

# Tales Of Spring

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Springtime in the Southland brings out the Dogwoods and Azaleas, the Trilliums and the Magnolias. It also seems to bring out the wanderlust in humans, who motor across the countryside.

Their paths cross, and stories are told. Most are not important, including these.

For instance, there's Tim the Hippie, who reports from Fuquay that even after all this time, UNC—Chapel Hill fans are still relishing their NCAA basketball title. According to reports from the Hippie, it's even worse up yonder than down here.

Tim the Hippie doesn't care much about college basketball one way or the other. He does care about making a fast buck, and hates to miss an opportunity to do so. He couldn't help but notice the way Tar Heel fans would pay inflated prices after the Georgetown win from anything related to the University of North Carolina.

"Darn it," he hisses, slapping his leg. "I swear I wish I'd had about half a million of something I could've dyed blue and printed 'Carolina' on. It wouldn't of mattered what."

### What's in a name?

George Arter cares none for that sort of thing, preferring instead to simplify his life. This quest for simplicity extends even to the Tennessee farmer's name.

"I used to be named George Armbrister," the long-bearded Tennessean told Uncle Bill. "Bill I got tired of writing that long name and dropped the 'mbris'."

Uncle Bill, who runs a tire and battery shop when he's not too busy wheeling and dealing, encountered the ex-Armbrister in Knoxville, where he was wheeling the dealing. Somehow Unc came up with the purchase of 500,000—that's half a million—assorted buttons.

Do you know what a half million assorted buttons looks like? Do you know how long it would take to sort a half million assorted buttons? Do you know why anybody would buy a half million assorted buttons?

Answers: A half million assorted buttons looks about like the 200 assorted buttons your mother probably has in a coffee can in the closet, except 2,500 times more so.

No one yet knows how long it takes to sort them, because they're still at it.

Why buy 'em to begin with? "Because I got a real good deal on 'em," Uncle Bill says, as it that explains all. With Bill, I guess it does.

Maybe Tim the Hippie can figure a way to dye them blue and print "Carolina" on them.

### Bulk refrigerators

Cookie is tougher to explain. A very intelligent young lady, she had nonetheless managed to travel N.C. 43 between Greenville and Vanceboro (en route to Havelock) for four years without ever knowing what a bulk barn was.

She thought they were refrigeration units.

No one yet knows why she thought there were 782 refrigeration units in the fields between Vanceboro and Greenville.

It all goes to show ya that you should keep your eyes—and ears—open when rolling down the road.

It you had been keeping eyes open and ears on when traveling I-81 or I-77 in Southwestern Virginia not long ago, you might've discovered that the tour bus of the Charlie Daniels Band had broken down and that Charlie and the boys were picking and singing at the big truck stop in Wytheville, Virginia.

All the local pickers, it seems, wandered in to hit a lick with the CDB. The bus was fixed and gone by the time I got there, so I got the story from Uncle Bill.

But you gotta wonder: how much can you really believe from a man who'd buy a half million assorted buttons?

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# Special For High School Students

## DUI Arrests, Accidents Increasing Among Teens

RALEIGH—It is a well-publicized fact that drinking among teenagers is increasing at an alarming rate. Less well-known, but of equal concern, is the fact that DUI arrests among teenagers are also increasing, as are automobile accidents, injuries and deaths.

The Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP), headed by Col. Edwin Guy, is making a special effort to inform young drivers of what they face as they try to mix drinking with driving.

"Whether or not a person drinks is an individual matter, but when the drinker gets behind the wheel of a car or truck it becomes a public concern," says Col. Guy.

Consider some grim statistics: In 1980 there were 30,000 automobile accidents in this state known or suspected to be alcohol-related. In these accidents, just over 1,000 were killed and another 25,000 were injured, many of them seriously and permanently.

Alcohol-related crashes account for about 60% of the young people (16-24) killed on our roads and highways. Adding to the tragedy is the fact that about one-half of those killed WERE NOT DRINKING, and one-third of those killed WERE NOT DRIVING.

Clearly, riding with a driver who has been drinking places the passenger in a high-risk situation; just being on the road near a drinking driver increases the risk of accident tremendously.

Young people drink more on the weekends and are involved in more weekend crashes according to the GHSP.

A better understanding of the youth/alcohol/driving problem can be had from a review of arrests for driving under the influence in North Carolina during 1980:

18 and below	4,775
19-25	29,130
26-35	22,556
36-45	12,485
46-55	8,085
56-65	3,925
Over 65	992
No age specified on records sent to Raleigh	919
	82,930

These figures admittedly reflect only a small percentage of drinking drivers on our roads.

The young use beer more than any other alcoholic drink, probably because it is easier to get and costs less; and probably, too, because of the mistaken belief that you won't get as bombed on beer as on booze. Beginning drinkers soon learn that beer intoxicates just as thoroughly as hard liquor. (There are many alcoholics who drink nothing but beer.)

Law enforcement officials, and judges, are only too familiar with the explanation, "But I only had two beers". Those who think beer is a harmless drink should consider how various alcoholic drinks affect the blood content of a person weighing 150 pounds:

--A 12 ounce serving of 4% beer will cause a BAC of .02%

--A 3 ounce serving of 12% wine will cause a BAC of .02%

--A 1 ounce serving of hard liquor, 45% alcohol, will cause a BAC of .02%

--Highballs and other mixed drinks give a BAC of .03% and .04%.

Clearly, a person who has two or three drinks of any kind within a one hour period is likely to suffer impairment to his mental and physical processes.

The American Medical Association says flatly that three drinks in an hour are too much for anyone who intends to drive soon after drinking; for some people, two drinks are too much.

The Alcohol Information Center, in Durham, reports that popular "remedies" for sobering up are of no value. "It takes about one hour for (the body) to oxidize one-third to one ounce of alcohol, and such actions as black coffee, cold showers, fresh air, and exercise have absolutely no effect on blood alcohol content."

In North Carolina, a person showing .05% - .09% BAC (blood alcohol content) in a Breathalyzer or other test is considered to be an impaired driver; one with a BAC of .10% is considered to be intoxicated. Both are definite dangers on the road.

(Many drinkers think they can "fool" the Breathalyzer by eating onions, or using mouthwash or another solution. They are wrong. The machine measures only the alcohol in the body's blood and the introduction of other odors through breathing have absolutely no effect on the machine.)

Under the state's implied consent law, a person "agrees" by accepting a North Carolina driver's license to submit to a Breathalyzer test when requested to do so by a police officer who has reasonable ground for

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## "Hallelujah On The Hill"

CHAPEL HILL—The annual "Hallelujah on the Hill," a dance for alumni graduating students and Commencement guests will be held Saturday, May 15, at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The dance will feature the Bill Bolen Band and will be held at Granville Towers.

The dance is sponsored by the UNC—CH General Alumni Association to bring together students and those persons coming to Chapel Hill for Commencement, including alumni in town for special reunion programs.

The dance will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$3 at the door. For more information, call (919) 933-1208.

## Ink Stains

For removing ink stains from garments, try the following recommendations of Harriet Tutterow, extension clothing specialist at North Carolina State University.

Some permanent ink cannot be removed. But first try running cold water through the stain until no more color is being removed. Rub in lemon juice and detergent. Let stand five minutes, then launder.

If stains persists, spread paste of baking soda and hydrogen peroxide on stain and hold over steam from tea kettle. If yellow stain remains, use oxalic acid.

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