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Latest CW Films To Be Screened By A-V On Oct. 2

Employees who have not seen CW's latest film, "Decision at Williamsburg," will be given special screenings on Friday, October 2, it was announced by Murray Oken, film distributor.

From 2:30-6:00 p. m., Audio-Visual will run continuous screenings of "Decision" together with "The President Visits Williamsburg," the film version of Edward R. Murrow's "See It Now" TV program, which featured President Eisenhower's visit here on May 15.

The films, which last 35 minutes, will be screened in the theatre on the third floor of the Goodwin Building. Complete showings begin at 2:30, 3:15, 4:00, 4:45 and 5:25 p. m.

Personnel Explains New Claim Process

Employees who know in advance that they are going to use their company hospitalization insurance, for themselves or for their insured dependents, will find the claim procedure simplified if they will stop by the Personnel Office prior to confinement and pick up a "certification form."

This form, which is taken by the patient to the hospital, certifies the employee's or dependent's coverage and the extent of coverage. It eliminates the cash deposit occasionally required by the hospital at the time of admittance.

When it is not convenient for an employee or a member of his family to pick up a certification form, the present procedure continues: the Personnel Office is notified of the illness and the bills are presented following confinement.

Peter Brown Here As Wilder's Aide

Peter A. G. Brown, 30, became administrative assistant to Director of Presentation Mitchell A. Wilder on September 4. In this capacity he will help develop projects for presenting Williamsburg to visitors.

Before coming to CW, Peter was associated with a real estate and insurance agency in Colorado Springs, Col. He had previously been employed by a manufacturing company in Philadelphia.

From 1942 to 1946 he served as commander of a company of Army Combat Engineers. He saw action in the Philippines and Okinawa campaigns and was stationed with the Korean occupational forces. After the war he studied international relations at Yale, where he was a member of DKE social fraternity.

Peter is married to the former Ann Shields of Philadelphia and lives on Capitol Landing Road.

TO THE PUBLIC

As a result of a worthy suggestion submitted by one ALLAN SEIF, Esq., All Gentlemen and Ladies are hereby advised that for their greater Convenience and Accommodation, the Mid-Day Fare at the KING'S ARMS TAVERN will now be served at: 12:00, 12:30, 12:45, 1:15, 1:30 and 2:00 of the Clock.

Employee Home Financing Program Approved

Loans Are Now Made Available To Employees With 3 Years Service

Many a dream house may soon become a reality.

Under a home financing program, approved this month by the Executive Committee, loans to build or buy a home will now be offered by CW to regular employees with three or more years of accredited service. The announcement of this program was made on Monday, September 28, by Executive Vice-President Carl Humelsine.

"The program is not intended to supplant the conventional sources of funds for home financing," Mr. Humelsine emphasized, "but is being started in order to assist those employees who have found it difficult or impractical to finance their homes through existing agencies."

Only For New Loans

Explaining the terms of the program, Mr. Humelsine pointed out that funds will be available only for new loans and not for refinancing existing loans. Loans may be granted for terms of as long as 25 years, but any term of more than 20 years will be allowed only in exceptional cases.

The Peninsula Bank and Trust Company has been designated by CW as agent for processing and servicing the loans. The interest rate on the loans will be 4½ per cent interest of which the Bank gets ½ per cent for its services. Mr. Humelsine indicated that it may be necessary to change the rate of interest in the future in the light of conditions then existing, but he explained that no employee-borrower will have the rate increased on a loan already granted.

All borrowers will be required to assign to the bank life insurance equal to the amount by which the loan exceeds 50 per cent of the appraised value of the property. CW group life insurance cannot be used for this purpose, but any other policy will suffice, or a policy may be purchased for this purpose on a single premium basis.

Procedure Outlined

The procedure for securing a loan under the new program consists of three basic steps:

(1) A loan application and complete information concerning the home finance program should be obtained from the office of Corporate Relations on the ground floor of the Goodwin Building. (Continued on Page 3)



NIGHT OPENINGS of the Wythe House in October set Robert Ward to work on colonial style lanterns, each one a replica of an original (right foreground). Fast as well as painstaking, Tinsmith Ward turned out 24 of the lanterns in one week. "It's easy when you like the work," he says.

