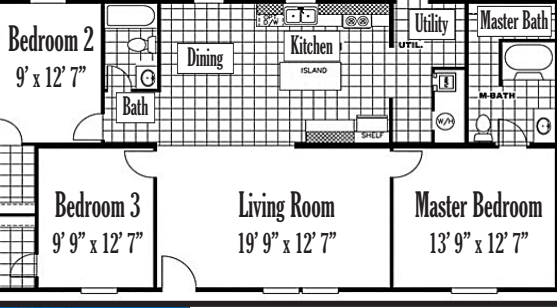


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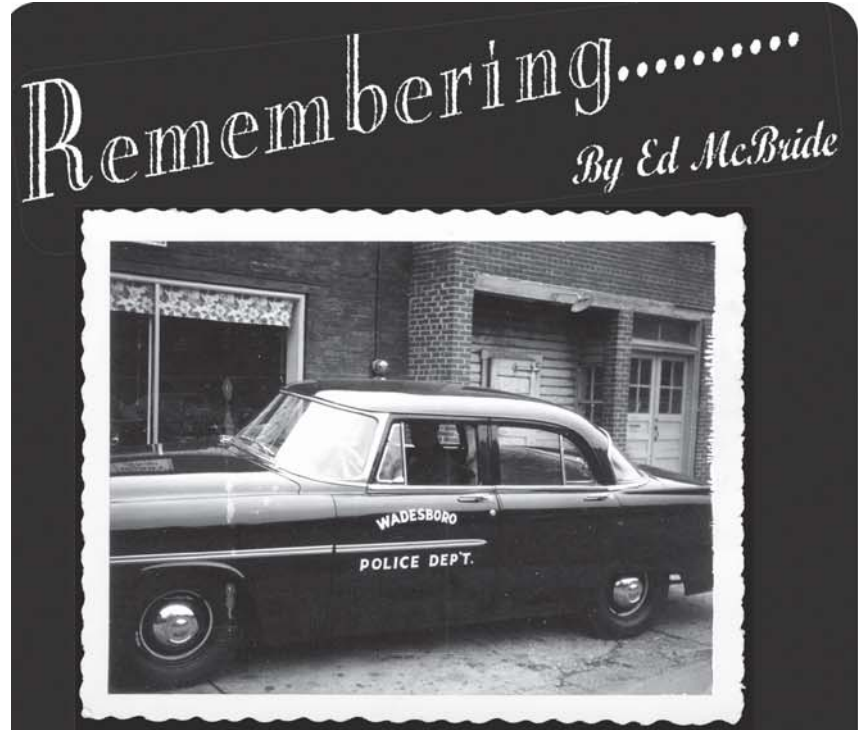


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Remembering... By Ed McBride

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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