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Tryon Palace greets spring

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21,000 tulip bulbs from Holland have been planted in the gardens of Tryon Palace in preparation for their annual Gardener's Sunday on April 8. Admission to the gardens will be free from 1-5 p.m. on that day. For those who wish to view the Palace, tours will be available at the regular admission prices of \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students.

Visitors to Tryon Palace may stroll through the beautiful gardens filled with spring flowers. The gardens are designed in the 18th century style, much like those that once surrounded the country homes of the English gentry. The major gardens include the Maude Moore Latham Memorial Garden with a memorial pavilion, which honors the restoration donor, and the Kellenberger Garden, which honors the chairman and treasurer of the Tryon Palace Commission, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Kellenberger. Other highlights of the garden tour are Hawk's Allee, with a center plot of Tifgreen Bermuda grass surrounded by ivy ground cover, along with the Pleached Allee formed by two rows of yaupon trained over a frame with interwoven branches. The Kitchen Garden will also interest visitors. Fruits and vegetables

for the Palace are grown in this garden.

The beauty of the gardens are more than matched by the wonder of the Palace itself. It has been acclaimed as one of the most beautiful colonial buildings in America. It consist of a central building of two and one half stories, which served as the governor's residence, a meeting place for the Assembly, and a place for storage of public records. Two wings, both two stories high, were separated from the main building by five column colonades. The east wing contained the secretary's office and the kitchen, while the west wing served as the stables.

Tryon Palace bears the name of Royal Governor William Tryon, who persuaded the colonial Assembly to allocate the funds needed for its construction. John Hawks was commissioned to design and to see to the construction of the Palace. Tryon and his wife,



THE MAUDE MOORE LATHAM MEMORIAL GARDEN REFLECTS THE TASTE OF THE 18th CENTURY GEN—TRY—The Latham Garden, which honors the restoration donor is designed in an 18th century style as are all of the gardens in the Tryon Palace Grounds. The gardens will be open to visitors free on Sunday, April 8, for the Annual Gardener's Sunday. The Palace will be open from 1-5 p.m. (Photo by Connie Bryan)

Margaret Wake Tryon, with their daughter, moved into their new home in 1770. Tryon did not remain in his palace for long, however, because he transferred to New York in 1771. Josiah Martin, who was to be North Carolina's last royal governor, replaced him in August of that year.

The coming of the American Revolution brought North Carolina's first state governor to the Palace. Richard Caswell was inaugurated in January of 1777. After the war, efforts were made to move the capital to a more central location.

Raleigh became the official state capital in 1792, and state government left New Bern.

In 1798 the main building and last wing of the Palace were destroyed by fire while the west wing was left standing. Through the years houses were built on the Palace site. When efforts were begun to restore the Palace in the 20th century, the west wing was a stucco-covered apartment building.

John Hawks' original plans for the Palace were found along with a list of furnishings belonging to

William Tryon. Mrs. James Latham became interested in the project and was named as chairman of the Tryon Palace Commission, which was formed in 1945 by Gov. Gregg Cherry. The state agreed to buy the land, if the Commission could raise \$250,000 to pay for the restoration. Mrs. Latham donated the money and began to collect furnishings. At her death in 1951, she left a generous bequest to the Commission, which made it possible for reconstruction to begin in 1952. In 1959 Tryon Palace was opened to the public.

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Donald Taylor, who has been with the Palace since 1962, first as Curator of Education and now as Administrator, says "the future looks bright for Tryon Palace." He adds that attendance is up from last year.

Much of the success of Tryon Palace has to be attributed to the careful attention to detail both in purchasing and maintaining the priceless antiques. The Palace was meticulously reconstructed and furnished. Those currently in charge of this collection have continued this standard of excellence. The beauty and elegance of each room will delight and astound any visitor.

Vanceboro Aldermen meet

April is Clean-up month in Vanceboro

At its regular Monday night meeting, the Vanceboro Board of Aldermen passed a resolution setting aside April as "Clean-up, Fix-up, Paint-up Month" in the Town of Vanceboro. To do its part in the clean-up campaign the Board discussed and agreed to purchase nine new trash receptacles for Main Street. The type to be used will be decided on later. The Board also voted to put up over \$2,079 worth of regulatory signs in Vanceboro. The State of North Carolina will pay about half of this figure with the town matching with \$1,050 for the signs and posts. A survey conducted by the State High-

way Commission showed that the Town of Vanceboro needed thirty-eight stop signs, nine speed limit signs, seven dead end signs, and miscellaneous other signs including forty-five galvanized posts. The Aldermen also voted to agree to pay the movement of water or sewer lines if necessary during construction of curbs and gutters by the State Highway Department on Highway 17 north of Vanceboro. The Town Clerk reported that one application had been received for the position of maintenance supervisor at the Waste Treatment Plant. The Board voted to advertise again for more

applications. The board approved a request from Mrs. Daphne Cleve, Parks and Recreation Commissioner, to allow her to go ahead with the purchase of \$1,500 worth of equipment for the new playground and picnic area to be constructed on Farm Life Avenue. The Board also passed a resolution expressing its interest and approval of the stationing of a full-time recreation director in Vanceboro. The resolution will be sent to the Craven County Commissioners, the Craven County Recreation Commission, and the Recreation Director, Mr. George Sawyer.

Scouts wowed by magic

"The Amazing Gerri" or Gerry Hill, Jr., as he is better known to his classmates in the senior class at Kinston High School, presented an evening of magic for the parents, Cub Scouts and leaders at the monthly Pack Meeting for Cub Scout Pack 58 held last Friday night. The magic performance was the culmination of a month of learning about magic in the two Cub dens. Gerry performed a number of interesting tricks and illusions. He is available for performances to civic and school groups. Den 1 opened the meeting with a skit in which Den Leader, Linda Lee "cooked up a good Cub Scout" from ingredients brought up by the Scouts in the den.

Following the opening, Cubmaster Ron Chapman presented Bobcat badges and awards to Scott Gaskins, Jonathan Taylor, Timothy West, Wane Barrow, Mark Dudley, and Gilbert Norman. Billy Morris received his Bear Badge and a gold and silver arrow point. Rick Cannon, Webelos Den Leader, presented John Wilson with the Bear Badge and a gold arrow point. Eddie Jordan received his Sportsman and Aquanaut Activity Badges. Michael Hodges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hodges, was officially welcomed into the pack as the Webelos Den Chief. Mike is a member of Boy Scout Troop 58 of Vanceboro. Following the program, the meeting

was closed with a special candlelight ceremony by the Webelos Den.

Ministerial Association elects officers

The Vanceboro Area Ministerial Association elected officers for the year at their last meeting. Those elected were: President, Rev. Bob Cayton (Kitt Swamp Christian Church), Vice-president, Rev. Frank Moore (First Pentecostal Holiness Church), Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Steve Hickle (Vanceboro Circuit of the United Methodist Church). The new officers will assume their responsibilities in May.