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Five Historic Area Homes To Open For Garden Week

Five privately occupied homes in CW's Historic Area will be on view here on April 23-24 during Historic Garden Week.

The Norton-Cole House is the official residence of CW president Carlisle H. Humelsine and Mrs. Humelsine. The main portion of the house was wooden in the 18th century, but was rebuilt in brick between 1809 and 1812 by merchant Roscow Cole. The Norton-Cole Garden is designed in an early Federal style, in keeping with the age of the house, and features box hedging clipped in a series of semi-circular forms interrupted by topiary corkscrews.

The Benjamin Waller House, residence of Mr. and Mrs. Milo M. Naeve, will also be open for Garden Week. This L-shaped colonial house with gambrel-roofed wing was built and added to several times over the period 1745 to 1770 by Benjamin Waller, a prominent Williamsburg attorney who was George Wythe's law teacher. A formal garden, recreated following a sketch probably drawn in the 1790's, lies behind the house.

The Waters-Coleman House, residence of Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Talley, is named for two of its most prominent occupants: William Waters, who owned several plantations and bought it for his house in town, and William Coleman, a post-Revolutionary mayor of Williamsburg.

The Pitt-Dixon House, residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh DeSamper, is an example of the most common colonial house form in Williamsburg. Built about 1717-19, the original house had as an early owner Christopher de Graffenried. Later, Sarah Packe kept a millinery shop there and still later Dr. George Pitt purchased the property. Pitt sold the property to the printer John Dixon in 1774.

The Lightfoot House, residence of Mr. and Mrs. Philip A. Thorp, contains a beautifully executed stairway. Colonel Philip Lightfoot, a wealthy Yorktown merchant and planter, owned this property early in the 18th century, and the property remained in the Lightfoot family until 1839.

In addition to the five privately occupied houses in the Historic Area, the Bowden-Armistead House will also be on view. Located on the corner of Duke of Gloucester and Nassau Streets, this house is privately owned by Judge and Mrs. Robert Travis Armistead.

Tickets for Garden Week in Wil-

Jamestown Day Observance Set For Sunday, May 11

Dr. David B. Quinn, noted British author, scholar and historian, will deliver the address at the annual Jamestown Day celebration here on May 11.

The activities, beginning at 3 p. m. will commemorate the 362nd anniversary of the first permanent English settlement in America and the 350th anniversary of the first representative assembly in America, at Jamestown 12 years later. Observances of the May 13, 1607 landing traditionally are held on the Sunday nearest the actual date.

Dr. Quinn, who was recently announced as the first holder of the James Pickney Harrison Chair of History at the College of William and Mary, has been a frequent visitor to the United States since his association in 1948 with the Institute of Early American History and Culture.

Each year, as part of Sunday's program, the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities grounds and the Colonial National Historical Park facilities and grounds at Jamestown Island are open to the public after 2 p. m. free of charge.

CW, the National Park Service, Jamestown Foundation, and the College, are cooperating with the APVA in the commemoration.

Major Travel Industries Merge - - - McCaskey Named Member Of Board

The two non-governmental organizations having as members the widest cross-section of U. S. travel industry businesses voted to merge during a joint membership meeting held March 11 in Washington, D. C.

The merger action unites the National Association of Travel Organizations, which has launched travel promotion programs including "See the USA" and "Visit USA"; and Discover America, Inc., creator of travel promotion campaigns, and the distinctive Discover America weather vane symbol, symbolic of travel within the United States.

Many CWers may not know that Colonial Williamsburg was one of the founders of the National Association of Travel Organizations. Bela W. Norton, former Public Relations director and later executive vice president for CW, represented the organization at the first meeting 26 years ago.

Williamsburg will be available at the Information Center, Inn and Lodge.

— Some Important Facts About Colonial Williamsburg —

During late February, some forty local retail employers and employees enjoyed two "Tours for Townspeople" at CW. These were the fourth and fifth such tours to be held in the past three months and were jointly sponsored by the Visitor Services Committee and the Retail Committee of the Williamsburg-James City County Chamber of Commerce and Colonial Williamsburg, Inc.

Duncan Cocke, CW's senior vice president, took part in the program and spoke to all of the groups on some of the more salient points regarding the Historic Area and what the visitor may find there.

For the benefit of CW employees and other interested readers the CW NEWS presents here a summary of those points.

