



Is Someone Trying To Tell Us Something?

This is a scene in front of the Vanceboro Post Office several nights ago. Someone started a fire on the grate of a storm drain. This might mean someone thinks our drains are beginning to fill up with street trash and need a good cleaning.

Chrysanthemum Festival Planned For October

Antiques and crafts enthusiasts, flower and fun fanciers are in for a bountiful three day celebration when historic New Bern welcomes autumn. The 9th annual Chrysanthemum Festival is to be held Oct. 12, 13, 14, and includes many events happening at the Tryon Palace Restoration and Gardens Complex and in the adjacent downtown New Bern central business district. All of the activities and events are within easy walking distance of one another.

Tryon Palace will present its first annual Garden Symposium, Oct. 12th, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Tryon Palace Auditorium. The Symposium, scheduled at a time when the Palace grounds are particularly spectacular, features noted national speakers on garden topics. The fee is \$40.00, which includes lectures, materials, and luncheon. For information and registration, contact the co-sponsor, the Division of Continuing Education, East Carolina University, Greenville, N.C. (919-757-6143).

On Oct. 13th, (9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.), and Oct. 14th, (1:30 to 5 p.m.), the gardens and grounds of the historic Tryon Palace Complex will be opened free to the public. Over 55 varieties of chrysanthemums will be blooming in the 18th century style gardens. The chrysanthemums range in type from spider, quill, and daisy to pompom and anemone. The autumn color show lasts from late September into early November, but is expected to be at peak during the Festival. Interior tours of Tryon Palace, Stanly House, and Stevenson House will be available at the usual admission prices.

The popular North Carolina Highland Regiment from Fayetteville, N.C. will perform on the grounds of Tryon Palace Oct. 13th and 14th. Changing of the guard, drills, cooking demonstrations, and the firing of muskets will highlight the Regiment's weekend encampment on the Palace's great lawn. On Sunday afternoon, the sounds of the Highland bagpiper will be joined by the ringing of bells when the hand bell choirs of five local churches give concerts on the north lawn of Tryon Palace.

The Chrysanthemum Festival Antiques Show opens Oct. 13th at 10 a.m. and continues until 9 p.m. that evening. The show, held at the Sudan Temple, will run from 1 to 5 p.m. on the 14th. Visitors won't want to pass up the opportunity to purchase quality pieces from 20 dealers specializing in American period furniture, English furniture, American primitives, and other collectables.

Visitors can have their own antiques appraised at 2 items for \$5.00 by Anne Leighton and Keith Wayne, experts from Christies. There is no limit to the number of items you can take to them, and their appraisal service, a part of the Antiques Show, will be available from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the 13th. There will be a nominal admission charge for the Chrysanthemum Festival Antiques Show.

The Chrysanthemum Festival Crafts Show should pack the O. Marks (former Belk) Building at 233 Middle St. Wander into a

world of demonstration - over 20 craftspersons will show you just how it was done. Crafts range from duck decoys and folk art to needlework and pottery, all available for purchase. There is no admission charge to the Crafts Show, which will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the 13th and 1 to 5 p.m. on the 14th.

Much of the weekend's entertainment will take place on the concert stage set up at Bear Plaza and the adjoining city parking lot; an attractive open space off Middle St. in the heart of the historic central business district. The concert stage will be continuously active from 11 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on the 13th. At 6:30 p.m., the Chrysanthemum Festival Talent contest will begin. On Sunday the 14th, concerts will run from 1 to 5 p.m. The Talent Show and all of the performances are free to the public, and refreshments and beverages will be for sale in the Bear Plaza area.

Groups that will perform on Saturday and Sunday include the New Bern Civic Theatre, Belle Mayers Theatrical Ensemble, Pelican Players, New Bern High School Band, Pope Dance Education, Cherry Point Players, Margaret Fletcher Dance Studio, Windjammers, Havelock High Band, Wanda Kay School of Dance, and others.

