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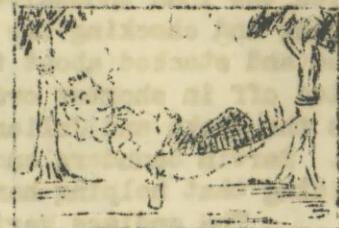


## NEW BENEFITS FROM GROUP ANNUITY PLAN - EMPLOYEES' MEETING AUGUST 25

After months of study, arrangements have been made to broaden the provisions of the Colonial Williamsburg Group Annuity Plan. Employees who share in this plan for protection at retirement age will discover many new benefits available to them. To explain the changes, all employees - whether members of the plan or not - are urged to attend a general meeting at the Reception Center at 8 p. m., August 25. Here the new provisions will be clearly and fully explained. A representative of the sponsoring insurance company - the Equitable Life Assurance Society - will be on hand, and plans to stay in Williamsburg long enough to talk personally with each and every employee who wants to know just exactly how the changes will affect him.

Chief among the advantages of the revised plan, which becomes effective on September 1, are:

1. Definite and increased retirement benefits;
2. An option to employees terminating service before retirement, but after ten years of service and five years' membership in the plan, to choose either a cash payment based on their own contributions or a paid-up annuity;
3. Assured return of all contributions made by the employee, together with interest, upon death either before or after retirement.
4. Retirement of female employees at age 65.



## PROFILE: ED WATKINS, Warehouse King-Pin



A request for a left-handed monkey wrench directed to Ed Watkins usually nets the wiseacre a fair sampling of the Watkins crackling wit - but give Ed enough time and he could probably produce such an implement! Out of his rather bizarre "general store" down by the C & O tracks have come much stranger things.

Horseshoes, 200-year-old bricks, plows, pipe fittings, and venetian blinds are the stock in trade for the Warehouse Superintendent. Besides doling out both the odd and the usual from the amazing assortment of supplies needed for the operations of Colonial Williamsburg, Ed has the upkeep responsibility for the whole cluster of brick and metal buildings known familiarly as "the Restoration warehouse."

This key man in Henry Beebe's "build-it, fix-it" department hails from the Virginia mountains and remembers C & M in the days of Todd & Brown, CW's early construction contractors. Ed was born in Grundy, out in Southwest Virginia, some 44 years ago. High school there and some two years of civil engineering at V.M.I. led to construction work in that land of the up-and-down scenery. It was a little later, in 1929, while on a visit to his wife's parents in Newport News, that he became aware that things were happening in Williamsburg. He stopped over, joined up with J. B. Brouwer's landscape forces and has been with the organization ever since, with the exception of a short war shift of building bigger and better boats for the high seas at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Corporation.

Ed took over the warehouse responsibilities in 1937 and has seen this hub of the Construction and Maintenance Department's operations grow from a crowded one-building affair into the present sprawling layout for supply and craftsmanship surrounding the north end of Botetourt Street. The tourist rarely sees the operation of this aspect of Colonial Williamsburg's activity, but continually revels in the result.

Brick for the sidewalks, finely-worked wood for the buildings, paints of rich colors, fuses for the Lodge range are brought into use from the warehouse. Within and about that enclosure is Robert Webb's paint laboratory, Norman Harmon's woodworking section, Jennings Taylor's olive-drab vehicular fleet, Minor Wine Thomas' relics heap, the base of operations, the Brouwer plant doctors, Pete Tucker's electricians and servicemen, Bert Score's carpenters, and, temporarily, the Inn and Lodge laundry.

At the center of this bustling activity is Ed and his principal preoccupation, the storeroom. For a while, he and his fast-moving assistant, Lyman Hall, carried the load themselves, cringing at the thought of every impending inventory. Counting and checking the articles in over 6,000 different categories which are binned and stacked about the place then took as much as two months. Now it can be rattled off in shorter order with the additional help available. William Stuart keeps the books and Julian Dickens, late of "the Publick Gaol," has charge of the yard. Bervin Saunders and Robert Robinson keep the entire area tidy in addition to providing that helping hand where necessary.

The endless variety of his stores has brought a few gray strands to Ed's black hair because he takes pride in being able to serve up an antique hinge with the

same ease and promptness as he fills an order for a hexagonal nut for a flanged bicuspid. He tries to have enough on hand at all times whether it be light bulbs or iris bulbs, and his stock control cards do everything but light up and salute the flag when the supply gets too low. He also tries to keep a supply of everything that is needed frequently, the various departments requisitioning as needed. Messrs. Score, Tucker, and Brouwers are his biggest customers.

Ed is a wiry man with seemingly endless energy. His day at the warehouse starts between 7:15 and 7:30 and it's a fast pace until 5 in the afternoon. There are the orders to fill, and the incoming supplies to be opened, checked, put on records, and stored or expedited. In one morning can arrive such diversified supplies as electrical, plumbing, heating, janitors' and construction needs. Ten motor freight lines regularly stop at his door and every week or so a freight or coal car pulls into the siding. Ed gets a lot of salesmen and notes that janitors' supply salesmen are in the majority.

Punctuating his day is the ever-present ring of the telephone, either for him or someone working in the warehouse area. He used to have to run all over the lot, but the installation of a squawk box for paging has saved steps. Most of the calls are for Harry - Sutton, that is, CW's Mr. Fix-it - and he wonders why folks should call during the lunch hour when it's not an emergency.

Since last fall, Charlie Hackett's construction needs have upped his supply activities 150%, with nails melting out of the storeroom like butter in the Williamsburg sun. So far this year over 5,000 pounds have been used and the fact that they are hard to get is responsible for a few more gray hairs. Another hard-to-get item is parts for Tom McCaskey's fancy bicycles at the new Travel Office.

But most of the time it's pretty hard to stump Ed. And the tidiness of the whole warehouse area is a tribute to his house-keeping abilities.

