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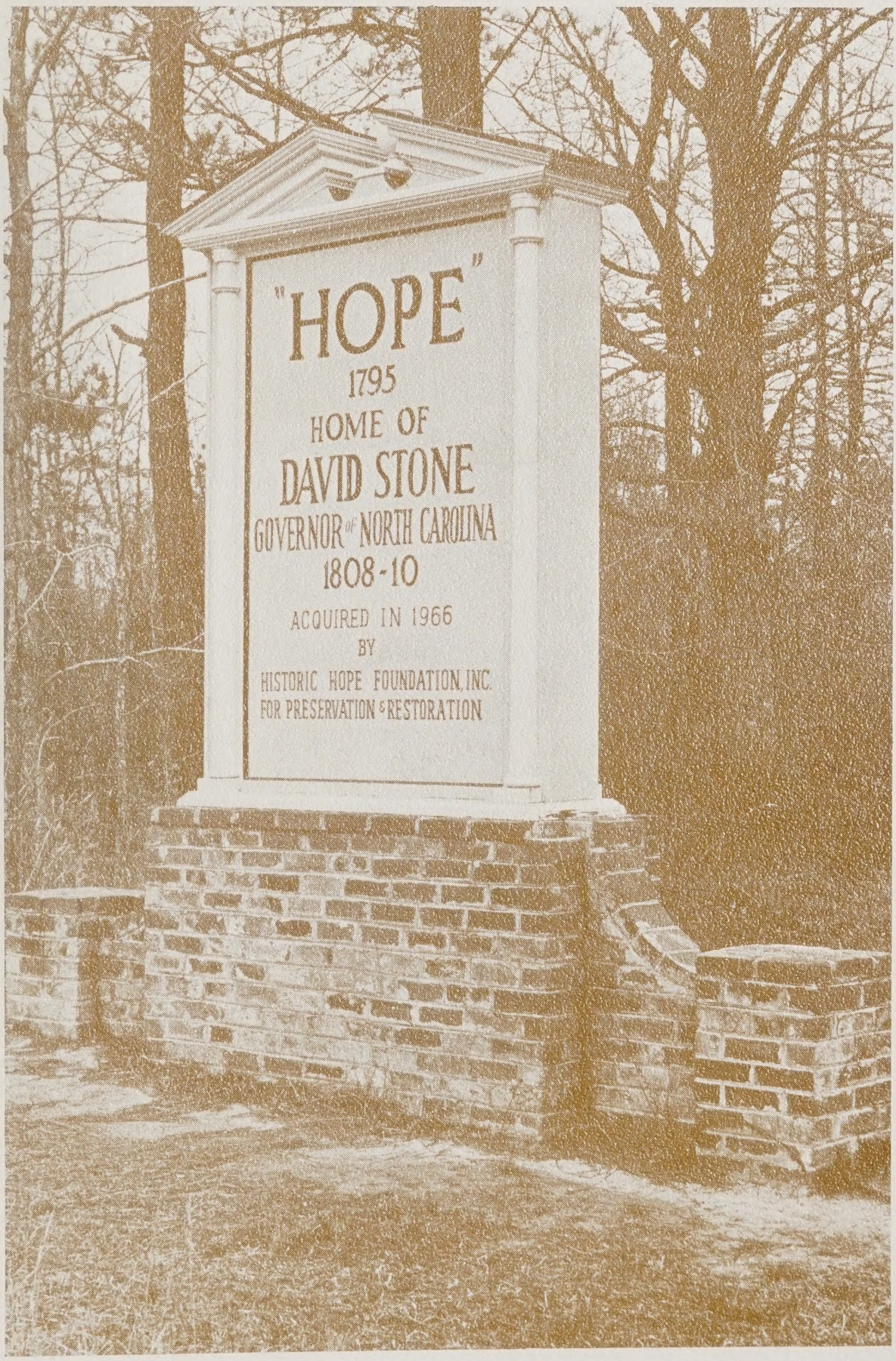

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With the celebration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of Bertie County, it seems fitting that the coat of arms of the Bertie Family be pictured. Named in honor of two of the Lords Proprietors, James and Henry Bertie of this English family, Bertie was first created a precinct of Albemarle County in 1722 and became a separate county in 1739 when the latter was abolished.

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Governor and Mrs. Scott have both shown much interest in the progress of the Hope Restoration. His administration has looked most favorably on the historic preservation and restoration movement in North Carolina. Since he has been in office both he and Mrs. Scott have visited the Hope Restoration and participated in the Foundation's functions on several occasions. She serves as Honorary Chairman of the Friends of Hope Committee.

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Governor David Stone of North Carolina

David Stone, the son of Zedekiah Stone and wife, Elizabeth Williamson, was born February 17th, 1770. He was educated at Princeton, and studied law under General William R. Davie at Halifax. In 1790, not being yet 21 years old, he represented Bertie County in the North Carolina General Assembly, to which he was continuously re-elected until 1795. Then only 25, he was elected to the Superior Court bench as the youngest judge who had yet presided in North Carolina. In 1799, David Stone was elected to the United States House of Representatives and in 1800 to the United States Senate.

