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## Employee Meetings To Feature Quiz Programs In April

Two Information Quiz meetings for both white and colored employees of the Restoration will be held this month, offering those attending a chance to participate in an evening of fun and knowledge for cash prizes.

Doors will be opened at 8:15 and will be closed promptly at 8:30. Those arriving after that time will be excluded from what promises to be the most interesting, entertaining, and lucrative employee meetings ever held. Department heads will be excluded from participation but not from attending.

Upon entrance to this meeting each employee will be given a ticket with a number on it. The stub of this ticket, carrying the same number, will be deposited in a large bowl. After the doors are closed ten numbers will be drawn to select the ten initial participants. After questions are missed, replacements will be made likewise.

Tabulators will keep a running account of the questions and answers, and at the end of the program will announce the winners. To the person answering the most questions correctly will go ten dollars first prize. Second prize will be five dollars, and third prize, three dollars.

The judges of the Information Quiz programs will be Mr. Chorley, Mr. Geddy, Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Coger, Mr. Kendrew, and Dr. Farish. The tabulators will be I. L. Jones and Nick Shearon. Tom McCaskey will act as the Quizzer.

Questions to be asked will be sent in by employees during week prior to the meeting. One person in each department will be assigned to collect questions, which must be written singly on separate slips of paper. Employees may submit as many questions as they desire. These may be signed or unsigned.

Questions may be asked on almost anything that concerns Williamsburg and the Restoration. They may be general questions, specific or detailed, personal, or catch questions of reasonable nature. Examples follow:

What is Flemish Bond? Stocks, a form of servitude, or a pattern?

Who made the plans for the City of Williamsburg. Which Governor had the Palace built and when?

## Opening Day at the Office



Initial ceremony of the opening of the Goodwin Building is pictured above, as Mrs. W. A. R. Goodwin, Mr. Chorley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Heydt, leave the front entrance in the procession to the speaker's stand erected near the cornerstone.

## Extensive Housing Survey Under Way For Employees

In response to the numerous requests for places to live that have been flooding the rental department of the Restoration through its agent Gardner Brooks, an extensive survey of housing conditions among Restoration employees is being made by Vernon Geddy, while a check-up on space that could be used for living quarters is being conducted by A. E. Kendrew and C. V. Lavery.

Mr. Geddy stated that there have been five times as many applications for houses as there are quarters available. It has always been the policy of the Restoration, he said, to give its employees preferential treatment in rental matters, but he emphasized that this does not imply that an employee can give up a perfectly good house because he wants one with extra rooms he can rent out.

Mr. Kendrew and Mr. Lavery are investigating available space that could be converted into apartments or kitchens, and also the building schedule is being looked into to see if the construction of living quarters could be pushed ahead.

## New Laundry Now In Operation By T. & O. At W. R. I. Warehouse

The new laundry is now in operation at the Warehouse under the direction of Mr. A. D. Campbell, who is assisted by ten operators. Mr. Campbell has come to the Restoration from a hospital in Wilmington and before that was assistant superintendent in charge of the Mayflower Hotel laundry in Washington, D. C. All of his employees, with the exception of three, who have had experience at the Inn, are learning the laundry business for the first time.

Mr. Campbell has every reason to be proud of his new equipment which includes three washing machines; two extractors, that rotate at 1,320 revolutions a minute, and take ten minutes to remove 50% of the moisture; one tumbler; a giant ironer which is the most up-to-date model on the market, and will take care of ten bed sheets a minute, ironing them on both sides; two uniform press units and one coat unit. Each machine full of clothes is put through two baths of suds and seven rinses, any stains being removed by hand.

## Name Of Paper Remains Same By Large Vote

### Majority of Ballots Request That Name Remain 'Restoration News' New Policy Announced for Future

In view of the fact that over sixty per cent of the ballots cast in the New Name Contest were in favor of retaining the first name given the Restoration's paper, the editors voted to follow popular demand and make THE RESTORATION NEWS the official and final name of the publication.

Following the test made with the first issue Mr. Chorley has authorized the editors to publish the paper in the future on the following policy. It will be issued bi-monthly, or every two months, and confined to four pages until such time as more are considered necessary.

