

Kool Looks opens in KM

Kool Looks in downtown Kings Mountain features the look that young people like to wear.

All kinds of T-shirts, short sets, and sportswear for men and children are featured by Kheti and Kamal Jagasia, newcomers who have found the Kings Mountain business community friendly. They are eager to please their new customers.

"We are stocking what we think the teenagers like," said Kamal, who has been in the retail business selling clothes for a number of years.

A year ago Kamal married Kheti and they moved to Gaston County and two months ago decided to open a business in the old Willie's Jewelry store in downtown Kings Mountain.

Kamal had previously worked for a 60-store chain of clothiers in

California. His bride has a degree in social work and previously worked as a counselor and social worker for 16 years.

"The kids come first with us and we took this shop name because children tell us they like to be cool," said Kheti, who wants to help her husband get started in his new business and then find a job in her trained field of work.

"Kids tell us they like the Hornets and Mickey and Minnie outfits, so we have the NBA shirts as well as the favorites like Mickey and Looney Tunes," said Kamal.

Natives of Bombay, India, the new Kings Mountain business citizens have applied for their U. S. citizenship.

"We like this community so well we hope to move here soon," said Mrs. Jagasia who, like her husband, has been in the United States eight years.



Kheti and Kamal Jagasia, formerly of Bombay, India, like Kings Mountain and they say the business community has made them feel at home. The newlyweds have opened Kool Looks in downtown Kings Mountain.

The NC Department of Transportation is looking for men and women to do small construction projects in every county in North Carolina. The Small Business Enterprise Program makes it possible for small businesses to bid on projects such as grading, hauling stone, landscaping, installing guardrail and other small construction projects that generally range from \$5,000 to \$100,000.

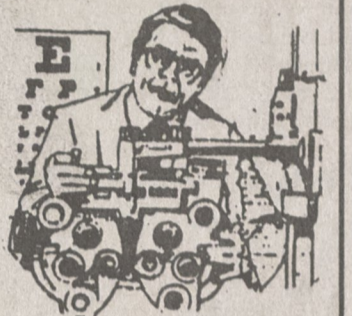
Interested businesses must have a gross income of \$900,000 or less and be willing to bid on projects of \$300,000 or less. To find out more about this innovative new program, contact the NC Department of Transportation. This is a serious effort by the DOT to involve small businesses in highway construction work. Projects are ready now for work this spring.

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Joye's bill in House would limit spending

A bill which would put a cap on the future growth of state government spending will be introduced in the N. C. State Legislature by Rep. Billy Joye of Belmont Wednesday.

"Between 1972 and 1993, spending in the N.C. General Fund grew from roughly \$1 billion to \$9.2 billion," said North Carolina Taxpayers United advisory board member Johnathan Rhyne of Lincolnton.

"Because of our past spending habits, we now have the second highest state taxes in the Southeast. Only Kentucky has higher state taxes," he said.

Joye, State Senator David Hoyle of Dallas and N.C. Taxpayers United held a news conference Tuesday in Gastonia to promote the Taxpayer Protection Act.

"We are trying to do what should have been done a long time ago," said Joye.

"As individual taxpayers we all must live within a set budget. It is reasonable to assume that state government must also operate within an established budget," he added.

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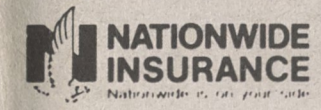
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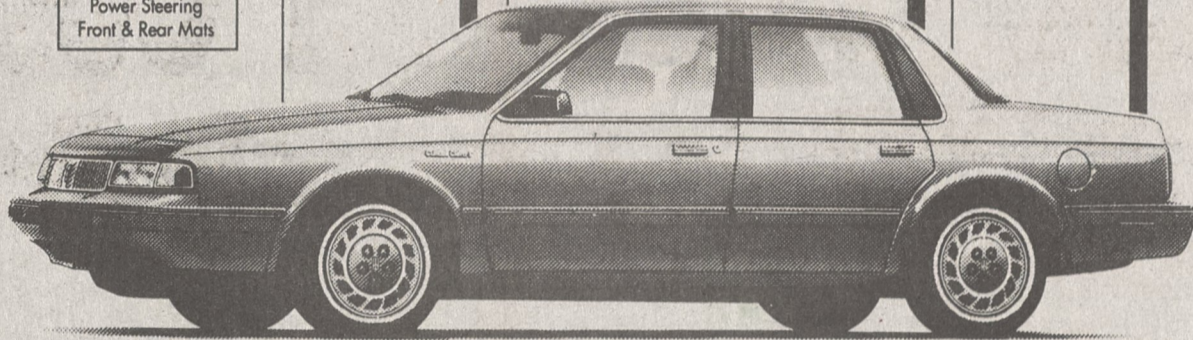
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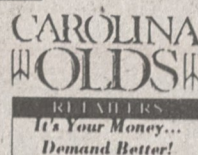
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