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CW's Directors, Trustees Meet; Chart '51 Course

CW Trustees and WRI Directors, at their annual meetings in New York on December 13, 1950, reviewed Colonial Williamsburg activities during the past year and charted the course for 1951 in broad terms.

In addition to members of the Boards, including Vernon Geddy, the organization was represented by all the Administrative Officers. As in other recent years, the administrative group attended the meetings and participated in the discussion of specific problems that were scheduled for Board action. The trustees and directors were most appreciative of the fine work throughout the organization during the year.

In the full docket prepared for the meetings, operating and capital budgets received special attention. Unless the national emergency greatly affects present plans, operations in 1951 will be at a continued high level and the building program will go forward on much the same scale as it has progressed this year.

Other major questions presented to the Boards included reports on the recent referendum of CW employees voting to be included under Federal Social Security, progress in conforming with the state fire safety code, plans for micro-filming original architectural drawings and other essential records of CW and gifts and loans of historic materials to CW during the year.

Officers of the two Corporations were re-elected.

CWers Can Help Bring Conventions

The Inn and Lodge folks have come up with a suggestion that all CW people might take to heart. The idea is to drum up convention business for the hotels during the off season, with everyone within the organization helping out. The business of soliciting business meetings (they are never called 'conventions' by the way; always 'meetings' or 'forums') for the hotels is a fulltime job for Lyn-ton Upshaw, Alty Boyer and Tom McCaskey, and Charley White. However, they say everyone can help by mentioning to the particular club they belong to that the Inn and Lodge offer splendid facilities and rates for meetings. As an example, they point out that Ed Kendrew was instrumental in bringing to the Inn the meeting of the American Institute of Architects.

Arguing Points

So, if you belong to a sorority, alumni group, or any kind of club, (Continued on page 4)

Recreation Group To Sponsor Choral Club Among CWers

Through the sponsorship of the Employees Recreation Committee, and as a direct result of an employee's suggestion, plans are being made to form a choral group of employees and their families who like to sing. All those who are interested in participating are asked to call or see Louise Inman at extension 254. The Recreation Committee is hopeful that this year-round activity of choral singing may grow into an important and enjoyable phase of CW's recreational program.

Dear Friends and Fellow Employees:

In the meadows near just such a small town as Williamsburg, the world first heard the words "On earth peace, good will toward men." That glorious promise should refresh in us all the spirit of love and friendship that people everywhere so sorely need today.

This Christmas season can help all of us to draw even closer together, and in fellowship find the faith and courage to face whatever the future may bring. In this spirit, Mrs. Chorley and I send you and your families the best wishes of the season.

Kenneth Chorley.

City Christmas Festivities Feature Music, Yule Logs

Colonial Williamsburg Co-operates With All Participating Organizations to Provide Full Calendar.

During the Christmas season employees and other community members will see the introduction of several new features which are being added to the usual round of activities in Williamsburg. Colonial Williamsburg is cooperating with the Community Christmas Committee of the Jaycees which is arranging and coordinating Yuletide celebrations for the community.

On December 23, beginning at 7:15 p. m. at the Wren Building, there will be a caroling procession through the streets of the city led by members of the Peninsula Choral group, and on Christmas Eve a community Yule Log ceremony will be held in the rear yard

of Chowning's Tavern at 5:00 p. m., in addition to the one held at the Lodge at the same hour. Special Christmas Candlelight Concerts will be held at the Governor's Palace on successive Friday evenings, December 22 and December 29, at 8:15 p. m. These concerts will be given by members of the Peninsula Orchestra Association who will be dressed in 18th century dress. Recitals of Christmas music will be held at 8:00 p. m. on December 23 and December 26 at Bruton Parish Church. At 6:00 p. m. on Christmas Eve, the Community Christmas Tree Service with Singing Candles Procession will take place on the Market Square Green.

Christmas Day will witness the traditional Open House at the Raleigh Tavern from 4-7 p. m. On the 26th, the Governor's Palace will be open by candlelight from 8-10 p. m. for visitors and townspeople. On Wednesday the 27th, there will be carol singing with a song leader and instrumentalists at Chowning's Tavern, 8-10 p. m. The Williamsburg Quintet will give a performance of carols and spirituals in the Ballroom of the Lodge at 8:30 p. m. on December 28th.

A Supper Dance will be held at the Lodge from midnight to 3:00 a. m. on New Year's Eve. The New Year will be saluted at 4:30 p. m. on January 1st, 1951 on the Market Square Green, and the bonfire of Christmas Trees will be accompanied by fireworks on the College Athletic Field at 7:30. These activities are but a few of the highlights of the Yule-

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Thirteen Employees Win Awards From Suggestion System

Well over a hundred dollars in cash awards have been distributed this month to employees for submitting suggestions which would improve business operations and increase business. The list of persons receiving award and their suggestions are listed below.

Frank Jacobs, Jr. (C&M), \$10; Control of parking in front of Gaol.

Crata Popular (Ex. Bldgs.), \$10. Illumination of brick walk between Inn and Swimming Pool.

