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Our E.A. Reports ...

Settling In and Getting Going

It is exciting to be part of this organization as well as to be working with people who have a sincere interest in preserving our history and securing our heritage.

I want to express sincere thanks to David Wilder for a smooth transition into my new role. David, Jim Mullen and Scott Chase have all been very helpful in answering any questions I have had, as well as sharing experiences with me to save time and confusion. I look forward to working with them more in the future.

I have two volunteers at this time, and am looking for volunteers for a couple of hours on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Our ability to open the Museum on Saturdays will depend on volunteers being available. If you are interested in meeting the public and helping with museum

tasks, please contact me at 734-5023 between 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

At this time, I am extremely fortunate to have Carol Battle-Coley, a retired Wayne County Schools principal, working with me on Tuesdays. Carol was born and raised in Wayne County and has much to offer our visitors when they stop in. Stephen Elliott previously volunteered here and has been working with me on Wednesdays when he can. He is excellent with children and is also very knowledgeable about Wayne County and especially war history. Both of these people are bright, friendly, and love meeting the public. Both will be instrumental in helping me implement whatever tasks our Museum Committee has planned for us.

—Betty Duncan, Executive Administrator

Membership Drive Underway; Dinner Set

Check your mail for a letter of Invitation to Membership for the year 2002 from membership co-chairs Charles B and Betty B. Ellis. This letter will go out to all current members and many other prospective or former members. They are hoping to find many more friends of Wayne County History.

An invitation to a special Membership Dinner will accompany the letter.

Membership Dinner

The Membership Dinner will be held at Goldsboro Country Club on October 18. Cocktails will be available from 6:15 to 7 p.m. Dinner will begin at 7 p.m. At 8 p.m. we will be entertained by our keynote speaker, Dr. Jerry Cashion. Our president will also take this opportunity to share WCHA's future plans and progress with the attendees.

The cost for the dinner will be \$22.00 per person. The menu will include chicken piccata, wild rice, salad, vegetables, bread, beverages and cheesecake. There also is a vegetarian option.

About Dr. Cashion

Dr. Jerry C. Cashion is a native of Statesville, Iredell County, North Carolina. He received his undergraduate and graduate training at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His graduate work was under the direction of professors Hugh T. Lefler and William S. Powell.

For six years he taught courses in United States and North Carolina history at Chapel Hill, and in 1974 Dr. Cashion received the award for the outstanding teaching of undergraduates at UNC.

He has served on numerous boards and committees, including the advisory

editorial board of America's 400th Anniversary Committee, the State Historical Records Advisory Committee, the permanent convention staff of the Southern Historical Association, and he chaired the planning committee for the Third Annual National Conference on Public History.

Dr. Cashion served as treasurer, secretary, vice president, and president of the Historical Society of North Carolina. He is a member of the Carolina Charter Corporation, the support group for the publication of the second series of *The Colonial Records of North Carolina*; the North Caroliniana Society; a four-term member of the executive board of the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association and is currently president-elect of the association.

He received the 1999

Christopher Crittenden Award for significant achievements in the preservation of North Carolina history.

Cashion was acting secretary of the North Carolina Highway Historical Marker Advisory Committee and research supervisor for the Division of Archives and History, North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, 1974-2000.

He retired as adjunct assistant professor of history at North Carolina State University, where he offered courses in North Carolina history.

In May of this year, Gov. Michael Easley appointed Dr. Cashion to serve as chairman of the North Carolina Historical Commission, which is charged with oversight of the North Carolina Division of Archives and History and the North Carolina Museum of History.

Gov. Charles B. Aycock Birthplace State Historic Site Fall and Christmas Celebrations Upon Us

On October 20, 1-6 p.m., Aycock Birthplace will present "A Time to Gather: Celebration of the 19th Harvest." The afternoon's activities will feature storytelling, corn shucking, cotton picking, spinning, and broom making. Visitors can enjoy wagon rides, toys and games, and music. Chicken and pastry will be served from a cast iron pot to visitors for a small fee. Come join the fun!

