

"Prelude To Independence" At Williamsburg May 15 To July 4

Williamsburg, Va. — Each year in order to remind men of our basic American concepts of liberty and individual rights, Colonial Williamsburg commemorates the "Prelude to Independence" with a six-week celebration from May 15 to July 4.

The six weeks represents a similar period in colonial history that began May 15, 1776, with the Virginia Resolution for Independence and concluded on July 4 with the Declaration of Independence. As a result of the dedicated legislative activity in this period, the United States was set on its course and the long months and years of heated debates, patriotic zeal and sometime indecision were resolved into action.

Governor Flees
During this period, the Virginia patriots set the pattern for self-government based on individual liberties. The Virginia Convention of Delegates, meeting in Williamsburg as an interim government following the flight of the British Royal Governor, produced the Virginia Resolution for Independence, the Virginia Declaration of Rights, and a "Plan of Government" or constitution.

Williamsburg's dramatic part in American independence is celebrated annually with a special ceremony on May 15 at the reconstructed colonial Capitol. It was here in 1776 that the Virginia Convention instructed their delegates to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia to declare the colonies "free and independent." On the same day they unanimously passed two other resolutions establishing committees to draft a constitution and a declaration of rights.

George Mason drafted the second momentous document of the Prelude period — the Virginia Declaration of Rights. One of the world's foremost statements

of liberty, it became the parent of the Federal Bill of Rights and influenced the wording of the French Declaration of the Rights of Man and many later democratic charters throughout the world including that of the United Nations. This historic document was adopted by the Virginia Convention on June 12, 1776.

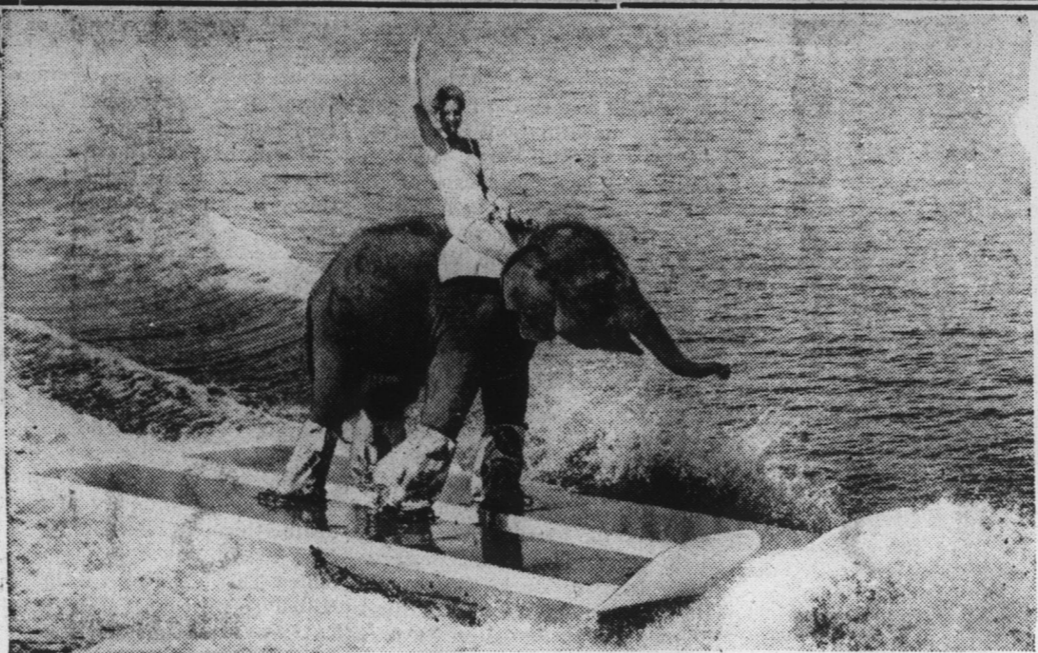
Three Departments
The Plan of Government, considered the first successful state constitution, was drawn up "to maintain peace and order in the Colony and secure substantial and equal liberty to the People."

One of the most radical departures from the "old order" under the Crown made by the new constitution was the separation of the courts and the executive body. The constitution provided three departments — legislative, executive and judicial — each one separate and distinct "so that neither exercises the powers properly belonging to the other." This document became the model for other states and the Federal constitution.

Elect Patrick Henry
On June 29, 1776, the delegates adopted the constitution and elected Patrick Henry the first governor of the new commonwealth. Thus, before the Declaration of Independence was drafted, Virginia had a functioning state government.

Meanwhile Richard Henry Lee introduced the Virginia Resolution for Independence to the other members of the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. In six short weeks that shook the world, 13 rebellious colonies had been transformed into 13 independent states. The course of freedom was set.

Lester B. Pearson, Canadian Liberal Party leader and 1957 winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, will deliver an address.



WATER-SKIING ELEPHANT — "Beatty Hamid," the world's only water-skiing elephant, gives residents of metropolitan New York and New Jersey a thrill by zipping up and down the Hudson River on high-speed skis. The water-loving pachyderm is featured with the Clyde Beatty and Hamid-Morton Circus at Palisades Amusement Park, N.Y. Marge Rusing, riding on his back, helped train the animal.

didn't even miss the "long-handled" when we changed to summer clothes, because we have had five consecutive days of open weather with daytime temperatures ranging from 74 to 84 degrees. Azaleas, weeping cherries, crab apples and dogwood are in full bloom. Peaches have polinated and are setting fruit and warm season vegetables are being planted. I am still keeping my fingers crossed but these are the facts.

