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*Remembering.....*  
 By Ed McBride



**Smith's Electric Company**

The above picture is of fellows" who I can remember Smith's Electric Company that I were Otto Austin, Charles made on September 10, 1974, Gaddy, Floyd Staton, Harold after completing all the Meland, Harold Kiker - and "Clearance Sale" signs - front and side windows too.

Mr. Roy Smith had died suddenly on March 7, 1974, with a heart attack. Son, Jimmy took over as company President and wife, Margaret as Vice President/Secretary. The company did electrical wiring as was begun many years before, and had expanded their business to include commercial, industrial, as well as residential work. They also were distributors of lighting fixtures. In fact, this window sign promotion was for lighting fixtures - savings up to 50%!

Some of the "older



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**Smoke Alarm Raises Concerns; OSFM Discontinues Distribution**

NC Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Mike Causey warned fire departments and residents across North Carolina today about concerns relating to Universal smoke alarms. The current issue with Universal smoke alarms had come to the attention of the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) as a result of reports from fire chiefs and the diligence of the professionals and volunteers installing the alarms. OSFM regularly partners with local communities and fire departments to ensure residents have fully functional and operational smoke detectors installed. The smoke alarms are provided through a program paid for by the Fire-Safe Cigarette Act for fire prevention and smoke alarm promotion - which has led to over 21,000 smoke alarms being installed and resulted directly in eight saves in North Carolina. "Smoke alarms are your first line of protection in the case of a fire. We can't have people risking their lives and property on a faulty product," said Causey. "I am extremely proud of the great work of the folks who work these canvassing events that put in the alarms and happy we continue to protect people inside their homes with properly operating smoke alarms." Assistant State Fire Marshal Brian Taylor reports that OSFM is in the process of replacing this product with another smoke alarm and has reported the product to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). The CPSC has collected samples of the alarms and will be conducting an investigation. If anyone has any information about their personal experience with these alarms to share, please contact consumer product safety investigator Eric Toussaint at 202-329-0184 or email him at EToussaint@cpsc.gov. The Office of State Fire Marshal strongly recommends that fire departments across North Carolina discontinue installing this product until the investigation is complete.

**Friends from Africa at BRLC**

This is a release from Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center: Robin and friends you are invited as Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center as they present Friends from Kenya, Africa on Saturday, February 25 at 1 p.m. Lunch will precede the event at 12:00 noon including a special dish prepared by the friends from Kenya and other foods by BRLC volunteers. Please arrive early to experience the African dish and other foods. BRLC Director Carol Smith said, "This event will recognize the diverse work from individuals from U.S.A. and Kenyans who have had a hand in causing America to be what it has become today. This family event is sponsored and presented by the Kids Café Afterschool Staff and BRLC volunteers. Financial donations are always accepted. We hope you can come." For more information contact Carol Smith at 704-826-8737 or 704-826-8737.

**Storytime Every Wednesday at Partnership for Children**

The Anson County Partnership for Children offers Storytime in the Early Childhood Resource Center each Wednesday, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. for children ages 3 to 8. For more information call 704-694-4036.