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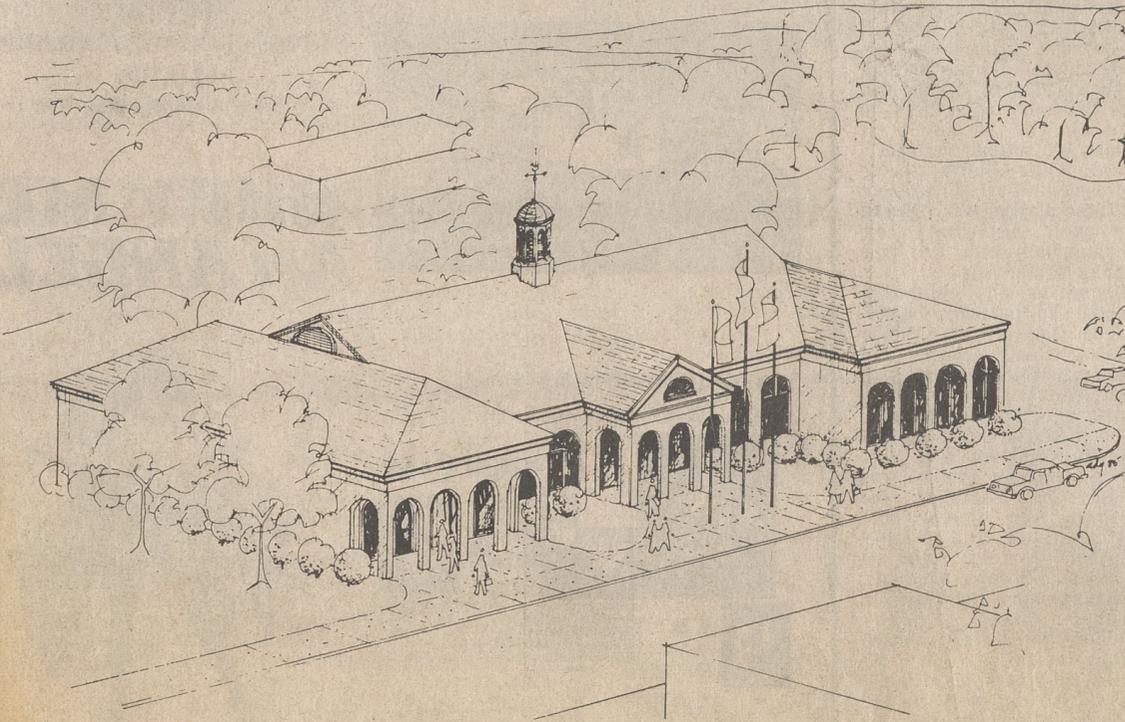
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Sketch Of Proposed New Grover Town Hall

New Town Hall Discussed

Proceeding with plans to build an addition to Grover Town Hall, Grover commissioners Monday night authorized Mayor Bill McCarter to ask for estimates of costs of construction prints from Architectural Design Group of Shelby to put a proposed Phase One out to bids.

Jeff Roark, representing Architectural Design Group, presented proposed drawings for both Phase 1 and Phase 2.

Phase 1, which board members said is top priority, includes a 25 feet by 25 feet storage addition of 625 square feet to the rear of the present building. Phase 1 also includes an improved entrance which would feature a covered brick arcade and a new 25 feet by 60 feet wood

truss shingled roof. The addition would be of brick veneer and block construction with truss roof and would have ample space for storage of sewer pipes. Unassigned funds, already appropriated, would pay for the first phase of construction, estimated to cost \$26,500.

Phase 2, according to the architects, would tie in with the present building and storage addition to the South and would meet longrange needs of the community. Planners estimate that costs of a community meeting room, kitchen, toilets, storage, etc. and parking (3,000 square feet of floor space) would run from \$135,000 to \$150,000.