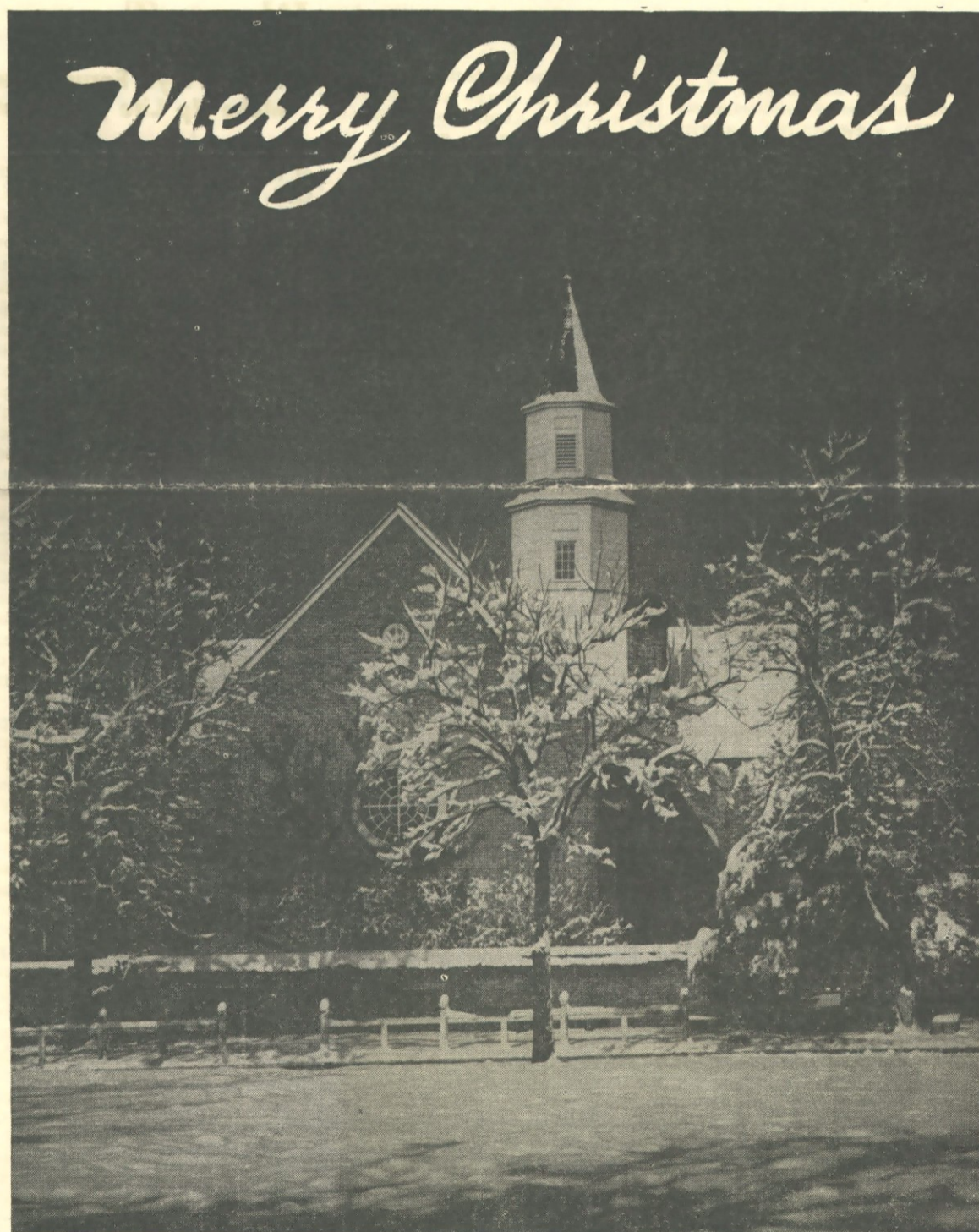
Miriam Shea (Arch.), \$20. Notice at Chowning's on days that unit is closed suggesting that persons lunch or dine at Travis House.

Harold Sparks (Crafts), \$5. That a detergent be used in golf ball washer in order to clean balls more effectively.

Mike O'Riordan (I&L), \$5. More adequate lighting for Craft House parking area.

Lynwood Johnson (I&L), \$5. Better facilities for trash disposal in Craft House parking area where so many tourists eat their lunch in automobiles and buses.

Leslie L. Wilson (I&L), \$5. Better arrangement for trash and garbage. (Continued on page 3)



CW Doctor Warns Employees Against Common Cold

Dr. J. Randolph Tucker, CW company physician, recently gave some words of warning on the subject of preventing the common cold which is so prevalent during the winter months. He said that the following simple rules would go far toward reducing the number of sniffles victims:

- 1.) Get plenty of rest.
- 2.) Stay on a well-rounded diet.
- 3.) Keep out of drafts.
- 4.) Wear warm but not excessive clothing.
- 5.) Take some good brand of vitamins regularly through the winter months.

Avoid Crowds!

Come Late to Raleigh & Palace Receptions

Going to the Raleigh Tavern Open House on Christmas Day? If you are, and you'd like a tip as to when there won't be a crowd, listen to the advice of some who have attended previous events: the best time to arrive is after five-thirty and around toward six o'clock. Last year, when over 900 people passed through the building between the hours of four and seven, the crowd was quite thick early and tapered off sharply around six o'clock.

Another reason spreading out during visiting hours is the fact that new fire regulations specify that only one hundred people can be in the tavern at one time. When that capacity is reached, the doors

will have to be shut, and other guests arriving will be obliged to wait outside in the line. As people leave, more will be admitted. So unless you like to stand in the cold, come to the Reception at the times when few others are there.

The Palace Reception, on Tuesday night, December 26, will last from eight to ten p. m., and it will be subject to the same rules that governed crowds at the Raleigh Tavern. One hundred persons will be admitted to the Ballroom of the Palace, where the Reception will be held, but other guests are free to tour the building until they have an opportunity to enter the Ballroom.

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News & Comments

AVID followers of the printing business, plus those interested in knowing more about the colonial aspects of it might profitably spend some time looking over the latest hall exhibit in the Goodwin Building as dreamed up by Tom Williams, Betsy Hall and Bert Koch. This latest display, consisting of 19 panels and two glass cases features many pieces produced by Gus Klapper and his predecessor (by two hundred years), William Parks. The old documents were collected and are being shown under the kind offices of Pierce Middleton. You really ought to see it.

SOME of you may recall reading, when the apothecary shop was opened, about hair restoring preparations sold by a colonial apothecary. One preparation, in particular, was included in much of the publicity sent out on the opening; it involved grinding up six dead mice (the formula begins "Catch ye six small Mice") after they had been sealed in a jar for a year, well mixed with bear grease. This ghastly concoction should then be rubbed into the head, but with the hands encased in gloves, lest hair sprout from the fingers. This story was circulated to a certain city in the mid-west, whence came a letter last week. "Dear Sirs," it read, "Please send me a pound of the mixture mentioned for growing hair. My sister has been troubled for years . . ." and so on.

AND finally, at the bottom of the column, the reporters, the editorial board, and last and least, the editor, wish each of you a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with happiness and peace.

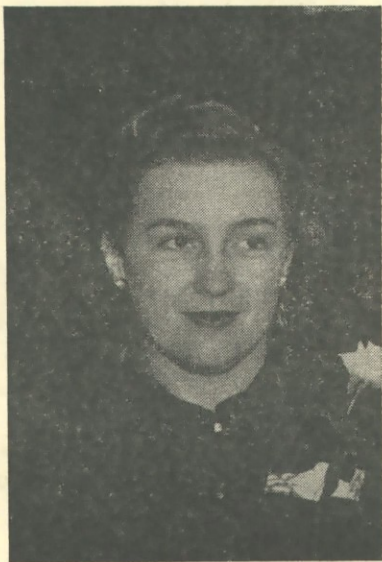
Campbell To Speak On Bonus Systems

Armond Campbell, manager of the Williamsburg Restoration Laundry, will lecture on "Incentive and Bonus Systems" before the Institute of Business Management of the American University on January 15, 1951, it was announced recently by John Green, General Manager of the Inn and Lodge.

Armond was selected to speak because of the fact that he has successfully installed a bonus system in his new laundry here. This arrangement among other things, incorporated a "point system" for pieces produced.

The Restoration Laundry, one of the most modern and completely equipped laundries in the hotel business, has drawn rave notices from the various hotel people and hotel reporters who have visited the plant.

