

Damages Reach \$3000 In City Wrecks

Kings Mountain Police report six wrecks within the city this week with total damages reaching the \$3000 mark.

Ptl. Robert Dodge answered a call to a wreck Monday night at 8 p.m. on East King Street between Gaston and Piedmont. One car was involved and the driver was listed as Delores Leigh Davis, 37, of 64 60 Margrace Road. She told the officer that she took her eyes off the road to look at the children in the car and she hit a telephone pole. Damage to her 1965 Pontiac was listed at \$300.

Failure to yield was the violation cited against Maria Green Proctor, 17, of Route 1, Bessemer City after a wreck Tuesday at 11:18 p.m. The accident occurred at the intersection of Battle-ground and Wells Street when Maria Proctor pulled from Wells and into the path of Bernard R. Patterson of Irvington, New Jersey. Patterson told investigating officer Jerry White that he saw the car pulling out but could not stop in time. Patterson's 1969 Chrysler was damaged \$1200 worth and the Proctor vehicle suffered \$500 damage.

Mountain and Phifer Road involving two cars. According to Cook's report, Marshall Thomas Blanton, 17, of Floyd Street in Kings Mountain was pulling out from Phifer and struck the car driven by Reba Mauney Daney, 34, of 406 Floyd Street in Shelby. Blanton was cited with failure to yield. The Daney 1965 Plymouth was damaged \$100 worth and Blanton's car was damaged \$100 worth.

A wreck involving a parked car occurred Sunday at 6:10 p.m. at North Piedmont and Ridge Street and was investigated by Ptl. Jerry White. According to White, Helen Bees Hanvy, 18, of 416 Mauney Lane in Shelby backed out into a car parked across the street at Piedmont and Ridge. The parked car was owned by Burl Calvin Turner of Cherryville. Failure to make a movement in safety was the violation indicated on the report. Damage to the parked car, a 1972 VW, was listed at \$190 and no damages were listed for the Hanvy car.

Hospital Safe Robbed

Mr. Grady Howard reported a larceny of money from a safe at the Kings Mountain Hospital Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. Answering the call were Patrolmen Don Ivey and R. G. Hall.

In the report taken by the investigating officers, Mrs. Mary Wilson stated that she was typing when she heard noises around the safe. She turned and saw the door was open and described a man running away as about 6 feet and weighing 170-180 pounds. She also said that he was slender and looked to be around 40 years old.

Mr. Howard, Mrs. Downey, Mrs. Ham-bright and Mrs. Nelly, all present at the hospital described the man similarly.

The amount of money taken from the hospital safe was listed as \$448.11.



Dressed For The Occasion!

Witches with painted faces, masks glowing under black lights and skeletons hanging from the ceiling—an eerie setting—just right for Halloween, when the Jolly Players Drama group haunted a house especially for the occasion and scored about 500 guests out of their wits. (Mirror Photo)

Pedestrian Critical After Tuesday Evening Accident

A pedestrian accident Tuesday night at 6:40 p.m. sent a 65 year old man to Charlotte Memorial Hospital in critical condition.

Kings Mountain Police Chief McDevitt reported that the pedestrian, Homer Kilgore, of Route 2, Kings Mountain was apparently walking south on Railroad Avenue when he was struck by an auto.

The driver of the car was listed as J.D. Martin of Route 1, Grover. The car struck Kilgore at the intersection of Railroad and King Street. He was picked up by the rescue squad and transported to Gaston Memorial and then to Charlotte.

Officers Bob Hall, Don Ivey, Jerry White and Sgt. Marcellis Hunter were at the scene.

Want To Become Air Pollution Expert?

The Air Quality Division, Office of Water and Air Resources of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources is offering as a public service in cooperation with Cleveland County Technical Institute and the Cleveland County Air Pollution Control Program, a three (3) day course in Visible Emissions Evaluation. The purpose of this training program is to make available to industry, commerce, and government agencies a form of training which will assist them in complying with visible emissions regulations.

In addition, it is to certify regulatory and enforcement personnel in procedures and methods of visible emissions evaluation so as to eliminate the margin of guess-work in evaluation of a visible source that is required to meet certain regulatory requirements.

The course will be conducted at Cleveland County Technical Institute, 137 South Post Road, Shelby, N.C.—Room 1004 on October 31, November 1 & 2, 1972. Anyone interested in attending this course should contact Mr. Jim Phillips at the Cleveland County Air Pollution Control Office, 315 Grover Street, Shelby, N.C. or telephone 482-5232 prior to October 31, 1972.

