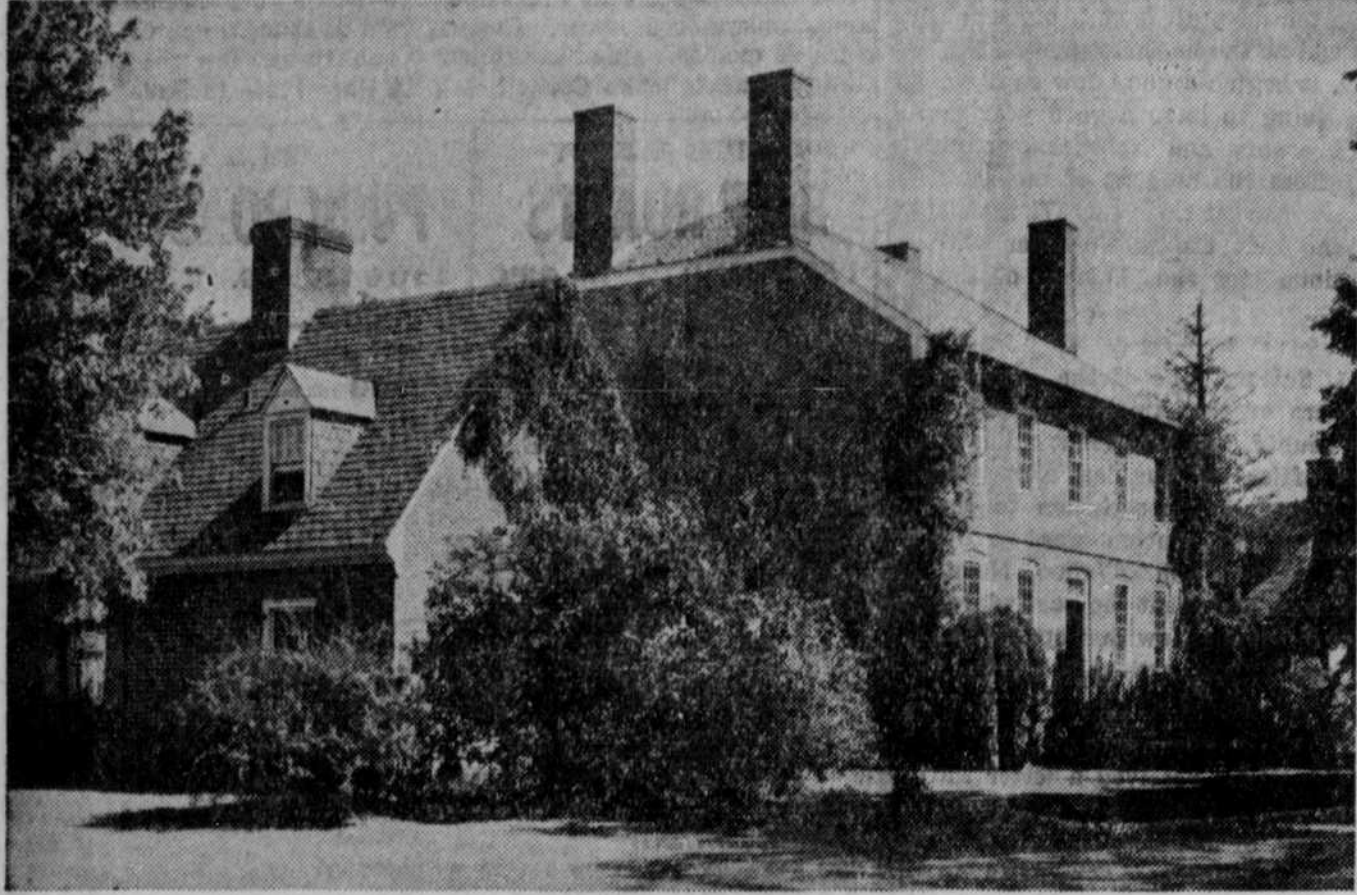


# Fredericksburg, Va., Colonial Home Of Washington's Mother and Sister, Will Live Again Its Historic Past



Kenmore, the home of Betty Washington Lewis, sister of George Washington, in Fredericksburg. It has been restored by a national organization of women and funds obtained from the annual observance of Garden Week in Virginia this year will be devoted to the restoration of its gardens.

