

Associated with Caribbean travel

Anson County Health Director Wayne Raynor reported that - North Carolina's first case of chikungunya was confirmed in a resident who recently travelled to the Caribbean. Chikungunya virus is transmitted through the bite of an infected mosquito, and the Asian Tiger mosquito that is commonly found in North Carolina could effectively transmit this virus. At this time, there have not been any cases of the disease known to have been acquired in North Carolina or the continental United States.

Symptoms of chikungunya usually begin three to seven days after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Symptoms typically include the sudden onset of fever and severe, often disabling, joint pains in the hands and feet. Many patients feel better within a week; however, the joint pain may persist for months in some people. Newborns exposed during delivery, adults over 65 years and people with chronic medical conditions have a greater risk for a severe form of the disease.

Prior to its introduction in the Caribbean, chikungunya was established in East Africa, India, the Indian Ocean and the Western Pacific regions. It was introduced in the Caribbean in December 2013 through travelers returning from affected areas. As of June 6, chikungunya has caused illness in over 130,000 persons in the Caribbean.

DHHS' Division of Public Health advises persons traveling to countries where chikungunya transmission is occurring to:

- Take personal precautions to prevent mosquito bites; and
- Immediately consult a medical provider if they develop fever in the two weeks after their return home.

"With North Carolina residents traveling to and from the Caribbean and other affected areas, the state has been monitoring for possible imported cases," according to Dr. Megan Davies, DHHS' State Epidemiologist. "Anyone experiencing symptoms of chikungunya should contact a physician and minimize exposure to mosquitoes to reduce the risk of transmitting the virus to others. Travelers who visit countries where chikungunya is widespread should take extra precaution against mosquito bites."

Raynor is encouraging Anson County residents to be vigilant and protect themselves and their families from possible exposure to the chikungunya virus by following state recommendations:

- Wear light-colored long pants and long-sleeved shirts.
- Reduce time spent outdoors, particularly during early morning and early evening hours when mosquitoes are most active.
- Apply EPA-approved mosquito repellents such as DEET, picardin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535 to exposed skin areas. Always follow guidelines when using mosquito repellent.
- Since mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing, spray clothes with repellent containing permethrin or another EPA-registered repellent will give extra protection.

DHHS' Division of Public Health strongly recommends that all North Carolina residents take measures to decrease environmental conditions favorable to breeding for the species that could transmit this infection, the Asian Tiger mosquito. This mosquito is an aggressive daytime biter, breeds in small water containers and does not travel long distances. To reduce mosquito breeding areas around your home:

- Remove any containers that can hold water;
- Change the water in bird baths and pet bowls frequently and repair leaky outdoor faucets;
- Cover rain barrels with tight-fitting screens or lids;
- Keep gutters clean and in good repair; and
- Use screened windows and doors and make sure screens are not torn and fit tightly.

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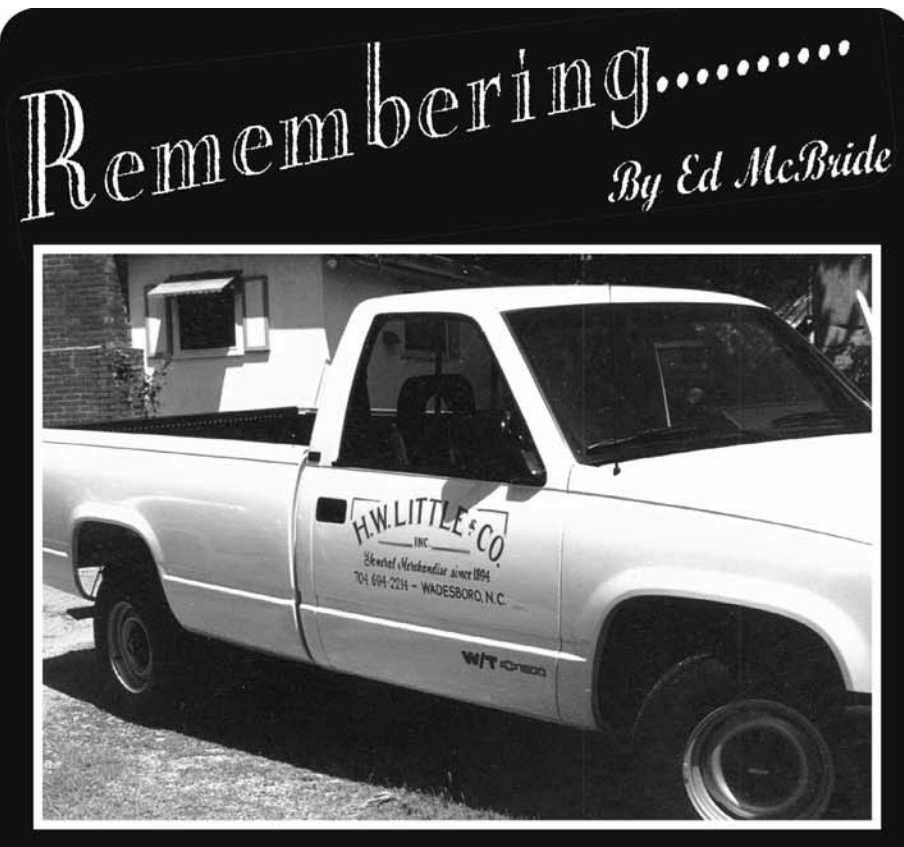


