

## Inique Christmas Celebration Planned at Palace

New Bern, NC—The excitement of the original opening of Tryon Palace will be captured in this year's Tryon Palace 18th Century Christmas Celebration.

Royal Governor William Tryon officially opened the Palace, North Carolina's colonial capitol and governor's mansion, on the fifth day of December, 1770, and, according to early newspaper accounts, "his Excellency gave a very grand and noble Entertainment and Ball". "A very great number of gentlemen and ladies from different parts of the country" attended.

In keeping with the spirit of that historic occasion, this season the Tryon Palace Council Chamber will be elegantly decorated for a dancing assembly. During the candlelight tours, musical entertainment will occur in that great room where the colonial laws were forged, yet the rugs would be rolled up to make way for a party. The formal dining room will be lushly decorated for a buffet, while the parlor, usually reserved for quiet tea drinking and conversation, will have gaming tables in evidence. Sideboards will groan with 18th century style foodstuffs and delicacies.

Equaling Tryon Palace and the Tryon Palace Kitchen Wing in decorative grace will be the John Wright Stanly House (c. 1780), Stevenson House (c. 1805), Jones House (c. 1809), and Commission House (c. 1885). Elaborate wreaths of native greenery and citrus, pine and boxwood roping, and colorful arrangements of unexpected resources, such as oyster shells and wishbones, will greet visitors to these historic homes. As always, the rejoicing season promises new and authentic decorations that haven't been shown before.

A new feature of the Christmas season at Tryon Palace Complex is a series of hour long decorative workshops. Space is limited, so the workshops are offered on a first come, first served basis. Interested persons should sign up in advance. Admission is by purchase of the regular Christmas tour ticket. Grady Wheeler, Beaufort, and Clifton West, Greenville, are the skilled decorators who will teach some of the workshops. Horticulturist Herb Rea and Floral Designer Clara Allen, who fashion all of the decorative workshops will be held at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on December 10, 12, 17, and 19.

#### Chick-Fil-A Scholarship Awarded



Mr. Tom Pike, (left) manager of Chick-Fil-A in New Bern, sents James Blandford with \$1,000.00 scholarship.



Virginia Sharp of New Bern adds the final touch to a Christmas tree in the 1809 Jones House, one of the six decorated historic landmarks shown during New Bern's Tryon Palace 18th Century Christmas Celebration, Dec. 8 - Dec. 20.

The fifth annual 18th Century Christmas Celebration is sponsored by Tryon Palace and the Tryon Palace Commission. Mrs. Samuel Nobles of Lumberton is the Chairman of the Christmas Committee, and she is ably assisted by Committee members Mrs. Jean Prevost, Southport, and Mrs. William Harvey of Kinston. The Committee has been working nearly a year on plans for an unforgetable Christmas Celebration.

The Christmas Celebration is scheduled December 8th through 20th, Mondays through Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Sundays, 1:30 to 4 p.m. Candlelight tours will be 5 to 8 p.m. on December 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, and 15. Tours of the decorated rooms of the six landmarks are \$7 and \$3. For further information and group reservations, phone Tryon Palace (919) 638-1560.

Mr. James Blandford, employee of Chick-Fil-A in New Bern, has recently been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to assist him in his college education. Mr. Blandford is in his first quarter at Craven Community College and is enrolled in the pre-business curriculum. Mr. Blandford is a resident of New Bern.

Mr. Tom Pike, manager of Chick-Fil-A, made the presentation to Mr. Blandford and explained that any employee of the company who has been employed for at least 2 years, who works at least 20 hours a week, and who has a C or above average is eligible to apply for this scholarship. He further explained that the Chick-Fil-A founder had established this scholarship program 5 years ago as a benefit and as an incentive to retain employees who are college bound. Since that time the company has awarded over 2 million dollars in scholarships across the U.S.

Mr. Blandford is the seventh recipient from the New Bern store to receive this scholarship and the fourth to attend Craven. He graduated from New Bern Senior High School in 1984 and has worked at Chick-Fil-A for 2½ years.

### Hospital Opens New Wing

Craven County Hospital will officially open the doors of its new hospital wing on Sunday, November 18, 1984. Following a dedication ceremony at 2 p.m. the public is invited to attend an Open House from 2:00-4:00 p.m. with an opportunity to tour the new facility.

The hospital's new wing covers 4 stories and offers the Craven-Pamlico-Jones Communities a comfortable and highly specialized addition of which to be proud. Included in the new wing are a 10 bed intensive care unit, an 18 bed neuro/surgical unit, and an 18 bed medical/surgical unit. In addition, the first floor will offer a large and improved dining facility for visitors and employees. The new addition will be equipped with up-todate technology capable of meeting a variety of needs.

Craven County Hospital is proud to announce the opening of this new addition and extends a cordial invitation to the public to share in this important occasion.

# FOOTBALL CONTEST

#### 10th Week

**Ist Place -** Greg White (12-3), \$10 and 6 points.

**2nd Place -** Thomas H. Gaskins (11-4), \$5 and 4 points

**3rd Place -** John Perry (11-4), \$4 and 2 points.