

Rules Governing Hospital Operation Listed

By-laws for the operation of Cleveland County hospitals by the Cleveland County hospital board of trustees, governing body of both Shelby and Kings Mountain units, were adopted August 18, 1945.

ARTICLE I
Trustees
The By-Laws of the Board of Trustees of Cleveland County Hospitals and the Rules and Regulations which shall control the government and operation of the Cleveland County Hospitals shall be as are herein provided, and these By-Laws, Rules and Regulations shall supersede, upon the effective date hereinafter provided, all By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations heretofore adopted.

ARTICLE II
Fiscal Year
The fiscal year of the Cleveland County Hospitals shall begin on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December.

ARTICLE III
Meetings
SECTION 1. The Board of Trustees shall hold regular meetings on the third Wednesday of each month or on any other day of the month that meets with the approval of the entire Board. Special meetings may be held at the call of the Chairman or any member of the Board. The regular meeting in July shall be known as the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 2. A majority of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 3. The order of business of the meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be as follows:

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Reading of minutes of the previous meeting.
3. Correction and approval of the minutes.
4. Reading of communications.
5. Report of Superintendent.
6. Report of Medical Staff.
7. Unfinished business.
8. New business.
9. Adjournment.

SECTION 4. At each annual meeting of the Board of Trustees a chairman, a vice-chairman, and a Secretary shall be elected.

ARTICLE IV
Duties of Officers
Section 1. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall exercise general supervision over the affairs of the Board and shall preside at all meetings.

SECTION 2. The Vice-Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman in his absence.

SECTION 3. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees; notify all members of the Board of regular and special meetings; and perform such other duties as may pertain to his office.

SECTION 4. The members of the Board shall be notified at least three days before the time of the meeting and, if a special meeting, the nature of the business for which the meeting is called shall be stated.

ARTICLE V
Duties of Superintendent

SECTION 1. Subject to the terms and provisions of these By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations, and subject to the directions and control of the Board of Trustees, the management of the hospital shall be vested in a Superintendent elected by the Board.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to supervise the carrying out of all the rules and regulations made by the Board of Trustees for the proper conduct of the hospital routine. The Superintendent

shall report to the Board of Trustees any violations of the Rules and Regulations with a statement of the circumstances connected therewith. He shall undertake to procure compliance with, but shall not attempt to enforce, the Rules and Regulations, except those respecting original admission of the patients to the hospital.

SECTION 3. When acting within the scope of his or her authority, the Superintendent shall directly represent the Board of Trustees in all matters pertaining to the management of the hospital and shall be responsible to the Board alone for the proper performance of these duties.

SECTION 4. The Superintendent shall be responsible for the employment or dismissal of all employees of the hospital, except the heads of major departments, which shall be done only with the prior approval of the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 5. The Superintendent shall keep or cause to be kept a record of the economic status of all patients treated free of charge or for less than actual per day cost which record shall be reviewed from time to time by the Board of Trustees. No patients shall receive a discount from the regular rates charged by the hospital if he or she is financially able to pay.

SECTION 6. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to either collect all hospital fees from patients able to pay, or make satisfactory arrangements for the payment of same, before the patient leaves the hospital.

SECTION 7. The Superintendent shall report at each regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, on forms prescribed by the Board, the amount of work performed by the hospital during the preceding month and its financial condition.

SECTION 8. The Superintendent shall have prepared by a competent auditor an annual report on the financial affairs of the hospital which reports shall be presented to the Board of Trustees at its second meeting of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE VI
Medical Staff

The Medical Staff of the Cleveland County Hospitals shall consist of those duly licensed and qualified practitioners, who shall voluntarily signify their willingness to become members of, and perform the duties of, the Medical Staff of the hospital. The members of the Staff shall be divided into five groups, namely: Active, Associate, Consulting, Courtesy, and Honorary, and the duties of the Staff shall consist in providing proper medical service for all free patients.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed as requiring membership of the Medical Staff of any physician as a condition for practicing or using the facilities of the Cleveland County Hospitals. But, those physicians, who voluntarily become members of the Staff, shall perform the duties thereof so long as they remain members of the Staff, in accordance with and subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Cleveland County Hospitals as adopted by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VII
Rules and Regulations Governing The Use and Operation of the Hospital

SECTION 1. All emergency cases shall be promptly admitted to the Cleveland County hospitals and necessary treatment and care given as required by the nature of the case. Except in emergency, no patient shall be admitted to the Cleveland County hospitals until after a provisional diagnosis has been made and the consent of the Superintendent or his representative secured. Physicians seeking admission of private patients shall furnish such information as may be necessary to assure the protection of other patients from those who are or may become a source of danger from any cause whatsoever.

