

Cherokee Street Residents Want Area Cleaned Up

Cherokee Street resident Clarence Grigg, complaining that he has been getting the runaround from Public Works and Codes Department about cleaning unsightly lots in his area, presented Mayor John Moss a petition with 25 signatures of Cherokee Street residents wanting unsightly lots and grassed areas in their neighborhood cleaned up.

Grigg said at Tuesday night's city board meeting that he had been told by the codes department that the "city was not in the grass cutting business."

Mr. Grigg said that he had mowed the grass himself on one lot and the grass was 38 inches tall. He said that city workers came and cleaned off one lot Tuesday afternoon. Grigg said owners of the property live out of the city and it has been a problem to keep

the tall grass mowed and the area is drawing rodents. "We're tired of this", he said.

Bob Davies, Director of the Codes Department, said the city is cracking down on codes violations and is making an effort to remedy such problems as Grigg brought to his attention. He presented several changes in city ordinances, which the board approved unanimously, which

he said will put teeth in the law.

Another property owner, Kelly Bunch, told the board he agrees with their clean-up measures but asked how tall is grass when lots are in violation of codes and what percentage of land is in violation of the new ordinances?

Davies said the ordinances spell out that "grass is too tall when it's 12 inches." Mr. Bunch also asked that the ordinances spell out that they apply to all property owners.

The new ordinances, as amended, state that "if the owner, occupant or tenant of any premises shall fail to remove weeds, trash, garbage or other objects that cause such land to be a nuisance on the city within three working days of notification, the city shall have the authority to enter onto such land and clean the same; and to charge the cost or expense of such action plus administrative cost against the owner, occupant and/or tenant. In the event, such charge or expense shall be and constitute a lien against such property, which lien shall be collected in the same manner as the collection of a tax lien. The codes director shall enforce the provisions of this section, and is authorized to use either city equipment or private contractors at his discretion."

Mr. Davies said he wants the city to get out of the grass cutting business because grass cutting takes work crews away from other jobs. He asked the board, and got permission, to hire outside contractors.

"I'm all for Public Works doing work in the city and at the late (which I heartily approve of)", said Grigg, "but these property owners who never come to town to check on their overgrown lots should have to pay \$22 an hour and more, not once but several times, and have to clean up their properties. I clean up mine," he added.

Davies also asked clarification of ordinances which apply to wrecked, junked and abandoned automobiles. The board approved additions which state that "for the purpose of these ordinances a wrecked, junked automobile and an abandoned motor vehicle is defined as being one that is in a state of disrepair and incapable of being moved under its own power."

Mr. Davies said property owners in violation of the codes are being notified.

In other actions, the board: *Agreed to purchase residue property on Fulton Street from Evelyn Early Tyler and husband, Joe L. Tyler, at cost of \$455.

*Accepted five percent deposit of bid for \$15,000 for brick machinery and accessories owned by the city from Corbin Brick Co., Corbin, Ky. The machinery is located on the Bennett Brick Co. property. City attorney George Thomasson said that within 10 days any person can raise the offer by not less

than 10 percent of the first \$1,000 and five percent of the remainder. If bid is raised, first bidder may deposit to clerk five percent more than new bid and repeat process. If no further qualifying bid, the board can authorize the sale to the high bidder.

*Annexed two parcels of contiguous city property, 26.16 acres bounded by McGinnis Street and 26.16 acres bounded by North Cansler Street, following a public hearing.

*Set July 8 as date for public hearing on preliminary assessment roll for street improvements, expected to cost \$31,144.50 on South City Street from King to Mountain and for \$17,022.28 in street assessments for Sterling Drive from Cansler to Dead End.

*Approved resolution, on request of Fire Chief Tignor, to give present and future members of the Kings Mountain Fire Department full authority for the operation and use of the Fire Museum as a Historical Fire Museum.

*Approved resolution for National Flag Day June 14th and urged citizens to participate in a Pause for Pledge at 7 p.m. as seventh annual observance.

*Clarified the minutes of the May 13, 1986 meeting on action that the board authorized annual funds in the budget, effective with the 1988-89 budget, for \$15,000 to the KM Indoor Pool Foundation that the city would aid in staffing for the aging program. The minutes had used the wording "various" programs.

Letters To The Editor

Volunteers Needed For Meals Program

Dear Editor:

As you may know, Cleveland County Department of Social Services operates Title III Nutrition programs in Kings Mountain. Two of these programs are a Congregate Meals site which meets at the depot and a Home Delivered Meals program which sends meals to about 25 home-bound individuals in the City of Kings Mountain from the depot.

The City of Kings Mountain Aging Program has delivered these meals to the home-bound for over ten years, however, they have notified us that they will not be doing this after June 30, 1986. Therefore, we must find, train and have in place volunteers to deliver these meals in a short period of time, or lose the service.

Volunteers must use their own vehicles and carry the meals into the home. A friendly greeting and a check on the participant is almost as important as the meal. In some areas church or civic groups take one day every week to deliver a route. The group's volunteer coordinator assigns two people to the 1st Monday, another two to the 2nd Monday, etc.

