

## Along The Way

By Woodrow Wilhoit



I have been told down the years that around 1920 there was a newspaperman in Carthage who was an avid baseball fan who wanted to see a semi-pro league for Moore County, and went about seeing that it became a reality in an unusual manner.

It seems that he ran an item in all county papers that a meeting would be held in Carthage on a certain date concerning the formation of a semi-pro baseball league in Moore.

The meeting was held but according to the story there were only two or three people who showed up. However, he was undaunted and the next week he wrote an article to the effect that a large turnout was on hand and interest was high. He named some of those from the various towns who were selected to set up an organization in their communities for fielding a team.

His articles proved to be just the thing needed and the old Moore County League was formed in 1921 and proved to have been one of the strongest in the state at that time.

It was active for only one season, but fans flocked to the games.

**High Wheelers**  
Seeing those high-wheeled bicycles demonstrated in Carthage and Southern Pines two weeks ago as a part of the Tour de Moore race sidights, gave us all a good idea as to how some people got around long before advent of the automobile.

The demonstrations were both interesting and entertaining.

**Tire Tale**  
Several years ago a local group was on their way to a college basketball or football game in Raleigh, I believe, and while enroute someone in the car noticed a tire and wheel rolling

along beside their vehicle and inquired where it was from.

It didn't take them long to find out it was off their car. The tire and wheel was finally located and put back on and the trip continued without further incident.

**40th Anniversary**  
This week marks my 40th year in the field of journalism, I have begun my career the first week of May, 1941. Since that time there have been many things that have taken place not only in Moore County but throughout the world as well.

Working in the newspaper field has always been and still is very interesting with no one day the same.

During the past 40 years there have been many innovations in newspapering, with most of them being for the better. There will likely be many more as the years go by.

**Bee Trees**  
Today you very seldom hear about someone finding a bee tree in the woods as used to be the case in past years.

Cutting a bee tree and getting the honey out of its trunk used to be an exciting event, and was in many instances done at night time for most people were working during the day.

One who was well versed in bee lore and habits could locate a bee tree if there was one around nearby their area.

My cousin, the late Baxter McKenzie, was gifted at locating a bee tree, and during his life time he found a number of them in the woods.

I've been to one or two places where a bee tree was cut down, and seen the many pounds of honey inside the trunk. It was quite an occasion, and if you were not careful you could get stung by the swarming bees as many people did. That honey was most tasty right out of the hollows of the tree.

Sometimes there was enough honey removed from a bee tree to last a family for quite a while.

**Speak Spanish?**  
I'm looking for someone who can speak Spanish for I have material on the 33 Carthagians in the world sent here by a group from Carthage, Spain.

I can make out a little Spanish but not enough to translate the brochure.

There is undoubtedly someone around who can make the translation for it appears to be interesting information. I'd like to run in The Pilot.

**Oakland Okay**  
I like to see a major league team that doesn't have a number of high salaried stars make a good showing just as the Oakland A's are currently doing in the American League.

Oakland is in contrast to some of the other clubs that have players drawing astronomical salaries, but Billy Martin is doing all right so far with his material, and as this is written the A's were in first place in the American League West with a mark of 18-3. They may not stay up there, but at least Martin's team with no super stars are showing the rest how it's done right now.

## Open House Slated Sunday

On Sunday afternoon, May 10, an Open House will be held at Glyn-Lee Acres located on the Vass Road 1805 southeast of Carthage from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Realtors involved are Shore and Holt Inc. of Southern Pines. Nancy Taylor is agent for the realtors holding the open house.

The house is located on Lot No. 10 of the development. Mrs. Glendora Benner Campbell of Minuet, New York owns the house. She is the former Glendora Benner, a Carthage native.

The new development contains 17 lots, paved streets and underground utilities, street lights and front entrance lights.

Owners of the development are Gaither Edwards, also a Carthage native, and Mrs. Campbell.

The public is invited to attend this special event.



**SOLDIERS MOVE IN** — This is part of the battle scene on Saturday. — (Judi Kelly Photos).



**ACTION IN SKIRMISH** — One of the wounded soldiers in the re-enactment of the battle held at House in the Horseshoe Saturday is receiving aid.

## Battle Scene Reenacted At House In Horseshoe

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Saturday and Sunday were festive days at the famed House in the Horseshoe in the Deep River community, when a re-enactment of the skirmish that took place there 200 years ago was held, along with a crafts fair, and other events, with large crowds on hand both days.

Saturday, though breezy and a little on the cool side, many got where the sun was and relaxed on the lawn in chairs or meandered around the premises of the house which is now a historical site.

The crowd enjoyed viewing the varied array of crafts that were displayed, and watched baskets being made right on the spot.

## Benfields Give Report On Mission In Austria

The Rev. Ray Benfield and wife, former residents of Carthage and now missionaries to Salzburg, Austria, in a news letter state that they are learning their way around since arriving there in January.

He is a former pastor of Carthage First Baptist Church. "We are learning the German language, slowly but surely. The language will be quite helpful to us and make our work much more enjoyable. We have finished two month's study and will have two more before moving to Salzburg for our fulltime ministry there."

