

'Little Man' On Display At Old Salem

The "Little Man" goes up regardless of rain, snow, or sleet. The Little Man is a 24-inch figure of a Colonial gentleman, holding in his right hand a snuff box and, in his left hand, somewhat behind him, a hank of tobacco.

He wears a blue coat, a red vest, mauve trousers and a white neckerchief.

This handsome figure of a gentleman stands in front of the tobacco shop in the restored Moravian town of Old Salem.

Seven buildings in Old Salem are open to the public. They are: Single Brothers House (1769 and 1786), Miksch Tobacco Shop (1771), Boys School (1794), Salem Tavern (1784), Barn, Market - Firehouse (1803), Winkler Bakery (1800) and John Vogler (1819). Many private homes may be viewed from the outside.

Old Salem is a step backward into time and a pleasure for all ages to see.

But what about the Little Man? For 17 years -- 364 days a year (Old Salem is closed Christmas Day, so he doesn't work) -- he has taken his place on a small pedestal.

For 13 of those 17 years the responsibility of putting him out in the morning and taking him in in the afternoon has fallen primarily on Sam McMurray of the Maintenance Department. Weekday mornings around nine and Sunday at 1 p.m. McMurray can be seen locking the gentleman into place on his pedestal. He puts his "friend" to bed every day around 4:30.

Accounting for vacations, sick leave and unusual circumstances, one can roughly estimate he has performed this simple but necessary chore 3,800 times.

Has he ever forgotten his "friend"? "No," says McMurray with a laugh, "and I am lucky I have never dropped him." Has anything humorous ever happened? "No, not really. But I have had some funny stares when I reach out the door and take him in. I once took him in, and he was covered with ice," he added.

McMurray, like all of the people at Old Salem, takes pride in the restoration. He pointed out that the Little Man was, in a way, advertising. "You know back in those days many people couldn't read, so symbols were placed outside shops."

The tobacco gentleman is believed to have been designed after one in a shop operating in Lancaster Penn. in 1770. This shop is still in operation, but although it was established earlier than the Miksch shop, it is not operating in its original building, hence Old Salem's claim that the Miksch Tobacco Shop is the oldest shop still standing in America.

Visitors entering the John Vogler House notice the unusual clasped hand door knob and the two identical ones inside. They are



OLD SALEM -- Two of the duties performed by the staff at Old Salem are placing the "Little Man" on his pedestal at Miksch Tobacco Shop and winding the clocks. Sam McMurray is pictured [left] installing the "Little Man." Peter Blum, tinsmith in the Single Brothers House, is responsible for winding the clocks. Old Salem is a restored Moravian town in Winston-Salem.

always shining. Mrs. Lillian Rice is responsible for this simple duty. "I used to polish the knobs every day," she says. "But now, I only polish them about twice a week. I guess they were afraid that polishing them every day would polish them away."

Everyone visiting Old Salem is appreciative of the talents of Peter Blum, the tinsmith in the Single Brothers House. But, he too has an "extra" duty. He winds the clocks in Old Salem. "We have four, but only two are working now. I mess around fixing clocks, and I guess I am going to have to fix them soon."

Has he ever forgotten to wind the clocks? With a twinkle in his eyes he just laughed and said, "I sure have. But they are eight-day clocks."

Blum usually performs this duty on Wednesday. He has been winding the clocks and doing tin work for 13 years in the historic town. How many times has he tapped his hammer in the tinsmith demonstrations? "There is no way I could even come close to answering that," he said.

Another daily chore is firing up the ovens in the bakery. It takes many, many people to operate the bustling, modern city of Winston-Salem. It also takes a lot

of people to run a historical gem like Old Salem.

Just ask Sam McMurray, Mrs. Lillian Rice and Peter Blum.

Blum put it best by saying "I have a lot of little duties."

The Little Man must go up, door knobs polished and clocks wound.

There is a special "feeling" you get among the tranquil and serene atmosphere at Old Salem.

It is one of North Carolina's historical gems.



RECEIVES FLAG -- Lt. Col. Edward H. Langston receives the flag of the 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery, from the 10th Air Defense Group Commander, Col. Eugene Fox, at a change-of-command ceremony in Wildflecken, Germany, on Nov. 22. Col. Langston, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H.O. Langdon and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cole of Raeford, is a graduate of Hoke County High School and N.C. State University.

Langston Commands Air Defense Unit

Lt. Col. Edward H. Langston assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery, in ceremonies at Wildflecken, Germany on Nov. 22.

Langston graduated from Hoke County High School and N.C. State University. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H.O. Langdon and grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cole of Raeford.