At 5 each day, Ed mounts his trusty bicycle like a charging white stallion, sets his battered felt hat at a rakish angle, and pedals homeward. Mrs. Sarah Berkeley Watkins is a graduate of William and Mary who was teaching school in Grundy when they met. Ed Watkins, Jr., is now an active fourteen years of age, with two younger sisters, Berkeley and Sarah, aged six and four respectively.

Ed is an inveterate fisherman and at times causes the warehouse gang to hoop and holler at his tales of the one that got away. He hasn't been able to devise a stock control card to prove his point.

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#### TRAVIS HOUSE NOTES.....

"Mrs. Ruth WILKINS joined the Travis House staff as hostess last month. Mrs. Wilkins is completing her thesis for the M.Ed. degree at W & M this summer....Miss Gertrude BALL, Travis House assistant manager, is spending her vacation at Wellesley Farms, Boston, Mass....Waiter Bill LUCAS will marry Miss Jacqueline Hale of Gilderleeve, Connecticut, late next month. Jackie, who was graduated from W & M in June, will teach Chemistry at Toano while Bill finishes his last year of school.... Irene ASHLOCK (TH pantry worker) will enter Howard University, Washington, D.C. this Fall. Irene was awarded a scholarship in physical sciences when she was graduated from Bruton Heights in June.... Winnie Fred WALKER (TH pantry worker) will spend her vacation at her home in Lawrenceville, Virginia, starting August 10th."

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CELEBRITIES AT LEISURE: BODYGUARDS, DACHSHUNDS,  
AND THE FIELD MARSHALL'S BATHING TRUNKS

Back in 1937, Fred O. Seibel, the gifted cartoonist for the Richmond Times-Dispatch, drew his impression of Colonial Williamsburg as a great tourist mecca, under the appropriate caption "From the Four Corners of the Earth." Today, even the most costume-wise Williamsburg resident cannot fail to appreciate the growing public interest in the restored city. He sees it in the sea of out-of-state license plates, in the mushrooming tourist homes and restaurants, and in the cross-currents of strange and conflicting dialects. But one of the most dramatic gauges of Colonial Williamsburg's popularity is the record of distinguished visitors who succumb to its historic lure and its proven hospitality.

Many of the most noted guests occupy the Inn's famous Room 213, overlooking the south terrace. Mrs. Roosevelt stayed here. So, in years long past, did Shirley Temple - while one bodyguard was posted at her door and another on the terrace. Lily Pons was another celebrity among Inn guests, and has the distinction of being the only woman ever allowed in the Inn dining room in slacks - a concession to style and the artiste. Many have brought what the Inn's sedate Service Directory describes as "small and well-mannered" dogs - the towering Lord Halifax, for example, brought two low-slung dachshunds who later basked in Falla-like Life publicity.



Churchmen, such as the Archbishop of York and the Right Reverend St. George Tucker, come here - whether to visit Bruton Church or lunch at Travis House. Educators are attracted to Colonial Williamsburg for its historical and architectural traditions - among such visitors have been college presidents Sproul, Dodds, and Baxter. Novelists are represented by Sholem Asch and Elswyth Thane, and publishers by Alfred Knopf and Lord Camrose of the London Daily Telegraph. Symphony conductors who have deserted their podium for a Williamsburg vacation include Eugene Ormandy, Hans Kindler, and Leopold Stokowski. Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and the late Mrs. Andrew Carnegie have been guests, and last spring Mrs. Henry Ford, Sr. visited Williamsburg with a group of garden enthusiasts.

The alluring eye of Hollywood, too, has often been on Williamsburg. Cary Grant, James Cagney, Sir Cedric Hardwick, and Nelson Eddy have been guests, as have Frederic March and his talented actress-wife Florence Eldridge. The publicized coiffure of Joan Fontaine has been seen, and that of her sister, Olivia de Haviland. Mickey Mouse and Pluto have been here in the person of their celluloid stepfather, Walt Disney. Lauritz Melchior lunched at the Inn, but drew few eyes - for that was the day when Mr. Churchill was in town!

All Williamsburg remembers the friendly visits of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, as well as that of President Truman at the Canadian-American celebration last spring. For British guests, this one-time capital of Britain's largest and most populous colony has special appeal - Lord Halifax, Lord Iverchapel, Lord Linlithgow, Field Marshall Sir John Dill, Admiral Sir James Somerville, First Sea Lord Sir Dudley Pound, Sir Alexander Cadogan, and a host of others. English and American friendship of today was never better personified than during the visit in 1943 of the Combined General Staff - even if Field Marshall Sir Archibald Wavell almost lost his oversized bathing trunks borrowed for a chilly dawn dip in the Inn pool.



This is, of course, only a small cross-section of the international Who's Who among Colonial Williamsburg's guests, and celebrities are swallowed up among the hundreds of thousands of visitors of every purse and interest, every race and creed, every homeland and avocation, who together offer striking testimony to the appeal of this laboratory of living history where present and future generations may study the traditions of America's past.

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#### INDEPENDENCE DAY SHINDIG

Prompted by news that the first Declaration of Independence was read aloud from the steps of the Capitol on July 25, 1776, amid applause and merry-making, the cast of "The Common Glory" re-enacted the ceremony this year on the anniversary date to a throng of visitors and curious residents. There have been suggestions of "live pageants" some day, both inside CW's restored and reconstructed buildings and out, and many employees were on hand to gauge the effect of the performance.

They witnessed a lively march up Duke of Gloucester Street, with a costumed crowd following the play's town crier, who paused to shout the "tidings" at key points until he reached the Capitol. An unofficial crowd in modern dress, featuring wide-eyed children, followed in their wake - joined by a fair delegation of local canines of representative breeds. The able Walter Brooke, portraying Jefferson, read the Declaration with considerable effect. Dancing and impromptu applause followed.

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#### BRIEFS.....

