

LETITIA MITCHELL, PKS resident, called us with a bi-centennial date that sent us to our history books: THE DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 1789. That was when, in Fayetteville, North Carolina ratified the constitution by a vote of 194 to 77. They were the twelfth state of the first thirteen to ratify, holding out for two main reasons: they wanted a bill of rights and wanted more power for individual states, fearing too strong a central government. Actually, by the time North Carolina ratified, the Constitution had already been declared in effect; the Constitutional Convention had stipulated that when nine of the thirteen states acted favorably, the new law of the land would indeed be in effect..... By the way, about the Revolutionary War: North Carolinians fought under George Washington at Brandywine and Monmouth and played a still more important part in the Southern campaigns of 1778-81. The two chief battles fought upon its soil were Moore's Creek, Feb. 27, 1776, and Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781. Both of these are now National Military Parks. Moore's Creek is near Wilmington and Guilford Court House near Greensboro.

RESCUE IN THE SOUND! Two lucky guys are dry and safe today because some PKS boatmen came along and discovered them at the right moment...DEAN BROSSMAN & ARNOLD SMITH had not even planned to be in their jointly owned boat on Weds. Nov. 19th. Arnold had meant to play golf but took a nap and didn't wake up in time, so he hopped into the boat and moved along the canal where he found Dean down at the edge doing some work. Together they went off for a little ride. After they had entered the sound and were going northeast for awhile, they saw before them suddenly 2 people in the water. Turned out to be a couple of fishermen who live in the Coastal Mobile Homes Park, ROBERT GREENE and O.N. BELANGER, who, still wearing waders after a big haul of oysters, had been trolling, gotten a strike, and, in their excitement, had somehow capsized their 12 foot metal boat. They were clinging to it - it had been capsized for nearly a half hour by the time they were found. Dean and Arnold were finally able to pull Greene into their boat, spilling him and his water filled waders in with some difficulty, when they spied ROBERT AMES, Scott Cooper, and Dick Mansfield coming by in Mansfield's boat and waved them over. Those three got Belanger into their boat and eventually both were taken ashore and home to get wrung out...Next day Greene stopped at Brossman's with a little present, suggesting to Dean, "I'll bet you don't know me." Dean assured him he was recognizable but not nearly as wet as when he was poured into the boat. Our heroes modestly insist that what they did, , anybody would have done, but the fact remains THEY did it, and we can be pretty proud!

MOVED TO NEW LOCATIONS: 1- ATLANTIC BEACH BEAUTY SHOP is now in that little shopping center on Salter Path in Atlantic Beach - it is right beside the Clothes Tree, the last shop on the left. Doris Dell and Judy Heath are there to "bend" your hair or whatever you want done to it. 2- CALICO HOUSE is in Morehead City now, instead of Harkers Island - same high taste level in clothes, same Joleen McCann finding them for us. She is in the red house on Arendell, near the post office, where Craft Cupboard used to be.

The Pine Knoll Shores Garden Club met Nov. 24th at the home of Marian Archibald. Continuing projects such as the Christmas "Luminaria" were discussed. "Luminaria", from the Spanish word meaning light, is a custom of lighting the streets of a neighborhood with candlelight to symbolize the bonfires the shepherds built to light their way to the manger in Bethlehem on the first Christmas Eve.

The Club President, Dortha Hall, said that Green Bag Day was a great success. The members, assisted by their guys, worked hard to fill Frank Johnson's truck twice--which meant 65 bags of junk plus two mattresses. We love our town, and it's a shame some people regard it as fair game for dumping. Still PKS is cleaner than last year. Marge Ramsey remembers filling four bags last year on Dogwood; this year they only used one. And this year the men scooped up everything on Salter Path between the PKS town limits signs. And Salter Path is really the catch all. Paul Kincaid said they loaded eight bags between Dogwood at Pine Knoll Townes and Mimosa. Frank Johnson reports that several people stopped and commended them for their efforts. One can be sure that the men let all those passersby know that PKS's Garden Club was responsible for the project. Chili, made by Newell Haller, Kay Jerome, and Marj Johnson, was served for lunch at the Johnson's, along with bread brought by Mary Catherine Smith and beer contributed by Dortha Hall.

Back to the meeting -- after the business meeting was concluded, Christmas decoration ideas were exchanged. Marian Archibald demonstrated how to cut off the bottom of deeply colored wine bottles and use the bottle to protect candles outside in windy spots. Audrey Hoffmeyer had made a