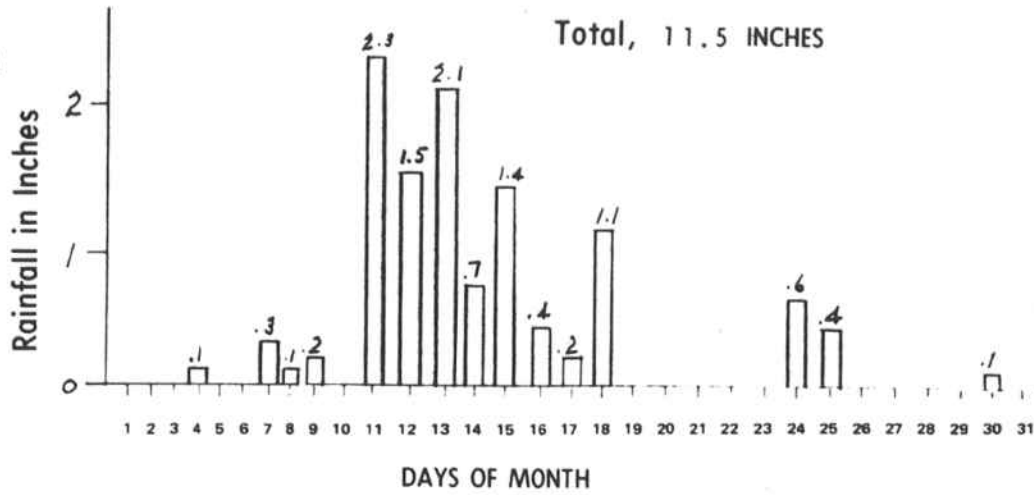


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WET-July was a wet month, as can readily be seen by the rainfall record.

Theatre In Library

By Peggy Howe

From a livery stable to an automobile dealership to a library and little theatre -- all in just 75 years.

This is the story of the sparkling new Anson County Library and

Theatre in Wadesboro, Co. the only known facility of its kind in the Southeast. And to the Anson County citizens the transformation is little short of miraculous.

The new library, occupying the upstairs portion of the building on South Greene Street, was finished and proudly dedicated in the spring of 1973. In addition to the spacious well - equipped reading room, the library boasts several meeting rooms which are used by community groups as many as "five nights out of seven," according to Henry Hall, county librarian.

The Little Theatre downstairs is in reality a "Little" theatre -- donors are Mr. and Mrs. Hal W. Little of Wadesboro, and the theatre is named in their honor.

Mrs. Caroline Hardison, library trustee for many years and presently chairman of the board, tells the story of how the theatre was born.

"We were all enjoying the new library, and had wondered what use we might make of the vast undeveloped area downstairs. Various suggestions were considered by the board -- and the idea (of a theatre) just grew from there. "Mrs. Little, who has always been interested in live theatre, learned of the project, Mrs. Hardison related, and offered the additional funds necessary to complete the playhouse.

"It grew like Topsy," she smiled, glancing fondly at the comfortable lobby.

Hampton Allen, also a longtime trustee, added that "someone heard of some theatre seats to be bought cheap." "Of course we had them refinished, repaired and rearranged," he explained.

And about a year from the original idea there was a production in the theatre, he said.

The very successful playhouse is a cooperative venture between the

Anson County Library and the Anson County Technical Institute.

The institute supplies the direction through an artist - in - residence program and the facilities are furnished by the Anson County Library, part of the library's program of cultural enrichment.

"Once you've been on stage -- the lure is here. I think that come next fall, they'll all be back -- there'll be repeaters backstage and on stage."

Then Beard ventured into a facet of the theatre project for which he's found no answer. At the end of June, his year was finished and another artist - in - residence will take his place at the beginning of the fall school term.

"Just when you get to know some of the community members, it's time to go," he observed sadly. "It might be better if there were some way to keep the director a little longer." He emphasized, too, that there's enough talent in the community for a fulltime community director -- a member of the community who would know the citizens better, and possibly get a wider participation. "They're just not coming forward," he said.

"However," he went on, "it is good for the theatre to have different directors and as time goes on, more and more people get to know about it, and will take a greater part. He noted that directors prefer not to use the same people on stage over and over again, but hope for a cross section of the community taking part.

Beard is enthusiastic about the spectators who have come to the performances. "The plays are well - attended -- people enjoy coming," he commented. He explained that the community is just awakening to the idea of live theatre.