Results of the balloting from the first issue gave 184 returns. All but three agreed to pay five cents per issue if requested; twenty new and different names were submitted; 40 voted for quarterly publication, 75 for bi-monthly, and 69 for an issue each month.

In judging the new names submitted the editors voted to give the following places of honorable mention. "W. R. Ink" by Monier Williams, "The Restoration Reporter", "The Restoration Messenger", "The Restoration Review", and "Town Crier".

## Subtle Architects

Restoration architects should gain fame by their subtlety.

A huge sign has for some time welcomed their early arrivals with the cheering message . . . *You Are On Time.*

This was all very nice until one morning, with appropriate ceremony, the sign was reversed promptly at 9 A. M. Our sympathies are out for the late comer who was greeted by its message, printed in bold type . . . *You Are Late.*

You will have to get up early to get ahead of the architects when it comes to finesse.

The portrait of Evelyn Byrd of Westover, one of the famous beauties of Colonial times, has been acquired by the Restoration.

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## First Aid Class

The Central Safety Committee, believing that it would be of definite benefit to the Restoration as well as to individual employees, has made a survey to determine the number of Restoration employees who would be interested in taking Accident Prevention and First Aid courses. Returns from the questionnaires which were sent out reveal that there are 138 employees interested in taking such a course. This survey showed that there are 25 employees who have previously had courses of this kind. Since a class of 30 persons is about the maximum number which can be efficiently instructed at one time, the Committee has asked the department heads to select a prorated number of persons from their respective departments to take the first course. Meetings of this first class are expected to begin early in April. W. D. Hedgebeth and Russell Holland who have instructor's certificates will conduct the first class.

The Employees' Safety Committee, which meets on the last Friday of each month, has been carrying out their usual inspection of Restoration buildings, properties and projects, and have recently made a study for the regular posting of Accident Prevention Bulletins and Posters which are available each month from the National Safety Council.

These posters are to be placed in appropriate locations and will be renewed or changed frequently. At the January meeting of the Employees' Safety Committee, the following new members were elected for a term of one year: Miss Madeline Warrick, Mr. Harry Sutton, Nathan Grant.

## "K. C." AT THE BAT

So much water has gone over the dam since the first issue of our paper came out last November that if I should attempt to outline all of the things that have happened to the Restoration and to me from that time to this, there would be no room left in the paper for anything else except "Casey" of old "Mudville".

At 12:05 A. M. on Thursday, March 13, I climbed into a lower berth at Grand Central Station. At 8:30 A. M. the same morning I arrived at Fort Edward, New York, and found about two feet of snow. A car was waiting for me and I drove about forty-five minutes northward and then I reached one of the most beautiful spots in New York State, a place on top of a snow-covered hill looking down on Lake George which was surrounded by the snowcapped foothills of the Adirondacks.

The purpose of this trip was to see our good friend, Elton Holland. I found him in grand physical shape. He was dressed in ski trousers and boots and told me he had been spending six or seven hours a day skiing, at first with rather disastrous results but apparently—as in the case of everything he does—it was not long before he became fairly expert. (At least that was his story—about being an expert.) There is no question but that this rest cure has done and is doing him a world of good and the doctors assured me that it would only be a relatively short time before he would be entirely well. This was grand news to me as I am sure it will be to all of you. He drove me back to the station and I took a three o'clock train, arriving in New York about eight o'clock that evening.

There has been a large influx of men to this peninsula who are serving their country in the national defense program, both in the uniformed and civilian forces. Those of us who are not actively engaged in national defense have, I am sure, given thought as to how we may aid in this important national program. There are many ways, but may I suggest one and that is to be good hosts to these men who have come into our neighborhood. Let us not take advantage of this situation in any way. Let us realize that many of these men are far from home, their families, and their friends and they no doubt will appreciate more than anything else having someone befriend them. You in your own particular way will know best how to do this.

# SOCIAL EVENTS

## SAUNDERS-LARMER

Miss Florence Saunders, Suffolk, Virginia and Mr. William Vance Larmer, Jr., of Benn's Church, Virginia, will be married Saturday, May 3, in Suffolk Christian Church.

For the past three years Miss Saunders has been associated with the General Office division. Mr. Larmer is connected with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co.