A highway robber badly wanted in Warwick County was picked up a couple of weekends ago at the Lodge by CW officers George RIPLEY and Oscar GARDNER. He had no opportunity to try his luck in Williamsburg.....Sam PEACH'S men have had a busy summer, too, keeping an eye on poachers at the Inn Golf Course. The truants are brought to the Club House to pay the proper greens fees, and college students are reported as well to Dean John Hocutt..... Sam, incidentally, is more than pleased with his new brown Mercury.....The alleged mustache which Treasurer Rod JONES is tending has roused the Goodwin Building wits. One claims that he swallowed a cat but didn't quite get the tail down. Another says that Rod and Sing MOOREHEAD are alike in one respect - they both have a mustache except Rod. Others call it a "football mustache" - eleven on each side. It will stay in place at least until summer's end.....Ed ALEXANDER must be sporting a bad case of "museum feet." A late bulletin from the touring Director of Education indicates that he has inspected more than fifty European museums recently, and is continuing his study in Scandinavia.....Clippings from the nation's newspapers which make reference to Colonial Williamsburg will hereafter be posted as of general interest on Goodwin Building bulletin boards before finding their way into the scrapbooks of the Department of Public Information. These will be part of those furnished to the Department by two metropolitan clipping services.....

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TALES OF THE CRAFT HOUSE WOODS -- AND GLASS, BRASS, FABRICS, FOOD AND SILVER

Neither alchemy nor high jinks is practiced at the Craft House, that white-washed brick structure of Georgian flavor which serves as local headquarters and showroom for the expanding craft program. The News will have more to say about Jack Upshur, who directs this program, and will inaugurate in the September issue a series of sketches of the licensed manufacturers - who are good friends as well as business associates of Colonial Williamsburg. But for the moment, a word about a few of the new reproductions may be of interest, and should indicate that the craft program has emerged from most of the wraps of wartime priorities and production headaches.

Worth special mention are the distinctive new glass pieces, handwrought by Blenko Glass of Milton, West Virginia. Many of these new reproductions are based on antique glass ferried back from Europe recently by Jim Cogar, former Curator and present consultant

to CW. Soon to be in stock are a double old-fashioned glass (from a colonial tumbler) and a smaller version of the same glass, "sized" down in proportion; also, a toddy glass with a large sturdy base, copied from a colonial "firing glass" used in quaffing fraternal toasts. A sherbet glass will join the goblet and wine glass in the stemmed glassware - in the airtwist, teardrop, and baluster designs. A small pitcher has made its appearance, and scheduled for early retail sale at Craft House are a large etched water jug, a large slope-shouldered beaker, and a chamber stick - a colonial candle-holder with handle (remember those "time to retire" advertisements?).

Local artisan Max Rieg now has several brass articles available both at Craft House and the Sign of the Golden Ball, ending a long famine caused by shortages of material. Heading his list is a striking two-armed candelabra, the original of which may be seen in the Governor's Office at the Palace. A brass chamber stick with a snuffer will also be available soon. And a sedlitz for budget sufferers is offered in four inexpensive brass pins, all retailing for less than \$5. Three are

replicas of harness buckles on display at the Old Court House Museum, and one is copied from a keyhole escutcheon excavated at the Palace. Another brass item, a square-based candlestick, is due soon from the Virginia Metalcrafters. The famous Rieg pewterware is still a victim of priorities - pewter is largely tin, and America must hoard its precious store until war clouds pass.

The former nine Schumacher woven cotton

fabrics are back on sale, with two new designs - patterns known as "Tulip" and "Liverpool Birds." Scalandre fabrics are also back on the market, as are the varied wallpaper patterns of Katzenback and Warren. Pittsburgh Plate Glass offers 12 paint colors with 24 "let-downs" (lighter shades), and plans to revive some of the old stronger paint colors soon. Kittinger has 25 of his pieces back in production, and all the Stieff silver is back - plus a tricky new lapel pin which actually keeps posies fresh in a few drops of water. Ceramics expert J. Palin Thorley is turning out a new Delft jardiniere at his East Liverpool, Ohio, workshop, and Williamsburg Ginger Cakes are scheduled.

CRAFT HOUSE SELECTIONS*	
Brass Keyhole Escutcheon Pin 2 1/4" x 1 3/4"	\$ 2.50
Square Glass Decanter Height 7" - Base 6" x 6"	\$ 5.00
Five-pointed Posy Holder Height 8 1/4"	\$12.90
Remember that all CW employees get a <u>20% discount on the prices quoted above!!</u>	
*Selections by the editor, a shop-worn veteran.	

## HOSTESS BRIEFS.....

"August - soaring temperatures - This is the month of the family group: father, mother, and all the children, vacationing, see Williamsburg. The hostesses will testify that the American family is not dwindling dangerously.....Mrs. W. E. ETHERIDGE has returned from a vacation in New England. Mrs. Etheridge visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dow, Jr., in North Andover, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Reeves in Salem, Mass. All are former residents of Williamsburg. Mr. and Mrs. Reeves lived at Green Spring and later occupied the Semple Home.....Mr. and Mrs. Frank ADOLPH were recalled to Williamsburg by the illness and death of Mrs. Adolph's father, Mr. J. A. Osborne. Mrs. Adolph has resumed her place with the hostesses.....Mrs. John HENDERSON is a patient at Johnston-Willis Hospital in Richmond, where she underwent an operation. It is gratifying to know that she is making satisfactory progress... Ruth WATERS is spending an indefinite time at her home in Germantown, Md.....Marjorie OAK has laid aside fathingales and has accepted a position in the Williamsburg Post Office.....Mrs. Thomas DUNN has had as her guests her nephew, Lt. William E. Sinclair, Mrs. Sinclair, and their four children. Lt. Sinclair was en route from Cuba to Bangor, Maine.....Mrs. Ernest PATE visited her mother, Mrs. R. A. M. Davis, at Scotsville, Va., recently.....The name of Clem VAUGHAN will soon be removed from the list of eligible bachelors. Clem will marry Kitty Jean Hartley on the 28th of August.....On Saturday, July 31, 'Maryland Day' at 'The Common Glory,' Fred FLANARY, groomed to sartorial perfection, appeared at the Palace to meet 'Miss Maryland' and escort her through the building. Fred is a popular member of the hostess department and there was enthusiastic approval of the honor conferred on him, and of Fred, as he greeted the dark-haired beauty and her retinue and with perfect aplomb took

