

CLEVEMONT

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Sherwood Southerland, Jr. manager of the Employment Security Commission office, said the agency will contact mill workers to offer them help in finding other jobs.

Clevemont plans to close its plant here by the end of the year.

"The timing of the consolidation is a reflection of the difficult retail environment for apparel, and increasingly competitive nature of the business," said Kathy Fauster, Director of Corporate Communications for the Chicago-based Fruit of the Loom Inc.

"As part of the Company's ongoing efforts to improve profitability, streamline operations and enhance customer service, the manufacturing operations at Clevemont Mills will be consolidated into other Fruit of the Loom facilities."

Monday's announcement was one of eight announcements being made by the Company in the states of Kentucky, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and North Carolina, addressing the reconfiguration and consolidation program. The total number of employees affected by these announcements is approximately 12 percent of the company's total employment in the United States. The Company's worldwide employment prior to the announcement was 38,000, including domestic employment of 27,000. Over 3,000 jobs were expected to be cut.

Fauster said, "Our employees are a dedicated, hard-working group of individuals. The changes affecting them have been brought on by global competitive pressure and are not a reflection of their many contributions to the company. We are committed to helping these people in every way possible."

Local employees were informed of the closing of the plant in a letter from Brad Clark, Senior Vice-President of Manufacturing, Bowling Green, Ky.

Employees were given the announcement by Plant Manager Marty Bailey Monday that their expected last day of work would be within a 14-day period beginning November 10. Employees will be separated as their jobs are discontinued.

The letter to employees stated that all employees afforded less than 60 days notice would be compensated in accordance with the law.

"It is with great regret that the entire Clevemont Mills operating facility of Martin Mills Inc. will be closing permanently by December 31," said Clark.

The announcement was not a surprise in some areas. On October 18, the underwear maker announced a 39 percent drop in third-quarter profits and said it was considering plant closings. Higher cotton prices and poor sales were blamed.

The closings, however, came as a shock to Kings Mountain employees who said they had heard some rumors that the local industry was in trouble but that they had been assured their jobs would be there.

Austin appointed to city ABC Board

Darrell Austin, Operations Manager at the Kings Mountain Herald, was appointed to his first full term on the Kings Mountain ABC Board Tuesday night by City Council.

Austin had been completing the unexpired term of the late Van Birmingham.

Councilmen Phil Hager and Rick Murphrey made the motions on the appointment which passed 6-0.

ELAM

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the rig and four men moved the paint guns as they painted four tent frames at a trip. With four drivers, 16 paint guns and 16 gun operators the group finished the job.

From that job and by the end of the War Elam had painted an Aviation school, Navy ships, and an Atom Plant in Tennessee.

He said he stayed on the road for years and that's the reason he didn't marry until age 32.

Elam moved with his family to Kings Mountain from Pelzer, SC when he was a year old and for many years they lived on the 300-acre family farm on Elam Road.

As a toddler he followed his father behind the plow and grew up on stories about his Civil War grandfather who was a circuit riding preacher who traveled from place to place on horseback.

Elam's parents, Richard Fuller and Sally Victoria Roberts Elam, had six children, three boys and three girls, and they took their children to the Baptist Church every Sunday in a horse-drawn buggy.

Elam was 13 years old when he was baptized in the First Baptist Church. He and his first wife, Ruth Hoard, were married in 1937. They lived in Gastonia four years

and then moved back to the family farm in Kings Mountain. Elam's work took them to Virginia, Tennessee, Mississippi and Florida. She died in 1975.

In 1979 he married Ellen Black McCurdy. Their family includes two daughters, Ruth McCurdy Bellenger who is married to Wilson Bellenger, an orthodontist in Birmingham, Ala., and Mary Anne McCurdy Bailey who is married to Ron Bailey, head of the Engineering Department at the University of Texas in Arlington; and three grandchildren.

