

NCDOT Wants to Hear from You Regarding Local Transportation Priorities

The N.C. Department of Transportation wants to hear from North Carolinians regarding their transportation priorities as part of its efforts to implement the state's new Strategic Transportation Investments law. Signed into law by Gov. McCrory last summer, House Bill 817 "Strategic Transportation Investments," overhauls the way North Carolina funds transportation improvements, allowing NCDOT to make more efficient use of its existing revenues to fund more investments that improve the state's transportation infrastructure, create jobs and help boost the economy.

The law establishes the Strategic Mobility Formula, which uses a data-driven approach to provide more flexibility in funding transportation improvements on the statewide, regional and division level with the goal of meeting the state's top priorities while still addressing individualized local needs.

In the coming weeks, each of the 14 NCDOT Transportation Divisions across the state will submit its top transportation priorities to compete with other transportation improvements across the state for funding under the new formula. To help determine these priorities, each division is asking local residents to provide their thoughts on which transportation improvements are most important. Projects can be as large-scale as an interstate improvement or as small as a new turn lane or traffic signal, and can be for any mode of transportation, including public transit, bicycle/pedestrian, ferry, aviation and rail.

Residents can take part in the process by making their suggestions during a 30-day public comment period from Tuesday, Jan. 14 through Wednesday, Feb. 12. Each Transportation Division will host a public open house to meet with local residents and obtain feedback regarding transportation priorities.

In Division 10, which includes Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Union, Stanly and Anson counties, the open house will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 30 at the Metrolina Regional Transportation Management Center, 2327 Tipton Drive in Charlotte.

In addition, written comments can be submitted via email at tboland@ncdot.gov or regular mail at STI, NCDOT Division 10, 716 West Main Street, Albemarle N.C. 28001. All comments must be received by 5 p.m. on Feb. 12.

More information about the Strategic Transportation Investments law and how it works, and the public meetings can be found on the NCDOT website, www.ncdot.gov.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Tim Boland at 704-983-4400 as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Fiction Writing Contest Open for Submissions

The 2014 Doris Betts Fiction Prize is now open for submissions. The Doris Betts Fiction Prize awards the first-place winner \$250 and publication in the North Carolina Literary Review. Finalists will also be considered for publication in the NCLR. For over twenty years, East Carolina University and the North Carolina Literary & Historical Association have published the North Carolina Literary Review, a journal devoted to showcasing the Tar Heel State's literary excellence. Described by one critic as "everything you ever wanted out of a literary publication but never dared to demand," the NCLR has won numerous awards and citations.

The Doris Betts Fiction Prize is open to any writer who is a legal resident of North Carolina or a member of the North Carolina Writers' Network. North Carolina Literary Review subscribers with North Carolina connections (lives or has lived in NC) are also eligible.

The final judge is NCLR fiction editor Liza Wieland. She the author of seven books and three collections of short fiction. She has won two Pushcart Prizes, the Michigan Literary Fiction Prize, a Bridport Prize in the UK, and fellowships from The National Endowment for the Arts, The North Carolina Arts Council, and the Christopher Isherwood Foundation. She recently has been awarded a second fellowship from the North Carolina Arts Council.

Claudette Cohen of Carolina Beach won the 2013 Doris Betts Fiction Prize for her story, "The Mayor of Biscoe." Doris Betts was the author of three short-story collections and six novels. She won three Sir Walter Raleigh awards, the Southern Book Award, the North Carolina Award for Literature, the John Dos Passos Prize, and the American Academy of Arts and Letters Medal for the short story, among others. Beloved by her students, she was named the University of North Carolina Alumni Distinguished Professor of English in 1980.

Here are the complete guidelines:

- The competition is open to any writer who is a legal resident of North Carolina or a member of the North Carolina Writers' Network. North Carolina Literary Review subscribers with North Carolina connections (lives or has lived in NC) are also eligible. Deadline to submit is February 15, 2014.
- The competition is for previously unpublished short stories up to 6,000 words. One entry per writer. No novel excerpts. Stories do NOT have to relate to NCLR's annual special feature topic.
- Submit previously unpublished stories online at <https://nclr.submittable.com/submit>. Submittable will collect your entry fee via credit card (\$10 NCWN members or NCLR subscribers / \$20 for non-members/non-subscribers).
- To pay submission fees by check or money order, make payable to the North Carolina Writers Network and mail to: Ed Southern, PO Box 21591, Winston-Salem, NC 27120-1591
- Documents must be Microsoft Word or .rtf files. The author's name should not appear in the story file. Title the file with the story's title to connect the story with your name. If you have any problems submitting electronically, email NCLR's Submission Manager.

The winner and finalists will be announced in April. The winning story and select finalists will be published in the next year's issue of the North Carolina Literary Review. Questions may be directed to Margaret Bauer, Editor of the North Carolina Literary Review, at margaretbauer@ncnr.org