command of the situation.....Mr. and Mrs. Thomas FLETCHER have had as their guests Mr. Fletcher's son, Thomas Fletcher, Jr., his wife, and small daughters, Frederica Mae and Lora, of Chicago, Ill. Mr. Fletcher's daughter, Miss Gail Fletcher, of New York also spent several days with the Fletchers on Duke of Gloucester Street... Mrs. LEE appeared at the Capitol with an added spring in her step after a sojourn at Nag's Head. With Mr. and Mrs. Brigham of Waynesboro, Va., she stopped at The Nag's Header and enjoyed a week of ocean breezes.....Miss Helen YOUNG and Miss Frances ROBB went on a crabbing party recently. The expedition was highly successful. They brought back mouth-watering accounts of York River crabs, hot and buttered.....Mrs. GREEN is back at the Palace desk after a vacation at Wrightsville Beach. Mrs. Green, with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Brennan, were guests of Mrs. L. C. Ferrell at her cottage at Wrightsville..... Lt. Henry Peyton recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. PEYTON in Indian Springs. Lt. Peyton has just returned from a cruise in the Coral Sea..... Mrs. C. A. TURNER (Polly Turner, formerly of the hostesses) with her little daughters, Mary and Sidney, recently visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peyton.....Mrs. ATKINSON has returned from Newport, R.I. where she visited her daughter and son-in-law, Commander and Mrs. J. M. Maloney... Mr. and Mrs. Warren Funke and daughters, Martha and Katherine, have returned to their home in Tuscumbia, Ala., after a visit with Mrs. Funke's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. PEACHY on Jamestown Road."

-- Mrs. Mary I. Daniel

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## THE CAMERA EYE

Not many nights ago a "family" gathered at the Raleigh for a dinner party. Wearing costumes which had passed Miss Foster's scrutiny, they hungrily eyed



a lavish array of ham, chicken, and roast beef, sent specially from the Inn for the occasion. But no one in this "family" could touch a bite, because each was there only to help bring to life a scene of Williamsburg hospitality for

a New York film maker, B. K. Blake, whose battery of cameras and blazing photographic lights added many degrees to the warmth of the summer evening.

Blake is simply one of many movie-makers who recognize the historical importance and photogenic qualities of Colonial Williamsburg, and the group which sweltered under his cameras' eyes was simply one among many which gather throughout the year to help bring the restored city to film-goers throughout the world. Each time the various CW departments team up to see that our visiting cameramen get all the co-operation they need, from historical double-checking to actors and maintenance men.

CW and its employees are old hands in the motion-picture game. Hostesses and others pressed into service before cameras are as unruffled as Hollywood veterans - which is not unusual in a community which experienced "The Howards of Virginia" and other films. CW understands, too, the importance of movies in reaching the outside audience. The latest figures on the Eastman-CW film "Eighteenth Century Life in Williamsburg, Virginia" indicate that more than 5,000,000 persons have seen it; others crowd into the Reception Center two evenings each week to add to this impressive roster, and the State Department has

sponsored numerous foreign-language prints to use in telling those in distant lands the Williamsburg story.

Many film travelogues have featured Williamsburg. Fitzpatrick's survey of Virginia was shown in the nation's theaters last year, and last month found two cameramen of the octogenarian Burton Holmes in the city for shots soon to be used in another Virginia travelogue. Two "live" scenes were photographed by Holmes' men, one in the Palace Ballroom and the second in the House of Burgesses.

Movie-makers for special commercial films are frequent visitors. The Donahue Productions company was here in June preparing a film for distribution in America's department stores. Shooting centered on the Homecoming Weekend at William and Mary, but many shots of the restored and reconstructed buildings of CW also were included. The Blake film, for which the Raleigh dinner party was staged, was sponsored by the National Restaurant Association and Standard Brands. The Mahogany Institute last year made use of films showing skilled cabinetmaker Kobelbauer at his workbench, and Edward Seward of New York took considerable footage for a film on Virginia financed by Esso.

National and State education authorities also recognize the use of Colonial Williamsburg as a historical laboratory for school films. Last summer, for example, Howard Southgate worked with the Interpretation and Public Information Departments in scenes for a picture sponsored by the Virginia Department of Education which treated the life and times of John Smith, Patrick Henry, and Thomas Jefferson.

Still photographers, of course, have also long considered Williamsburg a mecca. Samuel Chamberlain, an old friend of CW and author of Behold Williamsburg, has just been in the city again for new views for his 1949 Virginia Calendar, and another distinguished recent visitor was F. S. Lincoln, whose talent was so evident in



the special Williamsburg issue of the Architectural Record. John Henry Coon, well-known lecturer, was a recent caller, spending several days making new slides for his Williamsburg programs.

Amateur movie-makers and still photographers have been more numerous than ever this year, and have been given a big helping hand by Staff Photographer Thomas L. Williams. Tom is the author of an article "Welcome to Williamsburg" which appears in the current issue of the magazine Movie Makers, and which offers many constructive suggestions for planning or shooting films of the restored area. Reprints have been made available to the public at the Travel Office, and the article is on display at Miller's Camera Shop and elsewhere in town.

