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'OH, MY ACHIN' ARM' says Rod Jones, (right) as he tackles another stack of year-end checks and vouchers which must be signed before CW winds up 1956 business. Bob Evans, called in to help, puts his pen to work as Elizabeth Stubbs takes out a stack of signed papers. Photo by Chiles Larson

Budgets, Inventories, Reports Rush Treasurer's Division During Winter

Most CWers have their busiest moments in the summer when Williamsburg is thronged with visitors, and as the winter season rolls around, they have a little time to breathe.

Not so with the Treasurer and Comptroller folks. Beginning in October is a great push that carries right through Christmas and New Year's and doesn't let up until about the middle of May. During that period, Rod Jones & Company publish two books, consume many aspirin and cups of coffee, and oftentimes wish for the relatively quiet life of a host or hostess in November.

Let's look at a few of the larger items. Most important is the preparation of the budget for the new year. As the first step in doing this, Rod and his staff prepare a 100-page booklet giving actual figures for seven months of the current year and estimated figures for the remaining five. This serves as a basis for the new budget presentations. These new presentations are compared with the current budget and are ready for use at the November board meetings, where programs for the approaching year are submitted for approval. Work then begins on the final financial report, which

appears in March and includes complete budget and financial figures for the completed year.

"The preparation and administration of the operating and capital budget is one of our biggest jobs, but it doesn't stand alone in importance," Rod pointed out. "There are a number of operations which are as broad in scope and take as much of our time.

"Our people in payroll assume an especially heavy burden at the end of the year. If you think it's an annoyance figuring out your own income tax, imagine what they have to go through. Payroll must balance out the earnings of all employees with the total payroll at the end of the year, and this must be an exact balance.

"If it doesn't tally right, they have to do it again," Rod added with a frown. When this is done, the W-2 forms must be prepared and distributed in January.

"After that, if they are still able they take care of the fourth quarter Social Security and State Unemployment reports," he added.

Elsewhere, after the first of the year, T-C's work is concentrated on gathering all bills which CW's various sections and departments owe to each other and outside cor-

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From Old Sound Tracks

Seaton Reveals Unusual Sound Effects

The sound effects man, long a fascinating personality in the eyes of the American public, has come up with a new selection of unusual and authentic sounds. George Seaton, director of the Paramount and CW production, **Williamsburg — The Story of a Patriot**, which will open at the new Information Center early in April, reports that these effects came as the result of a suggestion by CW's Art Smith.

Art, in a memo to George, mentioned that the size of the theatres in the Information Center would place an unusual emphasis on the authenticity of natural sounds. He suggested that Paramount seek to incorporate as much in the sound tracks as possible in order to allow the visitor attending the film to project himself more complete-

ly into the spirit of the 18th century.

George's sense of humor got the best of him, and in a return memo addressed to John Goodbody, he stated that his sound effects cutter, with the help of sound effects librarians, had searched through thousands of reels and had discovered the following sounds:

Earthworm crawling through clay, compost, mud — and finally breaking his neck trying to make a dent in slate.

Beetles walking singly and in pairs.

Sound of rabbits multiplying, using close mike pick-up and distant mike pick-up.

Cornborers entering and leaving an ear of corn, going both left-to-right and right-to-left.

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Antiques Forum To Open Jan. 28 With Full House

A full house is expected at the opening session of the 1957 Antiques Forum when it convenes at Williamsburg Inn and Lodge on Jan. 28. The first session of the ninth annual Forum will continue through Feb. 1, and the second session will follow on Feb. 4-8.

Staff members of Colonial Williamsburg who may profit from the lectures, including the evening talks, during the second session will be invited to attend, according to Ran Ruffin, director of Special Events. "Limited seating capacity in the auditorium and heavy registration for the first session will mean that we will not be able to include the first session in the invitation," he said.

Young Colonies

American architecture, cabinet-making and decorative arts as they developed in this country will be studied at the two sessions under the general theme, "The Young Colonies and the Young Republic." In recognition of the 350th anniversary of the first permanent English settlement at Jamestown in 1607, a portion of the 1957 program will be devoted to discoveries at Jamestown and 17th-century backgrounds.

Expected to be of particular interest to Colonial Williamsburg personnel will be the talk by Nina Fletcher Little, consultant for the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Collection, entitled **Antiquarians Shouldn't Go in Such Places**. This will be given at 8:45 p.m., on Feb. 5. Discussions by J. L. Cotter and J. Paul Hudson of the Colonial National Historical Park, entitled **Archaeological Discoveries at Jamestown and The Crafts in Early Jamestown**, respectively, will be given at 10 a.m. on Feb. 6.

Other topics to be discussed in the second session will be **America's Medieval Heritage; The**

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CW Makes Slight Revision In Home Finance Program

The Employee Home Finance Program has been revised to include a primary and secondary loan, with a preferential rate on the primary loan. The revision became necessary in order to keep Colonial Williamsburg in line with established interest rates.

The new program will not affect employees whose home loans were approved prior to Dec 5, the effective date of the revision. Under the new plan, as long as home loan funds are available, loans will be considered to consist of two parts, a primary loan and a secondary loan.

Christmas Program Gains In Popularity With New Features

Christmas in Williamsburg in 1956 saw many events top previous attendance records, according to Ran Ruffin, director of Special Events. "In addition, several events which were added to the program this year proved to be very popular selections," he stated.

Many of the events were revised for the recent season, and CW's Christmas Committee has already begun planning for the 1957 program. "Further revisions will be made, for we learn more about trends and the drawing power of various events each year," Ran said.

Among the improved events last year were the Open House at the Capitol, the Singing Candles, street caroling, the Christmas Guns and the Yule Log Ceremonies.

Open House

The Open House on Christmas Day was moved to the Capitol because of the more ample facilities for accommodating large numbers there. It proved worthwhile, for Mike O'Riordan, a Christmas Day regular, counted 1734 visitors at the Open House.