"The primary objective is to entertain," he stressed. "Many have been to live theatre before, so we must make it accessible and entertaining. It's not pap, though," he hastened to add. "Each (play) has some validity as a work of art, on however small scale. This last play (Man With a Load of Mischief, June 5 - 6 - 7 - 8), was a lot of fun, but has a moral -- even a hero, which is rare these days.

"It's been a good year," the director declared, "but it's gone (by) so fast. The Little theatre is definitely a positive thing for this community."

Anson County with 24,000 population, and Wadesboro proper with a count of 4,000, are justly proud of their accomplishment. They point with pride to the fact that the property was paid for before the renovation of the building began, and the pledges far outpaced their original goal of \$320,000.

"This showed overwhelmingly that the community really wanted a good library," Mrs. Hardison said. State Librarian Phil Ogilvie adds, "The theatre is the unanticipated bonus for their generous response."

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Rockfish News

by Mrs. A.A. McInnis

No news from Tabernacle Church except attendance was very good Sunday a the morning and evening services.

Attendance was also very good at all the services at Pittman Grove Church last Sunday.

No news from Parker Church, except the usual services were held and attendance was very good.

Galatis Church had a layman, Sam Johnson, of Fayetteville to speak at the morning worship service Sunday.

Mrs. B.B. Bostic got home last Friday after going on the Pembroke State University Bicentennial tour of North Carolina, Virginia and to Washington, D.C. from the first to the eighth of August.

Fred Wood of Greenville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wood, who had back surgery and was unable to resume his duties in the Health Department for a long time has recently been permitted to do part time work now.

June Rogers took his mother, Mrs. Alma Bryant home last Sunday, after a visit with them.

Mrs. A.W. Wood's guests last Friday, were Mr. and Mrs. Laval Osteen of Dillon and their granddaughter, Lesslie Grey of Myrtle Beach.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Monroe and son, Bryan of McCain visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Monroe and his grandmother, Mrs. A.W. Wood.

Mrs. Alma Moseley who was a patient at Highsmith-Rainey Memorial Hospital for some time got home last Saturday and will be recuperating at her home for a while before going back to stay with Mrs. Wickline.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wood and son Todd spent last week touring around in the mountains of Western North Carolina. Among the interesting places they visited were Maggie Valley and Cherokee and ended up in Nashville, Tenn., where they attended the "Grand Ole Opry". They enjoyed it all very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Terry visited Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Forbis of Lumber Bridge Sunday.

Mrs. Terry's Sunday School class of Tabernacle Church met with her Monday night with 13 members of the class present.

Mr. and Mrs. M.S. Gibson and Joy and Ricky spent the weekend at Carolina Beach.

Mrs. M.B. Culbreth of Selma, visited Mrs. Ethel D. Gibson Sunday.

Mrs. Barbara Johnson of Tennessee and Mrs. Virginia Bounds of Red Springs were guest of Mrs. Ethel D. Gibson Monday a.m.

Mrs. Homer Terry, Mrs. Hunter Forbis and Mrs. Elbert Forbis visited their aunts, Mrs. Ola Korngay, Mrs. Ruth Martin, and Miss Flora McLaurin of Mount Olive Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. P.C. English returned home Sunday after going home with their daughter Ellen, Friday to Jacksonville, Fla., after she and her sons Ronald and Samuel had visited them for a week or two.

Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Bundy and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Beasley visited, Mrs. Bundy's brother - in - law and her sister Mr. and Mrs. Charles McDonald of Charlotte, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Denver King of Wallace have taken Mrs. MaryDorr of Fayetteville Florida, to spend a while with her sister, Mrs. Dorr was at one time a resident of Rockfish and she has many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Wood and son Randy spent two or three days with Mrs. Pauline Leuster of Ohio, the past week.

Mrs. Tracy Garner and her granddaughter of Carthage spent Saturday with her mother, Mrs. R.H. Gibson.

Mrs. W.A. Fowler spent the past weekend with her daughter Mrs. Oliver Powers of Rennett.

Mrs. Jessie Livingston of Arabia

and Mrs. Mary Skinner of Richmond, Va., visited Mrs. R.H. Gibson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Moore of Greensboro stopped by to say hello and goodbye to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tillman Monday a.m. as they were enroute to Charleston, S.C., where they will be making their home and teaching music as they are both music makers and teachers of music.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Johnson and son Charles spent the past week visiting interesting places in Florida including Disney World.

