



Grover Councilman Robbie Sides speaks against zoning during Monday night's town board meeting which drew a loud outcry from residents about a proposed zoning map and ordinance. Council adopted the city map and ordinance 4-1 but delayed decision on one-mile perimeter zoning.

### Petition supports fired Grover cop

A petition is being circulated in Grover calling for City Council to reinstate Robbie Sides in the Police Department.

Sides, 23, a member of City Council, was fired Friday by Chief Paul Cash.

A crowd of Grover residents overflowed K-Joes Tuesday night and before the meeting was over 96 people had signed the petition. Sides, who was present at the meeting, formally announced that he was a candidate for mayor in 1995.

Cindy Cooke, Kaye Sauls, Juanita Pruette and Lynn Foster began circulating the petitions door to door Wednesday. Cooke said that more than 200 names are on the petitions and she will be present

them to City Council at the April meeting.

"We don't want to cause conflict in Grover but right is right," said Cooke. "He was only doing his duty as a cop even if he was outside his jurisdiction."

Cooke said she hoped the Council and Mayor Ronald Queen could see from the names on the petitions that Grover residents are upset.

"Robbie is a very professional policeman. He checked on the elderly and he would give his own mother a ticket," said Cooke.

Cooke said she has asked to be placed on the agenda for the April town board meeting and that other people have indicated they will also speak up and state publicly their feelings in the matter.

### Candidate to 'run' in Cleveland County

Eddie Davis, a candidate for the state presidency of the North Carolina Association of Educators, will keep his campaign promise and run a mile in Cleveland County Friday.

The Durham educator will be at Bethware School at 2 p.m. to get input from local citizens before the NCAE elections in late April.

Davis began his "Running Campaign for Children" in Randolph County on November 27, 1993. He said that he is basically using weekends and holidays to traverse the Tar Heel State during

the winter and early spring. He plans for his final mile in the 100 counties to be run in Durham on April 25.

"Thus far, the reaction to my running tour has been quite positive. I have had some wonderful conversations with a variety of citizens on topics ranging from student achievement to school violence," Davis said.

Davis is a high school English teacher who was appointed to the North Carolina State Board of Education by Governor Jim Hunt in the spring of 1993. He teaches at Hillside High School in Durham.

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and Sides got out of his patrol car and drew his gun. Sides said the man in the cab tried to run him down but struck the patrol car instead. Sides then jumped back into his patrol car and started chasing the stolen taxi down Long Branch Road. Cleveland County sheriff's Deputy Kerr Palmer also joined the chase. Trooper R.N. Hillard, who investigated the accident, said the two vehicles were traveling about 70 mph when Sides passed the taxi. Deputy Palmer said the cab swerved and hit the patrol car in the back and then ran off the right side of the road, got back on the road and hit Sides' right passenger door. The chase ended in wreckage on Long Branch Road, totaling both vehicles and sending Sides and Nichols to Cleveland Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Nichols was charged with assaulting Marshall Emory with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, robbery with a dangerous weapon, driving while impaired and evading arrest. Sides said Emory required more than 500 stitches to close the wounds he received in the incident.

"Granted, it was out of my jurisdiction but how would the cab

driver or anyone else feel about a policeman if he drove off?" said Sides.

"Cash has done the same thing just recently when he arrested a man and held him on Long Branch Road until Kings Mountain Police got there."

Sides said his troubles had been going on since he took a leave of absence for medical reasons. "They have been looking for a reason to fire me."

Sides blames the firing on a personality conflict, rather than job performance.

"People in Grover said I had no business running for political office if I wanted to be a policeman," said Sides. "I was just the poor kid on the block trying to get a step up."

Sides said nothing prohibited him from serving on both Council and on the Police Department. He said that he has letters from both the League of Municipalities and the North Carolina Attorney General that okays it if no town ordinance prohibits it.

Sides contends that other members of the board ignore him.

Sides has enrolled in business school and plans to start looking for another job. He says he will continue to live in Grover and serve on the town board. Sides said his lawyer is looking into disciplinary procedures surrounding the firing incident.

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three members of Council, Norma Bridges, Phil Hager and Jim Guyton supported Joe Hendrick, the retired County Manager and retired Chairman of the Economic Development Commission. Supporting Parsons were Mayor pro tem Rick Murphrey and Councilmen Ralph Grindstaff, Jerry White and Dean Spears.

