

Tough Job

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with a broad grin on his face. "Have you seen downtown?" he asked. "Isn't it great. I won't get scratched by those darn (that's not the word he used) holly bushes when I walk on the streets. And I don't have to worry about my car getting scratched when I park it there too, and I can even drive along the streets and see what the merchants have in their windows."

You would have thought he had just won a lottery.

The response did not stop there. A downtown businessman brought an unsigned message to the office, praising the mayor's action. "Can we quote you on that," we asked. "Are you crazy, my aunt is one of the ladies who planted these trees."

Another caller took issue with the holly trees. "I know the mayor likes things trimmed neatly and they look nice, but I sure would like to have a tree you could squeeze. You know, soft leaves," she explained. "You know, like that old commercial, 'Don't squeeze the Charmin. You can't squeeze the holly trees.'"

Another message was stuck under our editor's door this morning.

Dear Mayor:
"I would like to thank you for giving our trees a past due hair cut. Before they had the shape of a banana, now they are round and shapely. However, December is the correct timing for trimming. With a few showers from the heavens I feel sure our trees will continue to grow and need trimming again in years to come."

Signed,
Grateful

P.S. When can some parking lines be painted downtown?

Kyle, just make sure you paint them the right color. It's tough being a mayor.

If It Makes Sense, Watch It

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outside of the privy door and locked her and her cat inside. It took them 20 minutes of pounding, yellings, and caterwauling to get someone to let them out."

But that didn't stop her, either, Mack said sadly. "A couple of days later she grabbed another ball, headed for the privy again, and we followed her, just out of sight. As she shut the privy door

and we rushed up to lock it, the door flew open again and there she stood, ball in one hand, full

slop jar in the other, and the cat at her feet, hissing. We tried to dodge, but she drenched us, dropped the ball down the privy, and then she and that durned cat, both grinning, walked past us to the house."

"So you stopped playing ball in the road?" we asked.

He looked a little embarrassed. Or a lot. "No," he admitted. "We just turned the bases

around and hit the ball the other way, down the street instead of up it. That way we hit the ball away from the cabbages, rutabagas, woman, cat, slop jar, and privy."

We congratulated him on his good judgment. "But why?" we asked. "Why didn't you do that in the first place?"

He shrugged. "Made too much sense," he said. "I saw no reason to argue with that."

A Beginning

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a long overdue overhaul,

We are hopeful our city fathers have set the course to correct these problems. The Kings Mountain Herald will be reporting their actions. One thing we applaud at this point is that our city government has made the problem public. There has been no skirting the issue, or coverup of the facts. And, we encourage further discussion. We encourage city hall to personally take the message to every corner of the public...to civic and community clubs, church groups, etc. to explain the situation.

People won't approve what they don't understand, and we are confident that the people of our community will lend their vigor and support our city officials on this problem when they have been made aware of all the facts. That progress is underway, and we earnestly hope it continues.

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