

Sir Walter Raleigh's Pipe Featured in Renovated Whitaker Park Tour

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Sir Walter Raleigh's pipe, the one he carried back to England over 475 years ago, is one of the historical artifacts now on display in the revised R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company tour at its Whitaker Park cigarette manufacturing facility here. The pipe is a souvenir of the first authentic introduction of tobacco in England.

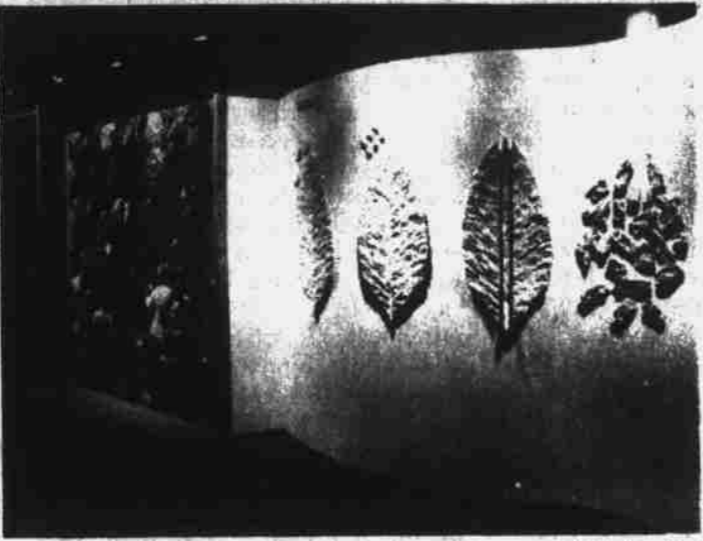
The pipe is just part of the memorabilia that has been added to the

administered the last sacrament of the church to him and the goodly bishop passed the pipe to the Carews family of Beddington, England.

From this family it came into the possession of the Glovers of Croydon, and afterwards to the Bryants of Reigate, England. W.A. Bryant exhibited the relic at the Guild Hall Museum in London almost a hundred years ago. At that time a parchment was introduced authenticating its history.



Sir Walter Raleigh's pipe (top one in enclosed cylinder) is one of the many artifacts that are now part of the revised R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company tour at its Whitaker Park cigarette manufacturing plant in Winston-Salem, N.C.

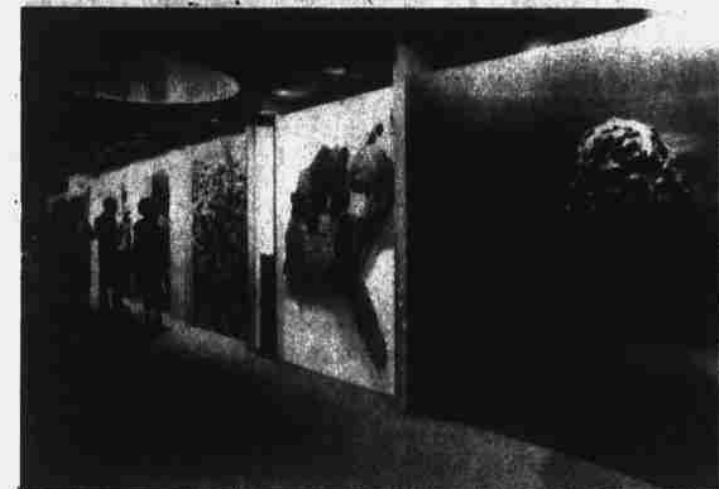


One of the new displays at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company's Whitaker Park cigarette manufacturing facility tour is a sculptor's version of what happens to a tobacco leaf when it goes through the stemming process (far right). Another of the new displays is an eight-foot-high photo of a tobacco auction. The many new displays add a dramatic scope to the popular tour which attracted over 500,000 in the last three years.

popular tourist attraction. Artifacts, old drawings and paintings, historic tobacco antiques and audiovisual presentations including Camel Caravan radio broadcasts, the Camel smoking billboard and several of the first Winston and Salem television commercials are also featured among the unique displays which are now part of the free tour.

