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Two Trustees Retire From CWI Board

Two members of the CWI Board of Trustees announced their retirement from the board during the annual fall meetings held here this month.

Mrs. Edgar Tobin retired from the board after ten years of service. A resident of San Antonio, Texas, she is a prominent leader in restoration and civic projects in that state. At the time of her election in 1958, she became the first woman trustee of Colonial Williamsburg, Inc.



Edward A. Weeks, whose retirement was also announced, was elected a member of the CWI Board of Trustees in May, 1958. A resident of Boston, he is a noted author and editor of *The Atlantic Monthly*. Mr. Weeks has written or edited a number of books, the most recent of which are *The Open*



Historic Area Residents Invited To Compete In Decorations Contest

Plans are now underway for the fifth Christmas Doorway Decorations contest, which is open to all residents in the Historic Area.

Visitors to the colonial city will judge the decorations and prizes will be awarded after all ballots have been tallied. The winners will receive a free dinner for two at any Colonial Williamsburg dining room or restaurant, plus a color photograph of the doorway.

All decorations should be in place by Thursday, December 19, in time for the Grand Illumination of the city. The visitors will judge and cast their ballots in hotels on December 24 and on Christmas Day. Announcements of the ten best doorways will be made on December 26.

Materials used in the decorations should be those that would have been available in the 18th century. Wax or plastic fruits, plastic ribbon, and Christmas tree ornaments are not acceptable. Help from a florist may be obtained.

Heart and the Big Atlantic Anthology Jubilee.

Leclere, Cocke, Layne Are Given New Duties By CW Boards

Three major management changes were announced on November 18 by Arkansas Governor Winthrop Rockefeller, chairman of the CW boards, following the weekend meetings of the trustees and directors in Williamsburg. These changes became effective immediately.

Duncan Cocke, formerly vice president, was elevated to the position of senior vice president, succeeding A. Edwin Kendrick, who retired after 38 years of service in June of this year. In this office, Duncan will have responsibility for general coordination of all restoration projects and educational programs in the Historic Area. In addition, he will correlate CW policies and activities in respect to local and community matters.



Roger Leclere, continuing as vice president, director of finance, was given additional responsibilities as director of corporate affairs. In addition to his present role as CW's chief financial and legal officer, Roger will exercise supervision over general corporate matters and will assume from Duncan Cocke responsibility for the management and development of CW's real estate holdings.

Miss Mildred Layne was elected to the post of secretary of the two CW corporations, assuming those responsibilities from Roger Leclere. She will also continue to undertake a number of projects on special assignment by President Humelsine.



Commenting on these changes, Mr. Humelsine said that the realignment of duties and responsibilities, besides enlarging the scope of the duties of the respective officers, is intended to improve CW's top organizational structure and to facilitate the development of long-range plans and programs.

A native of Virginia, Duncan Cocke has resided in Williamsburg since pre-school days and joined CW 30 years ago as legal assistant. He has

served successively as legal officer and director of corporate relations prior to 1961 when he was given new, broader responsibilities in the president's office. He was elected a vice president of WRI in 1947 and of CWI in 1958. He is a graduate of the College of William and Mary and the University of Virginia Law School, a member of the Virginia Bar and the Virginia State Bar Association, and has participated in a variety of civic activities.

Roger Leclere, from Beaumont, Texas, holds his bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Virginia. He joined the CW staff in 1954 as assistant legal officer. Successive positions have included management assistant to the president, chief legal officer, and secretary of the corporations. On January 1, 1968 he assumed the new post of vice president, director of finance. He is a member of the Virginia and Texas bar associations, and has served on the boards of a number of community organizations.

Miss Layne has been associated with CW since 1937. She served for many years as administrative assistant to Kenneth Chorley, former president of the organization, and spent nearly 20 years in CW's former New York office. Her last position was director of the office. In 1966 she returned to Williamsburg to become executive assistant to president Humelsine. A native of Virginia, she is a graduate of Williamsburg High School and attended the College of William and Mary.

Three additional administrative changes have also been announced by president Humelsine.