Ellen and Broadus' friendship began when both were serving on jury duty in Cleveland County. Mrs. Elam said she had met Mr. Elam's brother, Philip, a number of years ago at Wingate College where she was studying piano. They started dating at church functions and were married.

"My courting days were quite different because before Ruth and I were married we went to the picture show for 10 cents," said Elam, comparing today's costs with entertainment prices 60 years ago.

A 1927 graduate of Kings Mountain High School, Elam bought his first car in the 1930's and drove his own car until about four years ago. "My wife Ellen came along and I just let her do the driving," he teased his wife.

Mr. Elam says he enjoys his new friends at Countrytime and volunteers to help clean off tables in the dining room.

"I am a little more agile than some of my new friends," he said.

Dressed in khaki pants and plaid shirt with his familiar suspenders, Elam relaxed and enjoyed reminiscing about his life and particularly his painting jobs.

He said he never wore the traditional painting outfits when he reported to work but always his cotton khaki pants, cotton shirts and his trademark, suspenders.

During his heyday, he painted with a machine, using rollers and no brushes.

Elam said he has been proud of 55 years as a painter, retiring only this year.

He entered the area rest home five months ago. His room is decorated with family pictures, including pictures of the important times in his life; his two weddings, his activities with church and family and his contract painting.

"Painting is hard work but I've never been afraid of work," he laughed.

Mrs. Elam is an accomplished musician, a retired music teacher and organist at First Baptist Church who continues to play the organ at local church services.

ELECTION

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All the candidates have been actively campaigning by personal contact and some advertising by posters and the media. The campaign itself has been regarded as one of the quietest in recent memory.

Neisler's campaign has continued to rest on his record as mayor for the past four years and before that as a councilman in Ward 4.

"The people know what to expect from me," he has said on several occasions.

But Neisler and Childers, a former two-term commissioner, differ in their approaches to the single issue central to every campaign in the city this fall - the city's continuing financial struggle.

Both, however, say the city is on its way to recovery.

Neisler promotes different techniques of managing funds already in hand with no tax or rate increases. He has repeatedly urged Council members to decrease the city's tax and utility rates.

Childers favors better use of city resources such as Moss Lake

where he said a hydroelectric plant could save the city about \$400,000 yearly.

"We just cannot raise rates on our citizens," said Bridges at the recent utilities committee meeting when Council turned down at least for 60 days a proposal to pass on a substantial increase by the city's gas supplier.

"Enough is enough," said Bridges.

"Treat everybody alike," has been the standard comment by Guyton at several meetings at the utility committee he chairs.

Both Bridges and Guyton say they are running on their record of answering citizen complaints.

"When people call me I respond and if I don't know the answer I ask," said Bridges, who has signs all over town with the message, "A voice, not an echo."

Guyton says he will continue to speak out at City Hall even if he loses the election.

"There are things I want to see accomplished," he said.

Bunch and Mullinax say they are working to win and are pumping hands and seeking support for a

change in leadership at City Hall.

All the candidates have been busy talking to more people as the runoff draws near and hoping to gain the support of the other candidates who were edged out of the respective races.

City elections board members will be at City Hall to announce the election returns after the polls close.

Elections Supervisor Becky Cook reminds voters to mark their ballots clearly with the black felt-tip pen provided by election officials. Some ballots had to be discarded in October because they were improperly marked.

Kings Mountain voters will also cast votes in the Board of Education race where two inside-city seats are up this fall.

Incumbents B. S. Peeler, chairman, and Shearra Miller, vice-chairman, are "home free" as no one filed to oppose them.

The city's 4,752 registered voters can cast votes for the mayor and At-large seat open on City Council. Only the 895 registered voters in Ward 2 can vote for the candidates for Ward 2.

GROVER

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expansion is underway. Queen said Council had continued to maintain the same tax rate and has not increased city services.

McCarte says he wants to see the "improvement of the town's financial standing and the return of good old-fashioned government."

