

Developer Interested In Giving KM New Life

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specializes in downtown real estate development. "We did \$38 million in downtown development in 1984 and plan to expand to \$250 million in 1985", he said. "More than half of that will be in North Carolina." "It sounds too good to be true but Kugel has created a lot of excitement," said one businessman attending the Tuesday meeting.

Mayor John Henry Moss said the proposal by Kugel will give downtown a shot in the arm and Economic Development Director Gene White said that Kugel is the first person willing to "put his money where is mouth is." "We create rather than look for markets", Kugel said. "We want it to go because we have as much at stake as anyone."

Kugel says he prefers renovating historical buildings because of tax advantages but he does not exclude new construction. "We have the organization, financial backing and experience to get the job done," he said.

White said that economic development officials fear that downtown revitalization efforts across the state, including Kings Mountain, will be hurt with the end of low in-

terest loan pools and tax advantages in December 1986. The Kings Mountain program would have no government assistance and be financed by the private sector only in the financial and business community. Critical ingredients for success would include a strong and involved Chamber of Commerce or similar organization and committed business community.

Mayor Moss says that the Revitalization Steering Committee will meet again soon to review the proposals and make a decision on the next step to take in an innovative approach to downtown renewal. Other speakers will probably be called in to add expertise.

The Mayor envisions revitalization as remodeling, restoring of older buildings and building new buildings along with bringing in new industry to occupy the new buildings. He also envisions that a full time manager to promote downtown renewal will be hired and function as a mall manager. "If everyone will put forth a dynamic effort to revitalize downtown, this program can succeed. We should not sell ourselves short of having a viable downtown Kings Mountain," he said.

Property Damages High In Automobile Wrecks

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Morris car hit a 1978 Olds operated by Joann Ham-bright. Damages totaled \$1500 to Boyd's 1973 Chevrolet. Boyd was charged with driving while impaired and driving left of center.

Carolyn Smith, of 200 N. Piedmont Ave., operating a 1982 Ford, struck a 1984 Chevrolet owned by Devetta

Sumlar, of Route 1, in the parking lot of Phillips 66 Service Station May 5th at 5:45 p.m. Damages of \$100 were reported to Sumlar's car.

John Sanders, of Route 1, operating a 1975 AMC, struck a 1977 Ford operated by Felicia Banks, of Thornburg Drive, on Morris Street doing \$350 to the Banks car and \$100 to the Sanders vehicle.

Church To Honor Pastor

Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church will honor its pastor, Rev. Mitchell Pruitt, at a dinner following the worship service on Sun., May 19.

Rev. Pruitt has been pastor

of the church for 21 years. All members, former members and friends are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Myrle King at 739-8245 or 739-4424.



N.C. TREES - Kindergarten students Mikey Bumgardner, Aaron Patterson and Meredith Hancock, left to right, tell about North Carolina's state tree, the pine, during a N.C. Heritage Week assembly program last week.

GOLFERS COMPETE

Six Kings Mountain women golfers played in the Foothills Golf Association tournament this week hosted by Lake Hickory at Catawba Springs Country Club.

Making the trip were Lynne Mauney, Margaret Williams, Mary Leigh Broadwell, Julie Timms, Heidi McDaniel and Ann Pouchak.

Lynne Mauney scored third low gross in the championship flight. Julie Timms placed first low net in the second flight and Heidi McDaniel placed second low gross in the fourth flight.

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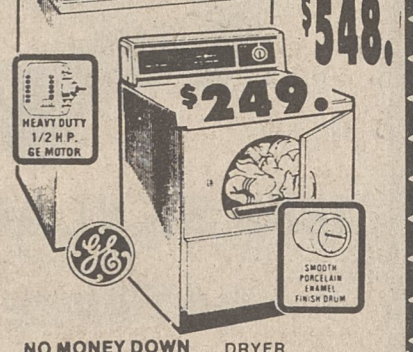
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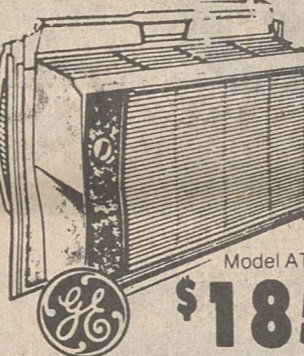
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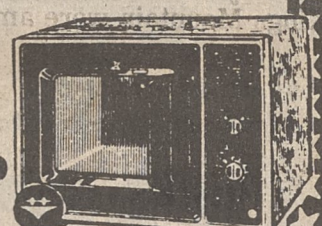


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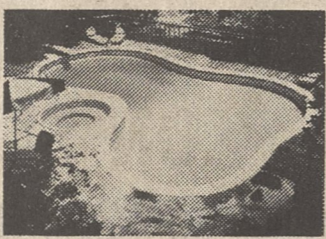
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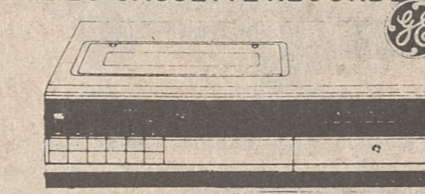


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