

POINT-CREST

YULETIDE SEASON STARTS WITH BONUS AND PARTIES

HILLCREST SCENE OF ANNUAL PARTY

With the music of Christmas Carols in the air and Christmas decorations all around, 400 Hillcrest employees and their children gathered at the plant last Sunday afternoon at 2:30 for the ninth annual Employees' Christmas party. Numerous Christmas trees, season greenery, tinsel, etc., attractively arranged to present a jolly Christmas atmosphere. At the front of the room, a platform representing a Christmas living room scene, had been erected with stockings hung by the chimney and brightly wrapped presents under a lighted tree.

After greetings were extended by Lawrence Combs, master of ceremony, Mr. Ballard, plant superintendent, gave a hearty welcome to employees and their families. He extended the season's merriest greetings to each and everyone, and pointed out that this, the first peacetime Christmas, should be a joyous one with reunions and "old time" Christmas joys possible. He expressed the Company's appreciation for the cooperation and help of each employee for his or her part in Hillcrest, and expressed the desire that the year of 1947 may be a successful one "Working Together."

The Children's Program which has always been an outstanding feature of previous Christmas parties, this year

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Packed House At High Point Party

The annual Christmas party for the employees of High Point Weaving and their families was enjoyed by some 900 people Sunday afternoon, December 15th at the Junior High School auditorium.

The auditorium was attractively decorated with a large "Merry Christmas" stretched above the stage, and the Christmas carols, by records on the public address system, sung by the special quartet, and by the entire group, added greatly to the occasion.

The program consisted of a short skit by the supervisors' club, invocation by Bob Phillips, welcome by L. C. Easter and a short but interesting talk by Rev. J. A. Grout, pastor of the First Pilgrim Holiness Church. The highlight of the day was the appearance of Santa Claus, who really brought forth shrieks of delight from the children.

Santa gave out treats to all children under 10 years of age. To say "a great time was had by all" was a gross understatement.



"T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS — "The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that Saint Nick soon would be there." Cecelia Ann and Randall Boggs, youngsters of Dot Boggs, Hillcrest winder, are eagerly awaiting Ole Santa, but Cecelia seems a bit concerned with Santa's problem of descending from the chimney.

Company Gives Free Insurance

Insurance coverage including life, accident and sickness benefits, hospitalization and maternity benefits will be given free to all employees. The new plan will be effective January 4, 1947.

The management is extremely pleased to make this announcement of another direct employee benefit, and hopes the employees will receive full benefits from a Company-paid insurance program. It is hoped that employees will take advantage of the low group rates for full dependency coverage as well as additional life insurance.

Booklets outlining the new plan in detail will be available soon. In the meantime, outstanding features of the new insurance program will include these considerations:

1. All employees who have been with the Company for thirty days are automatically covered without medical examination in these respects: Life Insurance, in the amount of \$500; Non-Industrial Accident and Sickness, weekly benefits of \$10 for a maximum of 13 weeks; Hospitalization, board and room at \$4 a day for a maximum of 31 days; Hospital Fees, at a maximum

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Four Burlington Units Win In Safety Contest

Four of Burlington's plants numbered among seven North Carolina textile plants as trophy certificate winners in the 11th Annual Statewide Textile Safety Contest. They were the Reidsville, Lakedale, Plaid Mills, and Mays Mill of Cramerton, units.

During the 34-week contest period, eight other Company plants were certificate winners for perfect scores, having completed the contest period without a disabling injury. Included here were Bellemont, Phenix, Greensboro Weaving, St. Pauls, Steele, Puritan, Ossipee, and Vamoco.

Bonus Checks Distributed

Christmas bonus checks of \$25 and \$10, depending upon length of service, will be given all plant employees on Friday, December 20, in recognition of faithful and meritorious services. The majority of employees at High Point Weaving and Hillcrest will receive the \$25 checks.

Locally, bonuses will amount to more than \$19,750 including service men. The holiday bonuses, made possible through continued high production and favorable business conditions, will be paid on a Company-wide basis and will amount to more than a half-million dollars for the Company's employees.

The bonus payment will be made on the day preceding the closing of the plant for the Christmas holidays. Holidays begin at the end of the second shift on Saturday, December 21, and end with operations being resumed at the beginning of the third shift on Sunday night, December 29.

For the fifth consecutive year, gift checks have been sent to Burlington Mills employees now serving in the Armed Forces. A Christmas message which accompanied the check reads in part: "On the outposts, in the occupied lands, and in the barracks of America, we will always be proud of our boys in uniform. What you are doing makes sense because you are there to safeguard the sacrifices and the determination of the boys who went before you."

WEAVERS WIN OPENER

In a well played game at the "Y" on December 3rd, the High Point Weaver's basketball team opened the Industrial League by trouncing the strong Randleman Chair team by the score of 37-28.

The highlights of the game were the defensive game of Hal Ballard and the shooting of Harold Beane, who racked up 9 points.

On December 6th, the Weavers lost a thriller to Highland by the close score of 22-21. The all around play of Joe Voncannon featured the losing cause.

As the "Point-Crest" goes to press, the Weavers are sporting a won and lost record of 3-2.

- The remaining schedule:
- December 17—High Point Weaving versus Heritage.
 - December 19—High Point Weaving versus Triangle.
 - January 2—High Point Weaving versus Randleman Chair.
 - January 7—High Point Weaving versus Highland.
 - January 9—High Point Weaving versus V. F. W.
 - January 14—High Point Weaving versus Carolina.
 - January 16—High Point Weaving versus Triangle.
 - January 21—High Point Weaving versus Heritage.

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