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Reflections


EDITORIAL

I have enjoyed being President of the Wayne County Historical Association these last four years. Working together, there have been superb accomplishments..

Our most outstanding contribution to the community was the publication of Glimpses of Wayne County ..., by Pezzoni and Smith; and Postcards of Old Wayne County, by Pope and Weil. We have had two reprintings of The Heritage of Wayne Co. edited by Johnstone. Support has been given for historical efforts in Mt. Olive, Seven Springs, Fremont, and Pikeville, where tremendous energies were expended in the formation of historical organizations and a museum. Support was also given the city of Goldsboro during its sesquicentennial year.

We have brought a variety of outstanding speakers to our members and to the public. These include: Bess Tyner playing the bagpipes; Professor William E. Powell, author and historian; Dr. Jack Dudley, history of Outhouses; Dr. Bobbi Owen, history of costumes and dress; Penne Smith, Wayne County historical architecture; "Blackfeather", Indian heritage; Father Davis, Icons; Elizabeth Haverkamp, Main Street Program; and Betty McCain, NC Secretary of Cultural Resources. We also presented a cabaret musical evening at the Museum. In May we will enjoy Myrick Howard, Executive Director of NC Preservation as our speaker for the Annual Dinner. That's not a bad list for a small group.

The Town Meeting Hall's exterior has been repaired and repainted. The house at 113 S. Virginia has been fully restored for resale – and we gave a reception for the public at that location. Extensive repairs have been completed inside the Museum, and the parking lot has been paved. Waynesborough Park has grown and developed according to plan. We have sponsored home tours and three bus tours. We have increased our membership. Our financial position has never been stronger. Thank you all for helping us become the Award-winning Wayne County Historical Association.

Emily Weil, President WCHA 

CALDENDAR

- April 17 – De-Rail-A-Bratton Festival
In Goldsboro
- April 24 – Old Dobbs Genealogical Meets
11:30 at Western Sizzlin'
- May 1 – Festival at Waynesborough Park
- May 13 – Annual Dinner Meeting of WCHA
Goldsboro Country Club 7 PM
Myrick Howard speaks
- June 12 – Farmer's Day at Aycock Birthplace

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), the Library, and at other locations throughout the county.

Architecture of Goldsboro is \$10
Wayne County Heritage is \$40
History of Wayne Co. is \$17.50
Postcards of Old Wayne is \$15
Glimpses of Wayne... is \$35

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Join us! WCHA wants and needs your support. Until May 13, new members will be able to receive discounts on purchases of our books. Call 734-1111 ext. 229 for details.

The annual Membership Drive began in late January. To date we have received 250 membership renewals and new members.

WCHA, the Museum, and the Revolving Fund have a united drive. Cost to join each is WCHA, \$15; Museum \$15, and Revolving \$10. For a total of \$40 for all three. This year, Old Dobbs Co. Genealogical Society and Waynesborough Park elected to conduct their own membership drives.

The Historical Membership Drive not only helps support efforts in historic preservation and the publication of various books, but entitles a member to receive copies of the quarterly newsletter, "Reflections". Send your check today, if you have not already done so, to: WCHA, PO Box 665, Goldsboro 27533.

REVOLVING FUND

Nancy Delia, co-chair of the Revolving Fund with Charles Gaylor, states that this group has 25 members. They are planning a fall fund-raising.

At the present time three houses are owned and available for resale. These are located at 113 S. Virginia St., 115 S. Virginia St., and 403 W. Mulberry Street. All these properties need to be sold. Please help tell potential buyers that a good deal can be made on these houses. Remember, tax credits are available up to 30% on most properties being restored.

The Revolving Fund will have a booth at the De-Rail-A-Bration Festival on April 17. The group will sell our architectural book and distribute information about the Fund and their properties.

AYCOCK BIRTHPLACE

The Aycock Birthplace will host Spring Living History Wednesdays in April and May from 9:30 until 12:30. Various domestic and farm chores of the 19th Century will be demonstrated. These will include spinning & weaving, open hearth cooking, butter making and many other activities.

The Farm Heritage Days program will be held from April 19022. All fourth grade classes in the County are invited to attend. If you would like to volunteer, call Linda Reid at 242-5581.

For the general public, Aycock Birthplace will host its annual Farmer's Day on Saturday, June 12. Stop by the site, just north of Pikeville, any day of the year. There is no charge for any activities at Aycock Birthplace.

WAYNESBOROUGH PARK

At the May 1 Festival in the Park, there will be an 1835 cooking contest. This contest will start at 10 AM, with judging to start at 2 PM. There will be two categories: entrees and breads & desserts.

Contestants can enter individually, or as a team, but it must be cooked in the same manner that was appropriate before 1835. Entrants must provide all their own ingredients, cooking elements, fuel and utensils. After judging, the public will be allowed to sample. Entrants must be 13 years of age to compete as an individual. Contact Ed Kelly at 919-734-1936 by April 28. Cash prizes will be awarded.