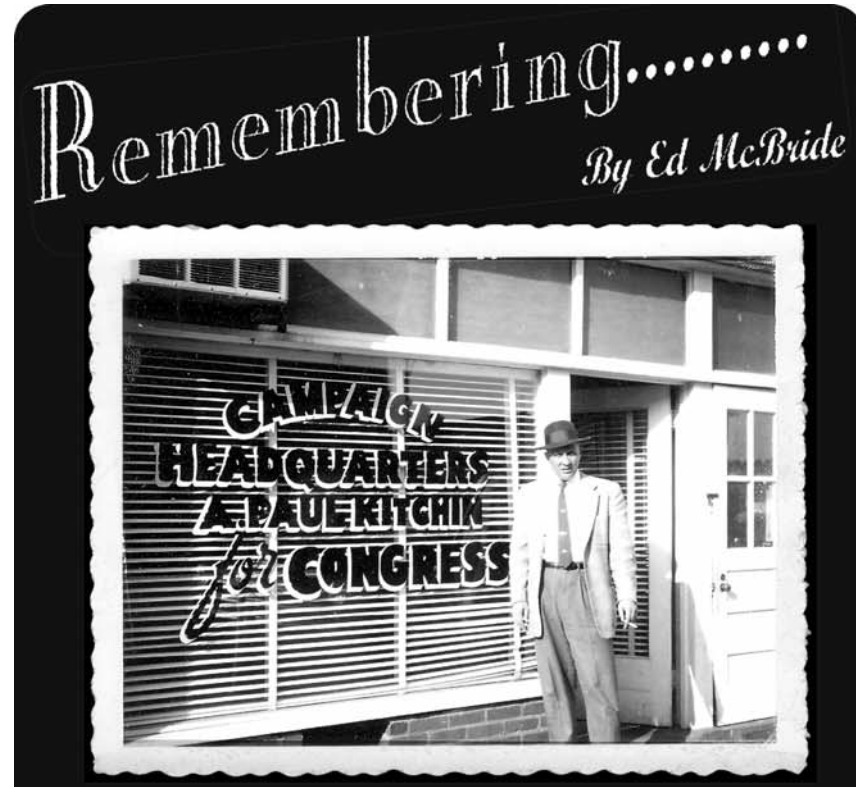
Auditions for the Musical Godspell are this Month

Auditions for the musical *Godspell* will be held at the Ansonia Theatre on Monday and Tuesday, January 27 and 28, from 6 to 9 p. m. Parts for five men and five women are available. Roles are appropriate for various ages and cultures. Director Tommy Wooten is looking for a strong singer, preferably in his 20's or 30's, to play the part of Jesus.

This inspirational musical is based on the gospel according to Matthew and is a modern take on the teachings of Jesus. It is one of the most beloved musicals of all time.

All those auditioning should come prepared to sing any song of their choosing. They can bring sheet music or a karaoke track, or they can sing a cappella. Performances will be May 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11. Those auditioning should also bring a calendar noting any conflicts on weekday evenings or performance dates.

Contact the Anson County Arts Council at 704-694-4950 or ansonart@windstream.net if you are unable to audition on the scheduled dates or if you have questions.



A. Paul Kitchin For Congress

After a number of years of service, A. Paul Kitchin retired from the Federal Bureau of Investigation - this was about the end of World War II. He was married to Dora Little of Wadesboro - so they came back "home" here to retire.

Mr. H.P. Taylor, Sr. had his law offices on the second floor of the Fox and Lyon building. (Practicing since 1914) Paul joined Mr. Taylor's practice - making it Taylor & Kitchin, attorneys at law. All of this before Pat Taylor, Jr. had finished law school - but when he graduated in 1948, he likewise came back home to join the firm - then making it now - Taylor, Kitchin and Taylor.

There is so much to remember about Dr. Bob Lyon's building, among others on the second floor was Dr. J.F. Williamson, Dentist (some of my 2 fillings still exist). On the third floor for years were the studios of WADE Radio. Other occupants of interest - Mr. Jim Graves Barber shop in the lower level (with several barbers), Fred Hart's Store (he was the young man who was blind) on the sidewalk

near the stair entrance and the list goes on and on and....!!!

Back to the story about the above picture - some time later (about 1956), Paul Kitchin ran for congress in the 8th District against Mr. C.B. Dean - and won. You will note the sign above and the young, trim campaign manager John J. Crawford in front of campaign headquarters on East Wade Street. (I had painted the glass in 1956). In "those days" - Marsh-Jones Hardware, Anson Telephone office - with "real-live operators," Lee Huntley Grocery, Railway Express, Anson Real Estate and Insurance, The Messenger and Intelligencer, Dr. Jim Covington, the bus station (now the City Hall), Carolina Power and Light, Blalock Tire and Appliance, Arthur Murray (5¢ hotdogs, 10¢ hamburgers), J. Paul Teal (farm Supplies, cotton buyer, etc.), B.C. Moore and Sons- were some - not all on this one block!

Thanks for sharing our memories. Thank you Pat for all you have done and continue to do to make this a better place to live!

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All-Electric Vehicles Begin Paying Special Fee

With no gas usage, vehicles must pay new fee for highway use

Beginning this month, approximately 1,600 all-electric vehicles registered in North Carolina and newly-registered all-electrics are required to pay a \$100 annual fee in addition to other required registration fees. Registration renewals due during January are expected to affect the first 146 vehicles in this group.

All-electric vehicles are being billed because they do not otherwise pay taxes for road use and maintenance. Vehicles fueled by gasoline pay for road upkeep through gas taxes metered at each fill-up.

According to legislation passed by the N.C. General Assembly in July, owners of "a plug-in electric vehicle that is not a low-speed vehicle and that does not rely on a nonelectric source of power" are required to pay the new fee when they are titled and registered or renewing their registration..

Currently, all-electric vehicles are represented by a handful of manufacturers. They are noted by an "E" fuel type listing on the vehicle's title application. Hybrid vehicles that use a combination of gasoline and electricity are not covered under this requirement.

Class of 1971 Reunion Meeting

The Bowman Senior High School Class of 1971 will meet on Saturday, January 25 at 2 p.m. at Ladybug Restaurant. All classmates are encouraged to attend. Committee and plans for the reunion program will be discussed at this meeting. For information contact Patricia at (704) 848-8165 or Winnie at (704) 475-0755.