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PRESERVING THE PAST

Those who complain that New Bern can't go forward while looking backward aren't completely correct in their contention. Admittedly, it is wise to look to the future, but a city that fails to capitalize on its heritage isn't necessarily progressive.

"History can be sold at a fair profit," says Henry Belk, the distinguished and widely read editor of the Goldsboro News-Argus, "and after you have sold it you can sell it over and over again. More remains after it is sold than was there before it was sold. What other salable item can this be truthfully said about?"

"Sunk in its 'value of humility,' North Carolina has been idle in this field while in neighboring Virginia, history for sale has been one of the main industries for the past 50 years.

"Absorbed in the struggle for progress, North Carolina paid too little attention to its past, made too little effort to preserve tangible evidence of days gone by.

"Now gradually the State is coming to realize the past's value, culturally and financially. Gradually comes the realization that every dollar invested in Virginia's Colonial Williamsburg has been returned threefold to merchants and motel keepers."

Henry Belk's observation, mind you, comes from a veteran newspaperman who lives in a town that lacks historic landmarks as we have in New Bern. Knowing his community accomplishments through the years, we can visualize what he would be doing to glorify Goldsboro's past if the Wayne city could point to a heritage comparable to New Bern's.

The National Association of Travel Organizations, as far back as 1958, said the American traveler spends over \$25 billions a year. Any community which can attract a few dozen tourists a day throughout the year can generate the same financial benefit that would come if it obtained a small factory.

Knoxville, near the Great Smokies National Park, calls tourism "the biggest and most profitable business in town." The Knoxville Tourist Bureau convinced nearby farmers that the tourist business benefitted them too by showing that Knoxville tourists in a year eat 521,000 dozen eggs, 2,523,000 quarts of milk and ice cream, 2,909,000 pounds of meat, and 1,557,000 pounds of potatoes.

Remember these figures when you are offered an opportunity to attend the dinner meeting of the New Bern Historical Society and its friends at the Hotel Governor Tryon on the evening of March 20. If all goes well, contributions from public spirited citizens will within the next few days make it possible to burn the mortgage on the Attmore-Oliver Home.

As John R. Taylor, president of the Society says, it will be "one of the nicest fires" the organization has ever had. Main speaker at the dinner meeting is to be one of the outstanding archaeologists in the country, Stanley South of the North Carolina Department of Archives and History.

Preservation of the Attmore-Oliver House as a valuable tourist attraction has been accomplished without the expenditure of so much as a dime from the pockets of tax payers. Liquidation of the \$15,000 mortgage on the property will bring to \$60,000 or more the amount invested, and this sum has come solely in contributions from individuals and business firms.

Don Diechman, Harry Vatz and Donald Paul comprised the committee that formulated the plan to eliminate the Attmore-Oliver debt, back in 1959. They did their job well, but others too numerous to mention have worked tirelessly in achieving this purpose.

As the New Bern Historical Society says, there still remain several significant projects to be done before members and friends can feel satisfied with the task. These include restoration of the kitchen and the carriage shed, and completion of the already excellent Confederate Museum.

Defeatists who whine that everything New Bern tries to promote is a failure can't say that any longer. Verily, the history lovers have made history themselves.

Historical Gleanings

—By—
ELIZABETH MOORE

SALES OF THE ESTATE OF MESSRS. BYRNE AND CAMBRELING, DEC'D, RETURNED DECEMBER, 1799

SOLD ON 16 day of July, 1798, the following items: Auger and Chisel, all spice, Baze, Bandanas, Book Muslin, Bible, Black Ware, Brass Buckels, Bridle, Buttons, Buckram, Bunch Twine, Bread Tray, Bateman's drops, Bar Iron, British Oil, Butt Hinges, Candlesticks, Chocolate, Camphire, Canvas, Crockery, Camblet, Cloth in black, light blue, drab; Coating, Callmanco, Cambrick, Calico, Cups and Glasses; Cubboard Locks; Curry Combs; Green Durant, Mulberry Durant; Ermine, Flax, Fish Hooks, Flannel; Feathers, Feathers Gloves, Gimblets, Glass decanters, Humhums, Hinges, Hymn Books, Hats; Ink Stand; Jack knives, Keyhole Laws, Knee Buckels; Knives and Forks, Lace, Lawn; Linen; Muslin Handkerchiefs; Nails, Nutmeg; Plated tips and Buckels; Paper, Vest Pattern; Pewter Plates; Pack Pine, Powder; Steelyards, Shoes; Shot, Satin, Spoons, Spades, Shambuck, Stockings, Shaving Boxes; Scarlet Cloak, Shovel Salt, Shawl; Silk Handkerchiefs, Saddle Buckels, Saddle Bag Locks; Spelling Books, Sifters; Ribbon, Trilled Ribbon, Toothbrushes; Tea Kettles; Thumb Latches, Testaments; Thread, Twist; Worsted Gloves; One old Watch, Whip Saw, Watch Chains, Watch keys, Worsted ferretting; Watts' Books; and Watch Chains; House to Francis Nelson.

