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Those who affectionately remember Maude Moore Latham will heartily agree that no memorial erected to her could possibly be more appropriate than the Tryon Palace garden that bears her name.

Old age never did catch up with her, although, in years, she had long since reached the stage in life that folks refer to as elderly. Younger than springtime, she remained vivacious and charming to the very last.

Diminutive but undetermined, she refused to let anything under the sun dampen her enthusiasm. Many regarded her persistent crusade for a restored Palace as a very wild dream that had gotten a nice little lady rather excited.

Maude Moore Latham really was excited, and it never did wear off. Brushing aside every obstacle in her path, and disregarding the doubters as fast as they bobbed up, she would not be denied.

Officially the Palace garden will serve as her memorial from Saturday on, but the truth of the matter is that the Palace itself is a memorial to her also in the fullest sense.

It is extremely doubtful that there ever would have been a restoration but for her. Certainly there would have been no such restoration in our time. Some have contended, and will continue to do so, that she might have invested her fortune in something more useful. However, it was her money—not the money of her critics—and quite properly she devoted it to the project closest to her heart.

That the dream she had was practical rather than wild has become increasingly apparent. Scoffers predicted that the Palace wouldn't draw visitors by the thousands, but it quickly became a drawing card for North Carolinians and tourists from every state and most foreign countries.

No other town the size of New Bern could buy the national and international publicity that has been ours for free. And still the feature stories and illustrations roll from printing presses, enlightening millions of readers. It may not be this year or the next, but sooner or later a considerable number of these readers will end up touring the Palace and its grounds.

To our way of thinking, the Palace restoration achieved the ultimate in free publicity when the Saturday Evening Post carried a two-page spread. This photograph, in color, was a priceless gift dumped in our laps, and the town will profit from it for years to come. Not just in prestige but in tourist dollars.

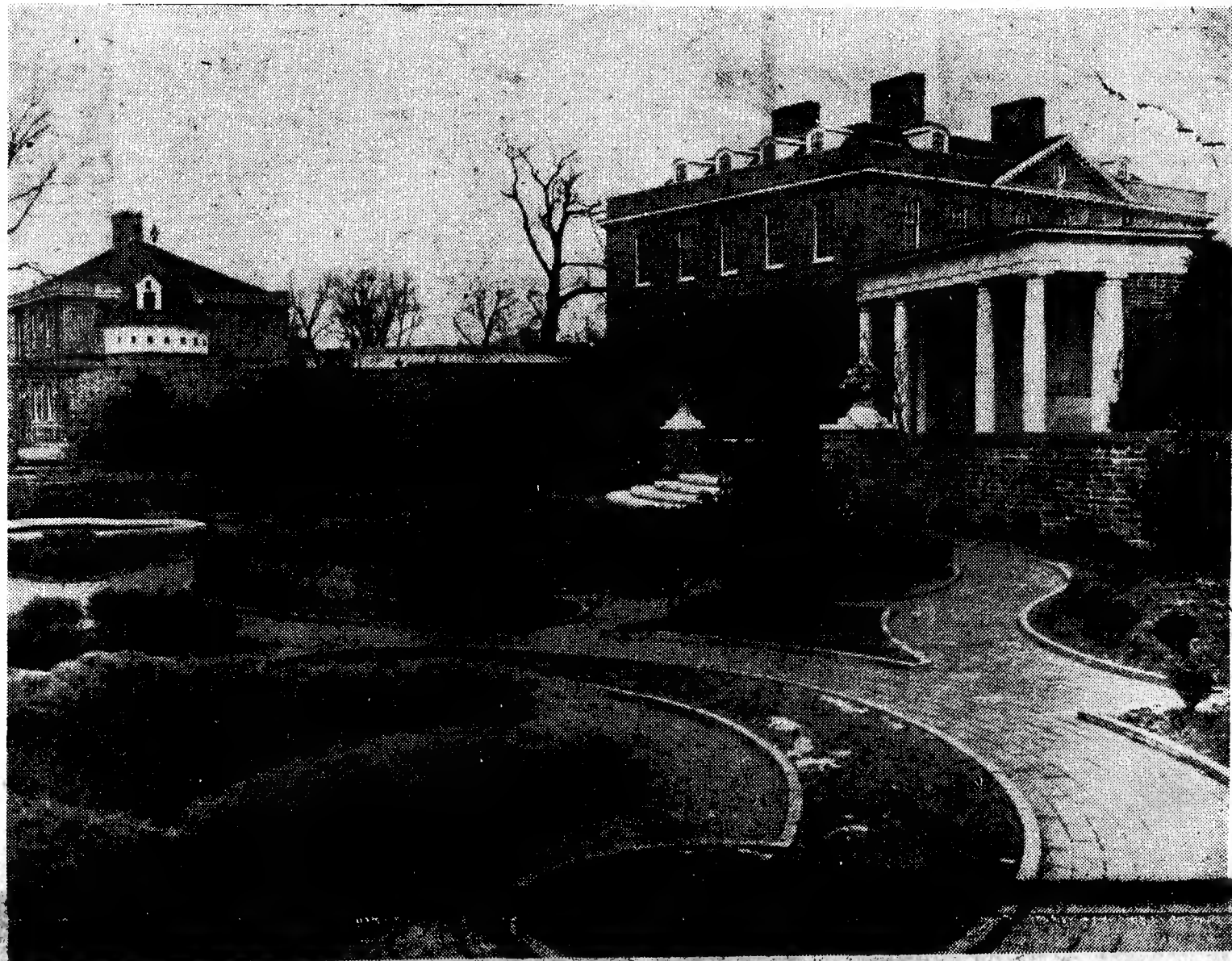
Even if you've never had the inclination to get steamed up about history, you aren't likely to be immune to the beauty of nature. Every flower lover will appreciate the 18th century gardens surrounding Tryon Palace. Included are the floral favorites that blossomed in Colonial days.

