

# COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG NEWS

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## Select Site On Richmond Road For Shopping Center

**Definite Plans Will Hinge On Regulations Of The U. S. Government; Harwood Tract Will Be Used.**

The development of a supplementary shopping center in Williamsburg is being considered in order to relieve existing congestion and to permit the expansion of commercial activities which have outgrown the business area on the Duke of Gloucester Street.

Congestion exists in the Duke of Gloucester Street area not only because of lack of space for the tenants, but also because of vehicular and pedestrian traffic. No additional space is available in the vicinity for additional parking facilities, and the resulting congestion is detrimental to the desirable small-town atmosphere of Williamsburg. It was deemed unwise, in view of this, to do anything which might increase congestion on the Duke of Gloucester Street; on the contrary, anything which could be done to remedy this situation would be desirable.

### Colonial Style

The present business area was developed during the mid-1930's to house retail merchants whose stores were scattered through sections where restoration work was planned. These blocks are, of course, neither reconstructed nor restored, but are designed in colonial style to harmonize with the restored area to the east and the College of William and Mary to the west.

The need for additional commercial space was recognized during the early part of the war, but restrictions made it necessary to wait until hostilities were concluded and men and materials were once more available.

### Enlargement Impossible

Soon after the war, some obvious means of solving space needs was sought, but it became evident that the design of the present area, with its irregular shapes and sizes, made it virtually impossible to plan enlargement of the facilities at hand. The possibility of constructing a building on the lot across from Casey's was studied at length, but the cost of a structure harmonizing with the present business blocks would have been prohibitive and would only have added to the existing congestion. Consideration of other sites in the vicinity

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## Give Special Local Rates For Garden Symposium Fans

A special provision, similar to the one made for the Antiques Forum, has been set up for local participation at the 1951 Williamsburg Garden Symposium. Local residents are entitled to an arrangement whereby payment of the \$15.00 registration fee admits them to any of the sessions during both instead of just one week of the Symposium.

### Day and Session Rates

This provision is made to permit local citizens to arrange their schedules so that over the two week period they may attend at least one session on each subject. It will also be possible, as in past years, to register for one day, at a special rate of \$5.00, or for either the afternoon or evening sessions at \$2.50. Registration may be made in advance with Mrs. Alma Lee Rowe at the Goodwin Building or at the desk at the Reception Center beginning Monday morning.

### Employees Admitted

Employees will be admitted to session of the Symposium under the same arrangement which was

### Chairman In Japan

Chairman of the Board John D. Rockefeller, 3rd is on his way back from Japan where he has been serving as member of the Dulles Peace Mission. He is a consultant on the educational aspects of the mission and was appointed to this position by President Truman. He is due to return to the U. S. about the 23rd of February.

The mission was organized to set up exploratory talks which would lay the basis for a peace treaty.

## King's Arms Preview Set For February 25

**One of Largest Post-War Projects Is Result Of United Effort By CW Employees and Departments**

A preview of the King's Arms Tavern for CW employees and other citizens of the Williamsburg area will take place on Sunday, February 25, from 2:30 to 5:30 p. m. The official opening date of the tavern is set for March 1, just ten days after the closing of Travis House. The traditions of fine Southern cookery at Travis House will be continued at the larger and authentic King's Arms, where finishing touches are now being applied by a large crew of workmen and decorators.

The King's Arms, one of the largest projects in CW's post-war building program, was a celebrated colonial hostelry, frequented by such famous personages as George Washington, William Byrd III, Sir Peyton Skipwith, and Baron von Steuben. Like the Raleigh Tavern, King's Arms was a center of social, political, and commercial activity of the 18th century. In 1777, it was the scene of an important meeting of the Ohio Company of Virginia during which frontier matters were discussed.

### Early Operation

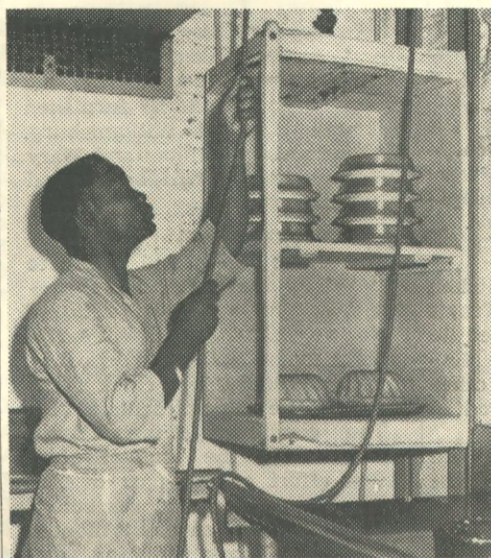
Jane Vobe, one of the better known inn-keepers of the period, began operating the King's Arms about 1772, the structure previously having been used as a shop. During the Revolution, Mrs. Vobe supplied food and drink to American troops who were streaming through this strategic and important colonial city.

Purdie's Dwelling, just to the east, was named after Alexander Purdie who bought the house in 1767, the original building possibly having been erected there about 1706.

### Seventeen Buildings

Altogether, the reconstruction of the King's Arms—Purdie's Dwelling group includes seventeen buildings on their original sites. Among these are the King's Arms Barber Shop, detached kitchens, laundry, smoke houses,

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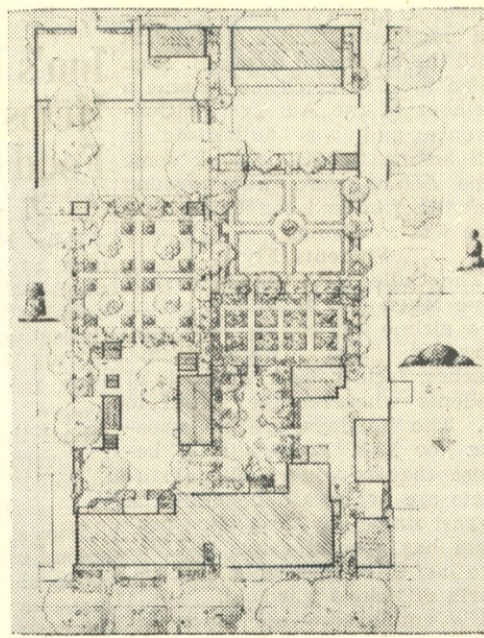
**GONE** is the hand-operated dumbwaiter at Travis House, the use of which is here illustrated by James Edward Davis. King's Arms equipment includes three modern electric dumbwaiters which will save time and effort. Note Sally Lunn on the lower shelf.