In 1808 he was elected governor of North Carolina and served two annual terms. In 1811 Stone again represented Bertie County in the North Carolina General Assembly and in 1812 was again elected to the United States Senate.

He married first on March 13, 1793 Hannah Turner. He married secondly Sarah Dashiell.

On October 7, 1818, "David Stone, a gentleman of great erudition and learning," died at the age of 48. In his short but brilliant career of 22 years from 1790 to 1812, he had been seven times elected a member of the North Carolina Assembly, once elected a Congressman, twice elected Judge, twice elected Governor, and twice elected United States Senator.

The restoration of the Hope Mansion has brought about a renewed interest in its builder, David Stone. The life and personality of this neglected historical figure has taken on more definite dimensions. Like his house, the spirit of David Stone has been revived. As to his physical appearance we quote from a thesis on him by Melonie Johnson Taylor who says "the earliest known likeness of David Stone was painted in his thirtieth year. The miniature gives the impression that he was a serious but rather good-looking young man. His hair was a reddish-blond shade and his skin was clear. He wore the most fashionable clothes of the day. He was a fine example of an aristocratic, intelligent gentleman of the planter class at the opening of the nineteenth century."

As we have gone about the business of putting his house in order we have learned more about the man. At these balls we feel, in a sense, that he is the host. It is for this reason that each of these affairs is known as the Governor Stone Ball.

President's Message

This evening we welcome you to the Governor Stone Anniversary Ball sponsored by Historic Hope Foundation. This is the first of a series of events scheduled during 1972 to celebrate the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the creation of Bertie County. We are glad that the Foundation can have a part in recognizing this milestone in the history of our county. We are happy that you are here to share with us this joyful occasion.

Organized in 1965, Historic Hope Foundation expects to reach a milestone in its own history with the anticipated official opening of the Hope Mansion to the general public late in the fall of this year. None of this would have been possible without the interest and enthusiasm generated at the grass roots level here in Bertie County. None of this would have been possible without our many friends and acquaintances, such as you here tonight, who have so well attended the many functions sponsored by our organization to raise the necessary funds for this project. None of this would have been possible without the encouragement and support of the people of North Carolina who believe in the preservation of our heritage for future generations.

Again, we wish to acknowledge the Foundation's grateful appreciation to the hundreds of people who have made donations to the restoration, to the North Carolina General Assembly for its appropriations, to the Smith Richardson Foundation and the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation for their grants, to the Department of Archives and History for its invaluable assistance, and to the Bertie Ledger Advance, The News & Observer, The Virginian Pilot, the television stations WNCT at Greenville and WITN at Washington, the radio station WBTE at Windsor and other news media for the excellent publicity given the progress of the Hope Restoration.

For this the third Governor Stone Ball we are fortunate to have as chairman, Mrs. Carroll Gillam of Windsor. Betsy Gillam and her various committees of dedicated hard workers from all over Bertie County are to be congratulated for their untiring efforts to make this ball a success.

Much progress has been made at the Hope Mansion during the past eighteen months. The heating, air-conditioning and electric systems have all been installed. All the rooms throughout the house have been replastered. An equipment building designed as a dairy has been constructed. Many large specimens of donated English boxwood have been planted as well as two sizable magnolia trees. Drives have been laid out and are expected to be hard topped in the near future. The caretaker's house has been completely restored and a caretaker has been in residence since the fall of 1970. Telephones have been installed as well as fire and burglar alarm system which provides added security. A number of pieces of period furniture have been donated and placed in the house. Skilled artisans are now at work finishing the interiors and restoring the existing meat house. Thus before the end of this year Hope should be returned to its original brilliance and ready to receive the visiting public. At that time it will join ranks with other heritage homes and buildings of which North Carolinians are so justly proud.

You, our guest here tonight will have had a part in this accomplishment. May we take this opportunity now to extend to you an invitation to be with us when the Hope Restoration officially opens its doors?

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Formation of Bertie County

In recognition of the 250th anniversary of Bertie County an account of its establishment in 1722 is reprinted as presented in THE FORMATION OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTIES by D. L. Corbitt.

Bertie was formed in 1722 from Chowan. It was named in honor of James and Henry Bertie, Lords Proprietors. It is in the northeastern section of the State and is bounded by Albemarle Sound, Chowan River, and Washington, Martin, Halifax, Northampton, and Hertford counties. Its area is 693 square miles.

...That that part of Albemarle County lying on the West Side of Chowan River, being part of Chowan Precinct, bounded to the Northward by the line dividing this Government from Virginia, and the Southward by Albemarle Sound and Morattuck River, as far up as Welch's Creek, and then including both sides of said River, and the Branches thereof, as far as the limits of this government...