Just Can't Take It

Leeches Hit By Heat

"Leeches are hardy rascals," says Norman Marshall, who stocks the wee but blood-thirsty beasts in his Apothecary Shop.

But even a leech can reach the breaking point. Out of the first shipment of six, reported in February's *News*, not one is alive today. The grim reaper's murder weapon?—Williamsburg heat.

"The little fellows seemed able to take anything," Norman reports. "They went without food

and survived being cut in half. A promiscuous cuss called Osbert even lived after biting a Yankee."

But when the heat waves hit, they threw in the towel—rolled over in their water jar and floated to the top.

Casey To The Rescue

For a while things looked black at the little shop on upper D. of G. Street. Then the horizon brightened.

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Hostess Nelson Retires

Lily W. Nelson, hostess in the Division of Presentation, retired on September 16. Associated with CW for 21 years, Mrs. Nelson accrued 16 years of accredited service on March 25. She will continue living in her home at 101 Chandler Court.

HALF OF FAITH, perhaps, is patience.



FALL AND FOOTBALLS are again in the air, and this year's line-up at Matthew Whaley includes three stalwart sons of CW employees. Fullback Jack Vaughn, son of CW's Bricklaying Superintendent, and Co-Captain-Quarterback Pete Tucker, Jr., son of C&M's Mechanical Maintenance Superintendent, are causing commotion in the backfield; while "Doc" Martin, son of the Laundry's Glennis Martin, shines at right tackle. Posing with his boys is Head Coach Ken Weinbel.

City Voters To Register For November Elections

Eligible city voters will have their last chance to register for the coming November elections (n October 1-3, it was announced by C. A. Fletcher, city registrar. Registration will be held from 9 to 12 a. m. in the County Clerk's office at the Court House.

To register, voters must be residents of the state for at least one year and residents of Williamsburg for at least six months, Fletcher added.

Dinner Dances Resumed

Saturday night dinner dances will again be held in the Lodge ballroom from 7 to 11 p. m. on October 10, 17, 24 and 31. The dance on October 24 will be in honor of W&M alumni.

'Marriage' Re-opens

The Clandestine Marriage, an 18th century comedy, has now re-opened at the Reception Center theatre. To be given every Friday night through November 13, the play may be seen free of charge by any CW employee who notifies Manager John Fox before 5 p. m. on the night of performance.

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Suggestion Awards

Richard D. Goodwin (Presentation) \$25. That an old-style board sign, with a verse warning the public to take notice of the chips and sparks, be hung in the Deane Shop and Forge. (The verse for the sign was submitted by Apprentice Blacksmith Goodwin and was written after research in 18th century style and wording.)

Peter J. Hino (VA) \$15. That noiseless switches for the footlights be installed in the Reception Center theatre.

Grace B. Peachy (Presentation) \$10. That the Hitchcock chair in the northwest downstairs room at the Paradise House be re-caned with real cane.

Allan Seif (VA) \$10. That the noon meal at King's Arms be served at 12:30 and 1:30 instead of at 12:30 and 2:00 p. m. (Amended by committee to increase service even further by serving meals at 12:00, 12:30, 12:45, 1:15, 1:30 and 2:00 p. m.)

Mary Tabb Brown (VA) \$5. That the signs, "Men" and "Women," on the locker room doors at King's Arm be exchanged to agree with the change in locker rooms.

Gene N. Champigny (VA) \$5. That the sign at Chowning's in the stairway to the men's room be changed from "Men" to "Gentlemen."

Gene N. Champigny (VA) \$5. That the bus drivers include in their announcements to passengers that light luncheons, in addition to beverages, are served at Chowning's.

If the persons who submitted suggestions numbered 7040, 7675, 7720, 7776, 7872, 7877 and 7931 will call at the Personnel Office an explanation of the disposition of their suggestions will be given.

Milestones

During August, 26 employees celebrated the following service anniversaries

Five Years

Division of Visitor Accommodations — James M. Jones, Lodge Kitchen.

Division of Architecture, Construction and Maintenance — Loyd C. Cole, Melvin Haynes, Newton H. Stanley, Building, C&M.

Division of Presentation — Elizabeth Henderson, Hostess Section.

