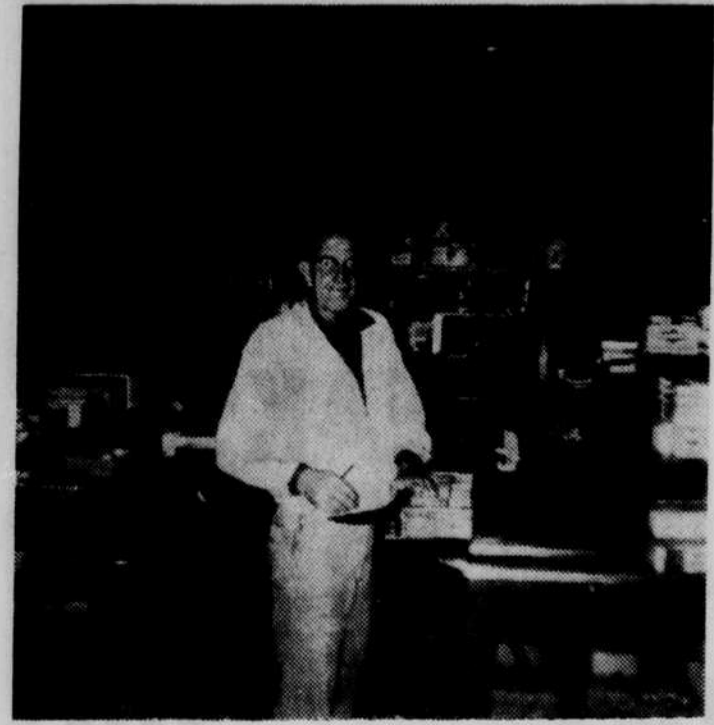


RIDGECREST STORE BEGINS 53rd YEAR UNDER PAUL HARRIS



Sometimes gathering information takes real digging to get the matron for a "personality" facts. This time, beginning story is easy, sometimes it with the background history

and working through many friends, we have come up with what the Reader's Digest would call "the most unforgettable character I've ever met." The meeting had been scheduled for many months ago with Paul Harris, of Ridgcrest, but he became ill and since that time, until this time we had not talked with Mr. Harris. Friends claimed he was modest about his good deeds and would more than likely not tell me much. His appearance at our office was another matter, but whatever the reason, we are most fortunate.

Today, October 1, marks the beginning of the 53rd year in business for the Ridgcrest Store, a general country-style grocery which opened its doors on October 1, 1912. The present site is the third for the establishment. The first one was in the Ridgcrest Assembly office building located south of the railroad near the station; the second place was in a brick building on old Highway 70. Both stores were torn down when the highway needed the land and it appears that for a third time, a new location may be needed for the same reason.

The store has, over the years, been a type of old country store so popular with children and adults, a place to meet friends and talk, one almost expects a checker-

board to remain in position awaiting the enthusiasts who while the hours away without too many words being said. It has been a "jot-'em-down" store, credit given with good grace and the obligation filled with equal grace. "We have been glad that we operated in this way," he said, "we have lost very little during these years and we feel glad that our trust has been justified."

Delivery service and accepting orders over the phone are two facets of the business that have remained constant. Mrs. R. W. Turner remembers that Mr. Harris delivered her first groceries after she was married; delivery was done then with a one-horse wagon. Mr. and Mrs. Harris can take care of the winter business; in the summer two young men are employed. David Hamby has been with Mr. Harris for five summers.

The store continues to be a meeting place for school children. Here from 25 to 30 boys and girls catch the bus in the mornings and are deposited there in the afternoons. Nearly three generations have used the store for a school bus stop. The Queen City bus uses its too.

Cottage keys are kept here and many a family, coming into Ridgcrest for the season arriving late at night with no groceries, is happy to find that they may buy necessary food to begin the next day.

The Assembly has grown from one which accommodated a few hundred during the summers into one in which thousands attended the summer conferences. The Harris family has seen several generations of children, parents and grandparents occupy the homes built back in the horse and buggy days.

The growth of the community, the size and location of the store, the many families who are year-round dwellers and those who are only summer residents, and the Harris children themselves are all bound together so closely that where one family ends and another begins is sometimes confusing to the youngsters. Mrs. Paul Turner had an incident to happen in their home to illustrate this point.

The Paul Turner children and those of Paul Harris, Jr. had played together for years and knew each other well, but the children of Norman Harris hadn't been around as long or as often so when they came to visit the grandparents the Turner children didn't quite understand the relationship until Mrs. Turner told them that Mr. Harris was their grandfather. Then the

North Fork News

Ranse Williams has been "under the weather" for the past two weeks, but is feeling better now.

