

Relief For Elderly

Operation Cool Off Underway In County

Operation Cool Off is underway in Cleveland County, and Kings Mountain Senior Center at the Depot will be the focal point of relief for elderly and disabled citizens who want to stay where it's cool during the extreme heat.

Rev. Kenneth George, Director of the Center, said that free transportation will be available to bring citizens into the Center where they can remain during the hot part of the day. If necessary, Rev. George said the

facility will be opened during the weekends. He said that local churches are asked to provide their air-conditioned fellowship halls for those who do not have a fan or cooling units during the extreme heat and that participating churches are also invited to provide cold water and soft drinks and "just a cool spot to relax from the weather."

Various Cleveland County agencies sent representatives to John Knox Presbyterian Church in Shelby Tuesday morning for a

planning meeting on how to help the disabled and elderly during this extreme heat and urged good judgment about participating in strenuous activities during the hot weather, especially the elderly, persons who already have health problems such as heart conditions and very young children.

"Thus far, we have not received any information from local health departments about deaths or other health problems caused directly by the hot weather," said Rev. George but this county-wide program is a preventive measure." Rev. George said efforts will be made to identify the bedridden patients of the area and to provide fans for these homes, if the residents do not own some form of cooling unit. Rev. George said that he would appreciate local merchants assisting in this project by donating, in some cases, fans for these citizens.

The Aging Program will provide transportation to the Depot Center for citizens of Grover, Bethware, Compact, and Ebenezer communities, in addition to the Kings Mountain city area, said Rev. George. Call 739-4511.

Dr. J.N. MacCormack, of the Division of Health Services of the N.C. Department of Human Resources, warns that "people should slow down when it's real hot. Your body can't do its best in high temperatures and could do its worst. The problems caused by real hot weather tend to be more severe with age. People with ailing or weak hearts should take it easy and stay where it's cool during hot spells."

Dr. MacCormack offers the following suggestions for preventing heat related health problems and even death:

- When your body warns you that the heat is too much and you feel faint or exhausted, reduce your level of activity immediately and get into a cooler place.
- Dress in lightweight, light-colored clothing.

Turn To 10-A



Photo by Lib Stewart

DRAFT REGISTRATION UNDERWAY - This is THE week and local young men are registering for the draft at the local post office. Sammy Bell, 19, of 225 N. City St., Charles Jenkins of 223 N. Watterson St. and Jerry Bess, 20, of

112 Cansler St., left to right, sign up above. Bess was No. 28, Bell was No. 29 and Jenkins was No. 30 Monday morning. Postal clerk Bud Medlin assists.

John W. Gladden Died Wednesday

John W. Gladden, Sr., 84, of 213 E. Parker St., died Wednesday morning at 10:35 a.m. in Veterans Administration Hospital at Oteen after several years illness.

Funeral arrangements, which are incomplete, will be announced by Harris Funeral Home.

Mr. Gladden was a World War I veteran and retired Kings Mountain salesman who was active in Second Baptist Church. He was a native of Cleveland County, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Gladden, and he and his wife, Annie Mauney Gladden had celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.



JOHN W. GLADDEN, SR.

An active Legionnaire following active duty in World War I, Mr. Gladden was accorded the honor of "Mr. Legionnaire" at Otis D. Green Post 155 of which he was a former three-term commander and a life member. He was a Legion Go-Getter for many years and had enrolled many members for the local Post over the years.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are three sons, John W. Gladden, Jr. of Plymouth,

Michigan, Tim Gladden of Kings Mountain and Carl Gladden of Fredericksburg, Md., six daughters, Mrs. Sam (Irene) McAbee of Grand Blanc, Michigan, Mrs. M.C. (Lucille) Falls of Glen Burnie, Md., Mrs. R.M. (Ozelle) Dixon of Charlotte, Mrs. Gary (Louise) Fisher of Raleigh, Mrs. Ed (Joyce) Dumas of Knoxville, Tenn., Mrs. Morris (Janice) Jerinigan of Mint Hill; one sister, Mrs. Lizzie Hart of Mooresville; 23 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Draft Registration Underway At Post Office

Draft registration got underway at the local post office and at post offices across the country Monday.