Miss Saunders

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## JOHNSON-COLLINS

Announcement has been made of the coming wedding of Miss Georgia Burgess Johnson and Mr. William Francis Collins, Jr. of Richmond in the Chapel of the College of William and Mary on Saturday, April 19th.

Both the Department of Hostesses and Attendants and the Department of Public Relations claim Miss Johnson. Mr. Collins is connected with the Nichol's Insurance Adjustors in Richmond.

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## Hostesses Resume Look-See Trips

During the month of March the Department of Hostesses resumed the series of one-day educational trips to historic places to cover a wide field which starts at the Yorktown Ferry and goes north to the beautiful old churches, Abingdon and Ware, and to Rosewell, home of the Pages.

This baronial three-story house, which burned in 1916, was magnificent, with a frontage of over 200 feet. Toddsbury was the next place visited. Its arched doorways were copied in detail for the parlor of the Raleigh Tavern.

Sabine Hall, Stratford, and Wakefield were others on the list. The spacious structure and elegant furnishing of these homes is impressive, and seeing them is most helpful to the hostesses in interpreting old Virginia Life and customs, and in suggesting more extensive tours than many visitors ordinarily plan.

It is said that these trips are a happy combination of educational pursuit, and mild hilarity!

## Strupel Appointed

Frank E. Strupel, a member of the C. & M. Department, has been appointed to membership on the Benefit's Committee to fill the vacancy created by George Franklin's resignation.

James "Curly" Norton, formerly of the Architectural Department is now connected with Metcalf & Early in New York, working on defense work.

## NEALE-BLACKWELL



Mr. Blackwell

Mrs. George Edward Neale of Richmond has announced the approaching marriage of her daughter, Anne Eloise, to Woodley Jennings Blackwell, of Reedville, Virginia. The ceremony will be on April 12 at First Baptist Church, Richmond.

Miss Neale is in the Personnel Relations Department and Mr. Blackwell is Payroll and Crafts Auditor of the Treasurer's Department.

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## MYERS-BRANCH

Miss Jane Myers and Mr. John T. Branch were married in Washington, the home of Miss Myers, on March 25th. Mr. and Mrs. Branch both attended the College of William and Mary.

Mr. Branch joined the staff of the Treasurer's Department in 1939.

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Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gransauil of the Division of Taverns and Ordinaries are the proud parents of a baby girl, Sandra May, born the 25th of January at Bell Hospital.

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Another T. and O. baby, also a girl, is that of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Maxie's, Betsy Newcomb, born at Stuart Hospital in Richmond on February 27th.

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Richard Poole Hankins has recently moved to Richmond where he will continue his work with Wiley & Wilson, Mechanical Engineers for the Restoration.

## Allen-Byrd House Near Completion

The Construction forces of the Restoration began, on August 27, 1940, the restoration of the Allen-Byrd House, its dependencies, and its gardens. The project consists of an eight-room brick dwelling, a kitchen, laundry, dairy, smokehouse, well house, and stable, together with extensive planting in the gardens. It is expected that this house will be ready for occupancy by May 15th.

The Allen-Byrd dwelling was originally of a gable roof design with dormer windows. The building had been altered to its present hip roof form, and the dormer windows eliminated by the third quarter of the eighteenth century, however, and it was decided to restore it to its appearance of that period. Because of the alteration in the roof form the chimneys were rebuilt above the third floor level. The type of brickwork on the upper part of the chimneys is thus different from that in the main portion of the house. Archaeological investigation disclosed evidence of the old trim and stair, and also showed that the two front rooms had been paneled from floor to ceiling. It was found that the interior woodwork at one time had been painted a very brilliant blue, and at another time a handsome olive green. Samples were made to match these colors, and have been preserved for future use.

The exterior of the house will be an authentic restoration to its eighteenth century appearance. The interior of the house is being restored to its original appearance with certain alterations to make it suitable for modern living quarters.

William Byrd III, was probably the most prominent early occupant of the house, and at one time his famous library of four thousand volumes, the largest in the colonies, was housed there.

## Concerts Continue

The Wednesday evening concerts in the Game Room of the Lodge have proved so popular that they are to be continued. This double quartet from Hampton Institute sang here for the first time in November; their program which includes spirituals and folk music has a great deal of charm and appeal and has caused much favorable comment.