In the same year Bertie was established, an act was passed providing that the courthouse for Bertie should be built at some Convenient place at "Ahotskey" or where the justices should elect.

Tyrrell was formed in 1729 from Chowan, Bertie, Currituck, and Pasquotank.

...That that Part of Albemarle County, lying on the South-side of Albemarle Sound, and Moratuck River, being Part of (Chowan, Pasquotank, Bertie and Currituck) the several Precincts before mentioned, bounded to the Westward, by Thomas Hoskin's upper Line, beginning at his upper Corner Tree, on Rainbow Banks, on Moratuck River, and by a Line running South from his outer Corner Tree, to the Southward by the Bounds of Albemarle County, to the Eastward by the Sound, between Roanoke Island, and Croatan, and to the Northward by Albemarle Sound and Moratuck River as high as the Rainbow Banks, in Moratuck River...

Edgecombe was formed in 1741 from Bertie.

...Beginning on Roanoke River, at Jenkin Henry's Upper Corner Tree, from thence a straight Course to the Mouth of Cheek's Mill Creek, on Tar River; and from the Southside of the said River, opposite to the said Cheek, a straight line unto the Middle grounds, between Tar and Neuse rivers; which shall be the dividing line between Beaufort and Edgecombe, and Craven Counties; and from thence up as nigh as may be, keeping the Middle between the said two Rivers, which shall be the dividing Line between the Counties of Craven and Edgecombe, and Beaufort.

Northampton was formed in 1741 from Bertie.

...That that Part of Bertie County which lieth North and West of Sandy Run, and in a direct Line from the Head of the said Run, to the Head of the Beaver Dam Swamp, and down the said swamp and Meherrin Creek and River be, and is hereby erected into a County, by the name of Northampton county; and that the said Bounds...be the Limits between Society Parish and the Northwest Parish of Bertie...

Hertford was formed in 1759 from Bertie, Chowan, and Northampton.

. . . Beginning in Bertie County, at the first high Land on th North West Side of Mare Branch, on Chowan River Pocoson; running thence by a direct Line to Thomas Outlaw's Plantation, near Stoney Creek; thence by a direct Line to Northampton County Line, at the Plantation whereon James Rutland formerly lived; then along Northampton County Line to the Head of Beaver Dam Swamp; thence by a direct line to the Eastermost Part of Kerby's Creek; thence down the Creek to Meherrin River; then up Meherrin River to the Virginia Line; then Easterly along the Virginia Line to Bennett's Creek; then down Bennett's Creek to Chowan River; then across the River to the Mouth of the said Mare Branch; and up the Branch to the Beginning: And all that Part of the said Counties included within the said Bounds be thenceforth erected into a distinct County and Parish, and called and Known by the Name of Hertford county, and Parish of St. Barnabas. . .

The boundary between Bertie and Hertford was changed in 1877 and in 1883 and was finally settled in 1907.

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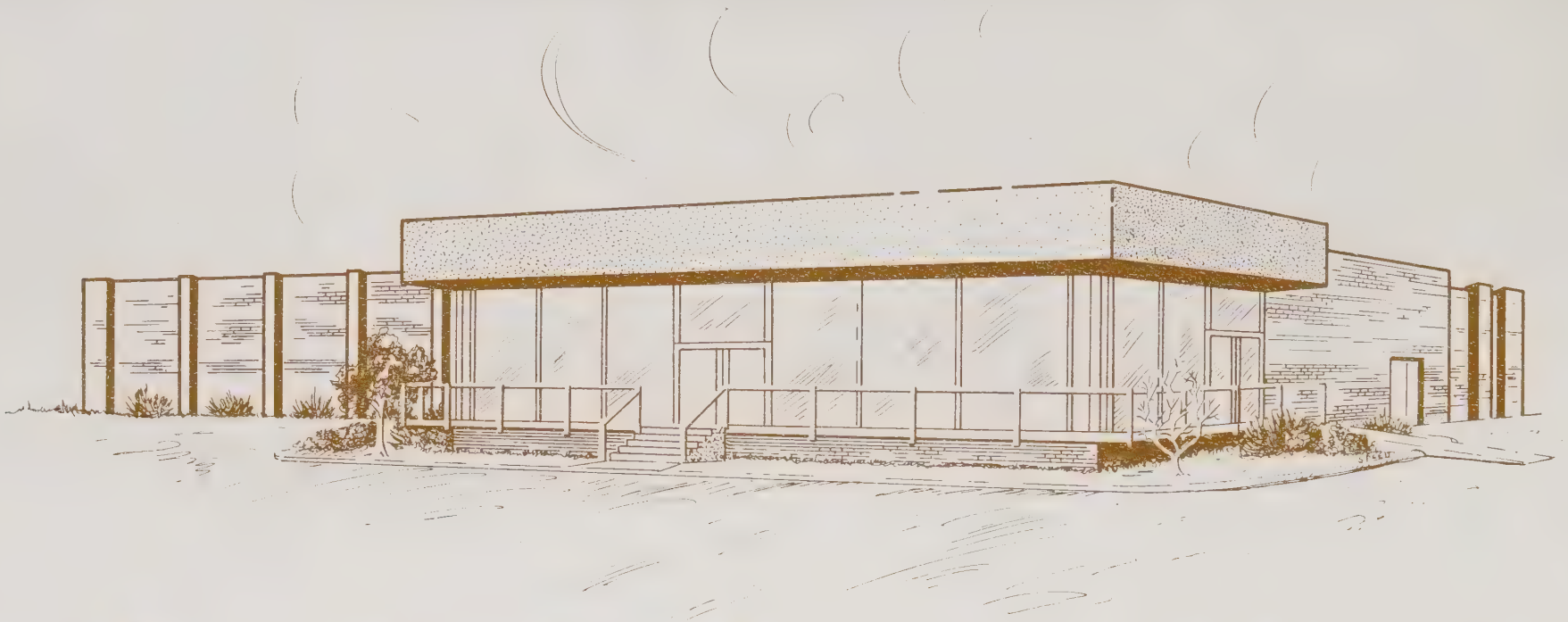