The Christmas Guns ceremony was enhanced in 1956 by a short militia drill and was attended by about 400 people. Drillmaster Nick Payne found his men somewhat out of breath after the spirited drill, so he lined them up and

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The Primary Loan shall be in an amount not to exceed 60 per cent of the appraised value of the property, and shall not exceed \$20,000. It will bear an interest rate which is currently 4½ per cent.

The Secondary Loan shall consist of funds needed in excess of 60 per cent of the appraised value of the property, and shall bear interest at the prevailing rate, which is currently 5½ per cent. The total of the two loans — primary and secondary — must not exceed 90 per cent of the appraised value of the property, nor may it exceed a sum of \$30,000.

The employee who takes out a CW home loan may continue his loan in the event of a termination of his employment with the organization. However, he forfeits his right to the preferred rate of 4½ per cent and must then pay the prevailing rate of interest on his primary loan. This prevailing rate is currently 5½ per cent.

47 CWers Have Loans

According to figures compiled on Jan. 4, a total of 47 CWers currently hold home loans under the CW plan, and the total amount loaned by CW is \$540,447.98. In addition, applications totaling approximately \$60,000 are currently pending.

The Home Finance Program was inaugurated by CW in September, 1953, and offers loans to build or buy a home to regular employees with three or more years of accredited service.

In announcing the new program in 1953, Executive Vice-President

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Better Candles Due

Sooty Flame Loses Battle With Research

Lyman Peters must have felt like Mahomet trying to move the mountain for the past few years. He has been busy seeking information on wax candles that would be less harmful to antique furnishings and fabrics in the exhibition buildings.

It finally looks like progress is being made, for early this month he received specifications for a candle developed by the Esso Re-

search and Engineering Company. But he still has another hurdle—to find a commercial candlemaking firm that will manufacture this special candle at a cost compatible with the budget of Lyman's department, Operating Services.

The long episode of the candle received a boost in March, 1955, when President Kenneth Chorley wrote Esso stating the problems

which developed when air conditioning was installed in the Governor's Palace. When gusts of air hit the candles, they would flicker, drip excessively and give off quantities of soot, very unbecoming as well as damaging to priceless antique fabrics.

He asked Esso researchers to look into the development of a candle that would reduce the amount of soot given off.

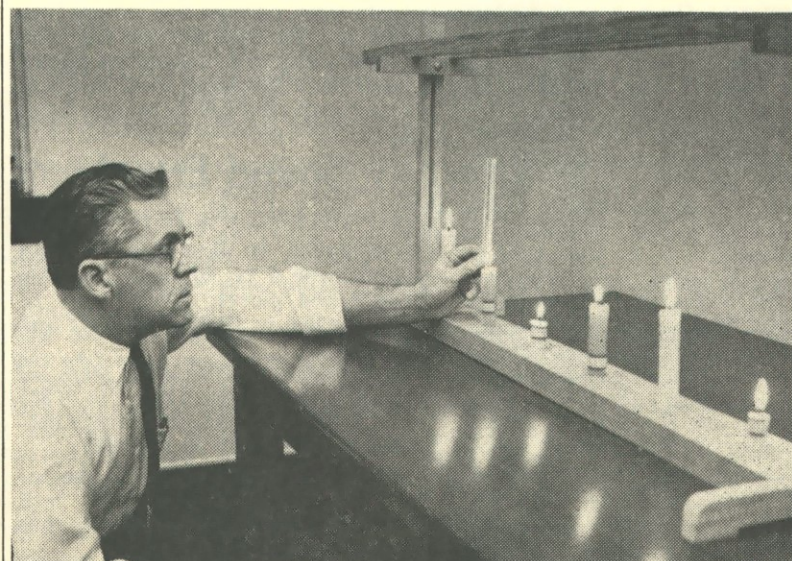
Earlier Tests

Prior to that time, however, Lyman had been called into the picture to make tests in Williamsburg, following a memo from Curator John Graham, who had become concerned over the effects of the soot.

Using a specially constructed apparatus, Lyman tested commercial candles of nearly a dozen different companies. One thing that he discovered was that the recovery of the candle, after being blown by a draft, is inversely proportionate to the amount of soot given off. The more rapid the recovery, the less soot. Snuffing of a candle was also an important factor, for some candles smoked longer after being snuffed than others. And smoke produces soot.

A number of the commercial candlemaking companies then set about trying to improve their products. The Candle-lite Company, which manufactures the candles

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EYE-LEVEL — Lyman Peters takes a reading on the height of flame on one of several candles in his experimental apparatus. He also measured amount of soot and other differences among various brands of candles. Photo by Ralph Veal

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A Resolution

MORE AND MORE emphasis is being placed on highway safety in today's newspapers and periodicals. In every city of substantial size, in every state across the nation, "drive safely" campaigns are held, most of them year round affairs.

Each day we read of someone who has met death at the hands of an automobile, either in some form of collision or by being struck down as a pedestrian. Traditionally, all such disasters are read by most of us with the calm dismissal that "it can't happen here."

But it can. We all have bad driving habits, whether it be day-dreaming at the wheel, driving away from a curb without first looking and signalling, jockeying with other drivers for the right-of-way or driving at excess speeds.

The next accident that you witness may happen to you. It may cost you a fender — or it may cost you your life.

If your New Year's Resolutions are already made, the CW News suggests an addition: "I will make it my business to observe more carefully the rules of safe driving in the interests of myself and family as well as fellow motorists."

Milestones

During December, 26 employees reached the following anniversaries:

FIVE YEARS

Division of Architecture, Construction and Maintenance—**Clifton Conyers, BC&M.**

Division of Visitor Accommodations—**Dorothy Cuffie, Laundry.**

ONE YEAR

Division of Architecture, Construction and Maintenance—**Margaret Miller, Architecture; Frederick Earl Waters, Jr., Larue Hite, Temple M. Burton, MO&M; William Ashbury, George Barrow, Clarence Burreall, William Cole, Ned Doswell, Amos Driver, Hildry Garner, Charles Grannis, Walda Harvey, Jack Hughes, Hubert Marshall, Ray Murray, Jesse Reynolds, Clarence Smith, Wilbur Smith, B, C&M.**

Division of Treasurer and Comptroller—**Elizabeth Johnson, Accounting.**

Division of Presentation—**Jesse Berry, Craft Shops.**

Division of Visitor Accommodations—**Dolores Ferguson, Lodge Housekeeping; Vivienne Jones, Hotel Services; Jean Bowman, Reservation Office.**

Proud Parents

Anne Randolph Allison, born Dec. 25, 1956; weight, 6 lbs., 15 oz.; father, Frederick C. Allison, Building, C&M.

