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Dr. Grayson Kirk Calls For Practice Of Golden Rule In May 15th Address

Colonial Williamsburg's most important historical commemoration — the Prelude to Independence Period — opened May 15th in colorful public ceremonies at the Capitol.

Dr. Grayson L. Kirk, president of Columbia University, explained the modern significance of the epochal period from May 15th to July 4th, 1776, when he said:

"These ceremonies perform a national service of more than modest proportions. In the busy pre-occupations of modern life, . . . we tend overly much to take for granted, or sometime to undervalue, those principles upon which our society is founded. We forget that a sense of the heritage of the past gives us the perspective which we need today. Even more, it gives us the criteria with which to judge affairs and issues before our nation.

Setting Called Ideal

"The setting of Williamsburg is ideal for such a renewal of faith. To all Americans, Williamsburg is more than a city in which generosity and imagination have combined to recreate the stately beauty of a bygone century. This is one of the great shrines, not only of American, but of human liberty. "A hundred and seventy-nine years have passed since the men of Virginia met here and set forth their views concerning the natural and proper order of society. The immediate effect of their work was made manifest in Philadelphia a few weeks later when all the colonies joined in that historic declaration which elaborated the Williamsburg document.

"The lasting effects of their courage are still with us today and indeed with the peoples of the world wherever the freedoms of mankind have found constitutional expression. It is not too much to say that millions of men who have never heard of Williamsburg now live safer, happier, and better lives because of what was said and done here."

Controversial Idea

Stressing the American concept of religious freedom, which was the theme of the celebration, Dr. Kirk reminded the audience that when the authors of the Virginia Declaration of Rights wrote: "All

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Cool Weather Slows Swimming Pool Set; Vacancies Are Few

CW's top vacation spot — the Inn pool — opened on May 14, and although chilly weather prevailed throughout most of the first week, a few hardy members got the season off to a good start.

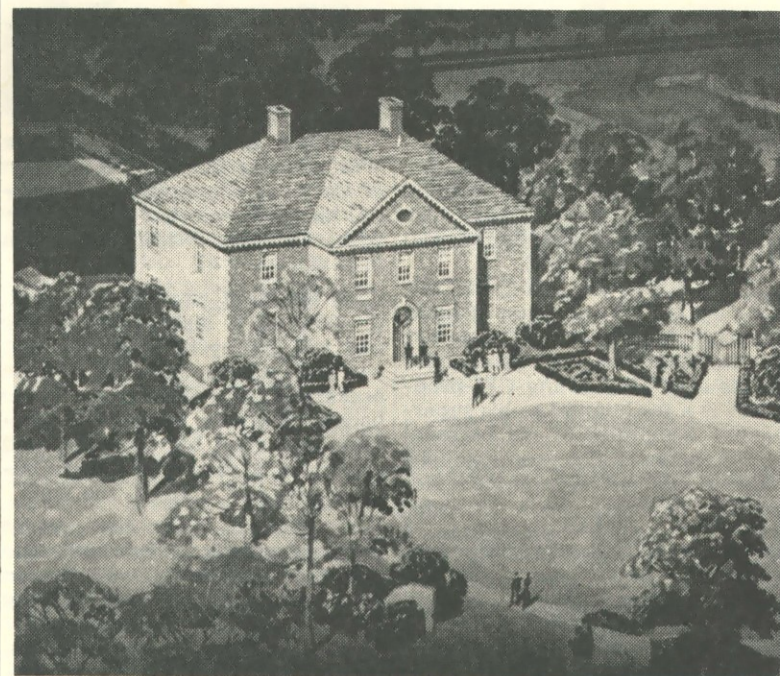
Improvements in the area include repainting and replacement of deck chairs and construction of a new brick area on the east side of the pool. The portable hotdog and hamburger stand, popular with pool frequenters last summer, will set up shop and a number of tables will be placed there.

New filters were installed early this spring, replacing the original ones installed when the pool was built in 1938. The new filters are exactly the same type as those they replace, since the originals provided outstanding service past the anticipated life of the equipment. Composed of graduated sand and rock over which the water passes, the three filter tanks are connected to 24-hour circulating pumps.

Tommy Moyles, manager of the Inn, stated last week that there were still 25 vacancies for single CW employees, and nine vacancies for non-CW single residents. There are waiting lists in both the CW and non-CW family classifications, he added. The swimming pool each year takes 220 memberships, broken down into 55 memberships for each classification.

The fee for house guests 15 years of age and under who wish to use the pool as guests of a member has been reduced to \$.45, Tommy noted.

Construction To Begin Soon On Building For Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Collection



ARTIST'S RENDERING shows location and style of proposed building which will house the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Collection. Parking lot at upper right faces Craft House, while the swimming pool would be at extreme left. Landscaping and fencing will add beauty to the area.

Plan Location Adjacent To Reception Center

Construction is expected to start in the near future on the new home for the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Collection. It is expected to be ready for use within a year after the start of construction.

The building, designed to be in harmony with neighboring structures — Craft House, Inn and Lodge — will be located adjacent to the Reception Center, facing approximately east.

Designed By CW

CW's architectural section has handled design for the building, with aid from Mrs. Nina F. Little, consultant, who has done much research in 19th-century domestic architecture for use inside the structure. Interiors will not be reproductions, but will be designed to suggest, through use of colors and flooring, domestic interiors of the different areas of the country such as New England and the Pennsylvania "Dutch" region.

The building will be operated in the manner of a modern museum, and will not have costumed attendants. Nine galleries on two floors will exhibit about 60 per cent of the collection on a rotation basis. The remainder of the collection will be available on racks in the basement, and may be seen upon request of the visitor. The collection has been re-assembled much as it was before it arrived here for display at the Ludwell-Paradise House. Some 40 objects from the Museum of Modern Art and 14 from the Metropolitan Museum, both in New York City, have rejoined the collection. Termed important examples of 19th-century folk art, they have never been on display in Williamsburg.