Alan Morledge, in addition to his duties as director of Planning in the architectural office, has been named acting director of Property Administration, a new office established as part of the AC&M Division with responsibility for the regular and normal administration of rental property matters. In this position, Alan will be responsible for the administration of rental property maintenance and operations pursuant to general policies and procedures established through coordination between Roger Leclere and Charles Hackett, vice president and director of AC&M. In connection with these duties, Alan has been named secretary to the Housing Committee and, as such, assumes responsibility for the processing of housing applications and other em-

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CW Children On Stage . . .

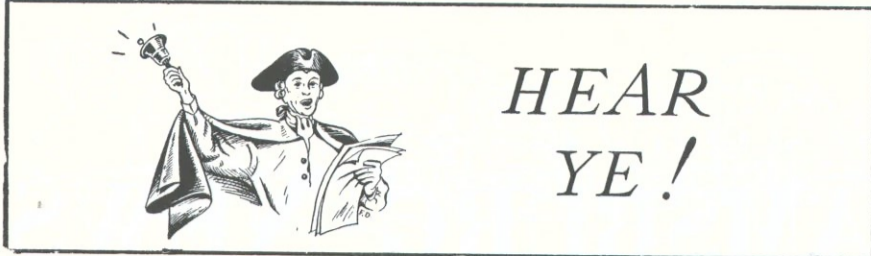


Chuck Kagey

Six CW children were among the cast of excited youngsters who presented a play, "What Is Winter," at Matthew Whaley School on November 21. Rose Marie Fuller, who teaches there and is the wife of Jimmy Fuller, CW director of Employment, lead her talented first graders through a production of the children's own view of what winter is.

Pictured above in full costume from left to right are Susan Greenlaw, daughter of Barry Greenlaw, assistant curator in Collections; Mary Lewis Thorp, daughter of Phil Thorp, journeyman silversmith; Sarah Leclere, daughter of Roger Leclere, CW vice president and director of Finance; Glenn Jones, son of Wilbert Jones, maintenance serviceman and projectionist in MO&M; David Short, son of Jim Short, program assistant in the Division of Interpretation; Doug Austin, son of John Austin, curator of ceramics.

Susan represented a snowflake in the play while Mary Lewis and Sarah were colorful leaves. Glenn, David, and Doug were Mr. Oppossum, Mr. Turtle, and Mr. Raccoon, respectively.

**ARCHITECTURE** - Dru Warr

DON PARKER attended the Historic American Building Survey Advisory Board meetings in Washington, D. C. on November 7th and 8th. He also gave a lecture to the Pohick Garden Club in Lorton, Va. on November 13th.

FRED BELDEN has had short visits recently from his mother - Mrs. L. A. Belden, Hatfield, Massachusetts - and also Phyllis' mother - Mrs. H. E. Wahlert, Long Island, New York.

COMMISSARY - Hazel Majette

Those who are enjoying vacations are: JAMES ALLEN, JAMES HEIMEN, EDWARD TABB, SONG HO YU, JOHN MORMAN, CLARENCE GREENE, JOHN BROCKENBERRY and GEORGE DALES.

JAMES HOLLER and family enjoyed a weekend visit to New York where they met Nancy's mother from England who will be visiting them here for a while.

We express our sympathy to GEORGE DALES and CHARLIE NOR-FLEET, whose brothers died recently.

MERCHANDISING - Lillian Babb

LIB BARKLEY is now back in town following a two-week's visit to several of CW's Williamsburg Shops and Craft Houses. MARTHA SMITH has returned from Martinsville where she was snowed in for a few hours! MARGARET MEYERS enjoyed a visit with her father in Ohio. Recent guests of your reporter were the Bruce MacLaughlins from Nashville, Tennessee.

We shall miss HELEN ABBOTT who has transferred to EDNA PENNELL's department.

Our sympathy is extended to DOREEN CLAPTON whose brother-in-law recently died.

VA COMPTROLLER - Editor

Our sympathy is extended to EMILY SPIVEY whose father died Friday, November 15, in the Medical College of Virginia Hospital after a long illness.

TREASURER-COMPTROLLER - Editor

Our sympathy goes to SHARON LESNIAK whose father died Sunday, November 10, at his home here in Williamsburg.