One Year

Division of Visitor Accommodations — Catherine Allen, Inn Housekeeping; John J. Allen, Inn Golf Shop; Flonnie Bateman, Lodge Coffee Shop; Roger Clayton, Chowning's Tavern; Evelyn Davis, Inn Kitchen; Dorothy Griffin, Virginia Morris, Laundry; Henry H. Johnson, Lodge Dining Room; Willie T. Smith, King's Arms Tavern; Juanita Stallings, Lodge Housekeeping.

Division of Architecture, Construction and Maintenance — Joseph Torbert, Building, C&M; Earnest J. Tyler, Landscape C&M; Pearl Burnell, Freddie Z. Dickerson, Paul E. Vaughan, Mildred Sprinkel, Operating Services.

Division of Presentation — Merton Williams, Exhibition Buildings; William P. Crutchfield, Craft Shops.

Division of Interpretation — James C. Schaadt, Audio-Visual; John Hemphill, William Q. Maxwell, Research and Archives.

Managing Editor At 313

Managing Editor Jack MacBean has changed offices and phones. Now located on the second floor of the Goodwin Building, he can be reached at extension 313.

Service Awards



Nancy Foster, manager of the Travel Office, reached her tenth service anniversary on September 14.

Coming to CW as a hostess, she served in this capacity until March 1, 1949, when she assumed her present position. She takes great pride in guiding the destiny of the travel office and has helped to make it one of the most valuable services rendered to the public.

The joy of her life is her three sons and several grandchildren, and she invariably spends her vacation time with them. She is an interested and faithful worker in the Williamsburg Baptist Church, where she once served as organist.

A native of Irvington, in the Northern Neck area, she taught school in Williamsburg for many years prior to her employment with CW. Mrs. Foster and her husband Merritt, Williamsburg postmaster, have recently moved from their former home on Richmond Road to Burns Lane.



Ben Spraggins, coachman-interpreter, reached his twentieth service anniversary on August 28.

First employed as a laborer in C&M, Ben also worked as janitor, stableman, stableman-coachman, laborer-coachman and coachman before reaching his present position on March 14, 1951.

A spare-time barber, Ben lives with his wife and three children at 430 South Henry Street.



Samuel J. E. Peach, chief of police, reached his tenth service anniversary on September 15.

Captain Peach came to CW to fill the position he now holds. Looked upon as more than the chief of police, he is constantly called upon to answer questions completely unrelated to his normal duties, but he is always known for his willingness to lend a helping hand whenever and wherever needed.

Captain Peach lives with his wife and two sons in their own home on Washington Street. In his spare time he can usually be found enjoying one or both of his two favorite hobbies: eating and fishing.



HOSTESS SECTION

Several vacationing hostesses returned to the fold this month: ELIZABETH CALLIS from the Skyline Drive and Shenandoah Valley; ELIZABETH DEAR from England; the MACKEYS from Nags Head, N. C.; ESTHER RUFFIN from her tour of Europe; and DOT WING from Ocean View and Virginia Beach. Your reporter will also be returning soon from a trip to Michigan and Missouri.

Along with the glad welcomes, we have had the sweet sorrow of departures. MARTHA JONES, ANNA HENDERSON, BARBARA WHITE, DOT MORTON, PAT LOFTIN, RUTH WOODY and GWEN-DOLEN HALER, all hostesses for the summer months, have returned to their winter pursuits. Early this month ANN SAVAGE turned in her farthingale and took to the air. Jumping two centuries, Ann has entered training to be a hostess for Capitol Airlines.

College has again called a number of hostesses' children: MARGARET GREY'S daughter Page is now at Mary Baldwin; former employees, Anne Callis and Bob Mackey, have entered W&M; and your reporter's son John has returned to W&L.

— Crata Popular

THEATRE

BETTY CODDINGTON visited friends and relatives in Pittsburgh, August 30-September 8; MATTHEW CHEESMAN spent a restful two weeks at home, September 12-25; and CURTIS TATE vacationed for one week beginning September 14. JERRY GORDON is back for his senior year at W&M after a summer at home in Roanoke.

The end of summer terminated the employment of three of our ushers, HERB BUTT, HUNTER CHALKLEY and ROLAND REBOUS-SIN. We are sorry to see them go and hope that we may see them again next year. This month we welcome to the ushering staff JOHN MORRISSEY, a sophomore at W&M.

