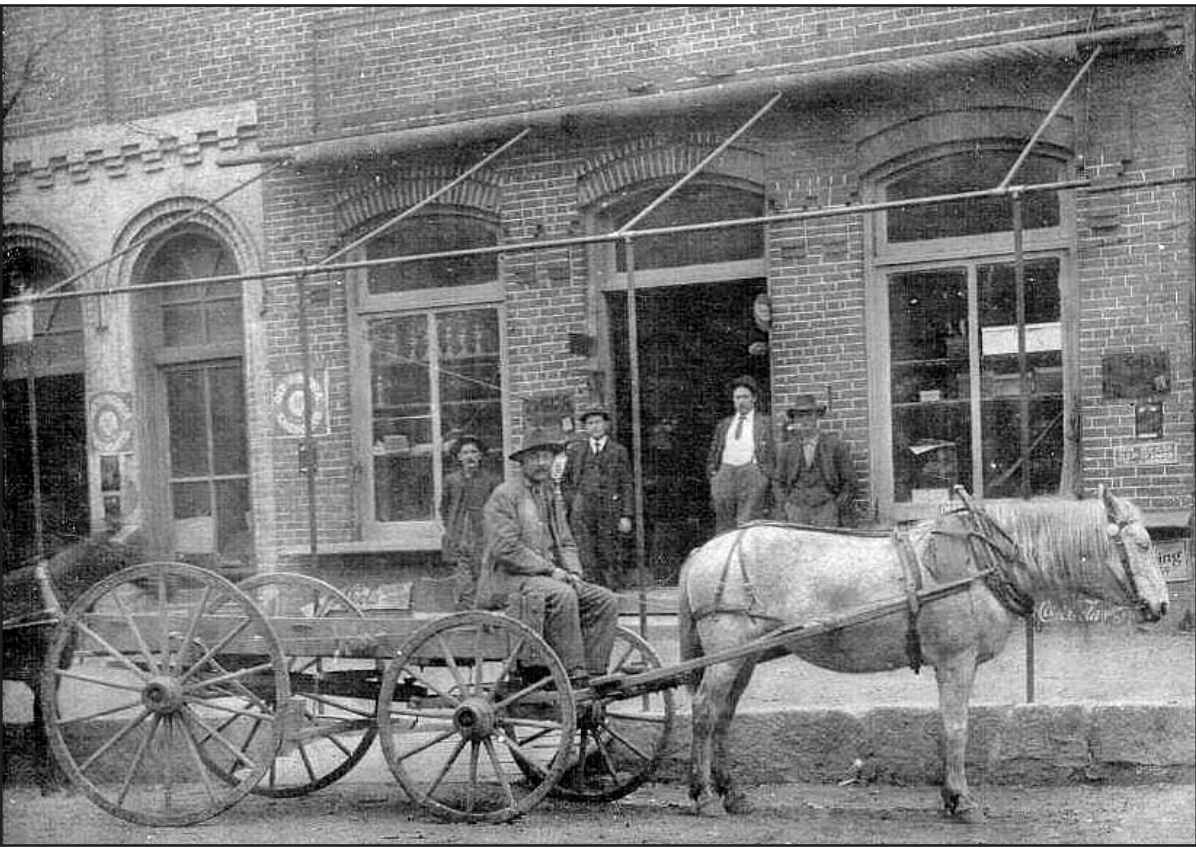


Letter to the Editor

Followup on Melanie's Winery Article - Building Formerly a General Store

Dear Editor,
 You may find this photo of interest in light of Melanie's front page article on July 24, 2013, on the new local winery, Southern Medley Wine Cellar, located at 118 North Rutherford Street in Wadesboro.
 Here is a photo that shows the building in which the winery is located - with its original façade. My grandfather, John Edwin Chapman ("Chap") Hill, Sr., is standing in the doorway of his uptown J.E.C. Hill General Merchandise Store. His clerk was Bob Morgan, who may be one of the other men pictured. A Mr. Sanders is holding the reins of my grandfather's horse and wagon.
 We do not know the exact year for this photograph.
 This was not the first J.E.C. Hill General Merchandise. That was opened at the depot in 1895 and closed in 1960. If you will look closely, you will see readily why this block of North Rutherford Street was/is called "Lower Street." The building is owned by Jimmy Crider, my second cousin, whose mother was the former S. Gertrude ("Tump") Hill, wife of J. Bunyan Crider - owners and operators of Crider's Jewelry. (You may recall that, prior to the new "brick" façade, the building was painted blue.)
 A copy of this email is being sent to some other descendants of my grandfather ("Papa" to us). Signed, Ridsen Hill



Remembering.....
 By Ed McBride

Official Program

First Annual Horse Race

Anson County Sports Center

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Anson County Sports Center
First Annual Horse Race

This was some undertaking back in 1947, when a group of twelve Wadesboro men formed this association to "provide clean and wholesome recreation" for the area. Located five miles out Highway 742 South, this was an area that at the time had various recreational activities there.