**HERE** are the more modern and spacious quarters of the King's Arms being inspected by members of the Travis House Staff. They are (l. to r.) James Abbott, Gertrude Ball, Letha Booth, John Kraus, Brandsome Junior, and Sue Williams. Letha will be manager of the new tavern.



**BEEHIVE** of activity is the area behind King's Arms where finishing touches are being applied by members of the C & M Department.



**LAYOUT** shows the King's Arms area which extends from the Duke of Gloucester Street to Francis Street (at the top).

made for the Forum. Department heads may give permission for an employee to absent himself from his duties for a portion of the day to attend a session of particular interest or benefit to him. Requests should be made of the department head unless the session comes at a time when the employee is not scheduled to be at work. Employees may gain admission to the day or evening sessions by merely presenting their Employee Passes at the Reception Center at the time of the session. Wives or husbands of employees may attend the evening sessions free of charge by presentation of the employee's pass.

The 1951 Garden Symposium which is the fifth in the series, will be held in two separate but

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## Dearstyne Displays Transparencies With Fine Arts Museum

Howard Dearstyne, Assistant Architectural Records Editor, is displaying some of his best color transparencies at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts on February 24 through March 11. This is his first one-man show although his work has been exhibited many other times, most recently at the Museum of Modern Art in New York. Howard will speak on "Painting with Light" at the preview of his show on February 23.

### Continuous Projection

Fifty of Howard's transparencies will be projected continuous-

ly in a theater-type gallery, where spectators will be seated before a screen in a semi-darkened room to enjoy unusual shots of nature in which he has produced beauty by the combined use of light, color and form. His transparencies are not the conventional nature-photos of which we see so many, but rather a study in details of trees and plants, snow and ice, etc. He has developed a fresh and exciting approach to photographing nature, and thus gives to many a new and greater appreciation of it.

### Studied in Germany

Howard is a graduate of Columbia College. He studied at Columbia School of Architecture for two years, and graduated from Bauhaus School of Design in

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## Off To Good Start?

Here we go again. With one month of 1951 behind us, we give promise of far exceeding our accident total of last year. During the month of January we had 24 on-the-job accidents, 24 accidents in 31 days. Simple arithmetic shows us that this amounts to approximately 5 accidents per calendar week.

Even with the above record we are fortunate in that so many of these accidents were not of a serious nature. Under similar conditions the story may be far different next time.

Let's take a random look at the results of a few of these accidents: Splinter in finger, cut on face, bruised leg, hand scratched by nail, cut hand, nail puncture of ear, fork under thumb nail, burn on finger, splinter under finger nail, cut hand, cut finger—**INFECTION**, fell down hurting knee, splinter in finger, cut hand, cut hand—**INFECTION**, siphoning ammonia—burned mouth. A bit more care, a bit more thought, and none of the above injuries would have occurred.

With our accident record of 1950 behind us and that of 1951 in the immediate future we might well employ at home our own world known motto, "That the future may learn from the past."

CW Safety Committee

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## Meet The Staff



Bernice Hudson, one of the top bowlers in the Women's League and winner of last year's high scorer prize, reports the news each month from the Accounting Department. She's a dyed-in-the-wool Virginian, having come to Williamsburg five years ago from Richmond where she had worked for the Life Insurance Company of Virginia. After spending a year in the Inn and Lodge Accounting Office, she came to the Goodwin Building where she has a bird's eye view of activity on Henry Street. She is married to W. I. Hudson, proprietor of Hudson's Store at the Duke of Gloucester Street and Botetourt, and they make their home on South England Street. Among her particular interests are television, a new sewing machine, and raising African violets.

## King's Arms

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well-heads, and stables. Seven dining rooms with fireplaces are provided in the two structures seating upwards of 150 persons. Additional tables will be used in the garden during favorable weather. Several of the dining rooms are paneled and traditional furnishings in conformity with the original design are used. In the King's Arms portion, the old bar, similar to the one at Chowning's Tavern, is located. Lounge rooms, ladies' powder rooms, rest rooms, and office space are also provided along with complete air-conditioning for modern comfort.

### Modern Kitchen

A large basement under the two buildings houses one of the most modern kitchens along with other necessary accommodations for the restaurant operation. Certain out-buildings on the property will be utilized for employee facilities.

After the closing of Travis House on February 19, the staff, under the supervision of Letha Booth, will transfer to the King's Arms in preparation for the March 1 opening. It will be operated in the 18th century manner, along with Chowning's, under the direction of the Inn and Lodge. Travis House, which first opened to the public in July 1930, became known throughout the nation for its fine Southern cookery and extensive studies were made of colonial recipes in adapting them for present-day use.

### Colonial Dishes

Because of the small kitchen and service facilities at Travis House, the menu was limited to Virginia ham and chicken dinners. These and several other colonial dishes will be offered at the King's Arms.

Furnishings to be used at the tavern have been selected by the Curator's Department with the utmost care for authenticity. A blue Canton china pattern, being manufactured by the Syracuse China Co. for exclusive use in WRI restaurants, has been decided upon for King's Arms. The authentic silver pattern, an item of the Reproduction Program, produced by Stieff and Company of Baltimore will be used, as well as the Reproduction Program's



**SCHOOL BOARD** members Robert A. Duncan (left), Bela W. Norton, and Mrs. R. N. McCray meet with Superintendent of Schools Rawls Byrd (second from left).

