

Reminiscences Of John C. Bond

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struction at northeast corner of Main and Water Streets; later he married and moved the office into the block above King Street over the millinery shop of his wife and sister. There you would have to mount a flight of steps on the outside to the second story and when the mail was ready for distribution he would hang out a little red flag from the end of the porch.

Ring of hammers and caulker mallets could be continually heard at her two thriving shipyards; one of them where the ice plant is now located, owned and operated by Mr. John Cox; the other was on the eastern end of the Edenton Realty Company's property on Blount Street, operated by Colonel Paine. At these yards were built sea-going vessels. Probably the largest was a bark-rigged vessel, built by Mr. Cox, named for his wife, who was a daughter of Gov. Pollock, "Annie B. P. Cox." This vessel under the command of Captain Richard S. Halsey, traded with the West Indies and coastwise ports and often in the Mediterranean. On one of these trips he was entrusted with and brought to Edenton a caricature of the Edenton Tea Party, found by Lieut. Muse in a barber shop in Mahon on the Isle of Minorca.

Another very notable vessel was the "Harriet Ryan," built by Col. Paine, this old schooner ran the blockade into Wilmington in the 60's; was captured, sailed north, was wrecked in a storm on the coast of Maine about ten years ago. The "Mary Wood" built by Paine for Mr. Edward Wood, was captured running the blockade and was destroyed.

On the grounds now occupied by Edenton Cotton Mills rope was made and shipped in our own vessels; loaded from large warehouses, standing on the water's edge of this property (where now a skiff would barely float). Directly across the creek Mr. Johnson operated two saw mills, circular and gang saws. Slicker's Mill stood near where Brown Company's Plaining Mill now stands.

In the bygone days all merchandise was brought in sailing vessels, but later we had steam boats plying between Norfolk and Edenton through the canal, but the oldest established line was on the Chowan River to Franklin, Va., the Fox, Schultz, Stag Curlew. Then came the Isadore, Chowan and others. These steamers made tri-weekly trips to and from Franklin, connecting with the Seaboard Railroad, carrying mail, passengers and freight. (In the earlier days the railroad coaches on this road were pulled by horses).

A stage line was maintained to Elizabeth City and Norfolk and regardless of conditions of streets and roads, would arrive

(whenever he could). With much show and gusto he would come tearing down Main Street his horses in full canter, blowing his long tin horn, heralding his approach as he drew up in front of Hornblowers Tavern, at which old celebrated hostelry a servant would announce the meal hour by beating a tattoo on a metal gong.

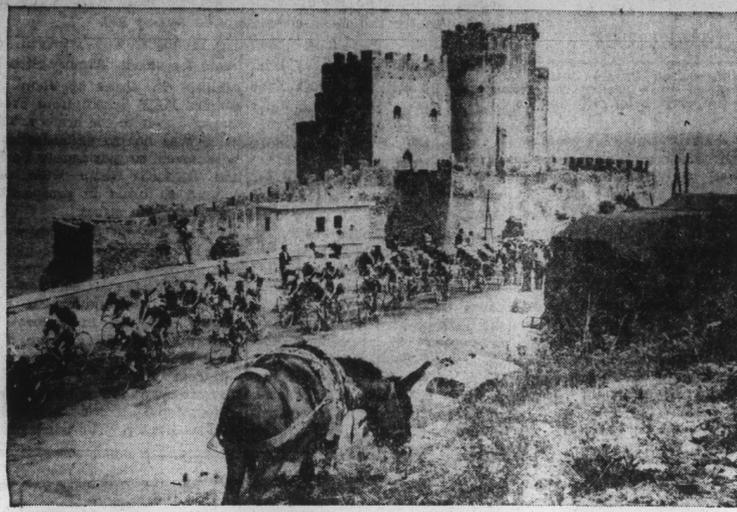
This old two story structure had the appearance of three houses built at different periods and connected. The west end, probably the oldest, was built very close to the ground, and the upper story had windows projecting through, sloping shingled sides on front and back. (Dutch colonial style). Center and eastern ends had straight sides to the eaves, piazza running the entire length of the buildings. The center section was used as a dining room and was nearly as long as the other two sections combined; the floor was raised eighteen or twenty inches above the piazza and the building set back from the street fifteen or eighteen inches inside of front line of east end, the office and bar was in the east end (next to the Court House).