During some of the years there was, besides horse racing, auto racing there, and - the first for our area - a Ford Tri-Motor airplane landed providing postal Air Mail services. This plane was on display with personnel explaining this new, fast mail service! The cost of an Air Mail stamp was 5¢. (And a "brand new" car was less than \$2,000, a Coke had gone up to 6¢ with a 10¢ hamburger!!)

The program of this race listed sponsors, horses/owners, and other information. There was a total of sixty sponsors. I can remember only four that are here in business today - and most all were from around town. See how many you remember:

- D.B. Goodman Co., J. Paul Teal & Son, Wadesboro Auto Supply, Dixie Home Supermarket, Sally's, Q & Q Store, Fox & Lyon Drugs, Cheyning Motor Co., Wadesboro Electric Service, Baker's Garage, James A. Leak Hardware, Pine Terrace, Allen Furniture Co., A.C. Allen, Jeweler, Cooke Chevrolet, Farmers Feed & Supply, H.W. Little & Co., E.H. Jones & Jeweler, Service Oil Co., Blalock Tire & Appliance, Wade Clothing Co., Crawford Finance/Motor Co., National Hotel/Coffee Shop, Smith's Electric, Tice & Ferree Grocery, Western Auto Store, The Liles Co., Wadesboro Hardware & Electric, River's Feed & Seed Store, Allen-Bennett Wholesale Grocers, Parsons Rexall Drug, The Service Station, Mutual Insurance Co., Pegram's Garage, Blalock Motor Sales, Belk's Department Store, Master Service Station, Rufus Meachum Furniture, Ross Clothing Co., Red Star Service Station, A.M. Murray Groceries, City Shoe Shop, Braswell's Market, Currie & Andrews Clothing Store, Johnny's Cafe, Tarlton's Furniture Co., Wadesboro Dry Cleaners, Farmer & Murray, Lockey-Huntley Furniture, Economy Shoe Shop, McConnell's 5&10 Store, City Cleaners, Faulkner's Garage, McRae's Jewelry Store, Sumner-Stack Co., Wadesboro Service Station, J.E. Moore, Liberty Service Station and Luncheonette.

In last week's Remembering about the Gloria Ann we mistakenly referred to Mert Jarman as Mert Johnson.

NC Attorney General
Combating Mobile Cramming

Unauthorized charges a growing national problem that federal government must tackle

Mobile cramming, the placement of unauthorized charges on mobile phone bills, is a growing problem that is getting national attention. North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper joined leaders from 40 other states and territories to file comments on mobile cramming with the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in June.

"Outside companies sneak bogus charges onto consumers' cell phone bills, hoping people won't notice and will just pay up," Cooper said. "These charges may seem small, but they can really add up because they're hard to detect."

Consumer Reports estimates that consumers nationwide may lose as much as \$2 billion to cramming each year. Attorneys general across the country report receiving complaints from consumers about unauthorized charges of \$9.95 to \$24.95 on their mobile phone bills. The charges are usually for goods and services that the consumers neither requested nor used, such as text messages or alerts on weather, sports, celebrity gossip or trivia.

Most consumers don't even realize they've been crammed. Consumers don't expect to get charges from third-party groups on their mobile phone bill, and in many cases the names used by those third-parties make the charges look as if they come from their cell phone carrier, not an outside party. When consumers do discover the charges on their bills, sometimes after several months, they are rarely able to get a full refund.

Cramming of landline phones emerged as a major problem in the 1990's, spurring enforcement action by state attorneys general and federal regulators. With the growth of cell phones in recent years, cramming has migrated from landline to mobile phones.

The FTC is currently examining the problem of mobile cramming and is soliciting comments.

"As consumers increasingly opt to use their mobile phones to pay for phone-related goods and services such as games and applications, as well as for unrelated consumer goods, they are also experiencing increasing instances of significant unauthorized third-party charges on their mobile phone bills," the attorneys general wrote in their comments to the FTC.