It is surprising how quickly sun and wind will dry out the top few inches of soil so don't let your plants suffer for lack of water. If you have a spring planted lawn, be sure to keep it watered. Peaches should be sprayed when all of the petals have fallen and again as the shucks begin to shed from the little fruits. Use an all-purpose peach spray, or six pounds of wettable sulphur plus four pound of malathion (25 per cent W. P.) to each 100 gallons of water. Use the same spray for both the petal fall and shuck spray. Apply the first spray to bunch grapes as soon as the young shoots are about two inches long and again when they are about 12 inches long. Use Bordeaux mixture both times.

For scale on camellias, use white oil emulsion according to the manufacturers' instructions. Sprays should contain one per cent actual oil for summer use. Malathion should take care of lace bugs and red spider mites on azaleas and camellias. If you use 25 per cent wettable powder, mix at the rate of two tablespoons per gallon of water. If emulsifiable concentrates are used, follow instructions on the container. If you want to try Systox, be real careful and follow instructions to the letter.

Our roses are growing nicely and we have already sprayed them twice—a dormant clean-up and the first summer cover. The combined insecticidal and fungicidal spray and dust materials are very satisfactory and easy to use. I prefer to spray because you get good coverage and the materials stick better, giving longer protection.

MRS. LILLIE M. TRUEBLOOD DIES SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Mrs. Lillie Mae Trueblood, 70, died at her home on East Church Street Saturday afternoon at 1:20.

"Every cloud has a silver lining." After all of the severe weather and problems with sagging coal piles and dwindling oil supplies, summer has literally blown up in our faces. We

George Nixon in charge. Eddie Nixon, George Nixon, Ernest Nixon and Emily Shaw will lead in prayer, while the responsive reading will be led by Beverly Morgan. Bobby Hall will read the Scripture, and Bill Mitchener and Billy Nixon will take up the offering.

The message will be read by George Nixon, John Mitchener, Claude Barnette, Eddie Nixon, Eddie George, Joe Mitchener, Vicky Cayton, Melba Gray, Nancy Jordan, Wayne Baker, Leonard Speer, Charles Cuthrell, Emily Shaw and Gene Lane. John Mitchener will play the piano, and there will be a special number by the young people's choir.

At the present time there are more than 80 teenagers in the Edenton Presbyterian Church.

13 Promotions At Edenton Base

Thirteen men from Marine Attack Squadron 225 received promotions to the next higher rank at morning muster May 1st. Six new Sergeants were made, including: S. L. Holmes, J. E. Jones, M. A. McQuiggan, D. Conner, T. C. Wilson and J. Bowen. Seven men went to Corporal including: C. J. Larson, G. G. Mah, C. J.

Why I Like My Dad



Earth satellites may be viewed through the astronomical telescope and star-finder offered as a prize by the "Letters to Father" Committee for the best letter in which a youngster tells "Why I Like My Dad." Father as a companion, as a guide and counsellor, father as the head of the family and the good provider may be the subjects of letters from children of high school age or under. In addition to the telescope and star-finder from A. C. Gilbert of New Haven, other prizes such as a portable sewing machine for the winning girl, and hardwood humidors of cigars for the fathers who are the subjects of the top prize-winning letters. Runners-up will receive chemistry and laboratory technician's sets; their fathers boxes of cigars from the Cigar Institute of America.

Letters should be addressed to the Letters to Father Committee, P.O. Box 328, Radio City Station, New York 19, N.Y., postmarked no later than May 30th, 1958.

Maidents, R. J. Reimer, R. L. Bell, M. Byrne and T. Malizia.

The new sergeants spent their first day as three-strippers by being initiated into their new rank. They wore enlarged chevrons around their necks and manned brooms to hold a clean sweep-down of the VMA-225 area.

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GARDEN TIME
M. E. Gardner
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Daffodils and tulips give us much pleasure in early spring and are to be found in most of our gardens. The question is: should they be taken up every year; every second year; or every third year?

It is not necessary to lift daffodils every year but it is highly desirable that the bulbs be dug, divided, and replanted every third year. This gives them a better change to grow and reproduce. If yours need to be moved, wait until the leaves begin to turn yellow before digging. While the leaves are still green, they are manufacturing food and storing it in the bulbs for next year's flowers. They may be dug, divided and replanted immediately, or they may be dried and stored in a cool place and held for fall planting.

The tulip is somewhat different. Bulbs should be taken up and replanted every second year. The bulbs may deteriorate rather rapidly and for this reason it is sometimes best to buy fresh bulbs every year if large flowers are desired. If bulbs are to be replanted, do not dig them until the leaves turn yellow, as was the case with daffodils.

Bearded (German Iris) is blooming now in our neighborhood and will be ready to divide and transplant in about a

month. However, plants may be divided and transplanted any time during the summer and early fall. A good division consists of a new rhizome, or thickened underground stem, with a cluster, or fan, of leaves. After the division has been made, the rhizome should be planted so that the top of it will be even with the soil. Deep planting is not desirable. Bearded Iris do best in well drained soils which dry rather quickly.

Cool weather in the spring frequently interferes with fruit setting on tomato plants. This is particularly true of the first two or three flower clusters that are formed. Hormones, or plant regulators, applied to these first clusters may give you earlier tomatoes and more total production. They may be purchased from your seedsman under the trade names of "Blossom Set" or "Fruitone". If you want to experiment, use one of these materials according to accompanying directions. Spray on the open blossoms with an atomizer of fine spray.

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