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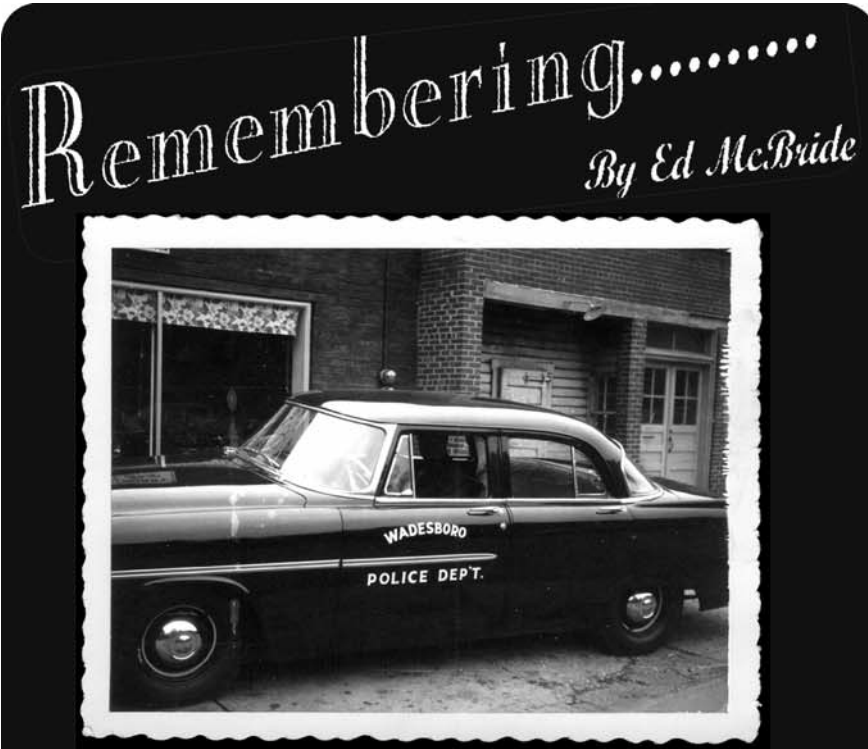
**Frosty - the
Musical Comes
to Cheraw**

The Cheraw Arts Commission starts the holiday season with *Frosty*, a musical by the Barter Theatre group. The musical will be presented on Thursday, November 20 at the Theatre on the Green at 7 p.m.

Frosty is the story of a homeless man and an orphan named Billy who comes to New York to keep a promise made to his mother. His promise was to build the best snowman ever. Through the magic of love, Billy fulfills his promise and discovers a friend and a family.

Barter Theatre located in Abingdon, Virginia was founded during the Great Depression when patrons could not pay the ticket price of 40 cents and were admitted by paying with food goods, hence the name of Barter. The theatre remains one of the last year-round professional resident repertory theatres in the country.

Tickets for the musical are available at the Cheraw Community Center. They cost \$6 for students under 18 years of age and \$8 for adults. Contact the Cheraw Arts Commission for additional information at 843-537-8420 x 12.



Some of Wadesboro - Back Then!!

We were discussing some of the many changes that have occurred during "our days"...

You remember, beginning at the former Leavitt Funeral Home location corner (Greene and Martin Streets) looking west. Of course Leavitts, Rufus Meachum Furniture Store, Wadesboro City Hall - with "complete office" upstairs where you could pay your water bill, town taxes, you name it - that was "City Hall."

The Wadesboro Volunteer Fire Department was downstairs, with an older model American LaFrance fire truck and a brand new 1942 Ford fire truck to replace the LaFrance. There was a special group of dedicated volunteer firemen - always ready to answer the call of the "siren." There were no call boxes, no cell phones, and some of them probably didn't even have a telephone period! They were alerted by a large siren mounted on a post near the courthouse. Upon hearing the siren, the firemen would call the telephone operator who then would advise them of the "fire call location."

Getting back to West Martin Street - next to City Hall was Bruce's Cabs. Across the

street was Russell Lackey's Dry Cleaners, and for several years, on down the street was Sanitary Lunch. There you could get a plate of stew beef for 15¢, a Coke for 5¢ and a raisin cake for 5¢ - a grand total of 25¢ for lunch.

Skipping over Rutherford Street, on the left Astor Gray's Market with produce, hot dogs and the like, a bit further, Brown Huntley sold Plymouth and Dodge cars and Ranford Pegram had a garage in the same building.

The Allen-Bennett Wholesale business was next - they later built a new building at the depot very close to the Pee Dee Bottling Company.

This is a "quick trip" down what was a very busy part of town, and I didn't get all of the two block area. Now you see, most of the business part of town was in the general area of the square, except Bowman's Restaurant, of course!! There were really many other places of business close in, not just in the "square block!"

And now, the picture above is of a new Wadesboro Police car - probably among the first ever lettered for the town. It had plain white letters, no air conditioning, no electric windows or locks...and was bought for less than \$2,000 new!!

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**CFNC Financial Aid Workshop
for High School Seniors and Parents**

The College Foundation of North Carolina will hold a financial aid workshop on Tuesday, November 18th at 6:30pm in the media center at Anson High School. A CFNC representative will present information about applying for financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Colleges and universities use this information to determine financial aid packages for students.

Seniors and their parents from Anson High School, Anson Early College, Anson Academy and Anson New Tech are strongly encouraged to attend. There will also be a representative from the financial aid department at South Piedmont Community College available to answer questions about FAFSA day which will be held in February.

Brown Bag Book Club Meets November 17

The Brown Bag Book Club will meet on Monday, November 17 at noon in the Pritchett Room of the Hampton B Allen Library for a covered dish lunch (everyone attending is asked to bring a dish and a friend). Attendees will enjoy a talk by Sandi McBride of Jefferson, SC, author of the book, *The Crazy Cat Lady*. She is a very interesting, entertaining lady and you don't want to miss her. Please make plans to attend.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call the library at 704-694-5177.

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