

**PRESENTS REQUEST**—Mrs. Melvin Whitesides, above, presents her request for road improvements at a hearing in Kings Mountain Thursday conducted by state DOT officials. Photo by Lib Stewart

## By-Pass Project Can't Be Changed

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Linwood Road residents presented a petition with signatures of 257 citizens proposing the reopening of the area, closed due to By-Pass construction work, but DOT officials at Thursday's public meeting said that the By-Pass project is "far too advanced to change it now."

Linwood Road is near the By-Pass interchange with the interstate highway and the interchange has been designed in such a way that a connection with Linwood is not practical, according to Assistant Division Engineer T. G. Brooks, who along with other officials of the state Department of Transportation were at Kings Mountain Community Center to conduct the public hearing for counties in Highway Division 12.

J. W. Hardin, a resident of the area, presented the petition and said that closing of the southern portion of Linwood has cut off the area from Chapel Grove Fire Department that now must travel either through Kings Mountain or Bessemer City to respond to any fire in the area. The closing has added, he said, about 15 to 20 minutes travel time for emergency vehicles responding to the area. Hardin said that travel time has also increased for persons of the area going to Gastonia and school

bus and mail routes have been changed due to the closing.

The Linwood request was the major request submitted by Kings Mountain citizens but Mayor John Henry Moss, who welcomed the visiting group to Kings Mountain, said that local citizens are concerned about the by-pass progress. Officials after the meeting said that completion of the by-pass is still scheduled for 1983 but availability of funds could schedule the schedule.

Division Engineer Ken Mauney of Shelby and Bill Cadell, chief of planning for the DOT staff and chairman for the meeting, said after the meeting that the schedule calls for completion of the interchange in Fall of 1983 with various phases of the construction targeted for earlier completion. Mauney said the Bethware section of the project is expected to be completed in 1981, the center section or area near the Community Center in 1982, and the big 85 and 74 interchange in the area of Canterbury Road in 1983.

Pat Campbell and Pearson Stewart, also of the Raleigh staff, assisted in conducting the hearing attended by 40-50 people. The meeting was one of a series scheduled in each of the state highway divisions to begin the process of updating the 1980-86 Transportation Improvement Program. The meetings this year were held

against a backdrop of a highway funding crisis which officials said could have a severe impact on highway construction priorities.

The Transportation board staff pointed out that only two major Cleveland County projects are scheduled in the improvement program through fiscal year 1986. Scheduled for funding that year is \$3.25 million for paving of the bypass and \$2.3 for construction of the South DeKalb Street Extension to Highway 150, south of Shelby.

According to figures provided by the board projects scheduled for the coming year will cost \$534 million that has not been allocated and with revenues estimated at only \$86 million.

Mrs. Melvin Whitesides of Kings Mountain asked for paving of Rural Road 1403 and complained that eight families "are eating dust and would like something done about it."

Sue Murdock, of Cherryville's Economic Development Commission, said that Cherryville's first priority is the widening of Highway 150 to Lincolnton. Some \$10 million in funding for the project is scheduled in fiscal years 1986 and 1986 and Mrs. Murdock asked that the project be kept in the program.

Also speaking at the meeting were Jerry Lundy of the City of

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## Mrs. Scarborough Quits

Mrs. Tinky Scarborough, a secretary to Community Development Director Gene White, resigned Friday and has accepted new employment, she told the Herald Monday.

Mrs. Scarborough was suspended for seven days without pay after a letter she wrote criticizing local government appeared in last Tuesday's Herald.

The letter of resignation was submitted by Mrs. Scarborough

last Friday to KM Development Director Gene White, to Mayor John Henry Moss and to members of the board of city commissioners.

The letter read:

"I do regret that you, as my employer, have been upset by my action taken in an effort to express my opinion toward a public matter—a right which all citizens have. I met and worked with many people whom I greatly admire and respect and will

surely miss. However, due to my suspension, the possibility is very great that I would no longer be able to perform my duties in an impartial manner. For this reason, I am tendering my resignation to the City of Kings Mountain effective this date, May 15, 1981."