Dedication of the Maude Moore Latham Memorial Garden is scheduled for 3 p.m. on the South Lawn. Governor Sanford will formally accept it for the state of North Carolina. Mrs. John A. Kellenberger of Greensboro, daughter of Mrs. Latham and chairman of the Tryon Palace Commission, will preside at the dedicatory program.

Various distinguished North Carolinians will give tributes to Mrs. Latham, including Dr. Christopher Crittenden, director of the State Department of Archives and History, and Gertrude S. Carraway, director of the Tryon Palace Restoration.

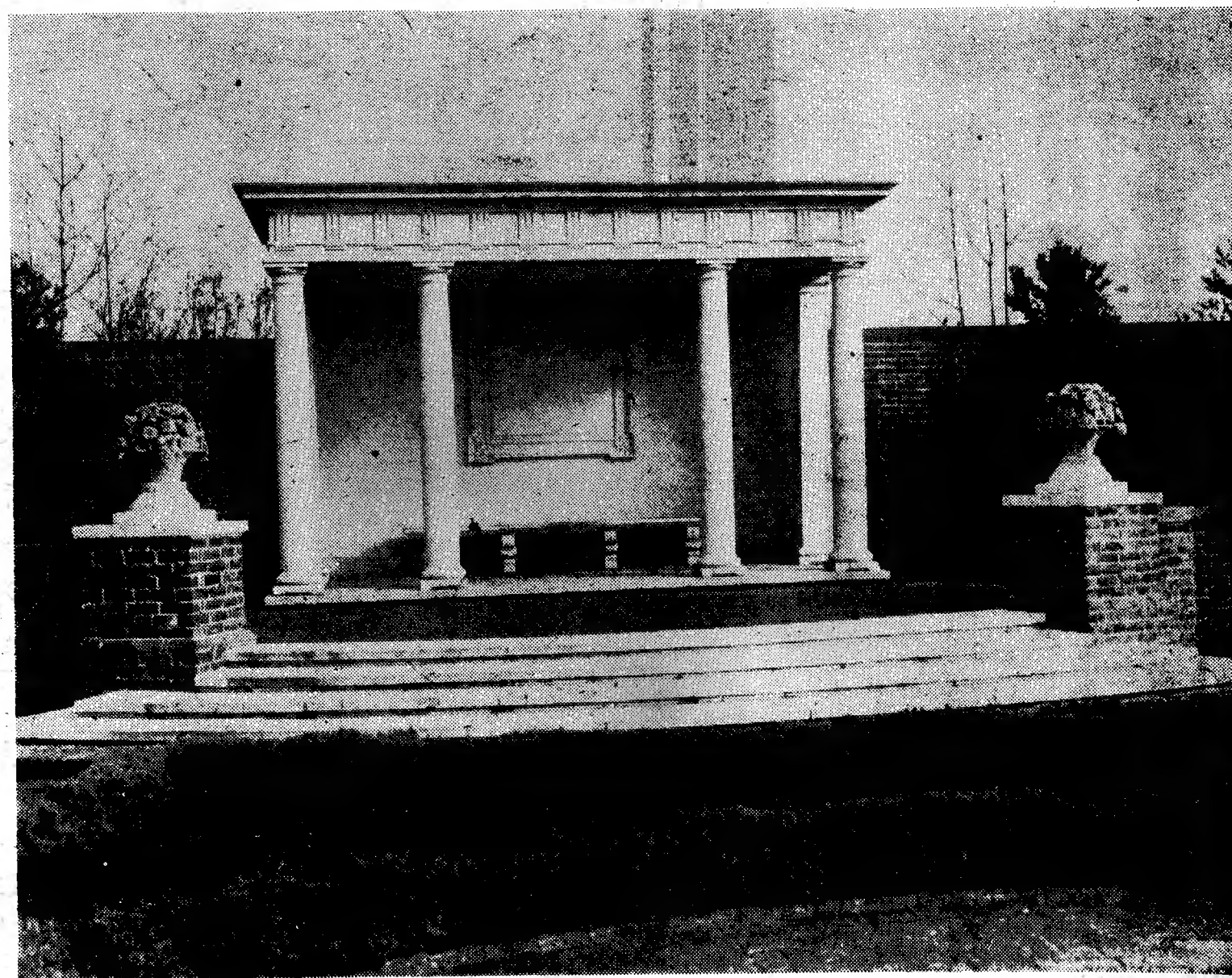
Friday night at 6 o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Ward will entertain members of the Tryon Palace Commission and their guests at the Ward room on East Front street. And at 8:30 p.m., color movies of

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BEAUTIFUL TO BEHOLD—Pictured here, with Tryon Palace in the background, is a portion of the Maude Moore Latham Memorial Garden. Its dedication on the 10th anniversary of Mrs. Latham's death will bring Governor Terry

Sanford and other dignitaries to New Bern Saturday afternoon. A special dedicatory program has been arranged for the occasion.



TO A GRACIOUS LADY—Maude Moore Latham, a native of New Bern, didn't live to see the Tryon Palace restoration completed. But her generosity in providing millions of

dollars for the project, and the vision she had, is attested to on a tablet in this Memorial Pavilion. Such a tribute to her memory is in keeping with her gift to North Carolina.