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The coins will be struck in three metals. A limited edition of two-hundred and fifty pure silver coins only, to equal Bertie County's age, will

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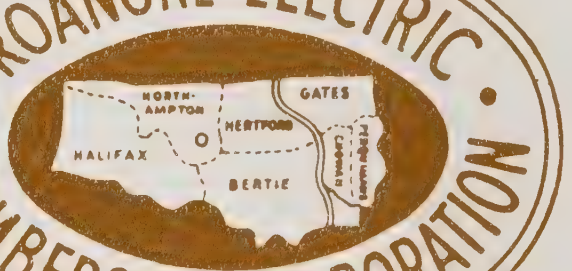

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We believe in miracles, and you would too if you had been involved in the restoration of Hope, Governor David Stone's home. Perhaps it is not quite as dramatic as the miracles of old, but for modern times it rates rather high.

Efforts to acquire and restore Governor Stone's home began soon after the Bertie County Historical Association was organized in 1950. In the fall of 1964, the first successful attempt to acquire Hope was made. Mrs. Moses B. Gillam, President of the Bertie Historical Association, greeted us as we arrived at her home, Rosefield. There was a certain excitement in the air that night. Representatives from the Historical Association and the Bertie County Development Association had come to discuss Hope and what joint effort could be made to acquire and restore the property. Conversation was lively. The county was well represented geographically with Hampton Brett, Joe Cherry, Kenneth Slate, and Mrs. Gillam from Windsor; Miss Stella Phelps was there from Lewiston; Jack Tyler and Tom Norfleet represented the Roxobel-Kelford area; Mrs. Wood Beasley came from Colerain; Mrs. Emmett Burden and Wayland L. Jenkins, Jr., were Aulander's representatives. After a lengthy and detailed discussion on how best to begin the project, the group decided to form a charitable foundation and to begin negotiations with Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith of Windsor for the purchase of Hope. Regular monthly meetings of this steering committee would be held, and other citizens would be asked to join in the venture.

After a series of meetings, we made application for and received, from the state of North Carolina, a charter in the name of Historic Hope Foundation, Incorporated. This instrument was dated February 2, 1965. With the aid of Steve Burch, who had joined the Steering Committee, bylaws for Historic Hope Foundation were drawn. Members of the Steering Committee became the first Board of Directors as authorized by the bylaws.

The charter, and approval from the Internal Revenue Service, was our authority to accept contributions on a tax-exempt basis. We could now begin our campaign to raise funds.

These procedures and formalities had been previously pointed out to us by Mr. Sam Tarlton, an official of the North Carolina Department of Archives and History. His advice and assistance were invaluable. He encouraged us to seek financial aid from the Smith

Richardson Foundation of Greensboro. An application was submitted in the Foundation's name.

On the local level, Hampton Brett was busy negotiating with Dr. and Mrs. Smith for the Hope property. It was a happy day when the Smiths agreed to sell the house and 18.12 acres of land to Historic Hope Foundation. A $500 option was signed, and the Foundation had one year in which to purchase the property. The Foundation borrowed the $500 option fee from the Bertie County Historical Association. The Foundation accepted the Smiths' offer to sell the property for $25,000. Annual payments of $5,000 less the option fee on the first installment, would be made for four years beginning in 1966. The final payment of $5,000 would be returned to the Foundation in the form of a gift from the Smiths.

We were now ready to begin our campaign for funds. The call went out for people and money, and month after month, the organization and coffers grew. More Windsor people came on the Board of Directors — Mrs. Walter Bond, Mrs. E. S. Pugh, Mrs. Ethel R. Cherry, Glenn Woodley, and Mrs. Peter Rascoe, Jr. Mrs. J. E. Smith, who for years had wanted to see Hope restored, actively associated herself with the Foundation. Francis Speight, the noted artist and Bertie County native, agreed to serve on the Board. Mrs. H. O. White and Mrs. W. E. White of Colerain, and Mrs. Herbert Jenkins, Jr., of Aulander joined the group.