## School System . . . It Has Excellent Teachers; Needs Space

(Third in a Series of City Government Articles)

The Williamsburg School Board, through its administrative officer who is the Superintendent of Schools, administers an annual budget of \$256,000 of which the city appropriation is \$93,350. It also serves as the policy-making body for the Williamsburg School System and acts as employer when new teachers are being considered for positions. The Superintendent, with his staff of two principals and sixty-five teachers, directs the activities of 1,620 pupils.

Members of the School Board are appointed by the City Council for terms of three years and the Chairman is elected annually by the Board from among its members. Present members are Mr. R. A. Duncan, Mrs. R. N. McCray, and Mr. Bela W. Norton, Chairman. Regular meetings are held on the second Monday afternoon of each month in the Office of the Superintendent on the Duke of Gloucester Street and are open to the public.

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### Professional Certificate

Teachers in our public school system are required to hold the Collegiate Professional Certificate issued by the State Board of Education. This certificate indicates that while fulfilling the requirements for a degree, the teacher has completed certain professional courses in education offered by teacher-training institutions. Teachers, regardless of the grade they teach, are paid on the basis of training and length of service. A beginning teacher, for example, will earn about \$2000 for a ten-month year, while the top base salary figure for experienced teachers is \$2780. These salaries would be those earned by teachers holding a Bachelor's degree, the minimum requirement for employment; an automatic \$100 supplement is made for those holding a Master's degree. Those teachers at Matthew Whaley who participate in the teacher-training program of the College of William and Mary receive another salary supplement which is paid by the College. Some teachers at Bruton Heights assist in the teacher-training program of Hampton Institute and their salaries are supplemented in a similar way.

### Salaries Discussed

The subject of teachers' salaries has, in the past few years, been much discussed. It might be interesting to compare the average wage for teachers in Williamsburg and in Virginia with the national average. During 1950-51, Williamsburg teachers will receive an average salary of \$2605 per year, while the estimated averages for the state and the nation will be \$2500 and \$2866 respectively. In 1949-50, Virginia ranked 38th in the nation in the amount it paid its teachers, while the 1950-51 survey by the **New York Times** (Jan. 15, 1951) shows that it has moved into 34th place. Although the salaries of teachers in Williamsburg are above the total average salary of Virginia cities and counties combined, they are somewhat less than the average of all Virginia cities, being similar however to those paid by the smaller cities of the state. By way of recognizing improvement over the past ten years, let us mention that the 1940 average in Virginia was \$772.

### Per Capita Cost

During the last complete school year, the per capita cost of education in Williamsburg, computed

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## News & Comment

WE are anxious to have pictures of all of the CW boys now in the service and would welcome contributions from friends and relatives. Any excerpts from letters to the home folks that would make interesting copy for the CW NEWS will be greatly appreciated also. If you have either pictures or letters you wish to contribute, please send them to the Personnel Relations Office in the Goodwin Building.

WITH another Williamsburg Antiques Forum just over and with the Garden Symposium en route, let's pause momentarily and take a look at these off-season events, not from the point of view of the antiques or garden lover who comes from New Jersey, Texas or California, but from the point of view of the employee. First, these groups do not just happen to come; they are planned in advance and result in work for many who would otherwise be idle because of the season. Nearly every department helps in one way or another — rooms which would ordinarily be empty are filled at the Inn and Lodge; the Interpretation Division busies itself for months with the preparations for the Forum and Symposium, and has representatives on hand to make sure that all their well-laid plans work out without a hitch; speakers from various departments prepare their talks and the photographic section has the man-sized job of preparing slides for all of the lectures made by CW speakers. In addition, pictures are taken for advanced and current publicity, and requests from guests for certain photographic subjects are handled with dispatch. Public Information writes all the publicity material which goes forth as well as seeing that specific requests from the press are taken care of. Registration and reservations are also handled by that department with the cooperation of the Inn and Lodge. Special preparations are made by the Department of Exhibition Buildings and the Curator's Department to see that tours and teas go smoothly. The Landscaping Section makes gardens ready for inspection by some very critical judges, those attending the Symposium. In a way, the whole mid-winter series of activities might be considered a pre-season training for the games coming off later in the year. It gives all of us a chance to loosen up our pitching arms and get into the full swing of expert teamwork which is required throughout the regular season. One of the coaches remarked the other day that from the way things look now, we should have a real pennant-winning season in 1951.

There were 257 registrants at the first session of the Antiques Forum. Forty of these were not registered at the hotels. During the second session, 31 of the 220 registrants did not sign up for the full week.

## Travel Office Is Doing Well; Now Easy To Fly Here

One of the easiest ways to travel from Williamsburg now is by air. This is made possible by the Travel Office which has handled over \$50,000 worth of plane reservations since the service was installed a year and a half ago. Flights have been arranged for Travel Office patrons all over the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

Before August, 1949, there was no way of making a plane reservation from Williamsburg without negotiating back and forth with the Richmond terminal. Then when the Travel Office became a member of the Air Traffic Conference and was authorized to sell airline tickets, it took some time before word went around that this free and convenient service was available.

### Students Fly

The College students and staff have taken full advantage of the new airline service, and now Mrs. Foster "flies" W&M teams, coaches, faculty, and hundreds of students wherever they want to go. The holidays are no vacation for Mrs. Foster's staff because that is when College students are homeward bound. The biggest single day the airline program has grossed came just before last Christmas when \$1668.88 worth of tickets was sold.

CW employees were slowest at utilizing the new service, and some are still unaware of the ease with which they can make their air reservations locally. All you have to do is dial Mrs. Foster at extension 355 and tell her where and when you want to go. She will look up the best flight for you, and write your ticket. The only "extra" cost to you is the price of the telephone call she has to make to arrange for your reservations. The Travel Office is open seven days a week from 9 to 6, during which time Mrs. Foster and her astute staff of two — Harriet McCreary and Jess Jackson—stand ready to help you at a moment's notice.

### Two Airports

You may begin your flight from either the beautiful "restored" Byrd Field, just this side of Richmond, or from the new Patrick Henry Airport, only twelve miles down Route No. 168. The convenience of limousine service between the Inn and Lodge and Patrick Henry also adds ease and comfort to your trip.

