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'73 United Fund Is Over The Top



Employees of Fiber Industries contributed \$4000 to the Kings Mountain United Fund Drive, putting them over the top. It was Kings Mountain's share of a record-setting \$90,840 pledged by three thousand and five employees of Fiber's Shelby Plant during their just completed UF campaign. The check was presented at a luncheon Monday at the Fiber Recreation Center. Pictured left to right are: Max Justice, Thurman Burns and Frances Plonk, Fiber employees and residents of Kings Mountain; J. C. Bridges and UF President Marvin Teer, receiving the check from Ben Sowers, Fiber Campaign Chairman. (Mirror Photo by Lem Lynch)

The 1973 United Fund Drive in Kings Mountain has topped its set goal of \$33,450, having reached a total this week of \$34,419.45.

The announcement came from Bill Bates, Campaign Chairman, and Marvin Teer, President of the United Fund. A breakdown of each division and the amount received to date, and the goal is as follows. UF Secretary Becky Scism expects the final figure to increase, as all of the collections have not been made.

In the Advanced Gifts division, Mrs. Helen Hendricks, chairman, a total of \$2,493 has been received, exceeding the goal of \$4,348.50. \$2,856 has been received from the commercial division headed by Mrs. Louise Lybrand. That goal was \$4,348.50. In the Correspondence division, chaired by Charles Hamilton the \$1,672.50 goal was topped with \$1,783 received. In Bob Suber's Industrial Division \$23,014.45 was collected, topping that \$18,397.50 goal. The Professional Division came through with \$1,190. Mrs. June Lee is Chairman of that group which set a goal of \$1,338. Ministers, headed by Rev. Frank Shirley contributed \$374, over a goal of \$334. C. A. Allison, chairman of the Schools Division came through with \$2,468. \$2,341 was that goal. Post Office workers have donated \$40 thus far toward their goal of \$334.50. Bud Medlin has charge of the Post Office and City Employees divisions. The city employees have contributed \$146 thus far. Their goal was set at \$669. Don Crawford has secured \$55 of \$334 in the State Park Division.



In the recent United Fund Campaign for 1973, Duplex International of Kings Mountain recorded a 94 per cent employee response, with a total of \$3,487 pledged. Here, Plant Manager Carl DeVane presents the check to UF Campaign Chairman

Bill Bates. Employees of Duplex are, top row: John Turner, E.F. Goode, Archie Crocker, "Wink" Russell (bottom row) Oueda Green, Doris Leigh, Joyce Collins, Rosa Vee Lovelace, Katherine Hardy. (Mirror Photo by Rodney Dodson)

Friday Was Exception- No Accidents!

Friday was the lucky day in Kings Mountain it seems as it was the only day this week without a traffic accident.

Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. Lt. Johnny Belk investigated an accident at West Mountain Street and Sims Street. Involved were Kay Mullinax Hambricht, 30, of 307 Maner Road and Doris Gaston Littlejohn, 83, of 814 West Mountain. According to the report Doris Littlejohn pulled over from Sims Street into the path of Kay Hambricht. Doris Littlejohn was cited for failure to yield right of way. The Hambricht car had \$250 damage and the Littlejohn vehicle suffered \$200 worth.

Lt. Belk was busy again Wednesday at 3:35 p.m. when he responded to a wreck call at East King and Gaston Street. He reported that Devere Roger Smith, 19, of Apt. #26, Georgetown Apartments was in a funeral procession when he disregarded a traffic signal and was hit by a car driven by Peggy Rippey Rowell, 35, of 613 W. Mountain Street. Peggy Rowell told Belk that she had the green light and did not see the patrol car or procession. Her car also struck a trailer on Gaston Street inflicting \$300 damage. The trailer was owned by G. L. Strickland of Shelby. Damage to the Rowell car was \$1000 and \$100 damage was one the Smith auto.

Failure to make a movement in safety was the violation cited against Ruth Chippard Bagwell, of Route 2, Kings Mountain after an accident Thursday morning at 7:09. Ptl. Craig Parker stated that James Rogers Adams of Route 1, Kings Mountain had slowed to discharge some passengers on Battleground between Dixon and Falls Street when Ruth Bagwell attempted to pass and she hit Adams' car. Damage to the Bagwell vehicle was \$250 and Adams car had \$50 damage.

Ptl. Robert Dodge investigated a one car mishap Saturday morning at 9:45 involving Sarah Gail Butler of Shelby. She stated that she had left the lot at the Little Moo heading north on Deal when she lost control of her car and struck a fence owned by the City. No charges were indicated. Dodge stated in his report that the car had a flat tire before the wreck occurred. Damage to the auto was \$195 and \$194 damage was done to the fence.

