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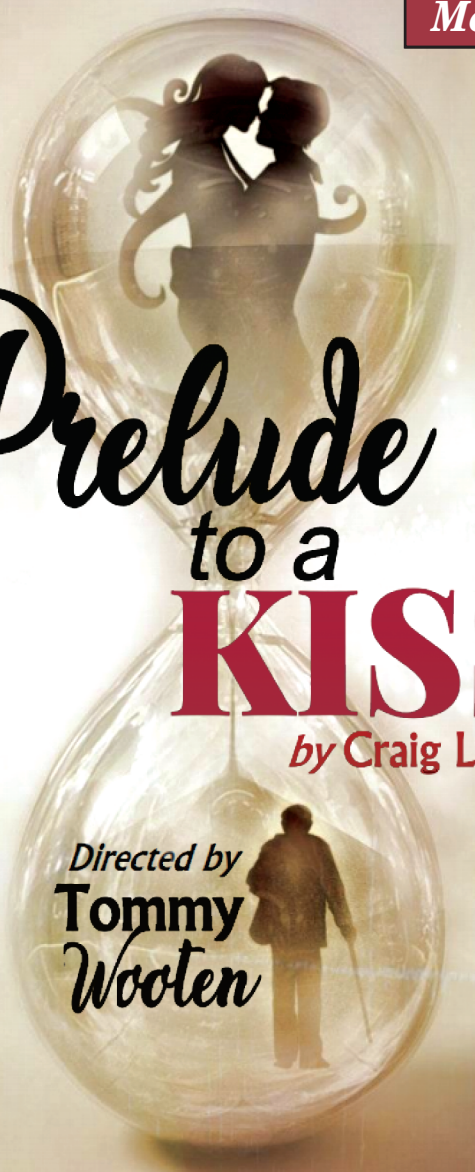


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Remembering.....
 By Ed McBride



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Not many, I am sure, remember the above picture of 57 years ago. The location was the Fenton Building (presently H & R Block) - built by Vic Fenton for his tin shop. There are many residential and commercial "raised seam roofs" in and around the Wadesboro trade area that Mr. Vic, Herman Marsh and "Jug" Robinson installed in their time - this is the place that Herman found his desire to do metal work. We had only twenty five feet of space - from the front door to the wall (partition) and did radio repairs and painted signs - there was no TV yet down south, so I did mostly radio, small appliances repair (irons, toasters, mixers, etc.) in the winter time and signs and truck lettering in the summer time. We had a visit last week from Ervin Rayle, Jr. and his wife, during "our remembering" conversation, we began naming some of the many people who lived on that block of Rutherford Street - very few from that time are still around. Beginning on the corner, just a few were: Allen Furniture Co. - Fred Allen, Jack Gathings, Uncle Lacy Ballard and George Smuggs; Hightower Ice and Fuel - Foyle Hightower, Sr., Hank Wall, Sr.; Lacy and Aunt Monte Ballard; "our place;" the Fenton's; the W. E. Rayles; and the Bill Wildermuth's. Across the street: Mozelle Winfree; Effie Gray; Edna Gray; Elizabeth Webb - and the list continues on. How times/years change - and the Christmas window was all "home-made" - "hand painted" and Santa was a "Pre-World War II" store mannequin given to us from Mr. Scarborough at Belks. Lucy "hand-made" Santa's suit, the gift packages were empty boxes - wrapped pretty! Thanks to so many who have done so much - to make things "more gooder!!!" Merry Christmas "You All!"

FDA and CDC Have Authorized Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine for Children Age 12 and Older

Based on a review of safety and effectiveness data from clinical trials in the United States and the expanded emergency authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the CDC today recommended use of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 12 through 15. "Parents and guardians can rest assured that the agency undertook a rigorous and thorough review of all available data, as we have with all of our COVID-19 vaccine emergency use authorizations," said Acting FDA Commissioner Janet Woodcock, M.D., when announcing the authorization. With the CDC recommendation, North Carolina teens ages 12 and older can now get vaccinated with the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to protect themselves from COVID-19, including preventing virus-related hospitalizations and deaths. The NC Department of Health and Human Services' State Health Director has amended the Standing Order authorizing health care providers to administer COVID-19 vaccines through an Emergency Use Authorization to include the use of the Pfizer vaccine for adolescents ages 12 through 15. "Having a vaccine for our younger teens brings us that much closer to being able to end the pandemic," said NCDHHS Secretary Mandy K. Cohen, M.D. "By getting more teens vaccinated, they are protecting themselves from the impact of COVID, and they are protecting their families and their communities by stopping the spread of the virus." Young people are vulnerable to the COVID-19 virus, just like everyone else. In North Carolina, close to 123,000 children 0 to 17 years old have tested positive for COVID-19. With new variants, some parts of the country are seeing increased rates of COVID-19 in children and teens. In North Carolina, the percent of COVID-19 cases in children 17 and under has been increasing. In the clinical trials, the vaccines were found to be very effective in the 12-15-year-old age group. The most commonly reported temporary reactions among teens were pain at the injection site, tiredness, headache, chills, muscle pain, fever and joint pain. These typically lasted between one and three days and were similar to those reported in clinical trial participants 16 years of age and older. Currently, North Carolina has close to 800,000 Pfizer first and second doses. NCDHHS is working with pediatricians and family medicine doctors to make the Pfizer vaccine accessible across the state, including connecting larger vaccine providers who have the capacity to store the vaccine to smaller practices needing a more limited quantity. In addition, the department is helping interested schools connect with vaccine partners to hosted onsite and offsite vaccine events for students and their families. To find providers with the Pfizer vaccine, go to MySpot.nc.gov and filter for Pfizer.

Free Groceries for Families in Need June 1

For families in need, free groceries will be available. The Anson and East Union Missional Network, Anson Crisis Assistance Second Harvest Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry will be held on Tuesday, June 1 at Forestville United Methodist Church, located at Vintage and Clark Mountain Road in Lilesville. Please arrive and register between 8 and 10 a.m. The food distribution begins upon the truck arrival, between 9 to 9:30 a.m. • Be sure to bring your own bags, baskets, boxes or carts to carry your food. • Arrive between 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. to be sure you can receive food. • If it is raining the day of or before the delivery, contact Anson Crisis Ministry for a recorded message to know if it is cancelled: 704-694-2445. • You can only pick up food for yourself and one other registered household. Interested in volunteering for the Mobile Food Pantry? Email tschumpert@wncumc.net. The goal of the Mobile Food Pantry is to feed the hungry and serve those in need. If you are in need before or after the distribution of food date, please contact Anson Crisis Ministry at (704) 694-2445 or Union County Crisis Assistance at (704) 225-0440.



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