By **ELMO SCOTT WATSON**  
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FREDERICKSBURG, VA., is to live again its colorful past during the week of April 22 to 27 and the center of attraction in the old Colonial town will be Kenmore, home of Betty Washington Lewis, sister of George Washington and wife of Fielding Lewis, gunmaker of the Revolution. April 22 to 27 is Garden Week in the Old Dominion and this year it has a special significance.

For the receipts from the observance will be devoted to the restoration of the Colonial garden at Kenmore, a spot that was dear to George Washington and that had the loving care of his mother, Mary Ball Washington. So, during that week Colonial costumes, worn by the ancestors of the Fredericksburg folk, will be taken out of old trunks and attics or borrowed from museums, to be worn again by the descendants of the men and women who lived there when LaFayette was entertained at a great Peace Ball at Rising Sun tavern after Washington's return from the war in 1783.

From ancient recipe books the women of Fredericksburg will resurrect the recipes made famous by Mary Ball Washington and others. Ginger breads, tea, Smithfield hams and a score of other delicacies of Colonial days will be cooked for the palates of visitors over the ancient fireplaces of Colonial times that abound in the city.

Gen. Hugh Mercer's ancient apothecary shop will also come to life again, and visitors may use its famous powdering room, or procure over its ancient counters the lavender and other herbs, as well as the potions and cordials that ancient apothecaries dispensed a hundred and fifty years ago.

**Birthplace of Cincinnati Society.**  
In Rising Sun tavern, where the Society of the Cincinnati was formed and where Virginia's earliest post office was located, the tavern keeper and the postmaster will preside over throngs from many states, while in the cottage of Mary, the mother of Washington, servants will cook and dispense free to visitors those things that Mary considered delicacies and for which her recipes are still used.

On the plantation of Kenmore Negroes will sing the spirituals of olden days for visitors, while Uncle Bachus will prepare meals in the kitchen building, and visitors will be treated to a Colonial reception during the evenings. Fredericksburg will receive its visitors in costume, not only at Kenmore, but at many other homes of Colonial date throughout the city.

Old Market square will come to life again, as it existed in the days when James Monroe, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson met here to smoke a pipe and discuss the affairs of the colony in Sukeey Livingston's coffee shop, where over the door will be replaced its famous sign: "Come in, Gentlemen, sit at your ease, pay for what you call for and call for what you please."

Masonic fraternities are also preparing an exhibit in the lodge where George Washington was made a Mason, and where his portrait, by Stuart, hangs upon the wall. The Bible that he kissed in taking his obligations is still preserved.

Another attraction to visitors will be the little cottage on the corner of Charles and Lewis

streets. For this was the home of Mary Ball Washington from March, 1775, until August, 1789.

The property once occupied the whole square with orchard and garden, kitchen and servants' quarters. It was bought by Washington in September, 1772, from Michael and Esther Robinson and was a part of the original Kenmore estate. The garden was separated from the Kenmore garden by a fence and gate and there was a box walk, a part of which is still standing.

At the outbreak of the Revolution Washington tried to induce his mother to move in town from her home on the Rappahannock, opposite Fredericksburg. But it was not until March, 1775, that she was persuaded.

It was here that she received the courier sent by General



**MARY BALL WASHINGTON**  
(From the disputed painting by Middleton)

Washington to tell her of the victory at Trenton. It was here Washington came after the Battle of Yorktown with the French and American officers, and she received him with thanksgiving after his absence of nearly seven years. It was here he came in December 1783. Fredericksburg gave the Peace ball in his honor, and it was at that time that he made his memorable reply to Mayor McWilliams in which he spoke of Fredericksburg as "the place of my growing infancy."

**LaFayette's Tribute.**  
It was here that Marquis de LaFayette came to pay his respects to her who was the mother of the greatest American. She received him in her garden, met all his fine phrases with dignity and gave him her blessing when he bade her good-by. He said, "I have seen the only Roman matron of my day."

