

KM POLICE REPORT

KM students issued citation for fighting

Two 16-year-old Kings Mountain High School students were issued citations for disorderly conduct by fighting and suspended from school for five days after an incident Thursday at 1:47 p.m. in a classroom at Kings Mountain High School.

The school's Resource Officer, Sgt. M.E. Jamerson, issued citations to Heather Green of 313 Churchill Drive, and Melissa Curry of 117 Pat Court.

Houses damaged on N. Carpenter St.

Two homes on North Carpenter Street were damaged in attempted break-ins on January 10.

Dennis Dawkins of 208 N. Carpenter St. reported to police that someone broke a window on the back side of his home, causing \$53 damage.

Moments later, Keith Frelon Ramsey of 210 North Carpenter St. reported that someone pulled off the metal welding and cut a hole in a screen door, causing \$50 damage.

Thieves take bikes on Fulton Street

Bicycles were the targets of thieves recently on Fulton Street.

Two bikes were stolen Thursday night, one at the home of Jonathan Chapman at 111 Fulton St., and the other at the home of Rebal Ross of 424 Fulton St.

On January 5, a bicycle was stolen at the home of Rhonda Lambert at 200 Fulton St.

CITATIONS

Jack Byrd, 36, 234 Branchwood Circle, speeding 51 in 35 zone.

Dometrius Proctor, 22, Shelby, speeding 64 in 45 zone.

Stephen Sizemore, 26, Charlotte, expired registration plate.

Lakimby Hopper, 24, Shelby, expired registration plate.

Phyllis Tate, 40, 334 Ebenezer Rd., failing to stop at stop sign.

William Belk, 28, 700 Battleground Villa Ct., speeding 59 in 35 zone.

Lucy Sutton, 31, Gastonia, speeding 56 in 35 zone.

Lisa King, 112 White Plains Dr., speeding 58 in 35 zone.

David Reid, 36, Kingswood Apt. 3B, driving while license revoked.

Charles Webb, 51, 309 W. Gold St., red light violation.

Robin Colvin, 31, 1405 S. Battleground Ave., failing to stop at stop sign.

ARRESTS

Clyde Weaver, 49, 103 Cloninger St., misdemeanor larceny, \$100 secured bond.

INCIDENTS

Mark Jenkins, 305 N. Gaston St., reported larceny of a handgun from his residence. The gun was valued at \$200, ammunition at \$6 and a black holster \$18.

Heather and Stacy Wells, 115 Monta Vista Dr., reported that someone broke into their vehicle by using an extra set of keys and stole a ball cap valued at \$12.

Dana McNeal, 301 Branchwood Circle, reported that someone broke a window in her vehicle and stole a pocketbook, currency, driver's license, social security card, check card, check book, calling card, and five CDs. Total value of items stolen was \$250. Damage to the window was \$100.

Shellie Shirey, 510 N. Piedmont, reported that she was assaulted at 725 York Road.

Denver Golf, 507 S. Battleground, reported larceny of \$57.50 worth of plastic sign letters from the parking area of Touch of Class Auto Car Wash, 122 York Rd.

Harris Teeter, 610 E. King St., reported forgery and uttering of forged document. Someone passed personal checks in the amount of \$200.71, \$131.80 and \$137.07.

Wendy Terry, 1004 Joanne Ct., reported that someone stole a Coleman generator, valued at \$750.

Weaver's Paint Shop, 207 W. King St., reported that someone shot out three windows.

Express Store, 212 W. King St., reported larceny of beer.

A 15-year-old reported that he was assaulted on North Carpenter St. He told police he was struck several times with a metal rod.

Charles Adkins, 700 Bridges Dr., reported that someone stole a tool box and tools valued at \$100.

James Duncan, Rutherfordton, reported that someone broke into his vehicle while it was parked on Clinton Drive and stole a sander valued at \$179, a sander valued at \$89, and an air compressor and tank valued at \$500.

Handy Pantry, 225 N. Cleveland Ave., reported the

theft of \$260.

Larry Burris, Clover, SC, reported that he was assaulted at Little Dan's, 726 York Rd., by someone who hit him in the head with a bottle.

Jay Rhodes, 316 Country Club Acres, reported a lost or stolen wallet while at CVS, 1101 Shelby Rd.

