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Buy Victory Bonds And Stamps

Many people say they can't conveniently buy stamps until next month or the one after. If the American Armies decided to put off fighting until next month, and the Navy decided to stop supplying Australia and hunting submarines until next month, or the one after—HOW LONG WOULD AMERICA REMAIN FREE?

Addition Made To Craft House

A new addition is being constructed at the east end of the south wing of the Craft House. Ground was broken in February and construction has progressed rapidly.

The plan is so arranged that an extra display room will open off the present souvenir room. This is to have wood sheathed walls and will be used for exhibiting fabrics, wallpapers and paint colors. If needed, it can be closed from the other display space for privacy of customers who might wish to examine and discuss various possible ideas and combinations of decorative effects with members of the staff. From this room and from the present sales office the new office space will open, having a small lobby connected by a stair with the enlarged stock room area below and the expansion area of the second floor above.

Colonel Arthur Woods Dies In Washington

Colonel Arthur Woods, first president and first chairman of the board of Colonial Williamsburg, died Tuesday, May 12, at his home in Washington. Funeral services for Col. Woods, who was 72 years of age, were held on Thursday at St. John's Church in Georgetown.

Until his retirement from active participation in the work of the Restoration about five years ago, Col. Woods spent much of his time in Williamsburg, where he was widely esteemed.

Boss Gets F. B. I. Manicure



In cooperation with the National war effort all employees of Colonial Williamsburg were fingerprinted. Above, Mr. Chorley has a record of his fingerprints made in New York at the time when employees of Rockefeller Center took the lead in a worthy movement started by the government to fingerprint all persons.

SERVICE TO THE "SERVICES"

It is the privilege of the Hostesses and Escorts to interpret the history and the Restoration of Colonial Williamsburg. This is a rare privilege and one involving responsibilities which we deeply appreciate. In the past year a new field of service has been opened to us by the inclusion among our visitors of a great number of boys in the armed forces. We have never encountered more interesting or interested visitors. We have been deeply impressed by their reaction to Williamsburg and its restoration.

These boys come from all parts of the country; some have heard of the work here, many have not, but regardless, in their own words they "eat it up". They literally are asking for what we have to give. They seem to find comfort and reassurance here where ideals were born and freedom won. They quickly "feel" the spirit of what we are doing; they find inspiration in the atmosphere of patriots. One young lad seemed to speak for all of them not long ago when standing alone, at salute, before Peale's portrait of Washington he said softly to himself "You boys got it for us, old son, by heck, we'll keep it".

INN RESERVED FOR UNCLE SAM

Effective June 4th, the Williamsburg Inn will be reserved for officers of the armed forces and their families in this area as part of our wartime effort.

Because of the crowded housing and hotel conditions in this military area, it is expected that large numbers will use the Inn. Rates will be \$3.50 per day top, and the Inn will be operated on a non-profit basis by the present staff. No meals will be served at the Inn after June 4th.

Mr. Bean Explains

Those who are looking for the real explanation of the budget stringency might blame the new member of the staff, if wartime regulations of tourist traffic don't entirely satisfy them and they are looking for some other "Jonah".

Mr. Bean insists that his middle initial, P, does not stand for Peter, but for Panic. His Horoscope all runs in that direction. He was born in a panic year, graduated from college just in time to join the army in 1917. He came back to the University of Chicago Press just in time for the first depression, and he directed the University of Chicago's recent financial drive during the latest depression. He felt right at home when he attended his first staff meeting and found that his budget was to be cut even before he had one.

But he offers cheering news — depressions always end and sometimes they have pleasant surprises. He hopes to develop some new income and some new customers for Colonial Williamsburg publications to partially take the place of the lost tourists. If he asks you to use some of your new wartime leisure to write a book, to work on the manuscript for a radio program or to act for a movie, consider these chores as part of your patriotic contribution.

In more serious vein, Mr. Bean emphasized his feeling that there were many potential contributions which Colonial Williamsburg could make to the successful prosecution of the war.

THE NEWS

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Refreshment Time

The company has been very generous in granting to employees in the Goodwin Building a period of relaxation and refreshments in the middle of the morning. Arrangements were made with the Williamsburg Drug Company for the daily delivery of such refreshments as employees may wish to purchase, such as milk, chocolate milk, buttermilk, etc., at 10:30 A. M.

Phone orders must be received by the Drug Company by 10 o'clock each morning but standard orders may be placed to overcome the inconvenience of telephoning each day.