Lowery Latches \$\$

It looks as though the pigskin predictors have gotten back into that winning groove again. For the past couple of weeks entries have not been up to par. In fact eights and nines correct usually took the top money. Its changed for this week anyway. All top three money winners guessed every game correct. Those winners are:

1. Wiley Lowery-10 correct with total points of 36 (35 was perfect).
2. T.W. Gordon-10 correct with total points of 32.
3. William Hovis-10 correct with total points of 54.

The MIRROR congratulates these prophets and challenges everyone to enter the MIRROR football contest. Its easy to do, just write to MIRROR Contest, P.O. Box 345 Kings Mountain or bring the entries by the office.

Murder Connection Unfounded

Men Questioned In Patrolman's Death

By Jay Ashley
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Two men were arrested last Wednesday in connection with the break-in at Dixon Chevrolet on October 21 and were also questioned about the murder of South Carolina State Highway Patrolman Roy Caffey.

Trooper Caffey was shot on the night of October 8 on I-26 near Orangeburg, South Carolina.

The men, James Osment of Kings Mountain and Ronald Simer of Fort Lauderdale, Florida were arrested Wednesday morning by Police Chief Tom McDevitt and Captain William Roper. The charges against the men were for breaking, entering and larceny. Simer is also charged for the break-in at McCoy's service station.

Area news media had reported over the week on the progression of the case and had recently stated that the men have been cleared of the murder charge. Chief McDevitt however reports that he has had no word on the matter from South Carolina law officials.

Osment and Simer allegedly broke into Dixon Chevrolet on October 21 and stole three 20-day tags, 14 inspection stickers, a box of used car keys and a tool box. They then stole a 1969 Ford LTD Station Wagon from the Dixon lot.

The Chief stated that the men then took the station wagon to Thomasville, Georgia where they sold the tool box to a man who is working for Johnny's Un-

ited Shows. The tools have been recovered. Then, according to reports, Osment and Simer took the station wagon to Gantt, Alabama where they left it and picked up a late model Triumph and came back to Kings Mountain.

Chief McDevitt went to Osment's home on Cansler Street Wednesday to get the Triumph after arresting the pair for breaking, entering and larceny. While at the home members of Osment's family told the Chief that when the men had gotten word that they were being sought for the break-in, they went into the back yard and buried something. While searching the yard, McDevitt found a clipboard and some partially burned pieces of paper. These were taken in.

South Carolina officials were called and one Highway Patrol officer and one SLED agent came to Kings Mountain to view the evidence. The South Carolina men told McDevitt that the clipboard was not a state issue to patrolmen but that many do carry similar clipboards. Roy Caffey's family was questioned about the clipboard and they told authorities that they did not remember Caffey having such a clipboard.

The station wagon taken from Dixon's was recovered in Alabama as well as a notary seal that had also been taken from the auto dealer. The used car keys were found near the NC 161 ramp at I-85.

Both Osment and Simer are presently in the Cleveland County jail on the charge of breaking, entering and larceny.

Condition Fair Following Shooting

Jimmy Hannon, 17, of 402 Yorl Road, was shot accidentally Saturday night at the Mustang Service Station on East King Street around 8 p.m.

According to Sgt. Marcellis Hunter, Randy Martin, an employee at the station took a .32 caliber pistol from the drawer there and removed the clip. Witnesses said that he pulled the trigger three or four times and the gun went off. Apparently a bullet had remained in

the chamber. Both Hannon and Martin were seated in separate chairs when the gun fired, hitting Hannon.

Further reports by witnesses say that Hannon screamed and ran from the station shouting that he had been shot. He ran to a man pumping gas who was later identified as William Ledbetter and asked him to take him to the hospital. Hannon was listed in fair condition Monday by Kings Mountain Hospital.

SHP Report 54 Wrecks In Area

The Highway Patrol reported a very busy week recording a total of 54 accidents in the Cleveland-Lincoln County area. Of the 54 accidents, 51 had damages of \$200 or more.

There were two one car accidents involving Kings Mountain people, and both occurred Friday.

The first was on Friday at 1:00 p.m. on RPR 2293 about 1 mile east from RPR 2292 toward Gaston County. Isiah Levan Wilson, 28, of Route 1, Kings Mountain was traveling southwest on RPR 2293 when he ran off the left side of the road and cut back across to the right side hitting a tree. His car came to rest in the yard of J. B. Falls of Route 1, Kings Mountain. Trooper L. D. Wagner reported that damages to the Wilson 1965 Pontiac were listed at \$500 and that \$150 damage was done to the tree and yard. Wilson was cited with exceeding a safe limit, driving left of center and driving under the influence.

