

Campaign Started To Learn Descendants House Of Commons

Names Sought In Connection With Palace Restoration

By Wade Lucas

Efforts to find the names and addresses of the living descendants of the men who acceded to the request of Royal Governor William Tryon in 1766-67 to vote tax money for construction of what became known as Tryon's Palace at New Bern are now being made.

Mrs. Lyman A. Cotten of Chapel Hill, who is chairman of the committee on Members of the Governor's Council and State House of Commons, 1766-68, for the Tryon Palace Commission, is heading up the campaign. Serving with her are Mrs. Paul Borden of Goldsboro, Mrs. W. H. Belk of Charlotte, Dr. C. C. Crittenden of Raleigh, and Mrs. Edwin C. Gregory of Salisbury.

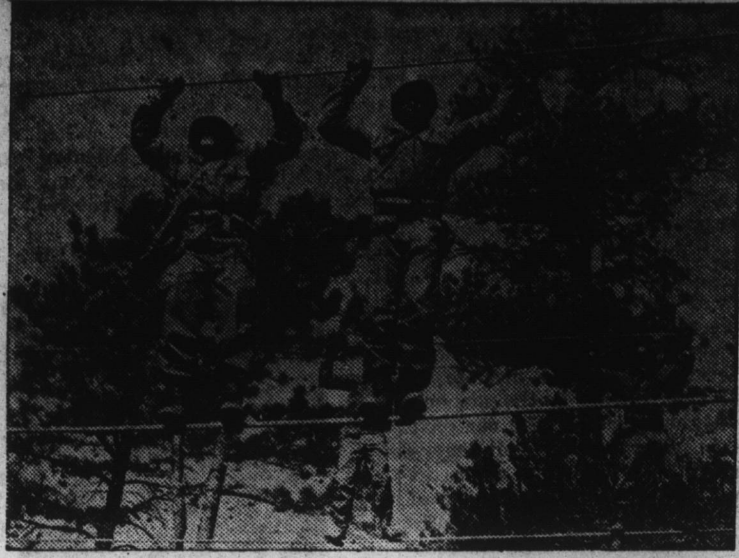
Mrs. Cotten and her committee have asked Director Ben E. Douglas of the State Department of Conservation and Development to assist them in their efforts to ascertain not only the names of the members of the House of Commons in 1766-68 but they also want the names of the living descendants of the Governor's Council.

The Committee feels, Mrs. Cotten said, that numerous descendants of these early legislators and the Governor's Council are living in North Carolina and elsewhere in the nation and they are asking them to give the Tryon Palace committee their names and addresses.

Tryon's Palace, which is now being restored at New Bern, where it was completed in 1770, is now being restored with trust funds bequeathed by the late Mrs. Maude Moore Latham of Greensboro, a New Bern native, and by State appropriations made through the Department of Conservation and Development. Mrs. Latham provided for about \$1,250,000 in her will for restoration of Tryon's Palace, once termed "the most beautiful building in Colonial America."

Work is progressing on the restoration at New Bern, where the imposing "Palace" was almost completely destroyed by fire on the night of February 28, 1798. Only the west wing of the structure was left after fire leveled the main part of the building.

Mrs. Cotten and her committee have unearthed the names of Govern-



MEN ON TIGHT ROPES—At Camp Carson, Colo., soldiers undergoing basic training cross a deep draw by using a wire "bridge."

or Tryon's Council in 1766-67 and William Branch. Hertford: Benjamin here they are: James Hassell, president, Lewis Henry de Rossett, Richard Brice Dobbs. John Sampson, Henry Eustice McCulloch, John Rutherford, president, Charles Berry, William Dry, Robert Palmer, Benjamin Heron, James Murray and Samuel Strudwick.

John Harvey of Perquimans county was Speaker of the House of Commons and the clerk, whose home address was not given, was William Heritage.

Members of the House of Commons of counties that existed in 1766-1768 were:

Beaufort (Bath): Partick Gordon and Peter Blinn. Beaufort (county): John Barron (Barrow) and Thomas Respass. Bertie (county): Cullen Pollock, William Gray and Robert Lennox. Bladen: William Bartram and Hugh Waddell. Brunswick (Town): Maurice Moore. Brunswick (county): Robert Howe and John Paine. Bute (county): Benjamin Person and Benjamin Ward. Carteret: William Cole and Richard Cogdell. Chowan (Edenton): Joseph Hewes. Chowan (county): Samuel Johnston, Timothy Walton, James Bond and James Blount.

Craven (New Bern): Alexander Elmsley, Thomas Clifford Howe, and Jacob Blount. Cumberland (Cumberlandton): Richard Grove, John Walok, Walter Gibson and Farquar (d) Campbell. Currituck: John Woodhouse, Henry White, Stephen Williams, Kadar (Kedar) Merchant, and Joshua Campbell.

Dobbs County: Richard Caswell, who later became Governor, and Abraham Sheppard. Duplin: Felix Kenan and Joseph Williams. Edgecombe: William Haywood and Duncan Lemon. Granville: Robert House and Samuel Benton. Halifax (Halifax): Joseph Montfort, John Bradford, and

Twin Army Clerks Make Ditto Marks

ETA JIMA, Japan—Those famous peas-in-a-pod are going to have to move over for Army Privates George and Martin Junga of 40 Hagyar St., Toledo, Ohio.

The Jungas, who took an Army stenographer's course here are about as identical as twins can get—and it is not just skin deep.

The proof? In their shorthand test both men made 100 per cent. In an administrative quiz the Jungas, seated on opposite sides of the room, both scored 97 per cent, each missing one question—the same one.

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