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BEHIND THE STORY

There was more than met the eye in the announcement that Genevieve Tolson Dunn had been named New Bern's Woman of the Year.

It was a gratifying revelation to this editor, not only because she deserved the high honor, but because she is endowed with a sense of fairness that shines like a candle glowing in the night.

Like us, she was jubilant last April when Mamie Miller was chosen Woman of the Year. This attitude on her part may have puzzled some of her friends, who perhaps felt that Genevieve was entitled to the distinction that had come to Mamie.

Certainly Genevieve had done much for the community. Most especially she was the driving force that brought about the establishment of a teen club at Union Point. Undismayed at the obstacles that at times seemed insurmountable, she refused to call it quits until a suitable place had been provided for the town's younger generation to gather and socialize.

Why then, was she so pleased when someone else received an honor that she no doubt would have been proud of. That's where Genevieve differed from those folks who let selfishness overpower their perspective, and destroy their desire to see that credit is given where credit is due.

Genevieve felt as strongly as this editor did that Mamie Miller's selection as New Bern's Woman of the Year was something that should have happened much earlier. It was sickening to many of us when her role of Good Samaritan in a city that needs all the Good Samaritans it can round up was overlooked by judges year after year.

Ironically, because Genevieve was one of Mamie's most ardent rooters. Mamie's selection last year appeared to have robbed Genevieve of her big chance to get the award. Surely, Genevieve realized that, but any disappointment she might have felt was compensated for tenfold by the decision of the judges in favor of Mamie.

It took a really big person to react as Genevieve Tolson Dunn reacted a year ago. Having known her since childhood, we didn't doubt her sincerity one iota when she rejoiced over the choice that had been made. It was strictly on the level, and we knew it.

For our part, we'll never forget her happiness when she first learned of Mamie's selection last year. And we weren't surprised as one of the early arrivals at the Sunday reception for Mamie when Genevieve showed up at just about the same time.

That's why it was keenly satisfying to The Mirror when the announcement was made last week that Genevieve had been singled out as the town's latest Woman of the Year. Obviously, the judges were cognizant of the fact that the teen club is even more important to the welfare of our youth than might have been realized at the outset. And they didn't forget who, more than anyone else, was responsible for its origin.

Genevieve, we hasten to add, has done a lot of other worthwhile things too. For example, she has long been active in the Parent-Teachers Association and in the work of Christ Episcopal church. One of her greatest assets is boundless enthusiasm. Coupled with energy and determination, this enthusiasm serves her well in getting the job at hand done.

A busy housewife and mother, she could probably offer all sorts of excuses for not participating actively in the worthy causes of her community. Instead, she pitches right in and does more than her share for every project with which she is identified.

Many adults are persistently critical of the younger generation, and Genevieve is well aware that teen agers aren't perfect. She is also aware, however, that condemnation isn't exactly the best way to assure the town of youthful citizens we can be proud of.

New Bern's teen club, to a large extent, is a monument to her faith. But more impressive than a monument, as far as we're concerned, is the memory of how happy she was for somebody else, a year ago.

Historical Gleanings

—By—

ELIZABETH MOORE

Abner Brickhouse v. Hannah Lewis

The estate of Jedidiah Brickhouse with Mary Bateman, Administratrix, 1818-1819.

Summons for Hannah Lewis, Executrix of Nathaniel Lewis to answer John F. Smith, Esq. Chairman of Craven County Pleas and Quarter Session, successor to John Tillman, deceased, to the use of Abner Brickhouse, Elizabeth and Calista Brickhouse, John Goff and Percy Goff, his wife. June 8, 1818. J. G. Stanley, Clerk of Court. (Mary Brickhouse, Admx. of Jedidiah Brickhouse.) Served by Spring Brooks.

Nathaniel Lewis maketh oath that he was intimately and well acquainted with the family of Jedidiah Brickhouse, whose late wife was deponent's sister; that said Brickhouse had six children who survived him, that one of the children, Calista has lived twelve months in defendant's family, at the charge of Hannah Lewis who has maintained her; that during the time Calista lived with Mrs. Lewis she was infirm and weakly. Deponent thinks Mrs. Lewis is fairly entitled to \$4.00 for provisions and clothes while Calista remained with her; that Jedidiah Brickhouse was much embarrassed at the time of his death and it was doubted by his friends how far the property would pay his debts.

Signed by Nathaniel Lewis, 28 November, 1818, before J. G. Stanley.

Nathaniel Lewis further deposed that while his sister was act-

Village Verses

SEEING IS BELIEVING

The things you tell him with your lips
Are clever and quite wise;
And yet, far more revealing
Are the words seen in your eyes.
Your mind controls your voice quite well,
Yes, every single thought;
But that's of small concern to him,
He'll take what's in your heart.
For lips can be misleading,
And bring their share of lies;
While words unspoken fairly shout
The truth found in your eyes.
So, if sometimes he fails to hear,
Good reason there may be;
He's probably listening to your heart
Speak words that he can see.

—JGMCD.

ing as administratrix of Jedidiah Brickhouse he paid William Taylor a debt of said Brickhouse's amounting to \$24.00 with a raft of staves, which the administratrix gave him for that purpose. This 28 Nov. 1818, before J. G. Stanley.

Mrs. Lewis claims for keeping Calista Bateman sixteen months. Thinks she can prove by Levi Bull money borrowed from Mr. Lewis just before Brickhouse's death.

Defendant maketh oath that she is sued as representative of her husband, who was security for Mary Bateman, Administratrix of Jedidiah Brickhouse, that some of the vouchers have been lost and she prays for extension of time to procure witnesses.

Names of Purchasers at sale: Vine Allen, Mary Ann Bateman, Silas Bateman, Levi Ball, Whitney Ball, Lucas J. Benners, Shadrack Ball, Spring Brooks, Joseph Burney, Samuel Cahoon, Elijah Cratch, H. Carraway, Alexander Carruthers, George Clark, Nelson Delamar, Stephen Fowler, John Harris, Samuel Harrison, Peter Harper, William Jones, Josiah Jones, James Kennedy, John Lewis, Na-

thaniel Lewis, John Lewis, Church Linsey, Susan Mackelroy, Morris Muse, Millis Muse, John Paul, John Patrick, Eleakim Patrick, Sidney Patrick, John Riggs, Jeremiah Squires, Church Vendrick, James Wilson, James Wilcocks, John Tillman's receipt dated January 13, 1809; David Tingle, Thomas Turner,

By amount of sales of the personal estate, December 29, 1807, 268 - 1 - 0.

T. H. Daves, Sheriff,
Joshua Scott, Dep. Sher.
(Records of Craven County
Estates No 4

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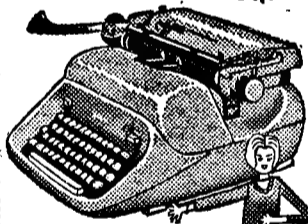
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