

# NEWS

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## PICNIC PICTURES

For those who have not already seen the photographs taken by Tom Williams at this year's employee picnics, they will remain on display in the corridor of the Goodwin Building through September 17.

## MR. AND MRS. CHORLEY VISIT NAMESAKE TOWN OF CHORLEY, ENGLAND, DURING TRIP

A lifelong ambition was fulfilled by Kenneth Chorley and Mrs. Chorley in July when they visited the little English town of Chorley while in the British Isles this summer.

The July 23 edition of the Chorley Guardian contains a picture of Mr. and Mrs. Chorley photographed in the Guardian offices and an interview with the two American visitors.

The article stated: "Mr. Chorley's interest in local history will be appreciated when it is realized that Williamsburg is a perfect example of the 18th century town, once the capital of Virginia. Many millions of dollars have been spent in its restoration by John D. Rockefeller, Jr."

Mr. and Mrs. Chorley's three months' trip through England and parts of the Continent was cut short when they received word that Mr. Chorley's father, Dr. E. Clowes Chorley, had suffered an accident in New York. They flew back to New York immediately and latest reports are that Dr. Chorley is recuperating splendidly.

## REORGANIZED SAFETY COMMITTEE LAUNCHES DRIVE AGAINST ACCIDENTS

CW's new Safety Committee, headed by Army veteran Col. L. C. Wheat, is getting set for an organization-wide drive to prevent accidents.

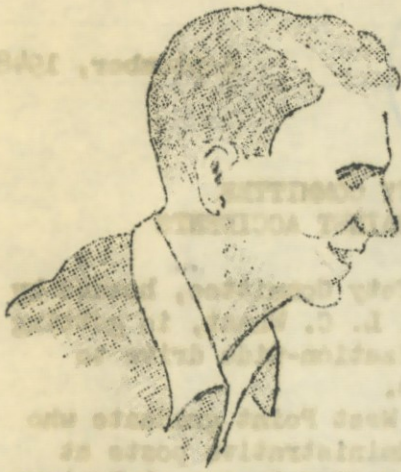
Col. Wheat, West Point graduate who held important administrative posts at the Army Transportation Center at Fort Eustis during the war, has studied accident figures and is worried over a trend of increasing carelessness among employees. In August, he points out, 41 accidents causing a loss of 676 man hours were reported, as compared with a July record of 31 accidents with 186 man hours lost.

Instructional material on safety and first aid is to be presented to all CW employees from their supervisors at least twice each month. Bulletin board warnings will be posted in conspicuous places. As an added precaution, two members of the committee will act as safety inspectors for a three-month period.

During August, an inspection for fire hazards was conducted all over CW by John H. Jebens, Safety Engineer of The Borden Company. Mr. Jebens' findings will soon be made known and studied.

Aiding Col. Wheat on the new Safety Committee is Virginia Marston, as secretary. The hotels are represented by Commodore T. G. Peyton and J. O. Browning; C & M by W. D. McPherson and Irving Sprinkle; other members are Minor Wine Thomas, Jr., Museum Supervisor, and Bert Koch of the Architectural Department.

## PROFILE: MINOR WINE THOMAS, JR., Inventive Virginian.....



Minor Wine Thomas, Jr., is a Virginian by birth-right, by perceptible soft-spoken Tidewater drawl, and by a remarkable versatility, which must have been handed down by resourceful colonial forebears. His most recent title, Museum Supervisor, demonstrates the inadequacy of Webster and the English language to pin down a man who is chemist-inventor-naturalist-hunter-designer-Lion-farmer and proud father of two, a man who has made a good living catching bats and crayfish, storekeeping in the W & M Chemistry Department, setting up traveling displays for history-conscious school children, and lecturing on archaeology to thousands of Williamsburg visitors.

Tommy hails from Hamburg, a crossroads community in the Shenandoah Valley. His parents were both from the Valley. His father was a school superintendent who was soon to receive a Ph.D. from Columbia and set out for such remote posts as the Apache Indian Reservation at Albuquerque, N. M., where young M. W. acquired a nurse by the name of Winifred Kinzumah Apache.

Later the family moved briefly to Williamsburg, where Tommy recalls a fall into a muddy ditch soon to be restored to history as the Governor's canal and fishpond. Then to New York for a two-year spell in Columbia's experimental Lincoln School, and finally back to Virginia again. At the Radford High School, the future lecturer and raconteur got a head start as the State champion in public reading for three successive years. It was then that the young naturalist collected (for cash) such specimens as frogs, fishworms, freshwater mussels, crayfish, stray cats, and bats.

At William and Mary, Tommy had a near full-time job as storekeeper of the Chemistry Department, but somehow found time to attend classes, become president of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, join several honor societies, and wrestle with a mammoth French horn in the College Band. He came to CW in 1938, even before graduation, and has been here ever since, except for a war-time spell with the Solvay Process Company at Hopewell. There, as control chemist, he fixed nitrogen in the form of ammonia, nitric acid, and nitric salts for explosives. This involved some dangerous work with poisonous gasses, and one close decision with carbon monoxide.

At CW, Tommy studies the archaeological fragments unearthed by Jim Knight's crews and submits findings which, with the Research Department's reports, are correlated with the all-important architectural studies to assist in the authentic restoration or reconstruction of colonial buildings. His archaeological laboratory, set up in 1940 in the Warehouse, has sinks, stoves, and chemical equipment in one room, and filing cabinets for the storage of catalogued items in the second room. Some forty tons of artifacts are safeguarded here or in an adjacent storage shed.