Waiting Period

Due to the pressure of present conditions, Colonial Williamsburg has put into effect a 4-day waiting period in connection with the existing Sickness Benefits Plan. This innovation does not impose excessive hardships upon employees. The purpose of the plan when it was first inaugurated, was to relieve financial troubles which might come about from extended illnesses and the plan will still carry out this purpose.

Short illnesses of less than four days cannot bring about too serious financial shortages; it is only when the illness continues for a long period of time that the money problem becomes serious. The plan will continue to function for such long illnesses; thereby helping to relieve any serious financial difficulties which may come to an employee from this cause.

According to the last Complete Quarterly Index for Richmond, Virginia, the Cost-of-Living Index figure for March 15, 1942, is 113.4.



Ensign Alty Boyer, all dressed up in his working clothes and ready to take to sea on one of the U.S.A.'s new subschasers. Alty enlisted in the Navy on December 8th, the day after Pearl Harbor, and received his commission within the month. He has finished training at the Miami Subchaser Training Center and is now on active duty hunting down the U-boats.

OPEN FORUM

Dear Editor:—

From time to time when in the eastern section of the restored areas this contributor has noticed a lack of trash receptacles. Bits of paper, photograph film containers and scraps are scattered about, and empty paper cups, ticket stubs and all the petty refuse of tourism. In certain places at crowded times the trash is a definite eyesore. This contributor's reaction was, "couldn't some appropriate containers be placed about at different points to minimize this unpleasantness?"—Signed: M. S.

Dear Editor:—

Several days ago I was embarrassed when stopping by the Lodge for a beer I found the price had gone up.

15c was too much for the beer I got. So I presumed that the price was levied to prohibit something—well, it prohibits me—and the average worker in Williamsburg like me.

Which brings up the fact that when I had some guests the other day, I took them to Chowning's Tavern, and for two bowls of stew and two sandwiches I paid \$1.60—and 40c to the stern waiter who unsmilingly watched to see if I dared give him less. It cost me \$2.00 for a snack!

Poor & Thirsty.

New Names On Our "Honor Roll"

Military Leaves of Absence

Thomas Potter W.I.&L.
Herbert West Theatre
Robert L. Smith C. & M.
Louis Morton Research
Duncan Cocke V.P. Office
Robert C. Beasten C. & M.
Atkins Manley W. I. & L.
Frederick P. Bowes Research

Letters From The Boys In Camp

From Bill Eubank: "Dear Mr Chorley: It was nice getting a letter from you, it's nice, in the army, to know that someone—somewhere thinks of you. I am in the U. S. Air Corps at the Philadelphia School, address 240 W. Wellem Ave., and will be here until June."

From Russell T. Walker:—"I have received all the papers and was more than glad to know that everything is well. I am no longer in Arizona but have been moved to Boulder City, Nevada, and am doing just fine in the Army. Hoping that Williamsburg may be well protected through this war and be able to carry on her work afterwards, I am yours . . ." Camp Sibert, Co. H, 368th Inf.

From Leon Christian:—"It is really a pleasure to receive a few lines of encouragement and to know we aren't forgotten. My very best regards to yourself and to all members of the Restoration. Any time you all can find time to write me, you may well be assured it will be highly appreciated." Address—4th Ava. Sqd., Maxwell Field, Ala.

From Clarence Baldwin:—" . . I am the first one on your Honor Roll of men that left you, not because I wanted to but because my country needed me a little more than you all. Tell Mrs. Tripp with whom I worked, hello and love to all the employees of the Travis House, that sweet little place where I worked from day to day."

New Items on the Boys:—Forest Griffin, of W. I. & L., has landed in Australia with one of the expeditionary forces, but his mailing address is still APO 1111 c/o Postmaster, San Francisco Cal. Mail will be forwarded to him from there.

Robert L. Turner, Pub. Safety, was among the 45 aviation cadets who left Richmond last Thursday for an air force classification center, the first step in the career of becoming a fighting pilot in Uncle Sam's Air Force.

K.C. at the Bat

I am sure I speak for every man and woman in the Restoration when I say that we are ready to make any sacrifice which is necessary to win the war. For those of us who are still at home no sacrifice that we make can compare with the sacrifices which have been made by twenty-eight of our men now in the armed forces. I hope that you will all view the honor roll which has been erected in the lobby of the Goodwin Building, on which appears the names of men from all stations and of all races in the Restoration who are now in uniform. I hope that, as every member of this organization passes that honor roll, he will offer a silent prayer that these men who are fighting for liberty and freedom may be spared to return to us when victory has been won.