Miss Castle (to new typist): "Now I hope you thoroughly understand the importance of punctuation?"

Typist: "Oh, yes, indeed. I always get-to work-on time."

# NEWS OF THE COLORED PEOPLE

By THOMAS KEARNEY AND ISHAM JOHNSON

The employees of the Wythe House, Palace, and Capitol gave a buffet supper in the home of Jack Orange recently. They had an enjoyable time, and after supper snapshots were taken of the dinner party.

Sylvester Harold, our head bell-boy, had the Stork to visit him with a baby boy. The Stork also visited Ralph Carter in the month of February.



The most photographed person in Williamsburg is Marjorie Alice Payne, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Payne, caretakers at the Wythe House.

One of our young married men asked another about going to a dance with him. His reply was, "I'll go if you stick your head in the door first when we come home."

We are very proud to have Bertha Casselle out with us again. She has been to the hospital for an operation.

The Colonial Indians lost a hard game Monday to Smithfield, 42 to 40. Five times the Indians lead, but something went wrong and they were defeated. Eppes was the leading scorer with 15 points. Thanks to the Restoration for such valuable players as Frederick Eppes, William Beale, James Randall, Milton Cooke and Hugo Johnson.

Movies are being shown in the auditorium at the high school every Friday night. Watch the bulletin board for coming attractions.

We are very glad to have Frank Hicks as a newcomer in our dining room of the Inn. He is second waiter. In the summer he is head waiter at the Cavalier Beach Club in Virginia Beach.

It makes us happy to have so many faithful workers of the churches and other associations on our list for this paper. Brother John Reed, one of our employees, is sponsoring a campaign for the church in his leisure time. It is called the Men's Campaign. He has been very successful. He rendered a program and sang a solo. The name was "One out of the Ninety Nine." The evening was full of pleasure, and everyone enjoyed it. It was called "Men's Night" and assisting Brother Reed were, Jack Orange, William Red-crosse, and Wilford Randall.

We are proud to say that Fred Crawford, a member of the James City Lodge 152, A. F. & A. M., has made application for the R. A. degree and is expecting to receive notice very shortly.

—T. K.

Rev. Massie, pastor of the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, preached a very inspiring sermon on the last Fourth Sunday. He took his text from the 23rd chapter of St. Matthew, and his subject was "Hypocrites." He brought out many interesting facts.

Alonzo Billips, one of our employees who has been quite sick, is improving rapidly. We are glad.

The "Melody Four" and the "Harmony Four" quartettes will sing in a contest at Mt. Gilead Church soon.

All of the laborers of the Restoration seem to be very pleased with our new superintendent, Mr. C. V. Lavery, and welcome him to Williamsburg.

The Installation of the Junior Department of the First Baptist Church of Williamsburg, which is the oldest Baptist Church in Virginia, took place in March.

John Haley, who has been sick for several weeks, is back on the job.

Mrs. William H. Wallace, who underwent a very serious operation at the Elizabeth Buxton Hospital, is getting along very nicely.

Russel Walker, of Norge, and Lincoln Williams, of Magruder, both our employees, were called to the Army for a year of training.

—I. J., SR.

## Lesson In Living

A week or so ago one of our fellow workers, returning home from a party about 1 A. M., met a stranger in front of his house looking for a place where he could get a room for the night.

Upon questioning it developed the stranger had an hour or so before been given directions from the home of another worker, but had become confused, and was growing more desperate since he had to be at work at Fort Eustis at 7:30 in the morning.

Our fellow worker then asked the stranger to sleep in the spare bedroom in his house. The stranger then identified himself. He was a welder, sent down from Yonkers, New York to work on the hospital at Eustis. He had arrived about a week before and the only room he could find was one where the landlady asked \$10.00 per week. He explained his inability to pay that amount but agreed to pay \$6.00 and to move if the landlady could later rent the small beaver-boarded room for the requested amount. Returning to his room this night about 11 P. M. he found himself locked out, and his room rented to another person.

After the stranger had gone to bed his host began to worry . . . maybe this man was a fraud? Should he hide his valuables? No, he would not. He had faith in this man.

The next morning the stranger gone, our friend found all his valuables untouched, the bedroom occupied was hardly mussed, the bathroom was left spotless. On the dresser he found this note: "Dear Friend, I'll never forget what you did for me. It happen to be someone that is worth it. . . P. S. I wish you very good health, luck, and happiness."