"Phase 2 is way down the

road", said Mayor McCarter. In other actions, Ralph Gilbert, Shelby appraiser, reported that right-of-way acquisition for sewer line construction is proceeding but inspections have taken "a little longer" than expected because stakes were not in some property and lines were hard to define. He said he had encountered little opposition from property owners. "Values will be kept well within the budget" he told the board, and promised by Monday he would be able to report results of all appraisals to board attorney Andy Neisler of Kings Mountain.

Mayor McCarter reported that Robert Tester, 26, of Wagram, N.C., will move to

Grover Friday and become the community's new policeman. Tester was formerly employed by the Town of Wagram. The Board voted to pay costs of Tester's moving expenses.

In another police matter, the board agreed to sponsor Jack Wright to rookie school.

The Board also approved insurance for firemen and insurance for a Ford fire truck amounting to \$450 and contracted with Charlie Duval of Shelby for the annual audit of the city books.

The Board set May 31 as heavy trash pickup day in Grover and encouraged property owners to cut high grass and clean up lots in preparation for a big Fire Department fundraiser on May 25th and for the city's 100th birthday celebration June 2. Mayor McCarter said that Charlie Harry is serving as general chairman of the celebration which will include a joint community wide church service at First Baptist Church and other events on the town's birthday.

The Board elected Clyde Randle as chairman of Grover Board of Elections and asked him to select two persons to serve on the elections board with him. Town voters will elect in November four members of the board of city commissioners. Terms of Bill Camp, Jim Howell, Don Rich and Grady Ross are expiring. Three of the four will be elected to four year terms and one will be elected to a two year term. Grover voters at the last election approved staggered terms. Terms of Ronald Queen and Mayor McCarter do not expire this year.

Mayor McCarter distributed copies of the proposed budget for 1984-85, including requests from various city departments and said that budget sessions will be held prior to the July 1 meeting at which the new budget will be adopted.

17-Year-Old Charged

Denorris Wilson, Jr., 17, of Apt. 66 Pine Manor, was charged with assaulting a police officer Sunday night at 11:20 p.m.

Ptl. Don Johnson, answering a disturbance call at 318 Wilson Terrace, said that he was cut on the hand with a knife by the suspect as he

tried to handcuff him. In other reports made to Kings Mountain Police Department during the week:

A man posing as Tryon L. Roy issued two worthless checks, one in the amount of \$763 to McGinnis Furniture

Co. for payment of a stereo system and one in the amount of \$35 for gasoline to Express Station at 212 W. King St. The checks were drawn on First Union National Bank.

Warren Reynolds, 120 York Road, reported larceny of a battery valued at \$60.

Sunny's Corner Stop at 201 E. King Street reported that on two occasions during the week customers pumped gas and left without paying for it. The total amount was \$45.

Otha Campbell, 902 Second St., reported damage to her house by an unknown source at \$650.

Mike Ballard, 1005 Sherwood Lane, reported that his golf cart and a battery charger were stolen. Estimated loss was \$1450.

William White, 410 E. Ridge St., reported that \$140 was stolen from his pocket-book.

Lillian Harrison, 217 N. Carpenter St., reported that \$225 was stolen from her residence.

Property Damages High In Automobile Wrecks

Property damages were high in several automobile accidents which occurred in town during the past week.

William Blanton, Route 2, operating a 1973 Plymouth on East Gold Street May 2 at 2:05 p.m., struck a 1979 Olds operated by Mabel Ross and doing \$359 to the Ross vehicle and \$50 to his car.

Lindsay Smith, of Mount Gilead, operating a 1982 Chevrolet on King Street, struck a 1977 Ford operated by Dianna Smith of Route 5. Damages totaled \$700.

George Yarbro, of Route 2, operating a 1979 Ford, struck a parked car owned by James Ramey, 220 Lackey St., in the parking lot of Food Lion doing \$100 to the Ramey 1976 Ford.