For many volunteers the rewards in doing such service are great. We hope you will consider this service. We don't have to go to faraway places to meet special needs. Kings Mountain has its own special opportunities for service.

Please call Mary Lynn Geymont at 487-0661, Ext. 279 if you or a group would like to help or if you need more information.

Mary Lynn Geymont
Nutrition Project Coordinator II
Shirley C. Bowen
Program Supervisor

Thanks From Roark

To The Editor:

Let me say a sincere 'thank you' to the wonderful people of Cleveland County. You have honored me with your overwhelming vote of confidence in nominating me as the Democratic candidate for the United States Congress.

Dozens of you stayed up late nights to write and address postal cards; more than 100 of you called voters by telephone and more than 5,000 of you responded by going to the polls on June 3.

This has been a warm and enriching experience for me and one that I will cherish and long remember.

I am grateful for this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to our campaign staff, our hardworking volunteers and all those who respond in such a clear and positive way. I thank all of you.

Sincerely,
Lester D. (Les) Roark
Democratic Nominee for
U.S. Congress

Emergency Room Tips

By
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Diabetes Mellitus or "sugar" affects about 10 million people in this country and is a leading cause of death, blindness, kidney failure, and vascular insufficiency of the extremities. The disease is a failure of glucose to be controlled in the body. Glucose is the sugar that is the common fuel that each cell in the body uses to perform its particular function from day to day. Normally, the pancreas responds to the presence of absence of food, and thus, fuel, to adjust the blood level of glucose to a very precise range. In diabetes, mellitus, this control is lost due to the lack of insulin or poor action of insulin in the cells of the body to lower the blood glucose. Thus, the blood glucose can go too high.

The result of too high glucose in the body or hyperglycemia, can, over a period of years, damage small blood vessels in the heart, eye, kidney, or anywhere in the body and lead to the complications listed in the opening sentence. If the blood glucose goes up too high too fast, a diabetic patient can get seriously ill by the effects of this high glucose on the brain and other key organs. These problems can be life threatening immediately and the patient can go into a coma

and die, unless properly treated.

Patients who are treated for diabetes with pills or insulin shots may have these treatments work too well and send the blood glucose down too low if the patient has begun to eat much less or throw up or otherwise decreased their diet, or taken too much medicine or insulin. These people have hypoglycemia, or too low sugar in their blood, and can also go into a coma.

If you, or a person you know who is a diabetic begins to become sweaty, dizzy, talk out of their head, or pass out, the problem may be related to the diabetes. That patient should come to the Emergency Room to be checked, unless the patient is familiar with the symptoms and know that it is hypoglycemia and can be treated successfully with some sort of sweet food.

In general, people with diabetes should follow their doctors advice on diet and medications strictly and keep their appointments regularly to avoid both the short term and long term complications. With good close follow-up and high motivation on the part of the patient, a diabetic can expect to lead a normal lifestyle and avoid most of those terrible complications.

Comments, suggestions, or questions may be sent to: Dr. Lawrence Leake, Kings Mountain Hospital Emergency Room, P.O. Box 232, Kings Mountain.

Machine Gives Fast Relief

The latest and most innovative device for relieving pain is now being used at Cleveland Memorial Hospital. The device is a computerized pump that infuses pain-relieving medication directly into the bloodstream through an intravenous line for immediate pain relief.

To receive a dose of medication with the Bard Harvard Patient-Controlled Analgesia system, patients simply push a button. The prescribed amount of medication is released through the patient's existing IV.

Traditionally, nurse-administered intramuscular injections have been used to control pain. These tend to work slowly and patients sometimes become drowsy from receiving the full amount of medication all at once.

With this new device, pain medication is at a level where it can effectively relieve pain without causing drowsiness or sedation. Studies show that patients use less medication with this device.

The main use of the high-tech pump will be for post-operative care, and patients suffering from chronic pain, such as cancer. The pump will allow a patient to individualize their own therapy.

Four Bard Harvard Patient-Controlled Analgesia pumps were placed into service on June 2 at Cleveland Memorial.

Disco Dance Set At Legion

Kings Mountain A's Baseball Team will sponsor a disco at American Legion Post 198 Saturday night, according to announcement of Ben D. Adams. Admission is \$3 and all proceeds benefit the baseball team.



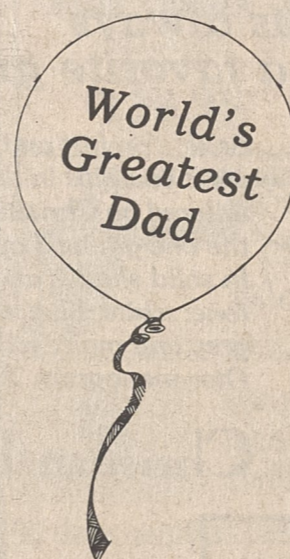
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