It was here March 12, 1789, that Washington came to bid a sad farewell after he had received the notice that he had been elected President of the new nation. With prayers and tears Mary Washington and her son parted, knowing they would never meet again.

She died August 25, 1789. Town and country assembled to do honor at her burial. Her remains lie in a spot she herself selected on the Kenmore estate and a state-in monument "erected by her countrywomen" marks her last resting place.

But for all such historic sites which Fredericksburg has, it will

not be the only city in the Old Dominion to attract those who enjoy seeing places "where the past still lives." More than 80 historic homes and gardens throughout the state will be thrown open to visitors this year. Among them are eight homes in which once lived Virginians who became Presidents of the United States.

### Home of the Lees.

Featured in the Garden week pilgrimage this year will be nine estates and shrines under foundation or other public ownership, where gardens or grounds have been restored by and at the expense of the Garden Club of Virginia. The principal one of these properties is Stratford, in Westmoreland county, where two signers of the Declaration of Independence and Gen. Robert Edward Lee were born.

Here the Garden Club of Virginia has completed the restoration of the Lee gardens at a cost of \$50,000.

Another as important, but whose gardens are not as yet completely restored, although well under way, is the Thomas Jefferson garden at Monticello, near Charlottesville. The Thomas Jefferson Memorial foundation has restored the house and many outbuildings and refurbished with original Jefferson pieces this magnificent and distinctive mansion.

Last year the Garden Club of Virginia began the job of restoring the Jefferson gardens, from plans discovered only recently. The outlines of the garden were discovered by archeological investigations and will occupy the exact location that they did originally. Jefferson's gardens were distinctive, for only native trees, shrubs and plants were used.

Other properties for which the Garden Club of Virginia has done restoration include: the Victorian garden of the Manse, at Staunton, birthplace of T. Woodrow Wilson; the Mary Washington monument at Fredericksburg, over her grave; the Bruton church at Williamsburg, which will be the center of a celebration this year in honor of its complete restoration; the memorial garden at Lee chapel in Lexington; the groups of Wilton, famous Colonial restoration of historical organizations at Richmond; and the Rolfe property, in Surry county, the grounds of which were given by the Indian chief, Powhatan, to the son of his daughter, Pocahontas and Sir John Rolfe, in Colonial times.

### Plantation Homes.

Other estates to be shown will include the famous James River plantation belt homes, extending for more than a hundred miles along the James. Most recent of these restorations is Berkeley, birthplace of President William Henry Harrison. Seven estates in various sections of Virginia, never before opened, are to be shown this year, including ancient Elsing Green on the Pamunkey, one of the most important of the Colonial Virginia manor houses, and owned by a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Twenty-one places in restored Williamsburg will be opened to the public. The great tobacco plantations of Southside Virginia form another group.

Piedmont Virginia is offering a group of boxwood gardens and famous old homes of unusual distinction, including the places of President James Madison, two James Monroe homes and two estates in which Thomas Jefferson spent his life. Two score other places of great interest, several of them nationally famous, are to be opened.

## NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Reviewed by  
**CARTER FIELD**

*Carter Field believes Governor Bricker of Ohio has a good chance for the Republican nomination for President, if the national convention should be deadlocked. . . . Electric grid system shrouded in mystery.*  
(Bell Syndicate—WNU Service.)

WASHINGTON.—The Republican presidential contest has narrowed down to Thomas E. Dewey and Sen. Robert A. Taft, so far as the pre-convention battling is concerned. Of course anything may happen at Philadelphia. There could be a deadlock, for example, with neither Taft nor Dewey able to muster a majority, at the end of which the leaders would suddenly decide on the head of the ticket, or the convention might be hysterically stampeded to almost any conceivable candidate.

Incidentally that is one of the advantages of not taking part in the pre-convention battle. To be eliminated in advance, as for example in primaries, puts a handicap on a man's being selected after a deadlock. Not always, however. There was Warren G. Harding, who did miserably in the primaries but was named after the three leaders had worn themselves out.

