

Voting is February 22

February 22 is the date when corn growers will vote on continuation of the self assessment program for six years. The Board of Directors of the Corn Growers Association is asking that farmers assess themselves at a rate of 1.25 cents per bushel on all corn marketed in North Carolina. The campaign to continue the assessment was announced on January 13 by President Dennis Waller at the North Carolina Commodities Conference of Corn, Cotton, Soybeans and Small Grain Producers at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center in Durham.

Waller urged growers to continue the assessment program which is administered by the Corn Growers Association of North Carolina. "As farmers, we must stay united and work together to survive in the farming industry," said Waller. The Association is involved in the following areas: International and domestic marketing; research and education; grants to cooperative extension offices and legislation that will be helpful to corn growers and other farmers. A 24-member Board of Directors, covering all the producing areas of North Carolina, governs the organization's activities. This Board also gives support to issues of a local nature that they believe will benefit farmers.

Growers may vote at local cooperative extension offices from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on February 22. The Anson County Cooperative Extension Office is located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro. All farmers currently engaged in the production of corn, including tenants, sharecroppers, or other persons sharing in the production of income of corn are eligible to vote.

A 2/3 favorable vote is required to carry the referendum as authorized by Article 50, Chapter 106 of the General Statutes of North Carolina. If approved the assessment shall be collected by the first handler or purchaser of the commodity from the producer, and remitted to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, which remits the proceeds to the Association. Any corn grower may get a refund of levied assessments from the corn. For more information contact Jessica Morgan at the Anson County Cooperative Extension at 704-694-2915.

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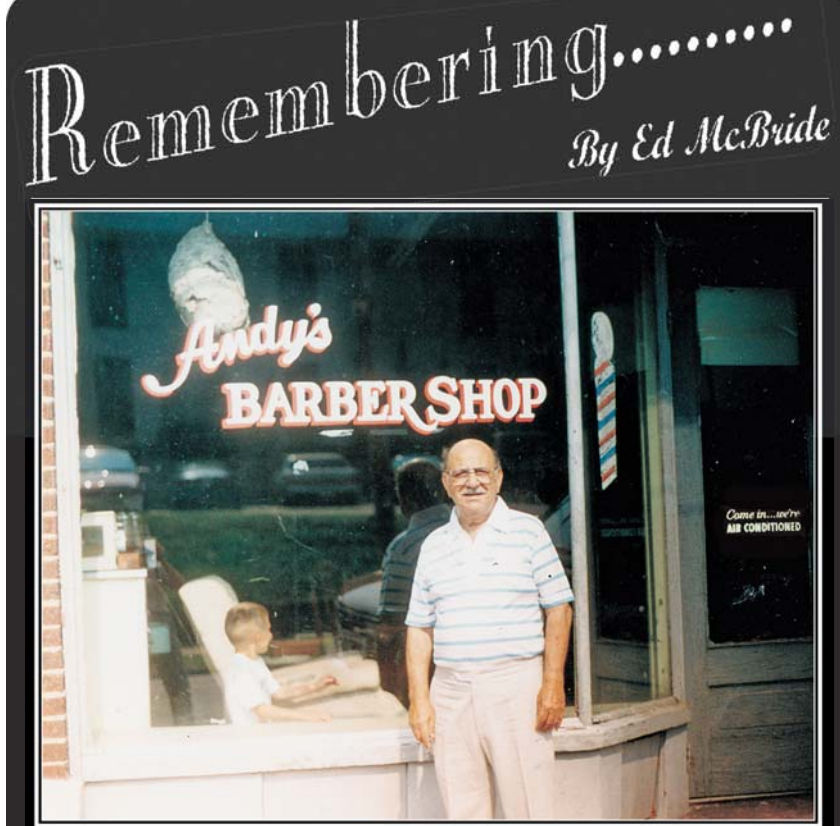
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Remembering.....
By Ed McBride

Andy's Barber Shop

Around the beginning of World War II many US troops were trained not only right here in Anson County, but in many areas over the country. Some of the trainees were from other parts of the United States and had never been "south" before. I was reminded of this while reminiscing with Andy and Eleanor Pesce.

