

REZONING

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David Beam of Cherryville, a partner in MPB Development, said that a "middle income" housing development is proposed near the Middle School.

Council okayed a five-year special use permit to White Oak Manor for off-street parking on Sipe Street. Manager Jane Alexander said the facility plans to add 36 parking spaces to correct what she called "a long standing problem of parking."

In other actions, Council: Appointed Shirley Brutko to the Land Use Plan Review Committee on recommendation of Rick Murphrey and Jerry White, the councilmen who serve on the special board.

Approved the fourth annual bass tournament for Life Enrichment Center on April 23 at Moss Lake. City Attorney Mickey Corry said the tournament must be strictly a

fishing tournament with no exhibits of boats or displays.

Appointed Joe Champion to the vacancy on the Moss Lake Commission on recommendation of Moss Lake Commission. Council had postponed the appointment from last month to consider a recommendation by Councilman Dean Spears that persons who live on the lake with business connections in Kings Mountain be eligible to serve on the board. A change in the ordinance was not mentioned. At the recent Lake Commission meeting, members voted unanimously to leave the membership of the board "as is." Currently, no residents of Moss Lake sit on the board.

Tabled a contract with Cleveland Container Service for wastewater sludge handling pending cost comparisons which were requested by Councilmen Grindstaff and Murphrey from City Manager Wood.

Authorized the engineering contract with W.K. Dickson Company

for rehabilitation improvements to the City Lake and Davidson Lake dams at cost of \$6500. Councilman Spears questioned any additional costs in the contract but Wood said that the design cost should not exceed \$6500. The state is mandating that the dam improvements be made.

Awarded contract to the low bidder, John Jenkins, at \$10,125 for seepage drain repairs at Moss Lake. Other bidders were Champion Contracting, \$10,180, and Kennedy Concrete, \$12,150.

Set public hearing for March 29 to consider the request of developer Mike Brown to amend the zoning ordinance to permit larger signs in the neighborhood business section. Brown has built a new building on King Street which will house five businesses and he wants to put up signs for each business.

Authorized Kings Mountain Fire Department to use the \$500 nuclear drill payment for exercise equipment.

LIGHTS

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Have DOT change the traffic delineation for turning left, going eastward, from King Street onto Railroad and NC 216.

Realign Sims Street and add a stop light at this location.

Coordinate with DOT to flash all stop lights yellow on Gold Street and Mountain Street while going East-West from 10 p.m.-5 a.m. These same lights should flash red while going North-South at the same location during the same hours.

Pursue with Department Of

Transportation the under-pavement trip wire system, actuated type signals, for stop lights at the intersections of Cansler/Gold and Cansler/Mountain and pursue with DOT a left turn arrow from Gold Street going Northward onto Gaston Street.

Pursue with DOT the changing of stoplights at Mountain/Cansler, Gold/Cansler, Gold/Gaston and Cherokee/Mountain to comply with the Manual Uniform Traffic Control Devices standards. This will lessen the city's liability. Using older stoplights that have been removed will lessen cost.

Pursue the installation of larger overhead street signs on King Street.

The mayor said DOT plans to

install an interstate south bound "Kings Mountain" sign for exit 8, York Road.

Members of the ad hoc committee

are Council members Rick Murphrey, Norma Bridges and Jerry White, City Manager George Wood, City Engineer Tom Howard and Public Works Director Karl Moss.

"I'm really excited about this new signalization which will add actuated signals utilizing new software," said the mayor.

The mayor said the traffic lights at Piedmont/Ridge, Gold Street/Bridges Drive and Mountain Street/Railroad Avenue have no signal warrant and no sight distance restrictions.

TOMMY FAILE

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Arthur Smith Show in 1951 when WBTB in Charlotte became the first area TV station to go on the air.

Faile performed with Smith for 18 1/2 years, and was always one of that troupe's most popular members. He was not only well-liked as a singer of country and gospel music, but also for his comedy. For years, he teamed with the late Ralph Smith to form the hilarious Brother Ralph and Cousin Fud comedy team.

Everywhere he goes, Faile says, fans recall his most famous recording, "The Brown Mountain Light," and some of his most famous comedy and commercial quips such as "You're standing on my right-toe" and "If it's fresher than Bost it's still in the stove."

In addition to radio and TV shows, members of Smith's team traveled all over the southeast performing with top Grand Ole Opry stars and also performing in local communities and schools. He loved meeting the fans - and still does.

Faile had a chance to become a member of the Grand Ole Opry but turned it down because he dreaded the heavy travel schedule, and also because he and his wife were just beginning their family. "I've always been one to love to play and sing, but I've always been content to go fishing and have a good time," he said. "I've never been interested in pursuing that type of career."

