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Remembering.....
By Ed McBride



Sears, Rockingham

It is about time to start getting ready for spring...or at least thinking about it! The sign above is one of many that I did for the different Sears stores - this one being the one I painted on April 6, 1977, on US 74 in Rockingham. Many of the stores "that were then are not now," including this one.

I thought this one was kind of neat - "Spring Fix-up Sale" with the man carrying a ladder, and other messages on the windows.

All of this made me stop to do some thinking about the first store windows I had painted on "promotion or company name." The first was in 1939 on the A&P grocery store, which was located next door to Belks.

This was my first part-time job off the tobacco farm. Using some of the A&P store's supplies (which were not of the highest quality - white chalk paint only), no colors - and if it rained...well, it was to do over! This was a job usually done by some of the older, taller fellows until they found out that I would - then Noah Benton and Thump Batten saw to it that I had help "from the inside."

Well, some of the specials that particular week were: pound of Eight O'Clock coffee only 21¢, quarter sack of flour only 27¢, 5 pounds of sugar 23¢, Armour Star bacon 15¢ (lb package) and three tall cans of pink salmon 25¢.

...It is hard to believe!!

Toys for Tots Gratitude Banquet is January 14

The Annual Toys for Tots Gratitude Banquet will be held on Saturday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lockhart-Taylor Center. This invitation only event is held each year to honor and thank all those who volunteered and donated to Toys for Tots during their 2016 campaign. The guest speaker will be Toys for Tots Coordinator Arbe Laez from Salisbury.

For more information on the banquet, or to find out how you can become involved in the Toys for Tots program in Anson County, please call Vancine Sturdivant, the Toys for Tots Coordinator for Anson County, at 704-848-4412.

Extension Office Offers Pasture Management School for Livestock Producers

The Anson County Cooperative Extension Office is offering a four-session Pasture Management School for an in-depth look at managing forage resources for livestock. The sessions will be held on Thursday evenings, January 12th and 26th, and February 9th and 23rd. Classes run from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Extension Office, located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro. Cost for all for sessions is free, but registration is recommended.

Topics to be covered include: soil fertility, forage options and growth patterns, weed management, and hay and silage production. The programs are designed for those who have an interest in understanding how to better manage their forage resources for producing livestock including but not limited to cattle, horses, and small ruminants.

For more information or to register, contact Jessica Morgan, Anson County Agriculture Agent, at 704-694-2415 or jessica_morgan@ncsu.edu. A flyer and more information can be found at anson.ces.ncsu.edu.

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