— Dodie Diggs

GAOL—GUARDHOUSE

We are happy to welcome BLAKE TYLER, a native Virginian, to our group and are sorry to lose VERNON WARD, who has transferred to hotel service. JOHN YOUNG, who recently underwent an operation at Riverview Hospital, is now back at work; John says he is feeling fine again. Your reporter's mother recently visited here from her home in Miami.

— Ashley Norwood

RECEPTION CENTER

After a vacation in Washington, Norfolk and Virginia Beach, BOB LAWRENCE has returned to spend his last year at W&M and to resume work at the Reception Center. AL ROBY has also returned to work for the winter; he vacationed this summer in Arlington. DEAN ROBERTS is still in York, Me.

Elaine Abbott is now attending Hollins Institute for Girls; we are sorry to see her leave but wish her success in her studies. We shall also miss STANLEY RAY who left for Merryville College in Merryville, Tenn.

A beautiful new addition to the Reception Center staff is KIRK-LAND CLARKSON; her husband Jack is a lieutenant stationed at Fort Eustis.

— Betty Toler

TRAVEL OFFICE

This month the Travel Office welcomes three new employees: PHILIP PRATT, CLAUDE PERKINS and LILA PACE, whose husband is a sergeant at Fort Eustis. It's also good to welcome back CECIL MOORE, who has returned for the fall semester at W&M.

HAL JACKSON, a Travel Office employee for the past four years, left the middle of the month for Fort Sill, Okla., where he has entered OCS; we miss him and wish him luck during his tour of duty. By the time you read this, your reporter will be enjoying a week's vacation in Louisville, Ken., visiting her son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter.

— Nancy Foster

COSTUME SECTION

We were so busy last month moving into our new building that we let the deadline for the August issue slip by—or was it that your reporter would not leave the air-conditioning long enough to take her report to the Personnel Office? Remember the thermometer stayed around 100 degrees at that time!

"We girls" really did scatter and go places over the Labor Day week end. BESSIE PAGE went with relatives to the Skyline Drive; DORA FORREST and family visited her mother and sister in Moores-town, N. J.; DOROTHY WILLIAMS and family went sightseeing in Washington; SADDIE COTTINGHAM visited her sister in Griffin, Ga.; DORA JENSON spent a quiet week end at home with her "Sammie" and "Sugar"; and NELLIE NEESE visited relatives in South Hill and attended a family reunion at Bugg Island. Your reporter, however, stayed home and entertained friends and relatives from Charlottesville.

HELEN WALSH is leaving our section to return to W&M; good luck to you Helen, — we'll be looking for you next summer. All of us are very glad to welcome back TATIANA WALSH, who spent a two-week vacation in California with her brother and friends.

We can't take enough space to tell what a beautiful building we now sew in. You will have to see it to believe how nice it is.

— Hallie Carpenter

PAYROLL OFFICE

Things have begun to settle down in this office after getting Katy Hanrahan off to teach the second grade at Magruder. BARBARA LEE has transferred from Accounting to do our C&M payroll; she reports that this is a man-sized job for a member of the weaker sex. LILLIAN BUSH has just returned from New York where she spent a week's visit with Mrs. Patricia Ucar and Mrs. G. E. Pauly, former residents of this city, and DOROTHY PICKWICK recently enjoyed a reunion with old friends from the big city.

— Grace Raiter

LODGE HOUSEKEEPING

LAURA JOHNSON has been visiting Natural Bridge on her vacation, but we expect her back in time to win prizes at the Dahlia Show, October 3-4. JANE WILLIAMS has recently returned from a week at her home in Charles City, and MARY McGRUFF has just left on her vacation.

There was a large gathering of Lodge employees at Yorkies Tavern, Richmond Road, on the evening of Saturday, August 22, for a buffet supper, dancing and cards. A wonderful time was reported by all. We're glad to have ROSEZILA SHACKLEFORD and HAZEL RUTLEY, old employees, back with us again, and the welcome mat is also out for new maids, MARY LEE and ETHEL SMITH.

— Coral Rogers

INN HOUSEKEEPING

We are glad that FANCELIA PIGGOTT is back at work after being out sick for a few weeks, but we're sorry to hear that VIRGINIA FRAZER remains quite ill. IRENE STREET has returned to work after a leave of absence, and LOUISE DAVIS is now enjoying a well-earned vacation.