Evening Hours

The various exhibition rooms will surround a central lobby or hallway on each floor which will be adaptable for use as lecture halls or gathering places. Present plans call for the building to be operated as a daytime and evening exhibition, possibly opening around noon and remaining open later in the evening when regular exhibition buildings are closed. The structure will be completely air conditioned, with humidity control and modern lighting fixtures. It will be operated under the Division of Presentation.

Tazewell Hall Study By Sing Moorehead Printed In Journal

Sing Moorehead's report on the 18th-century appearance of Tazewell Hall, prepared in 1949 for Colonial Williamsburg, has received wide circulation in condensed version in the March issue of the *Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians*.

Aided by five scale illustrations, the four-page article discusses the variations between the Tazewell Hall of the mid 18th-century and the Tazewell Hall of 1836 and later.

Sing compares the structure, which once stood at the head of South England Street, with Lower Brandon, calling them almost identical. A striking similarity also existed between Tazewell Hall and Williamsburg's Semple House.

Tazewell Hall was dismantled last year, and will be reconstructed by Lewis A. McMurrin in Warwick overlooking the James River.

Free Laundry

The CW laundry has announced that American flags will be laundered or dry-cleaned free of charge between June 1-14 for all employees who will display them on Flag Day, June 14.

Cold Plates Are Hot Stuff On Menu At J. Chowning's

Two tasty cold plates have been added to the menu at Chowning's Tavern.

A roast beef plate includes potato chips, tomato and hard boiled egg along with the roast beef, and a Virginia ham plate offers cheese, potato chips, tomato, hard-boiled egg and beets, as well as Virginia ham and roast beef.

Faith In Guidance Of CW Expressed By Mr. Rockefeller

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., after lunching with the combined boards of Colonial Williamsburg, Inc., and Williamsburg Restoration, Inc., at the Inn on April 26, addressed to the assemblage a few impromptu remarks which passed on to them his belief in Colonial Williamsburg.

"Most of you I have long known," Mr. Rockefeller said, pointing out that "a number of you have been my friends and fellow-workers over the years. Only a few of you have I met today for the first time.

"As I look into your faces and recall what you have done and are doing in your communities — the positions you hold, the things you stand for — I have high hopes for the future of restored Williamsburg.

"It is with the fullest confidence in you," he declared, "that the mantle of my responsibility has fallen on your shoulders."

He concluded, "May you find as much pleasure in carrying on the restoration as I have had in developing it, and may this restored city ever stand as a beacon light of freedom to the world."

Still A Resident

When Thomas Jefferson started his campaign for religious freedom here, he was living in the home of his law professor, George Wythe, on Palace Green. When his *Statute for Religious Freedom* was finally introduced to the legislators, he had moved to the Governor's Palace as the second elected governor of Virginia.

Ballplayers Wanted

CW-sponsored softball teams in the men's and women's leagues of the Williamsburg Summer Recreation program are now being organized. The league season will begin about June 6 and continue until Aug. 15.

CWers who are interested in participating are urged to contact Tom Russell at Personnel as soon as possible.

See Your Recruiting Officer . . .

Colonial Militia To Accept New Enlistees

If you've noticed the Colonial Militia Unit drilling on an occasional late afternoon and found yourself thinking you'd like to be included as a member, opportunity is at the door. Enlistments are now open, says Presentation's Bill Geiger, who is recruiting officer for the unit.

The success of the early experimental drills has proven that such a unit would be useful, and the Division of Presentation hopes to expand the militia to a marching strength of 40 men. To do this, recruiting outside of the division has been authorized, whereas, the militia's membership had previously been limited to the craftsmen and guardsmen.

Drills will be held each Friday from 5:15 until 5:45 p. m., March 15 through Oct. 15, with two drills a week possible during the months of April, July and August. The militia will practice 18th-century marching, manual of arms and musket firing. Members will receive drill pay and will be issued a colonial civilian-type uniform.

Members of the unit will be needed on a regular basis for the complete "season" of the militia — March 15 through Oct. 15 — and Bill added that the militia will have a fife and drum squad.

The militia will limit its drill

season to the above-mentioned dates because of daylight and weather conditions. The unit will become inactive for the winter

after Oct. 15.

Interested CWers are asked to contact Bill at his office in the Goodwin Building.



MILITIAMEN pass through a column right movement during a drill at the Public Magazine, apparently led by drill sergeant named "Rebel." Openings are being advertised for more citizen-soldiers, but one dog is enough.

Photo by George Beamish

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News & Comment

THE SECOND phase of the historic Prelude to Independence period of 1776 is remembered for the adoption of George Mason's Declaration of Rights, later known as the Virginia Bill of Rights, on June 12. This date is pointed out each year by Colonial Williamsburg as one of the significant dates in the six-weeks Prelude period.

This year, the colonial home of George Mason, Gunston Hall, will be the scene of a dual observance based on the theme, June 12th is George Mason Day. Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson will give an address on Mason, and Dr. Richard H. Howland of Johns Hopkins University will speak on Gunston Hall and its famous architect, William Buckland. A Charles Willson Peale portrait of Buckland will be on display on that day, the 200th anniversary of the building of Gunston Hall.

The story of the Prelude to Independence period cannot help but spread through such celebrations, particularly when they occur on such historic ground as Gunston Hall, a sister restoration.

STROLLING through the restored area, one can see the effects of the current "clean-up campaign." The restored area's grooming has improved, and she no longer hides her head in shame. CWers have pride in their city, and have made a point of seeing that it stays reasonably clean.