The Attmore Oliver House, New Bern's brand new historical house museum at 511 Broad St., will reduce its admission rates by half on the 13th and 14th for the Chrysanthemum Festival. A tour is \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for children during this special period. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the 13th and 1 to 4:30 p.m. on the 14th. The Attmore Oliver House was built in 1790, and the interior is furnished with interesting antiques of the late 1700s and early 1800s. There are several unique artifacts from the Civil War period in display cases.

The New Bern Footlight Theatre and Pro-Music Inc. will combine their talents to deliver a further option during the busy Chrysanthemum Festival. They will present Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore" at the historic Masonic Theatre at 8 p.m. on the 12th and 13th. There will be a special matinee on the 14th at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

1.4 Million Students To Take PSAT/NMSQT In October

More than 1.4 million students are expected to take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) this fall in over 19,000 high schools across the nation. Among them will be 52 students scheduled to take the test October 23 at West Craven High School according to Patricia Eatmon of the school's guidance staff.

The PSAT/NMSQT will be offered nationally this year on Saturday, October 20 and Tuesday, October 23. Since 1959, nearly 30 million students have taken the test, which measures verbal and mathematical abilities.

"Students take the PSAT/NMSQT for several reasons," said the local guidance official. "The PSAT/NMSQT is the qualifying exam for students wishing to participate in competitions of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Students also want to find out how they rank among their peers taking the test in other parts of the country."

The test also provides an opportunity to become familiar with types of questions similar to those on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), which many college-bound students take. In addition, the test is the first step in qualifying for many scholarships and awards made by local industries.

Before taking the PSAT/NMSQT, students receive a Student Bulletin containing a complete practice test with an answer key and scoring instructions. After the test, they receive a booklet, About Your PSAT/NMSQT Scores, that helps them to interpret their test results and plan for college.

Particularly helpful for students is the Report of Student Answers, which includes the correct answers and their own responses and scores. They also receive their own test booklets so they can review the actual questions, see the ones they got wrong, and try to figure out the correct answer and why they may have missed it.

The College Board also provides other services that enable counselors and other school personnel to better understand and interpret and test results to students and parents. These services include school summaries of students' answers, profiles of the academic characteristics and career interests of students taking the test, and a special publication for use with students as part of a general guidance program.

Interested students and parents should contact their local guidance counselor for more information.

Grady Promoted

Lillie B. Grady, business office supervisor with Carolina Telephone in Kinston, has been promoted to business office manager in New Bern.

In her new position, Grady is responsible for the supervision of the service representatives who assist residential and business telephone customers in the New Bern area.

A native of Seven Springs, Grady joined Carolina Telephone in 1957 as a teller in the company's Commercial Department in Kinston. She also worked as a service representative for residential and business customers before being promoted to business office supervisor in 1972.

In Kinston, Grady has been active in the United Fund and the Heart Fund, and is a member of Free Will Baptist Church. She and her husband L.G. have a son, Cale.

Genealogically Speaking

Family of John O. Wethington

(continued from last week)

Chares C. Wethington (brother of John O.), born about 1828 married Aug. 28, 1850 Elishy Ann Anderson, born Sept. 18, 1834, died Aug. 22, 1870, dau. of Dossie Whitford and Henry Anderson. one child: Henry Bryan Wethington (1851-1916) married 1st Susan L. Toler (1848-1872) dau. of James Jr. and Cecelia Toler. They had one daughter Susan Martha Wethington (1872-1878) Henry married 2nd Laura Toler (1854-1928) and they had 8 children; Charlie Bryan Wethington (1876-1921) unm. Lovie Ann Worthington (1878-1892), Effie L. Wethington (1881-1921) married Furney A. Hartley, Henry Willis Wethington (1883-1964) married Cora E. Whitford and had 10 children, Augustus Biggs Wethington (1886-1963) married Rosa Mae Hartley and had 6 children, Mack Addison Wethington (1886-1963) married Mary Knox and had 9 children, Susan Wethington (1890-1974) married Ira E. Whitford and had 7 children, Guy Wethington (1894-1948) married Lora Lane and had 4 children.