By noon time Monday on the first day of two weeks of draft sign-up a total of 30 KM men ages 19 and 20 had complied with a bill signed by President Carter July 2 requiring all male American citizens and resident

aliens born in 1960 and 1961 to register at a post office starting Monday. Failure to register can bring fines of \$10,000 and five years in jail.

Men born in 1960 are slated to register this week and those born in 1961 will register next week.

The only men exempted are

those on active duty with the armed forces or in service academies, those in prisons or mental institutions and nonresident aliens.

Postmaster Fred Weaver said each registrant is asked to write his name, address, birth date, social security number and telephone number on a printed form.

Pulmonary Education Day Thursday At KM Hospital

Pulmonary Education Day gets underway this morning at 9:30 at Kings Mountain Hospital Conference Room where between 40 and 60 people in the medically related field are hearing lectures from specialists until 2:45 p.m.

Luncheon and the afternoon workshop will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Boyce

Memorial ARP Church, across the street from the hospital.

Visiting lecturer is Dr. Irvin A. Buchwald, Chief of Pulmonary Medicine at St. John's Hospital in Lowell, Mass. He will discuss actual case records in a 10:45 a.m. presentation and will conduct the afternoon session which will be moderated by Dr. John Brooks, program chairman of the Continuing Medical Education program in progress for several months at the local hospital.

Also assisting in the lectures will be Robert Taylor, Director of Respiratory Therapy at the local hospital.

The lectures are open to all in the medically related field and are expected to attract rescue squad personnel from the Greater Kings Mountain area and police and law enforcement representatives. Registration will be conducted in the hospital conference room at \$3.50 for a single reservation or \$3 each for five or more.

'Let Our People Go'

Two Cleveland County veterans - Noah Canipe and Milton Harden, departed from Shelby Monday morning at 11 a.m. in a red pickup truck bound for Washington, D.C. seeking

one million signatures on a petition to Ayatollah R. Khomeini to "Let Our People Go."

The red truck bears the gift of a monument which is to be shipped from Charleston, S.C. to

Iran with the petitions and the letters of protest which the former servicemen are collecting all over the country.

Neither Harden, a U.S. Army veteran, and Canipe, a U.S.

Navy veteran, think the Ayatollah will appreciate their sentiments.

The monument bears the inscription Ayatollah R. Khomeini - May You Never Rest In Peace. The back of the truck is draped with an American flag and the monument is topped with dead flowers which were collected in the woods near Jordan Monument Co., which provided the monument free of charge and is the duplicate of a monument which the company displayed in December to protest the captivity of Americans in Iran. The combined weight of stone and base is 800 pounds.

Mrs. Elizabeth Burden, of the Jordan Monument Company, said that the patriotic young men, both active in the Shelby Disabled American Veterans Organization, are hoping to be received well and expect to obtain more than one million signatures for petitions. "It's something we are giving to our country and we want to do it," they said before leaving Shelby Monday morning. Mrs. Burden said the pair are using Jordan Monument Co. as headquarters and will report to them on the success of their venture.

Meantime, local citizens can obtain a copy of the petition and sign it in the offices of the Jordan Monument Company on East Marion Street in Shelby.



Photo by James Edwards

LET OUR PEOPLE GO - Milton Harden, left, and Noah Canipe are seeking one million signatures on a petition which they plan to

ship to Iran along with a unique present, above, a monument. The monument is draped with an American flag.



Photo by Darrell Austin

HELP NEEDY FAMILIES - Mrs. Mickey Bell, above, presents a check from the Good Earth Garden Club to Rev. Bob Boggan, president of the KM Ministerial Association, to aid needy families of the area. Proceeds from the club's recent Spring Art Auction were used for the Ministers' Special Fund, Special Olympics, KM Schools Clothing Closet, and to send a Scout to camp and three students to summer school.