

Brake Failure Results In Wreck

Brake failure was blamed for an accident Tuesday on West King Street which resulted in property damages to two vehicles and a service station sign.

City police said that Robert Taylor, of Gastonia, operating a 1974 Chevrolet which was damaged \$400, was applying brakes to stop for traffic on King Street and Cleveland Avenue when his brakes failed and he swerved to the right. The car left the roadway and hit a sign at Danny Shockley's Shell Station and a 1986 Chevrolet operated by Michael McDaniel, 608 Hillside Dr., coming out of the service station yard. McDaniel's car was damaged \$300 and the sign was damaged \$50, police estimated.

Several parking lot accidents occurred this week.

Monday, a hit and run driver struck a parked car owned by Charles Coates of Oklahoma City, Okl. in the parking lot of Cansler St. apartments, doing \$1500 to the 1987 Nissan.

Sunday on West Mountain St. struck a parked 1986 truck owned by David Benoy, Sr. of 607 W. Mountain St. Damages totaled \$2700.

Friday on Ridge Street an accident involved cars operated by Barbara Sue

Hawkins, 823 Church St., operating a 1982 Ford which was damaged \$100, and a 1972 Ford operated by John Philip Martin of 1409 Shelby Rd., which was damaged \$100.

A parking lot accident at Hardee's involved a 1984 Mercury operated by Jim Yarbrow, Jr., 102 Sims St., which was damaged \$250, and a 1982 Datsun operated by Anthony Houser, Route 5, which was damaged \$100.

An unknown driver struck a parked 1987 Ford in the parking lot of Kings Mountain Senior High, doing \$50 damage to the car owned by

Fred J. Broadwell, III of 406 Garrison Dr.

An unknown driver struck a 1984 Ford owned by Debra Jackson, Route 2, Bessemer City, in the private parking lot at Food Lion, doing \$500 damage.

On Jan. 29th at 3 p.m. on North Piedmont Ave. a 1976 AMC operated by Timmy Childers, Route 3, struck a 1981 Plymouth operated by Wanda Biddix, of 815 Ellison St., doing a total of \$1900 in damages.

On Jan. 28th at 2:30 p.m. on North Battleground Ave., a 1979 Chevrolet owned by the

City of Kings Mountain and operated by William Nelson, Jr. of Route 2, Bessemer City, was struck by a 1979 Chevrolet operated by Harry Webb of 411 York Road. Damages were estimated at \$1,000 to the city vehicle and \$250 to the Webb car.

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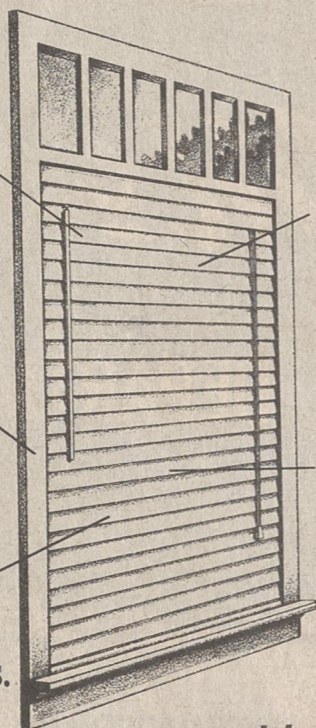
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Police Report Vandalism

Several incidents of vandalism are under investigation by Kings Mountain Police Department.

Two windows were broken out and \$150 in damage reported to Grace United Methodist Church.

Phillip Brafford, of 212 Katherine St., reported that his automobile was broken into and vandals took a radio stereo system, equalizer, fuzzbuster, and two sets of speakers, also doing \$300 damage to the car.

A City of Kings Mountain Public Works warehouse was broken into and \$172 worth of tools stolen.

Sammy Miller reported that his bicycle was stolen from his yard.

Lillian Harrison, 217 N. Carpenter St., reported a purse snatching incident. She said she was walking West on Ridge Street when a black male approached her from behind and took her purse containing some money and papers.

Another purse snatching incident at Deal Street Park was reported by Lisa Arrowood, 410 Cansler St., who said a black male grabbed her and pulled her shoulder bag from her arm.

Priscilla Hughes, of Kings Mountain, reported that vandals threw a brick through her television set, doing \$1300 in damages and also took her 1984 model Celebrity Chevrolet which police recovered.

Patricia Jean Carroll, 84 Pine Manor, reported theft of a television set valued at \$250.

Pauline Nations, 1019 Linwood Road, reported that someone broke into her vehicle while parked at Deal Street Park. Nothing was reported missing, she said.

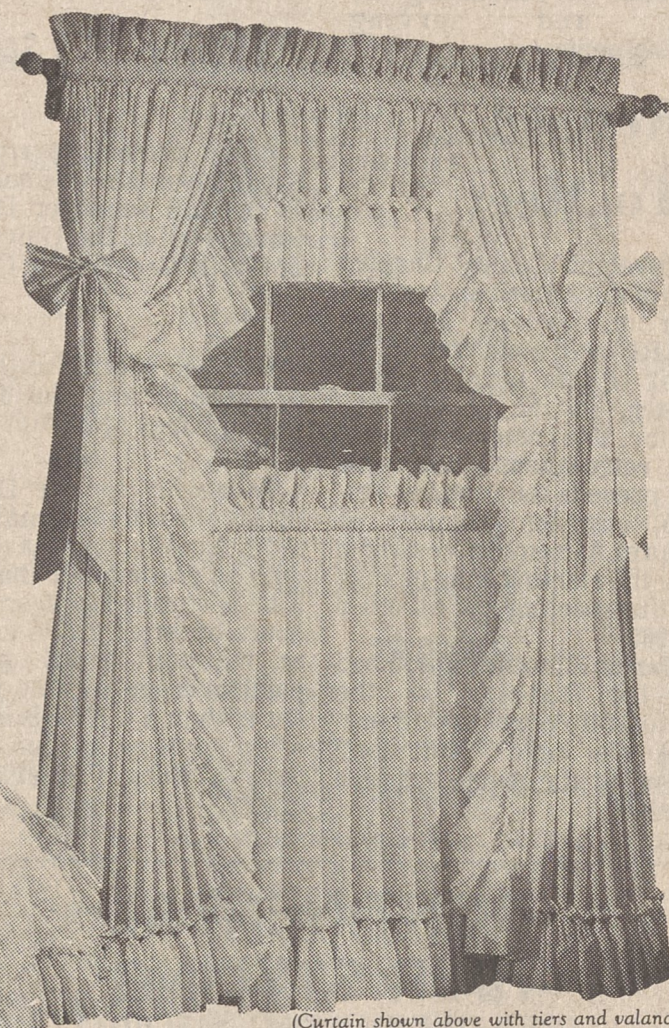


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