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Holiday Closing Schedule Announced

With few exceptions, most Kings Mountain industrial employees will begin a week's Christmas vacation Thursday, with pay.

Some firms are also presenting gifts to employees in the form of turkeys and gift certificates and several plants were planning holiday parties, either during working hours or at other events at which families were invited to participate.

Burlington Mills Phenix Plant will suspend operations at 10 p. m. on Wednesday, resuming operations at 6 a. m. on Mon., Jan. 2. Bonuses will be paid all employees based on length of service. Santa Claus was on hand for a gala Christmas party Sunday afternoon from 2 until 4 p. m. at the Community Center and giftbags and treats were distributed to the children. Refreshments were also served and fruit baskets were presented to retired employees.

Duplex employees will have a two-day holiday on Fri., Dec. 23 and Mon., Dec. 26 resuming operations on Tuesday, Dec. 27th. Bonuses will be paid all employees, based on length of service, and a Christmas party will be held on all three shifts Tuesday.

Neisco employees will enjoy a holiday from the close of operations Thursday until Tues., Jan. 2. Turkeys will be presented to all employees. Members of the office staff held a Christmas dinner party Friday evening at the Country Club.

Kings Yarns will suspend operations on Thursday, reopening on Jan. 2 with bonuses to be presented during a dinner for all employees Wednesday at the plant. Sadie Cotton Mills will suspend operations for the holidays at 6 a. m.

Saturday, reopening at 10 p. m. on Sun., Jan. 1. Christmas bonuses will be distributed on Thursday at the plant and refreshments will be served on all three shifts Thursday.

Employees of Grover Industries will

enjoy a two-day holiday, on Fri., Dec. 23, and Mon., Dec. 26.

Mauney Hosiery Mills will suspend operations for the holiday on Thursday, reopening on Jan. 3. A plant party for employees, their wives and husbands, will

be held on Thursday evening at the Shelby Elks Club with a dinner-dance planned. The firm will distribute bonuses to employees, based on length of service.

Minette Mills, which distributes vacation pay in July, will give employees

two days paid holiday, suspending operations on Wed., Dec. 21 and reopening on Jan. 3.

Bonuses will be paid employees of Cleveland Hosiery, Gay Hosiery, Can-Do Hosiery, Lynn Textiles, Inc., Ideal Hosiery and Ruppe, Dixon, Spears Co. and these operations will close for the holidays at the end of business on Thursday, reopening Jan. 2.

Fred Kirby and Santa Claus starred in a big Christmas party for Park Yarn Mills employees and their families Sunday at the Community Center and treats and refreshments were distributed. Members of the Senior Citizens Band presented special music.

Park Yarn Mills will close for the holidays at 11 p. m. on Fri., Dec. 23, reopening on Mon., Dec. 26. Holiday

bonuses will be distributed to all employees.

Pauline Mill will close for the holidays at the end of the day Thursday, reopening on Jan. 2. Turkeys will be distributed to all employees.

The Kings Mountain Mirror-Herald will operate on regular schedule. Members of the staff and their families were entertained at a Christmas party by Publisher Garland Atkins and Mrs. Atkins Saturday evening at their river cottage. Christmas bonuses were distributed and gifts exchanged.

Employees of the City of Kings Mountain will take a holiday Dec. 27th. Christmas bonuses will be distributed Tuesday night at annual Christmas dinner at the American Legion Building.



NAMED TRUSTEE — Grady Howard, administrator of Kings Mountain Hospital, takes the oath of office as a new trustee for Cleveland County Technical Institute from Daphne Ware. Ms. Ware is book store manager at Tech and a notary public. Dr. James Petty, Tech president, looks on. Howard was

appointed by the county commissioners to fill the unexpired term of Jerry Aushand of Shelby who resigned. Howard is the second Kings Mountain to serve currently as a trustee. Don Parker, appointed by the local school district, also serves.

County Shows \$25,000 Deficit

Ambulance Fee Plan Is Not Working

The collection of fees for ambulance transports in the partnership between Kings Mountain and Shelby Rescue squads and Cleveland County is not working as well in reality as it did on paper.

During the first five months of operation the county reports a deficit of \$25,000 in this program, which was touted to be self-supporting through ambulance service fees.

A break even figure on collections would be about 70 percent, according to program coordinator Larry Revels. A minimum fee

of \$20 per transport is being charged for ambulance service by Kings Mountain and Shelby, the only two units in the county working under contract, but "it has not worked out," Revels said.

