

Editorial

BY DENNIS BELL

Our first meeting, June 1, 1999, was a very good one. We touched on all events that were happening and are to happen in the near future.

Emily Weil was presented a watercolor for her home in Beaufort and thanked for the wonderful job she has done for the last four years. We hope she will continue to help us grow. "Thanks Emily."

I asked for suggestions on the Town Meeting Hall (TMH) and the feasibility of the Lighthouse Crisis Group using it for their clothing store. After discussing the proposal for the Lighthouse with the Executive Board and numerous members of the Wayne County Historical Association (WCHA), it was decided that other types of buildings would serve the needs of the Lighthouse more efficiently.

We have rented the Town Meeting Hall for two weddings this fall and would

like to do more. The building is well suited for meetings, lectures, recitals, weddings, etc... If you are interested in using this building or know of anyone who is, please call David Wilder at (919) 739-9989 to book the hall.

All of the component groups have been busy this summer, especially Old Waynesborough Village. A lot has been happening there and if you haven't been out lately you will have some pleasant surprises.

Read this newsletter carefully and catch up on all that is going on with our groups.

Wayne County is so fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers.

The next meeting of the WCHA will be September 13th at 5:15 p.m. in the Weil Auditorium located in the Wayne County Public Library, 1001 E. Ash St., Goldsboro, NC

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

- 9 4:00 p.m. Old Waynesborough Commission Committee Meeting
- 13 5:15 p.m. WCHA Board Meeting, Weil Auditorium at the Wayne County Public Library
- 14 2:30 p.m. Business After Hours Brainstorming Session, Waynesborough Center
- 16 7:00 p.m. Revolving Fund at the Town Meeting Hall

OCTOBER

- 2 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Bus Tour of Northern Wayne County-departing at the Waynesborough Visitors Center
- 11 5:15 p.m. WCHA Board Meeting*
- 23 11:30 a.m. Old Dobbs Genealogical Society Quarterly Meeting, Western Sizzling on Ash and Berkeley Blvd.
- 30 All day-SJAFB Community Appreciation Day

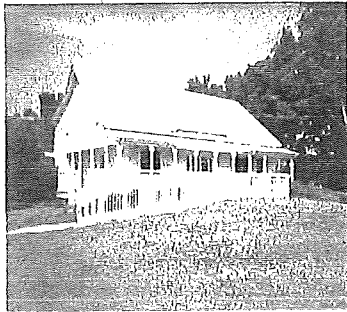
**Meeting location to be announced later*

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Reflections



WCHA Board Meeting

Minutes of June 1, 1999 WCHA Board Meeting - 5:00 p.m. in the Weil Auditorium of the Wayne County Public Library.

This is the first Board Meeting for the new officers installed on May 13th at the Annual Dinner at the Goldsboro Country Club. The new officers are: Dennis Bell, President; Bobby Parker, 1st Vice-President; Laura Shiver, 2nd Vice-President; Cheryl Alleman, Treasurer; and Eleanor Best, Secretary.

Dennis Bell welcomed everyone, we had 27 members in attendance.

We approved the article in the News-Argus by Jim Meachem about our Annual Dinner Meeting for the minutes of our last meeting. Seventy-seven were in attendance. The financial report was given at the Annual Meeting by John Daniel and was approved after David Wilder stated we had \$93,000.00 in books to sell to be added as assets.

COMPONENT REPORTS:

Old Waynesborough Commission - Ed Kelly, Chairman stated the Visitors Center at the Park and 12 acres will be given to the City of Goldsboro and they will give it to the Old Waynesborough Commission. This is to be done on June 16, 1999. The Commission plans to open the Information Center and the Village seven days a week. They need volunteers.

Old Dobbs Genealogical Society - Charles Ellis stated they have elected new officers for the coming year. Tom Brown is our president. The next meeting will be at the Western Sizzling on July 24th at 11:30 a.m.

Revolving Fund - House on 113 S. Virginia St., Goldsboro, NC is sold. They are planning a church and home tour on December 5, 1999.

Town Meeting Hall - Dennis Bell presented the proposal from the Lighthouse of Wayne County Cris Group. The proposal looks good, but does anyone have any other suggestions for its use?

OLD BUSINESS:

Membership Report - 214 paid members. Irma Wiggins has resigned. It was suggested that we change the way we ask for dues. We need to be more clear as to multiple memberships. All components should be in the first letter and a follow-up letter should be sent acknowledging the receiving of dues, gifts and donations.

David Wilder stated there will be a Northern Wayne Bus Tour in October and Southern Wayne Tour at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dennis will appoint a committee to look into consolidating insurance coverage.

Emily Weil and Charles Ellis are planning books to be published on *Plantations in Wayne County*, *Murder Mysteries in Wayne County* and *Black History in Wayne County*.

Think about dates and times of board meetings, may need to change (The next WCHA Board Meeting will be on September 13).

Emily Weil presented a watercolor of her house in Beauford.

No WCHA Board Meeting in July or August.

Revolving Fund makes a difference

The Revolving Fund was formed for the purpose of saving endangered historic dwellings within the Goldsboro Historic District. We feel that preservation of these wonderful older homes showcase fine examples of the architecture used during the late 1800's and early 1900's and are valuable. You may have read about the resurgence of "neighborhoods" in cities across the country, which is a clear indication that people desire a return to "simpler times." Our original funding was in the form of grants, from two NC Foundations. Revenue from that point has been generated from the sale of homes, donations, and fundraising events.