"I enjoy Kings Mountain and I plan to live here," said Rosencrans, who said he may run for City Council in four years.

"I have never questioned any decision making by Council," said Rosencrans. "I dug into a job and did it, sometimes working 23 hours a day when it came time to get out utility bills."

Rosencrans said that the utility billing system at City Hall was in tough shape when he came on board in January 1990. He has headed a staff of 11 people, including four meter readers, an accounts

payable clerk, a purchasing agent, the assistant finance director, billing clerk and three utility clerks.

Rosencrans said that no Council member had complained to him about his job performance.

Rosencrans is a member of the Church Council at Christ the King Catholic Church. His wife works at Mercy Hospital as a clinical evaluator with the injury rehabilitation unit. They have a 21-year-old son, Scott, a junior at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, SC. Six months ago they bought a house in Country Creek. Rosencrans is on the board of directors of the Kiwanis Club.

Rosencrans said that Wood designed the management team at City Hall so that Rosencrans' job focused on utilities and Mrs. Parsons, who was paid \$28,000 a year in her position, focused on internal accounting.

"I am proud of the accomplishments we have made. The staff I work with has been outstanding, a good group of people. I wish them well."

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more than 50 percent of its area the structure can't be replaced without approval from the planning board or board of adjustments.

In RR20, for instance, the restricted area is for stick built houses and no manufacturing homes are allowed but modular homes are permitted.

Russell Morrison said he had lived in a mobile home on Maple Avenue for 27 years. He was concerned if it was destroyed if he could put another on the spot.

Corry explained that this would be a non-conforming use and that Morrison could not add a trailer but that he could put up a newer model. "It's unrealistic to expect that all mobile homes can be phased out," the attorney said.

"If people don't want to be included, why take them into the city?" asked Ted Dover.

Hambright attempted to explain that the Grover planning board followed the county's ordinance but Dover insisted that Grover should clean up the town first before taking on more area.

David Adams, of Lavender Road, asked for detailed, clear maps of the proposed zoning area. He said he spent \$30,000 to get outside town and that he didn't want to be zoned.

Rollins said the purpose of zoning was to keep out undesirables from putting up things that neighbors don't want, such as hog lots, junk yards and some trailers, which drew the public ire.

Dr. Philip Day asked if there are provisions for rezoning in the policy and Rollins explained such procedures. Day owns a double-wide mobile home across from his medical clinic on Carolina Avenue which, under the new plan, is zoned general business.

Mayor Ronald Queen said that Grover has had no teeth in its law to enforce trailer ordinances and that's one reason that zoning is needed.

Hambright said the board's intention is to protect property from becoming devalued. Queen said that livestock is excluded from the ordinance after Steve Keeter asked about putting more barns on his property. Rollins said a barn is considered an accessory building and can be put up if the builder follows set back requirements.

Dexter Lovelace said he had not been able to get a copy of the proposed changes at Town Hall. Rollins said maps have been posted for several weeks now.

After lengthy haggling back and forth about trailers, Rollins said that the ultimate decision was up to Council.

Queen said that some trailers have gone up without permission which initiated another heated discussion among residents about the difference between mobile homes and trailer parks as defined in the ordinance.

Councilman Robbie Sides, who voted against the zoning plan, rose to his feet, exclaiming that he was "appalled to hear people putting down residents in mobile homes. 'It's uncalled for,'" he said.

"Some people can't afford to build houses."

Rollins said that trailers devalue homes. "It's a matter of economics."

Day noted that there are varying degrees of costs of mobile homes, some over \$50,000.

"I've lived here 45 years and I like it," said Adams. "Why can't we keep this a small town."

Rollins said the ordinance, as proposed, allows one residence per lot but that conditional permits can be given in certain circumstances.

Rollins admitted that he zoned himself out of a garage. "If my garage falls down, I can't rebuild it," he said.

Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Ellis said the Council must think about the whole town. "Some home owners abuse the rights of others and we have to think of what is best for the total community."

Rollins explained that spot zoning is illegal. He said GB, general business, doesn't allow new construction of residences.

Responding to a question, Rollins said that churches can go up anywhere.

A man from the back of the room yelled, "Can they be double wided?"

Upon motion by Spivey, seconded by Ellis, the board voted 4-1 to approve the city map and ordinance. Councilmen Tim Rowland and Jack Herndon approved. Sides voted against the motion.