Elva Elizabeth Klapper, born Dec. 20, 1956; weight, 4 lbs., 10 oz.; father, August R. Klapper, Printing Office.

Pauline Elizabeth Minds, born Dec. 30, 1956; weight, 5 lbs., 11 oz.; father, Randolph Minds, Landscape, C&M.

Herbert Eugene Rainey, Jr., born Dec. 8, 1956; weight, 6 lbs., 8 oz.; father, Herbert E. Rainey, Chowning's Tavern.

Bryant Ashley Webb, born Dec. 15, 1956; weight 9 lbs., 3/4 oz.; father, Howard Webb, Ayscough Shop.

The total federal civilian payroll on Nov. 30, 1956, was listed as 2,394,333 persons.



"That won't be necessary now."

It All Adds Up

Last month it was reported in the CW NEWS that, effective Jan. 1, the social security tax was due to be increased from two per cent to 2½ per cent. This was erroneous, and should have read 2¼ per cent. The NEWS hopes that this has not caused undue concern.

Candles

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currently used by CW, was successful in developing an improved candle, but it still did not possess all the ultimate properties sought. At this point, Esso took over. They accepted the challenge eagerly, and after considerable time and effort, developed a candle that has received high praise from CW.

Flame Is Key

In laboratory studies, their technicians found that the height of the flame was the key to the amount of smoke of a candle. A high flame smokes excessively, while a low flame smokes hardly at all, but can cause the wax to drip freely. They next determined that the size of the flame could be controlled by the content of wax and stearic acid, as well as by the size of the wick. Stearic acid helps govern the rate of burning and contributes to the candle's rigidity and appearance.

They also discovered with the help of a camera that candles burning normally give off smoke that is not visible to the human eye, but can be captured on the sensitive film of a camera.

To run the various tests, Esso asked a small local company to make up a special order of candles using different quantities of stearic acid, different wick sizes, wax with different melting points, and other varying characteristics. The tests resulted in a new candle which burns with a slightly smaller flame, smokes less, doesn't drip excessively and gives the required amount of light.

Lyman's mountain is nearly out of sight; at least it will be out of the way when some commercial company agrees to provide the 120,000 candles a year that CW needs, and will make them by the improved formula that took almost two years to develop.

Sound Effects

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Column of ants making their way over a jar of honey; also in sage and clover.

Fireflies in flight, both AC and DC.

Grasshoppers making leaps of various distances (1'11" to 6'3") with different type landings ranging from clumsy to graceful.

George concluded with the information that Paramount "will naturally use these unusual sounds whenever possible."

Art's comment was, "I don't know whether we can use the fireflies. There is some doubt about the authenticity of AC in the 18th century."

Hostess Minnie Pate Tops 20-Year Mark

Minnie Pate, Hostess in the Division of Presentation, reached her 20th service anniversary with Colonial Williamsburg on Jan. 21.

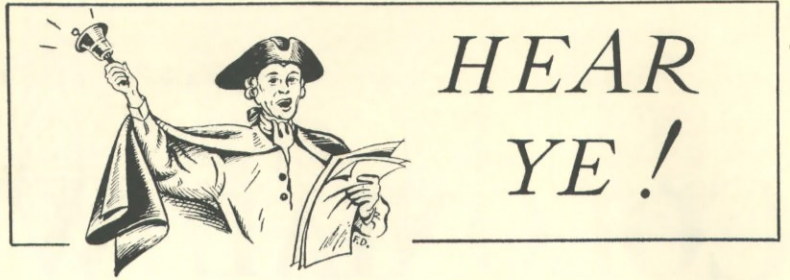
She joined the organization in 1936 as a Supply Hostess, and became a "regular" in 1939. She has worked in that capacity since that time, excepting a brief period in 1941-42 when she was a Hostess Supervisor. She is familiar to all as one of the many gracious ladies who guide visitors through the exhibition buildings.

Minnie's husband, the late Dr. J. E. Pate, was for many years a professor at the College of William and Mary and prominent in civic planning circles throughout the country. She has one daughter and one grandson. Minnie is a member of the Williamsburg Baptist Church and the College Women's Club.

Robert Berkley Now Is CW 15-Year Man

Robert L. Berkley, Gardener in the Landscape section of the Division of Architecture, Construction and Maintenance, became a 15-year man with CW on Jan. 29.

Bob joined Colonial Williamsburg in 1942 as a Laborer and remained on the job until January, 1944, when he left on military leave of absence. He returned in February, 1946, and worked at his old job until July, 1951 when he became a Gardener. He has remained in that capacity since that time, and works chiefly around the Inn, Lodge and guest houses. Bob is married and has four daughters and three sons. Two of his daughters are employed by CW as maids. Alice works at the Inn and Virginia works at the Lodge. Bob is a member of the St. John's Baptist Church, and his favorite outside interest is fishing.



WYTHE HOUSE & PALACE KITCHENS

MARION BARTLETT had a pleasant visit over the holidays from her daughter and six grandchildren. MAMIE LINDSEY was fortunate enough to get her vacation beginning just before Christmas. Now, she is having trouble with her teeth and has been unable to return to work. Speedy recovery to you, Mamie.

