

# THE NEW BERN MIRROR

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## WELL DONE

Our congratulations to the town of Mount Olive, for intelligently planning and excellently executing a noteworthy observance of its arrival at the hundred year mark.

Much smaller (pop. 6,000) and much younger than New Bern, the Wayne community put our 260 year old Colonial Capital to shame, by doing the things we should have but didn't when we had our 250th birthday celebration a decade ago.

Instead of hiring a truly outstanding author of outdoor dramas, and restricting his talent to an indoor presentation in a school auditorium, Mount Olive staged its spectacle outdoors.

Theirs was a community affair, featuring a large cast of home people, rather than a small number of imported college students classed none too accurately as "professional" actors and actresses.

New Bern's play, or whatever you want to call it, was for the most part reeled off to empty seats during the several nights it ran. In one respect those who dreamed up the idea of an indoor pageant were right. New Bern High school's auditorium was big enough to seat the few who saw fit to attend.

Here the growing of beards was decided against, presumably because this sort of thing wasn't considered in keeping with the cultural aspects of our observance. This, mind you, before the advent of hippies on the national scene who, in their own way, desecrated facial foliage.

Yes, Mount Olive males grew whiskers. They grew them in all shapes and sizes, and in varied hues and shades. It made for a lot of good natured kidding, kept natives constantly aware of the momentous event to come, and attracted the attention of outsiders who eventually attended the celebration.

Naturally, the women of the town didn't grow beards and couldn't have. They were quite content to dress up in styles of long ago. Kids got into the act too. It was everybody's centennial, a glorious time of fun packed togetherness.

Like we said, little Mount Olive put us to shame.

## Historical Gleanings

—By—  
ELIZABETH MOORE

### Craven County CONVEYANCES

North Carolina, Craven County. William Wilson to Francis Stringer. Land on the North side of Neuse River, &c. corner of McNora Scarborough. Wit. Levi Trehlitt, John Her-ring. June 19, 1741. Book 1 Page 433.

John Carruthers, Planter to Capt. Francis Stringer for 300 pounds current money, 150 acres of land, part of a survey to John Carruthers by his Majesty anno dom. 1737, on North side of Neuse River, &c upper part of Stoney Town Creek, to a Great Pond, which parts him from Solomon Witherington's land, then along with Solomon Witherington's and John Witherington's corners, to a cypress at the creek, with houses &c. Wit. Nich. Routledge, Joseph Hannie, Phil. Trapnall. 22 Sept. 1742. Book 1 Page 124.

William Wilson to Martin Franck, land on North side of Trent River, White Rock, patented by William Wilson from Gabriel Johnston. Wit. Ann Vail, Joseph Johnson. 16 Jan. 1741. Book 1 P. 367.

Francis Linkfield to William Wilson, personal property. Wit. William Brice. William Herring-tage. 7 Jan. 1741. Book 1 P. 432

John Wilson to Joseph Miller 200 acres of land on North side of Crossing Swamp. Wit. John Williams, John Monk, John Numan. 16 March 1742. Book 1 Page 557.

Samuel Roberts to James Roberts a plantation on Dorson's (Dawson) Creek, 100 acres commonly called Atherly's -- Race Path Branch. Wit. Charles Shaneywoolf, John Coart, Garet Hyman. Proved by Samuel Roberts, Sept. 1750. Book 1 Page 591.

Commissioners of New Bern to Joseph Hall for four pounds, Lots in New Bern #404,405,406, 407. Wit. Chas. Stewart, Phil. Smith. Proved June Court, 1751. Chas. Young, C. C. Book 1 Page 532.

Samuel Roberts for fifty pounds, ten shillings current money conveys to James Roberts, a plantation on Dawson's Creek 100 acres, beginning at Dawson's Creek, thence up a branch known as Race Path Branch, to Atherly's line. Wit. Charles Shanewolf, John Cook. Aug. 29, 1750. Book 1 Page 500.

George Lane to Joseph Crispin, land on the North side of Neuse River, a little below the mouth of Stoney Town Creek 321 acres. Wit. Thomas Leech, Andrew York. 27 Sept. 1759,

## Village Verses

### WELCOME HOME

Another landing on the moon  
Had scientific worth,  
But better still, very soon,  
You'll be back on earth.  
—JGMCD.

Book 1 P. 586

Solomon Griffin, Planter for ten pounds proclamation money to Joseph Leech, merchant, land on the East side of Swift Creek and Maul's Swamp, &c, same as in Book 2 Page 476. Wit. Lewis Bryan, James Hill. 13 Sept. 1764. Book 2 Page 477.

A grant to Joseph Leech, 400 acres in Bear River Pecosin on the North side of Neuse River and East side of Pamlico Road near the Sand Hill, beginning at a small black gum, yearly rent of 4 shillings proclamation money for every 100 acres. 14 March 1775. /s/ Josiah Martin, Gov. Book 3 P. 357.

Joseph Crispin to Richard Blackledge, a parcel of land on the North side of Neuse River, 330 acres being lower part of a tract called Heratah granted

to William Hancock 23 Sept. 1743, and conveyed by said W. Hancock to Walter Lane and in his will to his son and heir George Lane and by him to Joseph Crispin. Wit. John Williams. Peter Conway. Sept. 14, 1761. Book 1 Page 609.

Moses Roberts, tailor, appoints beloved brother his attorney, wit. James Watson, Benjamin Hatch, 21 March 1772. Book 1 P. 522.

Grant to Joseph Leech for 5000 acres in the Western District on the Waters of the Mississippi River, joining the lines of a survey of Stockley Donelson, for 100 pounds. November 27, 1793. Richard D. Spaight, Gov. Book of Grants #3, P. 54. (Records of Craven County).

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## Superior Court Judge William J. Bundy, retiring after 15 distinguished years on the bench, voluntarily made this public tribute recently:

"Charlie Berry has been, and still is, the best sheriff I've ever known or observed during my many years as a judge in North Carolina Courts."

Anyone who is acquainted with Judge Bundy can vouch for the fact that he is a man who tells it like it is.

If you were Craven County's Sheriff, would you want a better endorsement?

# RE-ELECT CHARLIE BERRY ON MAY 2nd