Most of the articles sifted from Williamsburg's diggings are iron objects (padlocks, keys, hinges, iron nails); ceramic fragments of the 1650-1850 period (perhaps 500,000 pieces of saucers, plates, bowls, cups, vases); glass fragments (wine bottles, glasses); and brick and stone fragments (remnants from fireplaces, archways, decorative wall plaques, etc.). These tell-tale reminders of Virginia's

past, unearthed from the old city's sandy clay soil, have helped not only in the restoration work itself, but have also provided an accurate basis for many Craft-Program articles. A silver spoon discovered in the foundations of the Raleigh is the model for a Stieff set; wine glass stems and tumbler bottoms have been carefully copied by Blenko; and a china pattern sent to Wedgwood in England to be copied was found to be the actual product of eighteenth-century Wedgwood craftsmen!

Among Tommy's most interesting "finds" are bottle buttons (round insignia, stamped on the hot glass of the bottle, giving owner and the bottling date) of such Williamsburg notables as Wythe, Nicholson, and Greenhow; and 300 characters of original Caslon type, discovered on the site of the old Virginia Gazette office, and believed to have been those used by the premier colonial printer William Parks himself.

Here chemist Thomas takes over; he has developed many chemical treatments to preserve relics, to save hand labor in cleaning, and to remove corrosion on objects without damaging them. Assisting him at the laboratory on a part-time basis is G.I. student Clarence Clark of W & M.

Inventor Thomas' latest achievement is a system of synchronizing the automatic slide projector now used in the Reception Center with the tape recording. Working with the equally ingenious Dick Showman, Tommy punched holes in the tape which recorded the sound, so that electrical impulses were able to operate the projector automatically, neatly changing each slide at the proper moment in Ronnie King's recorded narration. Inventors Thomas and Showman hear that several other museums have already set up a similar device.

Designer Thomas is chief assistant to Dick Showman, Director of the Department of Interpretation. He arranges exhibits, supervises the museum at the Old Court

House, and lectures on his archaeological findings on many weekday evenings.

Lion Thomas is First Vice-President of the active Williamsburg Lion's Club, where he is scheduled to take over the top office next year.

Hunter Thomas is widely recognized as "the best duck shot in James City County." He is a charter member of the James River Literary and Cultural Society, which maintains one lonely duck blind behind Jamestown Island. The other member of the society is Ed Kendrew.

Farmer, home-maker, and parent Thomas has a roomy farmhouse and many acres just off Jamestown Road. Here he begins a second full day's work each afternoon at 5, helped by his wife, the former Annabel Brubaker of Lebanon, Pa., whom he married in 1940, and two lively offspring, Minor Wine Thomas III, age four, and Phyllis, just turned one.

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#### CURATOR'S.....

Lucile FOSTER spent Labor Day weekend in the mountains along the Skyline Drive..... Mrs. Dorothea JENSEN has her brother and sister from New York as her guests during her vacation..... Shirley DAVIS and Dr. Hiram DAVIS, of Richmond, spent the holiday weekend in Atlanta with Shirley's parents..... Mrs. Bonnie BROWN and her family are enjoying their apartment on Scotland Street, the product of many months' search..... Mrs. Martha Lee, mother of John LEE and Yerda Lee SMITH, has suffered a severe stroke in Grove, and Yerda is on leave of absence from her job at the Capitol until her mother is better..... Katherine Pearl JACKSON has as her weekend guests her cousins, John Broody and his new bride.

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## HOSTESS BRIEFS.....

"September - the sound of the school bell is heard in the land. Young America returns to the classroom. We foresee many a history lesson enlivened with, "When I was in Williamsburg last summer I saw..." We mustered our resources for Labor Day, the last hurdle on the course of 1948. Many busy weeks to go after that, but ahead lies the calm of late Fall and Winter, the Promised Land for the ladies in farthingales....With regret we see our "summer hostesses" depart. Mrs. W. S. WOODY left last month to resume her place as teacher in the Hopewell Schools. Mrs. Gwendolyn HALLER returned to City Point on September 7....Mrs. A. G. TAYLOR with Dr. Taylor left Aug. 23 for a vacation in Canada. They traveled by motor, stopping in Washington, New York, and Vermont.... Mr. and Mrs. Russell WING and daughters spent a week at their cottage on the Rappahannock....Mrs. Allen CALLIS has returned to us after an illness of several weeks....Mrs. WATTLES and Capt. Wattles left Sept. 6 for Boston and Nantucket.... Dale CARTER is back from a ten-day vacation in Philadelphia, New York, and Atlantic City....Mrs. R. F. SCHULTZ, who has been with us for the past few months as escort and hostess has left for Wisconsin where her husband has accepted a position on the Univ. of Wisc. faculty.... Mrs. John HENDERSON has returned home from Johnston-Willis Hospital in Richmond.... Congratulations to Peruker Bob ELLERT. He passed the State Bar exam. He and Jo Ann will continue with us while he completes his work at W&M....Beverly OWEN spent a refreshing weekend at Virginia Beach during the torrid spell.... Marguerite BOZARTH and Nancy BEAMER had a delightful vacation trip motoring through Va. and W. Va., and visiting Niagara Falls. Mary Ann EAST has been visiting in Mississippi. She spent some time with friends in Corinth, then went on to Oxford, Miss., her old home....Mrs. STRYKER and Dr.

