

THE WHITTLERS BENCH

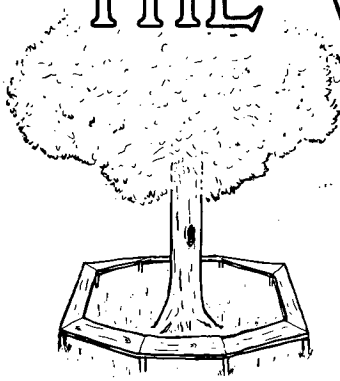
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PRESERVATION SPEAKER



Our October meeting will feature John W. Meffert, Assistant Director of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Southern Region, of Charleston, S. C. Mr. Meffert has been in Southport before and is returning by popular request. He will speak on possibilities of preservation in Old Southport. He will also have slides and make comments on restoration and preservation in Charleston.

The meeting is to be held on Thursday, October 22, at 7 P. M. It is a dinner meeting and will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Parish House on North Caswell Avenue, next door to the Church. Those attending are requested to bring a covered dish and the Social Committee will see that beverages are available.

SOCIETY'S ARCHITECTURE BOOK WIDELY DISTRIBUTED: The Architecture of Southport, by Carl Lounsbury, continues to be popular. Although requests for the book are not as frequent now, they are still coming in. The latest request was from Professor Gerald L. Pocius, MLA International Bibliography, Department of Folklore, Memorial Library of Newfoundland. The MLA International Bibliography, Folklore Section, serves as the only major bibliography in the field. All university libraries are subscribers. Copies of the book are available from the above address at \$3.00 per copy, plus \$0.75 for postage.

GEORGE GAUSE, Member of Society and Librarian from Edinburg, Texas, has given to the Southport Public Library a typed and bound copy of early marriage bonds of Brunswick County. This is available for use in the library by those delving into their family history. Mr. Gause has also made several other contributions to the Genealogy Section of the library. We appreciate his thoughtfulness.

CHURCH OBSERVES 110th ANNIVERSARY: Southport Baptist Church observed its 110th Anniversary on September 19th and 20th with special services and fellowship activities, including an old-fashioned ice cream supper, for which the church was once famous. A detailed history of the church has been prepared and will soon be available from the printers. Inquiries may be directed to the pastor, the Rev. John W. Elder, Jr.

WHITTLES BENCH NEEDS ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION: There must be many of you who have ideas about articles that should appear in this publication. The Editor welcomes suggestions - but more than that, articles would be deeply appreciated. It is not easy to get out a "one-man" issue. HELP is needed. Let's hear from members, both in Southport and out of town. If help is not forthcoming, we may have to "close up the print shop".

ANNOUNCEMENT (of March 30, 1922 - that is) "You are invited to attend the Annual Ladies Night Entertainment at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, March 30th, 1922, at 7:30 P. M." This was signed by "Committee: J. Berg, B. J. Holden, J. W. Thompson, Sr."

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The program for that evening consisted of the following:

SONG - Old Black Joe
Miss Laura Southerland
Mrs. C. J. Fields
Mr. D. M. Davis
Mr. G. H. Ruark
Mr. Ed. C. Newton
Mr. B. J. Holden

PLAY - "Patsy O'WANG"

Cast of Characters:

Mr. Lindsey - Patsy O'Wang, alias Chin Sum, from Hong Kong.

Mr. Butler - Dr. Henry Flake, who runs a Sanitarium.

Mr. Ed. Newton - Mike, from the old sod, an assistant.

Mr. Cavanaugh - Mr. Boyler, a patient with rheumatism.

Mrs. I. B. Bussells - Mrs. Harriet Flake.

Mrs. R. B. Morse - Miss Simper, who has a mission, a Chinese Sunday School.

Miss Gordan Thompson - Norah, maid of all work.

SONG - Sweet and Low
Miss Laura Southerland
Mrs. C. J. Fields
Mr. G. H. Ruark
Mr. B. J. Holden

BACK TO PRESERVATION for a moment. We overlooked telling you that for those owning houses or other buildings in the Historic Area of Southport can obtain a certificate stating this from Ms. Renee Gledhill-Early, Preservation Section, Department of Archives and History, N. C. Division of Cultural Resources, 109 East Jones Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611. Write a note to Renee stating that your house or building is located in the area shown in the Lounsbury map and request a certificate.