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Annexation request tabled

Gold Run residents oppose Ingle's

Gold Run residents turned out in force for Tuesday night's City Council meeting, saying they would like to see Ingles come to Kings Mountain but not in their neighborhood.

"Let's get together and find the right spot," said Stan Hallam.

Van Wilson, another Gold Run resident, circulated the petition signed by 100 percent, about 90, of the property owners.

"Ingles has blatantly ignored our concerns and questions," said Wilson.

But David Dellinger, who re-

sides about 1 1/2 miles from the proposed location on Scism/Oak Road, said the 1100 who signed a petition favoring the location should also be heard.

"From an economic viewpoint Ingles is what the Kings Mountain area needs," he said.

Dellinger said the Oak Grove Road and US 74 interchange is a great commercial site and the only other link to Shelby and Woodbridge other than US 74 which is more crowded.

See Gold Run, 2-A

Led by Council members Phil Hager, Dean Spears and Jerry White who said they wanted to first see what what the city would get for its money, the Kings Mountain Board of Commissioners Tuesday agreed unanimously to postpone action on an annexation request which would bring a new supermarket to the Oak Grove community.

A total of 114 people, a majority of them Gold Run property owners, packed the City Council Chambers at City Hall and gave rousing applause to the residents of the area who complained about traffic, beer and wine sales across the street from a church, intrusion on an upscale rural subdivision and

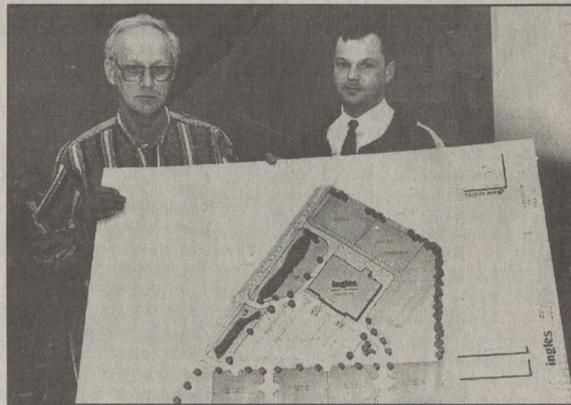
then offered to help Ingles Markets Inc. find another location.

I haven't heard yet how it's going to benefit citizens here in Kings Mountain that much," said Ward I Councilman Phil Hager who was joined in the request for more information on costs for running of sewer lines by Councilmen Spears and White.

"We really don't know what we're getting for our money," said White.

Spears asked City Attorney Mickey Corry if the verbal statement by the realtor representing Ingles Markets Inc. would stand as a formal contractual agreement by

See Council, 2-A



Oak Grove Community residents William Dellinger, left, and his son, David Dellinger, look at the proposed drawings for the new Ingles proposed on Scism/Oak Grove Road. David Dellinger spoke for the project Tuesday during a public hearing by City Council.

Glen Raven gives property to Consortium

Glen Raven Mills, owners of Park Yarns Mills which operated from 1910-89 in South Kings Mountain, have donated the vacant mill and adjoining 57 1/2 acres to the Consortium for Progress Inc. for development of a \$8-\$10 million retirement center complex.

"Kings Mountain was good to us when we were down there and we wanted to give something back to the community," said Glen Raven Vice-President Charles McKeller.

McKeller said he was confident the Consortium headed by former Mayor John Henry Moss would develop the property for the total use of the community.

See Mill, 3-A



Glen Raven Mills has made a gift of the old Park Yarn plant and 57 1/2 acres of property to the Consortium for Progress for development of a retirement community. Left to right, members of the Consortium planning committee Hubert Johnson, former Mayor John Henry Moss, M. C. Pruette, Toney Ruppe, Jim Childers and Kelly Bunch in front of the old plant in the Park Yarn community.

Citizens voice concerns over utility problems

Utility customers lining up on the 25th of each month, the cut off day for payment for monthly bills, is not unusual at City Hall.

But Mayor Scott Neisler said he had to ask the assistance of police to remove one man from the line Monday who reportedly threatened a utility clerk.

Neisler said he feels the city may be too harsh in its late fee charges which apply when a bill is overdue the 15th of each month and then a reconnect charge is added after the 25th.

"We had some pretty irate customers Monday morning but we worked with the man who was so mad and he made a partial payment so that his power would not be cut off," said the mayor.

Nina Oliver, of 523 Belvedere Circle, took her complaints about utility problems to the City Council Tuesday night and read a two-page letter into the minutes of the March meeting.

She said that she was treated rudely when she inquired about her February utility bill and her attempts to have her meter reread after repeated calls to the finance department and utility department were futile.

Oliver suggested that the meter readers be placed under the supervision of a department besides the finance department.

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Annexation plan adopted

City Council took an important step in its voluntary annexation plan for the Canterbury Road and Second Street areas of the city Tuesday by adopting an annexation services plan.