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#### JAYCEE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Whether they have the backswing of a Hoke or a Hackett, all male CW golfers are reminded of the current tourney conducted at the Inn Golf Course under the sponsorship of Williamsburg's active and sports-conscious Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Heading the Jaycee committee for the event is CWer Bob Conkey, law student and member of the 1948 W & M golf team, who lends a hand at the Reception Center many evenings.

The entry fee is a moderate \$2, and there is a variety of prizes for all the flights - many donated by local merchants. Two 18-hole qualifying rounds must be completed by dusk on August 14, with match play getting under way thereafter. Topping early qualifiers is Harold Sparks with an initial round of 37-42, 79, despite an 8 on wood-fringes No. 7. However, few of the returns are in, and Sparks once compiled a 17 on the same hole.

(Bulletin: Charlie Hackett turned in a first-round total of 37-35,72)

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

Mrs. Lena CLARK attended the school of flower arranging in Blackstone..... Shirley DAVIS and her mother are spending some time at Cape May Point, New Jersey..... Mr. Cogar and Mr. Lewis, of the new firm, COGAR & LEWIS, were so successful on their recent trip to England that they returned six weeks early with many stories of travel experiences and the promise of many antiques in the Fall..... Mary Elizabeth TAYLOR is visiting her sister in New York City for a week..... Mrs. Dorothy GEIGER has gone to Chicago for a week, after spending several days in Midway, Kentucky, as the guest of Mrs. William B. Cogar and Jim Cogar.

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#### WILLIAMS WINS PINT-SIZED TRUCK

Photo-bug Tom Williams is feeling the British influence on Williamsburg these days and declares it to be pretty good from his point of view.

His point of view, to be exact, is from the wheel of the new little British Ford panel truck which has recently been assigned to the Photographic Laboratory. Tom says it's pretty good for scooting between the photogenic spots of the city. This answer to Tom's need for transportation was purchased several weeks ago in Washington where it had been received directly from England. Its diminutive size and 30-horsepower engine are plenty for town work and it registers amazing economy in gasoline, according to Jennings Taylor who tucks it in at night. The pint-sized carry-all is Americanized to the point of having the conventional left-hand drive instead of the usual British right-hand drive. But it sticks to the British tradition with the neat label "petrol" signifying the gasoline gauge.

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## SAFETY COMMITTEE REORGANIZES

A new Colonial Williamsburg Safety Committee has been formed, taking the place of the former Employees' Safety Committee and Central Safety Committee. The reorganized group, directed by Army veteran Col. L. C. Wheat, first met on July 21, with future meetings to be held on the Wednesday following the first Monday of every month.

Aiding Col. Wheat as committee secretary is Miss Virginia Marston. The hotels are represented by Commodore Thomas G. Peyton and J. O. Browning; C & M by W. D. MacPherson and Irving Sprinkle; other members are Minor Wine Thomas, director of the archaeological laboratory, and Albert Koch of the Architectural Department. An extensive safety campaign is scheduled for the near future, with specific plans soon to be formulated.

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## RESERVATION OFFICE NOTES.....

"Frances BURNS, who broke her arm in a fall, celebrated the removal of the cast on July 28.....Mary SIEGERT and Bernice SYKES of the College drove to New Orleans for their vacation. On the way down they visited Rock City, Chattanooga, Birmingham, Baton Rouge, and on the return trip visited Gulfport, Biloxi, Pensacola, Sea Island, Charleston, and Myrtle Beach. While at the Cloister, they saw our friends, Harry WELCH and Burdette GRIFFIN .....David BARRETT recently spent ten days at home in Massachusetts and returned to New York to meet Miss Fulton, who arrived on the Queen Elizabeth from Scotland..... Mrs. Harry LYON, accompanied by her nephew, Henry Martin of Goldsboro, N.C., recently spent a week in New York."

-- M. S.

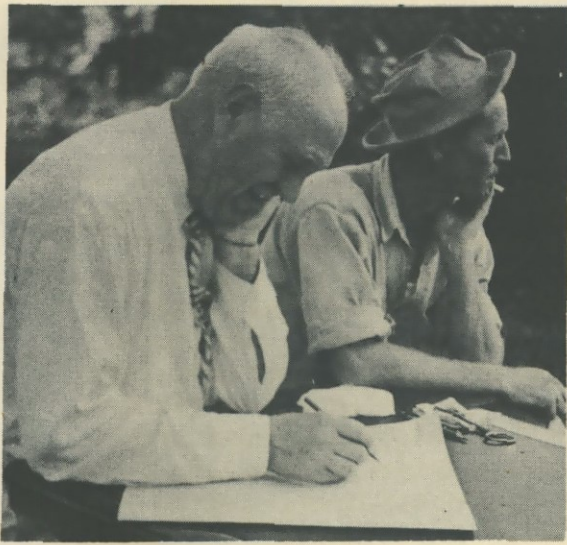
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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH - NO. 1

## Williamsburg Inn Welsh Rarebit - Chef Crawford's Own Recipe

2 lb. Snappy American Cheese	1 tsp. Salt
1 cup Heavy Cream Sauce	1 tbs. Lea and Perrins Sauce
$\frac{1}{2}$ bottle Beer	1 tsp. Tabasco Sauce
1 tbs. Dry Mustard	

Grate Cheese and add to hot cream sauce. Stir until mixture becomes smooth; then add all other ingredients, except beer. Let cook for 3 minutes. Add beer. Serve very hot on toast or Holland Rusk.