Hope Foundation's greatest incentive came in May of 1965 when the Richardson Foundation agreed to grant the Foundation $5,000 if $15,000 in matching funds could be raised. This sum of $15,000 was an unheard of amount to be solicited locally. We went to work.

The Honorable Emmett Burden, our Representative to the 1965 North Carolina General Assembly, was requested to seek funds in our behalf. Senator J. J. Harrington from Lewiston worked with Representative Burden. A $20,000 matching grant on a dollar-for-dollar basis was appropriated during the next biennium for the Hope project.

To raise matching funds, a prison variety show was scheduled, Christmas cards and note paper were sold, directors went before civic groups telling the Hope story and asking for their support. Foundation membership letters were written as were letters to hundreds of corporate foundations soliciting funds. Laura Harrell of the **Bertie Ledger-Advance**, and Jane Hall, art editor of the Raleigh **News and Observer**, added a new and needed dimension with outstanding press coverage. Governor Stone's descendants were told of the restoration plans and generous contributions were received from many of them, particularly, Mrs. Andrew A. Manning and her family of Spartanburg, South Carolina.

By December, 1965, the $15,000 challenge grant was in hand. These funds would also make us eligible to receive the $20,000 state grant.

Our first fund raising experience had been successful. Confidence was being built both within and without the organization. With this sum of $40,000, we could at last begin work on Hope.

One of North Carolina's outstanding craftsmen, an experienced restorationist — a true artist and specialist — W. M. Kemp of Hertford, North Carolina, was employed during the winter of 1966 to begin the restoration. Directed by John E. Tyler, Chairman of the Restoration Committee, with the assistance of A. L. Honeycutt, Jr., the devoted on-the-job representative from the North Carolina Department of Archives and History, each detail was carefully worked out, then executed so as to achieve maximum authenticity.

Also in 1966, the Foundation employed Mr. Richard W. Iobst, a professional historian, to research Hope Plantation and the Stone Family. Later in the year, the directors selected the architectural firm of Edwards, Dove, and Knight of Rocky Mount, to make the necessary plans and designs that would be needed as restoration progressed. There were many decisions to be made, but fortunately we were guided by the experienced staff of the North Carolina Department of Archives and History.

The year 1967 brought more good news, especially the announcement of another $20,000 grant from the North Carolina General Assembly in session that year. This was a grant-in-aid, an outright appropriation with no matching fund requirement.

Shortly thereafter, the Richardson Foundation approved another $5,000 grant, provided Hope Foundation could raise an additional $15,000 before December 31, 1968.

Where would this money come from? We could not go back to the local citizens for more contributions. These people had given generously and had supported us in every way. It was a reality, too, that Bertie County was a poor county, by federal designation, "a poverty area." Local participation, funding-wise, was simply exhausted. To survive and continue the restoration, outside help was vital.

The Governor Stone Ball was born out of this great need for funds and for out-of-county help. The Ball was our only "hope," — a gamble, yes, but a great potential as a money-maker if it could be staged successfully. One faction of the Board of Directors argued for a large orchestra, pre-ball parties, a champagne breakfast, handsome

invitations, exquisite decorations, and formal dress. Some said, "Formal dress? Black tie? You all must be out of your minds. Who in Bertie County owns a tuxedo, and who would come anyway and pay $25 a couple to something **that** formal?" Fortunately the "ayes" outvoted the opposition. Mrs. Wood Beasley of Colerain agreed to serve as Ball Chairman. The ball proved to be a tremendous success. Those in attendance on Friday night, February 23, 1968, knew how successful it was; all of the directors knew, too, when Mrs. Beasley announced that $6,500 had been netted as a result of the evening.

Another important idea came to fruition during this same period. After realizing the great need for support outside Bertie County, the Foundation directed its attention to the formation of a "Friends of Historic Hope" committee. This group of fifty distinguished citizens would be representative of all North Carolina. Their purpose would be to bring state and national recognition to the importance, both historically and architecturally, of the Hope restoration; to make suggestions and give advice for perfecting the total development of Hope; to assist in locating donors and contributors for the many acquisitions necessary for furnishing the mansion; and to give active and general support to the purposes and aims of Historic Hope Foundation.

Mrs. Dan K. Moore, then North Carolina's First Lady, was asked to serve as Honorary Chairman of this Friends group. Through the efforts of Robert Gatling, a former director, she consented to do so. Letters bearing her signature were dispatched to prospective members, and this group held its first meeting at the Cashie Country Club in Windsor on January 26, 1968.

Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, who had long been interested in Hope and who had encouraged the Foundation in its efforts from the very beginning, accepted the Friends co-chairmanship with John E. Tyler. Mrs. Ives brought additional prestige to the already distinguished group, and her dynamic personality assured the Foundation a moving and productive subsidiary.