## Inn's Pantry Woman Helps To Make Its Food Of Top Quality

By Betty Toler

Ethel Kelley, Head Pantry Woman at the Inn (and the best salad-maker anywhere), started working for the Restoration almost fifteen years ago. She was born in Williamsburg on August 15, 1906, but lived in New York for twelve years. She finished high school there and worked both as a governess and for a wholesale house, Reueter and Company.

### Began at Travis

She came to Williamsburg as second cook at Travis House, then did a short stint there as pantry girl, and later went to the old Williamsburg Inn as assistant cook. During the war, when the Inn was closed, she worked at the Lodge until the reopening of the present Inn.

Ethel Kelley takes great pride in her work and will show visitors the spotlessly clean kitchen where she supervises seven girls who make all the fruit cups, cold plates, shrimp cocktails, mayonnaise, French dressing, and many other delights for the gourmet. She will also show you the beautiful Spode and Lennox china that is used at the Inn and her eyes will light when she describes the Sunday night buffet supper that will be served throughout the spring, summer, and fall. "The table is beautiful and all that turkey, beef, pork, tongue, lamb, salad and dessert will really satisfy," she says enthusiastically.

### Outside Interests

In the evenings, she enjoys playing Chinese checkers with her friends and her adopted twenty year old daughter. Her husband, Purcell Kelley, has been a chauffeur for twenty-five years at the College of William and Mary. She is a member of the Pastor Aid Club of the First Baptist Church, a ladies society which does good deeds throughout the year, and which particularly aids the poor at Christmas time. She proudly says her church was founded in 1706. Other interests are going to the movies and visiting friends.



Ethel Kelley

Head Pantry Woman at the Inn, lends her fifteen years of experience to help make meals there really tempting.

She enjoys working at the Inn and is extremely well-liked. Mary Wood, assistant kitchen manager, says that without the benefit of Ethel's experience and her good nature it would be very hard to make things run smoothly.

### Experience Helpful

It's good to know we have a person like Ethel Kelley supervising the making of delicious salads at the Inn . . . we'll have to try that buffet supper; it sounds so good!

## League Standings

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Killers	16	5	.7643
Alley Cats	13	8	.6210
Sad Sacks	8	13	.3822
Bowling Belles	5	16	.2388
Team High Set, Alley Cats			1310
Team High Single, Killers			460
Individual High Set, June Esleek			312
Individual High Game, June Esleek			127

### Averages

June Esleek	92.5
Bernice Hudson	91.4
Nannie Frank	89.8
Mary Peters	89.6
Joyce McCoy	89
Lorraine Evans	87.5
Margaret Burgess	87.2
Casey Miller	87
Lois Churchill	87
Angie Koch	87
Grace Raiter	86.2
Mary Tait	86
Louise White	85.8
Frances Diehl	84.6
Thelma Good	84
Barbara Bisnop	83
Louise Tucker	81.7
Utha Conrad	80.2
Annabel Thomas	79.7
Dixie Vanaman	78.7
Ella Mae Parker	77.8
Betty Toler	77.6
Mary Lee Fitzgerald	77.4
Lillian Bush	77
Wicky Banks	76.5
Betty Jo Fletcher	74.4
Christian Gillespie	72.2
Shirley Egan	72
Ann Neblett	71
Mary Jane Knapp	69.9
Frances Amon	69
Esther Jones	68.8

### Substitutes

Casey Miller  
Esther Jones  
Thelma Good  
Lillian Bush  
Mary Peters  
Louise Tucker  
Wicky Banks  
Shirley Egan

## Military Leave

The following employees have left recently on Military Leave:  
Paul Orange (I & L)  
Plato Marrow, Jr. (I & L)  
John Dunton (Exhib. Bldgs.)  
Cue Willis, Jr. (I & L)  
John Roberts, Jr. (I & L)  
Gaston Hooker (C & M)  
Robert H. Williams (C & M)  
R. T. Lampkin (Crafts)

## WRI Picks Well-Known Southern Artist To Paint

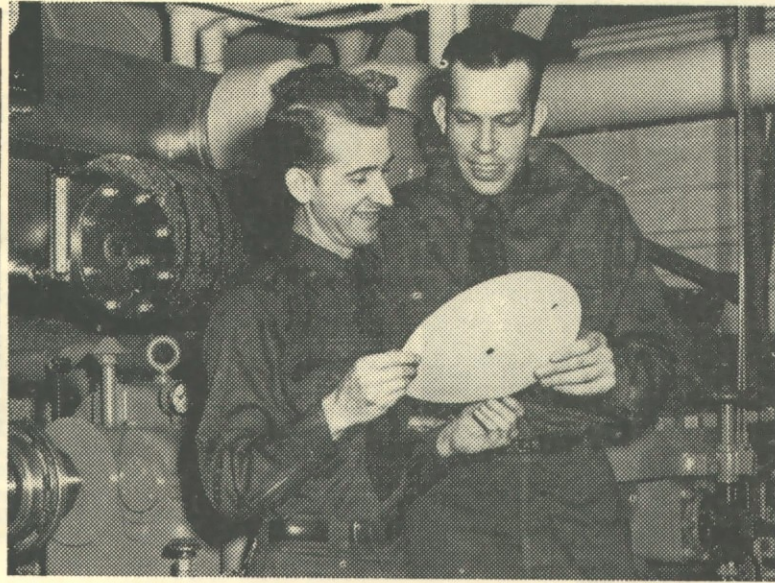
Kenneth Harris, well-known southern artist, has been chosen by W. R. I. to paint water color scenes of Williamsburg. Mr. Harris, who is now residing in Norfolk, is a graduate of Georgia Tech and also studied at Davidson College and the Cincinnati Art Academy. For sixteen years he was in the art advertising business, producing paintings for such concerns as the Armour Company and Hollingsworth Candy. He is a recipient of the Award of Merit from the American Society of Graphic Arts for his art work on the introduction of nylon hosiery.