The house in which this happened was "The Quarter". Our fellow worker, Kenneth Chorley.

## New Department Has First Birthday

February 15th brought the Department of Public Safety to the conclusion of its first year of service to the Restoration.

During this time three patrolmen have received appointments to other agencies. Robert Gaunce was the first, and is now a Virginia State Trooper. Hamlet Smith, and James Hedrick recently were called by the Williamsburg Police Department.

Applicants for positions with the Restoration force must be High School graduates, between 21 and 35 years old, at least five feet, seven inches tall, and capable of strenuous physical activity.

## Hostessing:—A Very Liberal Education

By MRS. H. M. STRYKER

It is June, and our country's schools are closed for the summer vacation. Two Bryn Mawr teachers exchange greetings and formalities as the hostess explains the best procedure for seeing the Governor's Palace, and other places of interest in Williamsburg. The hostess knows, after a few words, that these two ladies will be agreeable companions to take through the Palace. They will say, "Thank you," in some form, at the end of the trip. They sign the visitor's book, and sit quietly reading their handbooks for the few minutes in which other guests are gathering.

A family group come in—a father and mother, and their son and his wife, perhaps an April bride and groom they were. The bride bubbles with quiet delight as she whispers that she has looked forward to coming here for four years. Next comes one lone man, with coal black hair, swarthy complexion, a slight accent, and polished manners. The hostess knows he will not walk before her, nor interrupt while she is talking, nor try the door knobs of any closed doors.

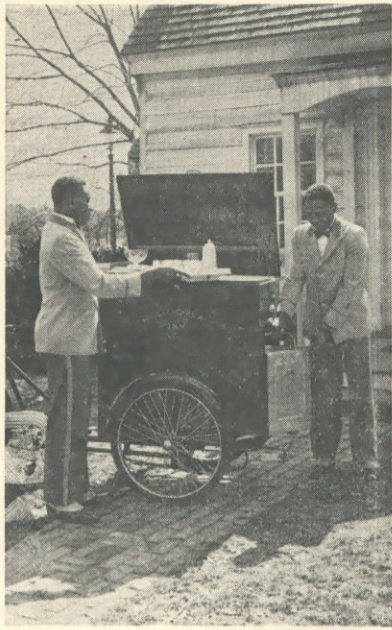
We next have two fairly young mothers, each with a child of about ten years. It is soon evident that their friends told them not to miss Williamsburg. One sits immediately in the hall to change a film in her camera, while the other asks if we have any post cards or pictures to give away. She has had them given to her at the other places she has been. The ten-year-olds are beating vigorously on the drum as the hostess steps into the guard's room to conduct her first class of the morning.

As we approach the Palace, we meet an elderly couple, slow of step, the husband gently keeping his wife to the front, it develops later, because of her deafness. They hand their tickets to the hostess gladly, and join the group. The hostess searches her group for clues that will help her give an interesting interpretation for all. She is sure that the elderly couple have lived rich, full lives.

The Bryn Mawr teachers know history, and they enjoy things in a quiet way. The lone man looks searchingly and approvingly. The mother-in-law calls Agnes and tells her, "That chest of drawers I am fixing for you is not as large as this one, but it is much handsomer because it is maple, and has nice big wooden knobs."

The hostess suppresses her fearful emotion as she persuades the ten-year-olds not to move the sedan

## "FOODMOBILE"



Here's the newest wrinkle in room service, designed to serve our Guest Houses. Milton Cooke and Robert Johnson are shown using it to serve guests in the Quarter.

chair to the rear of the hall. We come to the portrait of King James, the first. The old gentleman solicitously tells his wife that this is Sir Walter Raleigh, "You know, the one who put his coat down for Queen Elizabeth, and the king didn't like it, and had him beheaded." The wife smiles and says she remembers now.

A few in the group approve of the Chinese and other oriental influence, and understand the great China trade which brought it about. Others make no comment, but look and listen, while the mother of one ten-year-old says she never heard of such a thing, and it simply ruins the Palace for her. Verily, by their words, ye shall know them. By this time, the hostess has traced the lineage of George, the third, all the way from James, the first.

