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First Baby Of 1987...



Amber Leaha Bolden, held in the arms of her mother, Carol Denise Bolden of Route 6, Gastonia, was the first baby born in New Year 1987 at Kings Mountain Hospital. The baby weighed in at eight pounds, three ounces, on Friday, Jan. 2, at 1:45 p.m. Grandparents are Charles and Wayburn Gilbert of Gastonia.

Pam's Fight For Life Was A Lesson For All

Pam Jones, 18, lost her struggle with cancer New Year's Day but her fight to live the last six years has been a lesson in courage for all who know her.

Johnny and Sandi Jones said their daughter was such a caring individual that even in death she thought of others, leaving behind an "informal will", handwritten, in which she thanked her parents and brother and sister and asked them not to grieve for her but to cherish the good times they had shared and to give some of her clothes to the Salvation Army.

Typically Pam, Mr. Jones said her wish to come home for Christmas from Duke Medical Center included their promise she could go shopping in a wheelchair and select gifts for her family, her 15-year-old sister, Gayla; her 12-year-old brother, Jonathan; good friends Karen Holcome, who helped her stock merchandise after school at TG&Y; Lisa Buchanan, who she grew up with and who played piano for her funeral; and Peggy Baird, a favorite home economics teacher she wanted to emulate and from whom she learned to cook and share dishes with her family.

Prom nights her junior and senior years at KMSHS and her high school graduation in June 1986 were big events in her life which she refused to let terminal illness spoil. Her fellow students and the packed Gamble Stadium crowd gave her a standing ovation when she walked from her wheelchair across the stage to receive her diploma.

Jones said Pam decided Oct. 1 to stop chemotherapy. "I'm in God's hands," she told her family and the doctors. "I have faith that he will heal me or take me home."

Pam Jones came home in mid-May 1981 with what her parents thought was a minor health problem. Her condition was diagnosed



PAM JONES

as lymphoma and there followed six weeks of radiation and two and one half years of extensive treatments for leukemia. For two years the disease was in remission and the family made routine visits with Pam to Duke Hospital. She kept up with her schoolwork at home, thanks to her parents and teachers, but in November 1985 Pam suffered a relapse of T-cell leukemia and weeks of chemotherapy followed. She lost her hair and she told of her struggles and her triumphs when the Cleveland County

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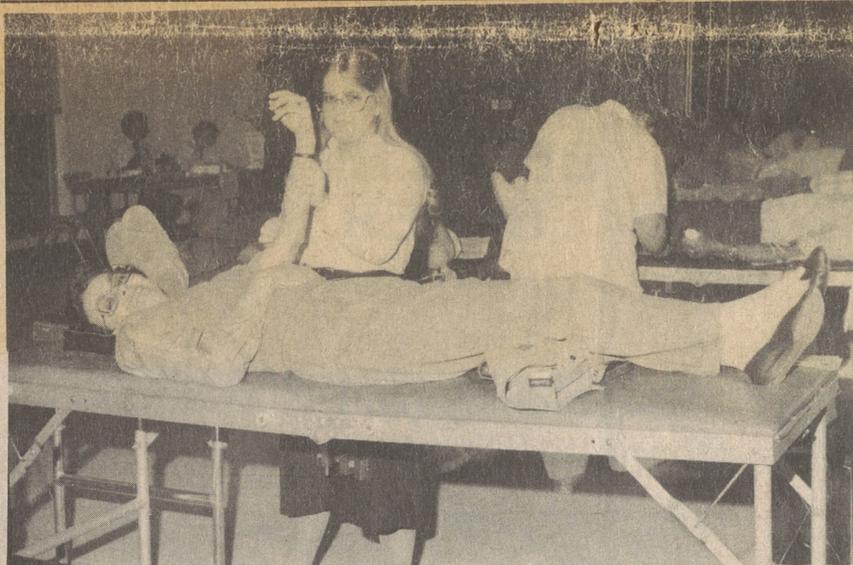
Plant To Build New KM

A Toledo, Ohio company that manufactures truck-cab bodies will announce its plans to build a \$10 to \$15 million dollar plant in the Kings Mountain area at a press conference Thursday morning at 10:45 a.m. at Cleveland Country Club in Shelby.

Sheller-Globe Corporation will supply truck-cab bodies to the Mack Truck plant under construction in Winnsboro, South Carolina and will employ 100-150 people.

Company officials have been here and also looking at sites within a 200 mile radius of Winnsboro during the past six months and have narrowed its location to at least four sites, two in Gaston County and two in Cleveland County.