CLESTINE WRAY, maid, and ERNEST WALLACE, houseboy, said goodbye to us all and returned to college this month. Our welcome to LULUA LATTIEMORE and DOROTHY SHIERD, who recently joined our housekeeping staff.

Your reporter had as recent visitors her son Perry Whiting, who is stationed in Fort Lewis, Washington, Roger Whiting and husband Percy Sherman of Princeton, N. J.

— Helen Sherman

Service Awards



Marian Osborne, secretary to A. E. Kendrew, celebrated her tenth service anniversary on September 15.

Her ten continuous years of service began with her employment as secretary for Interpretation. She served in this capacity until July 1946, when she assumed her present position.

Formerly associated with CW from 1930 to 1936, she was a secretary for the Architectural and Curator's departments. Prior to her re-employment in 1943, she served for seven years as a secretary for the British Embassy in Washington.

By working two nights a week on *The Virginia Gazette*, which is family owned, and by doing some free-lance writing of her own, she has strengthened her interest in journalism and historical writing. For outdoor activities she likes gardening, boating and traveling and has just returned from a vacation to Canada and the West Coast.



Sully Braxton, laborer in Operating Services, completed 15 years with CW on September 9.

Sully came to CW as a laborer in C&M. In 1947 he was transferred to Operating Services to take care of the sidewalks and parking lots in the business area.

A resident of Norge, Sully regularly serves as an usher in his church. He has been married for 30 years and has two children and four grandchildren.

Latest Arrivals

Three new arrivals—two boys and a girl—are the latest reported additions to the growing CW family.

Steve Aylesworth Ashby, tipping the scales at 8 lbs., 8 oz., checked in on August 21. The proud father: William Ashby of Operating Services.

Virginia Watkins Drewry, the daughter of Architecture's Tom Drewry, arrived on August 28.

David Gregory Herbert Hinkson, who weighed in at 8½ lbs. on September 4, is the fifth child, first boy, of Hostess Mary Hinkson.

STOP FIRES — save lives.

Our Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to the families and friends of Lloyd Waltrip, Jr., and Charlie Scott, Sr., who died early this month. Lloyd was the security officer for the Division of Visitor Accommodations. Charlie, who had accrued 20 years of service with CW retired on June 18, 1951.

Hear Ye!

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PUBLICATIONS

The toll of the school bell has taken its toll of Publications: ANNE CLUVERIUS has departed to teach the little people of Yorktown. Your new reporter is making a determined effort to fill Anne's vacancy and is most happy to be aboard and looking forward to a long association with all of you. — Jo Peck (The News heartily welcomes Reporter Peck to its ship of staff. — Ed.)

AUDIO-VISUAL

Sally and TOM WILLIAMS royally entertained members of the Photo Section at a farewell dinner party in JIM MAYS's honor; among those present were MARLENE BUTLER, JO MANN and Jack Turner, former staff photographer. Before leaving for the "Norfolk Virginian-Pilot," Jim was also feted by a few friends at Richmond's Paddock Club, a party which was followed by a rather informal get-together at the home of a local resident. Friends of the Mays family will be glad to know that Jim is still working for CW on his two days off.

Kudos to JIM SCHAADT! If he would, he could wear three blue ribbons which he won for his color slides, exhibited last month at the Hartford Athenaeum. LOUISE KNOTT has found her deeply ruffled can-can skirt to be quite an eye- and whistle-catcher. It is rumored that over a dozen young ladies in the Goodwin Building have asked Louise to get similar skirts for them.

Your reporter pro-tem is pinch-hitting for CHRIS GILLESPIE, who is currently living a life of leisure and pampered luxury. Seriously, she is convalescing at the home of Peg and ART SMITH following a sorjourn and treatment at the MCV Hospital in Richmond. — Barbara Dearsteyne. (The News appreciates Reporter Dearsteyne's qualified substitution and wishes Reporter Gillespie a speedy recovery. —Ed.)