Public hearing on the annexation plan is slated for May 14 at City Hall.

City planner Steve Killian, assisted by Benchmark planner Richard Flowe, made the presentation which outlined the services and the cost of services the city would provide for the proposed areas to be annexed.

Copies of the plan are available for public review in the office of City Clerk Marilyn Sellers.

In other actions, the board: Reimbursed full-time firefighters and all other city employees for the cost of a CDL license.

Recognized Monty Thornburg and the Aging Department for an excellent compliance monitoring report for the Title III assessment that was conducted by Isothermal Planning and Development Commission.

Authorized Chief Bob Hayes to appoint an officer to investigate and approve the questionnaire form

See Annexation, 3-A

Consortium plans \$14 million projects

Kings Mountain Consortium for Progress Inc. Tuesday unveiled projects totaling over \$14 million, three of which are targeted for completion in Kings Mountain over a three year period.

"This is a great day for Kings Mountain and a milestone for our first anniversary," said Consortium President John Henry Moss.

The projects include: Summit Place, a \$3 million new assisted living center to go up on Phifer Road by spring 1997; a \$8-\$10 million retirement community

complex in the Park Yarn Community aided by a gift of the mill and 57 1/2 acres from Glen Raven Mills; and a \$2.5 million housing project for the elderly for which property acquisition is underway in the Kings Mountain area in a project co-sponsored by the Consortium and the Cleveland County Council on Aging.

In addition, plans are in the works for an adult day care center, for co-sponsorship of a multi recreation sports complex by the City of Kings Mountain and the

Consortium and for continued sponsorship of a medical scholarship which would make funds available to a student providing he return to the community and practice medicine for a certain period of time.

Developers reviewed plans for Summit Place. Making the presentation were Norman Pulliam, president, and John Easterling, vice president, of Pulliam Investment Co. of Spartanburg, SC and David Matthews, president, and Jackie Pittman, administrator, of Aaron

Enterprises Management Co. of Hendersonville.

Easterling said Kings Mountain's site will be the eighth Summit Place to break ground in the Carolinas. First phase is a 48-room, 66-bed facility on 11 acres of property across from Kings Mountain Middle School on Phifer Road.

The new facility will offer jobs to 30-35 people and construction will get underway in 90-120 days.

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Grover People

Grover's Nina Roark Falls is a super saleswoman

GROVER - Nina Roark Falls' roots are entrenched in Grover and at 84 she has no plans to move.

The last surviving member of her immediate family, she said she felt so alone when her eighth sibling died in 1994.

But, she said, God sent Louise Lancaster, a certified nursing assistant, in December 1994 and she has quickly become one of the family.

Nina's nephew, Dean Westmoreland, is always ready to answer her calls and she has good neighbors and friends in the Grover Woman's Club and First Baptist Church.

Nina's reputation in Grover is that of a super saleswoman. She started to work at the old Margrace Mill at age 15 for \$13 a week when she had to stand on a box to reach the winding frames and retired after 50 years. Then, she took up sales. She has sold everything from Stanley products to Avon and

Luziers Cosmetics, handmade Christmas ornaments and cookbooks. At age six she made her first sale, garden seed, and later started selling Rosebud salve. At 14 she was selling novelties.

She is the top seller of Grover Woman's Club cookbooks, selling 210 recently and mostly over the telephone.

Roark says she doesn't pressure people for her products but Mrs. Lancaster says friends say Nina won't take no from a prospective customer.

Daughter of Lee and Annie Wilson Roark, she was born September 17, 1911 and came to Grover at the age of six weeks. Several brothers and sisters worked in the mill and that's probably why Nina wanted to go to work. For a while she lived with an uncle in Kings Mountain and worked at the

See Roark, 2-A



NINA FALLS

Red Cross desperately needs KM people's blood

It only takes 60 minutes to give a pint of blood and save a life.

That's why Hilda Dixon, Kings Mountain's volunteer coordinator for the Red Cross bloodmobile, hopes people will come out in record numbers to the April 4 visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile from 1:30-6 p.m. at First Baptist Church.

Dixon gave her first pint of blood at age 18 in 1956 when she cast her first vote at the polls. She voted for President Eisenhower. In later years she became the West Kings Mountain Precinct's popular and versatile registrar.

"I believe it's my God-given privilege to give blood and to go to the polls for every election," says the 20-year volunteer for the Cleveland County Red Cross Chapter.

It isn't unusual to see Dixon working the rolls of former volunteers and donors to give them a call about the blood bank.

She first started organizing volunteers back when volunteers were used for a variety of tasks, including blood pressure checks, taking



HILDA DIXON

vital signs, working the canteens and registering donors.

All that changed with the AIDS epidemic and now Dixon and Blood Program Services Director Sandi Bolick worry that people are afraid to give blood because of the

See Dixon, 3-A