John W. Bricker, governor of Ohio, seems to be in the prettiest position at the moment if there should be a deadlock. He is on the bench, at the moment, and must stay there until Taft wins or blows, by which time it may be too late.

But if there is a deadlock between Taft and Dewey, with just a few scattering votes which neither can corral to make a majority, the convention might turn to Bricker. That would be all right with most of the Republican leaders. It would be all right with most of the big contributors to G. O. P. war chests, especially those in downtown New York.

### LITTLE BITTERNES

Up to now there has been little if any bitterness in the Republican fight, however, and bitterness is almost an essential in creating a deadlock. Taft has said nothing about Dewey, so far as has come to light, calculated to make Dewey or his friends eager to prevent Taft's nomination at all costs. The same is true about Dewey's utterances.

On the whole the picture does not look too bright for Mr. Bricker. Something may be said or done, before the convention assembles, to mar the harmony prevailing between the contestants. But there is no sign of it yet. In fact there is no prospect of it even if there should be a knock down and drag out primary between Taft and Dewey in West Virginia, which looks more likely now than it did before Dewey scored so heavily in Wisconsin.

### SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

Mystery continues to shroud the latest proposal for a huge electric grid system for the entire North-east—from Boston to Chicago and Milwaukee, south to St. Louis and east to Baltimore—which the federal power commission group laid before private utility executives. But since there has been a leak, and obviously a leak from federal sources, practical engineers and utility men not in the original secret have studied what they have learned about it, and are far from enthusiastic.

This is a revision of the plan proposed last summer, which was to have cost \$400,000,000 and included four government built and operated steam plants, the whole avowed purpose being to bolster the power supply of industrial America against the possibility of it being called on for war production.

Two things happened to that original proposal. One was that congress was horrified at the notion of appropriating \$400,000,000. The economy wave, which has been slipping a bit since, was in the process of birth then, and the White House was giving no encouragement to any government branches figuring on a big boost in the budget.

### ISSUE SIDETRACKED

The other was that war fever so obvious in some of the government's departments, notably the war department, was just about the most interesting thing in Washington at that time. So the national defense motive, while still present, scarcely seemed to justify an appropriation of \$400,000,000.

So the group inside the government so strongly interested in the grid system has whittled down and revised the plan. It now calls for an expenditure of only \$189,508,200; and this does not require an appropriation. It merely requires that the RFC loan the money to the utilities.

Now the curious phase of the whole business is that the private utilities do not want the grid system. Particularly they do not want any grid system to be imposed by the government. So if it is to come it will have to be forced on them, and forced under the guise of national defense.

## Washable Fabrics Attain New Place in Style Significance

By **CHERIE NICHOLAS**



THE high style significance achieved by wash fabrics during the last several years is nothing less than epoch making. Inspired by the amazing cottons and linens and spun rayons and kindred weaves at their command, designers are turning out wash apparel that is writing a thrilling chapter in fashion history.

Now that we have come to recognize the adaptability of modern washables to every phase of all-purpose wear, ranging from the most casual, utilitarian and informal to formal occasion, women who understand the art of dress are feeling the urge to plan their wardrobe entirely from play and workaday clothes to formal dinner gowns and party frocks in terms of smart wash materials.

To tell of the multitudinous wash fabrics producers are turning out this season would be a task in vain. However, there are highspots that deserve mention. There are the cotton gabardines in delectable pastels that tailor beautifully for slacks suits and sports frocks. Crinkled seersuckers have taken a new lease on life. You can get them in sturdy weave or so exquisitely sheer they will prove a delight for summer wear. As to the new piques so highly important this season, you won't be able to resist the eyelet embroidered versions. The printed piques, too, are lovely.

As to the fascinating chambrays now so modish (be sure to make a note of chambray for it is tremendously important) the newer types have been refined to a degree of nicety in touch, texture and lovely coloring that makes them not to be resisted. The same may be said of dimities (in demand for both formals and informals), there is a crispness about modern types that adds sprightliness to the mode. When you see the dainty afternoon and party frocks fashioned of sweetly feminine Jennie Lind muslins

that strew wee flowerets in a pretty confusion of colors over a sheer background, it's a safe guess you will be indulging in more than one of these gay little flatterers. We must not forget to call attention to the stunning huge plaids of sheer texture. These are designs to go anywhere and everywhere this summer.

