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The Attmore-Oliver House, 513 Broad Street, New Bern, N.C. is one of over 25 historical landmarks to be enjoyed April 6 and 7 on the Historic Homes Tour. Built in 1790 and remodeled in 1834, the home boasts

an inviting two-story porch and four unusual exterior chimneys. The interiors of the house are Federal in form but use Greek Revival moldings.

Historic Homes Tour Highlights Spring

New Bern, N.C. - On April 6th and 7th, over twenty-five extraordinary private homes and landmarks in old New Bern will be opened for the Historic Homes Tour. The biennial event coincides with the blush of springtime in this coastal town.

At the scenic confluence of the broad Neuse and gentle Trent Rivers, New Bern was the colonial capital and first state capital of North Carolina. As an early seaport, New Bern was also bustling with commerce that attracted merchants, planters, and ship builders. Many of the well traveled individuals found the town a choice location for their business pursuits. They built tasteful homes in varying scale appropriate to their wealth, and craftsmen moved in to satisfy their needs.

The many edifices to be opened date from 1760 to 1910 - one hundred and fifty years of architectural expression. Some of the restored homes have never been shown before, while others are of national historic significance.

The Attmore-Oliver House, built in 1790 by a merchant who came from Philadelphia, is one of the town's larger homes. For many years the headquarters of the local Historical Society, this impressive residence will disappear from future homes tours when it becomes a year round museum.

After the fall of New Bern in March, 1862, Union General Burnside and his soldiers occupied many fine homes for the remainder of

the War Between The States. The 3½ story Governor Benjamin Smith House is just one example, for it became a Union Guard Center at a strategic location near the railroad trestle. The upstairs ballroom of this home will feature a unique collection of antique dolls.

Shipowner Eli Smallwood erected his residence and gardens on the Neuse River so that his ships could tie up at the property. This was a common building practice on the New Bern peninsula. The 1810 Smallwood House, designed in the sidehall fashion, is a nationally famed example of fine Federal architecture. On Saturday of the Historic Homes Tour, the Eastern Suzuki Violinists, a childrens group, will perform at 2 p.m. in the riverside gardens of the Smallwood home.

Tickets for the New Bern Historic Home Tour are \$10.00 per person. They may be purchased in advance by mail or upon arrival, at local motels, the Visitors Information Center, and the Tryon Palace ticket office. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on April 6th and 7th. All proceeds from the event go to the two co-sponsoring organizations for restoration and preservation projects: New Bern Preservation Foundation, Inc. and the New Bern Historical Society, Inc.

For advance tickets and information, contact Historic Homes Tour, New Bern Preservation Foundation, P.O. Box 207, New Bern, N.C. 28560. Phone (919) 633-6448.

Cook Presents Time Management Program

Ms. Cathy Cook, supervisor of Middle School Curriculum, gave the Vanceboro Rotarians a program on time management at their last regular meeting.

Ms. Cook stated we should begin managing our time by writing down priorities for each day and stick to getting those priorities completed. Most of us tend to forget the important things we were planning to do according to Ms. Cook. She feels if we write our priorities each day this will help us complete daily tasks.

Each Rotarian was asked to write down the number of hours in the day and give their daily activities a time block. She stated most people are not aware of what happens to the hours during their day and each person should take time to analyze their daily activities.



Cathy Cook

Bishop William Cannon Speaks to the Greenville Methodist District

Over 900 Methodists of the Greenville United Methodist District met at Jarvis United Methodist Church in Greenville Monday night to hear Bishop William R. Cannon of the North Carolina Conference bring his people a message stressing the importance of the chosen people of the world.

Bishop Cannon told his people "we have to wake up and ask what does God think about our actions and stop worrying about what the world thinks." He further stated that many world powers have come and gone. He stated that our country hangs on a tight thread and could become a second rate power over night. He urged his people to wake up and become aware of God in their life and the world.

To emphasize the importance of the church in the community, each church was asked to make a banner and enter the parade of banners as the secretary of the lay rally called the roll of churches.

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