The Charlotte Observer in its Wednesday edition quoted state officials as saying that the new plant would have 150,000 square feet and use computer-controlled handling systems with production scheduled to begin in early 1989 and plant construction to begin in Fall of 1987. Company officials liked the labor force skills and availability in the Kings Mountain area and the proximity to the Charlotte airport, according to The Observer.



BLOODMOBILE VISIT—Arlene Barrett, above, gives a pint of blood at the Red Cross bloodmobile visit Tuesday at First Baptist Church. Assisting Mrs. Barrett is volunteer Samantha McKinney. The City of Kings Mountain sponsored the visit at which 143 pints were collected. There were 10 first-time donors.

Time To List Taxes

Cleveland County residents should have already received forms to list their county taxes.

The simple tax listing card should be completed and returned to the Tax Lister's Office, P.O. Box 370, Shelby, no later than Mon., Feb. 2.

Penalty for late listing is 10 percent of the personal property tax.

Taxpayers will notice this year that there is no listing of household personal property. New tax laws passed by the General Assembly last year removed those taxes.

The tax listing card includes spaces for listing property such as vehicles, homes and other buildings, and other items.

Tax officials pointed out that the figure in the shaded area marked "vehicle value" is last year's value and has nothing to do with what vehicles owned on January 1, 1987 will be appraised at.

Any corrections to items already filled in by the tax office should be made on the

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KM United Way Exceeds Goal On New Year's Day

Kings Mountain United Way campaign leaders received a New Year's Day present with news that the 1986 goal of \$105,000 had been topped.

At the official end of the campaign drive on November 30th the campaign was short of goal. December receipts pushed the campaign over the top.

"We are pleased to announce that the 1987 Kings Mountain United Way Campaign has exceeded its \$105,000 goal. Through the receipt of late contributions we have received a total of \$106,701.55", said President Ted Kostek.

"We want to extend a sincere thanks to the citizens of Kings Mountain who made this accomplishment possible," said Kostek.

This year's campaign was co-chaired by Lavon Strickland, personnel manager of Parkdale Mills, and Retired Schools Superintendent Bill Davis.

Three of the eight divisions in the drive exceeded goals, including the big industrial division headed by Bernard Harvey; the professional division headed by Dr. Joe Zucker and the advanced gifts division headed by Mrs. Grady Howard. Other division leaders were Mayor

John Moss for the City of Kings Mountain; Glee E. Bridges for commercial; Ron Bagwell for hospital; Rev. George Auman for ministerial; and Dr. Larry Allen for schools.

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Grover To Open Sewer Bids

Grover Town Board will open bids for construction of its sewer project at Town Hall in Grover Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. The bids will be awarded at a meeting of the board on Jan. 22.

City commissioners, at the regular Monday night meeting, announced plans for the bid-opening.

Major business of the January meeting was a public hearing for closing of an additional 208 feet portion on Maple Avenue to allow Grover Industries to extend its loading dock. Elizabeth Thorpe, a resident of the area, was the only citizen present to question the closing. The board approved the closing by 4-0 vote with Commissioner Bill Camp absent.

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HOWARD BERRIER

Howard Berrier Retires After 43 Years On Job

Howard Berrier, 66, will always remember New Year's Day 1987. That was the day he retired after 43 years and eight months on-the-job at Fredrickson Motor Express.

Berrier, who has enjoyed a busy career with the company, started off in the trucking business as a pick up driver in High Point in 1943 as a young man, working up the ladder to become terminal manager in Greensboro in

1950 and then was promoted to operations assistant in the Eastern Division in 1968 where he served for 11 years. After a heart attack in 1979, he returned to work and operated terminals in Kings Mountain and Bryson City, opening Fredrickson's first South Carolina terminal in Greenville, S.C. where he worked for 13 months before returning to Kings Mountain to close out his retirement here as local terminal

manager.

Berrier recalled that when he went to work with Fredrickson, now the Number 1 trucking company in North Carolina with trucks rolling in six Southern states, the company had three pickups in High Point and no tractor-trailers. Now there are more than 1,200 tractor trailer and pickups on the road in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia and the

company has 1100 on the payroll.

Reared in Midway, N.C. in Davidson County, Berrier became a Kings Mountain resident when he married Ora Powell Ruff in 1977 and they moved into a home on Parkdale Circle. The family is active in Grace United Methodist Church and Berrier is the immediate past president of the Kings Mountain Lions Club.

Berrier is proud of his

outstanding career with Fredrickson and his co-workers honored him in Charlotte New Year's Eve with dinner and numerous gifts including a 26 inch color television set. During his long service with the company, Berrier worked 39 and one half years without missing a day at his job and since that time has only been away twice: once in 1948 for an