Mrs. Scarborough said that she was suspended by her employer because she didn't

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## How Do You Spell Courage? S-C-O-T-T

(ED. NOTE: The following article was written by Bud Crussell of the Ocala, Fla. Star-Banner, about 11-year-old Scott Carrigan, who is battling leukemia. Scott is a former Kings Mountain resident. He is the grandson of Arthur Carrigan of Kings Mountain.)

Every pitch is a victory...every day is a blessing.

And, so it is in the life of 11-year-old Scott Carrigan as he seeks to mow down not only the opposition on the baseball field, but also to defeat another threat—leukemia.

Scott has been one of the most outstanding players over the past couple of years in the city's youth baseball program. Last year, he was so effective as a pitcher that he only walked one batter the entire season. Such a feat has to be a record. It is nothing less than phenomenal.

This year promised to be an even better year for Scott. Another year of growth, and of stronger muscles would make him an awesome figure on the mound for the 1981 season.

But, playing this year was almost scratched when doctors in December found that Scott had a form of leukemia—the lymphoblastic type to be exact.

The fact that Scott is playing baseball again this year has to be chalked up as one of those miracles we hear about every so often. He is pitching again for his Barnett Bank team in the Clyatt Park league.

He may not be up to 100 percent physically the way he would like to be, but nevertheless, he is there on the mound throwing those fast balls by the batters.

His family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carrigan, and his brother and sister are rejoicing about Scott's playing. His coach, Augie

Greiner, is amazed. And, the medical people at Shands Teaching Hospital in Gainesville are flabbergasted.

From a medical standpoint, Scott shouldn't even be strong enough to participate in any athletic activity, much less doing something as strenuous as hurling baseballs past batters.

But, he is doing it.

Last December, Scott's parents, Bill and Pat Carrigan, suspected something was wrong when Scott complained about his jaw hurting and having a numb lip.

That was December 8.

Thinking it might be a dental problem, a local dentist was consulted. The dentist made an examination, and then suggested that Scott be examined by a medical doctor specializing in the eyes, ears, nose and throat. The MD sent Scott to the hospital for more x-rays. All of this on the first day, and still not a final diagnosis as yet.

The second day found Scott back at the dentist, and then on to an oral surgeon who performed a gum biopsy. It was found that Scott had three permanent teeth loose because his jaw bone was deteriorating. On the third day, Scott went to a local clinic for a blood test. On the fourth day, a local specialist in hematology wanted Scott back in the hospital for more blood tests.

Two hours later, the doctor called Bill and Pat with the news—Scott had leukemia.

"I felt like my world just stopped. It right then ended," Bill said.

And Pat. "I was in a state of total shock. I just couldn't believe it," she stated.

The doctor then made arrangements for Scott to enter Shands that day.

That same day, the Shands

people started a series of tests on Scott. They had to determine what type of leukemia it was.

Lymphoblastic leukemia is so named because it just suddenly "blasts" out.

"They told me that if he had been examined two weeks earlier, the leukemia might not of even been detected. That's how quickly it acts," Bill explained.

After the first week in the hospital, Scott took a turn for the worse. His kidney quit functioning properly, and his calcium content dropped. He was under a 24-hour watch. Apparently, there was an over reaction from the chemotherapy treatment Scott was receiving.

He was in critical condition for three days, and then he leveled off. After four days in a stabilized condition, the doctors said Scott could go home.

He went home on December 23.

"It was the best Christmas we've ever had. It made a close family even closer. We laid aside other priorities for our main concern was for Scott," his father said.

Christmas day was a real blessing. Scott got up out of bed with a ravenous appetite. Scott was really home, and the family rejoiced.