— Marion E. Roberts

CRAFT SHOPS

VICTOR VALENTINE, baker, spent a week visiting his parents in Lawrenceville. JOHN ALLGOOD, blacksmith, and family spent Christmas visiting their relatives in Seneca, S. C., and Elberton, Ga. ELEANOR and BILL CABELL, milliner and apothecary, recently visited their parents in Danville and Charleston, W. Va. BUD TATTERSHALL, wigmaker, went along as their guest. We wish a speedy recovery to SAMUEL JOHNSON, blacksmith, who is in the University of Virginia Hospital. JESSE BERRY, apprentice silversmith, will enter the army this month and we wish him the best of luck. The Colonial Craftsmen held their annual caroling and Christmas Party Dec. 22. Mr. and Mrs. JOHN HARBOUR were our hosts.

— Ray Townsend

PUBLIC RELATIONS

ALICE SIRCOM spent her vacation in New York City and enjoyed every minute of it.

Everyone in Public Relations joins in expressing happiness for CECY CUNNINGHAM, whose father has recovered from his recent illness.

— Joan Forrest

INN BELL FORCE

With NAT REID, MILTON BETTS and WARREN EPPS now on vacation, we have completed our vacation rounds and when they return, we will be ready for the coming season. JAMES PERTHON recently motored to Jacksonville, Fla., his former home town.

— Wendell Wright

OPERATING SERVICES

J. E. KEYSER, Manager of the Coach and Bus Operations, has just returned from a week's vacation in New York visiting Mrs. Keyser's relatives. Your reporter has replaced REISA PEARL as secretary to LYMAN L. PETERS. Reisa is now working in the Architectural Department. EUDELIA CALDWELL had a recent visit from her mother and sister and her family. DOROTHY ASHBY and BONNIE HANRAHAN are on the sick list. We wish them a speedy recovery.

— Nancy Gruber

OFFICE MANAGERS

CLARA and JOHN O'NEAL report a wonderful vacation in Florida, although they didn't come back with a Florida tan (Clara says the weather was much too cold for swimming.) JOHN MINKINS returned to work Jan. 10 after a pleasant vacation. HARVEY KELLEY has left for his vacation, and will return Jan. 21. We are glad to have ANNA PLITT as our new floating secretary. Anna's husband, EDWARD, is also working for CW while attending college. Your reporter spent the greater part of her Christmas holiday with her family in Petersburg.

— Betty Jacobs

MERCHANDISING

Best wishes to LOIS KENDREW on her engagement to Lt. (jg) Lawrence A. Caporal of Boston, Mass. He is a lucky fellow, Lois, and we wish you much happiness. FRANCES SCHWARZ is the proud grandmother of a baby girl named Kathleen Wright Schwarz. Kathy is the daughter of Frances' son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Schwarz of Huntsville, Ala. We were sorry to see Anne Mepham leave us but extend to her good luck with her third grade pupils at Matthew Whaley School. Another engaged lassie in our department is NINA BRIGGS who is betrothed to Jack Carter of Williamsburg. Best wishes to you both, Nina. HAROLD SPARKS enjoyed a leisurely vacation at home and frequented his favorite fishing spots. CATHARINE DORRIER spent a pleasant Christmas Day at her home in Waynesboro.

— Marcia Ryan

INSTITUTE

The New Year finds members of the Institute staff recuperating from the busy holiday season. LESTER CAPPON spent Christmas with his mother in Milwaukee before joining BILL TOWNER, JIM SMITH and BILL ABBOT in St. Louis where they attended the annual American Historical Association meeting. MIKE HALL and family journeyed to Princeton for the holidays. WID WASHBURN and his wife spent several days in New York and Hanover, N. H. Visiting their families in Frederick, Md., were ELEANOR PEARRE and BLANCHE GAMBRILL.

— Eloise Bryant

CORPORATE RELATIONS

HAROLD DEWITT took a week's vacation from Dec. 26 to Jan. 2. We will all miss JEANE SHEETZ, who leaves this month to accept a new job in Washington. JIM FULLER and CHUCK LOOMIS were quite the costumed colonials during the Christmas festivities.

— Linda McGwire

ARCHITECTURAL

We are very sorry to report that SING MOOREHEAD has been ill. He was taken to Johnston-Willis Hospital in Richmond during the Christmas holidays. MIKE MICHELLI plans to march with the Richmond Blues in the Inaugural Parade in Washington, D. C., on Jan. 20. Vacationing recently were MOREAU CHAMBERS, who spent Christmas in Delray Beach, Fla., visiting his mother-in-law, Mrs. A. R. Hanners; and ALEDA DUNN who journeyed to Roanoke to visit her family. Visiting DON PARKER and family over the holidays, were his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Glenns Parker, from Drexel Hill, Pa.

— Carolyn Hume

MECHANICAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

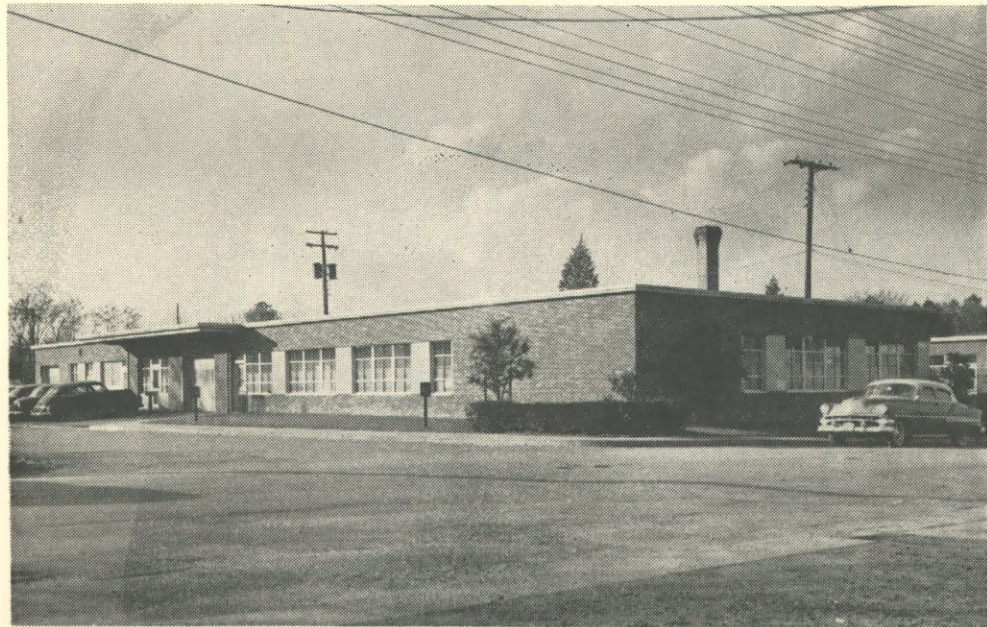
F. L. TUCKER and his wife and son, "Little Pete," spent the holidays in Wilmington, Del., where they visited E. A. Lloyd, a former employee of Colonial Williamsburg. They also visited the Polzers in Northampton, Pa. We welcome the following employees to our section: RALPH L. ANDERSON, JR., MILTON COOKE and JAMES V. HITE. T. R. HAZELWOOD recently underwent a minor operation but is now back on the job. The MO&M Department celebrated the holidays with the usual "Egg Nog" party, held this year in the Inn Game Room. HENRY PAGE spent his vacation on a "do-it-yourself" at home. FRED W. SMITH enjoyed his vacation at his wife's home in Providence Forge, while FRED MAYFIELD enjoyed just relaxing at home. Your reporter and her husband, Irvin, motored to New London, Conn., the latter part of December to attend the wedding of Irvin's sister.