INFORMATION CENTER - Charlotte Farmer

We extend a warm welcome to NORMAN ALBERTSON, our new manager of the Information Center. We also welcome JOYCE WILKINS to our center desk staff. Farewells and best wishes go to Karen Carter and Joan Rabeneau who have left the organization.

KATHERINE CURTIS and ALISON MATTOX have just returned from their vacations. BETTY COX enjoyed a business trip to Fredericksburg.

LANDSCAPE - Bob McCartney

Having served long and faithfully, EVERETT RAYNES has now retired as your reporter for this column. Your new reporter would like to take this opportunity to request that all LC&M employees make known any department news to your new reporter.

Our department will greatly miss ROLAND WALLACE who is transferring from our office to Merchandising. We wish him every success. As Roland's replacement we welcome LES BENNETT who is transferring from the Apothecary Shop. Les is a native of New Jersey.

EVERETT RAYNES was recently the master of ceremonies for the Veterans Day observances at the courthouse. DICK MAHONE traveled to the Eastern Shore to address a garden club group. Your reporter attended the Southeastern Wildlife Conference in Baltimore last month.

The following men, mostly avid hunters, began vacations as the hunting season opened: MOSES ARMSTEAD, HERBERT OTEY, HOMER PURCELL, ORLANDO SIMPSON, CHARLIE SPENCER, RICHARD STEWART, WILLIE WASHINGTON, and IRVING WRIGHT.

We wish to congratulate BERT HARGRAVE on his recent 35th wedding anniversary. CLYDE WALLACE is sporting around in a new pick-up truck. We wish a speedy recovery to IVAN JOHNSON who has been out sick.

KING'S ARMS TAVERN - Bertha Casselle

We wish FRED CARTER, our assistant manager, a speedy recovery. He is now recuperating in Community Hospital after an operation.

LOUIDA TAYLOR enjoyed her recent vacation visiting friends and relatives. Your reporter spent her days off with her daughter in Richmond.

RESEARCH - Linda Hunter

ED RILEY and JANE CARSON attended the annual meeting of the Southern

Historical Association in New Orleans. They were gone a week and reported a successful trip when they returned to Williamsburg on November 12.

TOUR OFFICE - Ada Townsend

A coffee was held to welcome new escorts, KATHERINE AULT, FRIDA BARBETNITZ, NANCY BELTEAU, MERIBETH CAREY, BARBARA CLARK, GAIL COGGINS, MERILYN DARMODY, SHIRLEY EANES, MARY HOLT, SHIRLEY JENKINS, AVIS McCLENNAN, JANE PRICE, SUE ROBY, DOROTHY SALISBURY, and KATHERYN VON WALD.

We are happy to welcome BETTY McBRIDE, LIZ BECKHOUSE and DAWN EMERICK to our office staff.

HOSTESS TRAINING OFFICE - Lucy Mattox

Our Davidson Shop windows are sporting new displays. Come have a look.

HELEN HUDSON is back from a vacation. She went on the New York Theatre Train and then visited her son in Charlottesville. JORDAN WESTEN-HAVER recently returned from a week in the Grand Bahamas. She hasn't come down to earth yet. SHIRLEY LOW spent some delightful time recently in Washington, D. C. with her six grandchildren. DICK CARTER has been vacationing with his family in Washington, D. C. and in Richmond.

Your reporter is back from a wedding trip to another Rockefeller resort, Caneel Bay on St. John's Island. It's a lovely place to visit and yes, I'd love to live there.

JUDY TAFT's collection of campaign buttons was recently on display in the Williamsburg Travel Office window. If you have any buttons looking for a home, just give her a ring!

COSTUME DEPARTMENT - Kate Rock

ATLASHONEYCUTT is recuperating at home following surgery at Community Hospital.

We are anxious to hear all the details from NANCY GLASS on her trip to Mexico. Guadalajara, Puebla and Mexico City are a few of the places she planned to visit during her leave of absence.

New items on the costume scene are long red cardinals, which have been issued to a few of the hostesses. These were copied from an original in the Curators' Department.

CRAFT SHOPS - Helen Vandermark

We are happy to report that ELEANOR CABELL is recovering well from surgery. We hope to see her back at work soon.