At present, CW architects are making efforts to design trash containers that will be inconspicuous, but not so much that people won't be able to find them. It is a ticklish problem, with a fine dividing line. To keep the farthingales of the lady of the restored from sagging with despair, remember, DON'T STEP OVER IT . . . PICK IT UP!

LETTERS come to CW frequently which speak in glowing terms of the work of the Restoration or the excellent service rendered by employees. Occasionally, however, one arrives which touches on the depth of the feeling behind CW's work. The following letter, from Mrs. Byron W. Leach of Hollidaysburg, Pa., does just that, and reports a special degree of conduct among our visitors:

"We have just returned from three wonderful days in Williamsburg, and feel compelled to express gratitude for the generosity, perception and direction which have given us the Restoration to enjoy. Our education and appreciation of our heritage have been increased to an inspiring degree; our sight-seeing has been one of the most delightful experiences we have ever had.

"It seems to me that the Restoration brings out the best in all of us who visit it; I noticed an air of respect, gentility and lack of rowdiness among our fellow tourists which has not always been in evidence on our other travels. A deep interest and appreciation appears to grip all ages of persons who are visiting the historic, restored village."

Information, Please

We have been informed that some of our subscribers are receiving their copies of the CW NEWS in poor condition. If this is the rule rather than the exception, we wish to correct the condition. The managing editor will be grateful if out-of-town subscribers will drop him a post card describing the "usual" condition of the CW NEWS upon arrival.

Robert Webb, William Wallace Reach Anniversary Milestones With CW



Robert Webb, Jr., superintendent of painting for the Division of Architecture, Construction and Maintenance, passed his 15th service anniversary with Colonial Williamsburg on May 6.

Joining CW on May 6, 1940, Bob has held the position of paint superintendent during his entire employment here. The proficiency of his staff in painting CW properties is a testimonial to his supervision. Examples of his personal craftsmanship can be seen throughout the restored area in the pictorial signs and coats of arms, many of which are his work.

Before coming to Colonial Williamsburg, Bob was associated with several restoration and decoration projects, his favorite being the Ringling Museum and mansion in Sarasota, Florida. A very good artist, he spends much of his time in his studio at home, where he paints originals as well as restores old paintings.

Bob is married and has two daughters and six grandchildren. The Webbs have built their own home, "Webb's Acre," on Jamestown Road.



William R. Wallace, cook at the Williamsburg Inn for the Division of Visitor Accommodations, reached his 10th service anniversary with Colonial Williamsburg on May 3.

He was first employed on Sept. 6, 1934, as a dishwasher at the Inn, and had accrued almost eight years of service when he left the organization in 1942. He came back as a waiter at the Williamsburg Lodge on May 3, 1945, and in February of the next year became assistant chef at the Inn.

William has held his present position as cook at the Inn since March, 1946. He is well known among his fellow workers as being very safety-conscious, not only for himself but for other employees. He has been working as a part-time waiter at Chowning's Tavern since 1953.

He is married and owns his own home at Grove, where he resides with his wife and three children. William, a member of Mount Gilead Baptist Church, claims hunting and fishing as his favorite sports.

Alma Lee Rowe, Emma Wyatt Retire; Goodwin Building Loses Familiar Faces



Alma Lee Rowe

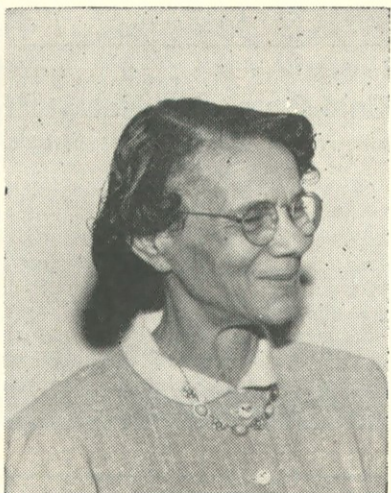
Two familiar Goodwin Building employees will have retired from Colonial Williamsburg during the month of May after accumulated service totalling more than 30 years.

Alma Lee Rowe, 20-year veteran of the public relations staff, will finish her "short stay" in Williamsburg on May 30 and return to her native Richmond. Emma Green Wyatt, janitress in the Goodwin Building for 10 years, retired on May 23.

Alma Lee, whose duties as administrative assistant to the director of public relations have included the trying job of registrar for the annual Antiques Forum and Garden Symposium, came here 20 years ago thinking she might stay a year or so. In the course of her employment she has been a promotion assistant and assistant to the director, and also served as acting director of public relations for a brief period.

Her work is seen by thousands of visitors each year, for she edits each week the pamphlet, This Week in Williamsburg, as well as the quarterly brochure, This Season in Williamsburg.

A long-time garden lover, she has maintained a garden in Richmond for some time, and will devote her time to it, as well as painting water colors. She is also



Emma G. Wyatt

planning an ocean voyage to the Far East, possibly a world tour.

Emma, who Goodwinites will recall for her cheery manner as they left the building at the close of each day, was also known for her happy singing as she worked in the evening hours. Married last year to Nolly Wyatt, a 25-year man who also works on the Goodwin Building clean-up force, Emma will retire to their home on Centerville Road, where she plans to "raise a few turkeys and chickens."

She has suffered from extreme headaches in recent months, and plans to get plenty of rest. She'll find time for her poultry, however, and maintains that she raises them "straight from the mother" and doesn't bother with "incubator chicks." They're too sickly, she says.

SPECIAL NOTICES

FOR SALE: one Frigidaire, one Magic Chef range. Call Skippy Harding, Goodwin Building, ext. 279.

WANTED TO RENT: A small furnished apartment for two college girls during the summer months. Call Clarissa Mayfield, Goodwin Building, ext. 278.