Stryker have returned from a motor trip which took them to many places of beauty and historic interest in Pa., Delaware, and New England....We welcome Barbara HARDY to the ranks of the clerks. Barbara is being initiated at the Raleigh Tavern.... Clem VAUGHAN and Kitty Jean Hartley were married Aug. 28 in the Wren Chapel. They will spend several weeks in the mountains of Virginia, then return here and make their home on Griffin Avenue while Clem continues his studies at W&M....Fred FLANARY is winding up his holiday with friends at Elmwood Farms, Hunter, N. J. The departure of Clem and Fred ended the brief period when the hostess group boasted two gentlemen in wigs and knee breeches."

--Mrs. Mary I. Daniel

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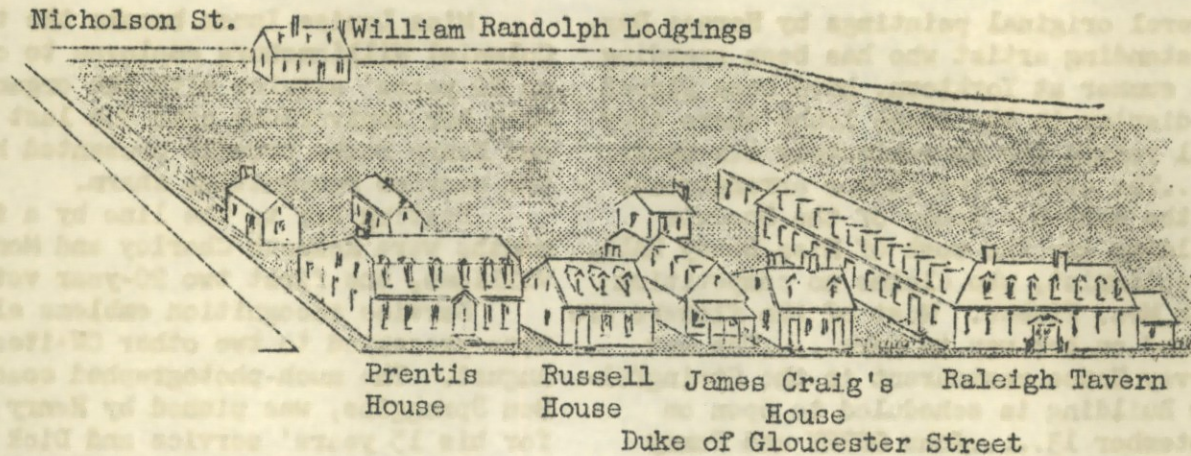
## OUTSTANDING VISITORS.....

Important visitors continue to flock to Williamsburg. Last month's partial roster includes the names of Mrs. John R. Steelman, wife of the President's advisor; Joseph J. O'Connell, chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, and Mrs. O'Connell; Mrs. George W. Welsh of Grand Rapids, wife of the president of the U. S. Council of Mayors and Mayor of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Ronald F. Lee, Chief Historian of the National Park Service, and Mrs. Lee; and a number of the White House Correspondents here for the evening while the Presidential Yacht WILLIAMSBURG was docked at Yorktown. At that same time, Admiral Leahy, Presidential Chief of Staff, and William D. Hassett, Presidential Secretary, debarked to attend the evening performance of "The Common Glory."

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An exhibit of photographs taken by Richard Garrison of many of the privately-occupied colonial homes will be on display in the Goodwin Building Board Room on Thursday afternoon and Friday, Sept. 16-17.

## C &amp; M BEGINS WORK ON RUSSELL PROPERTY



Ground was being broken with remarkable speed for the reconstruction of the Russell House, the William Randolph Lodgings, and other outbuildings this week - the latest projects to be undertaken in the post-war building program - in that bustling area of construction work down by the Raleigh Tavern.

The Russell House will be a typical Williamsburg colonial house of a one-and-a-half stories on Duke of Gloucester Street, between the Prentis House and Max Rieg's Shop. The William Randolph Lodgings will face on Nicholson Street at the rear of the Russell and pewterer's lots.

Meanwhile, the forces of Charlie Hackett and Lyman Peters are applying finishing touches to the restored "Debtor's Prison," and work is going ahead steadily on the Guard House and The Magazine, the Lightfoot Kitchen, the James Craig House, the annex to the Lodge, and the new laundry near the Warehouse. Scheduled for early attention is the reconstruction of the Lewis House, making use of the lonely chimney across from the Inn entrance drive on Francis Street; it will probably be used as quarters for the resident manager of the Inn.

The Russell House, plans for which were drawn by John Henderson, will measure approximately 32 by 36 feet and will be of frame construction, one-and-a-half stories, with dormer windows. The design is based on archaeological evidence and descriptions in old insurance policies. The pleasant garden and yard laid out by Alden Hopkins from old records will have a smokehouse, dairy, "necessary house," and well.

At the rear of the lots, the reconstruction of the William Randolph Lodgings is starting. Plans for this structure have been drawn by Bob Taylor. In 1735 Cobbs had "one House then letten for Lodgings to William Randolph, Esq., situate at the back of the Garden." Randolph, brother of Sir John Randolph and member of the powerful Governor's Council, used the house as his quarters while in Williamsburg. (In 1770 it was owned by Daniel Baxter, about whom little is known). The Lodgings will be a small, narrow, one-story building just twelve feet in width, with a steep pitched roof. Its foundations were among the most complex uncovered in this city and show two additions to the original structure as well as later alterations.

When completed, the William Randolph Lodgings will provide additional housing space, as will the Russell House, Craig House, Lightfoot Kitchen and "Debtor's Prison."

