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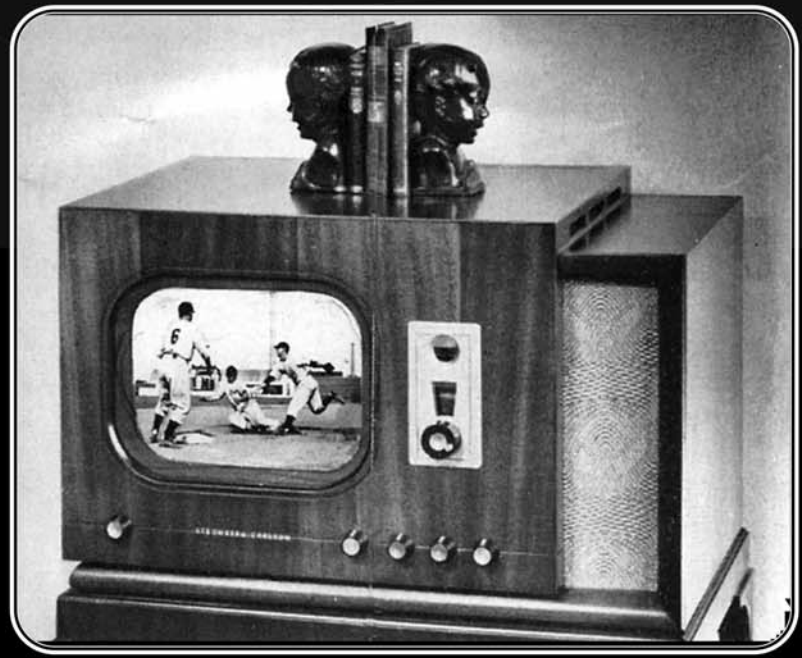
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Enjoy this Remembering column from 2004

Remembering.....

By Ed McBride



Anson County's First Television

Do you remember the first television that you ever saw? Some of the younger generation think that TV has been here since the beginning of time - Not So!

Well, we received the first TV set in the county in April 1949, received the first picture in June 1949 which was a "skip signal" from WKY-TV Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. There were at that time no television stations on the air in either North or South Carolina. Late afternoon one day after work - and checking over the entire dial, I received a picture from WKY-TV (it only lasted a few minutes and then faded out).

I wrote to the station from information on the TV that evening and I still have the letter of confirmation from P. A. Sugg, station manager - dated June 28, 1949. It was not until July 15, 1949, that WBTV went on air - the first TV station in the Carolinas - and for days the only picture was the "test pattern," adding some film later - with limited programming still later.

On our first television set - there were "no stocking distributors," so I wrote directly to Stromberg-Carlson, who shipped the TV by rail freight to the Wadesboro Depot. It was then after installing the new TV and antenna, that every time I passed by the TV I would stop, turn it on and dial through all the channels hoping to get a glimpse of a picture (this is how we received WKY-TV). All this "covered a lot" of time, space and experiments - and what a difference today, this set was a 12 1/2 inch screen, weighed about 150 pounds - and now a TV, even with a larger screen would weigh only slightly more than 15 pounds - new TV sets have little or nothing inside to compare with the 1949 model - except the AC cord and plug, they are many dollars cheaper, clearer, sharper, receive better and they don't "snow" either.

Yes, I do have the old TV stored, along with many pieces of correspondence, including the franchise to sell-service "Stromberg-Carlson!"

2015 Barn Blast 2015 Winners

In a release from the Partnership for Children: The Anson County Partnership for Children's 9th annual Barn Blast was a rousing success! Lucky guests won Barn Blast game prizes totaling over \$8,000 which were donated by generous supporters. The real winners of the event, however, are the young children and their families in Anson County who are served by Partnership programs.

Each Lucky Ducky game participant wins a prize and is entered into the drawing for a grand prize chosen from all lucky ducks. The \$5,500 grand prize this year was a night at the Five Diamond, Five Star Eau Hotel and Resort in Palm Beach, Florida. A private portrait sitting at the studio of Bradford Rowley in Palm Beach and a 20" oil wall portrait on canvas was also included in the prize. Madilyn Thompson was the winner of the Lucky Ducky grand prize!

The winner of the popular Heads or Tails Game was Sharin Callahan. A week-long mountain vacation valued at \$1,000 is in store for Sharin! John Crider has generously donated use of his Sugar Mountain condo for each Barn Blast and it has become a favorite Barn Blast prize.

Faye Castle won the Blue Line Bidding prize valued at \$625 which included a 3 day and 2 night stay at the Avi Resort and Casino in Nevada as well as a hand crafted Native American statement necklace of sterling silver and turquoise donated by Sandra Horton.

The Bonanza Raffle has many prizes and many lucky winners. Game participants stretch out their arms as far as they can to receive tickets they can use for any prizes on the Bonanza table. Bonanza Raffle winners were Maggie Gibson, Rufus Getzen, David Hanna, Fred Thompson, Rodney Diggs, Glenn Caulder, John Crider and Wanda Steele.

Anson County Partnership for Children would like to express appreciation to all the supporters of the 2015 Barn Blast for their generosity to young children and families in Anson County. The success of the Barn Blast each year truly helps "make Anson County a better place to be a child and to raise a child."

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