When Robert W. Scott followed Dan K. Moore as Governor in 1969, Mrs. Scott succeeded Mrs. Moore as Honorary Chairman of the Friends of Hope. She continues in this position at this time.

In December of 1967, Robert White and Dan Bowen from Windsor, and Mrs. E. Rawls Carter, from Powellsville joined the board. Early in the year, the first Hope news bulletin was completed, thanks to Mrs. Elizabeth Wilborn of the North Carolina Department of Archives and History. A second news bulletin edited by Mrs. W. E. White was mailed to the membership in October, 1968.

Mr. Kemp continued his work at Hope during 1968, and though excellent progress was being made in actual restoration, the Foundation treasury was once again depleted. All funds previously raised had been spent. Work at the site did not sop. Mr. J. L. Hofler, Jr., of the Bank of Windsor, arranged for a $15,000 loan. Mr. Hofler and his banking organization have through the years shown great confidence in the Historic Hope Foundation. This confidence and the bank's cooperation on many occasions have enabled the Foundation to continue work at Hope when complete stoppage would have been necessary otherwise.

In 1969, the Foundation received more good news — the appropriation of another grant-in-aid from the North Carolina General Assembly in the amount of $35,000. These funds enabled the Foundation to complete the exterior of Hope and bring to a close the outstanding work of Mr. Kemp.

On a Sunday afternoon in October, 1969, Hope was opened to the public for the first time. Admission was free. Mrs. E. Rawls Carter and Mrs. W. E. White arranged for volunteer guides to take people through the mansion. This event was held primarily for those persons who had not previously seen the progress of the restoration.

On January 23, 1970, the second ball to benefit Hope was held. Mrs. Norman Perry, Chairman, and her committees worked hard for the Governor Stone Mid-Winter Ball. This ball was equally as beautiful as the first and added still another $6,700 to the restoration fund. People from all over North Carolina came and many spent the weekend. It was an occasion to sample Bertie County hospitality at its finest.

W. H. S. Burgwyn, Jr., joined the Board in January, 1970. When Harry Lewis Thompson came on the Board in February, he accepted membership on the Cox House restoration committee with Robert White and Steve Burch. This committee directed the moving of the Cox House from near Roxobel and saw that the restoration was completed within a five-month period. This small, late eighteenth century house was a gift from the late Mrs. Paul Jilcott and her children. The size was ideally suited for a caretaker's house, and the architecture was compatible with that of the Hope mansion.

The Cox House could not have been moved and restored had it not been for the concern of The Honorable J. A. Pritchett. As a trustee of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation in

Winston-Salem, he brought the Hope Foundation's needs to their attention. Grants from this Foundation totaled $15,000 and made the completion of the caretaker's house possible.

Through the efforts of Robert C. White, Mr. and Mrs. Wright Jernigan, both Bertie County natives, moved into the Cox House in October, 1970. It was a great relief for the directors to have caretakers on the property. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jernigan are rendering valuable service.

The candlelight reception on April 23, 1970, honoring Mrs. Ives was perhaps our most unusual affair. When plans for this event were first presented to the Board of Directors, many felt they bordered on madness. Although the exterior of Hope mansion had been completed and painted, the interior was still untouched. No attempt had been made to replaster the walls. There was no plumbing, no electric lights, no heating system -- just a bare, dirty barn of a house.

It was finally decided to go along with the plans for the reception. Invitations would be mailed to every contributor and light refreshments served in the drawing room. It was difficult to believe the directors were asked to dress in formal clothes to receive throughout the house. The reception turned out to be the perfect occasion. The weather was mild with no sign of rain. Directors had cringed at the thought of a rainy, cold night and people trying to drive up the long, muddy lane to find parking space only in a plowed peanut field.

The house was beautiful! The decorating committee never had a greater challenge! The halls and rooms were banked with spring flowers. Every flower garden in Bertie County was literally picked clean. Those who didn't bring flowers brought homemade cookies for the refreshment table. Drawers and closets were searched for used and discarded candles; after all, Hope funds were never to be used for occasions of this nature. As always, the work "economize" was familiar and understood.

Everyone brought what silver he could find. The only professional touch came when Francis Speight agreed to bring his paintings for the walls. It is unbelievable what warmth the paintings brought to the rooms.

At the appointed hour, candles glowed, silver sparkled, the perfume of spring flowers permeated the air, and music by Billy Raynor at the console filled the rooms. The directors took their stations. Mrs. Ives took her place in the receiving line to accept expressions of affection and gratitude from the people of Bertie County.

The Cox House was officially opened to the public and dedicated on December 5, 1970. Following ceremonies at Hope Plantation, representatives from both the Reynolds and Richardson Foundations were honored at a Hope Appreciation Day luncheon in the Windsor armory. Governor Robert W. Scott was the principal speaker. Mr. John W. Red, Jr., and Mr. G. C. Eichhorn of the Smith Richardson Foundation were present. The Honorable J. A. Prichett represented the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. Mrs. Ives was present, as was First District Congressman Walter B. Jones. It was especially meaningful to hear President Tyler announce that Hope had been listed in the National Register of Historic Sites. This action had been taken on April 17, 1970.