## ITEMS.....

Several original paintings by Horace Day, outstanding artist who has been spending the summer at Yorktown, have been placed on display in the Lodge lobby where they will remain for approximately six weeks. ....The attractive flower arrangements in the entrance lobby of the Goodwin Building are the work of Miss Betsy HALL, Receptionist, who claims no competition with Mrs. Fisher. Most of the flowers are picked on her way to work.....The new Harvey House restaurant in the Stringfellow Building is scheduled to open on September 13.....John GREEN and Tommy MOYLES will attend the annual meeting of the American Hotel Association in Washington this month.....

## LONG TENURE REWARD

Miss Louise Inman became the third Colonial Williamsburg employee to chalk up 20 years' service with the organization when her anniversary came due last month, and Henry Beebe proudly presented her with the service recognition charm.

Beating her to the line by a few months were Kenneth Chorley and Monier Williams, the first two 20-year veterans.

Service recognition emblems also were presented to two other CW-ites in August. The much-photographed coachman, Ben Spraggins, was pinned by Henry Beebe for his 15 years' service and Dick Showman presented a 10-year badge to Ethel Ferguson, at present matriarch of the Wythe House kitchen.

## SUGGESTION AWARDS

- IMCOGEN ETHERIDGE (\$5) - That a sign be placed near the rear door of the Ludwell-Paradise House so that guests will not enter from the back yard without ticket of admission.
- OSCAR B. LINDSEY (\$5) - That boxes for collecting news items for the "News from Colonial Williamsburg" be placed at various locations throughout the organization.
- JO ANN ELLERT (\$5) - That Williamsburg map folders be available for distribution at the local bus depot and train station.
- JAMES A. COOK (\$5) - That paper napkins be supplied in the employees' cafeteria at the Williamsburg Inn and Lodge.
- EDWARD A. WATKINS (\$10) - That listings of the various construction jobs be included in the Colonial Williamsburg telephone directory, thus saving considerable time on the part of persons who need to communicate with these locations.
- NELL T. EAST (\$5) - That a more effective sign be erected for directing guests to the Palace wine cellar.
- LUCY SNEAD (\$5) - That the Wine Cellar be indicated on the diagram of the Palace Gardens.

## REVISED GROUP ANNUITY PLAN WINS QUICK EMPLOYEE APPROVAL

Early reports prove without question that CW employees like the revised group annuity plan. Already, almost half of those who had rejected the old plan have subscribed to the new plan, and employees who were members of the old plan have been quick to authorize transfer to the revised plan with its new retirement benefits.

Figures released by Treasurer Rod Jones at the end of the first week in September showed that 55 of 117 employees who have rejected the old plan had become members of the new plan. Also, despite vacation absences and sick leaves, 354 of the 394 members of the old plan had already indicated their willingness to change. New signatures were being received daily.

Present and new employees are eligible for the new plan when they have accumulated one year of service within the preceding 24 months, provided they have not reached age  $64\frac{1}{2}$ .

At a special meeting in the Reception Center on August 25, CW officials and a representative of the insurance company outlined the more favorable provisions now offered to participating employees. Executive Vice-President Bela W. Norton pointed out that annuities would now average one-third to one-half more than previously, and that virtually all the additional financial burden was to be borne by Colonial Williamsburg - which will pay \$15,000. more each year to carry its share of the load.

Adding that the new retirement aids had been offered only after long and careful study of the old group annuity policy, Norton remarked: "In several important respects the revised plan eliminates certain deficiencies that became apparent in recent years under the existing program. There have been times when we had to make decisions and settlements with employees that we did not particularly enjoy. Now we believe that we have a plan that will eliminate such difficulties in the future."

Representing the sponsoring life insurance company was George W. Kerwin, Director of Group Annuities for the Equitable Life Assurance Society. The third speaker of the evening was Vice-President Duncan Cocke, who with the Treasurer and Personnel Relations Director will supervise the operation of the plan for CW.

Details of the new plan are set forth in an attractive 19-page booklet, available in the Personnel Relations Department. Chief advantages of the revised plan are: (1) increased retirement benefits; (2) a cash payment or paid-up annuity for employees leaving CW service; (3) assured return of all contributions with interest upon death either before or after retirement; (4) and retirement of all employees at age 65.

Employee benefits now include a Disability Benefits Plan, a Group Hospitalization Plan which has just been liberalized (CW News, Vol. I, No. 2), and the revised Group Annuity Plan.

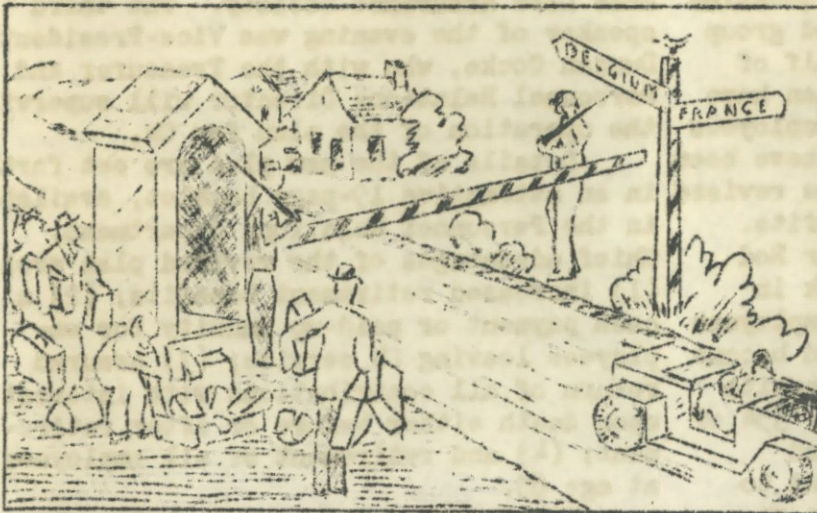
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## CRAFT HOUSE NEWS.....