SECTION 2. All free patients shall be attended by the Medical Staff and shall be assigned to the treatment of the condition which necessitated admission. Any funds collected from paupers shall be prorated between the attending physician and the hospital whether collected by the attending physician or the hospital. Paying patients applying for admission, who have no attending physician, shall be assigned to the members of the Active Medical Staff in rotation.

SECTION 3. All orders for treatment or patients shall be in writing. An order shall be considered to be in writing if dictated to a senior nurse or other authorized person and signed by the physician. Orders dictated over the telephone shall be signed by the person to whom dictated by the name of the physician per his or her own name and shall be formally signed by the physician at the next visit.

SECTION 4. The attending physician shall prepare a complete and legible medical record on forms provided by the Cleveland County hospitals, for each patient treated in the Cleveland County hospitals whether free or pay.

SECTION 5. Patients shall be discharged only on the written orders of the attending physician, who, at the time of discharge, shall see that the medical record is complete and sign the same. No medical record shall be filed until it has been completed and signed by the attending physician.

SECTION 6. All records are the property of the Cleveland County Hospitals and shall not be taken away without the permission of the Superintendent. In case of re-admission of a patient all previous records shall be made available for the use of the attending physician whether attended by the same physician or by another.

SECTION 7. Except in an emergency, consultation with another duly qualified physician shall be required in all cases where the patient is not considered a good risk and in all curiages, hysterectomies, or other operations which may lead to the interruption of a known, suspected, or possible pregnancy. The consultants shall make and sign a record of his findings and recommendations which shall be made a part of the medical record.

SECTION 8. All operations performed shall be fully described by the attending surgeon and all diseased tissues removed at operation shall be sent to the hospital pathologist who shall make such examinations as he may consider necessary to arrive at a pathological diagnosis.

SECTION 9. Except when prevented from doing so by reason of illness or other unavoidable cause, the attending physician shall be considered as having refused to comply with SECTIONS 4 and 5 above, if the medical record has not been completed and signed with ten days following the discharge or death of the patient.

SECTION 10. Any physician who refuses to comply with any one of the foregoing Rules and Regulations shall be denied the privileges and the use of the facilities of the Cleveland County Hospitals until such time as he or she expresses a willingness to conform to such Rules and Regulations and does conform thereto.

ARTICLE VIII
Fixed Charges
For fixed charges, see list in office.

ARTICLE IX
School of Nursing
The Board of Trustees shall appoint an Advisory Committee composed of one member of the Board of Trustees, one duly licensed physician regularly practicing in the Cleveland County Hospitals, one educator, and one alumna of the School of Nursing to serve in an advisory capacity with the Superintendent or head Nurse in providing suitable courses of instruction and training for the students of nursing, under the supervision and direction of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE X
Religious Ministrations
The Superintendent shall respect the request of any patient for any spiritual advisor he or she may desire.

ARTICLE XI
Annual Reports
The Board of Trustees shall publish an annual report setting forth in sufficient detail the more important facts concerning the business management and professional work of the hospital.

ARTICLE XII
Amendments
These By-Laws may be changed by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board of Trustees.

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Dr. Ramseur Only Kings Mountain Native Among Medical Contingent

Dr. William Lee Ramseur, who holds Number 2 rank in seniority among Kings Mountain medical doctors, holds the distinction of being the only Kings Mountain native now practicing medicine in his home community.



DR. RAMSEUR — Dr. William Lee Ramseur is a veteran of 23 years in medical service in Kings Mountain. He holds the distinction of being the only Kings Mountain doctor. (Carlisle Photo.)