BROWNIES ENTERTAIN AT FASHION SHOW - Brownie Troop 105 of Boyce Memorial ARP Church dressed up in Dutch, country and other costumes to entertain the Ladies Club of White Manor Tuesday night. Left to right, front row, are Donna Tackett, Jenny Wilson, Sally Denton, Hannah McDaniel, Elizabeth Logan and Sloan McDanniel. Back row, some of the residents pictured, are Martha Fox, Flora Greene, Stella McGuire, the Scouts' adopted grandmother, Annie Green, Hazel Carpenter, Zelma Hudson and Blanche Gillespie. Other Brownies pictured are Elaine Long, Wendy Barnett, Sarah Propst, Rebekah Miller, Megan Dixon, Staci Spicer, Virginia Neisler, Elizabeth Whisnant and Margaret Mauney.



GRAND OPENING - Gene Funderburke, Joy Funderburke, Scott Neisler, Sarah Funderburke, Sonya Stultz and Ronnie Funderburke are shown cutting ribbon at the recent grand opening of Woodbridge Mini Mart.

### News Briefs

## City cemetery clean-up slated

Mountain Rest Cemetery workers say it's time to clean up the cemetery and get ready for Easter.

Superintendent Dorus Bennett reminds that the traditional Easter Sunrise Service will be held in Veterans' Park April 3. He encourages residents to remove outdated flowers and dress up the grounds for spring.

## Open House set at Cleveland Y

The Cleveland County YMCA will host an open house March 26 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The public is invited to tour the facility and pick up a guest pass for a free workout.

There will be step aerobic, slide and karate demonstrations along with recreational and craft activities for children. All guests will be eligible to win a free YMCA membership.

For more information, call the Y at 484-9622.

## Lions to honor Tommy Faile

Television and recording artist Tommy Faile will be honored by the Mooresville Lions Club for his outstanding contribution to old time and blue grass music at the 54th Old Time Fiddlers' and Bluegrass Convention March 26 at 7 p.m. at the Roland R. Morgan Auditorium in Mooresville.

Admission is \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance. Senior citizens will be admitted for \$6 and children under 12 for \$1. Proceeds will benefit Lions Club charities.

For more information about Tommy Faile and the convention, contact Shaw Brown at P.O. Box 1, Mooresville, NC 28115, or call 663-7527.

## Softball tourney set Easter weekend

An Easter softball tournament will be played April 1-3 at the Kings Mountain Community Center.

The event is open to Class D, E and industrial teams. Entry fee is \$85. Trophies will be given to the top four teams, two most valuable players and ten all-tournament players.

For more information, call Kenneth Wilson at 734-0732 or 481-3585.

## Dr. King appointed to board of BB&T

Dr. Jane King has been named to the City Board of Directors of



Branch Banking and Trust Company in Kings Mountain, according to J. Glenn Anderson, vice president and city executive. King is assistant superintendent of Kings Mountain District Schools. She attended Western Carolina University and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte where she received a doctorate in education.

## Junior Auxiliary sets award ceremony

The Kings Mountain Hospital Junior Auxiliary will hold the 1994 awards ceremony on Friday, March 25, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the hospital board room.

Dr. Scott Mayse and Director of Nursing Glenda Proctor will make the presentations.

Friends and family of the auxiliary and potential new members are invited to attend.

## Lombardo's band to play at Huss

The Community Concert Association of Gastonia will present Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians with Al Pierson in concert Tuesday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hunter Huss High School Auditorium.

The concert is open to all members of the Community Concert Association. For membership information, call the United Arts Council at 853-2787.

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## Sidewalk Sale! - Saturday, March 26

All merchandise \$5.00 or less!

New spring fashions are now available in our outlet store with designer labels including Gloria Vanderbilt Knit tops • Oleg Cassini Fleece warm-ups • David Hollis silk 2-pc. suits • Oscar De Larenta silk short sets, Jordache walking shorts, plus other new additions to our line include Cherokee twill pants, Palmettos pants, She Knows shorts, Essential twill pants and more.

Cody is following a family tradition at Wade Ford. Both her husband and her brother used to be employed as salesmen by Wade Tyner.

"I really look forward to serving the Kings Mountain public and find it a real challenge to help people find the right vehicle for their family," said Cody.