

Wayne County HISTORICAL Association Newsletter

January 15, 1990



President's Message

Greetings to You for All Seasons

Now that the celebrations of Christmas, Chanukah, and Kwanzaa are behind us, we are looking forward to another great year. But before we begin 1990, I want us as an historical association to look at what 1989 meant to us.

The first six months were under the able leadership of Corrine Britt who guided in the right direction to such an extent that the Wayne County Historical Association received two prestigious awards: The Malcolm Fowler Society Special Achievement Award given by the N.C. Society of Historians, and the Albert Ray Newsome Award given by The Federation of N.C. Historical Societies. It was Ethel Twiford and Corrine who researched, wrote, and submitted these nominations.

The Association was also pleased to hear that some of our members received recognition for individual accomplishments. The

N.C. Society of Historians presented Thomas Powell its Award for Historical Fiction for his book The Cliffs and the late Charles S. Norwood, Sr. was recognized with the Award for Religious History for his History of the First Baptist Church. Local preservationist D.J. Rose received the coveted Gertrude S. Carraway Award for Historic Preservation. Although not winners, we are proud of the efforts in historical preservation contributed by several members but most especially Andrew and Mary Johnstone who were nominated for The Carraway Award by The Historical Association.

We also recognize and feel a great loss in the death of Charles S. Norwood, Sr. However, his love of people, past and present, and his legacy in material things will have a lasting impact on the citizens of Wayne County.

We need also to remember the

many years of outstanding service Jim Zealy gave to The Association Board of Directors. His busy schedule would not allow him to continue on the Board. We are pleased, however, that he was able to temporarily rearrange things so that he could take on the position of Action Chairman of the Museum Board of Trustees.

Mary Johnstone's resignation from the chairmanship "for personal reasons" came as a shock to us all. I accepted her resignation with deep regret. Her involvement in the formation of the Museum will always be fondly remembered. We are actively seeking a new chairman who will be "elected by and from the Trustees."

Compilation of the Architecture Inventory of Wayne County, begun by Charles Norwood, Sr. has been put on hold and plans are

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Old Wayne National Bank Building Sold

The sale of the 10-story historic old bank building in downtown Goldsboro to preservationist D.J. Rose was announced in ceremonies December 28. Grimsley Hobbs, president of The Downtown Goldsboro Development Corporation, said his organization "has always considered the (Wachovia) building to be a key to any successful downtown effort." The restoration of this local landmark will be a hub of other businesses and the increase of our downtown tax base. Rose said it is important to him to contribute to the success of Goldsboro - "for

my family and yours."

It is proposed that an incubator concept be considered which would provide small businesses with shared access to a receptionist, secretarial assistance, business machines and other support services. A restaurant with meeting room facilities and other club amenities found in a city club is planned for the second floor.

The 1923 Italian Renaissance style of architecture is unique in

Goldsboro. Wayne County Commissioners Chairman Atlas Price, Jr. called the building "the heart of Goldsboro." He added, "Goldsboro is the heartbeat of Wayne County and vital to our growth."

The Wayne County Historical Association again thanks the Downtown Development Corporation for its efforts in the preservation/restoration of another stately old structure in Goldsboro.

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to involve "state level" people in the remaining work. We also hope to have some financial assistance from the state in publication of this important undertaking.

The Plaque Committee has not met recently but some work has been done. Plans are now to plaque all of the Revolving Fund houses and to try to get plaques on all of those unplaqued properties on the Goldsboro Walking Tour Sheet.

The Tour Sheet was revised under the able direction of Ethel Twiford.

We are eagerly looking forward to this new year.

Redford To Speak



Redford

Dorothy Spruill Redford will speak at Wayne Community College at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, January 28, 1990. Mrs. Redford, the author of Somerset Homecoming, Recovering a Lost Heritage, is currently heading a restoration of Somerset Plantation (ca.

1830) to make it the first national historic site to depict accurately the life of plantation slaves. Mrs. Redford is presently teaching a course at Elizabeth City State University on collecting oral history, in addition to serving as curator and Chairman of the Board of Somerset Place Foundation, Inc.

The program at Wayne Community College will consist of a welcome by Dr. Porter, music by Neil Stitt, introduction of Mrs. Redford by the president of Old Dobbs Genealogical Society, and closing remarks. A reception will follow in the atrium.

New Year's Resolution It's never too early to start thinking about the items you want to donate to the Wayne County Museum.



Historic Group Elects Professor to Office

Dr. William E. Leuchtenburg, William Rand Kenan professor of history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has been elected president-elect of the American Historical Association.

With more than 13,000 individual memberships and 5,000 institutional memberships, the association is the largest group of professional historians in the United States.

An expert on 20th century

American history and an internationally known authority on the presidency, Dr. Leuchtenburg assumed office on December 30.

The Wayne County Historical Association is pleased to note this election and wishes Dr. Leuchtenburg great success in this awesome responsibility.

Museum Celebrates Constitution

The N.C. Museum of History continues the celebration of the Constitution with films and lectures on the theme, "Your Constitution: Politics, Power, the Press, and the Public Good." Highlights of the next few months include:

Sunday, January 21, 2:00 p.m.