Cooper and the other attorneys general identified four areas of particular concern with mobile cramming:

- Unauthorized charges being placed on consumers' bills for unwanted and unused services;
- Inadequate disclosure of third-party charges on mobile phone bills;
- Inadequate mechanisms for consumers to effectively block third-party charges and obtain refunds; and
- The lack of state and federal statutory protections governing consumer disputes about fraudulent or unauthorized charges placed on mobile phone bills.

To protect consumers from cramming, Cooper offered the following tips:

- Read your phone bill carefully every month. Review it like you would your credit card or bank statement.
- Dispute charges you don't recognize on your phone bill. Ask your mobile phone company to remove the charge. If you don't get a satisfactory resolution, file a complaint with the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division online at www.ncdoj.gov or call us at 1-877-5-NOSCAM.
- Think twice before providing your cell phone number online to enter a contest for a "free" prize or subscription. Often this is just a ploy to sign you up for a service you don't want.
- Be careful when responding to spam text messages. Even if you reply "Stop" to a spam message, a third-party billing company may bill you for an unwanted service.

Along with North Carolina, attorneys general and consumer protection authorities from the following states and territories signed onto the letter: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virgin Islands, Washington and Wyoming.

Family Vacations- Fun For All? Planning Vacations for all Ages

I distinctly remember a family vacation to the North Carolina mountains. I was about 10 years old and my sister was 13. At the time I didn't really think about it, but the last place my sister probably wanted to be was with her little sister and parents. We checked out Grandfather Mountain, Chimney Rock, Tweetsie Railroad and various other places along the way. I'm sure our parents did their best to plan a great family trip, but sometimes it is hard to please a teenager and an elementary-age child at the same time. I'm sure there are those of you who have been in this same predicament, so here are a few tips to get the most fun out of your summer vacation.

First, involve all family members in the choice of a vacation location. I'm sure it would be easier for Mom and Dad to pick a place and go, but involving youth in the process will help them see it as a choice they made, not one dictated to them. To help keep things reasonable and fair, narrow down a list of possibilities that would work for your family before presenting the choices to the kids.

Once a location is chosen, keep your children involved in the planning process by giving them a chance to choose specific activities. If your children are close in age and interests, allow each child to plan a day of events for the family. Each child will have his or her "day" to look forward to, and they will be more willing to sit quietly through the activities scheduled by other family members.

Now, if your children are several years apart you have a situation that seems impossible to keep everyone happy and excited. Once again, involving the children will help things move smoothly. Take time with the older child to see what they are really interested in visiting while on vacation. Plan to visit the area, but look into surrounding interests for the younger child. For example, if your 14 year old is dying to see the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, research to find what attractions they may have for younger children. Often these places will have children's museums that focus on hands-on activities to hold their interests.

A final consideration when planning a vacation is travel. I'm sure my parents had visions of car games and sing-a-longs when loading us up to travel in the 4 door Chevrolet. However, the experience was anything but pleasant. I am not discouraging car travel, but I am suggesting planning the car ride just as much as you plan activities for the actual vacation site. Everyone has their own taste in music, so allow for a change in the radio once every hour or two to satisfy passengers. Of course these days the radio has been replaced with iPods and dvd players. Even still you should allow each child to pick their own movie and share the iPod in hour increments. Load up on books, magazines and travel games to keep everyone entertained. Most importantly, allow for frequent stops to stretch legs and have some alone time for just a few minutes. This will ease tension that might be mounting up in the back seat.

Wherever you and your family might venture off to this summer, have a fun and safe trip. Remember that no amount of planning can make things perfect. Just sit back and enjoy! By Roshunda Blount, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development

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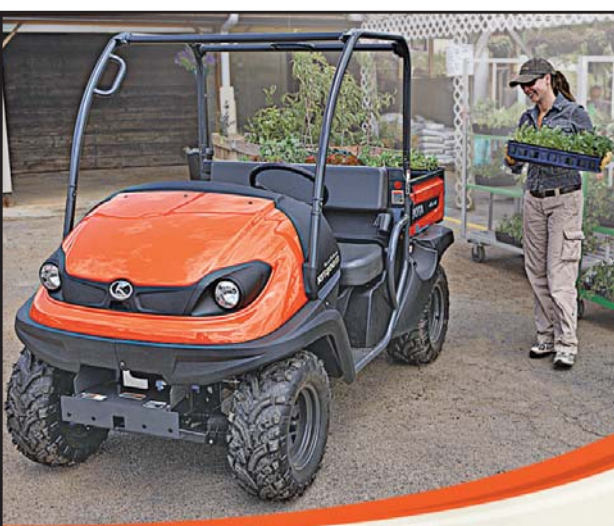
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