A four car pile up Sunday at 12:02 p.m. saw Lt. Bob Hayes and Ptl. L. D. Beattie on the scene at West King between Piedmont and Battleground. In the report, Henry Spears Mullen, Jr. stated he saw the cars in front of him stopping but he was unable to stop his car before hitting the rear of the car in front of him. Mullen hit the auto driven by Nathaniel Ellis of Gastonia. Ellis' car hit the Nancy Reynolds car and she hit the Delton Huggins auto. Ellis was charged with driving while intoxicated and Mullen was charged with following too close. The Mullen car had \$1450 damage, the Ellis car \$700, the Reynolds auto \$750, and the Huggins vehicle \$250.

Monday morning at 8:20 Ptl. Richard Reynolds investigated a one car accident on West Gold Street between Juniper and Phifer involving Beverly Jean Belk, 17, of 909 Ramsour Street. She told Reynolds she was looking at a car she had just passed when she ran off the right side of the road. She did \$300 damage to the car and \$15 damage to a mailbox and utility pole at the residence of Leonard Anderson on 814 West Gold Street. She was cited for exceeding a stated speed and leaving the right side of the road, an improper driving violation.

John Hall Joins KM Redevelopment Team

John Hall will join the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission staff as Assistant Director and Project Manager beginning Dec. 1, 1972.

John, a native of Georgia, attended Gardner-Webb College where he met his wife, the former Miss Faye McSwain of Shelby.

He is an alumnus of the 82nd Airborne Div., U.S. Army.

The Halls are members of the First Baptist Church in Gastonia where John is currently teaching Sunday School.

Mr. Hall has been active in the PTA having served as its President.

John is a former member of both the Rotary and Kiwanis organizations.

Mr. Hall has been a member of the Professional Staff of the Boy Scouts of America for the past nine years. His most recent assignment has been in Gaston County for the past three years where a significant gain was achieved in the quality and quantity of Scouting in that area.

The Halls have two children- David Mark, age 12 and Elizabeth Ann, age 4.

Former KM Policeman Dead

Warren G. Brooks, a former policeman with the Kings Mountain force was found dead Saturday afternoon in Killgore, Texas.

Brooks was with the Kings Mountain Police Department from May to September of this year.

He came to Kings Mountain from California where he had worked as a security guard. Before that job he had spent 22 years in the military and from 1968-1971 was an advisor to the south vietnamese army.

Mr. Brooks' brother is William Brooks, Chief of the Gaston Rural Force. The funeral was held Monday afternoon in Wilson, N.C. where his mother resides at 322 Daniel Street.

B & B Ranch Seeks Damages

The case of B & B Ranch and the City of Kings Mountain entered its second day Tuesday with no result yet reached. The matter involves the B & B Ranch and its action for damages over the property located at the Buffalo Water Project.

W. K. Mauney of B & B Ranch had appealed a commission award of \$44,562.60 made on August 13, 1970. The money posted by the City of Kings Mountain had been taken down by Mauney with the reservation of right to appeal the case to higher court. The case was reviewed by the N.C. Supreme Court and the High Court found for the city. Their finding for the city was over matters of legality and they stated the city did in fact have imminent domain and was in the right for condemning the property for the water project.

The case is now before the Superior Court of Cleveland County and the jury will determine the value to be placed on the parcel.

Award \$97,000

The commissioners hearing in the Buffalo Water Project case of Ambrose Cline was held Friday at the courthouse in Shelby with both Cline and the City of Kings Mountain presenting their case.

According to Ruth Dedmon, Clerk of Superior Court, both parties presented their case before the commissioners. A report filed by the commissioners shortly after noon on Friday awarded Ambrose Cline \$97,000.

McCarter Death Ruled Suicide

The death of Charles A. (Chip) McCarter was ruled suicide this week by Mecklenburg Medical Examiner Dr. Hobart Wood.

Chip McCarter, 18, of York Road in Kings Mountain was found shot Saturday night around 11:15 at a cabin on Lake Montonia.

Deputy Dale Costner responded to the call and reported that he found McCarter lying on the floor of the cabin shot once in the mouth with a .22 caliber pistol.

McCarter was rushed to Charlotte Memorial Hospital where he died Monday night.

Cleveland County Sheriff Haywood Allen said that witnesses at the cabin related to him "essentially the same story." Reports given Allen said that there were several people at the Lake Montonia cabin Saturday night at a party. Witnesses said McCarter had a pistol in his hand pointing it at himself. The gun was owned by Robert Benfield of Hickory. The witnesses said those at the cabin had their backs to McCarter when they heard a cracking sound. They turned around and found McCarter lying on the floor. The Sheriff said there was no reason to believe any of the group were playing "Russian Roulette."

Sheriff Allen said that the gun found at the scene contained one spent shell and one loaded cartridge.

5 Break-Ins Reported In Kings Mountain

The Cleveland County Sheriff's Department reported five instances of breaking and entering in the Kings Mountain area this week, with three of the break-ins showing larceny.

The first incident occurred sometime after 3 a.m. November 12 at J. B. Falls Exxon station at I-85. According to Deputy Wilbur Benton, a person or persons broke the ventilator glass on an auto there owned by Edward Campbell, Jr. of Ashley Acres. Campbell's Ford Falcon was broken into and found missing was a crash helmet, a jacket and a tachometer. Total value of the merchandise taken plus damage to the auto was listed at \$250.