THEATRE

TOM HALLIGAN has returned from his vacation in Kentucky. He came back with a terrible cold, which kept him away for a few more days. Cashier ANN BALLANCE will be leaving us on June 1 for the summer. We extend a hearty welcome to her replacement, MERLE RIDINGER. Merle is a 1955 graduate of Matthew Whaley School.

— Dodie Diggs

GAOL—GUARDHOUSE

We are happy to welcome FURMAN OUTTEN, from Yorktown, to our group. We have noted with pleasure that many of the ladies visiting the Magazine find it a most interesting exhibition building.

— Ashley Norwood

TREASURER-COMPTROLLER

We all welcomed ELIZABETH STUBBS back to the fold on May 18, when she returned from her wonderful trip to Europe.

Anne and BILL BIPPUS have become the proud parents of a 21-month-old girl answering to the name of Bonnie Anne. We are real happy for them but of course we miss Anne very much. The office girls all got together May 14, and gave a "baby" shower for Anne and Bonnie at the home of your reporter.

BOB AMORY, currently on vacation, is getting his rest and relaxation the hard way — housepainting!

Lybrand, Ross Brothers and Montgomery completed their annual audit of CW and departed on May 4.

— Ann Carpenter

MERCHANDISING

We welcome ANNA APPLEWHITE, a newcomer to the Craft House office staff. Anna, who originally hails from North Carolina, now resides on Jamestown Road.

Representatives from Schumacher, Kittinger, Stieff, and Virginia Metalcrafters spent a few days in town to discuss joint national advertising for Craft House merchandise.

— Marcia Ryan

ARCHITECTURAL

We extend a belated welcome to DOROTHY MARION who has joined us as secretary to TOM DREWRY and ALDEN HOPKINS. We are sorry to report that SKIPPY HARDING, secretary to SING MOOREHEAD and HOWARD DEARSTYNE, will be leaving us June 10. After her husband receives his degree in accounting from the College of William and Mary on June 12, they will journey to Washington, D. C., where they will make their home.

MIKE MICHELLI attended the 166th anniversary of the Richmond Blues on May 9. HOWARD DEARSTYNE gave the opening lecture of a three-day art conference at Virginia State College on May 12. His subject was The Basic Identity of the Arts.

Ella Mae and DON PARKER recently entertained an ole' college friend, Mrs. John Balcom, of Newton, Mass. ALDEN HOPKINS attended the Maryland Garden tour, May 7-8, in Queen Anne and Talbert counties on the Eastern Shore. We are happy to report that CHARLIE JOO has recovered from a recent attack of asthma.

The Society of Architectural Historians published in its latest Journal, an article on Tazewell Hall by SING MOOREHEAD (See story on page one.) Also an article on Williamsburg by Sing will appear in this month's issue of Art in America.

— Carolyn Hume

BUILDING — C&M

We wish to pass the welcome word to newcomers LEON BYRD, HERBERT PIERCE, RUSSELL GILCHRIST, WELFORD TYLER and DOUGLAS CANADY.

On the not so bright side, we were very sorry to learn that ROBERT WARD and SAMUEL DOBSON recently received serious hand injuries. Also, we have received word of the death of Newton H. Stanley, April 13, in a Radford hospital. Newton, formerly a carpenter for C&M, retired in April, 1954.

A tip to CW employees — Watch that match! CHARLIE HACKETT was re-elected president of the Williamsburg Fire Department, and TOM RUSSELL will serve again as secretary.

TOM RUSSELL entered Johnston-Willis Hospital in April for an operation, and when he returned to work, was transferred to Personnel Relations. How that lad gets around!

— Hank Ertl

Don't Step Over It . . . Pick It Up!



ANYONE CAN STEP over a crumpled-up newspaper or cigarette wrapper, but it takes effort to pick it up. The CW News urges CWers to use that effort and carry out the slogan hatched by the fertile brain of C&M's Charlie Hackett: DON'T STEP OVER IT . . . PICK IT UP!

Photos by George Beamish

Hear Ye!

RECEPTION CENTER

By the time the May issue goes to press, our red-headed favorite, MAGGIE OWENS, will be Mrs. Jack Poole — and the place won't seem the same without her. A warm "welcome back" to ROSE BROOKS, who has been away from us much too long.

The travel bug was busy in May; ELIZABETH FRAZER spent a week end in Washington over the first, KAY OVERMAN journeyed to Pittsburgh at the same time, and MORTON MYLES and LUCIE GARLAND spent Mother's Day in North Carolina and Lynchburg, respectively.

Two days of fishing gave VASHTI ROGERS a good healthy tan, and MORTON MYLES goes after the sun on the tennis courts quite frequently.

— Suzanne Joerndt

INN & LODGE OFFICES

We are happy to have NELLIE MAHONE back with us temporarily on the Lodge switchboard. LOUISE WHITE is currently enjoying her vacation. WALTER CHAPMAN is once more a resident of the Imperial Club.

— Jane Richardson

LODGE KITCHEN

FRED BROWN and ELIJAH BROWN are new pantry boys in our section. PERRY WHITING has returned to work after his vacation. Wedding bells rang out on May 4 for ROBERT RAINEY and Lucille Terry in a quiet home ceremony. MELVIN HARGIS has returned from a quick trip to Baltimore to visit his brother who was ill. He is reported improving.

— Alma Wallace

INTERPRETATION

The opening talk in the College's two-day Marshall-Wythe seminar here this month focusing on Marshall's contributions to the American heritage was by ED ALEXANDER. He spoke on **The Relationship of the College to the Community**. TOM SCHLESINGER was named president of the Williamsburg Regional Library Association at the group's meeting this month. NANCY DIXON is the new face in Publications. She's down here from New York City filling in as a designer until VI BASS returns from her European trek. TOM FORD was runner-up in the Soroptimists' spelling contest, besting some 70 contestants before stumbling on camellia (he had one "l").

