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Remembering.....  
By Ed McBride



**Christmas Toys**

Who said that we did not celebrate Christmas back in my days? Well, we did (and still do) - the above picture is of the first wagon that Santa brought me - in about 1927. The wagon body was solid oak, with very little metal bracing - the wheels also were oak with steel "tires" and roller bearings.

Yes, I still have it, along with some of my other toys. (The picture was made February 17, 2001) You see, back then we got very little in the way of "extras" and usually then only at Christmas time - so unlike these days, we took care of what we had or else!

Now, this is 2003 - so many things have changed - radio, television (more than one snowy station), computers, cars with starters, power steering, power windows, etc., planes that travel a little farther than the Wright Brothers' plane did at Kitty Hawk on December 17, 1903, space

travel, modern paved roads and bridges (no longer do we cross the Pee Dee River on a ferry), modern farm equipment (instead of plowing a mule), electricity to power a multitude of modern appliances (instead of oil lamps), telephones (no longer do you go to the phone on the wall, ring the operator, and say, "Give me number 551, or whatever!!).

More advancement in my years, I guess, than at any comparable period of history.

So, this is a good time to say thanks to each of you for reading our "Remembering" column - for your help and support - for every kindness... many thanks.

All these and many more continuing changes - but Genesis 1:1-5 and John 3:16 still haven't changed!!

So...Merry Christmas and Happy New Year - "You All"

Ed

**Grace Senior Center Offering Trip to Washington, DC**

Grace Senior Center is sponsoring a three day, two night trip to Washington, DC on April 1-3.

The cost of the trip is \$340 per adult person based on double occupancy and \$299 per child with two paying adults in the room. There is a \$50 deposit with reservation. The package includes 2 breakfasts, 2 full course dinners, tram tour at Arlington Cemetery, visits to World War II Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, Martin Luther King, Jr Memorial, FDR Memorial, guided sightseeing tour including the US Capitol and visitor's center, US Library of Congress, Union Station, the Smithsonian Institution, visit to Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, guided tour of illuminated monuments including Air Force Memorial, the Pentagon, Jefferson Memorial, Marine Corps Memorial, Washington Monument, and the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Museum located at Dulles Airport. Also included are a souvenir gift, luggage handling, taxes and meal gratuities and Motor Coach transportation.

Call Grace Center at 704-694-6616 for more information or to register.

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Help support the Anson County Animal Shelter by purchasing a raffle ticket. There are prizes from several businesses in Anson County, Bojangles, IGA, KFC, Lady Bug Restaurant, Lacy's, H.W. Little & Company, Tractor Supply and La Fogata. One ticket costs \$1 or you can get 6 tickets for \$5. The drawing will be held on December 31.

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