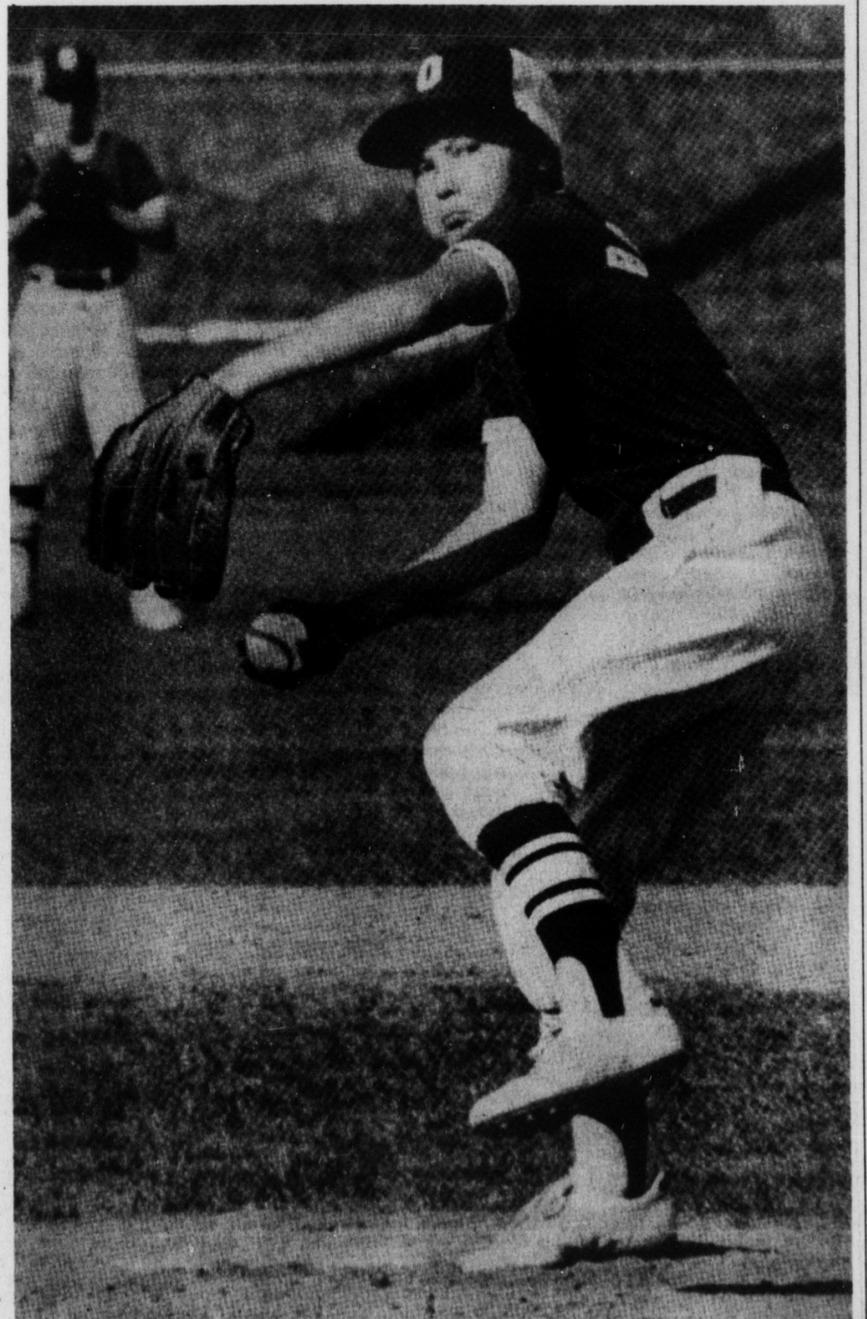
"The Man up there made it possible," Bill said.

Scott didn't have to go back to the hospital for any more overnight stays. He did have to go back to Shands every day for two straight weeks.

Then, there was more good news. After 14 days of radiation treatment, Scott went into complete remission. The treatment was working and news of the remission was another victory.

Since then, Scott has had to go to Shands just once every two

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