



Million-Dollar Accident?

A tractor trailer owned by Moss Trucking Company of Charlotte hit the bridge at I-85 and Dixon School Road Monday night at 12:45 inflicting an undetermined amount of damage. The driver of the tractor, William Clanton DeMars of Pensacola, Florida was not injured in the mishap. According to the report made by the Highway Patrol, DeMars was southbound on I-85 when an

unknown vehicle passed him and cut in front of the truck. The unknown vehicle applied his brakes and DeMars swerved to miss him. The big truck hit the guard rail and his load, a 38,000 pound turbine struck the bridge at Dixon School Road. Trooper M. V. Reavis filed the report and no violations were indicated. (Mirror Photo by Lem Lynch)

KM May Get \$125,000 In Revenue Sharing

According to figures from the U.S. Department of Treasury, Kings Mountain may receive in the neighborhood of \$125,000.

The money will come to the city if Congress passes a federal revenue sharing bill now before it. The Congress is expected to act on the matter sometime this week.

The State of North Carolina will receive approximately \$45 million and the money will be spread among the counties and municipalities. Requirements for use of the money have not yet been established and so officials aren't sure yet how Kings

Mountain would utilize its share. Many cities however seem to be leaning toward using the money for water and sewer improvements. Mayor Moss said that he was "not certain how the money would be used" but was hoping the city would receive the money. "I am very much in favor of revenue sharing for cities and am sure that we can put any money to good use."

Cleveland County's share of the dole would come to approximately \$859,000. Of this figure, Shelby would receive \$284,000 and Kings Mountain \$125,000.

Pigskin Prophets Win Cash

Some folks make it mighty easy to find a winner, especially when they get 100% correct. Last week we had one person to guess them all right and this week is three times better. Yes, out of the depths of the football contest drawer emerged three 100 per centers!!! We congratulate these prophets of perfection.

- They were:
1. Linda Moss-10 correct (35 points)
 2. Ken Short-10 correct (33 points)
 3. Helen Roark-10 correct (31 points)
- Don't forget to enter the MIRROR football contest. Fill out that form and send it to Mirror Contest, P. O. Box 345, Kings Mountain, or just drop it by the office. We'll be looking for you!

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Cases Of Larceny Investigated

Two incidents of larceny was investigated over the weekend by the Kings Mountain Police Department.

The first case was reported to the police Saturday at 8:05 p.m. by Barry Bumgardner at Bridges Auto Parts. Bumgardner told police that he left work Saturday at 8 and went to the back lot to his car. He found the car gone and began searching for it. He found the vehicle next to the fence between Patterson Oil and KM Machine Works. He opened the car and found a tool box missing. Value of the box and the contents were valued at \$432. Captain Roper investigated the larceny and reported that it must have occurred between 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. The thief apparently pushed the car to the fence and

then stole the property.

Another larceny was reported at Bridges Hardware Monday morning at 9:15 by Glee Edward Bridges. He told Capt. Roper and Lt. Corn that Wanda Bridges had made out a bank deposit Saturday around 10 a.m. and had put the money into a bank bag and placed it in the safe. The report stated that the safe was open and when Mrs. Bridges came in Monday to get the money for deposit, the money was missing. The items gone were \$693.50 in bills, \$654.46 in checks and \$60.95 in change. Later in the day Mr. Biltcliffe, a postman, reported that he had found the checks in a mailbox at East King and Deal Street. All the checks were accounted for.



Work Progresses

A drainage ditch is cut into the cleared ground on the site of Kings Mountain's proposed first shopping center, on Highway 74 West. Grading began a couple of weeks ago, and J. Wilson Crawford, one of the developers of the property has expressed hopes that some of the stores will be completed by the end of the year, and hopefully, in business by early 1973. Entrances and exits to the center will be located on Phifer Road, Spring Road, and U.S. 74. (Mirror Photo)

Wreck Toll Light In City

Two wrecks on West King and a pedestrian accident marked a light toll of damage last week in Kings Mountain. On Wednesday, PTL, C. A. Mauney investigated an accident at the intersection of West King and Goforth. The wreck, occurring at 12:55 p.m. involved Howard Dean Belcher, 43, of Gastonia. Belcher told the patrolman that he was traveling west on King when an unknown vehicle came at him in his lane. He tried to avoid a collision and left the right side of the road and struck a utility pole. Damage to his 1962 Chevrolet was estimated at \$200. No charges were indicated.