### Resigned As Partner

In 1941, Mr. Harris resigned as a partner in one of the South's largest advertising agencies to return to free lance painting. He saw service in World War II, and his paintings of army life hang in the Reception Center at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

His works have been exhibited throughout the country and he has given one-man shows in many museums and galleries. Some of the galleries which have exhibited his paintings are the National Academy in New York, the National Museum in Washington, the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond, and the Norfolk Museum of Fine Arts. These are but a few of many galleries throughout the nation which have displayed his paintings.

Mr. Harris' original paintings will be on exhibit and on sale at Craft House in the near future.



**PLANT ENGINEERS** Royce Cottingham (left) and Francis Harper inspect an air-conditioning chart. Each will receive \$100 as awards from the Suggestion System. (See story.)

## Harper and Cottingham Hit Jackpot In Suggestion System; \$100 Each

### Bright Ideas On Water Conservation and Hot Gas Defrosting Pay Plant Engineers With Big Dividends

It was recently announced that the Suggestion System would pay sizable awards to Plant Engineers Francis Harper and Royce Cottingham for two time and money-saving ideas which have been tested and found to be excellent.

Realizing that large amounts of water were being wasted each month, Harper came up with an idea which it is estimated will save several million gallons over the period of a year.

#### Compressor Operation

The idea was to conserve water which cools the refrigerating compressors located in an Equipment Room of the Inn. Previously, these compressors have been cooled by passing city water through them one time and then discharging it as waste. Several simple connections have been made to the equipment of the air-conditioning system which allows the cooling water to be re-used indefinitely, resulting in a tremendous saving of water. Compressors will be efficiently operated during the winter months by using the outside air for the cooling of the re-used water.

#### Water Recirculated

This use of the air-conditioning system will eliminate practically all use of city water for this purpose since the chilled water is completely recirculated. In addition, the amount of chilled water used to supply the small refrigerating compressors will have no effect on the overall operation of the air-conditioning system.

The saving which is readily visible because of this scheme is in the amount of water consumed. Keeping in mind that the new wing of the Inn (with 44 guest bathrooms, locker room showers, service sinks, etc.) has been added since the last quarter of 1949, the saving indicated by meters for the same period in 1950 was 601,249 gallons, although the test was in operation for only part of that period. To take a specific date during the winter season, October 20, 1949 showed that 34,400 gallons were used as against 21,200 for the same date in 1950 (when occupancy of the Inn was 100 per cent.).

Additional saving, which is not readily visible, will result from the extension of the idea to other machinery not now included in the test. City Manager Rice recently expressed a desire to have the amount of sewerage handled by the city system reduced. The waste from the Inn and Lodge will be reduced in direct proportion to the amount of water conserved by the water-saving plan, thus doing much to fulfill Mr. Rice's wishes.

#### Use Hot Gas

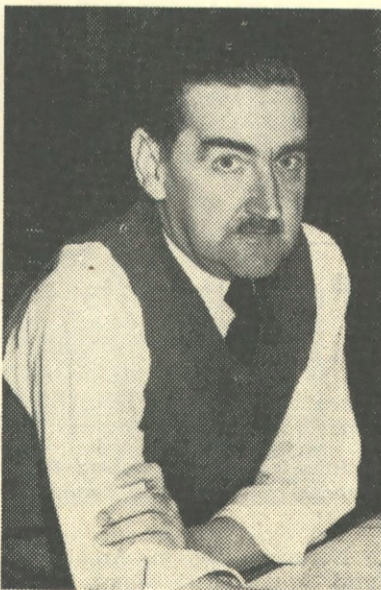
The second top-notch suggestion, made by Royce Cottingham, is a means of defrosting the numerous refrigerators of various sizes at the hotels and restaurants. It is done by using a by-pass valve to admit hot gas to the

coils, thus causing the ice to drop off. The operation eliminates the trouble of using hot water or steam hoses for washing down the boxes, and keeps the food in its frozen state while the process is underway.

#### Time Saved

The whole procedure takes about one hour as against seven or eight hours required for defrosting and getting the food out of and back into the boxes under the old method. The cost of making the by-pass valve installation is negligible as it only requires about three hours to install one. It is estimated that many man hours will be saved in a year as a direct result of this suggestion.

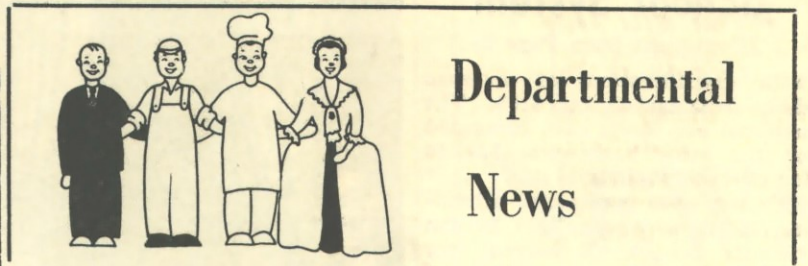
Remarked Chief Engineer Bud Odeil, "I'm certainly proud of these boys who work with me; they deserve a lot of credit for their ideas and ability." Harper and Cottingham will each receive \$100 from the Suggestion System as prizes for their ingenious time and money-saving ideas.



**John W. Henderson**, draftsman in the Architectural Department, completed fifteen years of service on January 23rd.



**Booker T. Johnson** of I & L received his ten-year service award on January 15th.



## Departmental News

### OFFICE SERVICES

ANGIE COWLES had as her guests recently Mrs. George W. Long and Mrs. John R. Morrison of Hampton. . . CAROLINE BUCHANAN is very excited over the prospects of seeing her husband, Carlton, who is stationed at Lawson Air Force Base, Ft. Benning, Georgia. She plans to drive down with his parents for a visit. . . BETSY HALL braved the blizzard to visit her godson and cousins in Portsmouth last week end. . . All of us wish to extend our sympathy to GEORGE DAVIS whose father died recently after a long illness.

### ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

ANNE BIPPUS has returned to the Treasurer's Dept. to work part time after being on leave of absence for the past two months. We are happy to have her back with us. . . Jody Crowder, formerly of Accounting, spent the week end of February 3rd in Williamsburg. . . OLLIE AMON visited his parents in Portsmouth, Virginia the week end of February 3rd. . . JUNE ESLECK spends the week-ends visiting her mother in Norfolk, Va. . . JOYCE MCCOY visited her parents in Blacksburg, Va. the week end of February 3rd. . . DIXIE VANAMAN motored to Fort Belvoir, Va., to visit her uncle who is stationed there. . . We are glad to have BILL ETCHBERGER back after having been absent on account of sickness. . . AUDREY MULLER spent the week end of January 25 in Mount Vernon, N. Y., visiting her parents. While there she attended the graduation of her brother at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N. Y. . . COLONEL WHEAT is undergoing an operation in the Veteran's Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia. We wish him a speedy recovery.

### PUBLIC INFORMATION

PARKE ROUSE, former Director of Public Relations with the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, and MILDRED CARTER, wife of RANDY CARTER of C&M, are the two new members of Public Information Department. . . DARLENE PETERS' husband Don of Ft. Eustis has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

WICKY BANKS went to New York to learn her duties in connection with TOM McCASKEY's new assignment of directing advertising and promotion and the convention program for Colonial Williamsburg. She stayed with her parents on Long Island and commuted to the New York office. . . ANN NEBLETT is busy with plans for her wedding which is to be March 3. . . RANDOLPH RUFFIN of Miller & Rhoads will join the Public Information Staff on March 1st.

### RECEPTION CENTER

The Reception Center has been the focus of great activity during the Antiques Forum. For two weeks we've had a gathering of authorities and guests, and it has been interesting and exciting. We are sorry that event is over, and are looking forward to next year's Forum.

It was good having ROSE BROOKS and IDA CARPENTER with us at that time. We hope they will join our ranks during the Garden Symposium too. MARTA COOTE also cashiered for us during the Forum. Thank you, Marta.

BETTY TOLER had the pleasure of entertaining her friend Evelyn Ballard of Norfolk while she was attending the Antiques Forum. . . BILL BIPPUS is guarding a prized possession of his. It is a seventeenth century noise-making signal he acquired at a party given for members of the Antiques Forum. . . Says he might use it next year. . . Too bad VIRGINIA and BUD FIELDS had to cancel their visit to Washington recently. It was too cold up there! . . . VASHTI STEINWACHS is now the proud possessor of an Edelweiss, a rare flower of the Swiss Alps. It was sent to her by a recent guest of Colonial Williamsburg. Nice? . . . GENE CROW is still with us. However he is awaiting a call to serve in the Armed Forces. . . He has applied for air force duty, but isn't yet sure just who will get him. . . MAUPIN SAUNDERS won the \$5.00 prize for highest score in bowling, 380. It's becoming a habit with him for it's the third time he's won it. . . Projectionist JAY BALL received his degree with the February law class at William and Mary.

### CRAFT HOUSE

Meredith Dietz, a former employee at Craft House, was the recent overnight guest of CATHARINE DORRIER. Meredith is now in Richmond and busy traveling around giving lectures. Prior to this she had a most interesting job in New York which took her on trips to Mexico and Europe. . . Everyone is glad to see CLARA CHARLTON back at work after being sick for a couple of weeks. . . ANNE MINOR recently returned from a weeks motor trip to Mississippi with friends. She had a wonderful time but was, naturally, glad to get back to Williamsburg. . . Williamsburg has been attracting some of our manufacturers here of late. Hensleigh Wedgwood was guest speaker at both sessions of the Antiques and Decorations Forum and Irving Kittinger and David Beckwith of the Kittinger Company came especially to attend the second week of the Forum. Phelps Warren of Katzenbach and Warren spent some time just vacationing here. . . Private Bill Schwarz had a brief visit with his mother FRANCES SCHWARZ recently. Bill was on his way from Fort Myer to Huntsville, Alabama, where he is to be attached to the Redstone Arsenal. . . CAROLINE COCHRAN spent last week end in Ashland visiting her mother.

### ARCHITECTURAL

HOWARD and BARBARA DEARSTYNE have recently returned from a trip through Florida and New Orleans. . . ED and MELINDA KENDREW were week end guests of the CHORLEYS at their farm at Hopewell, New Jersey. . . The JOSEPH JENKINS are now residing at their new home on Burns Lane. . . PAUL BUCHANAN has been week ending at Hampton and Lynchburg. . . NORMAN MEADOR recently joined the staff of the Architectural Department. . . SING MOOREHEAD is now home from the hospital recuperating from an operation.

### I & L

We received a letter from one of our former co-workers. He is MARTIN ISSACKS who is now stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C. He says he is very glad to receive the Colonial Williamsburg NEWS. We extend our sympathy to PERCY SHERMAN, a waiter at the Lodge, whose brother passed away in Richmond during January. The Dining Room employees donated a wreath. At the Lodge, we're welcoming the return of our popular and likable manager, THOMAS A. MOYLES. JOHN ROBERTS, a former waiter at the Lodge, went into the Army last month and is now stationed at Fort Meade, Md.

### School System

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with consideration of average daily attendance, was \$165. The national per capita cost, computed on the same basis, was \$197.55 for cities of about this size

Of the 1,620 pupils now attending Matthew Whaley and Bruton Heights School, 66 percent (or 1,069) are non-residents who come in from nearby county areas. An arrangement has existed for some years between Williamsburg and James City and York Counties whereby the pupils from the Jamestown area and the Bruton District (except for white elementary school students) attend school here. Transportation to and from Williamsburg is provided by the respective counties. A tuition scale for county students, necessary because the parents do not pay taxes in Williamsburg, has been set up according to the school and the grade in which the pupils are registered. These tuition fees are paid by the counties in which the families of these pupils pay taxes.