Meet The Staff



Frances Diehl, charming blonde secretary to Ed Alexander, is one of those rare native Virginians living in Williamsburg. Roanoke is her home town. Williamsburg, however, ranks first in her favors and she hopes to live here for some time to come. She shares an apartment on Griffin Avenue with Margaret Kinard who also reaps benefits from our subject's love for cooking. Besides food Frances is fond of music and, whatdoyaknow, history.

CWI Employees Vote For Social Security Benefit

Employees of Colonial Williamsburg, Inc. completed the balloting on the question of social security on the 16th of this month. From the total number of employees voting (253), a two-thirds majority, or 169, was needed to secure social security for CWI. At this writing, 172 votes have been cast affirmatively, thus placing the company within the social security family.

As announced before the balloting began, those who voted in favor of social security will be eligible for its benefits, while those who voted against it will not be eligible. Employees in this latter group may change their votes if they so desire, thus becoming eligible, but they must do so before the middle of April, 1951, by coming to the Personnel Office and signing a supplementary list.

253 Voters

Of the 253 voters, 37 were casual employees, mostly high school and college students, who felt they would not benefit from the Social Security Act because of their employment status. These and a few regular employees voted against adopting social security at CWI. Only affirmative votes were recorded in the balloting, which was carried out on forms supplied by the Collector of Internal Revenue.

Those now under the CWI annuity plan who voted for social security will change over to the annuity plan used by the employees of WRI, in which the annuity and social security plans are integrated. This change-over will take place on January 1, 1951.

Magazine Piece Lists CW Household Tips

Three and a half million women have picked up household hints from Williamsburg, thanks to an article that appeared in *Woman's Day* magazine last month. Entitled "If You Had 800 Visitors a Day," the article describes the various cleaning techniques used by Mary van Buren and her staff to keep the Exhibition Buildings spick and span in spite of the hundreds of feet and hands going through them each day.

Hints Revealed

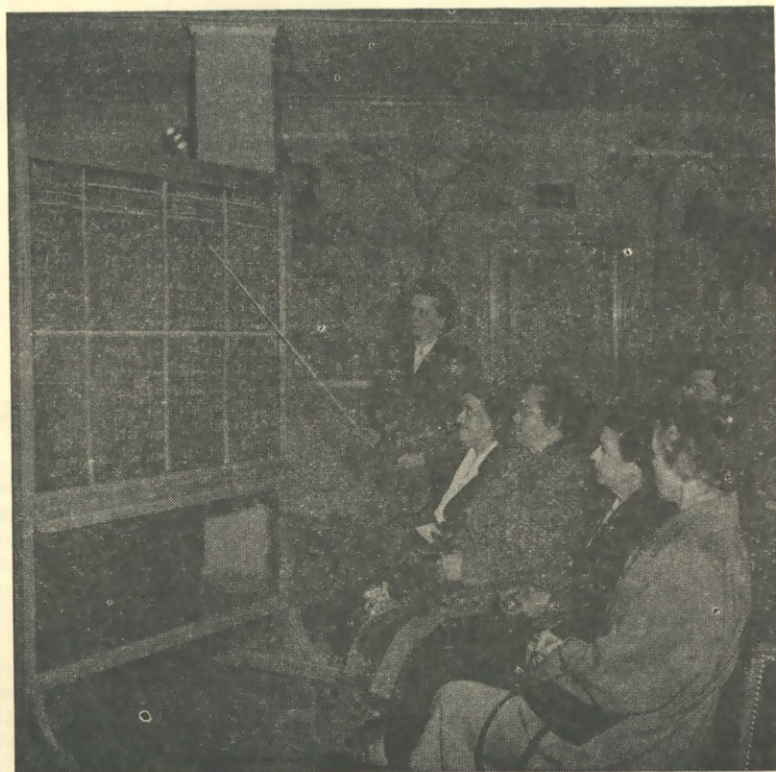
And in case there are any CW housewives who haven't seen the article, the NEWS passes along the very same hints for winter house cleaning. In the first place, there are two basic rules which should guide your efforts; never disarrange very much a room while cleaning it, and never allow anything to get too dirty.

In house cleaning, it is better to follow a definite pattern. For example, begin with a thorough vacuuming and dusting. For the dusting, use a soft clean cloth, free of lint. When it becomes soiled, put the cloth aside. After these two operations, divide up the other chores, planning floor waxing for one day, crystal and glass for another, and cleaning upholstery for still another.

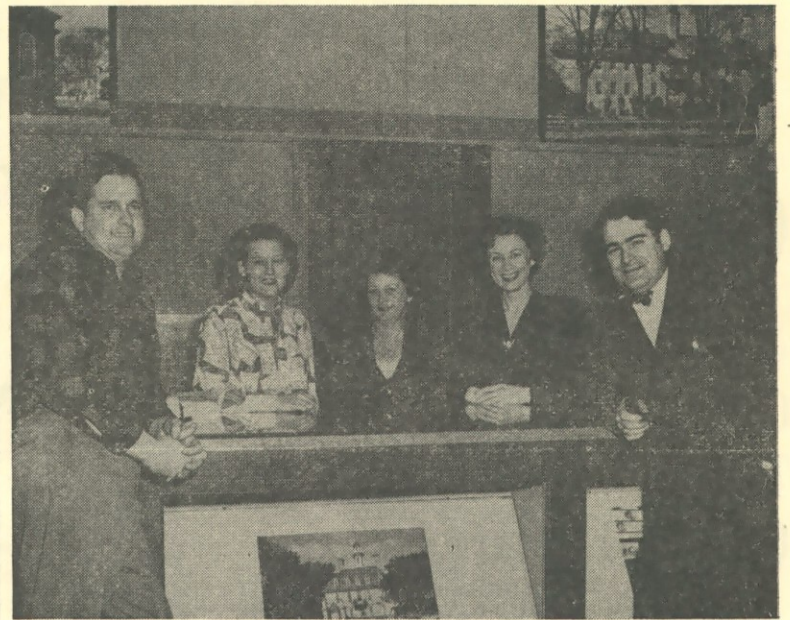
Cleaning Described

For unpolished furniture, wipe the fabric with a cloth, and to keep it fresh-looking, apply a mixture of cleaning fluid and mothproofing liquid. Clean glass by dusting, then wipe it clean with a cloth dipped in warm water and soap-suds, then polish it dry. To do the floors, prepare a wax bag by putting a pound of wax and ¼ cup of turpentine and wrap it tightly

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EXPLANATION: Edra S. Mayer, Manager of the Newport News Social Security Office, explains the provisions of the new Social Security Act, under which employees of non-profit corporations may gain Social Security Benefits. Among those present when this picture was taken were Dorothea Jensen, Hallie Carpenter, Lucile Foster, Don Parker and Fanona Knox.



