

CONSTRUCTION IN 1975 - Kings Mountain Housing Authority Director Tom Harper shows citizens attending a public hearing the public housing construction planned for this year in Kings Mountain.

Pastor To Climb For Church Fund

Rev. F. J. Hanagan will climb the Radio WKMT tower April 5 in a church fund-raising project to raise \$1500 to rewire the church building and Sunday School building and \$500 to insulate both the church and parsonage. What began as somewhat of a "joke" has turned into a reality, said the pastor. After \$500 has been pledged, he will ascend 50 feet and will continue on up the 200 foot tower at the rate of one foot for every \$10 pledged. The more money pledged, the higher he will climb. Upon reaching the top, he will eat "chicken" at that point before descending. The Women of the Church will serve hotdogs at the site during the day as an additional fund-raising project.

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1975 Could Be Banner Year For Kings Mountain

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This year should be the one Kings Mountainians will remember for a long time. And if the projects discussed at last Thursday night's public hearing are followed through, 1975 will be a red letter year. "This will be the year we see something in the Cansler St. project besides buying and demolishing substandard houses," said Gene White, executive director of the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission. "We will also undertake site improvements within certain blocks, installation of wiring, lights, services," White continued. "We also conveyed some property to the housing authority for construction of low income units." White said through the surveys conducted here it was determined that Kings Mountain has 2,800 dwellings and of that number 500 are substandard. Not that many now stand since demolishing work has been underway for some time. He said 100 families are being displaced in the Cansler St. project and another 150 in the bypass project. "And under stricter city codes enforcement who knows how many more will be displaced," he said. For these reasons the program of constructing new housing is paramount. Tom Harper, director of the KM Housing Authority, told the public hearing capacity crowd plans are now complete for the construction of 82 to 90 units of housing in urban renewal areas, 36 designated for the elderly. Plans call for two, three and four bedroom family units, wider streets, sidewalks and lighting. The first construction will begin on the former Plonk property near the junction of King St. and Railroad Ave. Harper said the housing authority has paid the city this far \$28,000 in property tax and \$78,000 in utility bills. Mayor John Henry Moss commented application has been filed toward making Kings Mountain's public housing units the first to have

solar heat. To explain the reason Kings Mountain has been approved for the \$4,160,000 housing and community development act funds and how they will assist the city in applying for this money, were Mike Gouge, senior planner, N. C. Dept., Natural and Economic Resources, western field office; Arby Jones, housing expert with the department and Martha Ramsay, also with the department's local planning and management division. Gouge said the city's past performances with federal funds put it in the position of automatically having \$4,160,000 set aside when the grant was announced. He said the whole harmless block grants give the city more say in how the funds are used and there are few strings, if any, attached from Washington. Jones told the gathering that Kings Mountain was "in far better shape than any other community in North Carolina in making use of federal grants. "Nothing gets done without citizen participation," Jones said. "You have to look to your leaders, take a cue from them, and become active." Jones said he would be available to work with the community to institute programs which will work for the community. He said there are several programs and if one doesn't work, another will. Jones quipped, "If you don't like pork, try some jam. That's the approach we will take. "You have to know the needs, plan strategy and objectives," he said. "The mayor has pledged himself to do what he can. If he's bluffing we'll soon find out. But I don't think he is."

FISH TOPPING

To make a speedy topping for broiled fish or green vegetables, add a teaspoon of lemon juice and some chopped parsley to a fourth cup of melted butter, suggests Diane Fistori, extension food specialist, North Carolina State University.

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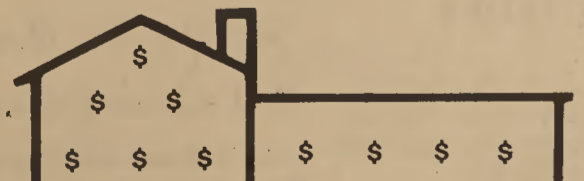

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