#### Conditions Overcrowded

It is estimated that there are 20-25 percent more students at both Matthew Whaley and at Bruton Heights than there would be if the ideal capacity could be maintained. Plans for changes in the present situation are now under consideration. Under these proposals, Williamsburg and James City County would cooperate in the building of a white high school and Matthew Whaley would then become an elementary school only. At Bruton Heights, York County would withdraw its students and provide a county school for them, thus relieving the overcrowded conditions there. Both plants are well-built and well-designed, but with the current enrollment they are just too small.

#### Variety of Courses

The high school divisions of both schools offer a rather large variety of subjects whereby the pupil may follow a course of study in which he has a particular interest or talent. Over a period of years, Virginia high schools have gradually been adding a twelfth grade where the former arrangement called for seven elementary grades and four secondary grades, making a total of eleven. This change-over has been made at Matthew Whaley and is now in progress at Bruton Heights. Beginning next September, Bruton will offer the full twelve grades.

#### P. T. A.

Both schools have Parent-Teacher Associations through which the parents have the opportunity to come to a better understanding of the policy of the school and the teachers have a chance to obtain parents' reactions to the many problems which come up in connection with public school education. Mrs. R. A. Duncan is President of the Matthew Whaley P. T. A. while Fleming Brown is President of the Bruton Heights group.

#### Administrative Officers

Administrative officers of the Williamsburg School System are D. J. Montague, Principal at Bruton Heights, V. M. Mulholland, Principal at Matthew Whaley, and Rawls Byrd, Superintendent of Schools.

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Germany. It was during his stay in Germany, in the 1930's that he began photographing seriously. Since coming to Williamsburg Howard has had excellent opportunities to further his photographic hobby. The many photogenic possibilities of the restored colonial city have given him unlimited possibilities. Many of his pictures were taken in Williamsburg.

When the British postal system was extended to Virginia in 1718 the colonists vigorously protested against the postal rates as an infringement of their General Assembly's sole right to tax Virginians, an early assertion of the principle of no taxation without representation.



**AT CRAFT HOUSE** tea for Louise B. Fisher, she autographs a first-edition copy of her book, *An Eighteenth-Century Garland*. Over 200 people turned out to help launch the new CW publication.

### Garland Launched With Broadcasts, Craft House Tea

Although Louse B. Fisher's *An Eighteenth-Century Garland* was published only last week, good reports of it have already spread far and wide.

The tea held for the author at Craft House on Saturday, February 10, was attended by over 200 people in spite of inclement weather. At that time, Bela W. Norton, on behalf of Colonial Williamsburg, presented Mrs. Fisher with a specially-bound copy of her book, in which her name was beautifully engraved in gold.

The following Monday, the publication date for the book, a gathering of about 600 persons enjoyed an autographing party in the Tea Room at Miller and Rhoads in Richmond. Mrs. Fisher was interviewed over radio station WRVA, and two days later appeared on television over the Norfolk station, WTAR.

#### Perfect Attendance

The following employees passed another service anniversary during January with a perfect attendance record for the preceding year.

- Elizabeth S. Stubbs, Accounting.
- Albert Koch, Architecture.
- Marion G. Davis, C & M.
- John P. Hite, C & M.
- Bervin M. Saunders, C & M.
- Arthur Wilson, C & M.
- Halle D. Carpenter, Curator's.
- Lemuel Jones, Curator's.
- Elizabeth Callis, Hostess Section.

Minnie D. Pate, Hostess Section.

Isabella Brayer, Inn and Lodge.

Viola Grandel, Inn and Lodge.

Booker T. Johnson, Inn and Lodge.

Lenard A. Johnson, Inn and Lodge.

George W. Jones, Inn and Lodge.

Humphrey Lee, Jr., Inn and Lodge.

Michael O'Riordan, Inn and Lodge.

Beulah R. van Ausdall, Inn and Lodge.

Helen Westfield, Inn and Lodge.

On Monday, February 5, the Mobile Blood Unit of the American Red Cross spent the day at Bruton Parish House accepting donations of blood from the citizens of the Williamsburg area. CW employees donated 51 of the 152 pints collected during the one-day stand. This does not count members of employees' families who also contributed, but in spite of this turnout, the new and larger wartime quota of 180 pints was not met.

### Shopping Center

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was abandoned for the same reason.

#### Survey Made

Harland Bartholomew and Associates, who are experts in city planning, were called in to make a survey which would determine whether there was sufficient economic justification at the present time for additional re-ail facilities in Williamsburg. WRI owns the "Harwood Tract" consisting of fifty-five acres on the Richmond Road and its Board of Directors decided that if the site were found suitable, Colonial Williamsburg would make this property available for the development of such facilities. The Bartholomew report to the Board indicated that there is adequate justification for a project of this kind and that the property offered by CW would serve as a good site for the development.

#### Outside Organization

Plans were then made to make the property available to an outside organization for development as it was not felt that WRI should undertake a development which is strictly commercial so far from its primary field of operation. Negotiations have since been entered into for sale of the property to Suburban Centers Trust of Boston, an organization which specializes in suburban shopping centers and which is now engaged in developing several of these on the eastern seaboard. These negotiations have not yet been completed.

### Proud Parents

Born: to Alpheus Wallace, Architectural, a girl, Sharon Estelle, on December 29th, 1950. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

to John Lee, Curator's, an 8½ pound boy, George, on January 12th.

to Norman Goodson, Architectural, 5 pound 15 ounce Nike Jeanette, on February 4th.

### Symposium

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similar three-day sessions beginning Monday, February 19 and Monday, February 26. During each of the two sessions, distinguished authorities in a number of related fields will discuss gardening design, planting and maintenance with illustrated talks and will participate in discussion teas. Tours will be conducted through many of Williamsburg's gardens and special entertainments have been planned for the registrants.

