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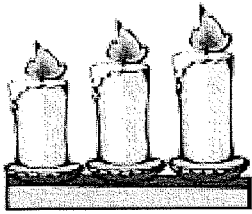
Newsletter of the Wayne County Historical Association - November 2003

## On the Calendar:

### Historical Association:

December 7 – 2-6p.m. *Holiday Historic Properties Tour* - starts at museum

December 9 – 5:30 p.m. *Board Meeting*



### Aycock Birthplace:

December 2 & 4 – 6:30-9p.m. *Christmas Candlelight Tours*

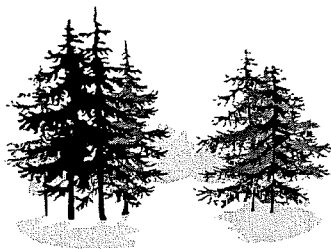
### Waynesborough:

December 13 – 1-6p.m. *Christmas in the Village*

January 20 – 4:30 *Old Waynesborough Commission Meeting*

### Public Library:

November 18 – 7p.m. *Local History Program*. Randy Sauls, Charlie Gaylor and Vicki Hancock will discuss Wayne Co. in the Civil War, the Goldsboro Historic District and Old Waynesborough.



## Volunteers Needed:

### Wayne County Museum:

all hours when the museum is open

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Historic Properties Tour, Volunteer Opportunities

Greetings to all:

The holiday season is quickly approaching and there's a lot to do! One of our fun events will be here soon-The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Historic Properties Tour. This event will be on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. and will start at the museum. The tour will progress to the First Baptist Church, a downtown apartment, several homes and the Superior courtroom at the Wayne County Courthouse. There are several surprises along the way.

We will need the help of many volunteers in order to make this successful. We need help with publicity, ticket sales and help on the day of the tour. In order to show ourselves in the best light, we are preparing to spruce up the museum. We need the front lobby painted and have just about decided how we can accomplish this but again, we need your assistance. Please call me and I'll sign you up as a volunteer. This is one of our major fundraising events.

The Board has formed committees in order to accomplish some of our goals-increasing membership and increasing our visibility in the community. My vision is for these committees to work on various projects that when put together can really move this organization forward. Currently, all members of the Board are serving on 2 committees. We want to now involve the other members. If you would like to be a committee member, we want you. Some of the committees are publicity, buildings and grounds, museum, and membership. I see the historical association as being a working organization with all members having a role in one way or another. If you have a talent, we can put it to good use!

Wishing everyone an enjoyable holiday season and looking forward to meeting and working with each of you!

- Nancy Delia, WCHA President, 734-0716

## WAYNE COUNTY MUSEUM

### Lady in the Park, Special Projects

The Wayne County Museum would like to announce that The Lady in the Park statue is on display in the lobby of the museum. The statue is a rendition of Danish Neoclassical Sculptor, Bertel Thorvaldsen's statue of Hebe, Greek goddess of eternal youth. Come on by to see her and learn more about the statue. We are in the planning stages for a special event for the statue. Keep your calendars open on January 25.

The museum is working on some projects and special events. The Wall of Fame is an ongoing project. We are hoping to get Col. Joe Marm to come and speak about the Vietnam War and his medal of honor. We are also planning an event called Winter Wonderland for children of all ages on December 20th. Come by and join us for some fun! Hope to see you there.

Cathy, the museum manager, has contacted the Federal Prison at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base to inquire about that inmate work program. We are hoping that they will assist us with painting the inside of the museum. Nancy Delia, President of WCHA has written a letter to the prison detailing the work we need done.

I would also like to ask for your help, we need volunteers. For further information about volunteering give me a call at 734-5023. Let me take the opportunity to say "THANK YOU" to our museum volunteers: Christine Grant, Lamar Owensby, Steven Elliott, Ray Smith and Christine Belmonte. Thanks for all your help!  
- Cathy Belmonte, Wayne County Museum Manager

## WAYNESBOROUGH HISTORIC VILLAGE

### Successful and Upcoming Events

July 18, 2003 – The *Southern Living* magazine camera crew came out for a photo shoot of Greater Goldsboro and included Waynesborough Historical Village in it. We are looking forward to seeing the article in the upcoming July 2004 issue in their travel section.