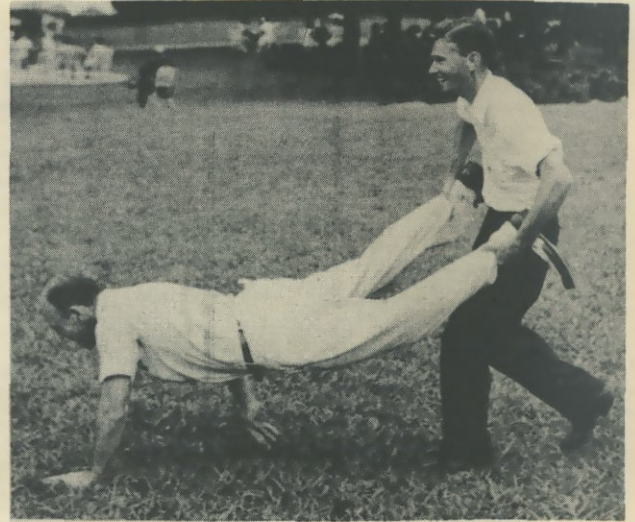
TOTING UP THE RINGERS



LINE FOR FAKE CASH AND WINNING GAMBLER....



M.C., GOLF WINNER, AND RECREATION CHAIRMAN



INVENTORS' HOLIDAY



ILJ AND PLATE



HARD-WORKING COMMITTEE



BE-BOP, LOG CABIN STYLE



BINGO!



## BRIEFS.....

Mr. CLEVERDON of Cleverdon, Varney, and Pike, of Boston, our structural consultants, came to Williamsburg last week when the first pile was driven for the new Laundry.....Charlie HACKETT, Bob EVANS, and Pete TUCKER have been playing on the West Point Golf Team.....Sing MOOREHEAD returns to the office on Monday after a heavy siege with the cold virus. He reports that earlier in the summer he carried his search for old cannon for the Public Magazine to New Hampshire where he found an excellent example of an 18th-century brass cannon, which was used in the community for celebrating political triumphs.....Miss Janet Jolly of South Hill, Virginia, has been visiting her sister, Ruth JOLLY. On August 9 Ruth and her two sisters, Janet and Madeline, left for a two-weeks' vacation. They will visit friends in N.J. and N.Y.....The Accounting Department welcomes Mrs. Delores PETERSON and Miss Rebecca LEVERING, who will replace Mrs. Jean TRUEHEART and Mrs. Marjorie SCHADEGG.....George BLOW, of Yorktown, has been employed in the Goodwin Building this summer as a

Special Assistant to Mr. Cocke.....Mrs. Luta SEWELL is in Washington for the month of August taking a special course in records administration.....Miss Virginia Lee WERTH has been ill at her home in Gloucester.....Mrs. Betty HEDGEBETH is on vacation.....Mr. A. E. KENDREW and family have left for a vacation in Wolfboro, N. H.....Mr. and Mrs. V. M. GEDDY and Mr. and Mrs. Duncan COCKE will attend the Virginia State Bar Association meeting to be held August 13-15 at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.....The Section of Office Services welcomes the return of Miss Sally FITCHETT. Sally will be married in September to Donald R. Mapel, who is now employed as host at the Gaol.....Selby MITCHELL's mother has been visiting him during his vacation.....Arthur BUIE and his wife will spend their vacation in N.Y.....Dr. and Mrs. CAPPON have returned from a vacation in the Middle West.....Mrs. Elizabeth STUBBS spent part of her vacation visiting her sister and brother-in-law in Norfolk.....Dr. and Mrs. BRIDENBAUGH are vacationing in New Hampshire.....Hunter CHALKLEY and Newton SEAL are spending two weeks with the National Guard on maneuvers at Virginia Beach.

## SUGGESTION AWARDS

- DONNETTER ALSTON (\$5) - That employees living in Franklin House be issued two towels weekly during summer.
- J. O. BROWNING (\$10) - That a larger glass be put in the swinging door leading from Coffee Shop into pantry to prevent injury to employees and breakage of crystal and china.
- CLIFF COLLINS (\$5) - That a stop light or stop sign be installed at service entrance gate from Inn.
- KATHERINE HARROLD (\$5) - That benches be provided in yard of Franklin House and thus save abuse to chairs which are now carried outside from the rooms.
- BILLIE SNEAD (\$5) - That parking be prohibited on the side of the road from the Swimming Pool entrance to the corner nearest the Inn Back Dock.

## INN AND LODGE NOTES.....

"Bill SMITH has resigned his position on the Inn desk and will leave Williamsburg to rejoin his family in Pennsylvania on August 12. Taking his place will be Steve WEBSTER, popular Lodge room clerk. Steve left the Lodge desk on July 31, took a short vacation, and then assumed his new position at the Inn. Replacing Steve at the Lodge is Denton W. GUSTAFSON, a native of Hampton, Va. "Gus," as he prefers to be called, comes to the Lodge after having served as office manager at the Chamberlin at Old Point Comfort for sixteen months. During the war, he accumulated over 1700 hours in the air as an aircrewman in the Navy....Raymond and Betty Ann HODGES, room clerk and operator respectively, at the Lodge, returned from a two-weeks' vacation on July 29 after having given their new Ford a workout on a trip to Michigan. The same day, Bill BATCHELDER, Assistant Manager, left for upper New York State to join his children and enjoy a three-week vacation....After five years as chief night auditor, Fred TOZIER was recently switched to day work. His comment on the change: "I can't sleep nights"....Mrs. Anne MAYNARD, housekeeper for Market Square and Brick House Taverns, is still on sick leave in Halifax, Va., where she is recovering from a recent illness....The Inn and Lodge is represented on the local Negro baseball team, the Circle Black Sox, by Cornelius PALMER and the two JACKSON brothers, Charles and Alfred. Palmer, familiar and well-known Lodge waiter, is manager of the team, while Charles Jackson of the Inn bell crew holds down a fielder's post. One of the stars of the team is Alfred Jackson, Lodge bellman, who plays third base. In a recent game against the Newport News Dodgers, his eighth-inning home run won the day for the home team.... Mrs. A. J. VICKERS has been transferred from the Lodge kitchen office to Travis

House, where she will act as cashier.... Mr. and Mrs. Forrest GRIFFIN, purchasing steward and Lodge kitchen manager respectively, recently returned from a three-week vacation. During that time they motored extensively through the eastern states....George E. HAYNES resigned his position in the Inn and Lodge accounting office on July 31 after six years' service....Miss Margaret McGURIMAN of the Inn and Lodge accounting office is vacationing at Daytona Beach, Florida.