The war is beginning to come home to every one of us. You have already seen what has happened to the tourist business. In April of this year the attendance at the exhibition buildings was 70% less than in April, 1941.

We have already made substantial reductions in our operating budget. We will have to make more. It is obvious that the only way the Restoration can continue is on a curtailed basis. As I have pointed out before, the Restoration is entirely dependent for its operating expenses on the money which is taken in from the operation of the exhibition buildings, the theatre, Craft House, hotels, the rental of properties, sale of publications, etc. The Restoration can only spend money which it earns. It has no one to "bail it out" of debt.

These are difficult times, but we must not be discouraged. There is a silver lining to every cloud. During the last two hundred odd years of Williamsburg's history, Williamsburg has come through darker days than we are facing now in so far as the Restoration is concerned, and in every instance the sun has shone after those dark days. Whatever happens, let us meet it with courage and fortitude. The present situation may get worse before it gets better, but if it does, let us always keep in front of us the fact that the present emergency is not going to last indefinitely and that when it is over Williamsburg will again be in a position to render service and inspiration to our fellow countrymen.

Departmental News

GENERAL OFFICE

Miss Netta Marshall, our faithful and obliging telephone operator, is delighted with her new position at Fort Eustis. She will operate the switchboard in the General Hospital and will have an opportunity to exercise her ability in bringing comfort to the sick.

James Mayes must be on the road to recovery. He has requested his mother to buy him a camera as he would like to make photographic studies of the very attractive nurses at Catawba Sanatorium.

Randolph Marston has accepted a position with Stone & Webster in Richmond.

Mickey Warrick recently spent her vacation in Erwin, Tennessee.

The General Office is glad to welcome two new members—Hallie Vaughan Rennie, relief switchboard operator, and James Bailey, mail-room clerk.

Sherman Roberts has just completed the First Aid course given at Bruton Heights School with the highest average in a class of forty.

At left is First Lieutenant Norris Lineweaver, formerly of W. I. & L., who graduated from the U. S. Marine Basic School at Philadelphia. He is now stationed at the Marine Base, San Diego, Cal., as assistant officer in charge of drills and instruction.



ARCHITECTURAL TID-BITS

This department has recently lost several members, but has also gained the services of Donald Bower and Bert Reed.

Those now in defense work from this department are, Ernie Frank, Wash Reed, Brock Steele, Walter Womble, Ray Thibedeau, Al Kluwer, James Norton, Bucky Luttrell (Army), Vaughn Holmes, and H. Harrison. Hubky Henderson is studying at Yale.

Cris Beeton has returned after being out on sick leave for some time.

At right is Second Lieutenant Ed Ware, who last year this time was technician in our Paint Laboratory in the Warehouse. He went to Hicks Field, Fort Worth, Texas, last July for primary training in the Army Air Corps. Then he went to Goodfellow Field at San Angelo, Texas, and in February this year he received his commission at Kelly Field. He is now an instructor at Shaw Field, Sumpter, S. C.



TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT

Recently we had a visit from Vernon Norman, our first, and so far only, draftee. He is stationed at Fort Meade in the Finance Office. His buttons and insignia were gleaming, and he looked well and happy. We hope he knows we miss him and are proud of his service to our country. We look forward to the time when Uncle Sam no longer needs his services, and he can be back with us.

Other members of this department are "on the verge" of joining up. Bill Cholko had to report to Richmond May 1st for his first physical examination. Jack Branch is awaiting further action on his commission as ensign in the Navy. Gillie Grattan expects reclassification to Class 1-A and subsequent induction. Bert Slaughter was promoted to Class 1-A on March 31, and expects to be inducted about June 1st.

Rod Jones, Bert Slaughter, Gilley Grattan, Nick Shearon and Jack Branch can be counted on to leave the office pretty promptly on certain days of every week (weather permitting) for their tennis at the Inn and horse-shoes at Chowning's. They think they are pretty hot and are ready to take on all comers from other departments.