The Historic Area encompasses 173 acres.

Within the Historic Area there are eighty-five original eighteenth-century buildings and over 400 painstakingly reconstructed buildings on original sites.

Eleven exhibition buildings make up the heart of our program and there are twenty exhibition gardens, which one authority has described as being among the best in the western world.

CW has 212 furnished exhibition rooms, representing one of the most

impressive collections of eighteenth-century English and American furniture and furnishings in existence.

The seventeen craft shops and over forty craft activities represent the largest handicraft operations in this country.

To better interpret the features provided in the Historic Area, 300 interpretive personnel undergo intensive formalized training both initially and throughout their employment.

Institute Book Receives Three National Awards

A book published in 1968 under the imprint of the Institute of Early American History and Culture has captured three of the nation's most prestigious prizes and may win two others next month.

The book is "White Over Black: American Attitudes Toward the Negro, 1550-1812," by Winthrop D. Jordan, former Fellow of the Institute and assistant professor of history at the College of William and Mary.

The College and Colonial Williamsburg co-sponsor the Institute, which has its headquarters in the College's Earl Gregg Swem Library.

Dr. Lester J. Cappon, Institute director, said the awards "reflect great honor on the Institute. This is unprecedented for any young historian known to us."

The awards are the Emerson Award for 1968 of Phi Beta Kappa; the Parkman Prize of the Society of American Historians; and the 1968 National Book Award for history and biography, announced only last week. In addition, Jordan's book is under consideration for another outstanding prize competition and is one of two remaining volumes under consideration for the Pulitzer Prize in the field of history and biography. Pulitzers are announced in April.

The Jordan manuscript was completed at the Institute 1961-1963 while Jordan was in residence at William and Mary and on the Institute staff, and edited by Stephen G. Kurtz, the Institute's Editor of Publications.

Jordan is now associate professor of history at the University of California at Berkeley, and has also taught at Brown University and the University of Michigan.

Institute of Early American History and Culture books are published under its own imprint by the University of North Carolina Press at Chapel Hill. Some 25 manuscripts a year

Six Scholars Named To CW Study Program

Six scholars have been selected to participate in CW's summer grants-in-aid program.

The grants, instituted in 1955, are distributed to scholars for research on original topics of colonial Virginia history. The topic of study may be solely in the field of Virginia history or the Virginia aspect of a broader subject.

This year's recipients include Charles T. Cullen, University of

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New Addition At CW Laundry Now In Operation

CW's Laundry, in case you haven't noticed, has almost doubled in size during recent months with the addition of two new wings and the installation of new, modern equipment. This new addition, which was begun in January 1968, is now 90% completed. Various aspects of finishing work on the interior and the installation of several pieces of new equipment is still in process.

The Laundry is one of CW's most important supporting facilities, processing all washable or cleanable items used in CW hotel facilities, and costumed employees' wearing apparel. Some 55 employees, under the direction of superintendent Armond Campbell and his assistant managers, Jim Gordon and Daniel Roberts, are responsible for the vast amount of work turned out each day. There are three departments within the operation - flatwork, wearing apparel, and dry cleaning.

About 75% of the work at the Laundry is done in the flatwork department. Here, all items such as towels, napkins, tablecloths, pillow cases, banquet linen, and sheets are washed, ironed and folded. During a typical day in this department some 18,000 items are processed. About 20 employees work here with the aid of some of the most amazingly large equipment one could imagine. Such things as 600 pound capacity washing machines and a huge ironer are used.

The wearing apparel department, with 15 employees, is responsible for such items as waiters' coats, maids' uniforms, costume shirts, cooks' coats and pants, aprons, costume dresses and kitchen employees' apparel. Permanent press items are also handled here. New equipment in this department, such as the conveyor belt system, has greatly facilitated the operation. Here, one also will find a variety of ironing equipment. Large horizontal pressers are used for waiters' jackets, costume pants, and shirts. Cooks' coats and pants and men's shirts are pressed on different units especially designed for each type of apparel. Puff irons and hand irons are used for finishing all items, which are then sent via conveyor belt to the inspection station. If items are in need of repair, they are channeled to the seamstress.

An average day's work here may include 160 maids' uniforms, 150 waiters' coats, 240 costume shirts, plus 160 cooks' pants, 175 cooks' coats, 65 costume dresses and 160 aprons.