August 9, 2003 – The Studebaker Drivers Car Club came out and showed off their prized possessions with a car show and then took a tour. Many of the owners commented on how the village has changed over the years.

September 6, 2003 - The Renfrows and Hinnants held their family reunion. Approximately 75 people came, some from as far away as Maryland and a few members have been attending the family reunion for 57 years.

September 21, 2003 – The First Baptist Church held their 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I didn't know that their beginnings started in the town of Waynesborough, our place. What better way to celebrate than at the place where it began. They had a day full of games, food, and then Vespers. A lot of the families came out dressed as if it were the 1800s. Shelton Smith even brought out his homemade car giving rides around the village to everyone's delight.

October 4, 2003 - We held our annual Open House & Bar-B-Q fundraiser. We'd like to thank everyone again for their time, money and energy and donations. The Neuse River Corvette Club came out with their beautiful corvettes! We had it all, cars, music, food and plenty of help.

December 13, 2003 – Christmas in the Village – This event will include the buildings dressed up for the holidays, 1800s style. There will be tours, caroling, and a gospel choir along with the Quaker children singing Christmas carols. Santa will come at 4pm to read a Christmas story to the children at Robert's School. There will also be refreshments of the 1800s to enjoy during the day. Come have an old fashion holiday with us.

If it's been a while since you've been to Waynesborough Historical Village it's time for a visit. Bring a friend and some lunch, we have picnic tables in the shade of a small stand of pine trees or under a beautiful old mulberry tree. Come on out and have a look around. You'll be pleasantly surprised. We are also available for weddings, reunions, etc.

- Colleen Baker, Waynesborough Park

# GOVERNOR CHARLES B. AYCOCK BIRTHPLACE STATE HISTORIC SITE

## Volunteer Dinner, Holiday Season

On September 16, Aycock Birthplace held its annual Volunteer Dinner in the Ida H. Williams Auditorium. This event was held to show our appreciation for all the hard work that our volunteers do for the site. Approximately 40 people attended. Something Different Café and Catering of Wilson catered the meal. Volunteers received certificates and small coolers/lunch boxes. Door prizes donated by area businesses were also given away. Volunteers, Lynn and Sharon Bull of Goldsboro were chosen as our 2003 Blue Ribbon Volunteers. The food and the fellowship were enjoyed by all! (If you are interested in volunteering at Aycock Birthplace, please call 919-242-5581).

On Saturday, November 1 from 12:30-4:00, the site will be holding its annual fall program. Visitors to the site will see demonstrations such as lye soap making, weaving, and corn shelling and grinding. Aycock Birthplace will also have wagon rides and a petting zoo.

Begin your holiday season by joining us for Christmas Candlelight Tours. This event will be held on Tuesday, December 2 and Thursday, December 4 from 6:30pm – 9:00pm. Listen to old fashion hymns sung by the Primitive Baptist Singers, participate in a shadow play, learn about 19<sup>th</sup> century Christmas traditions, and enjoy a cup of hot apple cider.

- Leigh Strickland, Birthplace Site Manager

## WAYNE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

### Digitization Project, New Materials

The library is writing for a grant to help us start an exciting project! We would like to digitize items in our Local History Collection and put them on the Internet. One of the things we would like to digitize is our photograph collection. If you've donated photographs to the library please contact Rhonda Konig at 734-1824 ext. 100 or [rhondakonig@yahoo.com](mailto:rhondakonig@yahoo.com).