Dr. Ramseur was born in Kings Mountain on June 20, 1900, and except for years away at school, has lived in Kings Mountain all his life. He went off to finish high school at Westminster Prep in Rutherford County, then spent four years at Davidson College, obtaining his undergraduate degree, before enrolling in the Medical College of South Carolina, at Charleston. Completing work for his medical degree, in 1926, Dr. Ramseur spent the ensuing two years as an interne at McLeod Infirmary, Florence, S. C., hanging out his shingle here in June 1928. Thus, for 23 years come June, he has been delivering the children administered to the ill, and otherwise attending to the ailments of many Kings Mountain citizens.

Medicine has come a long way in these 23 years, and Dr. Ramseur rates the discoveries of the medical advantages of the sulpha drugs and anti-biotics (penicillin, etc.) as the most helpful to the general practitioner, as well as to all medicine.

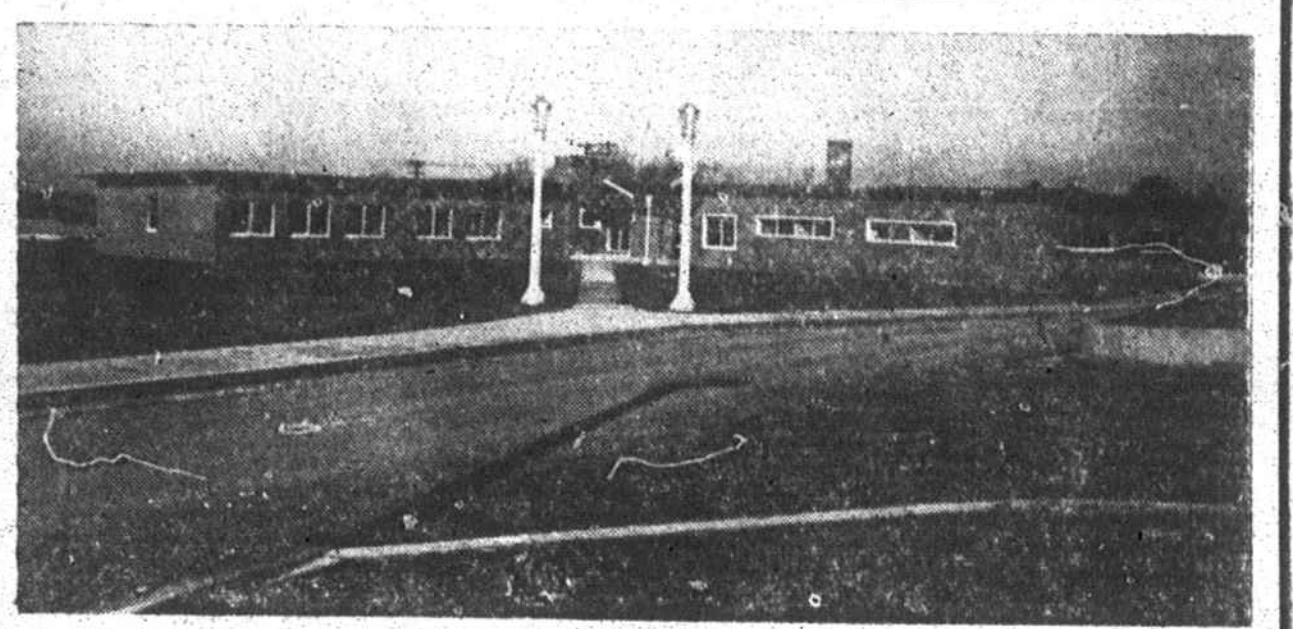
"We don't see near as much pneumonia, mastoid and bealed ears of pleurisy as we did in the late twenties," Dr. Ramseur says. "The reason is that the ministrations of these drugs prevents the development of these complications."

Dr. Ramseur is another of the old school of general practitioners who navigates on energy and interest in doing the job, in the face of frequent loss of sleep. He estimates that he has helped 1,500 to 2,000 youngsters see the light of day, and, of course, all did not arrive exactly on schedule.

Off duty, when he can steal the time, Dr. Ramseur specializes in duck-hunting and fishing and, in fact, owns a piece of an island off the North Carolina coast for hunting purposes only.

Mrs. Ramseur is the former Christine Rhyme, of Mt. Holly, and the two young members of the family are William Lee Ramseur, 7, and Coral Ramseur, 5.

WITH REPRESENTATIVE TRUSTEES under the by-laws of the Association, the trustees represent equally the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina, the North Carolina Hospital Association and the lay public.



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