The dry cleaning section of CW's Laundry operation benefited greatly from the recent expansion there. Previously, this section, along with the wearing apparel section, was located in the room which now is used only for flatwork. CW's dry cleaning operation is equipped with modern, up-to-date equipment. This department handles costume wearing apparel, hotel property items such as draperies, slipcovers, bedspreads, and some items for guests staying in CW's hotel facilities. There are 13 employees working in this section. Anywhere from 600 to 800 pounds of work are processed here daily.

One of the most interesting aspects of the dry cleaning operation is the special section devoted to cleaning fancy, expensive hostess dresses. This process, called form finishing, is new since the expansion.

Form finishing and other processes mentioned in this article are shown here in photographs taken by CW staff photographer Chuck Kagey.

CW's Laundry is a very large operation, indeed, and involves more than is described and shown here. Hopefully, though, this will give CWers working in other areas of the organization a better idea of the work going on there.



CWers are shown here preparing sheets for the flatwork ironer, shown top left. All flatwork items are pressed and folded by this machine, which is capable of processing 1,000 sheets an hour.



Georgia Tyler and Virginia Tyler put the finishing touches on wearing apparel items with the aid of hand irons and puff irons (egg shaped objects).



Barbara Jackson is shown here with the pants unit used for cooks pants in the wearing apparel department.



Left, Elnora Martin form finishes a fancy hostess dress, a new process for the dry cleaning department.



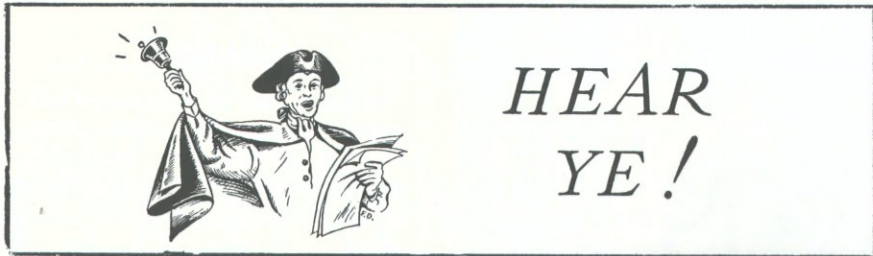
All dry cleanable items are spot cleaned as Charles Crump is shown doing here.



Hattie Thomas, also of the wearing apparel department, presses a waiter's jacket.



Betty Glass repairs an item in the wearing apparel department.

COLLECTIONS - Susie Gibson

The Austins are proud parents of a new Labrador puppy, "Chelsea." KATHIE VERMILLION is also a new parent of a Labrador puppy. Seems to be the dog of the year.

Peyton Randolph will again house live fish in the fish bowl in the parlor. We are going to try to keep this new batch alive for a longer period of time. As you may recall, we were not too successful with the other sets.

I am sorry to report that Malcolm Dunn was not here for the Forum this year.

TRIX RUMFORD has acquired a new car - the most ostentacious vehicle in the parking lot! It has air conditioning, power steering and power brakes. Until Trix gets used to the power brakes, everyone is advised to wear seat belts.

JOHN DAVIS has set a new record for spilling coffee at coffee break - three times in the past month.

JOAN and Carl DOLMETSCH spent a long weekend in New York City recently.

BARRY and Carol GREENLAW and JOHN and Ginny DAVIS are attending the 15th annual Winterthur Conference on Museum Operation and Connoisseurship. JOHN AUSTIN is in Kansas City for a ceramics conference.

HOTEL SALES - Editor

Our sympathy is extended to IRENE BRANDON whose father died Saturday, March 15, in Beaconsdale, Ala.

INTERPRETATION - Frances Turney

TOM SCHLESINGER was one of the featured speakers at the national conference of the National Council for Community Services to International Visitors in Washington, March 26-28. He spoke at a plenary session on "Enrichment Through Exchange."

LODGE HOUSEKEEPING - Mary McGriff

HAZEL RUTLEY, LOUISE BERKLEY, JANE WILLIAMS, and JAMES FIELDS have returned from recent vacations. NANNIE MORGAN is on vacation in North Carolina. She attended her granddaughter's wedding there on March 16. LOLA MOORE spent the weekend in North Carolina visiting her mother.