December 4 and 6, 6:30-9 p.m., celebrate in a nineteenth century tradition during the site's annual Christmas Candlelight Tours. Costumed interpreters will share Christmas traditions in the historic home and children can participate in the shadow play held in the one-room school-house.

The Primitive Baptist Singers will perform Christmas carols and hymns acapella.

Volunteers were honored on September 18 during the site's fourth annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner. Volunteers received Aycock Birthplace Christmas ornaments and a certificate. Roy Boyette, Interpretations Chief for North Carolina Historic Sites, was the guest speaker. The dinner is sponsored by the site's support group, the Gov. Charles B. Aycock Birthplace Advisory Committee.

Our sales desk has acquired a new look with new items. Rag dolls, pottery, tinware and farm animal baskets are just a few of the new additions. Come check it out for unique Christmas gifts.

—Charlotte Brow, Site Director

Old Waynesborough Commission Cross-Country Track Meet To Use Trails

The Commission is presently in its annual membership drive. Please send your donations in by the end of the month. They will be used for the restoration of the 1798 Best farmhouse that is now on the site. This will also be the start of our living farm.

Construction of the Don Hatch Memorial Waynesborough Museum is well underway as a group of volunteers are working every Friday morning with the necessary reconstruction to the old ranger quarters. It is hoped that this facility, portraying Wayne County from 1702-1865, will be open by the May Festival.

The Native American Educational Society from Wayne Community College has taken on the task of the Indian Village. The Tuscarora tribe had to drop out because of other happenings.

The October BBQ festival was cancelled because of a

conflict with the Downtown Goldsboro Development Corporation. We did not want to compete for participants and probably dilute the success of both.

October 18 will feature the first Old Waynesborough Invitational Cross-Country Track Meet. All of the local high schools will compete using the trails in the park. The Neuse Trails Association, a committee of the Commission, built those original trails. The NTA is presently finishing the Goldsboro Greenway and will then start a Civil War Trail to the Goldsboro Battlefield and follow General Foster's route to Seven Springs.

October 20 will feature children's day at the Bethany Meeting House. Christmas in the Village will be held December 2.

—Ed Kelly, President

Wants and Needs

WCHA has several "personnel openings".

The Museum and Town Hall buildings are in need of a "building and grounds supervisor". This person would stop in once or twice per month and replace

burned out lights, change heating and air-conditioning filters, check the basement for leaks or water seepage, check for roof leaks, organize work days, etc. We would like this to be done both at the Museum and at the Town Hall building.

We also need to ask some folks to step forward to be

- ◆ the volunteer leader/coordinator,
- ◆ an artist to work on signs, calendar designs, marketing adds, etc.,
- ◆ storytellers for children's hour, and
- ◆ volunteers for Saturdays.

Please let Dennis Bell or Betty Duncan know if you would enjoy taking on any of these responsibilities.

Materials needed by the Museum:

- ◆ small, working microwave oven, and
- ◆ 20 lb. paper for printer.

Proposal Sets Museum's Direction

The WCHA executive board endorsed the following proposal, presented by Preston Garris and Dennis Bell following the recommendation of the Museum committee. This "Proposal for Wayne County Museum Renovation and Functionality" will be presented as a recommendation at the October 9 Board of Directors meeting.

Proposal

The Wayne County Historical Museum would serve two major purposes within the County. It would house displays in support of our past and our heritage. It would also be available as a rental site for functions and events utilizing both floors for meeting areas, allowing us the opportunity to generate revenue in support of maintaining the building and our displays.

How would this work?

The elevator project that has already been approved will be completed.

The interior of the building would be painted, decorated, and "dressed up" to house meetings and events. This would include the addition of new draperies and chandeliers where appropriate, bathroom updates, some fine furnishings would be added, and some minor kitchen updates completed. Exterior landscaping will need improvement also.

Both the upstairs ballroom and the main rooms of the first floor will be available for rent. We would create a serving area in the current conference/storage room on the first floor to accommodate wedding receptions and/or parties wishing to serve food. We would not require major kitchen surgery as we could partner with specific caterers thus retaining the charm of our kitchen area.

