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Five Businesses Hit During Rash Of Break-Ins

A rash of break-ins in East Kings Mountain Wednesday kept police hopping from early morning until late afternoon.

Police recovered a stolen truck and television equipment valued at \$1,000 but are still looking for the vandals who ripped off Ideal TV Rentals, 219 S. Battleground Ave., and then hit Barnette Furniture, 429 N. Piedmont Ave., Linwood Speed Wash, 805

Cleveland Ave., Butler Refrigeration, 310 N. Piedmont Ave., and Childers Heating, 309 N. Cansler Street, all in the same evening apparently.

The breaking and entering incidents began Tuesday night in the area and were being reported about every 15 minutes to KMPD all day Wednesday, according to Marty Blanton, secretary to KMPD Chief Jackie

Barrett. Police theorize the break-ins were the work of two sets of thieves operating the community, said Mrs. Blanton.

According to police reports, three black males took a 1983 Chevrolet truck, owned by Dennis Connor, Tuesday night after Ptl. Jerry Kates gave chase to one of the trio when he spotted him running from Ideal TV Rentals in downtown Kings Moun-

tain, lost him in a footrace at the same time that Sgt. John Belk was giving chase to a suspect in a 1982 Ford Escort and had been parked behind the Blazer Building. Several TV sets and VCR machines estimated at \$1,000 were removed from Ideal TV Rentals shortly before midnight. Police say the vandals stole the truck from the Country Club parking area after mid-

night. The truck and some of the stolen merchandise was later recovered in Charlotte. Herald add rash of thefts

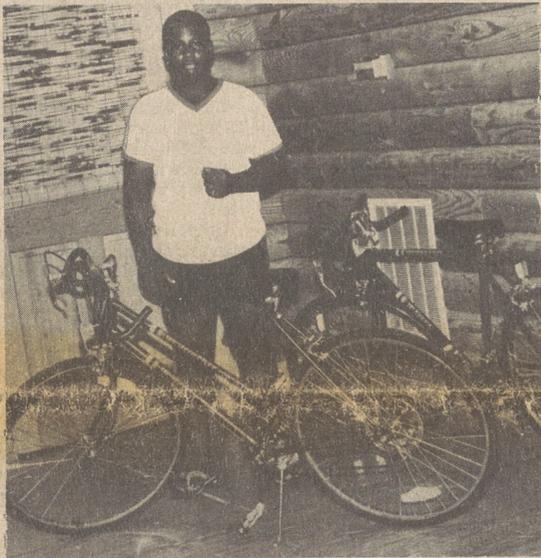
Tommy Barnette, of Barnette Furniture, reported \$664 in merchandise was stolen from his business on N. Piedmont Avenue. He called KMPD at 6:45 a.m. Wednesday to report that an air conditioner, walkie talkie, handtools and component

were taken during a break-in. A thief or thieves cut the telephone wires at the building.

At 7 a.m. Wednesday Linwood Speed Wash reported to KMPD that someone stole 25 watermelons valued at \$125.

At 7:35 a.m. Wednesday Butler Refrigeration, 310 N. Piedmont, reported a break-in in which a 1959 Chevrolet truck

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SUPER SALESMAN - Shawn Smith, above, shows off his check for \$100 he received for selling 20 new subscriptions to The Kings Mountain Herald in the summer subscription drive. Smith collected a total of \$220.50 and decided to take the cash instead of a bicycle.

Shawn Smith, 13 Super Salesman

Shawn Smith, 13, of the Ebenezer Community, is the top salesman this week in the Kings Mountain Herald's summer subscription drive.

The son of Bernard and Elizabeth Smith, Shawn sold 20 new subscriptions to The Herald, and instead of accepting the red 10-speed bicycle he had won, he took the cash, a check for \$110.00, half the amount he had collected for 20 one-year subscriptions, \$220.50.

Shawn doesn't plan to quit selling Heralds just because he sold the magic number of 20. He plans to continue until Aug. 24, last day of the campaign in which boys and girls are earning extra cash for back to school clothes and end-of-summer vacations.

Anyone selling 20 subscriptions may choose a new 10-speed Western Flyer bike or a black and white television set, or \$5 for each year subscription sold. A two year subscription counts as

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Quick Thinking Leads To Arrests

Quick thinking by Kings Mountain Dog Warden Stretch Bollinger, a former KM Police officer, led to the apprehension of four alleged armed bandits Friday afternoon by KM Police after a local clothing store was robbed.