Mrs. George OLIVER recently returned from a week's vacation spent at Machaponga, Va., where she visited her family....Mrs. William SAUNDERS, the former Mary Branch Henderson, is back working at the Craft House until she and her husband leave for Texas.....Harry MORTON, Craft House manager, left for a three-week vacation, part of which he will spend in New York.....Mrs. Anne Smith READ is now on vacation. After spending a few days in Connecticut, she plans to visit her mother in Cazenovia, N. Y.....Mrs. Genevieve OSLUND, Craft House office manager, resigned Sept. 4 and will move to Richmond in the near future.

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NUPTIALS - Miss Sally FITCHETT, of the Office Services, and Donald Mapel, a student at W & M who has been employed this summer as a host at the Gaol, were married on September 7 in the Wren Chapel.

EUROPEAN FENCES: or What United Really Means

By Edward P. Alexander

(NOTE: Mr. Alexander has just returned from a three-months' tour of European museums. In lieu of a more detailed report, he gives here some brief impressions of the trek.)

Any of you who fail to appreciate what Union means in the U.S.A. should have been in my shoes on the Belgian-Netherlands border. I carried three heavy suitcases from the train along the platform for what seemed a

half mile or so, stood in a long line until a Belgian immigration officer stamped my passport, stood in line again for the Belgian customs inspector to look in my suitcases, repeated both processes for the Netherlands officials, and filled out a blank to show how much money I was bringing into their country. Then I lugged the three bags back to the train. Most inspections were not that difficult, but since I visited eight countries - England, France (twice), Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Switzerland - I encountered eighteen different sets of frontier officials.

Then there is the matter of currencies. It is hard to remember all the different coins and their values in dollars. England does not use the decimal coinage system; 12 pence make a shilling (20¢), and 20 shillings a pound. The florin (40¢) and the half crown (50¢) are almost the same size. French francs (300 for the dollar) are worth so little that it takes bills of big denomination to buy most things. Much of your last day in a country is spent trying to use up all that country's currency, for it will usually not be any good across the border.

Languages also are very confusing. In southern Belgium the street signs are in French; in the central part they may be in both French and Flemish (Low German); and in the northern section in Flemish only. And this is a very small country with an area only about one-fourth the size of Virginia. The Scandinavian languages, which are very musical and lilting, have some similarities to English, but in Norway I ordered a "vel" sandwich, expecting veal and actually getting whale meat.

These and many other customs impress the American with the great strength of conflicting nationalisms in Europe and with the difficulty of obtaining any kind of effective regional or world federation under such circumstances. And yet, from our American experience, we know the advantages of federation are so great that all of us must keep trying.

After visiting sixty-three museums (my feet hurt at the thought), it's grand to be back at Colonial Williamsburg, which to my prejudiced eye has certain advantages over all of them.



## C &amp; M NOTES.....

R. E. PARKER is back on the job after a two-weeks vacation during which he motored to South Carolina.....Spare hours are taken up for J. P. McROY and Edgar MYERS in building their new homes.....

Hugh HITCHENS is justly proud of the fact that his two children were members of the "Common Glory" cast.....Coleman BANKS expects to spend his vacation in New York and New Jersey.....Elnorice TAYLOR has been ordained a deacon of the New Zion Baptist Church of Centerville.....Pete TUCKER has recently returned from a trip to Reading, Pa., where he inspected the boilers being built for the new laundry...

Ed WATKINS was called to Grundy, Va., because of the sudden death of his brother.....Dr. John Monteith, Jr., of Washington, D. C., a widely known expert on grasses, has been engaged as a consultant on the golf course. He made his first official visit last month.....J. B. BROWERS is back at work after several days of illness.....Harold McCANDLISH has been confined to his home because of illness.....Robert WEBB, paint superintendent, has been flying to Boston for several weekends to direct the decorating of the Cambridge Baptist Church which is over 100 years old. The exterior is of cut stone, including the steeple with its towering spire, while the interior has a heavy beamed ceiling with several columned arches on each side.....In July, Dr. Curtis May, Chief Pathologist of the Department of Agriculture, was called in to check on the diseased beech trees in the Palace grounds. Samples of roots and twigs were examined and proved that there was no disease or insect injury, but that the trees had suffered severe winter injury because of the unusual weather conditions. After a complete inspection tour covering all plantings, he said that at present everything seemed in good healthy growing condition.....Charles PETERSON and his helper Eldridge CHEATHAM

are turning out an extra amount of material these days from their corner of the warehouse area, a fact that was omitted from the last account in the NEWS on the area. In addition to pounding out all of the antique hardware for the new construction, they are still handling the miscellaneous repairs for maintenance.....A few of the C&M superintendents have been making fishing excursions to Cape Charles to wet a line. But despite excuses (such as enforced overnight stays on the Eastern Shore for the anglers because of overcrowded ferries and the resultant spoiled fish), the rest of the boys who stayed at home see but one result: no fish.

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SYMPOSIUM PLANS READIED  
FOR MARCH GARDENING EVENT

Alden Hopkins is getting his landscape drawings together, Mrs. Fisher is busily collecting floral materials for drying and other members of the Symposium committee are taking care of the initial preparations for the 1949 Garden and Flower Symposium.

The Symposium for 1949 has been moved up to February 28 through March 11 and will follow in general pattern the program of the past years. It will be divided into two one-week sections within those dates, with identical programs each week.