LANDSCAPE — C&M

New employees receiving our welcome this month are VANCE HARRIS, CHARLES JONES, WALTER ROBERTS, RANDOLPH MINNES and JUNIOUS BARTLETT. We're sorry to hear that WILLIAM SAUNDERS is in McGuire's Hospital with a back ailment but hope he will be out soon. IVAN JOHNSON, also on the sick list, has been confined to his home with a tooth and jaw infection—Ivan, the men miss you at the Palace.

High school boys who worked in the gardens this summer and have now returned to their studies include MORRIS JACKSON, J. H. JONES, LANGFORD TABB, LAWRENCE GERST, DENNIS GARDNER and ROBERT TAYLOR. RICHARD DUNCAN left for college in Massachusetts the week of September 23, and ROBERT HICKMAN left this month to accept another job.

This month's vacationers are COLEMAN BANKS, WILLIS HATCHETT, DEWITT POST, LEMCO TAYLOR, WILLIAM COOK, JIM ROBERTSON, WILLIE TAYLOR and BERT HARGRAVE, who went to New Mexico.

— Dick Mahone

C & M

HOBART RAY combined a business trip and his vacation this year. A couple of weeks ago he attended an insurance convention in Atlantic City. Whoever scheduled that meeting did a fine job . . . Imagine attending a convention at the same time some fifty beautiful girls were competing for the Miss America title?

Other recent vacationers are NORMAN SAWYER, FRED STRINGFELLOW, and PETE TUCKER. Norm and Fred were busy as beavers working on their new homes, and Pete turned "Golf Bum" for rest and relaxation.

We welcome W. REED ROBBINS to Building C & M. Reed is our first VPI Cooperative Engineering Student, and will be here for three months before returning to VPI for three months of classroom work. This schedule will continue until Reed graduates from school. Incidentally, his home is Ingram Branch, West Virginia. While here, Reed will be under the excellent supervision of RANDY "GRASS-HOPPER" CARTER.

DICKIE "FIREMAN" GILLIAM should either take lessons on how to climb a ladder or lose a little of that excess weight he is "dragging" around. While climbing out of a basement the other day, Dick's "South End" overbalanced his "North End" and as a result, "FIREMAN" took a very bad fall resulting in a wrist laceration that took five stitches to close. The moral to this little safety story: don't become overbalanced on a ladder, especially when you're ten feet off the ground. On the sick and disabled list this month is WILLIAM BAKER. No one seems to know how long Bill will be out, but we sincerely hope he is back with us soon.

We are happy to report the wedding of WILLIAM WALLACE's daughter Eleanor to HAROLD KING, JR., on August 22. Both William and Howard are mainstays on "AUGIE" BLOCKSTON's labor crew.

— Tom Russell

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Best wishes for a successful year are extended to Nancy Kent, who left the News Bureau on September 18 to enter college at Florida Southern in Lakeland.

ALMA LEE ROWE recently returned from spending an entire week in "Big Town," N. Y., and UTHA CONRAD, accompanied by NANCY RAMSEUR, departed for Gotham on the 21st.

Our sympathy is with VAN MACNAIR, whose father died in Louisville, Ken., on Labor Day.

— Joan Fekas

CUSTODIANS

Our travelers are now back on duty after spending some very pleasant vacations. FLEMING BROWN spent most of his out of town, and TEARUSSELL BURRELL, your reporter and others recently spent a week end in Norfolk and motored to Gloucester County on September 5 to visit friends.

— Cornelia Taylor

INN & LODGE

We are happy to welcome back MARY REED from an extensive tour of the West and MARION HOFFMAN who spent a week in Roanoke. GOLDIE and SAM THOMAS plan to spend a week's vacation with Sam's parents in North Carolina, and JOHN GREEN and family will spend their two weeks vacation in Long Island visiting John's parents. JOHN MILLIGAN will go from north (Philadelphia) to south (Miami) during his three-week vacation. VIRGINIA ROSEBURG and husband Carl really saw the night life in New York, taking in several TV shows and such Broadway hits as *The King and I* and *Me and Juliet*. ANN STUBBS also went to New York recently to see her daughter leave by plane for Germany, where she will join her husband.

ED BUSE resigned his position as desk clerk at the Inn, but we are happy to welcome WILLIAM GRIFFIN who is taking Ed's place. We hope FRANCES BURNS is recuperating from her broken ankle and will be back on her feet shortly. Herman Sweeney, son of CARRIE SWEENEY was awarded a BS degree in accounting from Stephen Austin State College in Nacogdoches, Texas, at commencement exercises there in August. There were several familiar faces around the Inn and Lodge last month, namely Myrtle Garbee and Ruth Hart.