Scotty Ward, 624 E. Gold St., reported a break-in and theft of a stereo valued at \$477.99.

Russell Kiser, 211 El Bethel Rd., reported that someone scratched his vehicle with a key, causing \$325 damage.

WRECKS

Vehicles driven by David Reid and Glenn Nichols, both of Kings Mountain, struck on West King St at Phifer Rd. Damages were \$3,500 to Reid's car and \$3,000 to Nichols'.

A vehicle driven by Jacqueline Currence of Kings Mountain struck a parked car owned by Elma Wright of Shelby on Waters St. Damage to Currence's car was \$300 and damage to Wright's was \$2,500.

A car driven by Patricia Seagle of Shelby was struck by a vehicle which left the scene in the parking area of B.M.A. Dialysis on Canterbury Rd. Damage to the vehicle, owned by Transportation Administration of Cleveland County, was \$200.

Takisa Borders of Shelby was charged with driving while license revoked and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident after her Nissan struck a vehicle driven by Charles Smith of Clover, SC, on East King St. at Cleveland Ave. Damages were \$100 to Borders' vehicle and \$25 to Smith's.

A vehicle operated by Josie Massey of Shelby hit a parked vehicle owned by Alan and Wanda Jones of Kings Mountain in the parking area of 1303 Plaza Dr. There was no damage to the Massey vehicle, owned by Transportation Administration of Cleveland County. There was \$1,500 to the Jones' 1995 Ford.

A vehicle driven by Johnnie Bryan Jr. of Belmont was backing from a parking space at Bridges Hardware and struck a vehicle owned by Cecil Ward of Kings Mountain. Damage to Ward's vehicle was \$350.



ALAN HODGE/THE HERALD
Edward Jones shows off his \$10,000 retirement check from Ruppe Hosiery, Inc. in Kings Mountain. Jones had been an employee at Ruppe since 1984. Pictured with Jones are, (left) Ruppe Hosiery president Tony Ruppe, and personnel manager Jerry Ruppe.

Jennifer Decker joins U.S. Army Delayed Entry Program

Jennifer L. Decker has joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Nashua, N.H.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year. The enlistment gives the new

soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty.

Decker, a student at Nashua

High School, will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic training January 28, 2000.

She is the daughter of MaryEllen N. Cote of Moultonborough, N.H., and David W. Decker of Kings Mountain.

MERGER

From 1A

our attorney," said Stella Putnam. "We had several specific legal questions."

Former Cleveland County commissioner Ralph Gilbert also attended the meeting Tuesday.

"I'm against closed sessions of any type," Gilbert said. "Except those permitted by law and where there's a lawsuit involved. But there's no lawsuit involved in the school merger issue."

Kings Mountain school superintendent Bob McRae was philosophical about Tuesday's meeting.

"There's clearly a law that allows public bodies to have closed sessions," McRae said. "Sometimes

you need to do it."

Also in attendance Tuesday was Cleveland County school board vice chairman Jo Boggs. Boggs shared the frustration of many as they waited for the closed session to end.

"It would have been nice if they had held it in public," Boggs said.

Almost an hour to the minute after the closed session began, commissioners and Middlebrooks emerged. In a matter of moments, the meeting was adjourned.

"We consulted with our attorney and that's all we can say," said commissioner Joe Hendrick.

That answer wasn't the one that the people wanted to hear, but was what they had to take back outside to an icy afternoon.

Students design county flag

Cleveland County has a new flag, designed by Shelby High School Michael Magee, with a slogan coined by Kings Mountain High student Rachel Hughes.

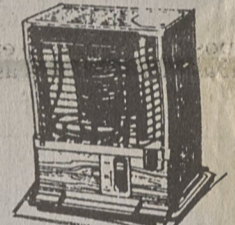
Michael and Rachel were among over 80 students in the county who participated in the "Flag For the Future Contest," coordinated by the Cleveland County Arts Council on behalf of the Cleveland County Commissioners. Michael's design took first place in the con-

test with Rachel's placing second. Students in grades 6-12 were invited to design a new flag representative of the county. The Cleveland County Commissioners chose the winning design and slogan.

A design by Kings Mountain High School student Alex Childers placed third and honorable mention went to Kevin Myers of Shelby High School. Each of the students will receive a \$50 savings bond and complimentary flag.

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