Our sympathy goes to VELMA SMITH whose father, Ananias Brooks, Sr., died Monday, March 24. He was also the father of VIRGINIA VINES who works as a pantrywoman in the Lodge kitchen.

COSTUME DEPARTMENT - Kate Rock

A recent visitor to this department was Mrs. Florence MacIntyre, from Louisburg, Nova Scotia. Mrs. MacIntyre is in the process of setting up the costume section at the restoration of the old French fortress in Louisburg, and was interested in all phases of our costume operation.

Brownie Troop #325 under the guidance of Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Mowery were also recent visitors.

MARIAN BOZARTH has returned from a visit with her daughter and son-in-law in Gulfport, Miss. HALLIE CARPENTER enjoyed a vacation at home and had as her guests for a few days her son and his family from New Jersey.

TELEPHONE OPERATORS - Mary Everett

HELEN BOOTH's husband, Ernest, has returned to work after an accident that occurred December 4. The Booths visited friends in Portsmouth recently. HATTIE LEE enjoyed her restful vacation at home. RACHEL CHILDRESS and JO ELLIOTT really have "Spring fever" judging from energies spent in giving their homes face liftings.

BETTY WOOD and your reporter have recuperated from visits to the hospital. We welcome back CECIL NEAL who was bedded down with the flu for a short time.

We extend a warm welcome to SARAH HINES who has joined our department on a part-time basis.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Sally Olsen

Special Events reports that TRUDY SCHALK spent a delightful weekend in Washington, D. C., resting from the fine work she did for the Antiques Forum and Garden Symposium.

DON GONZALES and RICHARD SESSOMS, at the invitation of ABC News, attended the Radio and Television Correspondents Association Dinner on March 12.

Your reporter spent six sunshine days in Miami, Fla., in February and wishes she could have stayed longer!

The rest of the Special Events staff is recuperating from the Antiques Forum and Garden Symposium and hopes that those employees who attended the session enjoyed it as much as we did.

RESERVATION OFFICE - Sharon St. Clair

We welcome two new faces to the office: BARBARA JENNINGS and GAYLE WRIGHT. We said good-bye to Kay Wood and Jean Spencer this month. We will be missing these girls. FLOY CARROLL has returned to work after being out for minor surgery.

PATSY YARRINGTON was surprised by a special visit from her brother, Major Donald Torbert, stationed at Shreveport, La. We were also surprised by a visit from Marcella Medeiros and daughter, Daphney, from Cherry Point, N. C. It was very nice seeing them again.

PURCHASING AND ESTIMATING - Connie Cheatham

All of us in P&E would like to extend a warm welcome to BARBARA SHEPHERD, who recently joined our staff. She and husband, Jack, who is stationed at the Naval Weapons Station, have just come to the Williamsburg area from their home in Manassas.

We're also glad to have GERRALD SHEFFIELD and KENNETH SAUNDERS working with us now at the Main Warehouse.

We've missed Tom LaHaye since he left our staff a few weeks ago, but wish him a lot of success in his new endeavors.

ARCHITECTURE - Dru Warr

We will be sorry to lose BOB TAYLOR, who will retire April 1 after 25 years of service.

DON EVANS has recently been ill, but we are happy to have him back in the office.

GERRY FINN has worked hard in organizing the Williamsburg Chapter of the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and has been named president of the new group. They are expected to receive their charter on April 15.

KING'S ARMS TAVERN - Bertha Casselle

We welcome all new employees to the King's Arms and hope they will enjoy working with us.

BETTY WILLIAMS is still talking about the good time she had in New York on her vacation. We are glad to hear that EMANUEL GODWIN is out of the hospital. We all will be happy when he returns to work.

We wish RANDY ENGLISH and MAE BROWN the best of luck in their new jobs. Randy is now the assistant food and beverage manager at the Inn. Mae has transferred to the Commissary bakeshop, which is now doing the baking for the taverns. The King's Arms employees gave Mae a going away party, which was enjoyed by all who attended.

HOSTESS-HOST OFFICE - Lucy Mattox

DOUG SMITH was very surprised and touched to be honored at the annual Hostess Banquet held recently. DICK CARTER is to be congratulated on being elected secretary of the newly formed chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

ELIZABETH CALLIS and SHIRLEY LOW recently honored your reporter and her new husband with a lovely party at Mrs. Low's home.