We come to the supper room door, and look out over the garden. The elderly lady says, "We have been thinking of England a great deal since we have been here." Her eyes fill, and the small group left thinking far away thoughts for a moment. By this time, the ten-year-olds have had their picture taken, and their mothers are off to buy post cards. After the garden tour is explained, the hostess says goodbye to persons who seem like old friends. After two hours, the Bryn Mawr teachers come to the desk to ask if it is too much of a favor to let them go into the Palace again, with the next group, partly to see the beautiful flower arrangements. They add that what they have seen this morning will give them something happy and beautiful to take with them all summer.

## Green and Hoke Introduce New Food Carrier

Necessity is the mother of invention, but as far as the management of the Williamsburg Inn is concerned the Good Humor Man was the unwitting father of its Foodmobile, an ingenious contraption which is used to transport hot food to the outlying guest houses and cottages.

Some of these cottages are two blocks distant from the Inn, and as guests in them were given the same room service as in the Inn itself, it meant that the waiters were often to be seen tearing down the streets of Williamsburg balancing a food warmer in one hand and a loaded tray in the other. At one point the Inn was the proud possessor of the services of a waiter who had the rare and frightening ability to ride a bicycle while balancing a tray full of hot dishes on his head. However, though he never actually came to grief, the thought that he might preyed on the minds of the management so that he was reduced to walking.

In the busy seasons the problem was beginning to be an acute one. Finally a few months ago John D. Green, director of the Division of Taverns and Ordinaries of the Restoration, and his executive assistant, Bland Hoke, sat down to confer on some method of solving the almost interurban room service question. The vision of the New York ice cream peddlers with their de luxe tricycles flashed across their minds, and the foodmobile was born.

Mr. Green wrote to the Workman Cycle Company of New York, describing what he had in mind. The Workman Cycle Company was unimpressed, and said there was no such animal. This spurred on Mr. Green, who, working with Mr. Hoke and Mr. Cipriani, steward of the Rainbow Room in New York, finally produced such a clear set of workable plans that the Workman Company became enthusiastic.

As it now stands, or rather wheels, the Foodmobile has a rear half that has a single wheel and works like a regular bicycle—pedals, sprockets and all. The front part has two wheels set wide apart, with a large metal cabinet with two compartments between them. The top compartment can carry two complete bed trays, set up with dishes and food, while the bottom compartment has space for two large food-warmers, three trays, and extra linen, china and silver.

—J. P.



Movie fans will soon be seeing an unusual picture written, directed, and produced by a very unusual man. The picture is called "The Lady Eve". The man is Preston Sturges, whose amazing life and sensational rise to fame was featured recently in the *Saturday Evening Post*.

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Loretta Young  
Our producer friend, who was in our midst just a year ago . . . Frank Lloyd, has just completed another film, "Lady From Cheyenne". It's star is lovely Loretta Young.

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An old Hollywood favorite . . . Harold Lloyd, has turned into a producer and offers as his first a modern comedy . . . "A Girl, A Gob, A Guy", featuring Lucille Ball, George Murphy, and a grand newcomer, Edmond O'Brien.

Harold Lloyd hasn't forgotten his old formula for hysterical fun, for he has employed that technique to make his first production one of the happiest, scrappiest items on the movie lots.



Daffodil Tour, Gloucester and Mathews Counties, March 30 through April 14.

Cherry Blossom Festival, Washington, D. C., April 5 and 6.

Apple Blossom Festival, Shenandoah Valley, May 1 and 2.

Charleston, S. C., Magnolia Gardens best March 27-April 10.

Middleton Gardens best March 29-April 15.

Cypress Gardens best late April.

Metropolitan Opera Co., The Mosque, Richmond, Va., May 2.

L. Raymond Cox, Americana's Ace Magician, Game Room of Lodge, 8 P. M., April 5th. Admission 50¢.

Peninsula Choral Society, Bruton Parish Church, April 8, 8:30.

College of William and Mary,

Play—"My Heart's in the Highlands" by William Saroyan, Phi Beta Kappa Hall, May 8, 9.

Varsity Club Minstrel Show, Phi Beta Kappa Hall, Friday evening, May 16.

20 American paintings, Phi Beta Kappa Hall Foyer, May 4-16.