A LEISURE MOMENT is taken by the regular staff of the Reception Center to pose for CW's cameraman. Standing at the Information Desk are, left to right, Maupin Saunders, projectionist; Virginia Fields, Assistant Manager; Vashti Steinwachs, Publications; Betty Toler, Information; and Bill Bippus, Manager. This smiling quintet operates the entire orientation program of CW at the Reception Center.

Reception Center Staff Plans Tours For Visitors

Films, Plays, Forums and Amusing Incidents Make Up Life at Orientation Center.

"Well, here we are; where do we go?" This remark is typical of those addressed to the staff of the Reception Center by the thousands of visitors who begin their tour of Williamsburg there. Answering questions is but one of the services and functions of the Center, where visitors are thoroughly briefed in the history of Williamsburg, the techniques of restoration and what to see while here.

Overseeing the operation of the Center is the loquacious Bill Bippus, originally from Joliet, Illinois, where he attended high school and junior college. After that, he went to Newport News Apprentice School, and King's Point Merchant Marine Academy, then spent six months at sea.

He returned to King's Point as an instructor and later moved to the Basic School at Pass Christian, Mississippi, as Assistant Academic Officer. He did a stint with the U. S. Hydrographic Office before coming to Williamsburg in 1947 as desk clerk at the Lodge. When the Reception Center began operations in March of 1948, Bill was selected to head its program.

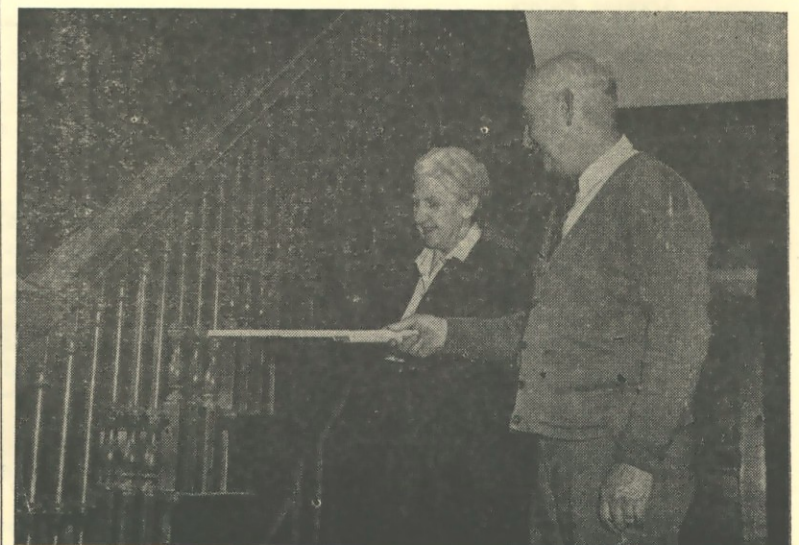
In addition to Bill, the Reception Center has a regular complement of five . . . Virginia Fields, Assistant Manager and Cashier; Vashti Steinwachs, Publication Desk; Betty Toler, Information Desk; and Projectionists Maupin Saunders and Bud Fields. Maupin is the mechanical genius of the staff, and according to reports from a reliable source, can fix just about anything with a bit of string and some glue.

From nine to five, this crew is on hand to answer questions, map out tours, sell tickets to the buildings, post cards, slides and other publications. After five, the "college crew"—composed of W&M students—comes on for the night shift, and handles all the lecture and film programs after dark.

The daytime films and slides are viewed by over 40,000 people each year, and are in a constant state of change, as Tom Williams and Dick Showman add new slides to the program. The blue and white Reception Center and its orientation program have proved themselves quite popular with Williamsburg visitors since their inception. Williamsburg is one of the few historical shrines in the country which has a program of orientation for its visitors. It has been found that the program greatly helps guests to appreciate the significance of Williamsburg, not to mention the fact that those who pass through the Center usually spend more time in the city. A special "dissolved" projection technique has been developed for the color slide showing by Minor Wine Thomas, Dick Showman and Hobart Ray. This process permits the slides to be shown consecutively, without the usual abrupt change from one to the next. One slide "dissolves" as the next one is projected.

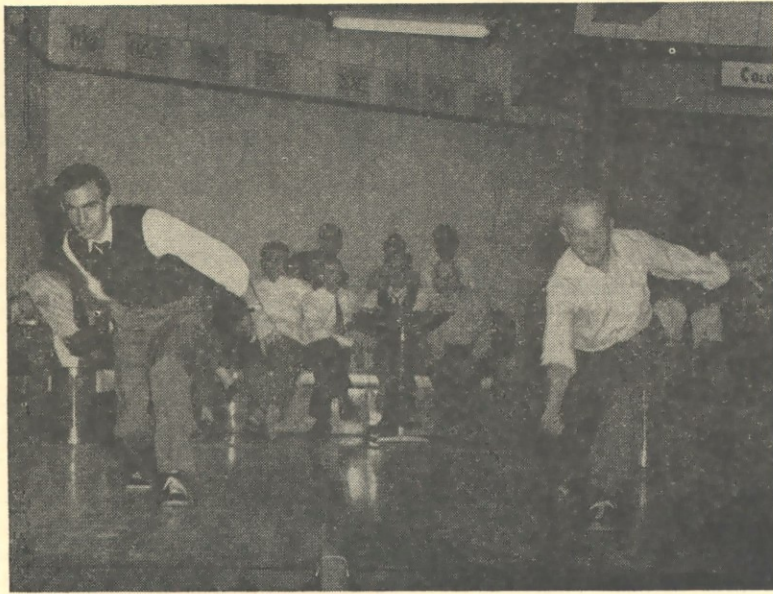
In any unit which meets the public, some amusing incidents are always bound to crop up. The Reception Center can contribute quite a few to the pile. For instance, there was the person who misunderstood the phrase "Reception Center," and wrote an indignant letter complaining that he had been to the "recreation center" every night for a week and had seen the same movies

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INSPECTION. Miss Jeanette Kelly, life tenant of the Tayloe House, goes over details in the nearly completed building with Sid Benton, construction superintendent. Miss Kelly hopes to move into her new home soon.

CW Sports Section



STRIKE! Fred Flannary, left, of the I&L team, and Robert White of the Craftsmen let go during a recent bowling meet. Behind them, their teams watch the course of the ball anxiously, especially Lou Bullman, who can be seen peering past bowler White's shoulder. The Craftsmen, however, must do more than peer, since they are, at the present time, languishing in last place.

Accounting Team Clinches Title; Mule Train Second

First Half Championship Goes Unsettled Until Final Game; Play Resumes After Christmas.

