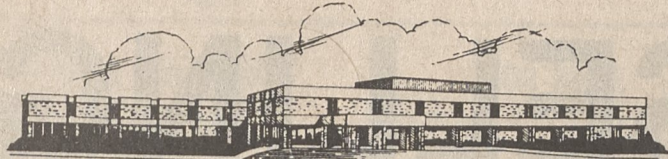




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EMERGENCY ROOM TIPS

By LAWRENCE LEAKE, M.D.

Kings Mountain Hospital, Inc. Emergency Room Coordinator

There has been much written and said in recent weeks about Cleveland County's Emergency Medical Service (EMS) System. For years the service was provided by dedicated, self-sacrificing volunteers who did a good job. Over the years, the field of Emergency Medicine has made tremendous strides forward, so that now, what can be done for a critically ill patient has increased tremendously, especially if provided by well-trained professionals. The highest training level that these professionals can obtain is called an Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P). These people can, from the order of a physician, start life-saving IV's, start vital airways into the upper airway of a critical patient, and even give certain medications. All of these procedures can result in the difference between life and death in many people. This training takes one or two years of schooling and requires continuing education each year that takes many hours.

Cleveland County does not have this service, although every county that surrounds us either has the service or is currently progressing towards it. These employees are paid by the county and have several bases scattered throughout their county to provide quick response to emergencies. There are many people here in this county who oppose this fine service, most of these people are involved in the existing volunteer rescue squads, who fear that their squads will cease to exist or to be less as important if a county-wide professional EMT-P service is started. In reality, in counties where the Paramedic service exists, the volunteer rescue squads continue to exist, and even flourish, because of the added availability of continued education, and on-going need for expert assistance in emergency cases.

At the present time, the county Board of Commissioners is studying the feasibility of establishing this county-wide Paramedic service. As always, these politicians need to know where their constituents stand. Do the voters of the county want this new and improved Emergency Medical Service which will cost more money, or are they satisfied with the volunteer squads as they exist now without the ability to do much more than simply transport a patient to the hospital? Please let your commissioner know your position by writing letters or calling him or her.

This article will be my last that readers will be seeing in this paper as I will soon be moving to another state to do more training in Emergency Medicine for three more years. I have enjoyed imparting this information on to you all and hope people have been helped by some of the articles.

Please refer any questions or comments regarding this article or past articles to Dr. Lawrence Leake, Kings Mountain Hospital Emergency Room.

New ABC Board To Meet

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Darrell Austin, for the two year term, and Leroy Blanton to the one year term, the Mayor voting with Commissioners Humes Houston, Irvin Allen and Corbet Nicholson for Birmingham and Ingram and Commissioners Fred Finger, Norman King and Harold Phillips voting against Birmingham and Ingram and nominating Austin and Blanton. The Board observed the Open Meetings Law in taking the vote in open session and presenting names of other nominees at an open meeting but did not make available for public inspection in the office of city clerk or secretary the list of nominees. The statutes state that "a written list of the persons being considered for appointment be presented at an open meeting and that list on the same day be made available for public inspection in the city clerk or secretary's office" and stipulates the public body not make the appointment before the seventh day after the day on which the list was presented. On Thursday morning N. C. Alcohol Law Enforcement Division Officer Mark Perry handed out permits to 16 businesses, denying permits to two who had failed to meet requirements. Legal sale of beer and wine got underway almost immediately. Two are selling beer and wine in restaurants.

On Jan. 20 Kings Mountain voters narrowly approved the sale of beer and wine for off premise and on premise consumption in hotels, motels and restaurants. Voters also approved by narrow margin the establishment of an ABC Store. Those receiving permits received instructions on the laws Thursday morning as thousands of cases of beer and wine were brought in the city and money changed hands in the city's first legal sales in decades.



PLAQUE PRESENTATION—Otis Falls, left, sales director for HSL Service Corporation, shows President Thomas A. Tate, Sr. of Home Federal Savings and Loan Association a plaque he won last week in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Falls Receives Insurance Award

Otis Falls, sales director of HSL Service Corporation, received a plaque last week in Little Rock, Arkansas, by Union Life Insurance Company as one of Union Life's top twenty-four producers for 1986.

Other awards won for 1986 sales are a week-end of their choice for Otis and his wife, Delores, at Hyatt Regency either in Orlando, Florida or

New York City and in September, the couple will be feted to a special night out as they and other conference leaders are entertained for the week on the island of Hawaii.

HSL Service Corporation is a subsidiary of Home Federal Savings and Loan Association. Mr. Falls has been associated with Home Federal since August, 1985.

Free One-Man Concert Set At Cleveland Tech

The host of Nashville's network "Fire On The Mountain", David Holt, will give a free one-man performance at Cleveland Technical College Thursday evening, Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Cleveland Technical College and Broad River Genealogical Society, the program will be held in the school auditorium.

A reception hosted by Broad River Genealogical Society, will follow in the school lobby.

As a noted story teller and popular musician, Holt has performed on "The Grand Ole Opry", "Hee-Haw" and the acclaimed PBS series, "Folkways."

The public is invited to attend.

Harris Emcee For Talent Show

Vivian Traywick Harris, WBTV personality, will serve as master of ceremonies for the annual West School PTO Talent Show to be held Thursday, March 5, at 7 p.m. in B. N. Barnes Auditorium.

Admission is \$1 and the public is invited to attend.

Harris joined Jefferson-Pilot Communications in September of 1969 as a copywriter for WBT Radio and WBT-FM. She became a Television Writer-Producer for WBTV Creative Services in 1972, and Television Senior Creative Director and On Air Talent in 1976, appearing regularly on WBTV's "Top O' The Day."

A native of Anson County, North Carolina, Mrs. Harris earned an Associate of Arts degree from Wingate Junior College, a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics from East Carolina University, and a Master of Science degree in Clothing and Textiles from Winthrop College in Rock Hill, S.C.

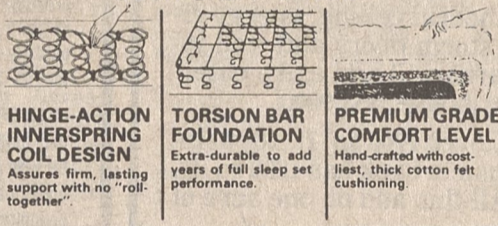
Among the communications awards she has won are National Awards presented by the Men's Fashion Association for Excellence in Fashion Journalism for six consecutive years, 1981 through 1986; the North Carolina School Bell award for Distinguished Service in the Interpretation of Education; the Mental Health Media Award for Outstanding Contributions toward the Public Understanding of Mental Health; and a Citation Award by the Charlotte Advertising Club.

Her hobbies include German Shepherds, water skiing, sewing and home decorating.

She and her husband, Parker G. Harris, live near Fort Mill, S.C.

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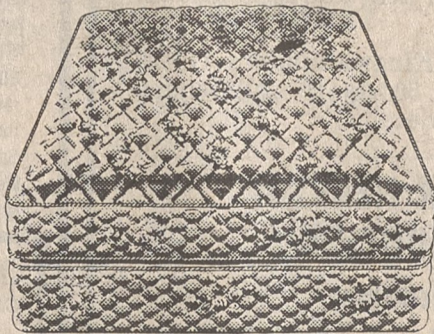
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