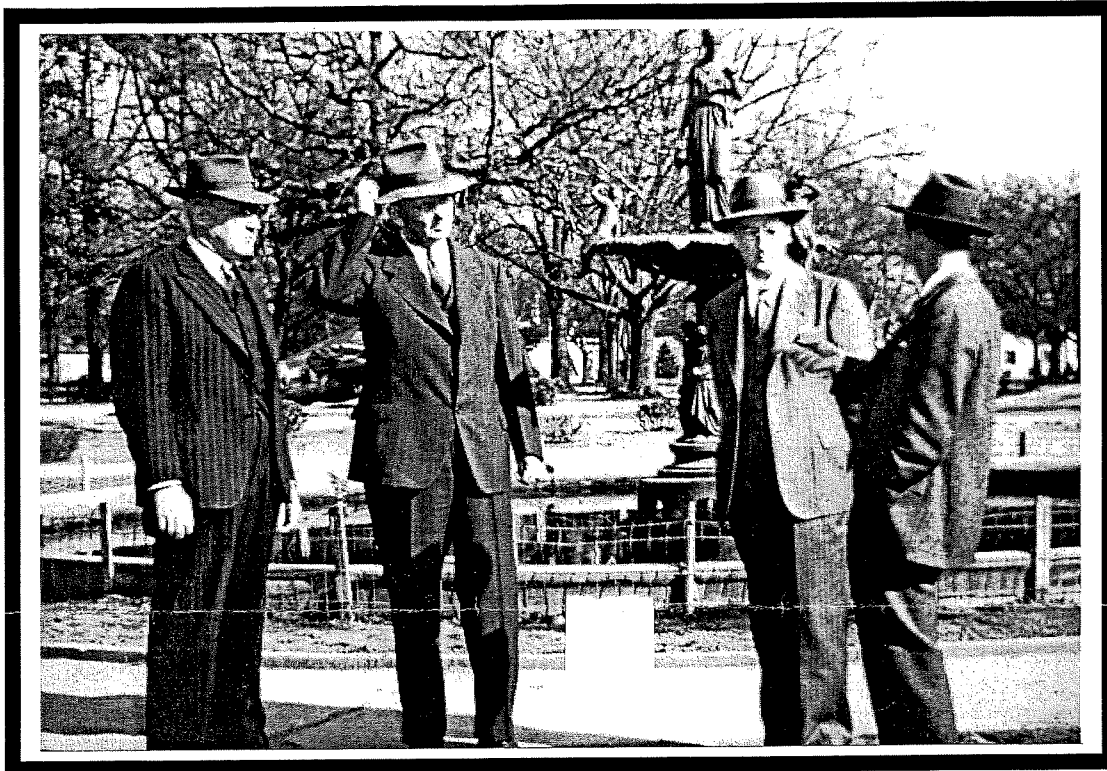
We've received some wonderful new resources in our Local History Room. Here are some of our new acquisitions:

#### CD ROMs

- *Veteran's Schedules: U.S. Selected States, 1890.*
- *Immigration Records: German and Swiss Settlers in America, 1700s-1800s.*
- *Census Index: Colonial America, 1607-1789.*
- *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, 1500s-1900s, 2001 Edition.*
- *Marriage Index: MD, NC, VA, 1624-1915.*
- *Virginia Colonial Records, 1600s-1700s.*
- *Genealogical Records: Early North Carolina Settlers, 1700s-1900s.*
- *Immigrant Histories: Huguenot Settlers in North America and Europe, 1600s-1900s.*
- *North Carolina Vital Records: Deaths 1968-1996*

#### Books

- *Annals of Tazewell County, Virginia from 1800 to 1924, Volumes I and II*
  - *In Full Force and Virtue: North Carolina Emancipation Records 1713-1860*
  - *Marriages of Early Edgecombe County, North Carolina 1733-1868*
  - *Nineteenth Century Vital Statistics of Sampson County and Duplin County, North Carolina: Vol. 1 and Vol. 2*
  - *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal: 1975-1984 Consolidated Index*
  - *North Carolina Troops 1861-1865: A Roster, Volume XV Infantry*
  - *Somebody Knows My Name: Marriages of Freed People in North Carolina County by County*
  - *The 1860 Federal Census Edgecombe County, North Carolina: Population, Slave, Mortality, Agriculture, Manufacturing, Social Statistics*
  - *The Marriage License Bonds of Mecklenburg County, Virginia from 1765 to 1810*
  - *The North Carolina Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Inc.: Genealogical Register Members and Revolutionary Ancestors 1991-2001.*
- Rhonda Konig, Local History Librarian



**Planting of Roses at Herman Park 1947**

L to R: Fitzhugh Lee, Roy Parker, William Borden Cobb, Charles S. Norwood



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