Failure to yield was the violation incurred by Norman Graham of Beontree, Virginia in an accident Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m. The accident occurred on West King near the bus station. The report indicated that Graham pulled out from the bus station and struck the right front of a 1971 Ford driven by Lillie Mae Moore of Route 1, Kings Mountain. Damage to the Graham car was listed at \$150 and \$50 damage was done to the Moore auto. Officers Belk and Reynolds reported an accident Sunday at 11:23 a.m. involving a seven year old boy on a bicycle. Joseph Curtis Salmoms, 16, of 902 Boyce Street told the officers that he was going east on Jackson Street when Rodney Lee Sellars rode his bicycle through the stop sign on Monroe Avenue and hit his car. The Sellars boy was taken to Kings Mountain Hospital where he was treated and released. The Salmoms car was damaged \$25 worth and \$20 damage was done to the bicycle.

Oliver Left Guessing About His Brown Lung Claim

Ray Bill Oliver is still on a string. Mr. Oliver is one of two Cleveland County residents who have filed with the State Industrial Commission for worker disability. William Poteat of Shelby is the other man involved in the question of brown lung disease.

Ray Oliver is a resident of Kings Mountain and has been working for Park Yarn for 26 years. About a week ago Oliver filed for worker disability saying he had brown lung. North Carolina has a law now giving textile workers the right to file a claim for this disease.

Brown lung or scientifically speaking, byssinosis, is a respiratory ailment that affects the lungs. It is often equated with cotton or lint particles found in cotton mills. There is, however, no medical proof of the cause of brown lung.

One hearing has already been held concerning Mr. Oliver's case. During this

initial hearing a doctor testified that both Oliver and Poteat have brown lung disease. A second hearing was to be held Tuesday in which the insurance companies were to be heard. Oliver told the MIRROR Tuesday that the hearing obviously did not come about as planned. He had talked with his attorney Monday morning and the attorney had called the Industrial Commission to confirm the hearing. Late in the day, Oliver received a phone call from his attorney's secretary and she told him there "would be no hearing."

"I don't know if there was a hearing or not or even if someone was trying to hide something. I just don't know," Oliver reported.

Attempts to reach Park Yarn and the State Industrial Commission's deputy secretary, Charles Dandelake were unsuccessful.

Grover School Broken Into

A breaking and entering and larceny at Grover School was reported to the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department Wednesday at 10:30 p.m.

A Mrs. Scruggs called the Sheriff to report the break in at the school which was reported to have been committed somewhere between 4 and 9 p.m. Wednesday afternoon. Taken from the school was approximately \$2 in silver and a roll of 8 cent stamps. Deputy Wilbur Benton investigated the break in and reported that a window had been broken out of the office and the thieves had entered. The person or persons also entered the kitchen by cutting the screen on the door but nothing was reported missing. Total damages to the premises were listed at \$5. The Sheriff's Department also arrested a few area persons last week. Listed were James Jasper Beach, 27, of Number 9 Trailer, Pine Ridge in Kings Mountain, fugitive for Union County, South Carolina. Basil Hoyle, 31, of 607 Mauney Avenue, Kings Mountain. Temporary taking of a vehicle.

Johnny M. Black, 31, of Route 1, Grover, worthless check.

Henry K. Tate, 58, of Route 3, Kings Mountain, Capias instanter and a warrant for public drunk.

Lee J. Moore, 42, of Route 1, Grover, capias instanter.

Teat Acquitted

John R. Teat, 21, of Kings Mountain was acquitted Saturday in Superior Court in the murder of Lauder McCullough of Bessemer City. The jury did however find him guilty of armed robbery and Judge Willie K. McClean sentenced Teat to prison for a term "not to exceed" twenty five years.

Teat has issued notice that he will appeal the case and at present is in the Gaston County Jail.

Melvin Berry, 19 year old partner with Teat on the night of the murder is yet to be tried but did testify that Teat killed McCullough. Teat said that Berry was the murderer.

The incident took place on July 30 when the two went to the home of Lauder McCullough to purchase some beer. Teat told the court that Berry cut the 60 year old man and then robbed him of his money and a .38 caliber pistol. Teat further testified that Berry took the man into the woods off the Landers Champel-High Shoals Road and shot him. The gun was then thrown into the lake near the Lithium plant in Bessemer City where it was recovered a couple of weeks ago. Both men told nearly identical stories of the events and each accused the other of the killing.



Thanks Mr. Mayor!

It's difficult to tell who's more honored as country singer Loretta Lynn is presented a plaque by Kings Mountain Mayor John Moss on behalf of Crossroads Music Park during her Sunday

performance. The plaque recognized her as the Country Music entertainer of the decade, for which she in turn gave the mayor a big kiss on the cheek! (Mirror Photo by Rodney Dodson)



The KMHS Homecoming Queen and her court are shown as they will appear at the Homecoming game here Friday night. Pictured left to right: Denise Blalock, Theresa McDowall, Debbie Page-Queen, Linda Weaver, and Frieda Sexton. (Mirror Photo by Lem Lynch)