Initial announcements to the press and the mailing list are going out from the Dept. of Public Information at present and throughout the organization, individuals and departments are well into the lengthy advance preparations for the annual event.

Messrs. Hopkins, Brouwers, Eaton, and Kendrew will again offer expert and specialized advice during the program in company with Mrs. Fisher. Professor Bremer W. Pond, Chairman of the School of Landscape Architecture at Harvard, has been invited to talk on the contrast between New England and Virginia colonial gardens, as chief speaker of the final session of each week.

## INN AND LODGE NEWS ITEMS.....

RESERVATION OFFICE: "Frances Burns returned to work on the 24th after spending a week in Washington and New York on business.....Mrs. John POPULAR spent the first two weeks of August in Chicago and Evanston, Illinois, visiting her family and friends.....Mrs. Stuart HUGHES was operated on at Bell Hospital August 19 and spent the following week at home recuperating.....Marsha REED spent the last two weeks of August vacationing at home and in Big Stone Gap, Va."

--Mary Siegert

LODGE CATERING DEPARTMENT: "Mrs. Odell OWENS left on August 20 for a three-week vacation which she will spend visiting relatives in Charleston, W. Va.....J. T. GARRISON spent two weeks during August visiting his family in Fort Mill, S. C.... Louvett JENKINS left on August 31 to return to her home in Gloucester, Va. She will finish her senior year in high school there this year.....Frances BRYTON left for North Carolina on the 31st.....Cleo STOLTZ spent the last two weeks of August visiting relatives in Portsmouth, Va..... Thomas REDCROSS, short order cook, celebrated his birthday on August 17 with a party.....Mary TYLER returned to work during the latter part of August after recovering from her recent illness."

--Mrs. Frances Martin

HOUSEKEEPING DEPARTMENT: "August is an ideal month for picnics - with this in mind a group of Inn and Lodge housekeepers piled into three cars and headed for Yorktown. The cars were also piled with good things to eat. Invited guests were Mary McGREEVY, Odell OWENS and Will SCHAUMBURG. ....A joint birthday celebration was held for Miss McGREEVY and Mrs. SWEENEY on August 21. The cake was decorated with six candles...their combined ages, we suppose! John Clowes, Mrs. Eva CLOWES's son and formerly a resident of Williamsburg, trained this summer at a camp on Lake Champlain,

N. Y. with the Dodgers pro football team... Mrs. Maude CRISP is the Isaac Walton of our group. She went on quite a successful fishing trip recently and came back with the big ones.....Friends are extending their sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. William SCHAUMBURG upon the recent death of Mr. Schaumburg's step-mother and brother, both residents of New York.....Mrs. Maude WOOD spent part of a well-deserved vacation in West Virginia. She has completed ten years' service at the Inn.....Girls who vacationed from the Lodge during August are Lucy PIGGOT, Hazel WILLIAMS, Marian HAWKINS and Frances COWLES."

--Mrs. Coral Rogers

INN CATERING DEPARTMENT: "Miss Norma BAMMAN is now "Home on the Range." Even when she leaves work, it's home to a kitchen because she moved from the Geddy Kitchen to the Cole Kitchen on August 1..... Mrs. Mary WOOD returned to work August 9 after a recent illness. She had been in the Medical College Hospital.....Charlesworth DICKENSON fractured his collarbone in a bicycle accident August 6. He has been wearing a cast but has been able to continue working.....Sam THOMAS won the \$150. set of golf clubs on July 27. He suddenly became famous as the "Talking Man" because of his many telephone calls.... Michael O'RIORDAN is enjoying the spotlight after his recent interview by a Times-Dispatch sportswriter on the Virginia Beach boardwalk.....Troy CLOVES, of Rocky Mount, N. C., has joined the storeroom staff.....Pauline CURLEY, Inn bartender, was called to her home in Emporia, Va. on August 9 because of the illness of her sister.....Branson JUNIOR, Chef Crawford's assistant, spent the first two weeks of August on vacation in Jacksonville, Fla.....Ethel KELLY was given a surprise birthday party at the Franklin House on July 30 by her fellow employees. The pantry crew which she directs formed the committee which planned the party. On August 3 she went on a two-week vacation to New York City.....Thomas Wallace, cook

at the Inn, vacationed during the last two weeks of August."

--John Haywood

CHOWNING'S TAVERN: "Martha PALMER, Bessie REDCROSS, and Viola PRYOR returned from their vacations during August....Nat REID, Inn bellman who serves as a waiter, missed several days during the month of August because of illness....Ernest WAL-LACE and Eli CANADY are each the proud parents of baby girls."

--Viola Pryor

BELL CREW: George REID returned on August 28 from a week's vacation in New York City. During his absence, he appointed his brother Nat to manage his grocery store....Four of the seven Lodge Bellmen are members of secret or fraternal orders and the other three are expected to join one or the other soon. Alton WAL-LACE is a Mason, while Saint HOLLAND, Henry TYLER, and Cue WILLIS are Elks.

INN DINING ROOM: "Captain Thessalonians JUDKINS spent the last two weeks of August fishing and swimming at Seaview Beach ....Thomas CRUMP, waiter, returned to the Inn in August after having spent seven

years in the army. During the last part of his 'hitch' he served as a fire fighter in Japan....George KING, room-service waiter, spent the last week of August vacationing at Bayshore Beach."

--Robert Johnson, Jr.

