

**LETTER**

From 4A

ects of the past (like the building of the high school natorium, senior citizen center, etc.).

3 - to explore partnership options with Gaston Memorial Hospital.

The only option the Board of KMH and the Kings Mountain Hospital Advisory Board have focused on is the merger with CRMC. These interested parties are handling this merger issue rather quietly. Concurrently, the public is fed with tailored information, slowly in pieces, to avoid sudden shock and uproar in the community.

If KMH is to seek financial help from CRMC, it is the duty and the responsibility of the KMH Board and KMH Advisory Board to make sure that the hospital stays as an autonomous body without any loss of local control.

Mos of the medical staff members and I feel that we are serving the community much better now than in the past and will continue to add and support more services in the future. The medical staff would like the hospital to remain as an acute care facility. We will not tolerate a reduction of services that would adversely affect patient care and lead to the downgrade of the facility.

Besides serving the local community, Kings Mountain Hospital is vital for the growth of the Kings Mountain area and Cleveland County. Future industries frequently take a look at hospitals and school systems before they make a final move to the area.

I strongly feel that the community leaders and the public should have the ultimate say in deciding about the future of this vital public facility. It is time for the people of Kings Mountain to speak up for what they think is best for the community. After all, it is the people of Kings Mountain whose healthcare is at stake and are the ones who will have to face any ramifications of a merger.

The City of Kings Mountain and its council members should organize a public hearing to discuss this issue before the KMH Board finalize a decision. I urge people to call and ask questions to the responsible members of the KMH Board and the KMH Advisory Board members. Furthermore, I strongly encourage the community leaders and the public to attend the upcoming Advisory Board meeting and KMH Board meeting to put forward their concerns for the hospital.

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**LETTER POLICY**

Deadline for letters to the editor is 12 noon Tuesday. All letters must be signed and include the name, address and telephone number of the writer.

Mail letters to The Herald, P.O. Box 769, Kings Mountain, NC 28086; fax them to (704) 739-7496, or bring them by our office at 824-1 East King Street.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**City should clean its own back yard**

To the editor:

As with many other citizens of Kings Mountain, my water bill has doubled. To maintain our flower and/or vegetable garden, they must have water.

What I would like to know is, how this water by some miracle finds its way through the city sewage system. This is reflected on our power bills.

Whose pockets are being lined with this money? Could it be being spent for fuel on city vehicles endlessly driving up and down the street ignoring trash that should have been picked up weeks ago or for violation signs in yards that for whatever reason, the grass is too high?

The land behind and on one side of my residence belongs to the city of Kings Mountain. Despite complaints by myself and my landlord to public works, codes department, and animal control our words have fallen upon deaf ears. Rats (not mice) have taken over the back yard and have taken up residence under my home. It is time for the city to take action on this matter and clean up their rat-infested dump instead of putting the blame on others. It is clear the blame is directly on the city for not maintaining their property, or could it be that they are exempt from their own coeds?

Maybe animal control could capture some of these mountain rats and transport them to our city officials' homes where they could gnaw through their floors into their homes. Let's see how much sleep they get at night. How embarrassing it is to have to enlist the help of the police department when you find a giant rat in your bathroom in the middle of the night.

Why not allocate the money the city is collecting for water not "going down the drain" to our fine underpaid policemen? They are the only ones that have tried to help me.

I appreciate public works for supplying me with rat poison daily in my feeble attempt to rid myself of this problem, and thank you to Robert White for his ignored attempts to address and resolve the problem. None of this is the fault of his or mine. No one could ask for a better landlord than him.

I would gratefully ask anyone with a violation sign in their yard to tell the city to clean up their own backyard, starting with mine!

Sincerely,  
Lois Carpenter  
Kings Mountain

**LOOKING BACK**

Excerpts from the Thursday, July 10, 1975 edition of the Kings Mountain Mirror-Herald:

- Dr. Frederick Maurer of Ventura, Calif. will begin practice in Grover in mid-July to fill the town's second and final vacancy. Dr. Richard A. Hardeman of Miami, Fla. told town officials he would come to Grover to begin practice by September.

- Codes Administrator Black Leonard will begin uniform city codes inspections in the downtown business district Mon., Jul 14, assisted by Crawford Murphy, architect for the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission. Leonard said he and Murphy plan to work in half-day shifts on the inspections, which will cover areas such as fire hazards, wiring, structural and general fix-up.

- With the city election only 12 weeks distant, Luther Bennett, chairman of the board of elections, reminds that filing period for mayoral and city commissioner candidates opens at noon Aug. 12 and closes noon Sept. 5.

- Members of the city's Bicentennial committee have attended two meetings in the past week in which plans for the coming celebration were discussed.

- Some candid talk from William D. Edwards here Tues. July 1 revealed users of natural gas in this city and all over the state are in for a "disastrous curtailment

of up to 40 percent in supplies next winter. And even at that the cost will be more. Edwards, of Engineering and Management Consultants serving municipal gas distributors, said the City of Kings Mountain is allotted 4,100 cubic feet of gas daily up to a total 1,172,625 cubic feet for the year.

- Physicals for all persons planning to play football at Kings Mountain High School this season will be given on Tues., Aug. 5 at 5 p.m. at the John Gamble Stadium field house. Head Coach Bob Jones said practice will begin on Aug. 6 at 5 p.m. Players will be asked to bring light practice gear such as shorts, shoes, socks and T shirts.

**Oh, No! Not the Olds too**

I don't know what this country is coming to. When I got up and turned on the tube this morning the first thing I heard was that General Motors is going to stop making Oldsmobiles. That's sad. Where will it all stop?

They've already stopped manufacturing Terraplanes, Hupmobiles, Packards, Studebakers, DeSotos and Hudsons. Now there will be no more Oldsmobiles.