Since its inception in April 1798 as a regiment of Artillerists and Engineers, the "First of the First" has served proudly as a regular force in the United States Army. The unit distinguished itself in the War of 1812, Indian Wars, Mexican War, Civil War, and World War II. Forty-five campaign streamers grace the Battalion colors.

The "First of the First" became a Coast Artillery unit on Feb. 13, 1901 and gradually made the transition of the Air Defense role it actively maintains today. Since Sept. 1972, the 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery has been represented in the Federal Republic of Germany.

Lt. Col. Langston was graduated and commissioned from North Carolina State University in May 1961. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Forest Management and a Masters in Business Administration from Pacific Lutheran University.

He is a graduate of the Artillery Officers Course at Fort Sill, Okla., the Air Defense Artillery Officers Course at Fort Bliss, Tex., the Artillery Officers Career Course at Fort Sill and Fort Bliss, and the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Langston's assignments include duty with 3d Battalion, 71st Artillery in Germany; Battery D, 4th Battalion, 59th Artillery, Fort Story, Va.; Military Assistance

Command, Vietnam; 3d AIT Brigade, Korea; and Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development, and Acquisition, Headquarters, DA, Washington, D.C.

His awards include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal and various campaign and service ribbons. LTC Langston and wife, Adelheid, have one daughter, Michelle, and one son, Mark.

Service Personnel

Specialist Four Ralph S. Cecil, whose wife, Cindy, lives in Raeford, recently was assigned as a Vulcan/Chaparral repairman with the 1st Cavalry Division at Ft. Hood, Tex.

Spec. Cecil entered the Army in September 1973.

He is a 1976 graduate of Nuremberg (Germany) High School.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Currie, live on Route 1, Red Springs.

Navy Seaman Recruit Frederick Hollingsworth, son of Clara M. Hollingsworth of 215 N. Dickson St., Raeford, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, Fla.

During the eight-week training cycle, trainees studied general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields.

Included in their studies were seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid.

A 1975 graduate of Hoke County High School, he joined the Navy in Oct. 1977.

Sunday School Lesson

Background Scripture:

Jonah.

Devotional Reading:

Jonah 2: 1-9.

It is most unfortunate that in the minds of many people the Book of Jonah is simply a rather fantastic "fish story." Many people never get beyond disputing whether or not it was really possible for Jonah to have remained alive in the stomach of the great fish.

That's really too bad for the best part of the story of Jonah is what comes after his celebrated encounter at sea. If the first portion of his story could be regarded as the tale of a reluctant prophet, the second part could surely be regarded as the story of an aggravated and disgusted prophet.

One of the interesting aspects of Jonah's story is that he is a believable character. He is so human in nature and we probably all know someone like him. Like "Archie Bunker" his prejudices show through clearly. There is nothing subtle about his feelings and attitudes toward foreigners. It is with obvious relish that he enters the city of Nineveh, a hated pagan capitol, and gives dire prophecies of imminent doom. He can hardly conceal that he enjoys bearing these judgements against his nation's enemies.

Then, however, a strange and unexpected thing happens: the people of Nineveh take his message to heart and, instead of rejecting him and guaranteeing their destruction, repent and seek God's mercy. Jonah is no longer simply petulant, he is now furious. Something had told him all along that God would find a way of saving the city of Nineveh. His aggravation with God is obvious: "I pray thee, Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country?...for I knew that thou art a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love..." (Jonah 4:2). Jonah's words are

almost an accusation, as if he is pointing to some serious flaw in God's character. Today some people still seem to think that way.

Like a spoiled child Jonah stomps away, murmuring that God might as well take his life away. If he can't have his way, he won't play. The unspoken implication to God is: "Now, see what you did to me!" One is uncertain whether to laugh or cry at petulant Jonah. His childishness is amusing for its candor, but it also strikes home to many of us. It is not hard for us to see ourselves in his place. We too know times when we don't agree with the way God runs his world. We don't always approve of his choice of friends and we think he's far too lenient with the "bad guys" (read "other guys").

To top everything, God pointed out that, if Jonah could feel sorry for a plant that he had not planted, why should he be aggravated with God for showing concern over a city of 120,000 souls? The book ends without any reply from Jonah. What can he say? God is right. Of course, he is -- that's what makes him so aggravating to those of us who are satisfied only when God plays the game our way!



DEAN'S LIST -- Miss Theresa Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Foster McBryde and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Wright, has been selected to the dean's list at Western Carolina University for the fall semester. To achieve the dean's list, a student must maintain a semester average of at least a 3.0 with a minimum of 12 hours. Miss Wright is a freshman, majoring in biology. She plans to go into medicine.



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