FRONT OFFICE: Bill BATCHELDER, assistant manager, returned with his family from a three-week vacation in northern New York state on August 27....Mrs. Mary TILLET joined the front office crew as telephone operator at the Lodge, replacing Miss Dorothy DIETZ, who returned to her home in Lynchburg on August 25....Mrs. Mary FISH, Inn telephone operator, returned from a two-weeks vacation on August 30. She and her husband motored to Boston to visit relatives.

ACCOUNTING OFFICE: Mr. and Mrs. Warfield WINN spent the last three weeks of August enjoying their vacation on a motor trip to points south....Fred TOZIER, who returned to his post as chief night auditor during August, left for a three-week vacation on August 21. David HOLMES, of the accounting office, and Fred FRECHETTE, chief room clerk, were switched to part-time night work to cover his absence.

#### RECIPE OF THE MONTH - No. 2

Lodge Chef John Mack Williams' Crabmeat Au Gratin

1 lb. Regular Crabmeat	1/4 lb. Butter or Vegetable Fat
1/2 tsp. Salt (or more if desired)	1/2 cup Cracker Crumbs
1 1/2 pts. Milk	1/4 lb. American Cheese
4 tbs. Flour	

Pick over the crabmeat for shells. Put butter or fat in saucepan. Heat to sizzling. Add flour and salt. Stir until smooth. Add milk. Cook five minutes, add cheese. Stir until well blended. Add crabflake, a dash of tabasco sauce, two dashes of Worcestershire sauce, and stir in half of the cracker crumbs. Put in casserole. Sprinkle remainder of crumbs over top. Bake in moderate oven until brown. Serves six.

This mixture is very nice to serve over toast points as hot canapes for cocktail parties.

## WILLIAMSBURG REPRODUCTION WALLPAPER and the men who make it.....

If all of the authentic Williamsburg wallpaper reproduced by the New York firm of Katzenbach and Warren were put together, it would cover the restored area many times over. Such an eventuality is not likely, however, since the wallpaper is for the most part safely hung on the walls of homes from coast to coast, bringing a touch of the eighteenth century into the lives of countless Americans. A key part of Jack Upshur's Craft Program, WRI's wallpaper reproductions are among the best-known and most popular items of Williamsburg furnishings.

In 1937, Katzenbach and Warren was licensed as the sole manufacturer of Williamsburg Restoration Wallpaper Reproductions and Commemorative Paper Hangings. Currently they are manufacturing eight different colonial designs, each in a number of color combinations, and three commemorative wallpapers which carry out the eighteenth-century spirit of Williamsburg. Some of these are carefully turned out by the modern roller process, while others are manufactured by the old hand-blocking methods.

As old advertisements attest, wallpaper was in common use in Williamsburg in the eighteenth century. A small fragment of one of the original wallpapers, "Fox Grape," was found in the old Lee House here and authorized for reproduction. Further research in parts of this country and in England brought to light several original eighteenth-century wallpapers which would have been appropriate in the houses of Williamsburg during colonial days.

One remnant was found as the binding of a Book of Court Records of Southampton County, in Courtland, Va.; the records are of the year 1775. Another was reproduced from a piece found in the Joseph Hewes House in Edenton, N. C., built in 1757-1765, and the residence for many years of Joseph Hewes, first Secretary of the Navy and a Signer of the Declaration of Independence. Still another was found as the lining of an old mandolin case, and another as the lining of a hatbox.

The firm of Katzenbach and Warren was chosen for the wallpaper reproduction both because of their high standards of craftsmanship and because of their long interest in Colonial Williamsburg and its objectives.

William E. Katzenbach, president of the company, left the publishing business in 1927 after three impatient years and joined an old school friend, Phelps Warren, to begin importing art, furniture, and designs which they felt were lacking in the American scene. A chance buy of some foreign wallpaper which was found to have great appeal persuaded them to limit their field to wallpaper design and manufacture.

The grandson of a well-known painter of the Hudson River School, Katzenbach attended schools in the Middle West and East before going to Princeton. He later attended Oxford. He has studied under Norman Bel Geddes. During the war, he served as a Club Director in India for the Red Cross.

WRI's striking wallpaper patterns, popular today for those who live in modern houses or apartments as well as homes of colonial design, offer first-hand evidence of a craft item which benefited from careful research undertaken jointly by the manufacturers and CW: an attractive and saleable article in today's market which is a faithful reflection of the good taste of America's past.

## BRIEFS.....

"Mrs. Dorothy GEIGER, who has been vacationing in Chicago and Kentucky, has returned to the Goodwin Building looking much refreshed.....Pierce MIDDLETON returned August 23, having spent four weeks vacationing at Amagansett, N.Y..... Stella DUFF vacationed in Providence, R.I., for two weeks.....Ed KENDREW spent the balance of his vacation at Elm Point Camp, New Hampshire. He returned to the office on September 7.....Mrs. Jodie CROWDER visited her mother's home in Boone, North Carolina, the weekend of August 28.....Monie PRICE flew to Washington Saturday, September 4, to spend the Labor Day holiday with friends..... John BATTS visited his family in DeWitt, Va., during the Labor Day holiday..... Alden HOPKINS returned August 29 from his vacation which he spent visiting in Rhode Island and Maine.....Miss Mary STEPHENSON visited friends in Wakefield and Petersburg, Va., during the Labor Day weekend.....Bill and Anne BIPPUS spent the weekend of August 28 visiting relatives in Charlottesville, Va. They plan to leave September 11 for a week's vacation which they will spend in taking a tour of the historic sites of Virginia.... Mrs. Charlotte MASSEY returned to the office August 30, having spent a week's vacation at Virginia Beach.....John HENDERSON is on vacation and will return to the Architectural Department on September 15.....Ernie FRANK spent the Labor Day weekend in Lansford, Pennsylvania.....Rod JONES returned from his vacation on August 16, appearing slightly exhausted from attempting to make his mustache all grow in one direction, rather than one side up and the other down. (He says).... Mrs. Jean TRUEHEART, lately of the Accounting Department, reported that she and her husband, Bill, are established in Philadelphia in a three-room apartment which took only three days to locate!