Friday night at 7:30 Trooper M. V. Reavis investigated another one car mishap on NC 216, 150 feet north from RPR

2238 toward the S.C. Line. He reported that Rosa Foster Vestal of 5290 Midpines was traveling south on 216 when the car slid on the pavement and hit another car parked on the side of the road. The impact of the Vestal car sent the parked car, a 1961 Chevrolet into a porch of a home. Traveling too fast for existing conditions was the violation indicated. Damage to the Vestal 1970 Ford was \$400 and damages to the porch and a T. V. antenna were \$300. The Chevrolet suffered \$700 in damages.

Criswell Hired By Police

Michael S. Criswell, 21, of Bessemer City was hired this week as a patrolman with the Kings Mountain Police Department. Before coming to Kings Mountain Criswell had been a policeman with the Bessemer City force. Criswell comes to Kings Mountain with credentials in Police science, radio procedures and Riot control. He is married and presently lives in Bessemer City.



This was the scene last week when gubernatorial candidate Hargrove Bowles made a brief campaign talk in front of city hall, addressing a cluster of area democrats and supporters.

Bowles presented a state flag to Mayor Moss, which Bowles said, if elected, he would fly over the state capitol and return to the mayor. (Mirror Photo)



Jesse Helms, candidate for the U.S. Senate was handshaking in Kings Mountain last Thursday morning during a campaign swing through the county. Here Helms (center) is with Bob Maner (left) and a campaign worker as they stopped by the MIRROR. Helms spoke energetically and optimistically about the election. (Mirror Photo by Rodney Dodson)

Traffic Violations Numerous

Arrests in the city of Kings Mountain have soared to 184 for the month of October according to the arrest book at the Kings Mountain Police Department. Those entered this week include:

Ida Burris, 60, failure to appear; Johnny Randolph Putnam, 19, public drunk; Edwin Charles Coombe, 30, inspection sticker; Gary Eugene Nolen, 20, 80 in a 35, failure to stop for blue light and siren, reckless driving, resisting arrest and armed to the terror of the public; Mack Lefevers, 50, capias; Lester L. Benton, 57, public drunk; James S. Turner, 26, driving under the influence; Ronald E. Simer, 25, breaking and entering and larceny; James M. Osment, 20, breaking and entering and larceny; William Wyers, 39, driving while intoxicated; Christen L. Perkins, 57, stop light violation; R. L. Mencer, 44, driving while intoxicated and speeding; McKinley E. Locust, 23, driving while intoxicated, no operators license, blue light and siren and speeding 60 in a 35; Oliver D. Moore, 57, assault on a female; John A. Cook, 34, non support; James R. Baily, public drunk; John McGill, stop light violation; Grover L. Wilson, 23, 50 in 35; Richard E. Wofford, 20, stop light violation; Lanath N. Thornburg, 17, exceeding a safe speed; Earl Sanders, 37, public drunk; Carol O. Hilliard, 22, 48 in 35; Masahiro Lee, 20, 47 in 35; Marry R. Perkins, 26, 49 in 35; Ira E. Harrelson, 51, public drunk; Fred D. McNeely, 29, 46 in 35; Gail B. Hope, 28, 46 in 35; Judy

Payne Parker, 20, 48 in 35; Johnnie Joe Stokes, 19, 46 in 35; Lola Harmon Morrow, 35, 49 in 35; Ann Allman Hullender, 35, 50 in 35; Lamar G. Fletcher, 26, 50 in 35; Jimmy Herndon, 26, 50 in 35; Odell Byrd, 25, red light violation; John C. Lambert, 20, public drunk; Ben E. Goforth, 34, public drunk; Willard Whitfield, Jr., 24, driving while intoxicated; Marshal A. Mayberry, 18, driving while intoxicated; Robert Smith, Jr., 32, public drunk; Cindy G. Alexander, 18, 50 in 35; Winthrow Brown, 43, driving while license revoked and failure to dim lights; Randolph Ross, Sr., 38, 45 in 35.

False Alarm

For those of you who saw patrol cars with the blue lights flashing and an ambulance parked in front of the Joy Theatre Monday afternoon put away your fears of a riot.

The large crowd of kids were in line to see the film "Batman" at the movie house. The manager of the theatre had issued free passes for the children because of a free day away from the books due to teacher evaluation day.

Patrolmen R. G. Hall and Don Ivey had received a call that a young girl was being trampled by the crowd... thus the patrol car and the ambulance. As it turned out it was a false alarm but the officers stuck around to help with the crowd anyway.