— Mildred Sprinkel

BUILDING — C&M

We are very sorry to say that CHARLIE THOMPSON, Field Engineer, has been sick for the past two months. JOHN O'NEAL and family spent a very pleasant and cool vacation in Florida during the holidays. We understand he had to come back to Virginia to warm up. There were quite a number of cold weather vacationers during the month. Included were PAUL HURLEY, LEVI WALLACE, ARCHIE WHITE, ROY MATHENEY, JAMES FARRIS, BENJAMIN CUTRELL, RALPH MILLS, and JOHN WEAVER. Bet those fellows did a lot of wood chopping and water pipe thawing before the Mrs. would allow them to go hunting.

— Hank Ertl



NEW LOOK at the Warehouse Area. Above, the new Paint Shop faces south off Botetourt Street, looking across the re-located entry road to the west yard. Landscaping at the corner adds to the attractiveness of the building, one of the many permanent new facilities of CW's supporting activities.



FIRST CLASS is the best word for the new Motor Shop. Here, one of CW's trucks gasses up at the service island. The new building provides improved facilities for general maintenance, overhaul, washing and waxing of the more than 70 vehicles owned by CW. The shop also maintains all landscape and construction motorized equipment.

Photos by Chiles Larson

New Construction, Like Ole Man River, Keeps Rolling Along In Warehouse Area

Almost unnoticed, an ambitious building program is now in progress in the warehouse area at Lafayette and Botetourt Streets.

There, new construction and relocation of facilities will lead to more efficient maintenance of the more publicized segments of Colonial Williamsburg.

As it became evident that better facilities would be needed for maintenance of Colonial Williamsburg's properties, new, permanent buildings were designed by our Architect's Office. CW employees constructed the buildings under the supervision of General Superintendent Bruce Hardy.

The first building project was the construction of a Seasonal Storage warehouse, attached to the north side of the main warehouse. Completed in early 1955, this building provides off-season storage space for CW's summer furniture and hundreds of screen doors during the winter, as well as many other items used seasonally by CW. Also located in the new building is the Antique Furniture Shop, where exhibition building antiques are maintained and repaired.

An attractive new building for the Paint Section was next on the list. This now includes ample drying and finishing space, paint mixing laboratory, spray booth, storage space and other features.

Motor Shop

In a newly-extended section of the warehouse yard, a new Motor Shop for the maintenance of all automotive equipment has been constructed. This building also provides generous spaces, and will make possible improved service in the auto maintenance field.

Another new building at the east end of the yard is now in use by the Landscape and B, C&M field forces. Under construction at the west end of the yard is a building for the Mechanical Maintenance Shop, Blacksmith Shop, Sheet Metal Shop and maintenance field offices.

Across Botetourt Street, the new Curator's and Merchandising warehouse has been in use for some time, and next to it is the Central commissary, now under construction. This latter building will provide food service facilities for all hotels and restaurants of CW, and will also house the offices of the Food and Beverage

Manager as well as the relocated Archaeological Laboratory and additional space for Curator's storage. A new Carpentry Shop is planned shortly.

As buildings are completed, others are started, and work has been carried on in a manner that will keep the current work spaces in use until the spaces are ready.

The buildings are handsome, in flat, low design, so that they do not detract from the beauty and harmony of the restored area

Treasurer

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porations for the old year. "There must be a sharp line of delineation between the 1956 and 1957 payments," Rod cautioned. "We have to call in all late bills and get them applied to the correct appropriations."

After all the 1956 bills have been paid, Gilly Grattan and his General Accounting section must post all the old year's accounts and close out those records. Then, Bob Evans and the Auditing section check all books before the final annual reports are compiled. Our outside auditors from Lybrand, Ross Bros. and Montgomery come in to review the books about April 1, and everything must be in readiness.

Another special January headache comes from the many inventories. This goes on throughout CW, but Auditing must check them all after they are taken. There are over 544 asset accounts which also have to be checked, and the physical value listed. In the warehouses, there are some 5,000 classifications of items that must be inventoried and verified.

When everything has been done, the annual financial report is compiled. Following that, corporation tax returns and a number of special reports are made. Then, in the fall, it begins all over again — with very little break in between for catching up on items put off due to the rush of work.

Venezuela Festival Features CW Film

The Colonial Printer, CW's 25-minute film about America's 18th-century newspapermen-printers, traveled far afield recently when it was a feature at the First American Book Festival at Caracas, Venezuela.

The festival honored American books and other publications that had been instrumental in bringing about continental strength. Most of the nations in the Western Hemisphere participated.

An official of the festival described it as "one of the largest and most significant cultural occurrences of the New World."