"President vs. Congress: Executive Privilege and Delegation of Power," 1985, 60-min. video; and "All the President's Men," 1976, 135-min. film.

Sunday, January 28, 2:00 p.m.

"National Security and Freedom of the Press," 1985, 60-min. video, and "Absence of Mal-

ice," 1981, 116-min. film.

Sunday, February 4

"Tardy Tar Heels: N.C. Ratifies the Federal Constitution," lecture by Jerry Cashion of the N.C. Division of Archives and History.

Sunday, February 11

"The Constitution in the Civil War Era," lecture by Paul Escott of Wake Forest Univ.

Sunday, February 18

"Labor and the Law," lecture by Melton McLaurin of U.N.C.-W.

Sunday, February 25

"First Amendment Freedoms: Freedom of the Press and Speech," lecture by Hugh Stevens of Everett, Hancock, and Stevens, Raleigh.

Sunday, March 4, 2:00 p.m.

"Darwin's Revolution," 1986, 52-min. video, and "Inherit the Wind," 1960, 127-min. film.

Sunday, March 11, 2:00 p.m.

"Right to a Fair Trial," 1985, 60-min. video, and "The Caine Mutiny," 1954, 125-min. film.

Sunday, March 18, 2:00 p.m.

"Inside the Jury Room," 1986, 60-min. video, and "To Kill a Mockingbird," 1962, 129-min. film.

Sunday, March 25

"The Thin Blue Line," 1988, 101-min. film.

Dues Due

The annual membership dues for January 1 to December 31 of 1990 became due January 1. They are \$1.00 for students, \$10.00 for individuals, \$15.00 for families, \$50.00 for Friends of the Association, and \$25.00 for Corporate Membership.

For your convenience, attached is a self-addressed envelope or you may send the dues to the Wayne County Historical Association, P.O. Box 665, Goldsboro, N.C. 27530.

Directors



Elected

Steve Howell and D.A. Stuart were elected unanimously to the Historical Association Board of Directors at the meeting held January 8, 1990.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart have purchased the Hollowell House (ca. 1890) at 408 South William Street. The Stuarts are living in a small section of this large home while they have restoration work done in the other areas.

We welcome Steve and D.A. to the board and look forward to hearing great things from them both.

1920 Census To Be Opened



All historians and genealogists will be pleased to

hear that there will be an opening of the 1920 census coming up on Monday, March 2, 1992. On that date all regional and the national

archives will unlock the microfilm cabinets housing the 1920 census.

Even though it is still two years away, many of you have been asking if the date were known. It has just been announced.

Calendar of Events

Wayne Co. Historical Assn., Inc.
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January 19, Friday, Robert E. Lee's Birthday

January 28, Sunday, 1:00 p.m., Museum Ribbon-cutting to open Black Culture Exhibit, supported by Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority

3:00 p.m., Wayne Co. Historical Association - Old Dobbs Co. Genealogical Society sponsors Dorothy Spruill Redford at a joint meeting at Wayne Community College

Month of February, American History Month, (sponsored by the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution)

February 12, Monday, Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

February 14, Wednesday, Valentine's Day

February 15, Thursday, Susan B. Anthony's Birthday, (Crusader for equal rights for women and advocate of women's suffrage, lived 1820-1906)

February 19, Monday, President's Day

February 20, Tuesday, Anniversary of Glenn's Space Flight (John Glenn became the first American to orbit the earth on this date in 1962, making three orbits in the spacecraft Friendship 7)

February 22, Thursday, George Washington's Birthday

Month of March, National Women's History Month, (proclaimed by Congress to celebrate the rich and inspiring heritage of women's contributions)

Wayne Co. Museum exhibit commemorates 125th Anniversary of the Battle of Bentonville and the end of the War Between the States

March 3, Saturday, Adoption of U.S. National Anthem, (On this date in 1931, the "Star Spangled Banner," written in 1814 by Francis Scott Key, was adopted as the national anthem.)

March 8, Thursday, International Women's Day, (honoring women, esp. working women; commemorates the 1857 march and demonstration in New York City by female garment and textile workers)

March 17, Saturday, St. Patrick's Day

April 12, Thursday, First Man in Space Anniversary, (Yuri Gagarin became the first man in space on this day in 1961, when he made a 1-hour, 48-minute voyage, orbiting the earth in the spacecraft Vostok I, launched by the USSR.)

April 22, Sunday, 3:00 p.m. History of Fremont - General Meeting in Fremont

April (to be announced), Revolving Fund Home Tour

May 13, Sunday, Mother's Day

Week of May 13-19, National Historic Preservation Week, (to recognize the accomplishments of groups working to preserve neighborhoods, districts and landmark buildings; sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation)

May 28, Monday, Memorial Day

May 20, Sunday, "Picnic in the Park" at Waynesborough Park

June 14, Thursday, Flag Day (The Stars and Stripes was adopted by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777.)

June 17, Sunday, Father's Day

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