PURCHASERS AT THE SALE: Joseph Arthur, John Ackis, John Blanks, Reuben Bell, Solomon Bowers, Samuel G. Barron, Henry Butler, Henry Bettner, Mrs. Bartlett, John C. Bryan; Abner Camble; Abraham Comron; Nathaniel Cowdery, John Clark, James Carney, John Dewey, Frederick Clements, James Cutting, Mrs. Delastatia, William Dudley, Josiah Davis, Walter Dunn, John Daves, John Devereaux, John Dawson; Jonathan Fellows; Rodney Fulford, Joseph Fisher, Mrs. Frehue, Richard Forbes, David Forlaw, William Gatlin, James Gatlin, Joel Henry, William Hewitt, Robert Hunt; Marlen Holton, William Harris, Peter Henryon, John Howard, Elias Hawes, James Hays, Harman King, Joseph King, James Little, Isaac Lipsey, Francis Lowthrop, William Lockhart, James McMann, Archibald McCalop; John Morgan, P. Manning, Levi Moore, John Morgan, Jeremiah Mastin, Francis Nelson, Thomas Oliver; William Parks, David Pierce, John Rice, Benjamin Price, William Smith, John Smallwood, John Stanly, Benfamin Sparrow, Thomas Steel, James Stewart, John Sears, Wm. Truitt; Joseph Shute, James Slover; Isaac Taylor, John S. West, William Wane, William Tignor; James Wilson, Daniel West, David Whorton, Joseph Wiggins.

The following typographical errors should be corrected in our item: NEW BERN WOMEN MADE GIFT TO THE UNIVERSITY:

1. February 15, Issue: Change: "tion of the Presbyterian Minister to New Bern in 1812, and taught in the New Bern Ac-;" TO "James Carney died C. 1808, prior to the erection of the Presbyterian Church".

2. February 22 Issue: In second Paragraph Mary Daves should be Mary Daves. Date of birth of Captain John

Village Verses

AWAKENING

No poet ever fashioned a smartly worded rhyme
That had the glowing beauty of a field in green-up time;
Tiny shoots go reaching for the sun and air and rain,
They brighten up the furrows, and you know it's Spring again.
Seeds, touched by the hand of God, sprouting everywhere,
And covering up the bleakness of a land that once was bare;
A million, trillion miracles — arousing from their sleep,
And promising a harvest for those who sow and reap.
There's never been a Winter yet that robbed us of our Spring,
Nature's resurrection is a definite, certain thing;
No wonder folks who till the soil feel mighty close to God,
When there's so much creation that's nestling in the sod.
Even when occasional snow checks every acre white
We never have to ponder, as your eyes survey the sight;
We know that in due season the snow and ice and sleet
Will vanish, and that green-up time is coming doubly sweet.
Poets only fashion words, in verse the best they can,
While marveling at the glory of God's eternal plan;
And though they try it's hopeless, endeavoring to explain
The splendor all around us, when Spring arrives again.
—JGMcd.

Daves should be 1743, not 1731.
Their son: was John Pugh Daves.

Paragraph about Elizabeth Bachelor: Chancellor Edward E. Graham died 1835, not 1883. Same paragraph beginning "On June 30, 1830" should be amended to read: "On June 30, 1830, the Edward Grahams' daughter Elizabeth Bachelor married John Pugh Daves, mentioned in preceding paragraph.

3. Maiden name of John Jones' wife was Susanna Saunders, not Squanders.

4. Hannah Taylor's maiden name was Justice.

5. March 1 issue:

Line left out near the beginning of the paragraph about Julia Stephens. Following the words "Julia married Francis (Frank) Hawks' after this should be inserted the words, "The son of John Hawks, the Architect of Tryon Palace.

6. At the end of the March 1 chapter, a period should follow the words "Each of them"; the

four plus lines that follow should be deleted.
Thanks very much, EM.

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