December 5 was declared Hope Day in Bertie County by the County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Wayne Stevens of Station WBTE, Windsor, gave continuous radio time, and all fees for advertisements were donated to Hope Foundation. With these fees and the sale of the subscription luncheon tickets, still more funds were placed in the Foundation's bank account.

If 1970 was a banner year, 1971 was to surpass it. At the January directors meeting, President John Tyler announced that the Hope Foundation was eligible for another $5,000 Richardson Foundation grant. The Foundation would again need to raise $15,000. New fund raising ideas would have to be formulated, but after six years of dealing with such challenges, confidence had replaced panic.

Mrs. Norman Perry, the 1970 Ball chairman, was invited to serve on the Board as was Mrs. Goodwin Byrd, who had become unofficial decorator, florist, and horticulturalist to the Foundation. The announcement of their acceptance was made known at the January meeting.

The Honorable Adlai E. Stevenson, III, had just taken his seat as United States Senator from Illinois. The directors had read about this dedicated young man, and had seen him on television. It was with great excitement that the Foundation accepted Mrs. Ives' offer to ask Senator Stevenson and his wife, Nancy, to come to Bertie County to benefit Hope, at a black-tie subscription dinner on April 30. The directors decided this occasion would provide the Foundation's "spectacular" for 1971. With all modesty, it did.

Representatives from the press, radio, and television were present. Governor and Mrs. Scott headed the guest list. It was another night to be remembered in the annals of the Hope restoration.

Governor Scott had asked Mr. Carroll Gillam, First District Highway Commissioner from Windsor, to announce at the dinner honoring Senator and Mrs. Stevenson that state

funds would be available for paving the roads at Hope. This statement came as a pleasant surprise and was welcomed news to all present, especially the Board of Directors.

During the year, continued progress was made at Hope. The plastering of the house was completed; the heating, air conditioning, and electrical systems were installed; the dairy, to house all of the electrical equipment, was finished; a burglar and fire alarm system was installed; and much work was put into landscaping the grounds. Landscaping plans were formulated with the assistance of Miss Elizabeth Lawrence of Charlotte, a member of the Friends of Hope.

In July, the Department of Archives and History notified the Board that the 1971 General Assembly had appropriated $25,000 on a dollar-for-dollar matching basis to be raised in the next biennium. Senator J. J. Harrington and Representative Roberts Jernigan, Jr. worked diligently to secure this appropriation. With these state funds, the pending $5,000 Richardson grant, and the matching monies to be raised, the financial picture looked promising for the first time.

Hannah Stone's Sewing Circle, a needlework exhibit, was scheduled for November 11 through 14 at Hope. A sampler worked by Hannah, the daughter of Governor Stone, while a student at Salem College has been given to the Foundation by Mrs. H. H. Jones of New Bern, a descendant of Governor Stone. Both antique and modern needlework were exhibited. It was impressive to see the quality and quantity of fine handwork. It was a most successful display, with a large attendance.

A reception honoring county and local government officials was held prior to the opening of the exhibit. This was the Foundation's first opportunity to thank these officials and express public appreciation for their many services rendered since 1965.

The year 1971 ended on a last happy note — the $15,000 fund raising goal had been reached, entitling Hope Foundation to the $5,000 Richardson grant.

We were pleased to welcome four new directors on the Board, Mrs. Burges Urquhart, Jr., Mrs. Carroll Gillam, Mrs. George W. Capehart, Jr., and Uriah F. Coulbourn, all of whom had previously worked to benefit the Foundation.

Plans for the third Governor Stone Ball ushered in the New Year. New director and Windsor native, Mrs. Carroll Gillam, was ball chairman and announced the ball would be held on Friday night, January 28, 1972. It was to be an Anniversary Ball, celebrating the 250th birthday of Bertie County. Proceeds would be used to match still another Richardson Foundation grant to be awarded in 1972.

The financial success of the Historic Hope Foundation since 1965 speaks for itself. The mansion will be restored and opened to the public in the fall of 1972.

It is with a real sense of pride we see this dream of many years realized. It is with great anticipation that we look to the future and see what this living house-museum-civic center can and will mean to our citizens.

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Let no man say miracles never happen.

Candlelight Reception

Part of the receiving line at a candlelight reception held at Hope on April 30, 1970, honoring Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, Chairman of The Friends of Hope. At right Mrs. John W. Moses of Spartanburg, S. C. (a descendant of Governor Stone) greets Uriah Coulbourn of Windsor. To their left are Mrs. Norman Perry of Colerain and the Hon. Lewis Rascoe, Mayor of Windsor.