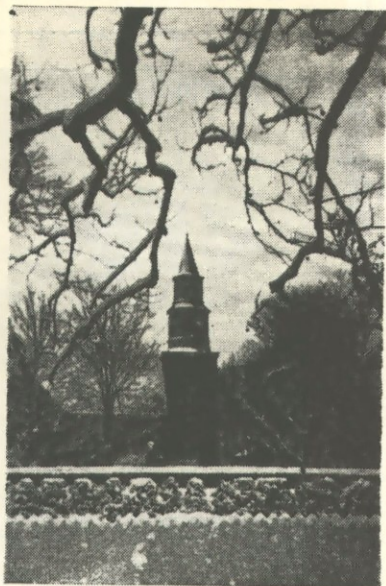


CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

Mr. Robert C. Beasten is now Ensign Beasten of the United States Navy Communications Division, stationed at Chicago, Ill. Bert received his commission the 1st of March and reported for duty almost immediately. George Lewis, estimator for C. & M., has gone into defense work at Norfolk. V. G. Page, for a long time a foreman of the C. & M. Department, has also left to apply himself to defense work at Norfolk.

"Contest Winners" Oh, Those Stock Room Blues!

By T. F. R.



Above is John Henderson's beautiful snapshot which won first prize in the Employees Camera Contest. The second prize went to Walter Gladding for his view of the Raleigh Tavern; third prize to Grace Raiter for a striking shot of the coach and horses; and fourth prize to Frances Wagener for an informal scene in a Williamsburg yard.

I am sitting in my pent house in the cellar. How you must envy me. I have three windows about 6 feet over my head, carefully painted black, so no ray of light gets in or gets out. When the sun shines, or it rains, or snows, I can go to the front door and look out. Yep, and sometimes it is doing one of the three. Have not yet seen it doing all three at the same time. Excuse me, there goes the phones.

The stock room is the eternal question. Have you this, or have you that, and why haven't you? I get calls for everything from a fish hook to a battle ship.

Now that I have a few rubber bands on hand, I am expecting the F.B.I. to rush in and put me in a concentration camp as a hoarder. It's a hard life. Excuse me, there goes the phone "again". Just a call from the accounting department asking if I had mailed a cook book to Admiral Paul Jones in 1938. He had not received it. All I can say, it left here and was mailed—according to the Records.

Listen, you Secs, cut out your large orders on me, try to do with less, because my instructions are to send what is necessary for the time and not a lot of extras for your cabinet. Paper is hard to get and when you fill your supply cabinet someone else goes without, so do not order one sheet more than is necessary. This applies to all stock room items.

I think that the various secretaries who withdraw from the stock room could do with smaller quantities. Of course, paper comes by the ream, but envelopes could be taken in units of 25-50, etc., instead of a box at a time.

Such articles as rubber bands and gem clips should be saved and re-used. I use a vast number of clips, but never buy them, as I use those that come in to me.

Let's get together, coordinate and save. Let's practice economy in purchases as if we were using our own money.

Innovations At Flicker Palace

The Williamsburg Theatre started its tenth year of continuous operation this year and thus far 1942 has brought forth quite a few additions and changes.

A new type of screen was recently developed by RCA to give maximum reflection, or brightness, and perfect sound reproduction. The first theatre in Virginia to get one of these was our own Flicker Palace. Since the first of March its adventures, romances, and dramas have been unreel'd with unusual brilliance.

Second innovation was the Williamsburg Theatre Bike Rack. This is a babe of Dame Necessity, designed to assist the folks who can't drive to the movies but will cycle if a proper parking device is provided. The Williamsburg Theatre was one of the first theatres in the country to offer the public this new service.

Third innovation is a single-sheeted "pep" paper circulated among the theatre employees only. This is produced for a few cents per issue via the "ditto" machine. Fay LeCompte and Tom Halligan are the editors and its name is "Off The Reel." Its facts and figures are always pertinent, often amusing, and of especial interest to the Theatre personnel.

Buy Victory Bonds And Stamps

Our armed forces cannot win the war without arms and equipment, whose purchase must be paid for by each of us. ARE YOU DOING YOUR PART TO HELP WIN THE WAR BY BUYING THESE DEFENSE BONDS AND STAMPS? If not, sign up at once.

“Overheard”

Children ask questions too, and it's nice to know they are interested . . . The other day a youthful stamp collector thought the King had lived in the Governor's Palace, and wanted to know if the spice box in the upper middle room was where the Queen kept her stamps.

Another youngster asked if this was the town where Saint Patrick Henry made his speech. . .

The young lad whose bright eyes didn't miss a trick, said, “Yes, I went by the Governor's Palace for I saw one of the governesses go in.”

One of the tourists stopped one of Williamsburg's bright young scions the other day to ask directions and in the course of conversation asked if he studied history. “No, Ma'm,” he answered. “I live right here in Williamsburg.” .