Williamsburg, take note.....Billy HUMPHREY spent a week's vacation working on his new house. He doesn't have to worry about the housing situation any longer!.....Mr. and Mrs. G. G. GRATTAN recently spent a week at Gwynn's Island in Mathews County..... The Division of Education welcomes the return of Ed ALEXANDER from his recent trip abroad.....Mrs. Luta SEWELL returned August 23 from Washington, D. C., where she took a course in the preservation and administration of archives....."Mac" McPHERSON returned to the office from his vacation on September 7.....Betsy HALL, Ruth JOLLY, Dorothy SCHWARZ, Lois CHURCHILL, and Lorraine HAISLIP spent the weekend of August 28 at Nag's Head, N. C., where they saw the "Lost Colony".....Mrs. Sarah WEBB returned to the office from her vacation on September 7.....Gene S. SHELDON was on vacation from August 30 to September 6.... Lillian BUSH returned to the Payroll Office August 30 after vacationing in Forest, Va....Mrs. Peg FISHER, and husband, "B.A.," spent the weekend of August 28 at Big Meadows Lodge on the Skyline Drive..... C. J. CARTER returned from his vacation August 30.....Mrs. Betty PEARSON, Mr. Upshur's secretary, will be leaving the organization September 10. Her husband has been offered a position in Norfolk and they will make their home there. Ruth JOLLY will replace Mrs. Pearson....."

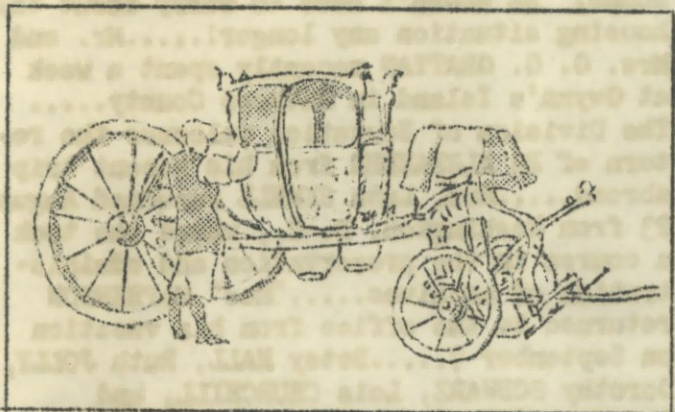
--Anne M. Bippus

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## LIFETIME PASSES

In accordance with a suggestion submitted last winter by W. D. McPherson of the C & M Department, lifetime passes to the exhibition buildings of Colonial Williamsburg will be mailed early this month to the 34 employees who have been retired from active service with the organization. Hereafter, such passes will be presented to employees at the time of retirement.

## ROYAL CARRIAGE FOUND IN KENTUCKY: ADDED TO CW FLEET



The fancy carriage which once transported King John V of Portugal in regal style has been added to the two-hundred-year-old vehicular fleet of Colonial Williamsburg.

Believed to have been built in France during the second quarter of the eighteenth century, the ornate coach was found on a Kentucky stock farm by Jim Cogar, hung amid the rafters of a stable so as to be out of the way. At present it is in the Ludwell-Paradise Stable on Nicholson Street where it requires some complicated man-handling, including removing the wheels, to move it in and out. It will be

repaired and probably put on display at some future time. Norman Harmon of the wood-working shop supervised its transportation from Kentucky here this summer.

Elaborately carved, the body of the coach is relatively small, with enormous rear wheels almost as high as the entire coach. The body, which holds two persons seated side by side in royal fashion, is swung on immense strips of thick leather which take the place of springs. The interior is upholstered in red velvet and on the outside of the coach are paintings of scenes from mythology.

Similar vehicles were used in England and some were imported to the American colonies. Lord Botetourt was given a state carriage by the Duke of Cumberland - described as creating quite a stir on local lanes in colonial days. Colonial Williamsburg has four other old coaches, two of which are on daily tours by drivers Ben Spraggins and John Shepperd, offering visitors a carriage-eye's view of the city.

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## NEW EMPLOYEES.....

C. Vernon SPRATLEY, Jr., of Hampton has joined the Division of Business Operations as Legal Assistant. The son of the distinguished Virginia State Supreme Court Justice, he is a graduate of the University of Virginia Law School and of late has been associated with the law firm of Phillips, Marshall and Blalock in Newport News. He took up his duties with CW on September 1....Margaret KINARD is the new editorial assistant of the Institute of Early American History and Culture. She is a graduate of Agnes Scott College and received her M.A. degree from Vanderbilt University....Dave MORTON is the new

construction superintendent of Lodge Unit B. He has moved his family to Williamsburg and at present is living on South Boundary Street....Virginia "Wicky" WIERUM is secretary for the Department of Special Activities, succeeding Mrs. Faith MINOR who is resigning after three years' service with CW. Miss Wierum is from Rockville Centre, N.Y., and graduated from William & Mary in June....William P. LANDON of Richmond is the new construction superintendent of the new laundry building; and Robert L. WILLIAMS of Sandston is Construction Estimator, Randy Lee's assistant,....Miss Mary Louise MORTON of Williamsburg is doing some temporary work for the Department of Interpretation.