A three-car crash resulted in heavy damages to vehicles May 3 at 8:45 p.m. on Phifer Road when James Boyd, 211 E. King Street, crossed the center line and his car struck a 1980 Ford operated by Bobby Morris of Shelby and the

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Developer Interested In Downtown

A Pennsylvania developer, Owen Kugel, 41, wants to add Kings Mountain to his growing list of towns to revitalize in North Carolina.

OK Associates, formed in 1977, is a downtown real estate development firm working with small cities and towns in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Massachusetts and North Carolina and already has agreements to revitalize downtowns in Salisbury, Elizabeth City, Henderson, Asheville, Kinston, Greenville, Warsaw and Tarboro.

Kugel came to Kings Mountain at the invitation of Mayor John Henry Moss and was accompanied by Oppie Jordan, OK Regional Vice President from North Carolina and Virginia and a former associate of the North Carolina Department of Commerce, who assisted in a slide presentation using before and after slides of other downtown revitalization efforts.

Bob Dellinger, of Dellinger-Lee, planners for the new Kings Mountain Corporate Center, was also a guest at the meeting attended by a dozen or more downtown business leaders, including Odus Smith, John Young, Jonas Bridges, John McGinnis, Arlene Smith, Lewis Dellinger, Ruby Alexander, Larry Hamrick, Mickey Correy, George Thomasson and Commissioners Humes Houston and Jim Dickey.

Dellinger said that plans for 2,000 acre High-Tech Park development near Kings Mountain at the super interchange of I-85 and U.S. 74 will

be unveiled soon. He said this Park will be outstanding and one of the finest in the Southeastern United States with full scope of plans forthcoming.

For a monthly \$5,000 fee, Kugel's company will plan, construct and handle financing with local investors for business owners interested in renovating old buildings downtown. The contract can be cancelled at any time without reason, Kugel told the group.

Kugel guarantees \$2 million in development for the area in the first 12 months of the contract or he will return the retainer. "We can only go where we have a strong relationship and firm commitment with business in the community", he pointed out.

Kugel told the downtown business group that he

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SBI Agents Talk To Group

Agents of the State Bureau of Investigation met in Kings Mountain Tuesday for several hours with members of the newly-formed Cemetery Committee but gave no indication of when their investigation of the city cemetery department would be complete.

Several weeks ago records were obtained from Cemetery Supt. Ken Jenkins by SBI agents who talked with him.

Shriners' Barbecue, Softball This Weekend

The third annual White Plains Shriners Weekend, featuring some of the best barbecue and slowpitch softball in the world, will be held this weekend in Kings Mountain.

The annual White Plains Shrine Softball Classic, which this year is drawing the top slowpitch teams in the nation, will get underway Friday and continue through Sunday at Davidson and Deal Street parks. Only the top teams in the southeast have been invited this year.

Action will get underway at 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. Howard's Western Steer of Denver, a long-time national power in slowpitch softball, is the defending champion. (For a complete story on the softball tournament, see the sports section).

Hickory-smoked barbecue will be sold all day Saturday on the vacant lot beside City Auto and Truck Parts on Highway 161, and barbecue, hamburger, hotdogs and other concessions will also be sold at the ballparks.

Barbecued shoulders will sell for \$30, plates for \$3.50 and two sandwiches for \$3. For advance barbecue tickets, see any member of the White Plains Shrine Club.

"We've had two very successful Shriners Weekends because the people of Kings Mountain and surrounding areas have been very supportive of our projects," said White Plains Shrine President Carl Champion. "We want everyone to come out and see us again this weekend and enjoy some of the best barbecue and best softball anywhere. And, as always, every cent goes to Shriners hospitals for burned and crippled children. We appreciate all the people who support us and want them to know that we enjoy our work much more when we know that the people are behind us."

This year's softball tournament will feature four exhibition games featuring old timers from Howard's Furniture, Pharr Yarns, Aetna Insurance and Champion Contracting. Two games will be played on Saturday afternoon and two more prior to Sunday's championship game.