

# NEW YEAR GREETINGS

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**Holiday Holocaust**

Units from the Kings Mountain, Bessemer City and Chapel Grove Fire Departments were called out last Wednesday afternoon to fight a fire at the trailer home of Larry Crocker in Stinnett Acres. The call was received at 5:15 p.m. and the Kings Mountain department was the first on the scene. Bessemer City brought a pumper and the Chapel Grove unit brought

a tank and pumper in to extinguish the blaze. Efforts to save the home were futile as the home was called "a total loss" by city firemen. Some articles of clothing and some money were saved from the fire but such items of furniture were damaged by smoke and water. Faulty wiring on the Christmas tree was reportedly the cause of the blaze. (Photo by Lem Lynch)

## Flooding Rains Keep Workmen Busy

The waters came again last Friday to the east Ridge Street area bringing workers out into the rain to unclog that clogged drain.

it carried everything into the drain," Wooten explained.

Work continued Friday afternoon to clear the drain before more rain fell.

A call came in Thursday night reporting that the water had begun backing up again and employees for the city left the city Christmas party around 11:00 p.m. and began ditching and pumping in the low area.

Friday morning Roscoe Wooten, head of the Sanitation Department, was at the Ridge Street area inspecting the situation. Workers were in the creek, near the drain, shoveling leaves and other debris in an attempt to get the flood waters flowing. One employee crawled into the drain and came back out again with a double armload of leaves and sticks and reported that there was much more trash blocking the drain.

"The problem of this flooding," said Wooten, "is that great amounts of leaves are being washed into the creek and into the drain. You can look along the edge of the creek and see what we've gotten out today." Wooten pointed along the creek bank at a rather large ridge of dead leaves that his men had forked out of the creek bed. "Last night (referring to Thursday) the situation was so bad that the trash in the creek had caused a dam and when the water finally broke through,



**G-W  
Tournament  
Queen**

Pretty 18-year-old Patti Fisher, a Charlotte, N.C. freshman, will reign over the 7th Gardner-Webb College Holiday Basketball Tournament December 29-30. Gardner-Webb will host Carson-Newman of Jefferson City, Tenn., Western Carolina and Fort Hays State of Kansas.

## Breaking & Entering At I-85 Rest Area

Det. Paul Barbee of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department reported a breaking, entering and larceny last Sunday morning near the I-85 rest area. Barbee said that a person or persons entered a trailer office of Bryant Electric near the rest area and took a drill, some tools and a tool box. The break-in occurred after 8 p.m. Saturday night and was reported early Sunday morning. The arrests for the past two weeks were

also listed at the Sheriff's Department. They include: Woodrew Brown, 42, 109 Watterson Street, KM, capias. Helen Wilson, 27, Route 1, Box 473, K M, assault with a deadly weapon. Keith Jordon, 22, 213 Parrish Drive, K M, capias. Larry Joe Biddix, 36, Route 3, KM, inadequate support. Cheryl T. Smith, 26, Route 2, Besse-

mer City, public drunk. James P. Rogers, 28, Route 1, Box 372, assault with a deadly weapon. George Earle, Jr., 35, Route 1, KM, public drunk.

Gilbert Clifford Toms, 18, Route 1, Grover, failure to stop for blue light and siren, no operators licence and driving under the influence.

## Pedestrians Involved In Mishaps

Two pedestrian mishaps and an automobile accident were the only incidents on the streets of Kings Mountain over the holiday week.

The first pedestrian accident occurred at Gold Street and York Road Friday night at 6:20. According to Ptl. Robert Dodge, Gary Steven Plonk, 18, of Route 3, Kings Mountain was traveling north on York and

was making a left onto Gold when his auto struck Hilliard Guy Coker, 52, of 605 Mauney Avenue.

The driver of the auto told Dodge that Coker was in the center of the street and he did not see him. Coker said that he had just stepped off the curb when he was hit. No charges were indicated on the report. Coker's injuries were slight.

The second pedestrian incident was Christmas night at 7 o'clock on the Margrace Road. Trooper M.V. Reavis of the State Highway Patrol investigated the accident. According to police on the scene, Henry Tate was crossing the road when he was hit by a car operated by a Mrs. Whitaker. Mrs. Whitaker's first name was not available. Tate was taken to Kings Mountain Hospital and later transferred to Gaston Memorial by the rescue squad. Police said that Mrs. Whitaker was taken to Kings Mountain Hospital where she was treated for shock. No charges have been made in the matter.