Rounds of parties and showers brightened ELEANOR HANDLEY's last days here. She and her husband JOHN PEDERSEN will settle in the Los Angeles area. A session at next month's Golden Anniversary meeting of the American Association of Museums will feature ED ALEXANDER's appraisal of **Museum Use of Motion Pictures**. JOHN GOODBODY will welcome the Virginia Real Estate Association here with a talk on June 2.

— Vivian Henritze

HOSTESS SECTION

DOROTHY WING's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Morton Gooch of Baltimore, Md., spent several days with her on their way to Florida. OTELIA COLEMAN's daughter, Mrs. Charles LaHue Ford III, has returned to her home in Georgetown, S. C., after visiting her mother for some time. MAUDE PHILHOWER, MARGARET PACE and CHRISTINE COCKE had a most enjoyable trip on May 17, when they visited the House Flower Show for the benefit of St. Mary's White Chapel, in the Northern Neck. Among houses open for the show were Biscoe, Foxhill Plantation, Midway, Belle Isle and Bel Air.

NOUVELLE GREEN has returned after a visit with friends in Arlington. Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Fletcher, brother- and sister-in-law of MAY FLETCHER, were recent guests while enroute from Florida to their home in Bristol, Conn. We are all glad that CRATA POPULAR has returned home after undergoing treatment at the Johnston-Willis Hospital in Richmond.

HALLIE WERMUTH was elected to serve for two years as Chairman of the Fifth District of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, at their spring meeting held at the Methodist Church. The Fifth District is composed of eight counties and a thousand members. MAUDE PHILHOWER's daughter, Mrs. D. C. Atkins, whose husband is stationed in Munich, has written that she had a very enjoyable reunion with our European travelers, NANCY BOZARTH, GRACE PEACHY and MURIEL SPENCER.

Our deepest sympathy goes to ROSE TAYLOR whose mother, Mrs. Charles Bowie, died in Petersburg on May 16 after a long illness.

— Gertrude Ball

LANDSCAPE — C&M

IRVING SPRINKEL went to Richmond recently to see if he couldn't help the Virginians win a ball game. HUBERT HAYS joined the Landscape Section this month. BOBBY WILSON and BOBBY BELVIN have been firing on the rifle range with the National Guard. We hear that dead-eye Wilson is a sharpshooter.

Landscapeers who have been on vacation and leaving on vacations include B. B. BRYANT, HORACE OTEY, JOHN SHEPPARDS, IRVING WRIGHT, WILLIE MINDS and GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Our sympathy to CHARLES JACKSON who attended his aunt's funeral in Philadelphia, recently.

— Dick Mahone

PROMOTION

It seems as though Promotion is abounding in additions and subtractions lately. Our congratulations go to BILL and ANNE BIPPUS who have a little blond, blue-eyed daughter named Bonnie Anne. The OKEN family also has a few additions — five fluffy kittens.

Your reporter and FRANCES ARMSTRONG sincerely regret that they are leaving and would like to say that they have enjoyed working for Colonial Williamsburg and will certainly carry CW's significant story to their new homes.

— Mary Anderson

MECHANICAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Following up the previous mechanical inspections at Jackson Lake Lodge, OTIS ODELL left on May 15 for final certification of that work.

The "Marine Engineers" from this department assisted others on May 8 in constructing a dock on the Chickahominy River adjacent to the Carr Hill Hunting and Fishing Club large enough to dock the Queen Mary; however, it probably will be used for fishing instead.

We welcome EDISON S. CAMPBELL, who recently joined PETE TUCKER's group. WILLIAM McALLISTER and friends spent the week end of May 7 trout fishing in the mountains of Virginia, but Billy reports that trout fishing is not nearly as good as bear hunting.

PETE TUCKER is now settled in his new home on Harrison Street. His son, Pete Tucker, Jr., student at the University of Virginia, spent the week end of April 23 at home and had as his guest Miss Nancy Brown, student at Madison College. "Little Pete" also spent the week end of May 7 at home, having as his guest John Polzer from Nazareth, Pa. Both boys are members of U. Va.'s 1956 football team, John being the captain.

— Mildred Sprinkel

RESEARCH

The Research Section welcomes a new member to its staff — JERRY HURST, a housewife and mother of three children, who puts in a full week's work at the Goodwin Building besides running a home.

HUGH RANKIN is doing research in Philadelphia, New York, and Boston and will return at the end of this month.

MARY STEPHENSON has been on vacation in Aiken and Charleston, S. C.

— Marjorie Maxwell

INN HOUSEKEEPING

We wish a speedy recovery to FLORENCE LANGLEY, who underwent an operation in a Richmond hospital recently. DAISY WALTRIP spent her vacation with her daughter and son-in-law in Winter Park, Fla.

Welcomes in order to four new maids — MYRTLE WAL-LACE, WILHELMENIA HENRIQUEZ, MARJORIE BROOKS and BARBARA GARDNER.

— Helen Sherman

First CW Theatre Gets Go - Ahead As Operating Playhouse; New Wing For Goodwin Building Due To Start By January 1

WRI Board Members Elect Henry C. Turner, Jr.

Shouts of laughter may once again echo from the galleries of a theater on Palace Green as they did in 1716, for CW is going ahead with plans for reconstruction of the First Theatre with an eye for its use as an operating playhouse.

The Board of Trustees of Colonial Williamsburg, Inc., and the Board of Directors of Williamsburg Restoration, Inc., meeting here on April 25-26, also approved an addition to the Goodwin Building, toured all current construction projects, elected a new member to the board of WRI, lunched with Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and witnessed the presentation of 25-year silver bowls to Ed Kendrew and Granville Patrick.