Bollinger, on routine patrol, spotted a green 1971 Buick speeding along Highway 161 and radioed for police officers to stop the car. Until the officers stopped and then approached the car, they did not know it was a getaway car since the Cleveland County Communications Center had not had time to broadcast an armed robbery bulletin.

The suspects surrendered to KM Police without incident, according to Cleveland County Sheriff's Assistant Chief Deputy Grady Goode.

A .22 caliber pistol and \$4,000

School Bells To Ring

School bells will ring for Kings Mountain District pupils on Tuesday, Aug. 21.

It will be back to school for Kings Mountain district teachers on Monday, Aug. 13th, which marks the opening of the 1984-85 term of school.

The total staff will meet in the cafeteria of Kings Mountain Senior High School for breakfast at 8 a.m. on Wednesday morning, Aug. 15. The program will include comments by Supt. Bill Davis and an address by Phillip Dail, the 1984-85 North Carolina Teacher of the Year.

Students who will be attending Kings Mountain schools for the first time are asked to contact the school office prior to the

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worth of clothing were recovered from the car, according to sheriff's reports.

Charged in the alleged robbery of Clothesline Jean Shop on Highway 74 East were four Charlotteans:

Billy Grier, Jr., 35; Gerard Davidson, 35; Rosa Cureto, 36, of 1901 Little Rock Road, and Reginald Barnett Gibson, 20, of 825 Gates St. They were jailed without bond in Shelby on three counts each of armed robbery, five counts of second degree kidnapping and one count of conspiracy.

Chief Deputy Goode commended the quick action of the Kings Mountain Police Department. "Without their help we would not have had much of a chance. Can you imagine trying to find a car on I-85 when you

don't have a description?"

According to Det. Sgt. Joe King and Chief Deputy Goode, the bandits allegedly robbed the Clothesline Jean Shop about 2 p.m. at gunpoint, took money and jewelry from the storeowner and a customer before forcing them into a rear dressing room where they and three other victims were bound.

According to officer's reports, another customer and her young grandchild entered the store as the alleged robbery was in progress and they were forced into the dressing room with the other victims. Except for the child, all the victims had their wrists taped together and were blindfolded with tape. No one was injured.

Local officers assisting in the arrest of the suspects were Sgt. John Belk, Ptl. Jerry Kates, Ptl.



BOLLINGER

Derrick Johnson, Chief J. D. Barrett, Det. Sgt. Richard Reynolds, Det. James Camp and SBI Agent David Bridges.



CABLELINK GETS BIG ORDER - Cablelink, Inc. of Kings Mountain got a \$1.7 order last week for computer modems. Pictured at the plant are from left to right, front row, Jim Murphy, Igor Boguslavsky of Chicago, Ill., Plant Manager Murphy, Igor Boguslavsky of Chicago, Ill., Plant Manager Clyde J. Schultz, Tom Harrison and William Solomon. Back row, from left, Joe Stug Sturgeon, Bob Voss, and Mary Schiffler.

Million Order For Cablelink

A \$1.7 million order for computer modems. That's what a relatively-new Kings Mountain industry received a purchase order for this week.

Cablelink, Inc., founded Nov. 1, 1982 and operating at 311 Childers St. for the sole purpose of manufacturing molded cable assemblies for the computer and instrument industry, signed the contract with U.S. Robotics, Inc. of Chicago, Ill. Friday.

General Manager Clyde J. Schultz said the local plant will begin shipments in November

and expect to have the order completed within 10 months.

Schultz said the local plant, which now employs 30 production workers on two shifts, will be hiring at least 20 more employees by end of November and will begin operations of a third shift by that time.

Igor Boguslavsky of Chicago, Ill., Director of Purchasing for U.S. Robotics, Inc., was in Kings Mountain Friday to tour the local facility. Others representing the company were Jim Murphy, Mary Schiffler, Tom Harrison,

of MetCom Associates and sales representatives for Cablelink Bob Hejnosz and Robinson Nugent, Inc. regional sales manager Bob Voss.

Cablelink of Kings Mountain made its first shipment of computer cable parts in July 1983 with a production staff of three. Most all 30 employees are local people who came to work through federally and state funded training programs and represent a very diverse group ranging in age from 18 to 58 years.

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JAYCEE GIFT TO BOYS CLUB - Jaycee President Brad Tate, left, presents to Boy's Club Treasurer Tommy Bennett check for \$360 from the Kings Mountain civic club. Back row, Jim Godfrey, past state Jaycee president, Jaycee District Director Larry Hamrick, Jr., Jaycee State Vice President Joe Walker and Jaycee External Director Bob Maner. KM Boy's Club is the 1006th Boy's club in the nation.