MIMEO-ADDRESSOGRAPH-SUPPLY - Anna Richardson

MAYLON HAMILTON spent an enjoyable week of vacation at home the first of March.

We extend warm welcomes to CHRISTINE SHOCKLEY and LINDA McBRIDE. They replace Carol Peck who became Mrs. William Barnes on March 3, and LYNN SHELDON who is now working in CW's Personnel Relations Department.

VIOLET WRIGHT, our VOT student, is now sporting a "big" diamond from Johnny Hamilton who is currently stationed at Camp Peary. The wedding date is July 20.

RESEARCH - Linda Hunter

ED RILEY spoke recently to the Society of Toxicologists. MARYLEE McGREGOR spent a week at the Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission surveying their manuscripts. PAT GIBBS did the same at the Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore.

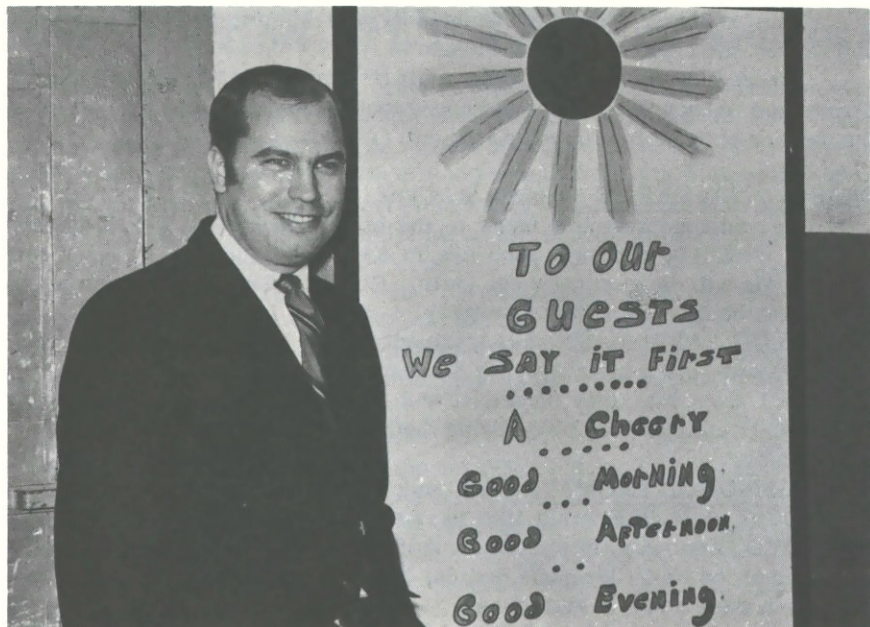
Congratulations to Marylee who won first place in the knitted afghan division of the District Junior Women's Club Craft Contest.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION - Mildred Kirby

Congratulations to DOUG WHITE who recently received his license to be a Certified Land Surveyor.

The following employees have returned from vacations: PAUL HURLEY, JAMES BURNETTE, and CLARENCE JONES.

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Cheery Reminder For Inn Employees

Dennis Hargrave, room clerk at the Inn, stands by a bit of his cheery art work, especially created for CW employees working at the Inn. Although Dennis did most of the work for the project, Clara Burnette, seamstress in the Upholstery Shop, was responsible for the smiling, sunny face. The newly decorated board is strategically located in the basement corridor where most of the Inn employees pass during the day. Inspired by Inn manager Tommy Moyles, the project serves as a happy reminder to employees. As Tommy said, "the most desirable characteristic of a hotel employee who meets the public should be warm and friendly courtesy and not merely courtesy."

Photograph by Chuck Kagey

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INFORMATION CENTER - Charlotte Farmer

We would like to welcome back LINDA PATRICK LEACH. Linda will be working at Carter's Grove and the center desk during the summer months.

Our congratulations to TONY BRODIE and JOHN GAIDES for their victory over the bar exam. We are proud of you both.

KAY KIPPS, along with her husband and granddaughter, paid a Valentine's visit to Kay's parents in Tremont, Pa. ED SPENCER enjoyed his recent vacation.

TOUR OFFICE - Ada Townsend

ALICE REITZ had her son, Jack, home for a month's leave after a tour of duty in Vietnam. HELEN BAKER's daughter, Debbie, was chosen Queen of the Sweetheart Ball at James Blair High School.

