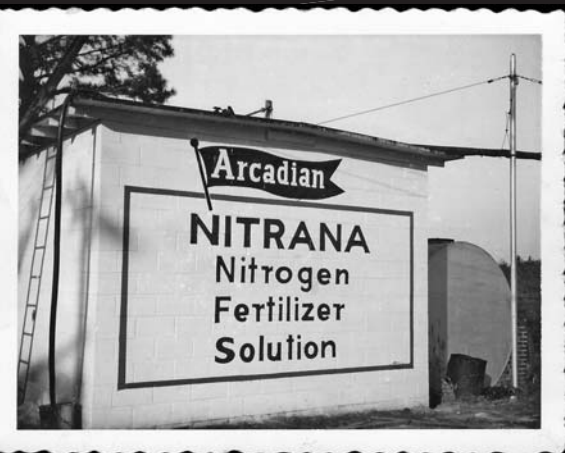


# Remembering.....

By Ed McBride



## "Early Days" - Liquid Fertilizer

In the days gone by farmers "put out" fertilizer, lime, soda and the like one row at a time, with a mule pulling the distributor up one row and back on another...all of which has changed. The picture above is of probably the first liquid nitrogen "distributing facility" in the county.

In the spring of 1956 I lettered this facility for the Wadesboro Fertilizer Company with the Arcadian logo - all of which "lasted" until Food Lion, Walmart, B.C. Moores store and many others opened in the Anson Station Shopping Center. There was "no more" Wadesboro Fertilizer Company there then. The bulldozer had cleaned off the hill where the business had stood, and yes, farming as we knew it was no longer either!

Oh well, we don't have to worry about the spring planting or the fall planting - mainly, I guess because Don V. has forgotten how to plow - and Allen never did know how to "chop the garden!!!" Ed

## This is Fire Prevention Week: Protect Your Family From Fire

Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Wayne Goodwin launched 2011 Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9-15, by declaring Oct. 12 Family Fire Drill Day and urging everyone to learn the fire safety skills necessary to fulfill this year's campaign theme, "Protect Your Family From Fire." "My family and I will be practicing our family fire drill at home this Wednesday, and I encourage all North Carolinians to do the same with their families," said Goodwin. "Fire Prevention Week is a great time for everyone in the family to learn skills that will help them prevent fires all year long and escape a fire safely."

According to a National Fire Protection Association survey, less than 25 percent of Americans have both developed and practiced a home fire escape plan. And only 8 percent of Americans said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out of the house.

- To participate in Family Fire Drill Day:
- Sketch out a home fire escape plan, identifying two escape routes from each room. Make sure routes are clear and that windows and doors open properly. Then post the plan where everyone can see it.
  - Pick a safe, outdoor meeting place where everyone will go when the alarm sounds.
  - When the alarm sounds, "Get Low and Go." Crawl or stay low, underneath smoke.
  - Hold a Family Fire Drill at least twice a year so it stays fresh in everyone's mind.
  - Make sure your smoke alarms are working properly by testing them monthly, changing the batteries once a year and replacing them every 10 years.

The public can help celebrate Fire Prevention Week by attending fun and educational events in their local communities, including birthday celebrations for Sparky the Fire Dog, the official NFPA mascot. Go to [www.ncdoi.com](http://www.ncdoi.com) for a list of events.

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## Mr. Argus Lincoln Martin

Mr. Argus Lincoln Martin, Sr., 87, of Ansonville, surrounded by his loving family, passed away Wednesday morning, October 5, 2011.

Funeral services were held on Friday, October 7, 2011, at Red Hill Baptist Church in Ansonville with Rev. Rodney Clements officiating. Interment followed in Red Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Martin was born February 27, 1924, to the late James Earl "Jack" and Rena Tyson Martin. He graduated from Ansonville and went on to serve in the 78th Infantry Division, Regiment 311 in World War II. He served in the Battle of the Bulge and was awarded the Bronze Star for Bravery. In 1958 he and his brother J. E. established Martin



Brothers Equipment Company, a John Deere dealership in Wadesboro. Upon his retiring in 1989, he enjoyed farming, bee keeping, playing music and being outside. He was known for his hats, long sleeve shirts and sense of humor. His entire life he was an active member of Red Hill Baptist Church, serving as choir member, Sunday school teacher and Superintendent and deacon.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Daphne Lee.

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Sara Edwards Martin. They were married New Year's Eve 1949. Also surviving are their three children, Carol McGauran and husband, Michael of Mount Pleasant, SC; Rena Creech and husband Joe of Albemarle; and Argus L. Martin, Jr. and wife Marlene of Ansonville. In addition, grandchildren, Linc Martin and wife Jeania, Jason Martin and wife Erin, Kelly Conklin and husband Joel, Hallie Sikes and Megan McGauran. He is also survived by four great-grandchildren, Walt, Jack, Camryn and Jase Martin. Also surviving are very special people, his brother J. E. Martin, Jr. and wife Lucy and his sister Mavis Turner, all of Ansonville.

The family requests memorials be made to: Red Hill Baptist Church, Building Fund, c/o Theresa Wilson, 1104 Mount Vernon Road, Wadesboro, NC 28170

Online condolences may be made at [edwardsfuneral-homes.com](http://edwardsfuneral-homes.com).

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