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# Reflections

## EDITORIAL

On behalf of all the members of the Board of Wayne County Historical Association, we extend our hearty congratulations to Charlotte Carter and her new husband Carl Brow on their recent wedding. Both are members of our Boards, and they are good workers. Charlotte is employed as manager of Charles B. Aycock State Historic Site. Carl is an admissions counselor at Wayne Community College. Charlotte and Carl were married on November 21 in Fayetteville. Now we expect them to be three times as helpful since they are a couple.

Our first Vice-President, Jerri Borgman, is moving to Winston-Salem. Jerri has been a most responsible and active asset to the Executive Team of WCHA. She has published the newsletter and handled publicity among many other helpful projects for WCHA. She was invaluable in the publication of "Glimpses...." We already miss her greatly, but wish her the best in her new surroundings. We won't forget her! She has made a lasting mark on Wayne County.

We are all upset over the deaths of three valued members of WCHA in the last three months. We have lost Jerry Parker, Don Hatch, and Les Warrick. Jerry was an invaluable resource for ideas as a member of WCHA's Board. Jerry's PACC 10 continues to help us with publicity. We do appreciate their efforts.

Don Hatch was treasurer for Old Waynesborough Park for several years. He was totally dependable and meticulous in his work. Don was a faithful volunteer for almost any need. We extend our condolences to his wife, Barbara, who is also a faithful member, officer, and volunteer for WCHA.

Les Warrick was a faithful Board member of Waynesborough Park. He donated many items of furniture to complete the houses at the Park. He also donated many items to the Museum. Les really cared about Wayne County, WCHA, and the preservation of historical artifacts. Les is also missed

Emily Weil  
President, WCHA

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

WCHA will begin the annual membership drive at the end of January. Old Waynesborough Park and Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society will conduct their own drives separately this year. Look for their mailings.

WCHA's drive will include the Museum and the Revolving Fund. Remember-- all Board members must join WCHA. Affiliate or component Board members must join that component as well as WCHA.

Remember, dues for our organization run from January to January each year. Membership this year will be \$15. To also join our components, send \$15 for the Museum and \$10 for the Revolving Fund. We hope you will join all three for the small fee of \$40.

Send your check to WCHA at PO Box 665, Goldsboro NC 27533.

## DR. DUDLEY SPEAKS

Morehead City dentist, Dr. Jack Dudley will be speaker for WCHA and the general public on Sunday January 17 at 2 PM in the Public Library Auditorium.

This pictorial talk is based upon a 20 year hobby of Dr. Dudley. He humorously entitles the talk, "Scatological Rites" or "The History of Outhouses." He fondly refers to himself as the "Prince of Privies". His study includes outhouses from the 1900s to the 1950s. According to Dr. Dudley, "Outhouses are part of our heritage and a part of America that is fading away. Once a necessity in everyone's life, they are now nearly completely forgotten."

Dudley is a photo historian of some renown. He is originally from Swansboro, and has been practicing dentistry in Morehead City for more than 25 years. He has written and published two books, "Carteret Waterfowl Heritage", and "Mattamuskeet and Ocracoke Waterfowl Heritage." He is working on another book, "White Oak River's Vanishing Architecture."

## OLD WAYNESBOROUGH PARK NEWS

The Old Waynesborough Commission has received word from Raleigh that the deeding of the 12 acres at the State Park has been delayed until at least March. This will delay the membership drive until April. The goal of the Commission is to have 1000 friends of Waynesborough in the Society that will provide the necessary yearly funding to proceed with the restoration of seven additional structures in the historic area. When the area is completed, it will always be 1835.

The visitors center will be the Wayne County/Goldsboro Welcome Center, funded by both governments, to assist the tourism industry in our area. When this becomes a reality, volunteers will be needed to assist in the center and also to act as tour guides for groups visiting the site.

Teams will be forming to work on the Welcome Center, the Country Store, the Tuscarora Indian Village, landscaping appropriate for 1835, and the Annual Festival. This year's festival will be May 1, and will include re-enactors, crafts, entertainment, horse & buggy rides, and the 1835 cooking contest.

Memorials can be made as part of the membership drive in the name of Board members Don Hatch and Les Warrick, both of whom recently died, and are sorely missed.

## NEWS AT THE MUSEUM

Members of the Museum's Board recently undertook the process of inventory of the many artifacts. They discovered that over 1,500 historic items are currently held in the facility, with an approximate donated value of \$42,000.

Plans are being made for another Blue/Gray Bar BQ to be held in the spring -- possibly in March. Past events have been well received and lots of fun for the participants. Another 40s event is also being considered. Watch for details about these events.