We welcome SUSAN GARBLER, interpreter at the Golden Ball, JOSEPH INGLE, interpreter at the Geddy Shop, and HAROLD LEWIS, apprentice gunsmith. Ned Hedrick and Terry Singleton have left Colonial Williamsburg and LES BENNETT transferred from our department to Landscape. We wish them luck in their new endeavors.

Silver Bowls Go To Nine CWers



At a meeting of the CWI and WRI boards here November 16, Winthrop Rockefeller presented silver bowls to employees who recently topped their 25th year with CW. Those receiving the bowls, which were made here at the silversmith's shop, and pictured here left to right, were Eugene M. Sheldon, auditor in the Division of Visitor Accommodations and Merchandising; Mildred Lanier, assistant curator; Samuel J.E. Peach, Jr., chief of Property Security; Langan J. Gordon, assistant superintendent at the Laundry; Charles H. Speight, dining room captain at the Lodge; Harvey Kelley, Sr., mail room supervisor in the Goodwin Building; Eleanor L. Duncan, assistant director and associate curator in the Division of Collections; and James A. Cooke, Sr., packer-shipper at the Craft House. Circumstances prevented James H. Robertson, landscape foreman, from attending the recent board presentation. Jim received his bowl on November 22 in a similar ceremony.

Wanted: CW Santas



Last year during the holidays over twenty-five CW departments with some 750 employees participated in the Williamsburg Community Council's Yule Basket Program by providing presents or food to make Christmas brighter for the less fortunate members of the community.

This year, the CW NEWS will once again act as a clearing house in cooperation with the Williamsburg Community Council. There are families with young children, elderly couples and many individuals who are waiting for CW Santa Clauses.

Call the CW NEWS, extension 6227, by December 13 to find out how your department can provide a happier, warmer Christmas for a family or an individual in the Williamsburg area.

Three Employees Mark Fifteen Years With CW

Three CW employees celebrated their fifteenth anniversaries with the organization late this month.

Marking fifteen years and pictured here are Nathan Tillage, cost accounting supervisor in the Treasurer-Comptroller Division, November 22; Gerald Finn, graphic arts draftsman in the Division of Architecture, Construction and Maintenance, November 23; Joseph Webb, auto mechanic, MO&M, November 23.



Leclere, (Cont.)

employee housing matters.

Alan joined the organization in 1963 and assumed his most recent position as executive secretary of the Planning Committee upon its establishment in May, 1964. Before this time, he had aided in the design of the Conference Center and the Lodge's West Wing in 1961-63, and later became the architect's Williamsburg representative during the construction phase. A registered architect, Alan holds an undergraduate degree from Rice University and graduate degrees from the Harvard Graduate School of Design and the Ecole des Beaux Arts, Fontainebleau, France.

Louann Witcofski has been named administrative assistant to the president and will be responsible generally for all administrative matters pertaining to the operation of the President's Office. Louann joined CW in 1959 as secretary in the Tour Office. In 1962 she became secretary to Ed Riley, director of CW's Research Department, and later served as secretary and banquet coordinator in the Hotel Sales Department. She was named secretary to the president in 1966. Louann is a 1959 graduate of Lynchburg College and has done additional postgraduate study at the Col-

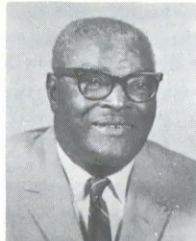
Linwood Jones Tops Twenty Years With CW

Linwood Jones, gardener in the Division of Architecture, Construction and Maintenance, celebrates his twentieth anniversary with CW on November 30.

Linwood joined the organization in 1948 as a laborer in Construction and Maintenance, becoming a gardener in 1951. He currently works in the central section of the Historic Area which includes the Orlando Jones, Palmer, and Prentis Houses, and Burdette's Ordinary.

Linwood has five sons and four daughters. Four sons, Robert, James, Joseph, and Rufus, are all employed in CW's Landscape Department. The fifth, Charles, is currently on military leave from that department and is stationed in Germany. His daughter, Gloria, is employed at Campbell's Tavern and another daughter, Lillian Wallace, works at the Lodge.

Linwood is a member of St. John's Baptist Church in Toano and especially enjoys fishing in his spare time.