**We regret the untimely death of Woodrow Johnson, I & L, which occurred on Friday, February 9th.**



### Departmental News

#### THEATER

Almost as changable as the weather these days is HAP HALLIGAN's staff. . . . MARY KAY LANGAN of the College has returned to the cashier's staff to fill the vacancy left by RUTH LARSON. . . . Ruth, however, will be getting numerous calls as the new relief cashier. . . . LOLLY LAWLER, cashier, received her diamond during Christmas vacation from doorman TOM STEVENS. . . . Lolly, as well as the rest of us, are sorry to see Tom transferred to the University of Connecticut where he will continue his studies. . . . TOM McCORMICK has added two new ushers to the staff: KERALD GORDON and HARRY DeSAMPER. Both are freshmen at the College. RUSS ECKLES, a William and Mary senior, is our new doorman. During the recent "spring days," EDDIE WATTS' mind once again turned to baseball. . . . He has resigned as part-time doorman to take on the full time job of second baseman for the big green team. Acting Assistant Manager TOM McCORMICK is all smiles about his recent move. . . . Tom and family decided to rent their farm, and are now residing at 239 S. Boundary St. RAY ORR bids bachelorhood a fond farewell this week when his wife returns from a visit of several months at Mattoon, Illinois. HAP HALLIGAN recently went to Washington for the monthly booking trip . . . says he will try to prove that "movies are better than ever."

#### HOSTESS SECTION

The third Antiques Forum has come and gone. The consensus of opinion is that this was the best one yet. It was a success in every way.

Several hostesses were absent during the Forum: NELL EAST has been visiting in the south since January 3rd. She has been in Florida, New Orleans, Mississippi and at present is ice bound in Tennessee. . . . MARY DANIEL hurried to West Hartford, Connecticut on January 10th to welcome a little granddaughter, the child of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Solasky and Mr. Solasky. . . . WINIFRED MACKEY was called to Richmond on January 24th because of the illness of Mrs. J. O. Mackey, Jr. . . . ANNETTE WATTLES came over from her home in Berryville to assist in the exhibition buildings during the Forum. She was the guest of Mrs. Caroline Cochran. . . . NOUVELLE GREEN attended a piano recital given by her niece, Miss Ethlyn Howard, in Portsmouth on January 19th. . . . DALE CARTER spent a week with relatives in South Carolina between semesters at William and Mary, returning home by way of Washington, D. C. . . . BEVERLY OWENS, who has been teaching at Great Bridge, has returned to her home on Griffin Avenue and will join the hostess ranks again. . . . JO ANN SMITH has reason to feel very proud of her husband who made the "Deans List" at the College here. . . . MILDRED ADOLPH and MAY CORMACK went to Richmond last week to see the Wedgwood Collection. . . . Quiet now reigns briefly in the buildings. The Garden Symposium is next on the agenda of interesting events.

#### DIVISION OF INTERPRETATION

The Antiques Forum was a great success and those in charge consider it the best one so far. Another Forum of two weeks is being planned for next year. The Garden Symposium begins on February 19.

TOM WILLIAMS has been hard at work on slides for the new Army program. DICK SHOWMAN has been devoting all his time to this project and the first group of service men to visit Williamsburg under this program came on Saturday, February 10, from Fort Eustis.

ED and ALICE ALEXANDER spent the week end of February 3 with the CHORLEYS at their home, Brickhouse Farm, at Hopewell, New Jersey.

BETTY JO FLETCHER, MARGARET KINARD, and FRANCES DIEHL will spend a few days in New York during the latter part of this month. They plan to visit some museums and take in several plays.

COLONEL WERTENBAKER has written from Germany that his lectures on Williamsburg which he illustrates with slides from our Audio-Visual Library are creating a great deal of interest. In addition to his lectures at the American Institute in Munich, he also plans to lecture at the American House there and possibly at the American Army School at Oberammergau. He may also go to Frankfurt and Switzerland.

BEV CHANEY reports that his northern and southern sales trips were successful and he received favorable reaction to Colonial Williamsburg publications.

FRANCES DAYTON recently joined the Department of Exhibition Buildings as artist and will do art and display work for the organization. She comes from West Englewood, New Jersey, and worked as a commercial artist in New York. Her son, Johnny, finished at William and Mary last year.

#### INSTITUTE

MARGARET KINARD recently spent a week end in Washington, D. C., as the guest of Dorothy Wollon, who used to be with the Institute. . . . DOTTIE and JOHN HEWLETT had as their recent guest, Mrs. Grace Hewlett of Philadelphia. . . . MARTHA AUSTIN, a student assistant, is now doing part-time work for the William and Mary Quarterly. Martha hails from Richmond and is a Freshman at William and Mary.

#### CURATORS DEPARTMENT

DOROTHEA JENSEN is spending her vacation at Vero Beach, Florida. . . . CHARLES COSBY has returned to work at the Capitol after a vacation.

#### C & M

JOHN V. O'NEAL, paint section, has been promoted to foreman in the paint shop. . . . MOSES TREADWAY, plant engineer, is back at work after two weeks illness. . . . ROBERT M. GARDNER of Norge, a former employee, has returned to C&M in the landscape section. Another new member of landscape is WILLIAM E. HARRIS, also a former employee. . . . It is good to see EMMA GREEN back on the job after a recent illness. . . . Recent newcomers to CW in construction are TEAL J. COX, carpenter, Newport News and OWEN WILLIAMS, carpenter's helper, Route 1, Williamsburg. . . . PETE TUCKER, a recent vacationer, is back on the job. . . . ROOSEVELT and CELESTINE HARRIS are justly proud of their son Roosevelt Jr., a freshman at A&T College, Greensboro, N. C. Recent reports from the college indicate that for the first semester Roosevelt Jr. had a B average and made the honor roll. . . . We are glad to see OSCAR MILLARD back in the paint section after an extended illness. . . . PRESTON POLLARD is a new employee in construction. . . . FREDERICK R. STRINGFELLOW of Lightfoot recently joined C&M as labor foreman.

#### RESEARCH

The MIDDLETONS had as recent guests her parents, The Rev. and Mrs. Raymond L. Scofield of Jackson Heights, New York. . . . We extend our deepest sympathy to FANONA KNOX for the recent loss of her mother. . . . PIERCE MIDDLETON spent the week of February 5th in New York City attending conferences on the Citizenship Education Project sponsored by Teachers College, Columbia University.