CWI Trustees authorized preparation of plans for the theatre based on use rather than exhibition alone after hearing discussion on the project. They also viewed a detailed scale model of the theatre, prepared by consultant Richard Southern in London from sketches by CW architects.

Problems Solved

Until the April meeting, it had been felt that use of the building might have to be restricted to exhibition alone. However, certain problems involving conflict between 18th-century authenticity and 20th-century fire safety laws have been solved by CW architects without serious departure from authenticity. This will make it possible to use the theatre for production of period plays—an idea long cherished by CW.

To Begin Next Year

The addition to the Goodwin Building will be built next year, with construction scheduled to begin by Jan. 1, 1956. It is expected that the addition can be ready for occupancy within 12 months.

The present Goodwin Building will be expanded in a westward direction along Prince George Street, replacing the present building occupied by **The Virginia Gazette**. In order to make room for the extension, all but the extreme westerly portion of the Ayers Garage-Virginia Gazette building will be demolished. New and improved quarters for **The Virginia Gazette** will be provided by Colonial Williamsburg in the west portion of the Ayers Garage building.

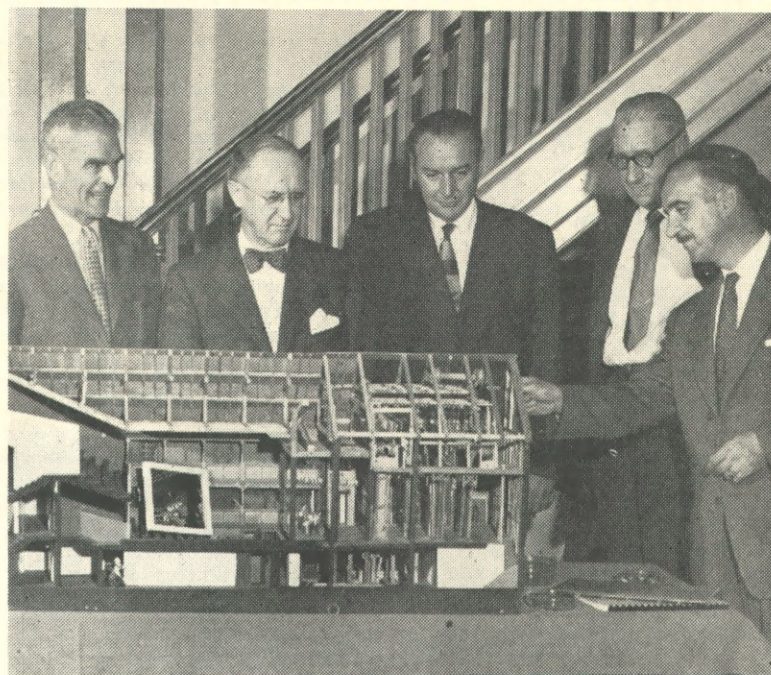
New Director

The directors of Williamsburg Restoration, Inc., elected Henry Chandler Turner, Jr., of Greenwich, Conn., to membership on the board.

Mr. Turner, a graduate of Swarthmore College, is president of Turner Construction Company, now completing one of the largest building projects in the country — the Appliance Park of the General Electric Company in Louisville, Ky. Another of his company's projects is the new addition to the Chrysler Building in New York City.

Activities of Mr. Turner include the New York Building Congress, of which he is vice-president; a

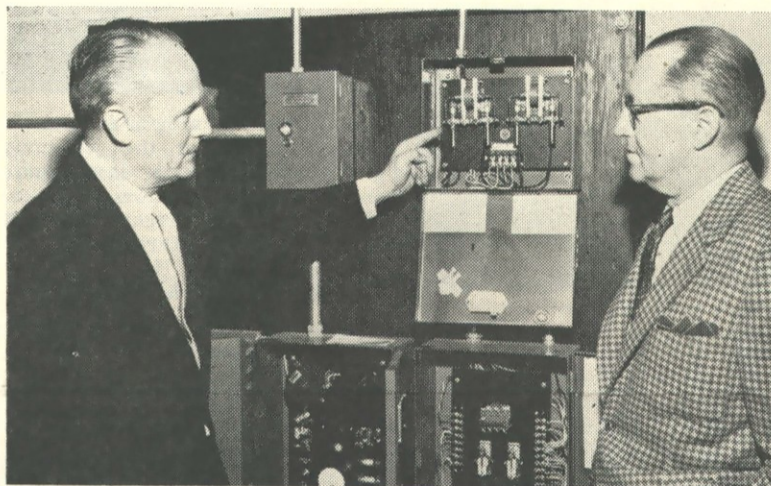
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SCALE MODEL OF FIRST THEATRE gets thorough going over during Board meetings last month. At right, Director of Architecture Mario Campioli points out interesting features to (left to right) Board Members Vanderbilt Webb and Horace M. Albright, Chairman Winthrop Rockefeller and President Kenneth Chorley.

Photo by George Beamish

Pneumatic Pressure Detectors Give Greater Fire Protection For Guests



HERE'S HOW IT WORKS, Director of MO&M Bud Odell shows Director of Visitor Accommodations John Green. Series of control panels is set up in basement of each guest house and tavern, affording up-to-date fire protection.

Photo by George Beamish

A new fire detection system, operating on a principle of pneumatic pressure, has been installed in all CW guest houses and taverns.

Similar to the system in the Inn and Lodge, it assures a greater degree of fire safety for guests, in company with a high degree of comfort.