The pretty young hostess with her farthingales and bright red dress was just coming out and down the Palace steps when an excited youngster, just coming in the gate, screamed, “Oh! look, Mummy, at the lady clown. She can wiggle her hips.”

“The Howards of Virginia” left some impression on the younger set for the little lad as he entered the Burgesses room with his father, exclaimed, as he ran and sat down on one of the forms, “Oh! Daddy, this is where Cary Grant and Patrick Henry sat. . .”

A very observant young boy who was quite intrigued when the hostess raised her farthingales to go through the door, asked her if she could really sit on a chair. “Yes, indeed,” replied the hostess. “The ladies' hips were made on hinges in those days.”

—E. M. A.

Poet's Corner

RESTORATION

Bricks and Mortar. . .Days of toil Built upon a sacred soil Where brave men trod and Heroes grew This world to serve. . .Convictions true.

Here was laid a firm foundation Shall we chance a new creation? Let no other victor spoil, Restoration of our soil. These gardens green . . . Our homes of old Bring restoration to men's souls. —Imogen B. Etheridge

The Restoration to the Rescue



One of the most dramatic photographs of the submarine campaign off our coast. This is an unposed official Navy picture of Henry Davis (H. & E.) carrying a little girl ashore from a U. S. destroyer on which he is stationed. The driver of the ambulance which met this rescue party was Lucy Kelly (H. & E.). The child had spent 37 hours in an open life boat after a sub had sunk her ship.

Departmental News

PERSONNEL RELATIONS

The Personnel Department has suffered a great loss with the departure of its much-loved Assistant to the Department Head, Mrs. W. F. Low. Her industriousness as well as her kind, friendly manner will be missed throughout the Company. Although it is with regret that we see her go, still I am sure that everyone will join with the Personnel Relations in wishing her great success and happiness in the future.



At left is Arthur Ward, Jr., formerly of C. M. who is now stationed at Muroc, Cal., with the U. S. Army.

RESEARCH AND RECORD

Mrs. Emma Sommerfeld of Ann Arbor, Michigan, has accepted a position as secretary in the Department of Research and Record. Mrs. Sommerfeld's husband is stationed at Fort Eustis.

Miss Genevieve Yost, librarian of Colonial Williamsburg, Incorporated, has an article appearing in the forthcoming issue of The Papers of the Bibliographical Society entitled “The Reconstruction of the Library of Norborne Berkeley, Baron de Botetourt, Governor of Virginia, 1768-1770.”

Miss Mary E. McWilliams, assisted by Miss Mary Jansen, is making an extensive study of the dance in colonial Virginia.

PUBLIC SAFETY

At right is Bill Eubank, formerly of Public Safety, now training at Philadelphia.



Mr. James C. Welsh has been appointed head of the department of Public Safety. The appointment is effective from April 27th.

Mr. Welsh served for twenty-one years in the United States Marine Corps, being honorably discharged in 1930 with the rank

News of The Colored People

At last! We are now enjoying Spring days again. The trees are blooming, and birds are chirping, and it makes our work much easier.

We are proud to have Garfield Flood with us again. We are awfully proud to hear that our Sherman Cook has a bouncing baby girl. We are proud to know that Mrs. Rockefeller gave the boys from Fort Eustis a “ball” at Bruton Heights School. It was an enjoyable afternoon for everyone was there.

Mrs. Ethel Kelly entertained many of her friends with a bridge party with Mary King holding first place. Thomas Wallace entertained many of his friends at a birthday party at his home.

J. O. Robinson, manager of the Bruton Heights Movie, would like to announce that there will be moving pictures all summer there with top shows and low prices.

The First Baptist Church had its Reunion Rally on the 2nd Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Robert E. Lee, preached a very soul-stirring sermon. On the 4th Sunday a revival meeting began. At the right is a picture of

Russell Walker, one of our boys who is now with Uncle Sam at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. near Boulder Dam.



Matt Palmer and Joseph Hyde had their first examination for the Army recently.

William Hall is now the head hod-carrier and mortar-maker for the brickmasons. Malikiale Taylor is the head mortar-maker for the plasterers. Ernest Tyler makes the cement posts. The brick yard has opened up again and every brick the Restoration has used Bob Sowers molded.

On a Saturday recently Leonard Wallace was accidentally cut by an axe.

of Sergeant Major. He then served for ten years with Halsey, Stuart & Company of Chicago as Special Officer. Before coming to Williamsburg he was Chief Security Officer of one of the largest and most important war production plants in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he took part in the organization of a protective force of 150 guards.