

## STOUT

### From 1-A

started the construction they planted Irises, apple trees, and floral and grass plantings on the banks. He said culverts were repaired, the creek was dammed up and a bridge was erected to connect the ballfield and the picnic area where children in the community will play.

"We aren't wasting anything," said Larry Phillips of Hearthstone Log Homes.

Scraps are being used to build both the bridge to the wa-

## PLANT

### From 1-A

over Duke's wholesale rate. The city and Duke signed a four year contract last Thursday.

The new system is projected to save the city \$545,000 a year," Maney says.

The peak generation facility will operate off the city's Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCATA) which saves the city about \$235,000 a year. The SCATA system was paid for during the last budget year.

That system monitors and controls power factor, voltage, current power flow and other efficiency related issues with the system. With the peak generator, it will help them make sure it's running as efficiently as possible. It can also activate load management.

The peak generation project has been on the drawing board for about five years.

## HOLMES

### From 1-A

ception in her honor Thursday afternoon at Pioneer Girl Scout headquarters in the renovated former Duke Power district office on New Hope Road in Gastonia.

"I will keep with me the knowledge and values I have gained from Scouting and will continue to volunteer when I am needed," she said.

Holmes said today's Girl Scouts have more opportunities to meet the needs of an ever changing society. Girls today earn badges for computer literacy and environmental stewardship instead of birdwatching and cooking.

"Change are essential but the goals remain the same," says Holmes.

During Holmes tenure membership is up. Last year the program served 4,500 girls from Daisy to Senior Scouts.

Uniforms have a different look too and have changed considerably over the years. Today's uniform is the more modern sportswear model. But Holmes said girls don't have to wear uniforms to belong.

"The affordability of a uniform is never a barrier," she says.

In addition to new interests, girls started taking trips and Wider Opportunities now takes Girl Scouts around the globe.

Camp Rotary at Crowders Mountain got a complete renovation and camp maintenance became top priority for the Holmes-led administration. Sylvia said there was considerable maintenance to do after Hurricane Hugo and the camp is now one of the prettiest and most functional in the area.

Another goal was to relocate the Pioneer office from Highland Street in Gastonia to a more central location. The new offices are spacious and furnished beautifully for Scouts, their parents and volunteers. The Girl Scout Store is a popular place on most any day of the week.

In Denver Sylvia and Ray continued their love of theatre by hosting neighbors Ed and the late Elizabeth Smith of Kings Mountain to a play reading party. The group organized and meets regularly to read and act out plays in the privacy of a member's home.

For the past nine months Sylvia and her family have planned her retirement. Later this month Ray will join a California sailing group in a 64-foot sailboat, the Alaska Eagle, to New Zealand where Sylvia will and join him for a long vacation and visits in Australia and Hawaii. Later in the winter they plan to visit Sylvia's mother, Ethel Dick, 90, in England.

But they never plan to return to England to live.

"It's a nice place to visit but this area is home and we are here to stay," says Mrs. Holmes.

terfall and the gazebo.

At least 500 kinds of wildflowers, witches hobble, beds of wild ginger, 19 species of native fern, a rock wall and soon to be four inches of black sawdust will form a carpet for the people who will walk the trails which wind behind the house to a waterfall and ageless rocks over 5 1/2 acres of pure mountain scenery.

Deer, raccoon and fox roam the area.

The two-story log structure will be a fully contained, energy efficient home fully functional on the first floor. The second floor will contain three guest bedrooms. The large basement has a 93 cubic yard concrete

floor and could be used in future years for a family living quarters. The walls are 12 inches deep of solid concrete with steel reinforcements.

Ed Rice designed and built the retaining walls.

Stout said he found his heaven on earth when he left his beloved Great Smoky Mountains to move from East Tennessee to Kings Mountain. His home is 10 minutes away from his former workplace. Son Shawn, a medical student and computer expert, put Stout's blueprints on the computer and they enlisted the help of skilled carpenters who share the family's dream of completing the house by Thanksgiving.

The Stouts razed their first house recently when the foundation was heavily damaged and had to relocate while work on the second house began.

"We're sure this new home will stand forever," said Stout.

The house flows. There are no doors on the first floor, only the exterior doors that open on a large porch. The floors are oak and Alan and Linda Stout designed the home for comfort and for retirement with special touches they both have created to give it the country look they love.

Standing in any room, deck or porch on the Stout's house on the hill facing the mountains you can almost see forever.

## mountaineer Day set October 5 downtown

Kings Mountain's annual Mountaineer Day celebration will be Saturday, October 5 from 10 a.m.-11 p.m. in downtown Kings Mountain.

There will be live entertainment all day, kids amusement rides, games, crafts, food and fireworks.

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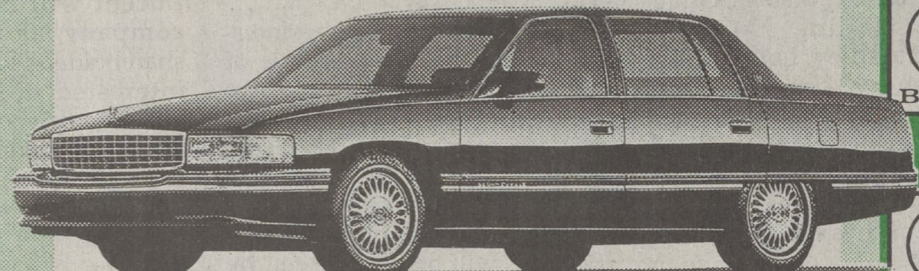
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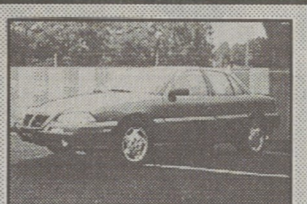
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