By Lois Churchill

The Accounting Team, leading the pack since the season opened, came home the winner of the First Half race last week. Towards the end of the season, their lead was cut, and they were challenged rather seriously by Muletrain. However, the Plugs, with a chance to throw the race into a tie on the final night, only could win one out of three with the pace setters while runner-up Muletrain also dropped one. The winners finished three full games in front.

There will be no bowling in the men's league until January 10, at which time, the second half will open. At this time league spokesmen believe all eight teams will again compete.

For many in the league it has been a hard winter. Specifically, the Craftsmen, who started out in the basement and never moved out. However, on more than one occasion, they rose up in their righteous anger, and led by the dauntless huntsman, Minor Wine Thomas, smote down an ambitious foe. It has been said that Minor Wine mistakes the duckpins for ducks, and is only waiting for them to take off before blazing away.

However, the winners get the lion's share; Ollie Amon, Gilly Grattan, Blackie Blackwell, Billy Humphrey, Bob Evans and Rod Jones brought home the bunting. Probably the secret to Accounting's success is in the fact that three of their men are in the first 10 when it comes to high scorers.

Averages

| Men's | |
|--------------|-------|
| Tucker | 112.7 |
| Peet | 111.7 |
| Evans | 111.5 |
| Bowers | 107.5 |
| Williams, T. | 106.5 |
| Mahone | 104.9 |
| Amon | 104.1 |
| Grattan | 103.4 |
| Peters | 103.0 |
| Flannary | 102.8 |
| Women's | |
| Esleeck | 92.6 |
| Hudson | 91.8 |
| Frank | 91.8 |
| McCoy | 91.8 |
| Peters | 90.4 |
| Miller | 89 |
| Evans | 88 |
| Churchill | 86.7 |
| White, L. | 86.2 |
| Tait | 86 |

Congratulations

FOR LONG SERVICE

Willie Meekins completed ten years service on November 11, 1950.

Women's League Near Collapse As First Half Ends

By Lois Churchill

The Women's Bowling League dragged to an unsatisfactory first half conclusion on December 7, with The Square Dealers, captained by Grace Raiter. The first half was supposed to end on the 14th, but there was such a lack of interest shown on the part of bowlers that only ten players showed up and the league officers voted to end the season with the standings of December 7. The final standings are shown below.

It is just such lack of interest which may cause the league to divide up its members to form a four team circuit when bowling resumes on January 3. This same thing occurred last year, when too few people for a six team league participated in competition. The past two or three weeks, there have been numerous forfeits, when a team failed to show for the games.

Awards

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bage disposal at Lodge loading dock.

Charles L. Price (I&L), \$5. Sign at entrance to Lodge service yard indicating "No Parking" and admittance of delivery trucks only.

Elizabeth Fraser (I&L), \$5. Full length mirror for women's locker rooms.

Henry G. Page (C&M), \$10. Applying of corrugated rubber to legs of platform in Palace Ballroom to prevent sliding of sections during performance, and for protection of floors.

William R. Wallace (I&L), \$10. Bringing to the company's attention the fact that boys between 12 and 16 years of age should be restricted from serving as caddies on the Golf Course when school is in session.

William T. Reinecke (C&M), \$10. For prohibiting pedestrian use of the steep incline on northwest side of the Laundry.

William T. Reinecke (C&M), \$10. That the fire hydrant at Franklin House yard be made accessible.

Charles Cosby (Curator's), \$10. That key boxes be provided for Exhibition Buildings.

In addition to these awards, the Personnel Relations Office also requests that the employees who submitted unsigned suggestion No. 5353 call at the office in the Goodwin Building to receive the award. And that employees who submitted unsigned suggestions Nos. 3328, 5283 and 5279 are asked to come by the office so that the disposition of those suggestions may be explained.

Standings

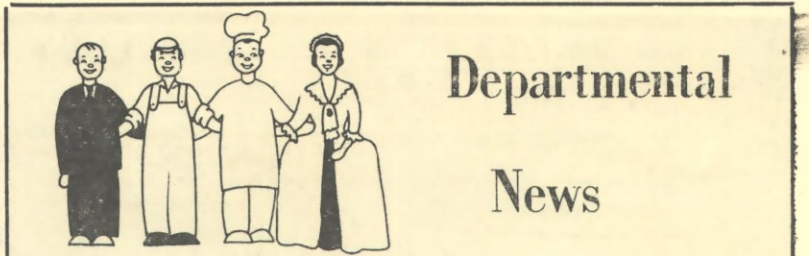
| Men's | | | |
|-----------------|----|----|--|
| Team | W | L | |
| Accounting | 32 | 7 | |
| Muletrain | 29 | 10 | |
| Plugs | 21 | 15 | |
| McPebes | 20 | 19 | |
| Pencil Pushers | 18 | 21 | |
| Inn and Lodge | 18 | 21 | |
| Rinky Dinks | 9 | 27 | |
| Craftsmen | 6 | 33 | |
| Women's | | | |
| Team | W | L | |
| Square Dealers | 27 | 3 | |
| Whiz Kids | 21 | 9 | |
| Lucky Strikers | 16 | 14 | |
| Real McCoys | 14 | 16 | |
| Duckpin Dollies | 9 | 21 | |
| P. B. D. Girls | 4 | 26 | |

We think the NEWS is good, but it's not good enough to find its way to your door without being led there. So, if you've changed your address recently and have failed to notify the Personnel Relations Office, please do so at once. The Office is in the Goodwin Building, or you can phone Virginia Marston at extension 228.



WILL IT FALL?

Members of the I&L and Craftsmen Bowling teams ask themselves that question as they watch their team-mates roll. Showing varying degrees of interest and chagrin are, left to right, on the bench; Lou Bullman, Dudley Wilkins, Minor Wine (old 76) Thomas, John Allgood, Ernie Lee and John Clothier. Behind them, left to right, is an unidentified spectator, Fred Flannary, Armond Campbell and "Gus" Gustafson.



Departmental News

ARCHITECTURAL DEPARTMENT

Marian Osborne is vacationing on the West Coast of Florida during the Christmas holidays. She is going to tour St. Augustine, Marineland and Silver Springs among other places of interest. . . . **Bob Taylor** has returned from a cross continent tour. He visited Natchez, New Orleans, Dallas, and Houston — even stayed at the Shamrock Hotel! . . . **Ralph Bowers** plans to "cover the waterfront" during his upcoming vacation; Christmas in Boston, and New Year's in Florida. . . . Have you seen **Alden Hopkins'** and **Paul Buchanan's** new Oldsmobiles? . . . **Bob Reams** recently resigned his position as mechanical draftsman. . . . The **George Bennetts** visited their families in Wilmington, Delaware during the holidays. . . . **Mrs. Vernon Kuapp's** mother, Mrs. Slater, is visiting the **Knapps** for Christmas.