Edward P. Alexander, CW's Vice - President and Director of Interpretation, commented, "It appears that The Colonial Printer was in very good company."

Alice Stone Retires; Was CWer 27 Years



Photo by von Romerheim, N. Y.

Alice Stone, receptionist in Colonial Williamsburg's New York office, has retired from the organization. A long-distance employee of CW since 1929, Alice observed her 27th service anniversary last July 7.

She joined the organization when Colonel Arthur Woods, first president of CW, and Kenneth Chorley, his successor, had offices at 61 Broadway. At that time, she was a relief telephone operator, and she has been in the outer office greeting visitors ever since. An injury received in a fall at home some months ago presented recurring trouble and she found it necessary to retire from her formerly active life.

When other long-time CWers visit the New York office, it won't seem the same without Alice Stone there to greet them.

Antiques Forum

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Hammersmith's Legacy at Saugus, Mass.; New England Furniture up to 1725; Cabinetmakers in New England, 1780 - 1810; American Blue Resist—a Puzzling Textile; Post-Revolutionary American Silver; A Country Collector Comments; Arms and Armor in 16th and 17th-Century America, and The China Trade.

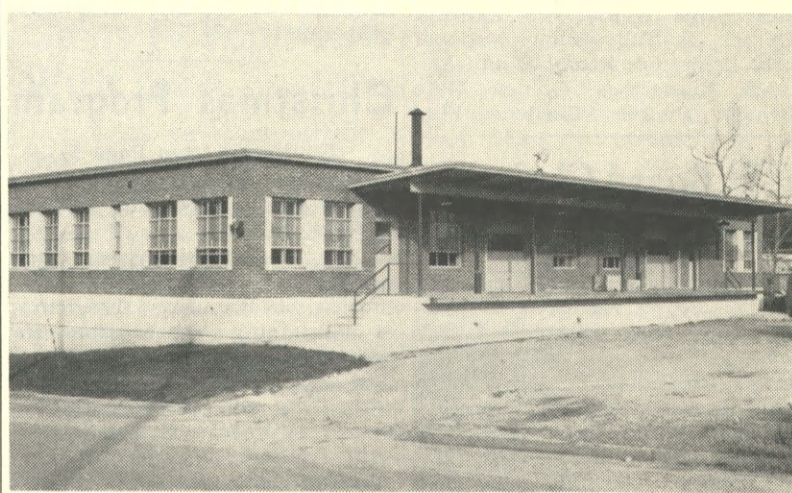
Sully Braxton Ends 18-Year CW Career

Sully Braxton, a CWer for the past 18 years, closed out his career on Jan. 7 when he retired from the organization.

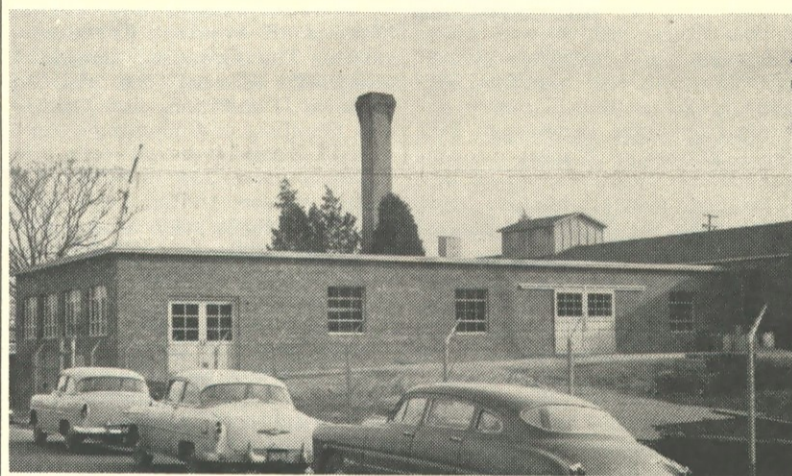
His date of retirement was his 65th birthday, and Sully, a native of James City County, reports that he plans to "just take it easy" at his home. Sully joined Colonial Williamsburg in 1938 as a Laborer for Construction and Maintenance. In 1947, he was transferred to Landscape C&M, where he was employed as a Gardener until July, 1952. At that time, he was assigned to Operating Services and began his job of maintaining the sidewalks and parking lots in the downtown business area. Sully has been married for 33 years, and has two children and several grandchildren.



The Atomic Energy Commission marked its 10th birthday on Dec. 31, 1956.



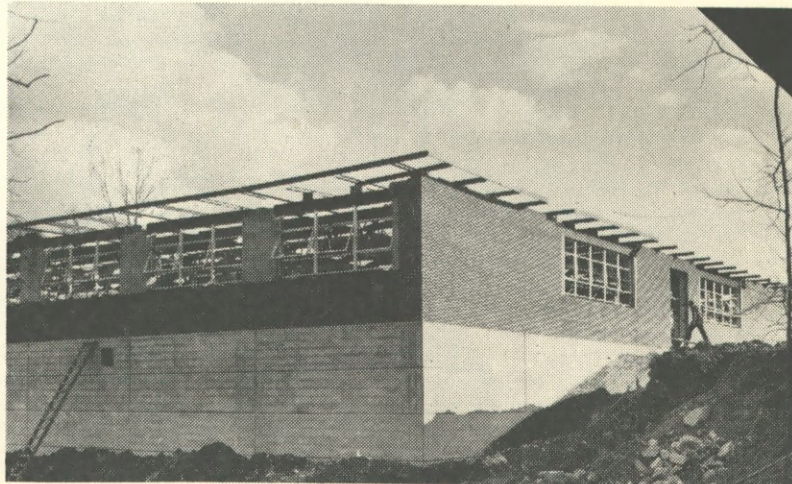
FUNCTIONAL loading platform at the Curator's and Merchandising warehouse also adds to the attractiveness of the building.



FIRST OF THE NEW buildings was the Seasonal Storage warehouse, which was constructed adjacent to the older general warehouse.



TINY SHRUB, first sign of tenancy by the Landscape offices, stands sentinel at the new building for Landscape and Field Construction forces.



