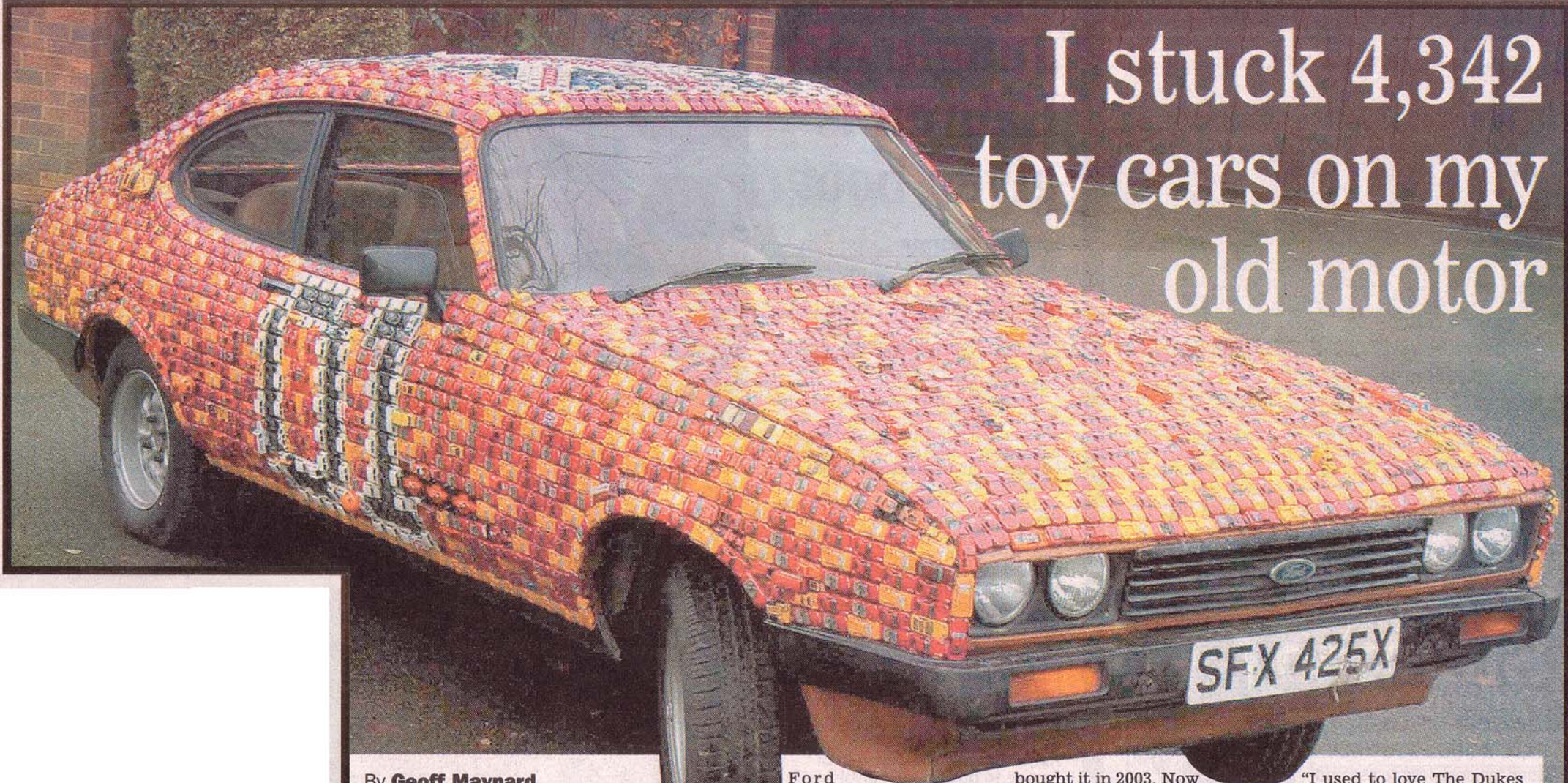


I stuck 4,342 toy cars on my old motor



By **Geoff Maynard**

A FAN of The Dukes Of Hazzard has turned an old banger into his version of the car from the hit TV show.

Car-crazy James Ford spent three years gluing thousands of red and orange toy motors to the bodywork of a battered 1981

Ford Capri he bought for just £99. Now he is the owner of a creation that reminds him of the General Lee made famous by Bo and Luke Duke in the 1980s show.

The Mark III, 2-litre Capri had rusty bodywork when James, 26,

bought it in 2003. Now it glitters with 4,342 Corgi and Dinky toys stuck to the outside.

About 1,500 of them were donated from Australia, New Zealand and America after his website appeals. He bought the rest for £5,500.

James, from Clapham, south London, says the idea sprang from a childhood love of toy cars.

"I used to love The Dukes Of Hazzard as well but I always thought the General Lee was a Capri," he said.

The General Lee was actually an orange Dodge Charger.

James is stuck with a car that he cannot drive. But he still thinks that his showpiece, which weighs an extra 704lb, is now worth £20,000.