RECEPTION CENTER

We extend a belated welcome to **Vashti Steinwachs**, who has been doing an excellent job in our publication department. With us for a few months, she is a gay and efficient addition to the Reception Center. . . . **Virginia** and **Bud Fields** are looking forward to spending Christmas with their families in Maine. Brrr! . . . **Marta Coote** recently had the privilege of showing Mrs. Macwirth of Damstadt, Germany, the restored area of Williamsburg. The German lady is active in the Liberal party of Germany, and is studying our ways of living to teach there. . . . **Gene Crow**, a recent graduate of the College, has returned to our staff while waiting call to the armed forces. . . . We are hoping our **Bill Bippus** will not be called for active duty with the Navy. . . . We would like to take this opportunity of wishing a very happy Christmas to all our fellow employees, and especially to those working the night shift here at the Center.

INN & LODGE

Captain Raymond Burpee, of the Lodge, has left us to move to Boston. . . . **Shelton Small**, a waiter and five year man, has just returned from his vacation. During that time, he visited relatives and friends in Elizabeth City and Norfolk. He said he enjoyed motoring through the beautiful countryside. . . . **Eli Canady** has returned to work after spending his vacation catching up with a great deal of work he has been putting off. Christmas shopping in his old home town of Newport News also took up some of his time. . . . **Chef McWilliams, James Tabb**, and **Cornelius Palmer** have been going great guns since the hunting season opened. They have bagged two deer, several rabbits and squirrels and one red fox. This kind of fox is said to be very rarely seen in these parts.

Martin Iracks, Lodge waiter who left for the Army early last month, is now stationed in Fort Jackson, South Carolina. . . . The Williamsburg Cavaliers, a basketball team consisting of boys from the Inn and Lodge, won its first game of the season by defeating the W&M All-Stars by a score of 66-57. . . .

John Conway is back in the Coffee Shop after a week's vacation. . . . **Lelia Smith's** daughter is spending the winter in Georgia. . . . **Dean Smith** has been out sick, but she is improving and will return soon. . . . We were sorry to see our cashiers leave the Coffee Shop, **Mrs. Herzog** and **Mrs. Frazier**, but they will be back in the spring. . . . **Hollis Ross** was called into the Army on December 6. Good luck, **Hollis**, and we hope you'll be back with us soon. . . . **Betty Mills** of the Accounting Office has left us. We're sorry to see her go. . . . **Betty Slater**, from Toano, has taken her place. . . . **Jack Milligan** will spend the Christmas holidays with his mother in Philadelphia.

The **Winns** are leaving on December 22 for a two week trip. They are motoring to New Orleans for their vacation, but we think **Warfield** just wants to see the Sugar Bowl game on New Year's Day. . . . **Bill Batchelder** went to the Southwestern part of Virginia over Thanksgiving and got snow-bound. So bad was the weather that Bill, consulting his vest pocket file to determine when he was due back, had to leave his car and take the train back. . . . We'll bet Bill won't go out into the mountains again with his sleigh. . . . **Bruce Lackey** is back from a two week's vacation, which she spent with her parents in High Point, N. C. . . . **Edd Rutter**, from Chowning's Tavern, went to a hotel convention in Roanoke. . . . **Charlie White** spent his vacation moving from one house to another; fine vacation. . . . **Margaret Burgess** is now living in the Scrivener Kitchen. . . . **Louise White** went to New York for a few days, and according to reports she had a grand time. . . . **Jane Davis** is our new cashier at the Inn Gift Shop. . . . **Mary Rosseau** has left for a two week's vacation, during which she will visit her sister in Maryland. . . . **David Barrett** is leaving on December 29, on a two week's vacation. He is motoring to Fort Myers, Florida, to spend Christmas with his parents. . . .

INTERPRETATION

Bits of our news this month are a little old. Because of space limitations last month, our prose did not see print, but we feel some of it is important enough to use again. . . . **Vivian Moses** was married on November 18 to **Walter M. Henritze, Jr.** They will make their home in Williamsburg. **Wicky Banks** was **Vivian's** attendant. . . . **Alice Fehr** has taken up duties in the Publications Department. From working in the Research Department, she went to New York for a year while her husband studied there. After a short spell at the Inn, we are happy to have her back in the Goodwin Building.

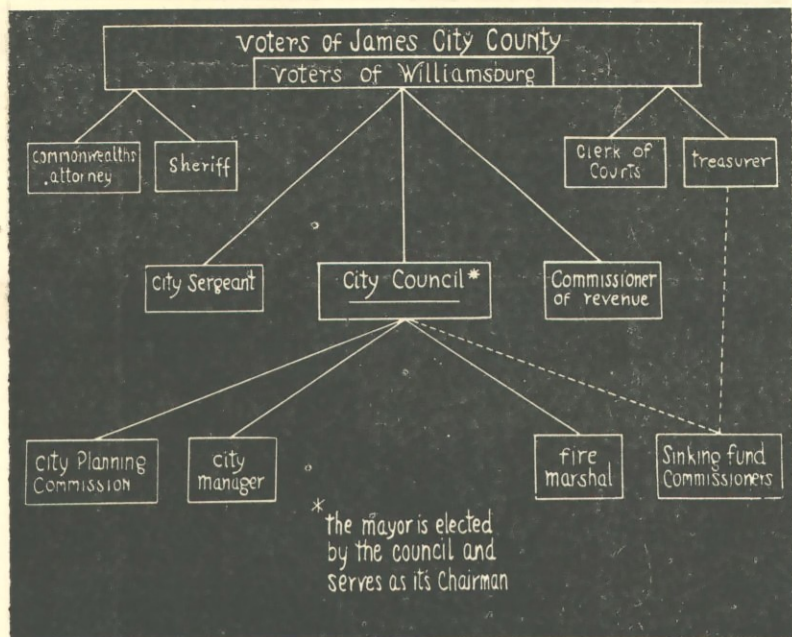
Billy Geiger, left on November 4 for Camp Campbell, Kentucky, for another spell with Uncle Sam. He was called back from the In-active Reserve. **Bill Boehling**, of Richmond, has taken his place. He is **Gilly Grattan's** brother-in-law. . . . **John Dunton**, archaeological lab assistant, has also been called for a siege with Uncle Sam. . . . It seems a strange coincidence, but **Minor Wine Thomas's** vacation and the duck hunting season have come at the same time this year. . . . **Virginia Heiss** reports that CW flower arrangements slides are being used as models for decorating houses to be shown on a holiday tour sponsored by the Garden Club of Danville, Kentucky.

