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Stories Coming to Ansonia April 4

For the third consecutive year, the Anson County Writers' Club is bringing Back Porch Stories to the Ansonia Theatre. The storytelling event will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 4. Heading the line-up is Mitch Capel, aka "Gran'daddy Junebug." A native of Southern Pines, Capel has been delighting audiences with his "sto'etry" (stories recited poetically) since 1985 and has been described as a "word magician" and a "national treasure." He has been featured at the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tenn. and the Spoleto Festival in Charleston, SC.

Also on the playbill are E. Gale Buck and Brenda Gilbert. Buck, who lives in the Raleigh area, focuses on stories that reveal the magic in our lives. His stories will make you think about who you are, the journey you are on, and who is traveling with you. Buck also is the author of three books about the Woodsmen and the Highlands of Scotland.

Gilbert studied music and theater at East Carolina University and has held many leading roles over the years. She began telling stories in 1980 to students in Scotland County and surrounding school systems. The founder of the Story Spinners Storytelling Guild, she hails from Laurinburg.

Moderating the sessions is J. A. Bolton of Rockingham. Also a storyteller from a young age, he writes a weekly column of tall tales for the Richmond Daily Journal.

General admission is \$5, children 10 and under are admitted free. Back Porch Stories is sponsored by the Anson County Writers' Club, the Anson County Arts Council and the Anson County Tourism Development Authority in conjunction with the Carolinas Writers Conference to be held at the Lockhart-Taylor Center April 5. For more information about the storytelling or the conference, visit www.carolinawritersconference.org.

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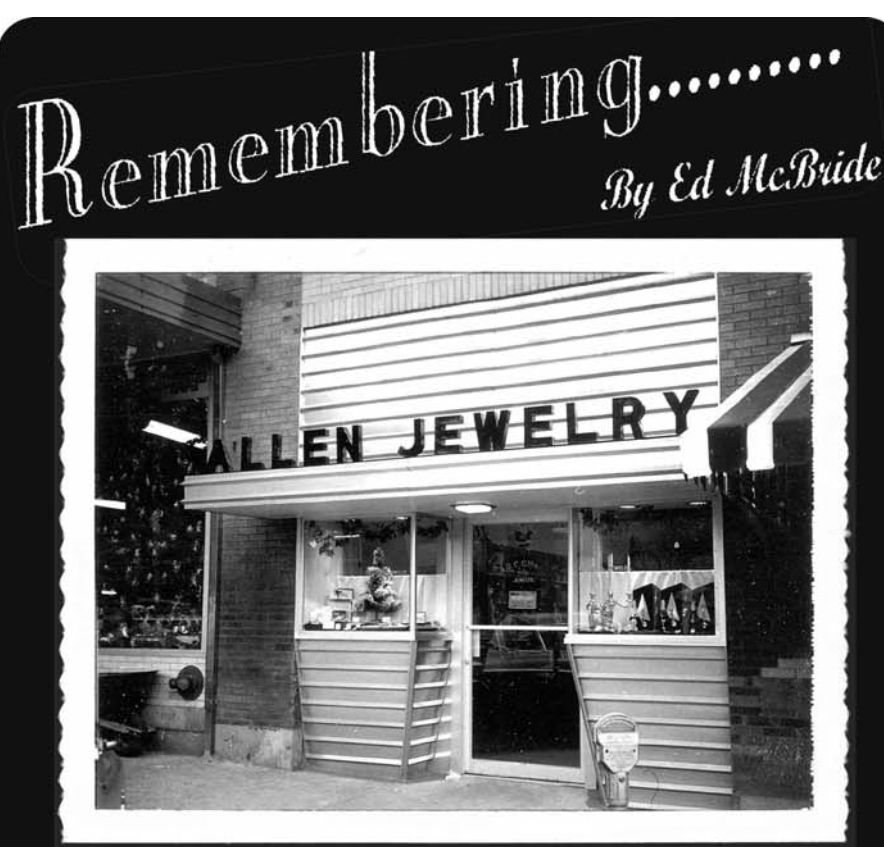
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Remembering... By Ed McBride

Allen Jewelry

I doubt that many of you remember the alley that was on the south side of the H.W. Little & Company hardware store. It was for many years used by mules and wagons to go to the back entrance of H. W. Little's to unload a bale of cotton or whatever, and then load items bought from the store - then they came back through the alley onto Greene Street to head home!

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This unique store front was designed and built by Herman Marsh using stainless steel - "formed to his own design." I hand-made the metal letters and installed same on December 11, 1959. You will note also that in the above picture that Wadesboro had parking meters - they have long since "bit the dust!"

Can you believe that from the B. C. Moore & Son corner block going south were several dry goods stores and dress shops? There were several offices upstairs - one of which was Dr. Joel Mauldin. In 1959 he opened his dental practice where I lettered his office doors. Outgrowing his space, he later moved his practice to the Smith Building. (Presently Punky Morton's office.) The Mauldins, after about eight years, returned to Albemarle to be near and care for his aging parents - continuing his practice there.

There are so many changes - all around - remember the A&P Grocery? Lacy's building originally was built for the A&P - this being the third store location in Wadesboro! (The Anson Social Services building was the final location before A&P closed for good.) Oh yes, Johnny Livingston is "serving New York Life - not Shell gasoline." (For years that building was a service station.)

These are certainly not all the changes on this side of one block, there are many stories, many happenings - so much to remember!!

Big Gospel Spring Singing Program at BRLC

Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center invites everyone to come enjoy their big Gospel Spring Singing Program on Saturday, April 5. The event features legendary Robert Rose and the Gospel Troops from Charlotte, Johnny Belin and the Gospel Travelers of Lancaster, SC and Rev. Robert Turner and Queens of Heaven of Charlotte.

Early bird tickets are only \$8, at the door tickets are \$10. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the show begins at 6:30.

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