Consisting of 20,000 feet of 1/8" copper tubing which is passed inconspicuously through all spaces normally considered hazardous, the system is connected to a series of hyper-sensitive electrical control panels situated in the basements of the various buildings. In the event of a rapid rise of temperature in any of the areas thus patrolled, the air in the tubing — maintained at atmospheric

pressure — expands within the tube.

The expansion of the air causes pressure on a small bellows in the control panel, immediately setting off a series of bell alarms in the building concerned, and simultaneously alerting the Williamsburg Fire Department.

Important standby and checking facilities insure constant operation of the fire detection system. In the event of any damage or break in any of the electric circuits, a warning signal notifies the fire station. In the event of power failure, a storage battery is available at each control panel which is capable of 48-hour emergency service.

Installed under the auspices of Mechanical Operations and Maintenance, the system is the latest in fire safety. Bud Odell, director of MO&M, passed credit to maintenance engineer Floyd Martin for much of the installation work.

The lady approached the guard at the gate to the Public Magazine. "Pardon me," she said. "I was told there is a powder room in here. May I use it?"

The guard's reply is not recorded.

Sympathies

The CW NEWS joins Colonial Williamsburg employees in extending sympathies to the families and friends of William E. Brundige and Emanuel Bailey.

Mr. Brundige was a security officer for Visitor Accommodations, and had over two years service with CW. He died at his home on May 9.

Mr. Bailey, a custodian for A.C&M, had almost two years of service. He died at Bell Hospital on May 9.

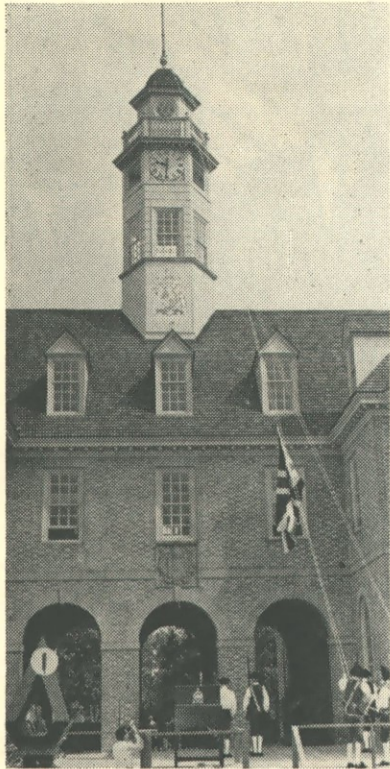


SILVER BOWLS AND SMILES glisten for the camera after presentation of 25-year bowls by Chairman Winthrop Rockefeller. Left to right, Granville Patrick, CW President Kenneth Chorley, Honorary Trustee John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Chairman Rockefeller and Ed Kendrew. Mr. Rockefeller, Jr., joined the group to admire awards after luncheon meeting with CW boards.

Photo by George Beamish

American Concept Of Religious Freedom Commemorated In Ceremonies At Capitol

This series, recorded by CW photographers Tom Williams, George Beamish and Dave Brooks, accurately catches the spirit of the occasion on Sunday, May 15th. The crowd, although worried by threatening weather, turned out 3,500 strong, including a throng of CWers. Pictures are numbered, as follows:



(1) The Queen Anne's flag comes down from the Capitol in early-morning ceremonies, as the colonial militia emulates the actions of colonists on May 15th, 1776, when they took down the Queen Anne and unfurled the Continental.

(2) Dr. John Finley Williamson directs the combined forces of the Westminster Choir and the Continental Army Band.

(3) Dr. Grayson Kirk delivers the principal address as a portion of the 3,500 spectators look on. In the foreground are local dignitaries, clergy and members of the Boards of CW. TV cameras grind away on platform at right.

(4) Dr. Kirk (left) and Dr. Dumas Malone arrive at the Capitol prior to the ceremony.

(5) The Westminster Choir renders a selection of religious music. In the foreground are (back row) Robert A. Duncan, local banker and a director of WRI, and Vincent D. McManus, Williamsburg councilman; (second row) Williamsburg Vice-Mayor Lloyd H. Williams; (front row) VEPCO Manager Robert F. Douglas, the Rev. Thomas E. Pugh of Williamsburg Baptist Church and the Rev. Chester P. Michael of St. Bede's Church.

(6) CWers serving as ushers and other officials for the ceremony get together for a last-minute check before spectators begin to arrive. Left to right are Bill Jacobs, Norman Harmon, Harold Sparks, Charlie Hackett, Bask Bridgforth and Orin Bullock.



VISITOR of note last month was 'possum-type chap name of Pogo from the Okefinokee Swamp. Creator Walt Kelly says Pogo thinks everyone in this ever lovin' blue-eyed worl' would enjoy Williamsburg.

Walt Kelly

Prelude

(Continued from Page 1) men are equally entitled to the free exercise of religion," it was a bold and controversial ideal.

Dr. Kirk urged that a new effort towards world understanding be based upon those areas of ethical unity which all religions have in common, namely, the Golden Rule.

Before introducing Dr. Kirk, Winthrop Rockefeller, chairman of CW's boards, read a message from President Eisenhower which hailed the significance of the celebration.

"At this hour in history," the President's message said, "when liberty is denied to many millions of the world's peoples, it is urgently necessary that we reaffirm our belief in the individual's inalienable right to worship according to his conscience."

Milestones

During April, 32 employees reached the following anniversaries:

FIVE YEARS

Division of Architecture, Construction and Maintenance — **Thomas Drewry**, Architecture; **Rufus Banks**, Landscape; **George L. Anderson**, Mechanical Operations and Maintenance.

Curators — **John M. Graham**. Division of Visitor Accommodations — **Hazel M. Brown**, King's Arms; **Mary S. McGriff**, Lodge Housekeeping; **James H. Russell**, Lodge Storeroom; **Virginia Brooks Vines**, Lodge Coffee Shop; **Douglas O. Williams**, Lodge Dining Room; **Maggie Sutherland**, **Hazel Waltrip**, Laundry.