BUS TOURS

In connection with the publication of Glimpses of Wayne Co. Architecture, WCHA has offered 3 bus tours of the county to see as many of the historic properties as possible in one day. Some of the narrators for the tours included Dan Pezzoni, Charles Ellis, David Wilder, Charles Gaylor, Clyde Williams and Ken Dilda. Jewel & Randy Sauls and Kirk Keller, on the Saturday tour appeared in period costume. The highlight of each tour was a marvelous seated lunch served at the home of Richard & Mary Grady in Seven Springs.

At your request, a committee is planning other bus tours of the northern and of the southern parts of the county. These will be slower-paced to enable visitors to go into some sites, and to study others in more detail. The dates and details will be announced later.

MYRICK HOWARD TO SPEAK

The Annual Membership Meeting and Dinner of WCHA will be held at Goldsboro Country Club on Thursday evening, May 13 at 7 PM. Cost of the dinner will be \$12, which should be mailed in advance to WCHA, PO Box 665, Goldsboro 27533. WCHA members and any interested guests are welcome to attend this meeting.

Our speaker for this event will be Myrick Howard, Executive Director of Preservation NC in Raleigh. He has held this position since 1978, when the nonprofit organization had one full-time employee, to the present when there are 14 full-time and eleven part-time. Preservation NC has won numerous awards as an outstanding organization under Howard's direction.

Howard, a Durham native with a Master's Degree in City Planning and a Law Degree, will present a slide program illustrating several properties his organization has helped save and restore across the state. Howard is an enthusiastic and articulate speaker.

Howard's slides and remarks should give us inspiration for carrying out local projects. After the talk, new officers for the organization will be installed. Everyone should enjoy this evening.

SPECIAL FRIENDS OF WCHA

Our Association has been fortunate to have many strong supporters throughout the years. During this year's membership drive the following persons have made donations of over \$100: Mary Johnstone, Barbara Hatch, Christine Grant, Charles S. Norwood, Jr., Wesley "Grey" Singleton, Mt. Olive Pickle Company, Dr. Isaac Manley, the Bryan Foundation, Dr. & Mrs. William Plummer, Dick Moffatt, Goldsboro News Argus (In memory of Bob Johnson), Partin and Hobbs, and Mildred Lee Stout.

MOUNT OLIVE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In the Learning Center of the old Carver School on March 22, the Mt. Olive Historical Society held their regular monthly meeting. Shirley Simms-Stewart, a member of the Wayne County Board of Education, was speaker. Mrs. Simms-Stewart told about George Washington Carver, for whom the school was named. She has visited Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, where Carver taught.

The original Carver building was destroyed by fire in December 1939. Simms-Stewart recalled a simpler time in the old days. Boys and girls came from as far away as Four Oaks. Most students walked to school, and yet they were never late. No one laughed when a question was asked or when one was not answered correctly in class. Carver High was the first school in the county to be accredited by the Southern Association.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, April 17, in the Seven Springs Methodist Church. Barbecue will be served at 5:00, and the meeting will begin at 7:00.

Ken Dilda, Society President, announced that the annual meeting will be in May at the Brokerage. The speaker for this event will be Professor William S. Powell, noted historian.

NEW EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Welcome to David Wilder, new part-time Executive Assistant for WCHA. David was born in Wake County and grew up in Chadbourne. A former teacher and Assistant Principal, David and his wife, Gloria, retired and moved to Goldsboro.

David has been an active volunteer for over a year. We welcome his talent and energies to assist with the efforts of our organization. He will be handling details of book distribution, membership, meeting notices, bus tours and many other duties as assigned.

WAYNE COUNTY MUSEUM

The Wayne County Museum has hired Scott Chase as the new Director. Scott and his wife are the parents of a new baby, Jonathan Scott Chase, Jr., born March 3, 1999. Scott and his family live in Pikeville.

Currently the Permanent Collection and the Civil War Exhibit are on display at the Museum. Plans are underway for a 40s Exhibit. Artifacts are being solicited from this era.

Volunteers are always needed, especially on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Thanks are due to the following for their help at the Museum: Jason Gillis, Christine Grant, Robert Keller, Jim Mullen, Betsy Reavis, David Wilder, and the 11th Grade at Goldsboro High community service program under Robert Yancey.

OLD DOBBS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society will hold its quarterly meeting at 11:30 AM on April 24 at the Western Sizzlin' in Goldsboro.

There will be a program (to be announced). The nominations committee will present a slate of officers for the coming year. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. Plan to attend and support your candidate.

Laura Alley, editor, "Olde Dobbs Trail", needs assistance in compiling/typing the Newsletter. Please call her at 734-2337 if you can help Laura.

Charles B. Ellis, Interim President

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