Cryptogram Solution

When decoded the cryptogram message appearing in the November 12 issue of the CW NEWS reads: "I agree with you that there is a natural aristocracy among men. The grounds of this are virtue and talents." The quote comes from a letter to John Adams from Thomas Jefferson, dated October 28, 1813.

lege of William and Mary.

Mary Ann Barkley will succeed Louann as secretary to the president. Mary Ann began her career with CW in 1964 as a part-time sales clerk in the Inn Gift Shop. She has also held the positions of secretary in CW's Craft Shops Department, and personnel clerk in the Division of Personnel Relations. Mary Ann was named to her most recent position as secretary in the President's Office in 1967. She is a graduate of Greenwich Academy in Greenwich, Conn., and has also attended the College of William and Mary. She is a 1967 graduate of Katherine Gibbs School in New York.

Calendar Of Holiday Events

With the Christmas season less than a month away, CWers and visitors to Colonial Williamsburg may look forward to many gay and colorful festivities. Some of the major events planned for the forthcoming holidays in the colonial city are listed below.

Annual Christmas Exhibition - December 15 - January 5. A holiday exhibition at AARFAC of special interest of youngsters.

Grand Illumination of the City - December 19. The traditional white lighting ceremony begins at the Capitol at 5:30 p.m., followed by a torchlight parade through the Historic Area.

Williamsburg: Before and After - December 20. An illustrated lecture by Mrs. Allen Callis at the Information Center, 8:30 p.m.

Caroling through the Historic Area - December 20. Led by the members of the Peninsula Choral Society at 8:15 p.m.

The Old Virginia Christmas - December 22. A lecture by Miss Jane Carson at the Information Center, 8:30 p.m.

Carter's Grove Plantation opens for the holiday season - December 22 through January 1, except for Christmas Day.

Firing of the Christmas Guns - December 23. On Market Square at 3:00 p.m.

Costumed Carolers through the Historic Area - December 23. Begins at 8:00 p.m.

Community Christmas Tree Ceremony - December 24. A welcome by the Mayor of Williamsburg, caroling and lighting of the tree, on Market Square, 5:30 p.m.

Doorway Decoration Contest of private homes in the Historic Area. Visitors will act as judges and winners will be announced December 26. Judging will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on December 24-25.

Children's Holiday Film - December 25 at the Information Center -- 11:00 a.m., and 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, and 7:00 p.m.

Firing of the Holiday Guns - December 26. On Market Square, 3:00 p.m.

Colonial Sports Day - December 27. Begins at 3:00 p.m. on Market Square with contests, racing, dancing and greased-pole climbing.

Holiday Decorations - December 27. Comments and slides by Mrs. Edith Woods, showing the arrangements and decorations found in Colonial Williamsburg. 8:30 p.m. at the Williamsburg Lodge Auditorium.

Yule Reception at the Wren Building of the College of William and Mary - December 29. Reception between 7:00 and 8:30 p.m.

Fireworks - December 31. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. on Market Square.

Roy Matheny Celebrates Twentieth Year Here

Roy Matheny, maintenance carpenter in the Division of AC&M, celebrated his twentieth service anniversary with the organization on November 28.

Roy began his career with CW in 1948 when he came to work here as a construction carpenter in the Construction and Maintenance Department. In 1966 he transferred to the Building Maintenance Department to assume his present job.

Roy and his wife, June, have two daughters and a son. In his leisure time he enjoys hunting and fishing.



Correction

Our apologies to Pauline Valentine who was listed as a dishroom attendant in the last issue of the CW NEWS, Milestones column for September. Pauline is a "desk attendant" at the Information Center.

Evelyn B. Gill

The CW NEWS joins all employees in extending sympathy to the family of employee Evelyn B. Gill, who died Thursday, November 14, in the Medical College of Virginia Hospital after an illness of several weeks.

Evelyn had been employed here since September 23, 1968 and was in training as a hostess.

Survivors include her husband, T. Coleman Gill, two sons, two brothers and two grandsons.

The Presidency

by HUGH SIDEY

Thoughts on a stroll through Williamsburg

There was a splendid eye in the political hurricane of last week. It was Colonial Williamsburg, where wood smoke hung in the evening air and a significant serenity enveloped the traveler.