When Raleigh's fall came, simultaneously with the weakening of Queen Elizabeth's power, he held the stem of the pipe in his teeth as he mounted the scaffold.

It is said that he handed the pipe to Bishop Andrewes, who



Three-foot-high sculpture of a tobacco seed (far right) is a highlight of one of the new sections of the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company tour at its Whitaker Park manufacturing facility. The tour, attended by over 500,000 people in the last three years, has been completely revised.

The pipe later became the property of Horace C. Blundell, 10 Stilehall Parade, Chiswick, London. He received it in the early 1900s from his grandfather who had married into the family of the Bryants. Blundell then presented the pipe to R.J. Reynolds after the company named its pipe tobacco Prince Albert.

The pipe is in a splendid state of preservation and is made of Virginia maple wood. There is also a whistle cut in the pipe, by which, it is said, Sir Walter Raleigh summoned his servants.



Whitaker Park cigarette manufacturing plant began operations on Oct. 16, 1961 and over 1.5 million have toured the facility since then. That number is expected to increase considerably with the dramatic new additions to the tour.

Mrs. Odessa Johnson Is Honored By DESC

DAYTON, OHIO — Mrs. Odessa T. Johnson, has earned a sustained superior performance award at the Defense Electronics Supply Center (DESC) where she is employed as chief of the General Ledger Group, Office of Comptroller, Air Force Brigadier General George K. Patterson, Center commander, presented her with a monetary award and certificate commemorating the occasion during special ceremonies in the commander's office.

Mrs. Johnson, who has been at the Center since 1951 was cited for consistently outstanding performance during the past year. Although her group was short-handed for a portion of the reporting period and she was involved in training new personnel, every scheduled report was issued on time. The

quality and accuracy of these financial data reports were clearly superior in spite of these difficult circumstances.

Mrs. Johnson is a 1939 graduate of Palmer Memorial Institute, Sedalia, (NC), and attended North Carolina Central University at Durham. She entered government service in June 1942 and worked for the Signal Corps, in Washington, D. C., until November 1946. She returned to government service at DESC in 1951.

She is a member and past matron of Lily of the Valley Chapter No. 55, O. E. S., P. H. A., Middletown, and is active in Middletown, Ohio's Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Johnson's nephew, J. C. Scarborough III is president of Scarborough and Hargett, Inc., funeral directors in Durham.



MRS. ODESSA JOHNSON

Parkwood Elementary School Faculty Selects Black as Teacher of the Year

by KELVIN A. BELL

Mrs. Marva S. Dixon, has been selected by the faculty of Parkwood Elementary School as their "Teacher of the Year".

The 1974 graduate of North Carolina Central University, has been employed at Parkwood Elementary School for the past three years and was among the probationary teachers who received their tenure within that system this year. The Murfreesboro native also received her Masters of Education degree, with honors from NCCU in 1975.

Mrs. Dixon, a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church, is involved with several community and professional organizations as well as with various activities involving youth. She has participated in various projects sponsored by area universities and the State Department of Public Instruction, as well.

Mrs. Dixon believes that children can be stimulated by

providing an "open atmosphere of learning," in which they are free to express themselves.

She gives personal attention to all of her students, saying that she is "concerned with exceptional children," because each of her stu-

dents "has something about him/her which is exceptional."

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Thomas of Mur-

freesboro, is the mother of one child, Thomas Kyle Dixon, and the wife of Kenneth E. Dixon of Durham.

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speeches because, in many instances, they were written or delivered at actual moments of crisis.

Numerous photos, ranging from Wilkins' birthplace in St. Louis to scenes in the Farmers Market in Monrovia, Liberia, to the White House, are interspersed throughout the text. The cover carries a color portrait of Wilkins.

The title page carries a citation commending Mr. Wilkins for his many years of service to the NAACP and to the nation.

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