To preserve our past, display cases would be created to go around the perimeter of both of the rental rooms. These cases would house artifacts specific to **Wayne County History** such as railroads, agriculture and industry, education, religion, development of cities, architectural highlights, World War II and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. The Civil War room would be retained as a separate room and the displays would be enhanced substantially.

On the first floor, we would create displays on famous **people** within Wayne County, while the second floor would house topical displays. Display committees for each topic would be created so that the displays are accurate, authentic, interesting, and complete.

How much would this cost, and how can we afford it?

While we can only "guesstimate" at this moment, the committee believes that this plan would be much more affordable than our other previous plans, and believe that it could be implemented with our current funds and some minimal fund raising. As opposed to trying to raise a few hundred thousand dollars, we believe that raising an additional \$50K would complete the task with style.

This plan accomplishes some important things:

- Revenue generation for further creating and sustaining the building and displays,
- Enhanced and meaningful displays would retain our "museum" atmosphere and attract visitors more often,
- As our revenue grows, more display cases would be created still allowing for us to have revolving case displays,
- Open space on the first and second floor would also accommodate periodic special displays that we might wish to have,
- Our displays would not conflict with Waynesborough Park, or CB Aycock, but would instead support and enhance interest in them as well.

Cost estimate:

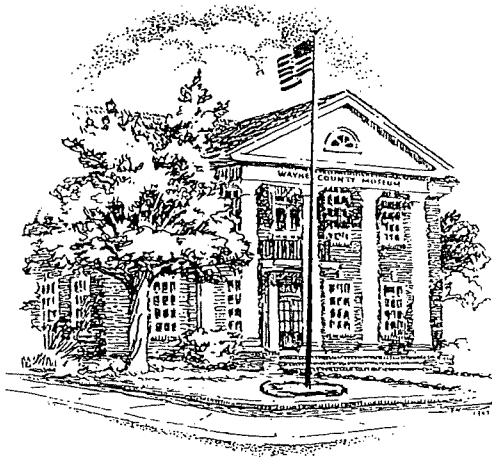
<i>Elevator addition</i>	<i>\$80K (largely funded already)</i>
<i>Painting and repair of interior of building</i>	<i>\$10K</i>
<i>Draperies</i>	<i>\$15K</i>
<i>Sound System (?)</i>	<i>\$8K</i>
<i>Building of display cases</i>	<i>????</i>
<i>Lighting upgrades</i>	<i>\$5K</i>
<i>Furnishings for first floor</i>	<i>\$15K</i>

Total estimated for project would be approximately \$60-75K excluding the elevator. As funding of \$75K has already been secured for the elevator, it may impact us by some small amount, but nothing significant.

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Cultural History of Central Eastern North Carolina

September 25, 2001

Dear Friends of History:

This letter is an invitation to membership in the Wayne County Historical Association (WCHA). Come join us in the many exciting events happening toward the preservation of our local history. We have reorganized the Association to give greater emphasis to The Museum where we have already raised the funds and obtained architectural drawings for an elevator. Our plan is for the elevator to be operational by the end of the calendar year. A ramp has been installed for the handicapped; funds and plans are in place for handicapped bathroom facilities; new display cases are being designed and ordered, some of which will be located in the second floor perimeter. Many other innovative plans are being considered as well.

The Historic Town Meeting Hall (Presbyterian Church-1855) has been refurbished and is now leased. Several other properties under the Revolving Fund have been stabilized and are now available for purchase.

Come join us and assist in the implementation of these many exciting activities. With recent events having renewed our national patriotic heritage, we have much heritage to remember and celebrate here in Wayne County.

We suggest you might also continue to support the Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society, and the Waynesborough Commission, components of the WCHA, but with separate membership drives for their specialized interests.

We look forward to your membership and preservation of the history of Central Eastern North Carolina with us in the Wayne County Historical Association.

Sincerely,
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Co-Chair Membership Committee

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