WORK PROCEEDS on the new Central Commissary. Upon completion of this building, food services for Visitor Accommodations will be centralized.

Photos by Chiles Larson

As Seen By Editors

New York, Grand Canyon, CW Among Most Photographed Sites In Nation

If you were a traveler and had an opportunity to visit what you considered the 12 most photographed places in the United States, which would you select? Would 18th-century Williamsburg be one of them?

Generally speaking, if you were also a newspaper picture editor, you would include Williamsburg on your list. A poll of more than 100 picture editors recently included restored Williamsburg among the 12 most photographed places in the country.

According to the picture editors, the harbor of New York City, particularly the Statue of Liberty and lower Manhattan skyline, ranks as the most frequently photographed.

Others on the select list include Washington, D. C. governmental buildings, especially the Capitol and White House; Old Faithful Geyser in Yellowstone National Park; Colorado's Rocky Mountains; San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge; Cypress Gardens, Fla.;

Mt. Rushmore National Monument in South Dakota; Grand Canyon, Ariz.; Rockefeller Center in New York City, and the Alamo, San Antonio, Tex.

The picture editors differed strongly concerning their selections of the most beautiful places in the United States to photograph. In fact, there were almost as many nominations as there were editors. Eventually, it boiled down to a tie between the Grand Canyon and Cypress Gardens as the most attractive place, photographically, in America. Williamsburg, notably the Governor's Palace, again ranked in the top dozen, as did several of the other "most photographed." But New Orleans' French Quarter, California's Redwoods and New England countryside, among others, squeezed into the top dozen "most beautiful."

Christmas Program

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Nick, dressed as a British Regular and representing royal authority, told his men of the virtues of maintaining a citizen army. He pointed out that they might some day have to defend their homes, and then this training would prove worthwhile. By the time he had finished his lecture, the citizen soldiers were ready to fire the guns with added precision.

The party at the George Wythe House drew a tremendous crowd of 1400 people and kept CWers hopping all evening. Three new events, The Groaning Board at Campbell's Tavern, the visit to Berkeley Plantation, and Christmas Gambols at Chowning's Tavern, all proved to be sell-outs, and it is reported that visitors were highly pleased with the events. At Chowning's, each guest was provided with an 18th-century shirt, which added to the spirit of the festivities.

This year, further efforts will be directed toward providing outstanding events each evening during the Christmas fortnight, which may be achieved by re-scheduling or doubling up the more popular features.

CW Board Chairman Sets Heritage Speech

Winthrop Rockefeller, Chairman of the Board for Colonial Williamsburg, Inc., and Williamsburg Restoration, Inc., will speak at the Virginia Heritage Dinner at the Hotel John Marshall in Richmond on Feb. 1.



The dinner, which will honor Virginia's 350th birthday celebration this year, will highlight Virginia Heritage Month, which extends from Jan. 19 through Feb. 22. Beginning at 7 p.m., the dinner will be the first program in a series of special events being planned by the Richmond-Jamestown Festival Committee.

It will be sponsored by the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Virginia; Richmond chapter of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution; the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Virginia, and the Sons of the American Revolution in the State of Virginia.

More Winter Meetings

Every CWer Can Help Bring Business To Williamsburg

Are you a member of the Rotary Club? Woodmen of the World? Hotel Greeters? Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America? Daughters of the American Revolution? Any organization of local, state or national level?

If so, you are a personal representative of Williamsburg Restoration and may extend invitations to your organizations to hold their national, state, or local meetings, or conferences in Williamsburg.

Many organizations hold their meetings during the winter months—at a time when the heavy crowds of visitors are staying home. This makes Williamsburg particularly attractive to conference groups.

"Our motto is 'Business is a pleasure when meeting in Williamsburg,' and judging from the letters of thanks and commendation from groups who have held their conferences here, it must be true," Bill Bippus, Hotel Sales Manager, stated. Bill and John

Home Loan

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Carlisle H. Humelsine stated, "The program is not intended to supplant the conventional sources of funds for home financing, but is being started in order to assist those employees who have found it difficult or impractical to finance their homes through existing agencies."

Under terms of the program, funds are available only for new loans and not for refinancing existing loans. Generally, 20 years will be the maximum repayment period. The Peninsula Bank and Trust Company serves as the agent for processing and servicing the loans, and must pass on and recommend all loans before they are finally approved by CW.

Application for CW Home Finance loans must first be made in the office of C. Vernon Spratley, Legal Officer, on the first floor of the Goodwin Building.

The new provisions of the program which have recently taken effect will be reviewed periodically in the light of experience and whatever changes may have occurred in mortgage market conditions. Changes in interest rates of the Home Finance Plan will affect new applications only, and no employee who has a loan in effect will have any changes in his interest rates.

Cappon Again To Head Archival Summer Faculty

Lester J. Cappon, director of the Institute of Early American History and Culture and CW's archival consultant, will again direct the Summer Institute on Historical and Archival Management at Radcliffe College, it was announced recently.

The course, which will cover six weeks—June 14 through Aug. 2—will be co-sponsored by the department of history at Harvard University. It is designed for college graduates who are interested in a career in archival, museum and historical society work. The course is also open to employees of institutions in these related fields.

The staff will consist of 18 or more experts and the course, to be conducted as a seminar, will be limited to 15 students.

The French Line's luxury liner *Liberte*, the world's fourth largest liner, belonged to Germany until World War II and was named the *Europa*.



READY FOR THE BREEZE — Robertson's Windmill, currently nearing completion on North England Street, stands ready for a test run. Most structural work has been completed, and landscaping is in progress. Successful tests have already been made in grinding meal in the 18th-century fashion. When it opens to the public in late spring, it will be another free craft exhibit. *Chiles Larson*

Hear Ye!