An accident Saturday at 11:29 a.m. at Kings Street and Phifer Road involved Harley Spurgeon Scruggs, 66, of 818 Second Street in Kings Mountain and William Blakely Young, 59, of Charlotte.

Ptl. Richard Reynolds reported that Scruggs was heading west on King and had stopped at the light at Phifer Road when he was struck from behind by Young's auto. Damage to the Young car was \$400 and \$100 damage was done the Scrugg's auto.

## Apartment Decoration Winners

Fields Young, Inc. of Shelby, owners and operators of several apartment complexes in the area held its annual door decoration contest last week and winners in Kings Mountain were announced.

At Georgetown Apartments first place winner - Charles Blanton; second place - Hugh Hallam, Jr.; third place - Derr Leonhardt.

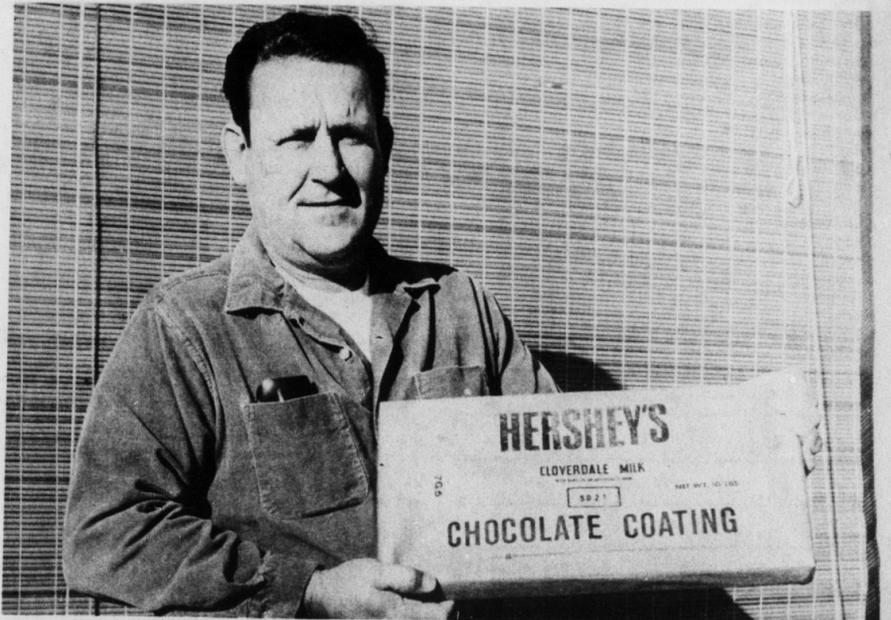
At the Gold Street Apartments two places were given. First went to Brent McDaniel and second went to Charles Goodson.

A spokesman for the apartment owners said the contest is held annually at Christmas to find the best decorated door. Mainly, however, the contest is put on to bring the tenants closer together as neighbors.

First place winners received \$25, second got \$15 and third took home \$10.



With lots of toys and games and such so prolific around Christmas time, this youngster found a lot of simple pleasure from the rain. Armed with rubber galoshes and a plastic airplane he zoomed into the puddle and thoroughly splashed himself, oblivious to the water soaked pants. Maybe simple pleasures are the best! (Photo by Lem Lynch)



The post office in Kings Mountain received a unique item in the weekend mail addressed to J. A. Strickland...a ten pound chocolate bar!

Strickland of 803 Southwood Drive was mailed the gigantic candy bar from his wife's people in Pennsylvania. Strickland told us that the giant Hershey's Chocolate Bar could only be purchased in one city in the United States aside from the Hershey Plant in Pennsylvania and that town is Oil City, Pa.

The ingredients are exactly the same as a small bar that we

can buy around here except in larger proportions, naturally. The bar weighs in at 10 lbs. and enjoys dimensions of 18 inches in length, 9 inches in width and 1 1/2 inches thick. Such bars sell for about \$6-\$10 in Oil City. Postage on the monster confectionery was \$2.10. Strickland said he planned to take more pictures of the bar before allowing his three children to dig into it. When asked how long he thought the bar would last Strickland replied, "probably just through Christmas." Take it easy kids, three pounds of chocolate apiece could render one heck of a stomachache! (Photo by Jay Ashley)