Mark Overton of Fayetteville is spending this week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Overton.

Roy Shockley got home last Monday after being a patient at Veterans Hospital, Durham for two weeks. He is doing fine since returning home.

Mrs. Herman Koonce visited Mrs. Furman Martin of Fayetteville the past week and found her improving since her recent illness.

On top of his own illness Roy Shockley has heard that his brother Hugh Shockley of Washington, D.C. has suffered a heart attack. The old saying is "Trouble never comes singly".

Mr. and Mrs. William Brock were guests of Mrs. Nelia Brock and Mr. and Mrs. June Rogers and sons Keith and Craig Sunday a.m. Keith Brock is spending this week with the Rogers boys.

Miss Nellie McFadyen is on vacation this week.

Mrs. John Garrison of Burlington spent last Thursday and Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. K.P. Ritter, Tom and Catherine who came with her stayed for a longer visit with their grandparents and Mark who had been here for some time went home with his mother.

F.C.H.
Mrs. Jesse Lee reports that everything is fine at the Rockfish Family Care Home. Mr. and Mrs. Lee, their daughter Carol Ann and Duncan Bunnell and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bunnell and children, Tammy and Bobby, Jo Ann Lanbon and Rooster went to Carowinds on Friday and came back Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell King and children Roda and Jesse, John,

visited relatives in Georgia last week. Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Fair of Greenville, S.C. spent the weekend with her mother Mrs. Lonnie Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Plummer of Puppy Creek and their granddaughter Mitzy of Lillington visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Plummer of Yadkinville Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lovette of Puppy Creek have as their guest since last Saturday, Mrs. Laura Egoroff of California, who will be with them for some time.

Mrs. Jim Maxwell returned home last Saturday after visiting with relatives in Charlotte for a few weeks.

Thomas McInnis and his mother and Mr. and Mrs. Dan McInnis and Mr. and Mrs. Smith McInnis and Mrs. Jim Maxwell attended the Samuel Thomas and Catherine Elizabeth Smith Family Reunion at Wagram last Sunday. Misses Carrie and Maggie Smith, Mrs. J.D. McInnis of Wagram, Mrs. A.A. McInnis or Rockfish, Mrs. C.B. Oliver of Fairmont, and Mrs. T.J. Russell of Rocky Mount were present.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. McInnis of Fayetteville also attended the Smith Reunion at Wagram last Sunday.

GRANGE
Wayside Grange met at the home of Mrs. Ethel D. Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. M.S. Gibson last Friday night. Attendance was small, because some of the members were busy with things that couldn't be put off. Others had no way to come or didn't hear about the meeting. But it was a very good meeting. The worthy master, Mrs. Marshall Newton was present and the lecturer Mrs. W.H. Schell, and the Sec. Treas., Mrs. Ethel Gibson were also present. Mrs. Schell gave a reading on "Robbers" which was very interesting. A lot of things were discussed and plans made for sending in resolutions to the National Grange, which meets in Greensboro this fall. The meeting was informal and opened with prayer and closed with ice cream, cake and coffee, as the final suggestions etc. were made.

COMMENT
We can't be truly happy while holding a grudge, so let's try to get at least one beam out of our own eyes everytime we are tempted to find fault with someone else.

Accent On Agriculture

The short - term outlook for the world food situation has improved significantly since the bleak picture painted at the World Food Conference in Rome last November, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Food aid shipments from the U.S. and other countries have improved the situation in the most severely affected countries. And there is optimism over prospects for sharply improved crops this year, barring bad weather in the major producing areas.

Although the world was not as bad off last November in regard to world food supplies as some people would have us believe, many basic problems facing the less developed nations have not disappeared during the past nine months. World population continues to grow; low productivity continues to plague the countries that need food the most.

The world can produce enough grain to provide largely cereal diets for the expected population in the less developed world -- if there are strong enough economic incentives for the farmers who produce the food. This holds true whether they farm with an ox or a \$30,000 4 - wheel - drive tractor. Some experts predict that per capita consumption in less developed countries will be 4 percent greater in 1985 than in 1970.

The long term solution to world food problems lies in increased

production within the countries which now depend on other nations for food.

There is also need for continued emergency food aid for needy nations. A number of ideas have been proposed, however, the one that seems the most acceptable to farmers involves the establishment of an international monetary fund. Such a fund would be supported by all nations of the world and the money would be used to buy what is needed at the best prices available in the world market.

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