ONE YEAR

Division of Architecture, Construction and Maintenance — **H. Clyde Pace, Sr.**, **Wallace W. Taylor**, Architecture; **Fred O. Garrison**, **George R. Patterson**, Building C & M; **Sammie Jones**, **Horace Lee**, Landscape.

Division of Development — **Frances Armstrong**, Promotion.

Division of Visitor Accommodations — **Patricia Conner**, **Ida M. Dorrier**, **Dicy McGowan**, Hotel Services; **Warren Bailey**, **Joe L. Burnette**, **Marie Wilson**, Lodge Kitchen; **Cecil Neal**, **Virginia Recchia**, Lodge Coffee Shop; **Ollivia Crump**, Inn Kitchen; **Sophronia Olvis**, Inn Housekeeping; **Georgiana Blake**, Laundry; **Sarah Paige**, King's Arms; **Reva Stout**, Upholstery Shop; **Ethel Wooten**, Chowning's.

Dr. Cappon Named Institute Director



Dr. Lester J. Cappon assumed the directorship of the Institute of Early American History and Culture following the annual meeting of the Institute's council on May 7.

Dr. Cappon, who has served as acting director since the resignation of Dr. Lyman G. Butterfield last December, has been associated with the Institute staff since its organization in 1945. He has been editor of publications for the Institute and archival consultant for Colonial Williamsburg during this period.

Walter M. Whitehill of the Boston Athenaeum was named new chairman of the council, succeeding Dr. Wesley Frank Craven of Princeton University, who has retired from the council. Named to three-year terms on the council were Richard H. Shryock of Johns Hopkins University, John R. Alden of the University of Nebraska and William B. Willcox of the University of Michigan. Re-elected for three-year terms were Alfred A. Knopf of New York and Dr. Samuel Eliot Morison of Harvard University. Dr. Julian P. Boyd of Princeton University was named to fill a two-year unexpired term.

Retiring members of the council were Dr. Craven, Dr. James H. Easterby of the Historical Commission of South Carolina, Gilbert S. McClintock of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dr. Richard L. Morton of the College of William and Mary and Dr. Louis B. Wright of the Folger Shakespeare Library of Washington, D. C.

Board Meetings

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director of the Metropolitan Builders Association of New York, and the Association of General Contractors of America, Inc. He is a member of the fund-raising division of the Committee of American Industry's National Fund for Medical Education, and is a trustee of the Commission for Economic Development.

Suggestion Awards

Cash prizes for practical and helpful suggestions of a constructive nature have been awarded to the following employees:

Chris Gillespie, Interpretation; Catherine Allen and Thomas Partlow, Visitor Accommodations; Herbert Dubrey, Henrietta Montgomery and George F. Davis, A, C&M; Helen Abbott and Fannie Lou Stryker, Presentation.

Hear Ye!

LODGE KITCHEN AND COFFEE SHOP

MRS. IRIS MITCHELL is home from the hospital and recovering nicely, according to reports. We all wish her a speedy recovery. The Coffee Shop has returned to its regular 8:30 a. m. opening time after opening at 8 a. m. during the spring rush. Your reporter has moved into the Galt Cottage, recently re-located on Tyler Street.

— Norma Bamman

AUDIO-VISUAL

We extend our deepest sympathy to FRANCES DAYTON who was called to New Jersey last week because of the sudden death of her sister.

ROSE REIL, our erstwhile "craftsman," can be seen of an evening bowling on the green, in costume, by Chowning's Tavern. She may not be top scorer, but her enthusiasm runs high!

We are proud of STAN CRONER who served on a discussion panel recently at the Arts Festival at Virginia State College in Petersburg.

Your reporter spent a very pleasant and interesting three days in Baltimore and Annapolis last week as a guest of the Directors of the Society of Architectural Historians.

— Barbara Dearstyne

NEW YORK OFFICE

ALICE STONE's siege in the hospital has ended and she is now recuperating at home. Until she returns to her duties here, FLORANCE GLEASON has joined us as receptionist. Another newcomer is RUTH TILLINGHAST whom we are happy to have working with us in ALLTY BOYER's office. It is nice also to have KC and his staff return to the fold after their spring visit to Williamsburg.

The end of this month will see AB and KC off to the Virgin Islands with the Trustees of Jackson Hole Preserve, Inc., for a tour of inspection of Caneel Bay Plantation and the island of St. John. And, by the time this appears in print, your reporter will have departed for a vacation — in Kentucky, of course.

— Utha Conrad

OPERATING SERVICES

We are pleased to hear that BONNIE HANRAHAN is home from the hospital after her recent illness. Warehouse news includes JAMES FOARD's recent vacation, spent at home, and LYMAN HALL's coming vacation, which begins this week. ED WATKINS has nothing to report except that the fish aren't biting worth a hoot!

Our "get well" wishes to KATHERINE SPRATLEY, who has been ill for a week or so. We hope she will be able to return to work very soon.

— Wilma Hoovler

Room For Roomers

Employees who wish to reside in the Franklin House dormitory may still gain admittance. Procedure is to obtain an eligibility slip from your supervisor and turn it in to either Alfonso McCain or Leonard Johnson at the Franklin House. Male employees from all divisions may apply for accommodations in the Franklin House, according to Bill Batchelder, manager of the Lodge. He stated that the new building has reached approximately 50 per cent of its capacity since opening early this month.

Proud Parents

One young man checked in under Taurus — the sign of the bull — in the past month: **Plato Marrow III**, born April 26, 1955; weight 6 lbs., 7½ oz.; father, Plato Marrow, Jr., Lodge.

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