

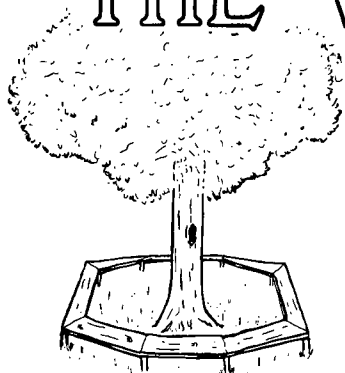
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REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING: The regular quarterly meeting of July 23, 1981, will feature a presentation on Tryon's Palace of New Bern, by Mrs. Milton Prevost, a member of our Society. Mrs. Prevost, who recently became a resident of Southport, was appointed to the Tryon's Palace Commission in 1974 and is still serving in that capacity. She will make some brief remarks on

the contributions of Mrs. Latham and her daughter, Mrs. Kellenberger to restoration of the Palace. She will show slides of the Palace and its antiques. You are urged to attend. The meeting will be in the Board Room of the Public Library and will begin at 7:30 P. M.

OLD JAIL USED DURING FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVAL: Thanks to the hard work of Eleanor Smith, Elizabeth Watkins, Freddie Watkins, Afton Smith, Johnnie Watkins and several of the City employees, along with Frank Hutton, two downstairs rooms of the Old Jail were made ready for the Fourth of July Festival. More than 170 people viewed the Society's exhibit which featured Southport during World War I and World War II. There was also a section on "School Days in Southport" in which were displayed photographs, programs and a songbook used in the old time "Chapel" programs. The textbooks on exhibit dated from 1821 to the 1920's. In the second room, the Davis Family album was displayed, together with several museum pieces.

GIFTS TO THE SOCIETY: Just recently, Mrs. Trudy McNeil Hufham, a descendant of the Gauses of Brunswick County, gave to the Society a collection of photographs and artifacts belonging to the family. These are appreciated so very much.

TOUR FOR TEACHERS: Two of our members, Mrs. Eleanor Smith and Mrs. Elizabeth Watkins, hosted a Tour for History Teachers in June. They secured a bus and took the teachers on a guided tour of interesting and historical points in the Southport area. They have received many fine comments on the job well done.

SOUTHPORT VISITOR: Dr. David Griffin, a surgeon of Louisville, Kentucky, with his wife and grandson visited Southport and several members of the Society during the latter part of June. Dr. Griffin is a descendant of the old Potter Family who lived in Southport in its earliest days. He and his family enjoyed touring the Old Southport Cemetery and photographing the graves of his ancestors buried there and seeing the house on Moore Street where one of the families lived. While he was here he was presented with a copy of the diary of the Robert Potter who was a merchant of Smithville prior to the Civil War.

WE NEED MEMBERS: With this issue of Whittlers Bench, we are enclosing a new brochure. Please use it to recruit at least one new member. There is a membership application on the back page.