Deputy Cecil Murray discovered two break-ins in Kings Mountain Thursday night while on patrol. The first that night was at Herman Cash Grocery two miles west of Kings Mountain on NC 74. Murray stated that he was on patrol when he found that the front door of the store had been opened by some sort of screwdriver used to pry off the lock. The store had been robbed of \$7.00 in pennies and a gum ball machine stand. The robbery was discovered at 2:25 a.m. and it was reported that the store had been broken into between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 2:25 a.m.

About one-half hour later, Murray patrolled Glass Grocery on 216 south of Kings Mountain and found it too had been broken into. This was at 3:00 a.m. Thursday. The deputy reported that someone had knocked out the front glass from the door but nothing was discovered missing.

Wilson's American Service Station at I-85 and NC 216 had a cracker machine broken into Friday night. Deputy Wilbur Benton discovered the machine damage around 3:45 a.m. Damage to the machine was estimated at \$25. It was al-

so reported that the money had been taken out of the machine earlier that day so no money was taken.

Deputy B. R. McKinney was called out to the Buffalo Fish Camp Sunday morning at 8 a.m. following a break-in there. He reported that someone had entered through the front door and burglarized three drink machines taking about \$35. There was also damage to other machines in the building.

Arrests from the Sheriff's Department were also reported and they were: Edward E. Stamey, 36, of Route 1, Kings Mountain, public drunk.

James Houston Mitcheem, 35, Route 2, Kings Mountain, public drunk.

Bobby D. Bridges, 19, of I Bennett Dr., driving under the influence.

Robert Lee Bowen, 33, of Route 1, Grover, public drunk.

Alcohol Involved In 22 Arrests

Police reported a total of 48 arrests over the past week, including added charges of possession of burglary tools against the foursome arrested for breaking and entering Mountaineer Pharmacy last week. Those booked by the Kings Mountain Police were: Margaret Hamrick, 38, inspection violation; J.C. Walker, 47, inspection violation; James F. Jarrett, 43, driving while intoxicated (2nd offense) and public drunk; Fred Lee Eaker, 22, passing in intersection; T.C. Byers, public drunk; Buford Bowen, 19, exceeding safe speed; Jewel Stewart, 45, larceny of auto; Colene M. Bennett, 43, speeding 45 in 35; Jeanie Eiters, 39, trespassing; Jackie L. Tomblin, 18, driving while intoxicated and speeding 72 in 55; Allen T. Edwards, 19, possession of burglary tools; Wallace Carrette, 17, possession of burglary tools; Kurtis L. Guzman, possession of burglary tools; Jack S. Mabry, possession of burglary tools; Kurtis L. Guzman, possession of needles and syringes; Clarence Tomblin, 28, trespassing; Ronnie D. Bailey, 17, failure to dim lights; Elighat Rogers, 50, public drunk; Charles Veason, 52, public

drunk; James W. Wilson, 27, driving under the influence; Raymond Curry, 26, non support; Ronnie D. Perkins, 16, failure to dim lights; Francis K. Franklin, 16, reckless driving; Austin Falls, 56, public drunk; Robert Ray Webb, 20, driving while intoxicated; Ronnie K. Stinett, 27, public drunk; Johnny H. Fraley, 23, driving while intoxicated; Lucy Gamble, 25, speeding 50 in 35; Janet Brooks, 29, inspection violation; Lewis Wright, 37, public drunk; Ralph H. Hayes, 47, public drunk; Betty L. Hovis, 35, driving while intoxicated; William Christenson, 34, public drunk; Edgar Thomas Pace, 57, failure to dim lights; Bobby Joe Rankins, 35, red light violation; Janus H. Mitchem, 35, public drunk; Donald F. Thompson, 31, driving while intoxicated; Bobby D. Bridges, 19, driving while intoxicated; Edward Stamey, 36, public drunk; Robert W. Mason, 23, driving while intoxicated; Ralph H. Hayes, 47, indecent exposure; Johnny Lee Varnadore, 18, capias, Henry Mullen, Jr., 20, following too close; Nathaniel Ellis, 32, driving while intoxicated; T. C. Byers, 39, public drunk; Robert S. Clark, 32, driving while intoxicated; John Wayne Melton, 26, driving while intoxicated.



Congratulations Mr. Bridges

Mr. Elbert Bridges, of the Spinning Department at B.V.D. Textiles is shown as he receives congratulations and a fishing rod and reel from Mr. Earl Schultz, Vice-President of B.V.D. Textiles, for his long and faithful service to the company. Mr.

Bridges has been in the employ of the company since 1939 and is the oldest employ in terms of length of service at the Plant. Mr. Kyle Smith, Personnel Manager, looks on. When asked what he liked to do in his spare time, Mr. Bridges says "just drive and fish."