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SUSAN FLANAGAN, NEW DIRECTOR, THINKS KEY TO MUSEUM SUCCESS IS MAINTAINING MOMENTUM

By Jean Powell

She's survived her first brush with a Sunday afternoon program and admits it went well, a big grin brightening her face. Not that she's taking credit for anything this early. Not this Connecticut Yankee who's settling down in her job as director in a museum dedicated to Southern history.

Well, Susan Flanagan's not exactly settling. She's too bouncy for that. Clad in trim slacks and shirt with some purple and white repeated in a scarf tied around her waist, she's rather assured looking. The look belies her ever present fear, however, of putting the wrong name with what she thinks is the right face.

Who cares as long as you smile, she's told. It's too soon to have learned the names of all the volunteers and friends of the Museum when you've just been on the job six weeks.

Married at 22 to Air Force pilot Gary Cole 12 years ago adds up to thirtysomething, a good age to embark on

a career that provides two chief pleasures: "Meeting new people and absorbing new environments " Susan reasons.

The new director is a 1982 graduate of the University of Maryland with a B.S. degree in Psychology and History, summa cum laude. She has worked as assistant managing editor of the Clovis, New Mexico, News-Journal and as managing editor of Las Vegas Magazine. Add to this jobs in public relations and experience as an insurance claims adjuster and you have an impressive career background.

Susan wants to help see the Museum through the next periods of growth. "The foundation has been laid by countless volunteer hours - - with the membership drive, building and grounds renovation, collection of artifacts and generous donations of time, money and materials," Susan recounts. "By comparison the rest will be easy. The goal

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MURRAY BORDEN, JR. MEMORIAL TRIBUTE IS EARLY FALL EVENT AT THE MUSEUM

A memorial to the late Murray Borden, Jr., will be dedicated in a ceremony planned for the early fall.

Murray, son of Arabel Zealy and the late Murray Borden, Sr., was a Vietnam casualty.

The flag pole, which will display a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol and a memorial flower garden surrounding the base, is a gift made possible by generous donations of his friends.

Frank Casey, chairman of the grounds committee, will oversee the project.

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Other upcoming events at the Museum include the following exhibits: Permanent Collection, June 17 - September 8; Sports Heroes of Wayne County, Sept. 21 - Jan. 14, 1991; Early Southern Furniture, Feb. 17 - May 1991; Agriculture, Business and Industry, Summer 1991; World War I, Fall 1991; Prehistoric and Indian Cultures of Central Eastern North Carolina, Spring 1992.

A FOND FAREWELL TO "WAR BETWEEN THE STATES" EXHIBIT

The "War Between the States" exhibit has attracted 800, including eight school groups since it opened March 24 with a special program.



Ellen Bryan, president of the Thomas Ruffin Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and Stuart Brogden are co-chairmen. Special thanks to Kathryn DeLorenzo for her assistance with the exhibit and the tours.

An impressive array of Civil War memorabilia has been expertly displayed in the first floor rooms of the Museum.

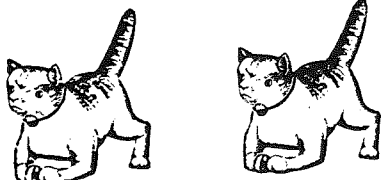
It's not too late to take a tour of the exhibit which closes June 3. It's worth the trip just to see the campsite. In case you didn't know, tents of the Civil War era buttoned at the top so that they could be divided in order to lighten the load of the foot soldier.



SUSAN FLANAGAN IS NEW DIRECTOR

Continued from page 1 is to maintain the momentum but channel it into development of exhibits, special programs and education. The potential is here," she believes, "We only have to realize it."

Susan and her Seymour Johnson flight commander husband (now Major Cole) live off base with their two cats (8 and 6 years) who have the best possible pedigree: All-American, short-haired alley cats.



The couple has a vegetable garden where "My husband has too many squash plants and he lets the squash grow so big that the seeds are huge, and I hate them. A Southern cook has suggested that the squash should be harvested when they are immature and then I'd like them," she muses. And they've planted their Better Boys (a name synonymous in this area with tomatoes), and devised a better irrigation system. "So we're expecting great things from our flower and vegetable gardening efforts."

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BUILDING RENOVATIONS AND RESTORATION NEAR COMPLETION

Restoration of the Museum is nearing completion with the addition of storage cabinets in the kitchen area contributed by Mrs. Charles S. Norwood, Sr. Painting on the cabinets will be finished shortly and locks installed. Selection of appropriate flooring is under consideration. Mildred Gaylor has offered the original wicker dressing table from the lounge to the Museum as a gift. It is hoped that others in the area who have some of the original furnishings of the building, formerly known as the Goldsboro Woman's Club, also will

offer them to the Museum. It is our fervent desire to restore the building to its early elegance and charm, particularly the second floor. If anyone knows the location of items sought, please contact June Wharton at the Museum (734-5023).

We are in dire need of window air conditioners. We have received bids from local firms on central air which we believe will be in place in 1991. We must, however, provide comfort during the current season. Donations of furnishings and appliances to the

Wayne County Museum are tax deductible.

Bids have also been received on track lighting.

Charles Ellis, Exhibits Chairman, is requesting female mannequins for use in future programs. We have recently acquired two male mannequins through the resourcefulness of Christian Cobb. If anyone has access to female mannequins for indefinite loan or a very modest purchase price, please contact Charles at the Museum.

June Wharton
Chairman
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