— Jeanne Cogle

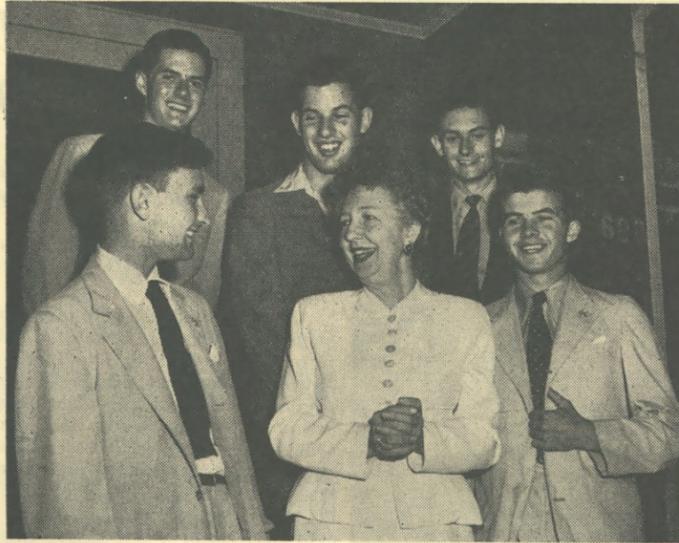
ARCHITECTURAL

DRU and Harry WARR report a lovely vacation in North Carolina the week of September 6-12. Unfortunately, however, the cool weather prevented them from doing any swimming. RALPH BOWERS reports a restful but too short vacation at Nags Head on the Labor Day week end; he hopes the hurricane didn't erase the footprints he left in the sand!

BOB TAYLOR was visited by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Taylor of Spartanburg, S. C., the last week end in August. Golf must run in this family since we hear reports of some strenuous games played by Mr. Taylor. ALDEN HOPKINS had a week end at home prior to going to Worcester, Mass., on September 22 to speak to the Garden Club there. He was also guest speaker at the Virginia Peninsula Rose Society on September 13.

We're pleased as punch to report that HAYS HOUSTON is off the sick list now and back at work, and our hearty welcome goes to FUSAE TAKEI who recently joined our secretarial ranks.

— Aleda Hartman



ENGLISH SPOKEN HERE! Five young Englishmen, pictured above with CW's Frances Dayton, visited here recently as part of a six-weeks tour of the US made possible by the Youth Exchange Plan of the English Speaking Union. Guests of local residents, Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Guy and Miss Marguerite Wynne-Roberts, the boys were entertained by ESU Member Dayton.

Bags Document Treasure . . .

Director Home From Hunt

Early this month A. Pierce Middleton, director of research, returned from the British Isles, where he spent a cool summer in hot pursuit of manuscripts on American colonial history.

Highly successful, Pierce found reams of customs records, port books, letters, wills, warrants and other documents that throw light on the colorful, but poorly recorded, times of our colonial settlers.

Possibly his most humorous "find" was a petition from a stranded Indian Chief, who wanted money to get back to his tribe in America.

Beginning his document hunt in London, Pierce traveled through almost every one of the 40 English counties. He covered 3,150 miles between London and Glasgow and visited 45 libraries, record offices and other repositories.

As was reported in the May issue of the News, he was mainly after manuscripts which have recently been catalogued or ones which were inaccessible during the war.

Finds Fire Engine

In addition to manuscripts, he also located a fire engine of the type probably used in 18th century Williamsburg.

Pierce says the high point of his trip was his visit to Whitehaven, a former tobacco port where George Washington's grandmother is buried. With all the American tourists in England, he seems to have been the first American to visit there since John Paul Jones shelled the town during the American Revolution.

CWers Should Show Pass

It is requested that all employees who visit the exhibition buildings on business, identify themselves by their employees' pass.

Cocke Named Head Of Community Fund

Duncan Cocke, director of Corporate Relations, has been named to head the 1953-54 Williamsburg-James City Community Fund drive. He will substitute for Monier Williams, CW's director of Operating Services, who is recuperating from an illness.