Frances Diehl is spending her vacation in Roanoke. . . . **Betty Jo Fletcher** was an attendant in the wedding of **Betty Burr Wamsley** and **Harold Garber** in Clifton Forge on December 9. The bride was formerly secretary in the Treasurer's Office, and now teaches at Mary Baldwin College. . . . **Lucile Foster** spent a recent week end in Irvington, Virginia visiting. . . . **Sadie Cottingham**, while on vacation visited her sister in Atlanta. . . . **Louise Fisher** was guest speaker at the Rose Society meeting at the Hotel Chamberlain on December 3. . . . **John Graham** spent the Thanksgiving holidays at his home in Rome, Georgia. . . . **Ellen Heard**, who has been working on the school journey program and also helping out in the Photo Lab, has left to return to her home in Florida.

Fleming Brown, who is Chairman of the Bruton Heights P. T. A., presided at the Annual P. T. A. Work Conference on November 7. Present at the conference were a number of educators from Hampton Institute and Virginia State College (Petersburg). Fleming secured Mrs. Edra Mayer of the Social Security Administration to speak at Bruton Heights on the revised Social Security Act. The meeting took place on December 13.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Mary and **George Eager** have moved into their new quarters on Newport Avenue. . . . **Bob Hoke's** return trip from Washington Sunday, before last following a football game, took him nearly twelve hours—snowstorms and heavy snarled traffic were to blame. At one point the car stayed in one spot for two hours. . . . **Ann Neblett** spent Thanksgiving week end at West Point visiting Cadet Herb Devins; while there, she lost an earring on Flirtation Walk.



OUR CITY. This chart shows the structure of the City of Williamsburg and James City County. The Mayor of the city is a member of the Council, and is elected Mayor by the Council. Traditionally, the Councilman with the largest number of votes is elected as Mayor.

City Government Employs Council-Manager System

Hugh Rice, Local Manager, Is Well-Trained Specialist; Council Is Actual Governing Body of City.

(Ed. Note: How much do you know about the government of your city? This is the first in a series of articles designed to acquaint our readers more thoroughly with the structure of the city government of Williamsburg and with some of the problems that a municipal administration must face and solve.)

In the past twenty years or so, city government has become a field requiring the services of trained experts, as compared with haphazard and non-technical methods previously employed. Today, experts in administrative work can be found in many local governments, and indeed, some cities could not operate at all without the help of these specialists.

The present City Manager of Williamsburg is typical of this new kind of city administrator. He is Hugh B. Rice, who has an

extensive background in municipal government. He is primarily an engineer, having attended Virginia Military Institute and Lehigh University. After working for awhile strictly as an engineer, he took several courses in public management from Syracuse University, then attended the City Manager's Training Institute in Chicago. Mr. Rice has worked in Florida, Virginia and Pennsylvania in various city engineering and administrative positions, and has a wide knowledge of building and zoning codes. During the war, he was post engineer at Valley Forge General Hospital with the rank of major.

City Council

Thus the council-manager form of government throws the bulk of administrative work on the City Manager, but it is the City Council which lays the annual levy, adopts the budget, and passes necessary ordinances for the operation of the city. In Williamsburg, the Council consists of five officers, elected for two-year terms. These five officers are H. M. Stryker, Mayor and presiding officer of the Council; Lloyd Williams, Vice-Mayor; Charles F. Marsh, Winston Butts, and V. D. McManus. The Council meets once a month or when

called into special session by the Mayor. Citizens may attend these meetings any time they so desire. At each meeting, the Council receives a report from the Treasurer and the City Manager on the financial condition of the city.

Joint Offices

Operational economy in the city and county governments is achieved through several joint offices which serve both Williamsburg and James City County. The Treasurer, Sheriff, Jailor, Commonwealth's Attorney, Circuit Court Judge, Trial Justice, and the Clerk of Courts are all joint offices. The health and welfare units are also joint offices and cooperation exists in the school system; pupils from nearby county areas attend school in Williamsburg. The court house and jail are owned and operated jointly by the city and the county. When matters concerning these joint operations arise, the City Council meets with the County Board of Supervisors in order to handle the questions to the satisfaction of all.

(Next month, this series will discuss the Volunteer Fire Department of Williamsburg and how it operates.)

Statistics Index Reveals Rise In Cost of Living

Among CW housewives, one topic is getting particularly frequent handling these days . . . the cost of living. Numerous remarks are passed around having to do with the prices of coffee, eggs, and other necessities which are brought home from the local markets, straining the household budget and causing groans of unhappiness from the breadwinners. Naturally, the Korean war has boosted prices throughout the nation, but as yet the increase over the high of two years ago is not sufficient to warrant an undue amount of concern.

Some interesting information on the subject can be drawn from the latest cost of living index figures published in December by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The index is based on the average cost of living between 1935 and 1939; this average was assigned the index figure of 100, and increases or decreases since that time are indicated by the changes in the base figures. As of October 15, 1950, the consumers price index for the U. S. rose to 174.8, as compared with 173.8 for September of this year. The highest previous point was reached during the August-September period of 1948 when the index was 174.5.

(Williamsburg is not one of the cities used by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in its index survey, but the figures for Richmond may give a good idea of the local situation.)

While the rise in the cost of living seems greater than ever before, it is actually not as severe as one might think. The fact of the matter is that the low index figure of 166.9, reached early in 1950, makes the increase appear all the sharper, while in reality there is only three-fifths of a point difference between the current figure and that of the August-September period of 1948. In other words, while the cost of living was going down from September of 1948 to early in 1950, our money was going further than it did in early 1948 or at the present time.

The retail food index for the nation was the same in October as it was in August, 209.0, dropping to 208.5 for the month of September. Richmond shows an interesting variation in this department, progressing from 204.2 in August to 204.3 in September and dropping to 201.8 in October. These figures may be compared with those for September of 1948 when the national retail food index was up to 215.2 and that for Richmond was 214.1.

It should be kept in mind that national and local index figures cannot be compared properly, since the figures show the percentage of increase in both cases since the 1935-39 period. If, for example Richmond's current index is below the national average, it may have been similarly below it at the outset, and thus the two have increased proportionately.

Reception Center

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over and over again. He didn't think that was a very good recreational program, and thought there should be some ping pong tables, and at least, a change in the movie every couple of nights. And another time, a lady stood outside the doors to the auditorium for fifteen minutes, finally came over to the Information Desk to ask Betty Toler "How often do these elevators run anyway?"

The Diaper Parade

The NEWS wishes to add its congratulations to those pouring in on the following new parents: John F. Haywood (I&L), a boy born on November 13. Raymond Hodges, (I&L), a boy born on November 10. Thessalonians Judkins, (I&L), a girl born on November 29. Henry Dylla, (I&L), a boy born on December 8. Billy Humphrey, (Accounting), a girl born on December 12.



