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Several ABC store Managers have retired recently and those, along with other Managers with long service careers, are included in this newsletter as well as new ABC store photos. Our best wishes to those who are retiring and congratulations on a job well done!

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**Raleigh, NC - May 27, 1908** - North Carolina was carried for state prohibition yesterday by a majority that is estimated at from 40,000 to 42,000.

The prohibition ticket has carried 78 out of 98 counties by majorities. The anti-prohibition ticket has carried 20 counties by majorities approximating 5,600.

The election passed off very quietly, no disturbance of any moment being reported. The total vote cast in the state was about 175,000. Every large town in the state except Wilmington & Durham went prohibition.

Under the regulations of the prohibition bill submitted to the people there will be no manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors in the state after January 1, 1909.

May 27, 1908  
The Star [Raleigh]

**Betty Jean Clement Green  
In Memoriam**



Betty C. Green of Raleigh, NC, passed on the morning of October 14, 2008 at the age of 74. She died of complications from cancer treatment.

She is the beloved mother of James, Beth, and Donna who have survived her. She also is survived by her beloved sisters who she held dear to their heart, Peggy Bake of Fuquay, Edith Harrell of Fuquay and Ann Tuplin of Raleigh; two grandchildren, Jacob and Christopher.

Betty retired from LB&B Associates after 40 years of service at the NC ABC Warehouse from 1966 till 2006.

### **High Point ABC – New Store**



**Cary Sealey  
Fairmont ABC  
Robeson County  
38 Years**



Cary remembers the day, before Lumberton opened their ABC store in 1986, when the Fairmont ABC store had three cash registers open and a stocking

clerk working at all times. Business was brisk but it soon dropped by a million dollars a year. The ABC store is in its original location and has experienced renovations over the years keeping it up-to-date in appearance and technology.

He began his ABC career with Fairmont ABC store in November, 1970. Nearby Chadbourn ABC assisted with training the new employees for two weeks, and assisted in setting up the new store in Fairmont. Billy Stubbs was the store Manager and after retiring in 1986, Cary became the Manager.

Cary remains Manager on a part-time basis and will celebrate 38 years of service in November, 2008.

Fairmont ABC opened in 1970. Annual sales are approximately \$460,000.

Fairmont was originally founded on the site of the Ashpole Institute, a small private academy, and was chartered in 1899 as Ashpole, then Union City and lastly as Fairmont.

**David Turbyfill  
Black Mountain ABC  
Buncombe County  
34 Years**

David's first job was at the A & P supermarket while in high school. From there he worked with Beacon Blanket Company, Kerfott Machine Shop, and Briscoe Machine shop.

The first ABC store opened in Black Mountain in the downtown area in 1971 and was an over-the-counter store. In 1974, David learned of a job opening at the store from a friend employed there and, after applying, was hired as a clerk

by Manager Lawrence Wheelon. In 1984 the store moved to its present location as a self-service store and David became Manager.



David's plans are to work another year before retiring and continue working at the store on a part-time basis.

Black Mountain ABC opened in 1971. Annual sales are approximately \$1.4 million.

Black Mountain is Headquarters to the Ingles Grocery store chain.

**Peggy Queen**  
**Sylva ABC**  
**Jackson County**  
**11 Years, 5 Months – Semi-Retired**



Peggy's first job, after school and Saturdays at age 14, was at Bower's Department Store in Sylva. Her wages were 50 cents an hour. Her duties were gift wrapping, merchandise sales, dressing store windows, ordering and receiving inventories, and cleaning toilets.

Peggy spent 20 years in Oregon and was with her family and raising her two daughters. In the last seven years, she worked on a part-time basis with a local CPA firm.

After moving back to Sylva in 1984, she began working at Western Carolina University and was supervisor in their payroll department.

In January, 1997, Peggy answered a newspaper ad for a position at the ABC store and was hired as Administrative Assistant. She became Manager in 1998 and retired effective July 31, 2008. She is remaining on a part-time basis for one year.

Sylva ABC opened in 1967. Annual sales are approximately \$2.7 million.

Several movies have been filmed in Sylva: *The Fugitive* (at Harris Regional Hospital) and the train wreck scene two miles west of Sylva, in the town of Dillsboro; also the 1972 movie *Deliverance*.

***For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, sales in the 402 ABC stores in North Carolina exceeded \$692 million.***

***Profits distributed to Law enforcement were \$7.2 million and to Alcohol Education \$8.5 million with cities and counties receiving \$42 million.***

**Wayne Ashburn**  
**Hoke County ABC**  
**40 Years - Retired**

Wayne once experienced an attempted robbery. The Sheriff was called and he accompanied them in pursuit of the thief who was apprehended a few miles out of town and the funds were recovered. Once the job was done, Wayne noticed his own finger imprints in the dash board of the Sheriff's car.

Wayne started his working career at a local hardware store in Raeford and after 18 months, started working with the Soil Conservation Service and remained there for several months. After spending time in the service and back home, he received a phone call from the Chairman of the ABC board about the Manager's position vacancy and was hired for the job in January, 1969. He received one day of training from the former manager and was on his own.



Wayne retired in 2000 and has remained with the ABC store on a full time basis until his second retirement.

Hoke County ABC opened in 1962. Annual sales are approximately \$715,000.

Hoke County is Headquarters for the House of Raeford poultry products founded in 1958 with estimated yearly sales of \$721 million.

**David Jones**  
**Moore County ABC**  
**30 Years - Retired**



David has many plans for his retirement and one of these is to open a bar and grill in Southern Pines. Other plans include renovating an antique car and remodeling his home. He also plans to get in some fishing and golf along the way.

He began his career with the ABC board in December, 1979 as a clerk at the Southern Pines store. In 1984, he was promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Manager to and Assistant Manager in 1984. He became Warehouse Manager in 1986 when Moore County passed liquor by the drink. He became Manager of the ABC system in 1995.

David's first job, while in high school, was with a bakery earning \$1.00 an hour. He reported to work at 4:00am each morning and after school, went back to the bakery to finish his shift. He bought a 1957 Chevrolet with his earnings. He later worked with Proctor

Silex for five years and the City of Durham for four to five years.

David has seen many changes while at the Moore County ABC Board. He remembers when computers came along taking away the responsibility of the inventory S-101 forms. He also recalls when liquor code numbers changed from three to five digits and has seen many employees come and go.

Moore County ABC opened in 1935. Annual sales are approximately \$7.9 million.

Moore County has many golf resorts in the Southern Pines/Pinehurst area, and has played host to the 1996 and 2001 Women's U.S. Opens as well as the 1999 and 2005 Men's U.S. Opens..

### **Billy Benson 23 Years - Retired**

Billy graduated from East Carolina and for 15 years was PE teacher and coach at Plymouth High School in Washington County. In 1985, he decided to make a career change.

A friend had told him that Eddie Gauss, who owned a liquor brokerage business in Wilson, was looking for some help, and he looked into it and was given a job. At the time, Gauss represented some of the Seagram and Fleischman brands as well as a few others. Gene Thornton represented the remaining Seagram brands.

Billy was laid off by Gauss after Seagram moved all their brands to Gene Thornton and Gene then hired Billy to be a part of his sales team. This partnership lasted for many years.



Billy was honored by several ABC boards at a luncheon in his honor after his retirement and this will always be an important event to him.

Billy is very appreciative to all the ABC boards that helped him make a living during his 23 years of service.

### **Pitt County ABC – New Store**



**Sunset Beach ABC – *New Store***



**Camden County ABC – *Renovation***



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