"I want to see Council discuss and implement programs during meetings at City Hall in which citi-

zens have input into the decision making," he said.

McCarte acknowledged that an incumbent is hard to defeat on a write-in but he said he appreciated the calls from local citizens wanting him to run.

Both McCarte and Queen are active in First Baptist Church.

Queen is a longtime employee of Grover Industries. McCarte has been employed by Minette Mills for 56 years and remained a consultant after retirement.

Four people seek the two seats open on Town Board, including the incumbent commissioner Jack Herndon and newcomers Heather Crawley Chadwick, Elizabeth Bird Throop and Sam Stevenson.

A light turnout is predicted, although both McCarte and Queen said the write-in activity could generate more interest. Four-hundred people are registered to vote.

The polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. at Grover Town Hall.

COUNCIL

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ing rehabilitation is won by Kings Mountain that the city will pay \$8,500 for two consecutive years as its contribution to the program. City Manager Gary Hicks says it is unlikely that the city will get the grant since a major portion of the grant money is allocated to the eastern part of the state.

The board took the recommendation of Chief Bob Hayes and purchased a drug dog from Sentinel K-9 Inc. at cost of \$3,098, including cost of training with an officer. Hayes said the animal is strictly a drug dog and the contract price included provision for retraining the animal with another officer in the event the handler is promoted or leaves the department.

In response to question of Councilman Guyton, Hayes said a drug dog would help officers get convictions and is a deterrent to crime.

Councilman White, a member of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department, agreed and noted that in search and seizure instances that a dog can sniff out drugs and is a valuable tool in combating drugs.

Spent \$3,000 for plans and specifications for upgrading of Deal Street Pool which Recreation Director Chip Hord said can't be used next summer until repairs are in place. Hord said his department received a county recreation grant of \$47,291 which he hopes can be used to do some of the renovation. He said 80 percent of the current pool-budget has been used to keep the pool open this summer. He said old filtration and daily drainage of the pool eliminates chemicals making the pool water turn green, cloudy and not safe.

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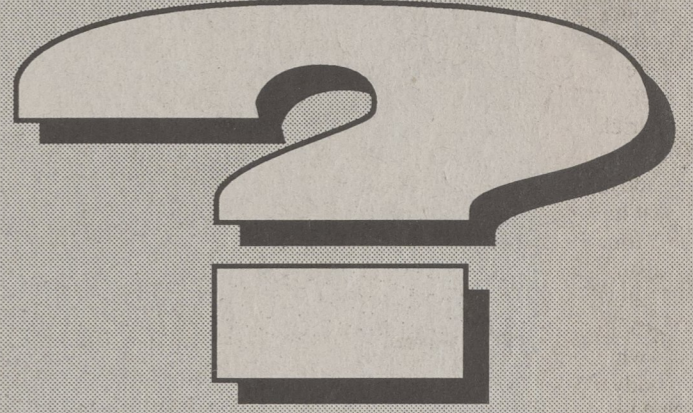
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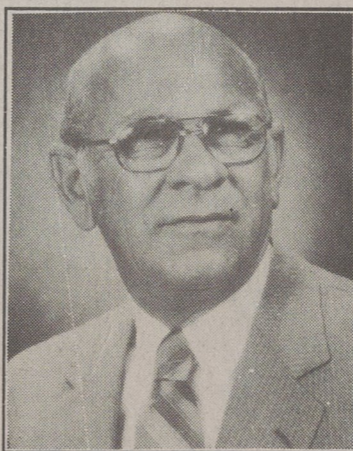
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I come to you the voter, again asking for your vote and support on November 7, 1995, to help Restore The Vision for Kings Mountain.

James A. Childers
Candidate For Mayor

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HALLOWEEN TREAT - Kings Mountain High FHA members distributed treats to residents of White Oak Manor on Halloween Day. Left to right are student Mychuan Logan, White Oak resident Gertrude Bolton, and KMHS students Catherine Allgeyer and Elizabeth Bentley.