Faile has appeared on the Opry as a guest on several occasions and has worked with virtually every "old" Opry star such as Roy Acuff, Ernest Tubbs, Ray Price, Carl Smith, Faron Young and Little Jimmy Dickens.

Faile has always believed in offering good, wholesome entertainment, and refuses to sing any song that has a curse word in it or relays any kind of negative message. He still enjoys performing for churches and small groups.

"I still love to just sit on a stool and sing songs and tell stories," he says.

After leaving Arthur Smith in 1968, Faile had his own syndicated TV show for four years while continuing to do personal appearances, record and write. His top-selling song is "The Brown Mountain Light," which is a North Carolina legend, and the best song he ever wrote was "Phantom Three O Nine, which was recorded by Red Sovine and sold a million and a half copies. It was voted as the number one song in the nation by truckers in 1977.

"I've just done a conglomerate of things," he laughed.

He didn't plan to become a radio disc jockey, but it came naturally, too. Several years ago, he noted, a friend who hosted an all-night country show in Charlotte asked Faile to fill in for him while he took a week's vacation. That eventually led to his own Country Gold Show on K-97 in Charlotte, and since that time he's hosted country shows on several other area stations.

He joined WKMT several weeks ago and is enjoying meeting folks in the Gaston-Cleveland County areas.

"I still love to perform," he says. "Everywhere I go people ask me how old I am. I tell them I've been in business a lot of years. They ask me when I'm going to retire and I tell them when I can't take a note. As long as I'm able to play and sing I'm going to keep it up."

Faile has won numerous awards for singing, writing and commercials, but, loving people as he does, he said the best compliment he ever received was several years ago when he was doing his all-night radio show for WBT in Charlotte.

"I played one of my own songs by request," he recalled. "At 3 a.m. the phone rang and a lady told me that her mother who was 93 and had been in a coma for several days awoke as the record was playing and said, 'Is that Tommy Faile singing, the man I love to hear so well?' Believe me, that makes it all worthwhile."

CRIME

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arrests in 1993, which compared to 23 in 1991; 24 in 1991; and 34 in 1990.

A total of 504 suspects were arrested for larceny in 1993, compared to 472 in 1992; 483 in 1991; and 536 in 1990.

June was the big month for larceny investigations, a total of 67 reported by police. In December, only 10 people were booked for larceny but 60 people were charged in April, 46 in January, 45 in August and November, 44 in May and July; 41 in September; 31 in March; 30 in February; and 27 in October.

Police were on the scene of 258 burglaries in 1993, compared with 227 in 1992; 207 in 1991; and 143 in 1990.

The high month for burglaries was October with 35 arrests.

Goforth said the crime rate is up all over the United States in communities, large and small. And he predicts that calls for services won't decline.

"We appreciate the citizens who call us, that's what we're here for."

"But the trend in the future for all police may have to be to look at the nature of the calls and work to handle some of them in the police station rather than dispatching officers to the scene."

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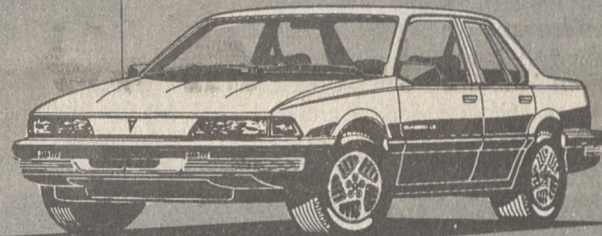
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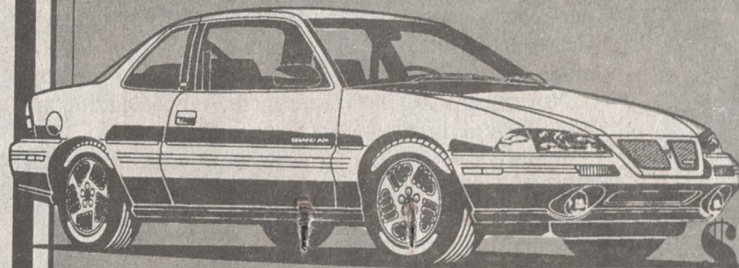
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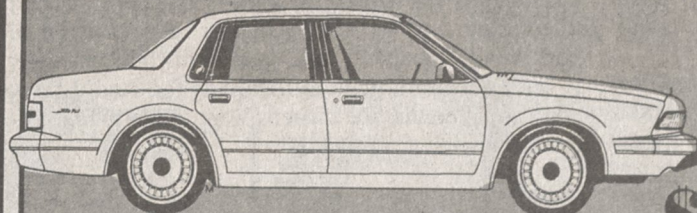


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