

# Remembering.....

By Ed McBride



## Warmer Days...

Remembering the "warmer days" gone by when there was absolutely no air conditioning here - our homes, business places, grocery stores, goods stores, churches, etc. There just wasn't any air conditioning. I can even remember the "funeral home" fans with "hand power." I also remember when some businesses installed electric fans - some pedestal, some mounted in different areas in the business places.

The above picture was Edna's Tea Room. I painted the sign on June 17, 1958, for the grand sum of \$20 - a big deal because it was air conditioned while you sat to eat. (Allen was then eating with both hands!)

What a change in so many ways. I remember many, many of the downtown places of business as they went from fans to air conditioning - such as Belk's, B.C. Moores, Fox & Lyon Drug Store, Parsons, H. W. Little & Company, Bank of Wadesboro, First National Bank - these are just a mere "sample" of the "new air customers"...and the changes in how we live, moment by moment, day by day!! STAY COOL!! Ed

## Anson County Writer's Club Book Signing and Reception is October 30

The Anson County Writers' Club (ACWC) will host a reception and book signing for storyteller J.A. Bolton at the Hampton B. Allen Library's Little Theatre, from 3 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 30.

Bolton was raised along the banks of the Pee Dee River. His Dad would take him over to the old country stores on both sides of Pee Dee River bridge and loved to sit around those stores and hear the old characters tell their tales. He uses these stories of the past and the experiences of his present life to weave each one of the stories in his new book *Just Passing Time*.

Thomas Heffernan, author of *Working Voices*, says about Bolton's book, "While we are laughing we are sharing a sense of humor that is older than we are. The sort of passing time we hear in Bolton's deft, canny collecting is itself a bridge connecting now and then."

Bolton placed first in the ninth annual Bold-Faced Liars' Showdown in Laurinburg last January. He writes a weekly newspaper column.



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This event will be held at Peachland-Polkton Elementary School Gym. Doors open at 6:45 p.m., and the fun goes from 7 to 8 p.m. Come early, the first 24 participants to arrive receive a gift!

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