The partnership between the two rescue units and the county began on July 1, the date state law turned the responsibility for providing emergency services to the county. Since that time the Kings Mountain unit has collected \$4,130 and has an outstanding bill of \$21,314 on the books. The local unit has collected about 30 percent of the entire bill for the five month

period. The Shelby unit has collected \$7,494 and is still owed \$11,621. The roughly 70 percent of outstanding debts to both rescue units is owed by individuals who have used the service, rather than Medicaid or Medicare.

Parts of the problem are due to the fact the county has yet to receive any Blue Cross or Blue Shield payments; that some of the persons who used the ambulance service are not residents of Cleveland County. Revels said he would be in favor of seeing non-Cleveland County residents who have used the service and have failed to pay have their wages or salaries garnished to collect the amounts owed.

County Manager Joe Hendrick doesn't foresee an increase in ambulance service fees, but he would like to see the county get "tighter on collections."

Commissioner L. E. (Josh) Hinnant of Kings Mountain, Commissioner Hugh Dover of Shelby and Revels have been appointed to work as a committee with Hendrick to draw some changes to the ambulance program.

Even facing a \$25,000 deficit, however, Hendrick said the current system is far less expensive to the county than a system whereby the county had to establish its own ambulance and emergency service.

Under the present system the county subsidizes the Kings Mountain and Shelby rescue units for operating expenses, which includes the salaries of three fulltime Emergency Medical Technicians working the daytime shifts on both squads.

Volunteers continue to handle the evening and weekend emergency services for both squads.

Bob Jones Quits KMHS Grid Post

By GARY STEWART
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Bob Jones has resigned as head football coach at Kings Mountain High



BOB JONES

School but will remain on the faculty as a physical education and driver's education teacher.

The announcement came Monday at a noon press conference at the office of Bill Davis, Superintendent of Schools.

Jones, who compiled a 39-27 overall record in seven years as coach of the Mountaineers, cited two reasons for his resigning.

"One reason," he said, "is that I'd like to stay home more. I have two boys at the age where I feel like I need to be with them more."

"Secondly," he added, "I am not satisfied with the won-lost record we've had over the years that I've been here. I had hoped to win a championship here and I feel like the administration gave me time enough to do it."

Jones said he made up his mind about quitting football over a month ago. He becomes the second man on the varsity staff to resign, assistant coach Dennis

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BOY SCOUTS AID PROJECT — Pictured are Boy Scouts from Troop 94 of Oak Grove Baptist Church, among contributors to the Toys for Tots project this season. The

youngsters boxed up a large assortment of toys and brought them to Joy Theatre Monday.

KM Policeman Shot Four Times

Sgt. Bob Hayes, 14-year veteran with the Kings Mountain Police Department was shot four times Monday morning while assisting another officer in making an arrest.

The Kings Mountain officer remains a patient in Kings Mountain Hospital where a hospital spokesman said his condition is "good."

Melvin H. Carroll, 38, of North Piedmont Ave., was jailed at Cleveland County jail in lieu of \$2500 bond on charges of assault with deadly weapon and inflicting serious bodily injury with intent to kill.

According to police reports, Sgt. Hayes was shot three times in the back and once in the side while assisting Ptl. R. E. Grindstaff in arresting Tommy Lee Bright, also of Kings Mountain, on charges of public drunkenness, at approximately 1 a. m. Monday morning on North Piedmont Ave.



SGT. BOB HAYES

Arson Is Suspected

Arson is suspected and investigation is continuing in the burning of two abandoned houses south of Kings Mountain Friday night.

Kings Mountain and Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Departments responded to the first fire, at a house off Highway 161 reportedly owned by Nan Jean Grant, at 8:50 p. m.

The two fire departments responded to the second fire, less than a quarter mile

away from the first, at 3:45 a. m. That house was reportedly owned by Sadie Lyon.

According to Cleveland County Fire Marshal Delane Davis, both houses were totally destroyed with the blazes "well underway" when firemen arrived on the scene.

Davis said that both fires appeared to be "intentionally set."

Hill Will Be Aglow For Yule

Crescent Hill Circle will be all aglow with 400 Christmas candles on Christmas Eve from 8 p. m. until 11:30 p. m.

Motorists are invited to drive around the circle enclosing Resurrection Lutheran Church and see the candles which will be lighted about 15 feet apart at residences on either side of the circle. Residents are also being asked to light candles in their windows.

The Christmas decorating project is being conducted as a neighborhood project. Candles are being placed in a paper bag held by brick and sand.

In event of rain, the candles will not be lighted.

A spokesman said she is hopeful the Christmas season project will become an annual one.