The office staff and escorts held their annual dinner at the Cascades. Entertainment was furnished by "The Pfeifer Fantastiks" who performed a skit entitled "Tell It Like It Was," written by NANCY COLES, MARGE COOKE, and SYLVIA COOKE. Nancy directed.

NANCY BELLEAU and SYLVIA COOKE have returned from Hawaii. They were joined there by their husbands on R & R from Vietnam.

Our sympathy is extended to MARIAN ABBITT on the death of her mother.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE - Editor

Our sympathy goes to ROY MATHENY whose mother died Monday, March 3, at her home in Toano.

Our sympathy goes to JAMES SAMPSON whose mother died Wednesday, March 26, in Philadelphia, Pa.

CAMPBELL'S TAVERN - Editor

Our sympathy goes to PLATO MARROW, JR., whose mother died March 9 in Charles City. Mrs. Marrow was also the wife of retired employee Plato Marrow, Sr.



Warfield Winn Tops Thirtieth Year With CW

W. Warfield Winn, comptroller for the Division of Visitor Accommodations and Merchandising, celebrated thirty years of service with CW on March 16.

Warfield joined CW in 1969 as a food checker and cashier and over the years worked as food controller, accountant, food and beverage controller, and controller.

In 1954 he became auditor and has held his present position as comptroller for VA&M since 1957. His department is responsible for all phases of accounting, financial analysis, control, and cashing for the VA&M Division.

His wife, Lelia, serves as administrative assistant in the department and reached her thirtieth anniversary with CW last month. Warfield is a member of the Rotary Club and is a past president of the Virginia Chapter of the National Association of Hotel Accountants. An enthusiastic sports fan, he especially enjoys basketball and football.

William Cook Retires After 22 Years Here

William Taft Cook, kitchen utilityman at the King's Arms Tavern, retired from Colonial Williamsburg after more than 22 years of service on March 1.

William first worked for CW in 1942 as a member of the LC&M forces and again in 1946-1958. William also worked as a casual utilityman at King's Arms Tavern from 1957 to 1958 when he was made a regular there. He worked in this position until his recent retirement on March 1.

William is a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church.

Milestones

Twenty-two CW employees celebrated service milestones during the month of February. Employees marking one or five years of service with the organization are listed below.

FIVE YEARS: JOHN EDDIE, head houseman; BETTY GLASS, seamstress; MARY HAMRICK, hostess; OMER LOCKARD, security officer; CLYDE MOORE, custodian; LOUISE PARKER, hostess; BARBARA RILEE, room clerk.

ONE YEAR: LILLIE BRADLEY, pantrywoman; ETHEL D. DAVIS, counterwoman; EVELYN HART, office assistant; DAVID HENRETTA, interpreter; MYRTLE JENNINGS, accounting clerk; MARTHA JOHNSON, waitress; JOHN JOYNER, cart maintenance mechanic; NORMAN KENNEDY, spinner and weaver; ANN LEE, inspectress; CHRISTINE MEEKINS, waitress; DONALD MCGRIFF, bellman; JEAN ROBERTSON, front office cashier; CLARICE SHEPPARD, waitress; EMMETT L. TERRELL, waiter; GERALD P. TYLER, gardener.

Scholars, (Cont.)

Virginia; Lucille Griffith, history professor at Alabama College; Benjamin W. Labaree, associate history professor at Williams College; Richard K. MacMaster, archivist and research director of Gunston Hall; Herbert R. Paschall, Jr., history professor at East Carolina University; and Louis W. Potts, Duke University.

The recipients will spend about six weeks in active research in the Williamsburg area. They will be assigned to CW's research department and will have access to the department's research facilities.

Book, (Cont.)

are read by Kurtz and his staff. In addition, the Institute publishes the William and Mary Quarterly, and currently is working on a long-term project of editing and publishing the Papers of John Marshall, under grants from state and federal governments.

James F. Perthone

The CW NEWS joins all employees in extending sympathy to the family of employee James F. Perthone, who died Tuesday, March 25, in Williamsburg Community Hospital after being taken ill while at work.

James was employed at the Inn in 1951 and had held his position of bell captain there since 1964.

Survivors include a daughter, Dorothy King of Jacksonville, Fla., and his mother, Florida Rachard, of Winter Park, Fla.

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