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## THE OLD JAIL IS SETTING FOR COVERED DISH DINNER

Our Historical Society will have its fall meeting at the Old Southport Jail on West West Street with a covered dish dinner at 7 o'clock, Thursday, October 27th. Please plan to prepare a favorite food and join us there. Afterwards we will transfer to the Southport Library for a slide program to be given by Mr. William J. Moore, Director of the Greensboro Historical Museum. The program part of the meeting is scheduled to begin about 8:00 p.m. in the Library board room. The nominating committee will present its nominees for the new officers of the Society at this meeting.

## RESTORATION CONSULTANT MEETS WITH MEMBERS OF PLAQUES COMMITTEE

Edward F. Turberg from Wilmington met with Plaques Committee members at the Bolivia County Complex on October 3rd to explain title search and record examinations as an aid in determining building construction dates. Further meetings of the Committee are scheduled.

## OUR P.O. BOX # IS 10130

We recently rented our own Post Office Box - #10130, Southport, N. C. 28461. So correspondence or checks to the Society can be addressed there in the future.

## SHOULD WE HAVE AN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION?

Mr. Jerry Ramsey, executive director of the Cape Fear Council of Governments, recently appeared before the Southport Aldermen to describe the advantages of adopting an ordinance establishing an Historic District Commission or Historic Properties Commission. If adopted, such an ordinance could require a certificate of appropriateness for changes in the outward appearances of structures in the designated Historic District; it could also require up to 180 days delay in the demolition or moving of structures in the District. The Board of Alderman will welcome expressions of feelings on this matter.

## CEMETERIES BOOK

Alphabetical indexing of those interred in the various area cemeteries has been completed and the index has been delivered to the printers. We're sufficiently optimistic about early receipt of the finished book to attach an order form.



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DATA COMPILED BY DORCAS W. SCHMIDT

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