One felt in good hands—the hands of Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe—walking beneath a quarter moon along the Duke of Gloucester Street or with a glass of Bordeaux in Chowning's Tavern. Outwardly there is probably no place in America further removed than Williamsburg from the piled-up problems of our megalopolistic society. Yet what is so abundantly symbolized here is the thing which the nation requires of its new leadership, whoever it may be. It is courage to experiment and change in a dangerous world; willingness to give up wealth and time for the common good; regard for dissent and individuality; respect for intelligence and for joy.

Only a few days ago Horace Busby, who was one of Lyndon Johnson's most thoughtful young men, told the International City Managers' Association that America's very success had put the nation in the singular position of having, on the eve of its 200th birthday, to return to the basics of organizing its society and "do anew much that we have done before and build larger on stronger foundations." From the old Virginia capital, Busby

called up its most pervading intellect: "These times are, as Jefferson said of our earliest years, 'like new times.'" Sitting in the Hall of Burgesses, where Jefferson heard Patrick Henry defy the crown and where much of our system was argued out, one gets the feeling that Jefferson and his friends would have had some good ideas about what to do today.

The spell of Williamsburg begins as a visual thing. The sunlight touching the high tips of the old maples in the quiet of early morning. Wide streets. Brick paths between boxwood hedges. Wood piles. Benches for rest and thought. The plumb, pleasing authority of picket fences. The cozy openness. The close separateness.

On Nicholson Street, gazing through the backyards at seven massive chimneys clustered in the brightening sky, one realizes that there is no displeasing sight in restored Williamsburg. The vista from every corner, from every porch, from every window is gratifying. Even the small dwellings and the smokehouses have an elegance of form. The insignificant plots of land are fondly gardened. The fence posts are shaped. The wooden siding on the homes is beaded to cast a pleasing shadow. The bricks that top the retaining walls are gracefully rounded.

What is visual suddenly changes. A concept forms—and enlarges: of an aura of thoughtful care, from the governor's mansion down to the humblest cottage; of an acceptance of responsibility; of a collective pursuit of excellence in material, manner and, most important, mind.

The men who were to shape a nation

worried in Williamsburg about their environment and embraced a city plan to order and preserve it the way they wanted. To honor the intellect, they started Phi Beta Kappa in the Raleigh Tavern beneath a gilded motto, "*Hilaritas Sapientiae et Bonae Vitae Proles*" (Jollity, the offspring of wisdom and good living). In this colonial capital Jefferson hardened his belief that the only acceptable privilege was that based on ability, and whenever he could—to use his own phrase—he "laid the axe to the root of pseudo-aristocracy."

In the critical years before the Revolution, older men like Peyton Randolph readily yielded leadership to younger ones, "tempering," in Jefferson's words, "their ardor . . . modulating their pace," but never fearing the new that was coming on them (an attitude that today might ease some of our national tensions). Those men insisted on separation in the branches of government (a doctrine that sometimes grows dim in today's Washington). They saw, through their reasoning about the rights of all men, the building crisis of black men in America which later brought Madison's plea for "the eventual extinguishment of slavery" and Jefferson's conclusion that "nothing is more certainly written in the book of fate than that these people are to be free."

The men of Williamsburg self-confidently took on responsibility, defying the greatest military power in the world. "I think the Parliament of Great Britain has no more right to put their hands into my pocket without my consent," said George Washington, "than I have to put my hands in yours for money." They were reasonable men but also hot-blooded—as dissenters still are. Rather than submit to England, Jefferson would "sink the whole island in the ocean." The selfless willingness to pursue an idea was awesome. "It is my full intention," Washington declared, "to devote my life and fortune in the cause we are engaged in, if need be."

The State Department now brings visiting heads of state to Williamsburg before taking them on to Washington. They can rest from their jet flight for the night and at the same time absorb a little of the meaning of this nation. It might be a useful preparation these days for the President-elect.



In the old Capitol, faithfully reconstructed at Williamsburg, the members of Virginia's colonial legislature debated the issues and clarified the ideas that went into the making of the new republic.

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