

Maddox Reports Kidnapping

Joseph Y. Maddox, of Fallston, employee of Commercial Intertech, considers himself a lucky man.

Maddox told Kings Mountain Police that he went back to work April 24 to return his time sheet and was kidnaped and robbed at gunpoint by suspects who drove him to Charlotte before releasing him.

Ptl. Charles Bundrick, who is investigating the incident, said that

Maddox drove his car out the main gate of Commercial Intertech on Canterbury Road and was stopped at the intersection of King and Canterbury by a blue Honda Accura flashing its headlights for him to stop.

"I pulled over to the curb, thinking it was someone I knew. A black male got out of the car and told me someone wanted to speak to me. I walked over to the vehicle and a black male got out of the car and walked over to me. Then the man produced a small handgun and placed it near my ribs and placed me in the rear of his vehicle at gunpoint," he said. A hood was placed over the victim's

head and he was driven to an unknown location, where he was detained and then released in Charlotte.

After his release, Maddox said he got into his own vehicle, which had been driven by one of the robbers to Charlotte, and went to the Charlotte Police Department. When Maddox got into his car to come home, he said he realized that his money was missing.

The kidnaper is described as a black male six feet four inches tall and weighing 210 pounds with bronze, curly hair. Maddox said the kidnaper spoke with a northern accent.



ART DISPLAY-To promote the awareness of art in the community and develop an appreciation for the culture and the visual arts, KMHS art students have prepared an exciting and varied art exhibit at the high school and cash prizes went to the top three winners in a recent KMSHS exhibit. Chris Foard, left, has won a four year art scholarship to Iowa State University where she plans to concentrate in architecture. Jack Ladora, middle, and Kim Ware also display their work. In the Shelby Art League show Foard won first place, Ladora won second place and Ware was third place. Honorable mention awards went to Mandii Kue, Tanyell Moore and Roy Guinn.

Jacob Goes To The Beach

Last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Lottie Burton and I took Jacob Wilson to Windy Hill Beach for his fourth birthday trip. Jacob had been asking us for several weeks since his April 5 birthday when we were going to take him to the ocean. He wanted to pick up "she-shells" and make a castle in the sand. He did that and had a very good time.

Sam and Vicky Drawdy of Lewis Farm Road have a new daughter. She was born Sunday and weighed five pounds, 14 ounces.

Marie Neal, Kathryn Bridges and Alma Bridges accompanied Sylvia Hamrick to Asheville last



Long Creek
By Frances Wilson

weekend to attend the Southern Bell Pioneers Convention. Sylvia was in charge of the "Hobby Room" where Pioneer members displayed their hobbies and crafts. These items were judged and Sylvia won honorable mention for

a prom dress she designed and made for her daughter, Yvette Weaver.

Sunday services will not be held at Long Creek as a large part of its members will attend a retreat at Camp Grier.

Christian sympathy is extended to Wylie Carver on the death of his brother.

Troop 17 Boy Scouts from Long Creek held a camporee last weekend but were sent home by the rain Saturday afternoon. They were in a pasture at Seven Oaks Farms and almost got stuck in the mud before getting their tents and equipment out.

C-Ridge Activities Planned

Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church had its fifth Sunday night singing April 29. The featured group was the King James Singers from Forest City.

Any mothers wishing to have their babies included in the Baby Dedication Service Sun., May 13, at Chestnut Ridge should turn the names into Susan Stewart as soon as possible. Call Susan at 739-5343.

The church needs volunteers for Bible School June 11-15 from 6:30-8:30 each evening. Teachers are already lined up but if you can help in other ways call Susan Stewart at 739-5343 after 5 p.m.



Chestnut Ridge
By Myrtle King

Ronda Owens will be graduating from Gardner-Webb College Saturday. Ronda, who has studied business management and computers, will be working as an office manager with Lowes Stores. She is the daughter of Martha Anne and Kenneth Owens and granddaughter of Eva and Arthur Ware, all of

Kings Mountain.

Ronald Eugene Hawkins, grandson of Estelle Hawkins, will be graduating from Kings Mountain High School. Ronald's parents are Ronnie and Wanda Hawkins.

Debbie and Larry Rayfield celebrated their 16th anniversary on April 27. Married the Rev. Mitchel Pruitt, the Rayfields were the last couple to hold their wedding ceremony in the old church sanctuary before it was torn down.

Happy birthday to Daryl King, Terri King, Dwain King and Dale Wilson.

Thought for today: "Attitudes are contagious. Is your's worth catching?"

Joseph Gladden Is One Year Old

Joseph Dwight Gladden, son of Joseph and Dusty Gladden of Kings Mountain, celebrated his first birthday April 7. A Mickey Mouse cake was cut and served with party refreshments, carrying out the Mickey Mouse theme to all his friends and relatives.

Grandparents are Dwight and Laverne Foster of Kings Mountain and Janet Gladden and the late James Gladden of Kings Mountain.

Great-grandmother is Mrs. Estelle McNeely.



JOSEPH GLADDEN

Our People In Service

RONALD D. GORE, Air Force Master Sgt. and son of Betty B. Boyd of Albuquerque, N.M., and Bobby D. Gore of Route 3, Kings Mountain, has been named senior non-commissioned officer of the quarter.

Gore is procedures unit supervisor with the 92nd Supply Squadron at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.

Gore's wife, Cindy, is the daughter of James Pierce of Kannapolis and Helen Camp of Gastonia.

The sergeant is a 1973 graduate of Kings Mountain High School.

STORMY L. NEAL, Navy Airman Apprentice and daughter of Marie B. Neal of Route 3, Kings Mountain, has completed the Aviation Machinist's Mate Basic Jet Engine Course.

She is a 1989 graduate of Bessemer City High School.

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