Andy and Eleanor met at an American Legion dance at Shelby, NC - I think about 1942 - while Eleanor was working in Charlotte and Andy was a medic in the military. Later, in 1944, they married and moved to Wadesboro, joined the First Methodist Church while Rev. Ken Goodson was minister, and Andy started his career of barbering in the Watson Barber Shop,

later at Shine James' Shop, later still at Doss Heavener's Barber Shop. You see, there were many barber shops at that time in the "four square block" of downtown Wadesboro - none of which exist today - Graves, Watsons, Stogners, Heaveners, James - and several more.

Andy opened his shop in 1946 and stayed "with it" until retiring in 1994. I did the above sign again, not long before he retired. (He "wore out" several during his barbering days.)

Andy did many "children's haircuts," some of whom today are parents and grandparents!!

- Oh yes, Andy, I didn't tell about your first Sunday in the "Wesley Bible Class," did I??

2017 Ag Cost Share Funding Available

The major cause of water quality problems in North Carolina and in much of the United States is nonpoint source pollution. In many cases, damage to our water resources comes from soil erosion, excessive fertilizer use, animal waste contamination, and improper use of agricultural chemicals. The North Carolina Agricultural Cost Share Program helps to address nonpoint source pollution by providing technical and financial assistance to landowners.

Some services include pasture improvements, waste/mortality management, stream protection, and many more practices to help protect soil erosion and water quality in agriculture operations.

If you are a landowner or renter of an agriculture operation that has been operating for three years or longer, then you are eligible to participate in the NC Ag Cost Share Program. Anson County has been allocated \$73,278 in funds for fiscal year 2017.

To apply for cost share, please come to Brown Creek Soil and Water Conservation District office, located at 1758 Morven Road in Wadesboro (the USDA Building). If you are unable to come to the office to apply, please contact Resource Conservationist Jake Barbee to make arrangements to apply 704-694-3516 ext.3.

Fruiting Plant Pruning Class

Learn how to properly train and prune muscadines, brambles, and fruiting trees at Anson Cooperative Extension's hands-on pruning workshop. It will be held on Friday, February 17, from 1 to 4 p.m. This class is free and will be held at a residential address in the Burnsville community. The address will be provided upon registration.

For information and to register email Aimee Colf at aimee_colf@ncsu.edu or call 704-694-2415.

Bennett Covington "Chuck" Hildreth

Bennett Covington "Chuck" Hildreth, 83, of Ansonville, passed away Wednesday morning, February 8, 2017, at CMC in Charlotte.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, February 12, 2017, at Edwards Funeral Home Chapel in Norwood with Rev. Rodney Clements officiating. Interment followed in Bethlehem Cemetery in Ansonville.

Mr. Hildreth was born February 7, 1934, in Anson County to the late Joseph Leroy and Lola Hopkins Hildreth. He was a 1952 graduate of Ansonville High School, and proudly served his country in the US Air Force. Following his service he graduated from Wingate College. Chuck was owner and operator of Hildreth Tire. He was a member of Ansonville Baptist Church.

Chuck enjoyed music and the friendship he had with his fellow musicians. In his younger years he enjoyed golfing and fishing. His greatest joy in life was his family. He loved his girls and grandchildren. The memory of a loving father and grandfather will live on through the lives of his family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sisters, Velma Edwards, Marion Ingold and Margretta Ratliff and brothers, Bill, Bob and Richard Hildreth.

He is survived by his loving wife, Lupe Juarez Hildreth of the home; daughters, Yvonne Randall and husband Kerry and Allison Martin and husband Ben, all of Wadesboro; two grandsons, Matthew Randall and wife Tiffany and Eli Randall and wife Jordan; and four great-grandchildren, Evan, Caleb, Eason and Madelyn Randall.

The family wishes to thank his special friend Jimmy Hooks of Polkton for his friendship.

Memorials may be made to Bethlehem Cemetery, c/o Charlotte Krenshaw, P. O. Box 421, Ansonville, NC 28007.

Online condolences may be made at edwardsfuneralhomes.com.