The William N. Browns have been on the receiving end recently. In order to relieve Bill of cooking and washing dishes, Mrs. E. Berger and the DeVores have been entertaining them for Sunday dinners. Mrs. J. A. Cordell came to call with her daughters, Mrs. Gordon Lunsford and Mrs. Monroe Morris; which was a real honor, since Mrs. Cordell is 85 years young.

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year, Wayne Williams, gave a talk on his project, mink, to two classes at the Elementary School last week. There was no doubt in anyone's mind that Wayne knew his subject thoroughly, and made the raising of mink so interesting that everyone wanted to hear about it.

SHOWER GIVEN; GUEST OF HONOR 2,500 MILES AWAY

A stork shower was given for Mrs. Carrol Rector, Saturday night, September 19. Mrs. Rector is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ballard of Hawthorne Avenue in the Grovemont section of Swannanoa. Since her marriage, she has resided in Great Falls, Montana, with her husband, Airman 2nd Class, Charles

Mr. Rector is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rector of 126 Edwards Avenue in Swannanoa. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rector are expecting their first child early in October.

Guests were Mrs. R. L. Ballard, Mrs. Joe Rector, Mrs. Jasper Ensley, Mrs. G. C. Babb, Mrs. Edith Ballard, and Mrs. Bruce Ray.

Other close relatives and friends sent gifts, all of which are being shipped to the couple.

The shower was given by Mrs. Gloria Ballard and Mrs. Peggy Ballard, sisters-in-law of the mother-to-be.

Mrs. John McMillan

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By Mrs. Hayes Conner

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woods of Ellensburg, Wash., were guests last week of Mrs. G. H. Leuschke of Grovemont. Mrs. Wood is a sister of Mrs. Leuschke.

Mrs. Nellie Wilkins recently returned from Montgomery, Ala., where she visited her daughter and family for several days. She also visited many of her friends there.

Group Goes to Mt. Mitchell

The Baptist Training Union went to Mt. Mitchell and Crab Tree Falls Saturday afternoon where they enjoyed a picnic.

Those going were Terry Ramsey, Anita McKinney, Patricia Robertson, Clara Smith, Nancy Burnett, Phil Jones, Linda Jones, Nancy Jo Martin, Mike Buchanan, Mike Nelson, Shelley Connor, Joe McPherson and Linda Campfield.

Mrs. Frances McKinney, Miss Carolyn Wood and Joe Rector accompanied the group.

Crusade Begins Sunday:

A series of evangelistic services will begin Sunday, Oct. 4 and go through Sunday, Oct. 11 at the Swannanoa Presbyterian church. Services will be held daily at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Guest minister will be Rev. William E. Hill of Hopewell, Va. Rev. Hill has been a successful pastor for 24 years at the Hopewell Presbyterian Church during which time he built a large church and a Christian grammar school and high school. For the past six years he has given his entire time to evangelism.

This is the first series of evangelistic services this church has had for a number of years and it is hoped that many friends in the community will attend.

Dave Pelletier, announcer of WFGW, will be directing the music and rendering solos during the week. There will also be other special music by the choir. On Saturday night the Ben Lippen Choir will sing.

Church School Rally Day

Sunday, Sept. 27 was Church School Rally at the Methodist Church. The young people led in the service. Jimmy Coman was presiding layman; Tommy Gibbs spoke on "The MYF Beyond the Local Church"; Brenda Setzer told of Youth Activity Week held at the Black Mountain Church; Susan Gwaltney spoke on the Junaluska Retreat held this summer; and Carol Slaughter, who had visited the United Nations Seminar, told of her trip. Rev. Douglas R. Beard concluded the service with his sermon "Bring Your Child Up in the Discipline and Instruction of the Lord". Malona Robertson, accompanied by Shelley Connor, sang a solo, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought."

During the Sunday School hour the classes met in the Sanctuary where each class participated in the program. W. J. Wright, Sunday School superintendent, gave out promotion certificates.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Eaton and children of Berkley, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Kelley and son of Glen Burnie, Md., have returned home after visiting Mrs. Irene Davis and family of Swannanoa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Plemmons and sons and Don Plemmons have returned to Chicago, Ill., after a week's visit with their mother, Mrs. Irene Davis and family of 321 Fountain Way.

Look Who's Here!

A daughter was born Sept. 24, in Memorial Mission Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin G. Nesbitt of Swannanoa.

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