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*Remembering.....*  
*By Ed McBride*

## H.W. Little & Company

A few days ago we were discussing the number of years that Parsons Drugs (1872) and H. W. Little & Company (1894) had served this area - so many years and they are still here after more than a hundred years.

I have found so many references to H. W. Little in the old records of the Kilwinning Lodge. One ticket the lodge paid on November 28, 1896, was for five window panes, paint and putty - installed for \$3.50. Also, 3 chimneys and 3 burners (for kerosene lamps) cost 75¢, plus many other items, such as a can of kerosene!

Some of the things that I can remember about the "earlier days" of H. W. Little was buying nails, door locks, etc. when we were building our house in 1946. Can you believe that we bought nails by the keg for \$5 - no such thing as "power nailers" back then - it was all one nail at a time with a trusted "claw hammer." Oh yes, bricks were \$17 & \$19 per thousand!

Now so many years have passed, so many changes at H. W. Little - Jerry is "almost-about 19" and Carly is taking her dad's place!

Henry Little had me to do the signs on the pickup truck pictured above on May 21, 1992. While "thinking," it dawned on me that H. W. Little & Company had only been in business about 50 years when I did the first signs for them.



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**Wadesboro Native Featured in New Orleans Design Book**

Four of Wadesboro native Louis St.Lewis' artworks have been featured in Valerie Hart's new coffee table book *House Proud, Unique Home Design - Louisiana*. The book, which has been hailed by Elle Decor Magazine and Amazon.com, showcases homes ranging from historic riverside plantations to French Quarter townhouses. The author states, "I first noticed Louis' art during a visit to the New Orleans Museum of Art and instantly fell in love. I've been working with Louis now for years. His flamboyant and decadent style matches perfectly with the sophisticatedly playful aesthetic of New Orleans." In the book, St.Lewis' paintings are displayed in the homes of an oil company executive, an interior designer and an urban French Quarter attorney.

St. Lewis, a 1979 graduate of Bowman High School who was voted "most talented," "most creative" and "wittiest" by his senior class, maintains studios in both New Orleans, LA and Chapel Hill, NC. His collage and assemblage works are located in numerous museums including the Ogden Museum of Southern Art, the New Orleans Museum of Art and UNC's Ackland Art Museum. The artist has a roster of notable collectors, including fashion designer Christian LaCroix, novelist Danielle Steele, North Carolina Museum of Art director Larry Wheeler, and Vogue Magazine editor-at-large Andre Leon Talley, who has described the artist as "One of the most stylish men in the South, artistic sable in a land of rabbit."



"Louis is the perfect fit for New Orleans" says Gallery Orange owner Tracy Gielbert, who is the artist's exclusive representative in the New Orleans French Quarter. "He has an encyclopedic knowledge of history, an ingrained appreciation of French culture, and a biting wit. Not to mention an amazing artistic talent. He is obviously having great fun being an artist, and the clients respond very positively to that."


"I find New Orleans one of the most unique and romantic cities in America" St.Lewis states. "From the architecture to the cuisine to the voodoo culture which threads its way through every street of the city, how can you not love this environment? New Orleans is very atypical as American cities go, much more European in both outlook and intent. Those seductive qualities are why I love spending time here, but I suppose I will always have the red clay of Anson County just under my fingernails."

The artist was also recently honored with having one of his assemblage sculptures made part of the permanent collection of the Wellington B. Gray Gallery at Greenville's Eastern Carolina University. The artist was also recently interviewed by audio artist Carl Tyer. The interview can be seen at [vimeo.com/91353167](http://vimeo.com/91353167).

For more information please contact Gallery Orange, 504-875-4006 or artist Louis St.Lewis 919-996-0026.

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