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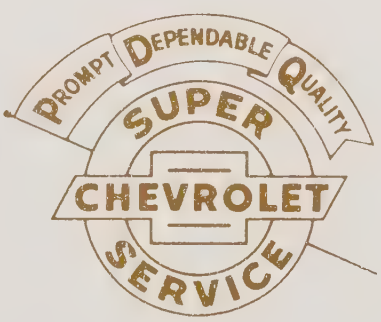

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April 17, 1970
Date

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Ball Chairman's Greeting

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Mrs. Carroll Gillam
Chairman, Ball Committee

Governor Stone Anniversary Ball

Program

Friday Evening, Jan. 28, 1972

8:00 PM Pre-Ball Parties — Windsor, North Carolina

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Mrs. Walter H. Bond	404 Taylor Street
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West End View of Drawing Room

Shown here is the fireplace with its Italian marble facing. The door at the right leads into a bedroom. The English Regency, period sofa is a gift to the Hope Foundation from Mr. and Mrs. William A. Creech of Raleigh. The other furnishings are awaiting donors.

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The house, moved from its original site in Bertie County near Roxobel, now serves as the caretaker's residence for the Hope property. The floor plan is illustrated in **Colonial Homes in North Carolina** by John V. Allcott. The author says that this style house with the added porch and "lean-to" at the rear has been called "the typical North Carolina farmhouse." The original chimneys at either end of the house had been destroyed. The reconstructed chimneys have been copied after those of a similar 1804 house, built by an uncle of Samuel Cox in the Roxobel area.

The original first floor rooms are used as a living room and dining room. The rooms of the reconstructed "lean-to" consist of a bedroom, kitchen and bath. In the living room is a handsome paneled mantel, which dates from 1801. This, plus three doors of the same period, came from an early Cooper home in Bertie County. These were gifts to the Foundation from Mrs. John W. Cooper and her children. From the living room a stair leads up to the two "under the eaves" rooms above. The first four steps of this stair project into one corner of this main room.

Caretaker's House

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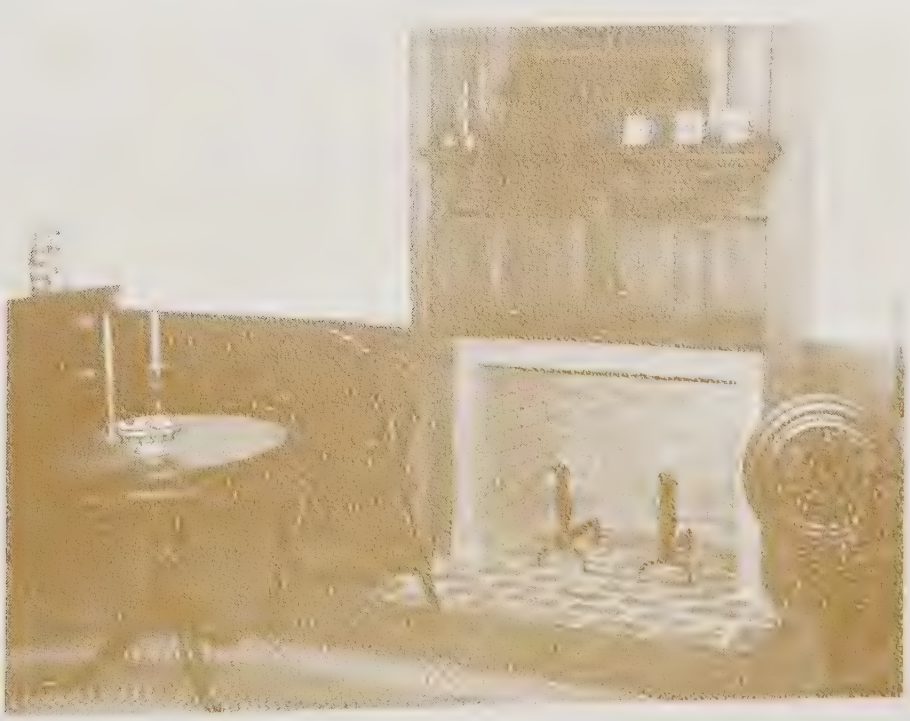
The restoration of the Samuel Cox house was made possible by the financial assistance of two grants from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation of Winston-Salem, North Carolina.



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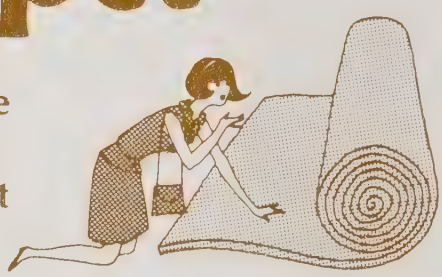

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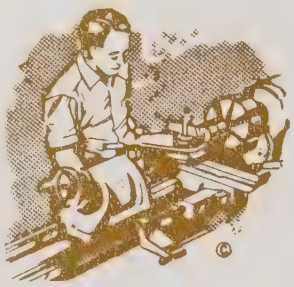

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