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COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG CONGRATULATES THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE COMPLETED A YEAR OF SERVICE WITH A PERFECT ATTENDANCE RECORD:

CHARLES E. HACKETT	C & M
LUCILE FOSTER	Curator's Dept.
ALLSTON BOYER	New York Office
ALDEN HOPKINS	Architectural
TOM HALLIGAN	Theatre
ARTHUR LOUDEN	Dept. of Crafts
ORVAL E. HOPKINS	C & M
DEWITT POST	C & M
FREDERICK CRAWFORD	Inn and Lodge
LOLA LARSON	Inn and Lodge

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BACK OF THE HOUSE, NEWS OF INN & LODGE  
KITCHENS AND INN DINING ROOM

Inn waiter Harvey KELLY spent much of his two-week vacation boasting of the recent addition to his family, Katrina d'Antionette, a girl....Inn headwaiter JOHNSON returned in July after two weeks of roaming the Virginia countryside, fishing, bathing, and just plain loafing. Four days were spent in the capital city of the Buckeye State....Ethel COOK has been ill for three weeks....Mrs. Mary WOOD, Inn assistant kitchen manager, is abed in the Medical College of Virginia Hospital....Michael O'RIORDAN, stalwart of the Inn back door, is still trying to get a satisfactory vacation at Virginia Beach....Sam THOMAS has been doing a fine job of pinch-hitting in the Inn storeroom while Forrest GRIFFIN and Mrs. Mary GRIFFIN have been on vacation. They reported a visit to Bedford Springs, Pa., where they saw former Inn Resident Manager Bland Hoke and his family. He is now General Manager of the Bedford Springs Hotel....Norman MARSHALL is leaving again. He works here during the summer months and each fall returns to the Meadows of Dan, Va., to take up his teaching duties in the high school there.... Raymond TOWNSEND, W&M student and food checker at the Inn, is an expert photographer and has a beautiful collection of photographs of Williamsburg and surrounding countryside....Our newest member of the kitchen family Clint QUIGLEY, has proved his ability in supervising the food service for the annual picnic.... The wee Scot lass, Isabella BRAYER, baked those big cakes for the two outings.... Arnold JOHNSON, Inn pantry-man, spent a few days recently in Toano attending the funeral of his grandfather, George Sheppard, who was 83....Mrs. Ethel KELLY will visit and inspect the kitchens of the Rainbow Room during her vacation tour of Rockefeller Center....Leila SMITH is

visiting her parents in Atlanta....Mrs. Paul CRAVEN, the former Miss Marion Slerting, has returned from a honeymoon in Tennessee....Mrs. Flonnie WILLIAMS, also of the Coffee Shop, has returned after spending two weeks with her parents in North Carolina....Thelma CALDWELL spent a week recently at Virginia Beach... O. D. WEIKEL, of Lodge storeroom, is a champion fisherman. His most recent catch was a tasty bass which nearly topped 2 pounds....The members of the Heavenly Gospel Chorus, of which several employees of Colonial Williamsburg are members, entertained their husbands, wives, and guests on a ride and picnic at Bay Shore last month....Emma LOCKLEY, Annie TAYLOR and James ATKINS are back on duty at the Lodge after brief illnesses.... Estelle WALLACE also is back in the Coffee Shop after a prolonged illness.... Two vacationists returned with changed names - Alease WILLIAMS is now Mrs. Alease Bankston and Rosa Lee GRANT is now Mrs. Rosa Lee McKinney.

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LAUNDRY ITEMS.....

"Between the sickness and the vacations, the laundry has really been in an upstir this past month....Two vital employees, Humphrey LEE and Booker T. JOHNSON are both under a doctor's care. Humphrey has been having a great deal of trouble with his foot....Employees with their vacations behind them are Humphrey, Booker, and Catherine TAYLOR....Irwin SCOTT vacationed in North Carolina and at Virginia Beach....Mrs. Ethel WALTRIP spent three weeks visiting in Maryland and Kenbridge, Virginia."

-- Langon Gordon

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## LODGE DINING ROOM NEWS.....

"Under the guidance of Resident Manager MOYLES and Headwaiter SPEIGHT, waiters of the Lodge met recently and successfully thrashed out the highlights and techniques of dining room service. The waiters also extended sympathy to the families of our co-workers, Percy SHERMAN, and James BRIDGERS, who had to be away for several days due to illness in their immediate families.....The annual picnic at Log Cabin Beach was an evening filled with amusement, fun, and joy for all. At the close of the evening, as the crowd began moving homeward, distant voices could be heard saying, 'I've had a fine time.'"

-- Douglas Williams

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## HOUSEKEEPING DEPARTMENT ITEMS.....

"The gold tooth episode is still cause of chuckling in the halls of the Inn and Lodge by members of the Housekeeping Department. Last winter a honeymooner left his gold tooth in his room. Five months later he stopped to ask about the tooth while passing through the city. After a frantic call to the maid who fell heir to the tooth after the three-months' waiting period, it was returned to its rightful owner.....The cake from Miss Louise DAVIS' July birthday was a tasty morsel.....Miss Elizabeth EDSON, a former housekeeper of the Inn and Lodge has been staying at Market Square Tavern for a couple of weeks while visiting old friends here..... Mrs. Laura JOHNSTON has been much excited over the return of her daughter-in-law from Panama.....Scenic cards of cool lakes and snow-capped mountains have been tantalizing the members of the Housekeeping Department this summer. The 'wish you were here' signer was Miss Mary McGREEVY, who vacationed in Yellowstone National

Park.....Miss Eunice PERKINS enjoyed some good old-fashioned country cooking on her vacation, and Miss Lola LARSON made a trip to Georgia during her vacation..... Gertrude BANKS is taking her vacation in Washington, New York and Connecticut." -- Mrs. Carol Rogers, Mrs. Laura Johnston, Miss Flora Randall

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## OFF-PREMISE BEER AT CHOWNING'S

Chowning's Tavern has been granted an off-premise beer license, and now offers beer by the case at a reasonable price. Ballantine's Ale is available, as well as Budweiser, Schlitz, and Blue Ribbon beer - 24 cans per case, \$4.65. Orders for five cases or more will be delivered to purchasers within the city limits.