As soon as I heard the news report an old TV commercial began running through my mind. "Oh come with me Lucille, in my merry Oldsmobile."

I once owned a 1949 Olds 98, and no finer car was ever made. That car was built like a tank, ran like a scalded dog and got great gas mileage. I can remember when the hot car for youngster was the Olds Rocket 88.

What a shame. Cars today all seem to be made from the same cookie cutter. I can't tell one from the other.

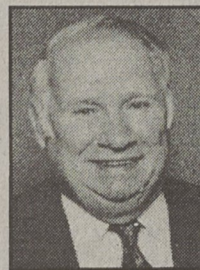
Remember when the Studebaker, in the early fifties, was shaped sort of like a bullet, and you couldn't tell whether it was coming or going?

How about the Hudson Hornet? That was a running automobile. The Hudson Commodore wasn't bad either. If I'm not mistaken, the first two Darlington 500 races were won by Hudsons.

How many oldtimers remember the Kaiser, the Frazer or the Henry J? How about the Tucker?

I'm sure there are still a few Edsels around. There used to be a guy in Charlotte who collected Edsels and had about 20 of them lined up in his yard.

The cars in those days had big chrome bumpers that were set about eight inches in



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front and behind the car. If a bumper was damaged, you could go to the junkyard, buy another and install it yourself. There were just four bolts holding them on in most cases. If your bumper gets damaged today, you pay a bundle, then your insurance goes up.

Cars aren't the only thing disappearing from today's world. The editor, Alan Hodge, and I were chatting last week and he mentioned National Bohemian beer, a relic of the past. I can remember a National Bo TV commercial which showed a big fat guy stuffing a huge sandwich in his substantial mouth and washing it down with a Bo.

I recalled how, as a young North American Bluejacket (Sailor), I used to buy a case of Falstaff at the enlisted men's club for three bucks, but I had to return the bottles. You can barely buy two beers for that amount these days.

Then there was Carling's Black Label, Country Club, Shaeffer's, Atlantic Ale and Beer and dozens of others no longer sold, although I think you can still get Country Club.

The first thing you know they'll stop making Double Cola.

**BEN**

From 4A

The two words were inserted in the pledge in 1954 and apparently have not offended anyone until now.

So, why change?

**ALAN**

From 4A

grub.

Over the course of yet a few more nights I set a trap baited with that substance no rodent and not a few humans can resist-peanut butter. Each morning the trap was stripped of every morsel, yet so wily was Mickey that he did not spring the trigger.

The next step was to get one of those sticky pads made to catch mice. Again a goober spread was applied. Well, the pad caught the rat, but he dragged pad and all under the dresser, worked his way loose, and even left two little calling cards on the pad by way of defiance.

**GARY**

From 4A

late 30s or early 40s. If anyone can remember give me a call and I'll pass it along.

Dr. and Mrs. John Still passed along a copy of a story they found while going through the scrapbook of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Maundy about

After witnessing an attack on our own soil, we need to keep the pledges and hymns that define who we are as American citizens.

By changing or discarding items that disclose our heritage, we're just as guilty as anyone who has harmed this country here or overseas.

By this time he was becoming bold as well as surly having gotten away with the goods as well as outwitting not one but two devices of mankind. But the battle was not over yet and cheese was to come into play.

Taking a firm chunk of what my grandma called "rat cheese," I carefully molded it all over the trap's trigger in a way that a bite would be certain death- and that's exactly what happened as the fifth and final morning of our engagement dawned. As Emeril the chef says "BAM!" The moral? If you go somewhere you have no business and do things you should not, you will eventually become overconfident, perhaps even impudent, but somewhere, sometime, there will be a hunk of cheese in your future. BAM!

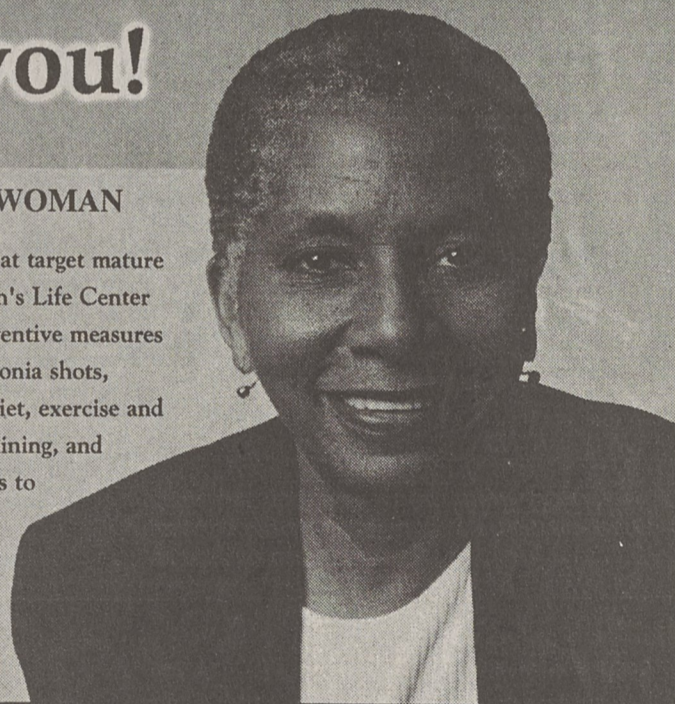
Charles A. Lindberg circling the city in the Spirit of St. Louis. The story was published in the Kings Mountain News on Friday, October 14, 1927. Mayor Wiley H. McGinnis had received a wire message from D.E. Keyhoe, aide of Col. Lindberg, stating that "the conqueror of the Atlantic" would fly over town. The story said a representative of the Interstate Commerce Commission was in town to establish an emergency landing field.

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