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Five Wrecks In KM Area Over Weekend

Property damages were high in five wrecks in the Kings Mountain city limits during the past weekend.

Kings Mountain Police reported that a dump truck owned by Kerns Trucking Co. and operated by Donald Friday, Jr. of Gastonia hit a 1980 Ford operated by Phillip Carpenter, 921 Sterling Drive, at 1:25 p.m. on Jan. 4th on Cleveland Avenue. Damage to the car was estimated at \$400. There was no damage to the truck.

Police reported that Cynthia Harwood, 1225 Liberty Ave., Albermarle, struck a car operated by Dorothy Moore, 209 Scotland Drive, at a stop sign on West Gold St. Estimated damages were \$350 to Moore's 1974 Chevy and \$1500 to Harwood's 1978 Datsun.

Lindsay Ramsey, of Route 2, operating a 1975 Ford Truck, struck a 1971 Mercury operated by Pamela Pardue, of Rock Hill, S.C., at a stop sign on West Mountain Street Jan. 6th at 5:55 p.m. Damages to the Ramsey Ford were estimated at \$2,000 and to the Mercury \$1,000. Damages to the yard of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ware, West Mountain St., were estimated at \$40.

A parking lot accident involved cars operated by Bobby Ramsey, 308 Amhurst, operating a 1979 Olds which was damaged \$100, and a 1975 Buick operated by Gergory Thompson, 105 N. Watterson St., which was damaged \$100.

An unknown vehicle hit a 1977 Pontiac in the parking lot of Sadie Mill Jan. 9th at 7:12 a.m. and damaged the car approximately \$150, said police. The parked car was owned by Ernest Hood, Jr. of Route 5.

Mull Treated For Injury

Mike Mull, of 1309 Shelby Road, was discharged from Kings Mountain Hospital Saturday after receiving treatment for gunshot wounds he sustained Friday night while attempting to intervene in a fight occurring outside his home.

Charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to inflict bodily injury was Harold Wayne Ervin, Jr., 17, of 108 Oriental Avenue. Ervin, who was not involved in the fight, also reportedly fired one shot in the air, according to report of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department. According to their report, Ervin was released on \$800 bond and his reasons for allegedly firing shots was not determined. According to the Sheriff's Department, Jane Mull, of 1309 Shelby Road, also was wounded slightly and treated at Kings Mountain Hospital.

Belmont Pair Charged

Linda Atkins, 31, of Magnolia Drive, Belmont, and Curtis Ray, 26, of 520 W. Rankin Ave., Belmont, were charged with larceny of \$1,114.40 worth of perfumes from Revco Drugs Saturday.

The suspects were arrested by Kings Mountain Police Department. Sgt. Houston Corn, Ptl. Jimmy West and Ptl. Mike Sanders were investigating officers.

KMPD is continuing investigation of a rash of larcenies in the area, according to Marti Blanton, secretary to KM Police Chief J.D. Barrett.

Making complaints: Richard Abernathy, 129 S. Battleground, larceny of watch, estimated value \$400; William C. Kelly, 701 Woodside Drive, larceny of cigarettes and flashlight from vehicle, \$15; Lee Payne, 110 Stowe Acres, larceny of weed eater, \$425; Earl Stroupe, 112 Monte Vista Dr., larceny of bicycle, \$115; Vickie Dunn, 802 Third St., larceny of hubcaps, \$200; Ruth Winebarger, Route 2, larceny of hubcaps, \$100; Marshall Mullinax, Crescent Circle, larceny of panasonic radio, \$280; Interdenominational Holiness Church, damage to property and air conditioner; Pantry Store, larceny of cigarettes and drinks; Mary Higgs, 518 N. Watterson St., larceny of centerpiece from hubcaps, \$60.

City Codes Department To Clean Up Properties

A clean up effort aimed at "problem houses" and a general clean up of unsightly properties has been launched by the city codes department, Codes Director Jerry King told the board of commissioners Monday night.

King was joined in his plea by City Attorney George Thomasson and one property owner, Jack Gates, of Roxboro. Mr. Gates was present to state his appreciation to the board for giving him the opportunity to clean up two houses he owns on E. Ridge Street and West Mountain Street.

Target area for the new clean up campaign is the area flanking the new Kings Mountain By Pass and Codes Director King

promises that city housing codes will be enforced. "We want cooperation voluntarily but if not, we will take every action and use every tool at hand to get the job accomplished." Attorney City Attorney Thomasson echoed King's remarks and said that he hopes legal action will not have to be taken in other properties but that the city is continuing to work with property owners.

Mr. Gates said he is in process of renovating one of his properties and will adhere to city housing codes. "I can't do it all overnight", he told the Board, "but I appreciate you giving me some time to get the work done."

Crawford Appointed By Board

James S. Crawford, partner in Allen's Flower Shop, was appointed to the Kings Mountain Planning and Zoning Board by the city board of commissioners Monday night.

He was recommended for the appointment by Mayor John H. Moss.



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State To Re-Pave Old Highway 74

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traffic at each site safer, said the mayor.