They cite some frustrations during their first three months, such as stopping at the border each Sunday to be checked as they go to church at Salzburg. Trying to ask for an item they cannot find in the grocery store.

Turning on TV on Sunday evening and seeing the Waltons, but hearing them speak in German. Attempting to use their washing machine in the apartment complex with the help of their "Haus Frau" who speaks no English.

The Benfields list some of their joys such as enjoying the visual delight of beautiful snow-covered mountains and the tiny quaint village scenes that dot Germany and Austria. Seeing the world-renowned 'Blue Danube,' the Vienna Opera House, the Gutenberg Press in Mainz, Germany, and Mozart's birthplace in Old Salzburg. Hearing a familiar hymn tune sung with German words by the Austrian congregation. Seeing so many beautiful old churches and castles of the elaborate Baroque era (1600-1750).

The Austrian Baptist church was begun during the early 1940s, as a church of refugees from eastern Europe escaping persecution. Baptists in Austria date back to the Mollardgasse Church in Vienna, established in 1869. They state that Baptist work in Austria is still very small, with only about 750 Baptists in the whole country of 7 1/2 million. Austrian churches have Sunday School only for children through age 12. They are in the first part of the service, then they are dismissed for Sunday School. The older children, youth and adults, remain for "preaching."

Total service runs for about 1 1/2 hours in length, the reason for the English worship service beginning at 11:15.

The Rev. Mr. Benfield has preached every Sunday this year in the English language church.

Since coming to the church the Benfields have written a new set of by-laws, and established

the crafts fair featured people from Moore, Lee and Chatham counties, who had their wares displayed for sale. There was a varied array of hand-made items, such as walking canes, rugs, ladies purses, dolls, baskets of all types and pictures. Mementoes of the House in the Horseshoe were being sold, along with the many other items on display.

Moore County is known for its pottery making and there were plenty of such pieces displayed in all sizes and artistic designs.

There was plenty of music provided by Wayne Livengood and his Blue Grass musicians from Carthage, and the Harvey Jones Band from Ramseur.

monthly observances of the Lord's Supper and a pot luck luncheon. The congregation has been organized into ministry groups, rather than committees and membership is set up on six months basis, with continuation renewal on an individual basis.

The Benfields' first convert was baptized on Easter Sunday, climaxing a special musical program. An Easter sunrise service was held on one of the mountain peaks at Salzburg.

Most of the members or attenders of the English language Baptist Church are students from an English-speaking university, or musicians and other workers.

They state that it is "a rewarding and challenging ministry."

## SCAP Makes Garden Plans For Carthage

Sandhills Community Action Program, Inc. is sponsoring a community garden in Carthage for the elderly and handicapped in the county who are unable to tend a garden of their own.

The vegetable garden will be tended and harvested by community volunteers, and will be distributed throughout the county by SCAP staff and volunteers. Any excess vegetables not distributed will be processed at the county cannery for distribution beginning May 25.

Other community gardens are being organized throughout the county for low-income residents. This year, the Cameron area is holding a fund raising drive resulting from the sale of their garden harvest.

More volunteers are needed for tending, harvesting, and distributing the vegetables. Anyone interested in more information on the project, may call the SCAP office at 947-5675.

## Goal Met

Dr. Jim Brock, president, said this week that the barbecue benefit held by the Carthage Rotary Club on April 29 was a big success with the \$500 scholarship goal having been met.

The proceeds will provide funds for a scholarship to a Union Pines senior.

The club wishes to thank all who purchased tickets or participated in any way with the benefit.

Sunday afternoon the Rev. James MacKenzie, pastor of Elise Presbyterian Church, presented a sermon in Gaelic, and there was gospel singing by the choir from the Cameron Baptist Church and a group from Carthage.

Highlight of the occasion was the battle re-enactment by the 2nd N.C. Regiment of Foot Soldiers headed by Rudy Weimann. Other outfits included portions of the 84th Regiment, 3rd N.C. Guilford militia, N.C. Highland Regiment and others.

Before the battle, commanders of each unit described the uniform he and his group were wearing and how they came into being during the American Revolution.

Many Moore Countians know the skirmish occurred there in August 1781 between the forces of Colonel Philip Alston, and those of the Tory leader David Fanning. The heroine of that battle proved to be Mrs. Alston who was

mediator for a truce between the two forces.

The battle was a climax to the activities on both days, with large crowds on hand to view the event which was carried out in realistic manner by the participants. The guns were going off all around the house.

At the conclusion of the re-enactment the two forces paraded before the audience and were accorded a loud round of applause.

To cap the afternoon events off there was square dancing composed of groups from the area with Ed Shepley as caller. The battle and square dancing was presented in the area back of the house where the pageant was presented three years ago.

Both days the crowds were given the opportunity of making a guided tour through the famous house, where bullet holes from that battle 200 years ago can still be seen in the walls of the structure.



**DETAILS ON BATTLE** — A participant in the skirmish re-enacted at House in Horseshoe Saturday tells the group above how it will be done.

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