Departmental News

C & M

Margaret Prince, formerly at the Lodge, has transferred to C&M in Gene Sheldon's office. . . . Vic Page has returned from vacation. Henry took his vacation at the same time, presumably to keep an eye on Pop. It is rumored that the mortality rate among Tidewater water-fowl has been great the past two weeks. . . . Oscar Millard, paint section, is out on sick leave. . . . Earl Dixon, landscape section, is back at work after a recent pleasant vacation. . . . John Hite, Jr., automotive section has resigned to take a position in Alabama. He is succeeded by Morris Duke of Toano. . . . Homer Purcell recently received his induction orders and reported for duty with the army on November 20. . . . Jack Peet is vacationing at his home in Camp Peary.

With the closing of the pool, most of us wrote finis to the swim season. Not so some hardy souls, with Bassett Hall pond so near. For further details in this tantalizing affair see Alden Eaton. . . . Jessie Vincent, Goodwin Building janitor, has resigned. He will return to his home in Suffolk to work at Lakeview Hospital. . . . Ralph Wightman is currently on vacation. . . . Milton Cooke, from landscape section, is another CWer going in service. He enlisted for four years in the Navy. He reported at Great Lakes Training Station on December 18. . . . With Windham Kemp back from vacation and ready to take over on the golf course, Bob Johnson began his vacation this week. Sandy Morse, landscaper, is also vacationing. . . . Theodore Butler reports a pleasant recent vacation. . . . This week the waters of the James are again quiet and peaceful. Granville Patrick is back on the job and his trusty Browning has a cool barrel again.

HOSTESS DEPARTMENT

The Christmas season is upon us with the resultant rush. Everyone is too busy getting ready for Christmas to make news. We've all been so distressed and sympathetic with Mrs. E. D. Spencer who lost her husband recently. Mrs. Mary Daniel went to Greenville, S. C. to spend several weeks with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Daniel and brand new grandson. We expect her back on Tuesday. . . . The Philip Dewing's had a fine Thanksgiving in Washington. They had both sons, Midshipman Jay Dewing and Pfc. Douglas Dewing, who is receiving treatment at Walter Reed Hospital, with them. Midshipman Dewing returned to Williamsburg for the week end. . . . Hostesses are inveterate sightseers! Mesdames Callis, Wing, Dewing, and Mackey took a "busman's" holiday and visited Fredericksburg and Gunston Hall recently.

Mrs. Callis and daughter, Anne, had a short visit with her mother at Drakes Branch, Va. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fletcher have had a visit from their brother and sister-in-law of Bristol, Conn., on their way to their winter home at Fort Myers Beach, Fla. . . . Mrs. Val Pate and young son of Eugene, Ore. spent a recent week end visiting Mrs. Frank Adolph and the Misses Osborne. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Brooks, Jr., and young son visited their parents on North Boundary St., last week end. Young Sidney spent the week with his grandparents. . . . Mrs. David Holmes went to Baltimore where she represented Colonial Williamsburg at a television show sponsored by the Steiff Silver Company of Baltimore; they make the silver reproductions for Colonial Williamsburg. . . . Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Pate on Jamestown Road have had their brother, Mr. W. E. Pate of Shreveport, La., as a visitor.

The Peyton's have had house guests, too. Commodore Peyton's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Verner of Texas. . . . Miss Nicky Dillard attended the wedding of Miss Jean Lee Monroe to Mr. John C. Dute in St. John's Church in Hampton. . . . Mrs. A. M. Snead visited her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Bottger and family in Roanoke recently. . . . Mrs. Adolph leaves Saturday for New Port Richey, Fla. She will be away for two weeks. She will be accompanied by her sister, Miss Marian Osborne.

Conventions

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start singing the praises of our own hotels. As arguing points for your case, you might use these: best time for groups is the winter months, November, December, January and February, when there are fewer people and group business can be transacted with a minimum of distraction. A number of large well-equipped meeting and conference rooms are available for groups number up to 300. No more than 300 please, or we shall put another gray hair or two in the collective head of the I&L staff.

For CWers who think they've got a possibility, it might be wise to contact Lynton Upshaw for further dope.

Christmas

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tide season; there are many more events taking place in the various schools and churches and still others sponsored by civic organizations.

Residential doorway decorations again will be judged by a committee of the Williamsburg Garden Club in a city-wide competition. Homes and other buildings throughout the community will be decorated with wreaths and garlands of holly and greens. Candles or white lights will be used at the windows in the distinctive "white lighting" of the city for the Christmas season.

Perfect Attendance

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

| Employee | Department |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Cornelia Taylor, | Curator's. |
| Lucy Sneed, | Exhib. Buildings |
| Robert E. Parker, | C&M. |
| William P. Batchelder, | I&L. |
| Julia Moore, | I&L. |
| Odell Owens, | I&L. |
| William D. Spratley, | I&L. |
| Charles White, | I&L. |

Construction of Pump On Original Site Commences

Reconstruction of a town pump has begun on its original site at the Francis Street side of Market Square. Foundations for this pump and well were discovered some years ago when excavations were being carried out for the tunnel under the restored area.

The shelter for the pump will be octagonal in shape, a frame structure partially enclosed with louvers and having a cupola-type roof. Within this structure, the pump will appear much as it did during the 18th century, when it was considered a necessity for travelers, busy market-day activities, and for fire fighting.

Evidences of the importance of wells and pumps during colonial times are found in early legislative and journalistic records. Legislation was enacted by the Virginia General Assembly of 1762 which authorized a levy of taxes to fix pumps and to sink wells. A newspaper report of October, 1771, complained of the inoperative condition of the pumps and the resulting lack of fire protection.

Gardens Prepared For Winter Season

Alden Eaton of the C&M Department reports that a considerable amount of landscaping and gardening is underway as part of the fall and winter program.

About 125,000 bulbs are being planted throughout the restored area and at the Inn and Lodge, and perennial plants are being added in some of the garden borders. Various lawns will be reseeded with 6000 lbs of rye grass and 1000 pounds of permanent grass seed. Trees and shrubs will come in for their share of treatment with twenty tons of fertilizer being distributed at various locations throughout the area. Leaves from all gardens are being hauled to the compost pile, and boxwood and other plant materials are being collected for the eight or nine new gardens which will be planted during the winter and next spring. Hemlock hedges and specimens in the Palace North Garden are giving way to boxwood, and certain walks are being built up and resurfaced.

Tips for Amateurs

Asked if he could give any tips to amateur gardeners to help them maintain healthy gardens through the winter, Alden suggested "mulching down" (with compost or stable manure) shrub beds and newly planted trees. New box should be covered with pine or evergreen branches to prevent the loss of moisture, and plantings should be watered to assure a sufficient supply during the winter season.

Magazine Piece

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in a cloth. Rub this on the floors, and when dry, give them a good buffing with a cloth or machine. To clean brass, silver and pewter, apply a mild liquid polish until no black smudges appear on the cloth.