The board entered into agreement with the Department of Transportation for the two major projects. Moss said that repaving of King Street, badly damaged by Traffic detours while the By Pass was under construction, will begin in the Spring and work is expected not disrupt traffic for a long period of time. The Mayor said the city will be responsible for acquiring right-of-way for the widening project and the state will be responsible for curbing and guttering and will build a sidewalk on the west side of Cleveland Avenue at East School.

Responding to question of Commissioner Jim Dickey as to the length of time the resurfac-

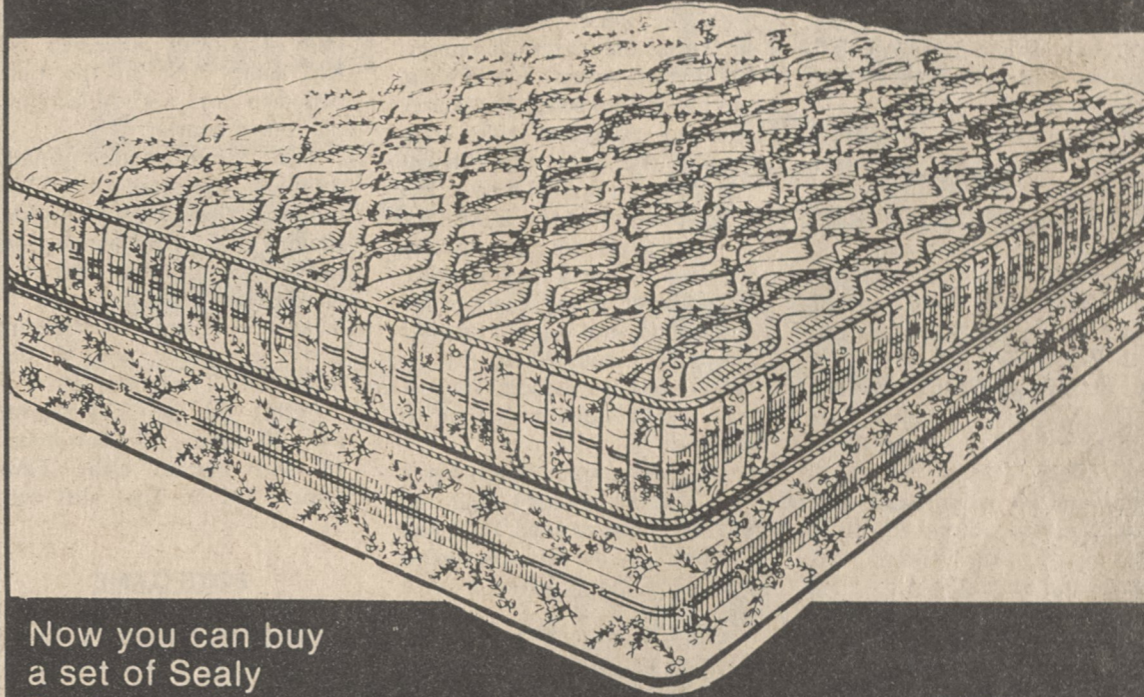
ing job will take, the Mayor said that "This involves a grinding down process. There are many layers of resurfacing there but the city is in good shape with curb and gutter on most of King with the exception of East King where the curb is broken badly." Commissioner Curtis Gaffney asked that some consideration be given to regulating traffic lights since there won't be as much traffic on King now that the By-Pass is open.

The Mayor said that eight metal 30 foot poles and light fixtures would be installed on N. Piedmont and Cleveland Ave. and the city crews would do the installation. "We feel the lights will illuminate the sidewalk areas and will give sufficient illumination for pedestrians in the bridge areas at the By-Pass interchanges," he said.

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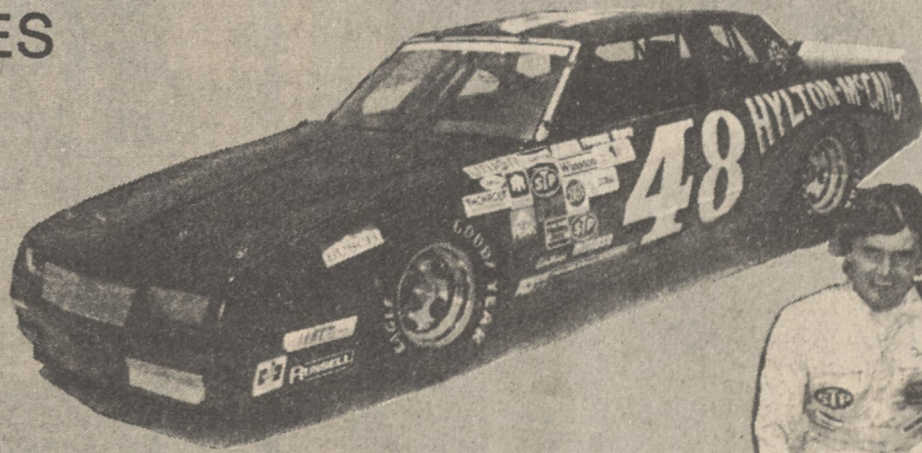


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