In addition, cases of special bottled ale and beer are offered for sale - Bass ale and Guinness stout from England, and Holland's famed Heiniken beer.

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## CRAFT HOUSE NEWS.....

Now on vacation are Mrs. Caroline COCHRAN, who is at her mother's home in Ashland, and Mr. Russell McGEHEE.....Miss Catherine DORRIER recently returned from a vacation at her home in Waynesboro, Va.....Arthur LOUDEN is back in Williamsburg after vacationing in New York.....Miss Lottie LEE is now working at Craft House, where she is replacing Miss Mary Branch HENDERSON, who is being married this month. Miss Lee came from Westfield, New Jersey, last March and since then has been helping her brother-in-law, Douglas Green, at his photography studio on Jamestown Road.

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## PICNIC ROUNDUP

More than 1,400 persons attended the two annual employees' picnics in July - 800 at the picnic on the Inn grounds and 600 at the picnic staged one week later at Log Cabin Beach. All hands pronounced both affairs the best yet, with special thanks due hard-working committees. Some evidence of the fun and food involved may be seen in the two pages of photographs which appear in this issue.

No ailing appetites were reported. During both picnics 655 southern-fried chickens were devoured, 190 dozen eggs went by the boards and 1,900 buttered rolls disappeared. With this were 47 cases of colas and 113 cases of beer.

Enough mustard was consumed to paint a barn, 50 pounds of onions caused no tears and 2 tons of ice cooled things off. Other staggering totals include 12 bushels of tomatoes, 10 pounds of butter, 10 gallons of pickles, 125 pounds of frankfurters, 7 pounds of salt, a quarter-ton of potatoes, 1,400 cake squares and 1,300 frankfurter rolls.

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## EMPLOYEES' MANUAL OFF PRESS

The new 32-page Employees' Manual has just appeared, and a copy sent to each employee. The booklet contains a brief description of the background of Colonial Williamsburg, the duties of the various departments, and the more important procedures of the organization. It should be useful to old and new employees alike. Small cartoons which illustrate the manual are the work of Miss Marjorie Oak.

## BRIEFS.....

Mr. I. L. JONES, during his recent vacation, spent two weeks with his family at their summer home in Gloucester..... The Accounting Department was entertained on July 31 by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene SHELDON in their home at Camp Peary.....Mr. and Mrs. Oscar GARDNER are proud parents of a son, Thomas Ray, born August 1 at the Bell Hospital. Oscar is now on vacation.

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## RETIRED EMPLOYEES AT PICNIC

From Ewell Jones and Linwood Williams comes this bulletin of the Log Cabin Beach picnic - "The picnic was a happy reunion for some of the retired employees. Among those present were Willie JOHNSON, Robert WALLACE, Luke WILLIAMS, and John HAILEY."

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## CW FLAG GETS "NEW LOOK"

The new official Colonial Williamsburg flag made its first public bow recently over the Inn portico. A lively red background replaces its green predecessor, but the CW seal in the center remains the same. Until worn out, the green flags will continue to wave at the Lodge and Goodwin Building, but these too will be replaced when they fall victim to the weather.

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## PICNIC PHOTOS

All photographs taken by Tom Williams for both employees' picnics are available. They will be on display in the Goodwin Building corridor until September 15. Prints - 4 x 5 inches - may be secured for 8¢ each. Order through receptionist Betsy Hall.

INN AND LODGE CORRESPONDENTS.....

Fred Frechette, Chief Clerk of Williamsburg Inn and Lodge, has been designated News Gatherer Extraordinary for that far-flung organization. An able staff of reporters will aid and abet Fred in his job of keeping posted on all fronts:

CATERING SECTIONS

HOUSEKEEPING SECTIONS

BELL FORCE

Inn

Norma Bamman  
John Haywood

Inn

Laura Johnston  
Robbie Gough

Inn

Nathaniel Reid

Lodge

Cue Willis

Lodge

Frances Martin  
Alma Wallace

Lodge

Coral Rogers  
Flora Randolph

AUDITING SECTION

Lelia Winn

Travis House

Richard Bethards

DINING ROOMS

Inn

Robert Johnson

RESERVATION OFFICE

Mary Seigert

Chowning's Tavern

Viola Pryor

RESTORATION LAUNDRY

Langdon Gordon

Lodge

Douglas Williams

Reporters in other departments will be listed in subsequent issues. However, each employee should consider himself a reporter, since the support of all is needed to make the NEWS serve all and interest all.

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STEP UP FOR FREE X-RAY.....

Next week, the free chest X-ray clinic will be held at the Williamsburg Courthouse, providing Colonial Williamsburg employees with another good opportunity to let the health people take a look right through you.

The clinic is open to all persons in the county and city over 15 years of age and the assembly-line process of having the inside of your chest photographed takes only a few moments. On Wednesday, August 18th, the clinic will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday evening from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday, the clinic will be open from 9 a.m. until 12 noon and from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m., with the same schedule on Friday, August 20th. The clinic will be held in Toano on Tuesday, August 17th.

Sponsored by the James City County Tuberculosis Association and the local health unit, the annual clinic is an important part in the control of tuberculosis and is proportionately effective with the number of persons who step up for this free service.

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