

Enjoy this reprint of the Remembering column from 2004

# Remembering.....

By Ed McBride



## Rayfield's Snack Bar

Do you remember this one?? opposite side.

The young man standing in the doorway is non-other than Virgie Rayfield - in front of Rayfield's Snack Bar, "specializing in Biltmore ice cream, hot sandwiches, soda fountain - thick milk shakes - plus curb service!"

Virgie is now deceased, these buildings have been replaced and now Woody Hough's Anson Pharmacy is there.

Virgie also had auto service - grease jobs, oil changing and washing, too - plus a grocery store on the

All this was back on March 15, 1957, when I did the signs on the front of the snack bar - located on the corner of Orchard Street and Camden Road.

## Grace Senior Center Trip to Amishlands Still Open

Grace Senior Center is sponsoring a 3 day/2 night trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania to tour the Amishlands on March 26 to 28, and they still have vacancies. The cost of the package is \$318 with double occupancy (2 persons to a room) and \$407 for single occupancy (1 person to a room).

The package includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, which consists of 1 family-style dinner and 1 buffet dinner at the Shady Maple Smorgasbord, a live performance of *Moses and the Burning Bush...The Plagues* at the Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre, a guided tour of the Amish countryside, including stops at an Amish Craft Farm and a bake shop, stop at the Kitchen Kettle Village and the Bird-in-Hand Farmer's Market.

Motorcoach transportation, luggage handling, taxes and meal gratuities are also included. They are now taking deposits for the trip, and the final day to pay for the trip is March 7 unless other arrangements are made. For reservations and information please call 704-694-6616.

## Free Tax Assistance Available Next Tuesday

Free income tax assistance will be available for Anson County residents sixty years of age or older of low or moderate income needing help in preparing their income tax returns through a program sponsored by AARP and Grace Senior Center.

Volunteer counselors trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service will be at Grace Senior Center on March 4th and April 1st, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Free assistance is designed to help taxpayers fill out forms 1040EZ, 1040A, 1040 and the North Carolina return.

Persons using the service should bring to the tax aide site this year tax package, age and earnings statements (forms W-2) received from employers, interest statements from banks (form 1099-INT) a copy of last year tax return and any other relevant information concerning income and expenses. Electronic filing of returns will be available.

If you are interested please call Grace Senior Center to register and for additional information at 704-694-6616.

## Preston Burns to be Honored for 100th Birthday & 74 Year Membership in Rotary Club Thursday, February 27

In 1939 FDR was in his second of four terms in the White House, Hitler triggered World War II with his invasion of Poland, and 26-year-old Preston Burns joined the Wadesboro Rotary Club.

On Thursday, February 27 the Wadesboro Rotary Club will honor Mr. Burns for his 74 years as a Rotarian, and help celebrate his 100th birthday which fell on February 16.

"Preston's 74 years as a member of this club is astounding in itself," said Wesley Horne, President of the Wadesboro Rotary Club. "But even more importantly, we want to celebrate his commitment to Rotary and this community. Nobody epitomizes the Rotary motto 'Service Above Self' like Preston."

Mr. Burns is a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow and a past president of the Wadesboro club. He was named the club's Distinguished Rotarian in 1994, the second year the award was presented.

He was founder and long-time owner/operator of Wadesboro Auto Supply, and worked diligently for decades as a volunteer with the Anson County Chamber of Commerce. The conference room at the Chamber is named in his honor. He was also instrumental in economic development in Anson County, assisting with the start up of such companies as Hornwood, Inc. and Wade Manufacturing Company. A member of the First United Methodist Church of Wadesboro, Mr. Burns served for nearly 50 years as a member of the Board of Directors of Anson Bank & Trust Company (now Uwharrie Bank), including terms as Chairman.

In honor of his then 70 years as a Rotarian, the Anson County Board of Commissioners declared July 22, 2010, as Preston Burns Day in Anson County.

Mr. Burns was married for 66 years to Mary Watkins Burns until her death in 2005. They have three children, Allen Burns, Julia B. Schnitker and Katherine B. Griffin.

Friends of Mr. Burns are invited to the Wadesboro Rotary Club's February 27 celebration at noon at Welika Lake Fish Camp in Lilesville. Non-Rotarians planning to attend are asked to contact President Wesley Horne ([whorne@hornwoodinc.com](mailto:whorne@hornwoodinc.com)) or Secretary Ashley Rivers ([arivers@hornwoodinc.com](mailto:arivers@hornwoodinc.com)) no later than February 26.

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## Elementary Schools to Dismiss Early March 6 for Parent-Teacher Conferences

On Thursday, March 6 Elementary schools in Anson County will dismiss early for Parent/Teacher Conferences. All other schools will operate on a normal schedule.

**Dismissal** All elementary schools dismiss at 12:30 p.m.

**Conferences** Held from 1 to 6 p.m.

## Peachland to Test Weather Alert Siren Saturday

The Town of Peachland has a weather alert siren that will be activated by the 911 Center in the event of a tornado alert in the Peachland vicinity. The town would like for everyone within hearing distance of the siren to be aware that a 16 minute test will be conducted Saturday, March 1st at 2 p.m.



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