards Thursday. Front row, left to right, President Duke Kimbrell, Dora Wilson, Renee Black, Ella Leach and Shirley Young. Back

row, Shirley Howard, Wanza Goforth, Jo Ann Young, Patricia Coleman, Eloise Huffstetler, Ophalia Humphries and Plant Manager Bernard Harvey.

Parkdale Employees Honored

Employees of Parkdale Mills in Kings Mountain can look forward to a full work schedule during the next year, President Duke Kimbrell told employees during service awards ceremonies Thursday afternoon.

Kimbrell said the plant plans to continue operating three shifts, seven days a week.

Parkdale employs more than 1,600 persons in its plants in Gaston County and Kings Mountain. The company purchased the local plant several years ago and has completely renovated it.

Kimbrell said the experienced employees "allows us to make a consistent, higher quality yarn which in turn allows us the full running schedule we are now experiencing."

Kimbrell said the company is well established with "permanent" customers that he believes will continue to purchase Parkdale yarn.

Parkdale doesn't plan any major expenditures at the KM plant this year, except to add on to the packing room, which will facilitate carrying yarn cartons directly from the packing line to



DUKE KIMBRELL

trailers. He said there is hardly any more advanced machinery on the market that's better than that in the Kings Mountain plant.

He said the "surge of imports" is the biggest problem facing Parkdale and the textile industry as a whole. "We can make yarn as cheap as anybody in the world and allowed to do so, we can pay the freight and the insurance and ship it to any location in the world and still be competitive. This is because we are

automated and mass produce the same product. We have a more attractive power rate here in North Carolina than anywhere else in the world. The combination of these makes us competitive. Our problem exists in that other countries throughout the world have a free market to bring their product into the United States to compete with us and in most cases are subsidized by their government; therefore, the textile products come into our country and, because of the government subsidy, can cut our price even below our cost point. This is not a two-way street. We can't ship to these countries because of the law and/or tariffs and taxes and other surcharges that make it prohibitive to us to ship out, so what's fair for them to ship in is not fair for us to ship out."

Kimbrell charged employees to support the "buy American, made in America by Americans" concept. If Americans don't buy their own goods, he said, textile unemployment will continue to increase as it did in 1982, when there were 45,000 less jobs in North Carolina alone.

City Police Report Number Of Larcenies

Kings Mountain police investigated numerous larcenies and other acts of vandalism during the past week.

Jerry Ruppe of 904 Woodside Drive reported the theft of a green machine 4,000 from his garage. Value was \$400.

Charles Mauney of 301 North Roxford Road reported the theft of tools and a chainsaw from his tool shed. Value was \$620.

Pine Manor Apartments on Charles Street reported the theft of a lawn mower, valued at \$2,600.

Roy Young of 4875 Margrace Avenue reported that he lost a tag off his motorcycle.

Ruth Bridges of 911 Second Street reported that someone caused \$250 worth of damage to her fence.

Doris Upchurch of 402 Cherry Stret reported the larceny of a bicycle, valued at \$179.

Ptti Clemmer of 8 Dixie Trailer Park reported the theft of \$65 cash and \$65 worth of food stamps.

Karate Championship Is Scheduled

The fourth annual Belvin Eaves Kings Mountain Open Karate Championships will be held Saturday at the Kings Mountain High School gym.

Tickets, good for all day, are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Ages six and under will be admitted free.

Eliminations begin at 10 a.m. and finals will begin at 7 p.m.

There will be competition in 50 divisions and five grand champions will be crowned. Some of last year's champions who will be returning include super lightweight Marvin Johnson of Atlanta, lightweight Arthur Ferguson of North Carolina, middleweight Jay Bell of North Carolina, light heavyweight Jarvis Suddreth of North Carolina, heavyweight Freddie Williams of North Carolina and Rhonda Alexander of Atlanta.

Last year's champion, John Chung of Washington, D.C., who is ranked number one in National Forms, will conduct a Forms Seminar Friday at 7:00 and 8:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. He will focus on stretching, how to tone muscles for various kicks, jumping kicks and forms in general. The seminar for white through green belts will be at 7:00 and the seminar for blue through black belts will be at 8:30.

The fee is \$10 if one is also entered in the Kings Mountain Open, and \$15 otherwise. Spectator fees are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Children under age five will be admitted free.

Registration for Saturday's events begin at 8 a.m. Competitors fees are \$20.

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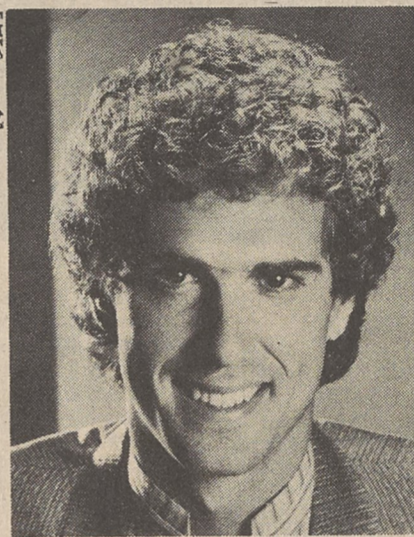
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Banquet Tickets On Sale

The Kings Mountain High School All-Sports Banquet is scheduled for Fri., May 20 at 7 p.m. at the KMHS cafeteria.

Tickets are on sale for \$5 each and may be obtained from KMHS Principal Bob McRae or Coach Dan Brooks. Deadline for obtaining tickets is Monday at noon.

The banquet is sponsored each year by the Booster's Club. Guest speaker will be Bob Hussey, head basketball coach at Davidson College, and former coach at KMHS.



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