Two steps above the piazza ushered the guests into a hall about twelve feet wide extending back half the width of the building (probably sixteen or eighteen feet) to the door of the bar just in the rear of the hall. From the side of this door the stairs led up to a platform, thence up to the second floor. On the right of hall as you entered a door opened on a short flight of steps leading to the alley between tavern and Court House. On left of hall was the office and general lounging room, a door admitted you into the dining room. These two floors were on a level while from west end necessitated two steps to reach the dining room. Upper story was devoted to bed rooms opening off a long narrow passage down center of building.

Mr. Hornblower's name has very commonly been corrupted into "Horn-i-blow" and "Horn-i-blew."

Mr. Edison has said that "no electricity would be almost as bad as no sunlight." Looking back to when I was a kid, we used home made tallow candles and lightwood knots, and for a night or sick lamp, a waxed button with a lighted string through it floated in a saucer of melted lard or tallow gave lightning bug glow. Later came the ethereal oil lamp and kerosene. The moon furnished most of the light for our streets. Then on a happy day in 1904 I had the honor to throw the switch that gave us "Electric Lights" and darkness was turned into day.

The more commonly used vehicle in the days of yore was the horse and cart, sometimes the cart had springs or a seat with springs. A more comfortable conveyance was the buggy and buck-board, but the elite



PEDAL PUSHING THROUGH TIME—Hard-riding cyclists on the "Tour of Italy" bike race classic fail to distract a mule grazing on the slope near an ancient Norman castle. The scene is at Cosenza, at the "toe" of the Italian "boot."

rode in a carriage, high slung by heavy leather straps from large curved springs on front and back, the driver sitting on a perch in front. The interior had seats at the ends and occupants rode facing each other, provided with slings at the sides by which they supported themselves, for this conveyance tossed and pitched like a small boat in a rough sea, for the roads were very rarely smooth and a short visit to a friend twenty-five miles away consumed a full summer's day.

Most of the cooking was done in an open fire place and every ounce of water and every stick of wood had to be "toted" (brought) from the well stocked wood pile. More often the smaller members of the family were required to do this work.

Now compare these conditions with the conveniences and comforts of today. Paved roads to everywhere, everybody owns an automobile, a seventy-mile journey requires only about two hours. The kitchen range automatically fed, furnishes hot water and by the turn of a spigot we get hot and cold water in every room. Your house is heated by a furnace in the cellar, automatically oil fed, and by touching a button you can have an abundance of light and our streets have the brilliance of

a mid-day sun. Yes, Mr. Edison is right, "No electric light would be as bad as no sunlight."

New Books At Local Library

Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library has recently acquired from the State Library four important books:

North Carolina's Older Population: Opportunities and Challenges. This report was made by North Carolina Governor's Coordinating Committee on Aging and Proceedings, Governor's Conference on Aging July 27-29, 1960.

The Emotionally Disturbed Child edited by William P. Richardson, M.D.

The Academically Talented, edited by William P. Richardson, M.D.

Rehabilitation of the Physically Disabled, edited by William P. Richardson, M.D.

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Revolution by Howard Fast. A Pictorial Manual of Ballroom Dancing edited by A. H. Franks.

Rocky Hock Wins Opener

The Rocky Hock Orioles defeated Creswell Tuesday night on Hicks Field 4-1 in the opening game of the Roanoke-Chowan League. It was a pitchers' duel between Harrell of Rocky Hock and Cahoon and Sexton of the Creswell team.

Rocky Hock scored three runs in the fourth inning when J. Evans led off with a double and Ashley had a base on balls. Then with a full count Al Bunch socked his first home run of the season. Farmer scored on a sacrifice in the eighth inning.

Creswell scored their lone run in the fifth inning when Phelps got on with a fielder's choice and was brought home with a sacrifice.

Harrell struck out 12, walked none and gave up only two hits while Cahoon and Sexton struck out 11, walked three and gave up five hits. Cahoon was the losing pitcher and Harrell was the winner.

No Fires Reported In Edenton In May

Fire Chief W. J. Yates reports that firemen were not called for any fire alarms during May, but they responded to three out of town. Time out for the three rural fires was 3 hours and 50 minutes. The firemen traveled 84 miles and were on the air 30 seconds. It was necessary to lay 300 feet of hose for the fires. Sixty volunteer firemen responded for the fires.

Property involved was estimated at \$16,000 and insurance \$7,000. Damage was estimated at \$500.

During the month two firemen spent five days in school at Charlotte.

ON TRAVEL TOUR

Thirty-seven men and women from North Carolina, members of the East Carolina College's 1961 Summer Travel Tour of the Southwestern United States, are now participating in the 30-day travel and study tour to include 19 states and Juarez, Mexico. The tour will end at Greenville July 3.

Among those making the tour is Miss Ruby Feltz, a member of the Edenton school faculty.

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