NEW YORK OFFICE

MILDRED LAYNE spent the Christmas holidays with some of the members of her family in Florida and North Carolina. On Saturday, Jan. 12, at 4 p. m., JEAN MURRAY became Mrs. Robert Branscombe in Central Presbyterian Church, New York. The couple plans to live in Peter Cooper Village in New York. MR. and MRS. ALLSTON BOYER leave in mid-January for a vacation in Sarasota, Fla., where they will visit his mother.

— Ruth Hauptert

LANDSCAPE — C&M

The Landscape Section welcomes JAMES McCARRON and BEN GILBERT. JETER DAVIS spent the holiday with friends and family in North Carolina. CLIFTON CONYERS, HUBERT and JAMES HAYS all drove to South Carolina to visit their families. IRVIN SPRINKEL spent a few days with his brother in Connecticut. Other Landscapers on vacation were CHARLES SPENCER, HERBERT ARMSTEAD, GARNET JONES, CURTIS CARY, RICHARD JONES, RUFUS JONES, WILLIAM STRONG, HERMAN JONES, NORMAN PALMER, WALTER JOHNSON, MAY HAMRICK, ROBERT RUSSELL, HOWARD BRINDLE, JOE JEFFERSON, HERBERT PALMER, HOMER PURCELL and R. L. JOHNSON.

— Dick Mahone

HOSTESS SECTION

We take pleasure in welcoming our new hostesses, JAN WIRT, BETTY SYDNOR, and ROB NEBLETT, and our new host, HADDON GRAHAM BOWER. Mrs. Philip Nelson, a former hostess, entertained the hostesses at her home in Chandler Court during Christmas week. A series of holiday parties was given by ILDA BERNARD. Visiting Ilida during the holidays were her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Bernard of Urbana, Ill., and their two children. KATHLEEN JONES had as her holiday guest, her daughter, Miss Mary Winston Jones of Fort Sill, Okla. A Christmas "open house" was given by BETTY DEAL for the hostesses, hosts and escorts at her new home on Holly Road. MAY FLETCHER spent the Christmas holidays in sunny Florida. Also in Florida are HELEN WOODS and NOUVELLE GREEN. ELLA RHODES is visiting relatives in Savannah, Ga. Back from a snowy Rhode Island vacation is JUDY TAFT. MALCOLM DUNN has returned from his Kentucky home. MINNIE PATE spent the holidays visiting in Richmond, Baltimore and Charlottesville. Also on vacation have been JO CARTER, GRACE PHELPS, and ELIZABETH CALLIS.

— Barbara Wilbur

LODGE KITCHEN

We wish a speedy recovery to all our sick: WARREN BAILEY, JOSEPHINE CLOWER, JOSEPHINE RANDALL and GRACIE JONES. Back with us from vacations are MAE PRITCHETT, PERCY MASON, ELIZABETH PARRILLA, GOLDIE WHITESIDES and FLOYD ADAMS. Welcome to our new employees — PURCELL JOHNSON, CHARLIE BLOUNT and BOUSSEAU McCLENNY. We will miss Manuel Walton, who has left us for California.

— Alma Wallace

THEATRE

"HAP" HALLIGAN and his daughter traveled to the Blue Grass State to spend the Christmas holidays with their relatives. TOM McCORMICK and his family are quite pleased with their new home located at 700 Tanyard Street. Your reporter along with NANCY GORDON attended a three-day youth retreat in Baltimore, Md., during the holidays. JUDY CRONE spent an exciting New Year's Eve in New York City. Watch out for BILL ETCHBERGER and his new green plaid vest. He says that the Missus made it.

— Merle Ridinger

LODGE KITCHEN & COFFEE SHOP

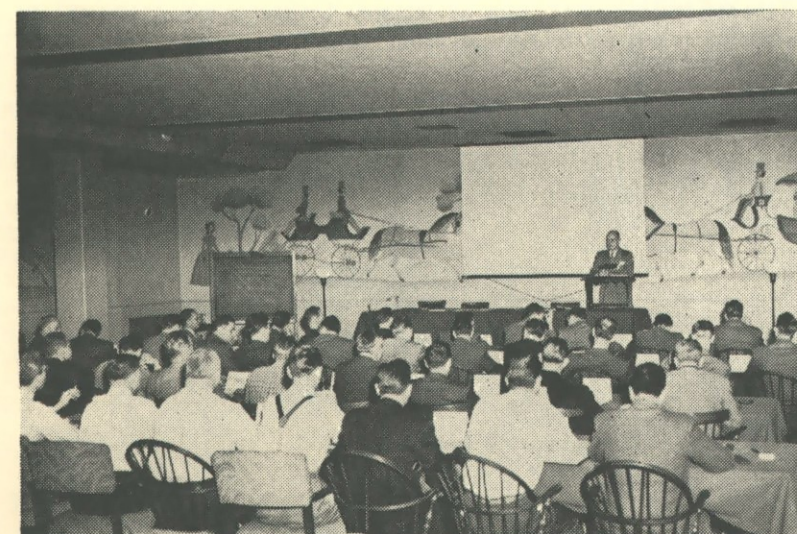
ILONA MOLNAR and CATHERINE EPPERSON have had family visiting with them over the holidays. Ilona's sister came here from New York City, while Catherine is pleased to have her mother here all winter from Rocky Mount, N. C. IRIS MITCHELL and ELIZABETH MURPHY have both been on vacation. FORREST GRIFFIN visited his brother at Sea Island, Ga., over Christmas. Another recent vacationer was O. D. WEIKEL.

— Norma Bamman

RESEARCH

Members of the Research Department have been working all over the country in the past month. HUGH RANKIN went to New Jersey and New York; SUE ARMSTRONG was in Chicago; JOHN HEMP-HILL in Washington, D. C., and Richmond, and, by way of getting "back in the saddle" ED RILEY flew to Los Angeles. We are glad to report that JANE CARSON has recovered from illness and is back at her post.

— Dolores Phillips



AMPLE FACILITIES are available for group meetings here. The Lodge Ballroom will accommodate as many as 300 persons for meetings or banquets. Other such spaces of generous proportions include the Reception Center auditorium and the Inn East Lounge. Portable motion picture and loudspeaker equipment is available.

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