Since its beginning, the Revolving Fund has taken possession of 13 run-downed multi-room dwellings and converted them to single family homes proudly owned by Goldsboro residents. Our most recent accomplishment is the Cogdell-Bizzell home, located at 113 South Virginia St. This home listed for less than \$30,000 prior to the Revolving Fund acquiring it. Now it appraises for well over \$95,000, all due

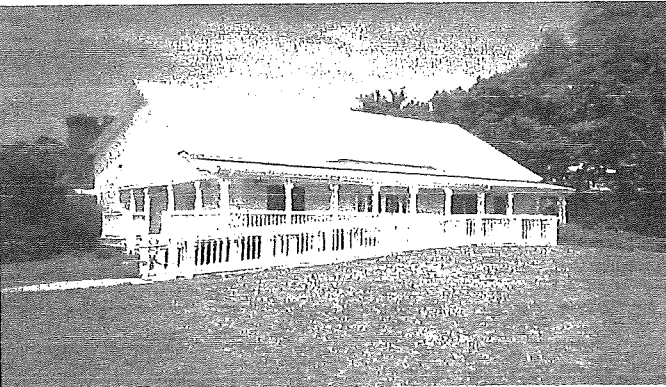
to the hard work and dedication of our membership. Our membership currently consists of a small, but diverse group of people who live both in and outside of the historic district. All have a common interest in historic preservation and all use their separate talents for our common goal.

The restoration of these historic neighborhoods is an asset to downtown commerce, the tourist industry and crime prevention. All of these benefits come at a price, we are requesting your assistance in continuing this great work. Your tax deductible donations to the Wayne County Historic Association Revolving Fund will assure the continued resurgence of the historic district, while providing quality homes to their former beauty and grandeur. We proudly plant our feet in the past while looking toward the future.

Don't forget the Revolving Fund Meeting at the Town Meeting Hall on September 16th at 7 p.m. HELP US, HELP YOU, HELP GOLDSBORO!

Waynesborough Society

The Old Waynesborough Commission, the governing board of the Society, started their dual mission on July 1, 1999 with the opening of the Visitors Center and the Historic Village next to Waynesborough State Park. The Visitors Center for Wayne County is being staffed by three part-time employees paid for by funds received from both the county and city of Goldsboro. There is a critical need for volunteers to assist the greeters in the Center and tours for visitors in the Historic Village. If you can volunteer for three hours once per month, please call the center at (919) 739-9989. The hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact with the Wayne County Historical Association can also be made



The Wayne County Historical Association is located in the Waynesborough Visitors Center at 801B US 117 South, Goldsboro, NC

through these numbers. David Wilder and the office of the WCHA is located in the Center.

The Old Waynesborough Society's major mission will continue to be the building of the historic area. Goals for the remainder of 1999 are to start a Tuscarora Indian Village; move and restore the Hatch House, the Grange Museum and the Robert's School; and to construct a blacksmith shop. This can only proceed with memberships from individuals

and businesses. The Commission is soliciting. If you would like to become a member of this dynamic organization, send \$25.00 or more to 801B US 117 South, Goldsboro, NC 27530.

C.B. Aycock Birthplace

The 40th Anniversary of the C.B. Aycock Birthplace as a historic site will be celebrated on Saturday, November 6, 1999. The event will feature music, living history, demonstrations, and a program on the site's history. The public is invited from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Another highlight of the program will be an Aycock Family Reunion. Any Aycock descendants are encouraged to call the site for more information at (919) 242-5581.

Wayne County Museum

The World War II exhibit will open October 9, 1999 and will run through the end of the year.

Mount Olive Area Historical Society

The Annual Dinner Program was held at the Brokerage Restaurant on May 7th. Professor William Powell spoke on his upcoming *Encyclopedia of North Carolina*. Dr. A. J. Bullard and son Brian have contributed six articles to the book.

On May 27th the Mount Olive Historic District was officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

On August 2nd, the Mount Olive Commissioners granted permission to the Society to use the Old Steele Memorial

Library as an Historical Museum.

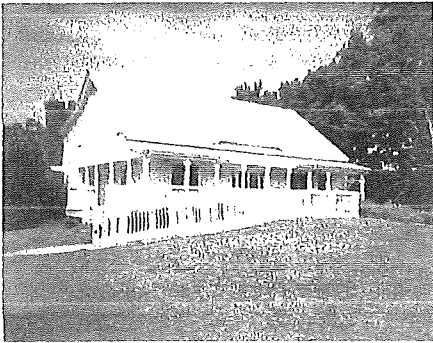
June was the first newsletter of the Mount Olive Historical Society was published with Gena Knode as editor.

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NOVEMBER

- 8 5:15 p.m. WCHA Board Meeting*
- 18 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Business After Hours at the Waynesborough Visitor Information Center
- 20 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Bus Tour, Southern Wayne County, departs from Visitor's Center at Waynesborough Village.

DECEMBER

- 5 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. - Waynesborough Christmas Festival at Waynesborough
- 5 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Revolving Fund Church Tour Downtown Goldsboro**
- 13 5:15 p.m. WCHA Board Meeting*

* Meeting location to be announced later.

** Details later

BOOKS FOR SALE

Remember we have books for sale. The sale of books is the primary source of income for WCHA. Encourage your friends to give books for all occasions. These books are available at Weil Enterprises, 106 E. Walnut St., the Wayne County Library and at the Waynesborough Visitors Information Center.



Architecture of Goldsboro is \$10

Wayne County Heritage is \$40

Postcards of Old Wayne is \$12

Glimpses of Wayne is \$35