When you start out in quest of washable cotton or spun rayon prints keep in mind that the smartest this season are in gray and white, especially the new polka dots which are all the rage this season. Yellow and gray prints are also in high fashion.

Another interesting feature brought out at the wash apparel show held in Chicago this spring was the importance of stripes. Stripes of every conceivable interpretation from high-colored gypsy and candy stripes to fetching stripes in pastels, also floral stripes and other novelty stripes were stressed throughout the entire program of voguish washables.

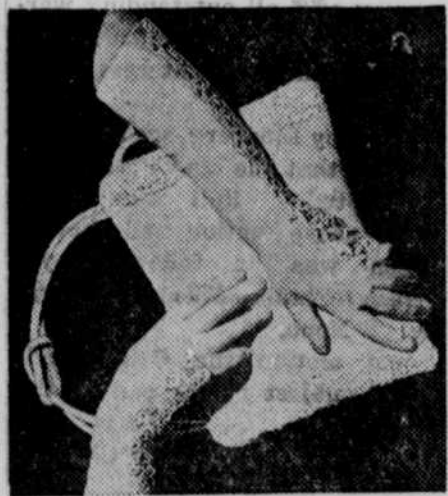
The working of stripes in clever design has become a fascinating pastime with designers. Note how artfully stripes have been juggled for the dress pictured to the left in the illustration. This attractive model is fashioned of a woven spun rayon in pencil stripe. The pockets and front panel reveal a diagonal working of stripes.

To the right in the group, candy stripes of rough weave turf cloth in striking colors are manipulated to advantage with the result of achieving a most pleasing back view as well as being attractively styled throughout.

The girl seated in the foreground has on a frock that boasts a circular skirt and the new corselet treatment at the waistline. The material for this dress is a spun rayon sport print that subscribes very effectively to the vogue for novelty stripes.

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### Lace-Panel Gloves



Gloves this season are in a highly decorative mood. Even the simplest gloves for general wear are apt to be tucked or shirred or otherwise cunningly furbelowed. The eight-inch rich rayon Kaypsun glove designed by Natascha as here pictured eloquently interprets the present trend toward decorative detail, which in this instance is expressed in a heavy lace paneling on the sides. The accompanying bag has the same lace applied as the long gloves. This very chic twosome of bag and gloves is available in white, black or navy.

### Flowered Toes

Spring flowers in pastel colors are painted over the toes to grace the newest stockings for evening wear. Obviously designed for open-toed slippers, they are an intriguing as well as a decorative touch.

### Print Ensemble Is Season's Favorite

Full-length wool coats lined with a silk print to match an accompanying dress are seen in both casual and formal afternoon ensembles. In the casual group is a red silk print dress with an all around pleated skirt accented with pleated pocket flaps on skirt and bodice. This is topped by a fitted navy wool coat buttoned from neck to hem, and lined with the print of the dress.

A more formal ensemble employs a Persian pattern silk print for the dress, with a gently flared skirt and softly draped and ruffled bodice. The accompanying full-length princess coat of gray wool has elaborate trapunto embroidery on the sleeves and bodice.

### Print Sheers Are Smart for Spring

Shades of gray and white are printed in a plaid formation on a sheer dress and jacket ensemble admirably suited to spring luncheon or an afternoon's shopping in town. The jacket is long and fitted and boasts two pocket flaps on either side. The neckline is trimmed with a jabot of frothy white organdy.

Pink roses printed on white for the bodice, and on black for the skirt, are the motif for an afternoon dress of soft chiffon. A detachable apron of the pink and black print ties on over the skirt with a wide sash and bow to make it even more dressy.

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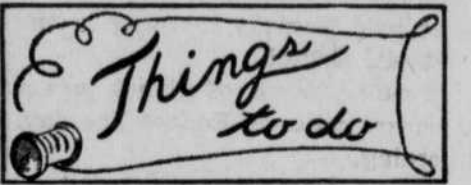
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