The Museum is delighted to have Jim Mullen volunteer as Assistant Director and resident historian. Jim will be in the Museum on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## MYRICK HOWARD TO BE SPEAKER FOR ANNUAL DINNER

Myrick Howard, Executive Director of Preservation North Carolina, will be the featured speaker for Wayne County Historical Association's Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 17. This will be a dinner meeting, beginning at 7 PM at the Goldsboro Country Club. Cost of the dinner is \$12 per person.

Myrick is a dynamic and knowledgeable speaker, who has worked wonders for preservation across the State. He is a tireless fund raiser. Mark your calendars. You won't want to miss this treat.

## BOOK SALES

To date over 900 "Glimses" have been sold. There are over 1,000 left to be sold at \$35 each. Send your check to WCHA at PO Box 665, Goldsboro 27533. Please include an additional \$5 for mailing. These books are available at Weil Enterprises, the Library, the Chamber, the Hospital gift shop, Fremont Pharmacy, Pikeville Insurance, and PAC 10.

Many thanks are due to all the many folks who have been helping sell the books. The books are colorful and full of information. They have gotten great response from the public.

## OLD DOBBS NEWS

Old Dobbs Co. Genealogical Society's quarterly meeting at 11:30 AM January 23, 1999 at Western Sizzlin' will feature Corrine Britt, past President of WCHA, who will report on the Seminar and Annual Meeting of the NC Genealogical Society.

Since the snakes are not out, we hope to have a report from Elliott Futrell, chairman of the Cemeteries Committee. We hope to complete the survey of the Northern section of Wayne Co. this spring and be able to publish the first volume of the Cemetery Survey Series.

There will be an election of officers for the coming year. Our newsletter editor, Laura Alley, needs assistance in putting out the "Olde Dobbs Trail". If you can help, give her a call at 734-2337.

## AYCOCK BIRTHPLACE

The Charles B. Aycock Birthplace State Historic Site will hold a winter concert with the group, "Centennial". The date and time will be announced, but we hope to have it on Valentine's Day. Centennial performs hymns written in the years 1850-1920.

The site's annual Open House event, held in conjunction with the Fremont Daffodil Festival, is slated for Friday, March 26. The first graders from Northeast, Northwest and Fremont Elementary Schools will be our special guests.

The site staff is looking forward to being a part of the WCHA bus tours on January 12 and 20 as part of the book promotion. Hope to see you then. If anyone would like to receive the historic sites biannual newsletter, Please call us at 242-5581.

## TOWN MEETING HALL

Stucco work has been completed. All exterior deteriorated wood has been replaced. The cupola has been rebuilt after it sustained lightning damage last summer. The exterior painting should begin the second week in January. The colors used will reflect the original beige and dark brown trim with a gloss added. The interior work will begin after all the exterior is completed and painted. We still need a group that would like to meet in this building on a regular basis.

## REVOLVING FUND

The Revolving Fund is actively seeking a buyer for the Cogdell-Bizzell House at 113 S. Virginia St. We have recently had to renew the construction loan, so we would like to move this house. It is fully restored, and ready for occupancy. Town & Country Realty is handling this house, but please send them prospective buyers.

The Fund has two other houses that need restoring by a buyer. Thirty percent tax credits are available for these two homes. Call Town & Country (Pier Terrant) or Charles P. Gaylor about these homes

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan 12 – Bus Tour of Wayne Co. 8 AM at Waynesborough Park
- Jan 14 – Waynesborough Park meets 4 PM
- Jan 17 – Talk at Library 2 PM, "Outhouses"
- Jan 20 – Bus Tour of Wayne Co., 8 AM at Waynesborough Park
- Jan 21 – Museum Bd Meets 5 PM
- Jan 23 – Old Dobbs Quarterly Meeting 11:30 Western Sizlin'
- Feb 2 – WCHA meeting Library at 5 PM
- Feb 11 - Waynesborough Park Board 4PM
- Feb 18 – Museum Board Meets at 5 PM
- May 1 - Annual Festival at Old Waynesborough Park
- May 13 –Annual WCHA Dinner at 7 PM at Country Club with Myrick Howard

## BUS TOURS PLANNED

A bus trip is being planned by Wayne County Historical Association to see many of the historic sites featured in their recently published book, "Glimpses of Wayne County Architecture." Some 160 properties will be viewed by the group. The all day trips will begin at 8:00 AM at Waynesborough Park. Each trip will last until at least 4 PM.

There will be two dates for the tour. The first trip will run Tuesday, January 12; the second will be Wednesday, January 20. Cost of each day will be \$15 per person, including lunch. There will be two pit stops, and the bus does have a necessary room.

Narrating on January 12 will be Dan Pezzoni, the editor of the book, and he will be assisted by Charles B. Ellis. On January 20 the narrators will be Charles Gaylor, Charles Ellis and David Wilder. David Wilder, WCHA Board member is coordinating the trips.

For reservations or questions, call 734-1111 ext. 229 or call 736-8201.

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