Duncan has begun organizing personnel for the drive, dates of which will be announced later.

At its recent meeting, the Fund's Board of Directors also named Van MacNair, of Public Relations, as chairman of the publicity and education committee for the drive.

WISDOM is having a lot to say — and not always saying it.

Bowling, Anyone?

A CW men's bowling league for the '53-'54 season is in the process of being organized. Those who have not been contacted, but would like to bowl, call Chuck Loomis, recreation supervisor, at 330, extension 227.

Home Financing

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If, after receiving complete information, the employee decides to make application for a loan, there are certain charges incident to processing, appraisal, etc., which must be paid by the employee regardless of whether the loan is granted.

(2) The application is then forwarded to the bank which determines whether the employee is financially able to carry the amount of loan requested and arranges for an appraisal of the property. The formula used in F.H.A. financing will be used by the bank as a guide to determine the amount an employee can borrow.

(3) A report and recommendation is then submitted by the bank to CW. If the recommendation is favorable, CW makes the funds available to the bank, which in turn makes the loan to the employee after receiving certification of title from an approved attorney and the execution of the loan papers by the borrower.

Program Experimental

To cover the bank's expense in originally processing the loan, a service fee of one-half of 1 per cent is charged by the bank, which fee will be paid by the employee. In addition the employee will be required to pay the attorney's fees for a title search and preparation of the loan papers as well as the fee for the appraisal of the property as is customary in any real estate loan.

Mr. Humelsine stated that the home financing program is being started on an experimental basis with a limited sum having been allocated for the program initially. If the program is successful and worthwhile, it may be expanded later.

Two CW Directors Fill Civic Positions

E. P. Alexander, director of interpretation, has been named by Mayor H. M. Stryker to represent Williamsburg on the state committee of the United Nations Association and to develop interest in the organization in this section.

The purpose of the association, according to its leader, Dr. J. Earl Moreland, is "to furnish speakers, distribute information and otherwise encourage interest and support from the citizens of Virginia in the United Nations Program."

Named Scout Leader

Thomas G. McCaskey, director of promotion, was appointed recently to the executive board of the Peninsula Boy Scout Council. The board, composed of 40 members, meets monthly and supervises scouting activities on the Lower Peninsula.



EAGLE SCOUT HONORS for Charlie Duke, of Boy Scout Troop 103, brought out a number of CW employees connected with local scouting. Shown above are Lodge Manager Bill Batchelder, Employment Director Jimmy Fuller, C&M's Tommy Brummer and Merchandising's Hank Strong. Eagle Scout Duke, flanked by his parents, was presented with Scouting's highest award at a preview showing of "Mr. Scoutmaster," screened by Theatre Manager Hap Halligan for local scouts.



SCHOOL'S OUT for the above seven men, who received their apprenticeship diplomas at a board room ceremony on September 8. Seated (l-r) are Melvin Haynes, brickmason, Lyle Briggs and Fred Mayfield, maintenance servicemen, and Milton Beverly, painter. Standing are Victor Petersen, painter, Frank Smith, carpenter, and Floyd Martin, Jr., maintenance serviceman. Not shown are Frank Jacobs, Jr., and Pete Panayotis, carpenters who also completed apprenticeship training.

Hear Ye!

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OFFICE C&M

The volunteer firemen of Building C&M have been keeping busy during their spare time preparing for the annual fire department demonstration to be held at the Harwood tract October 11.

We're sorry to hear of RALPH CLARK's resignation as superintendent and wish him luck wherever he goes. We welcome ROY E. PUGH as assistant field engineer to RANDY CARTER.

TOM RUSSELL has recently been appointed athletic director at Walsingham and will coach the basketball team this winter; here's to a lucky season. RANDY LEE, LYMAN PETERS, BASK BRIDGFORTH and JACK MACBEAN are this year's officers for local Cub Scout Pack 103.

— Tommy Brummer.

TREASURER'S OFFICE

All members of the Treasurer's Office are sharpening their pencils, both black and red, in preparation of next year's budgets. Budget hearings will soon occupy a large part of the time, after which the results will be edited and typed for the fall board meetings.

Lorraine and BOB EVANS have just returned from a little vacation up North. While away they attended the wedding of Elizabeth Jane Bennett in Wilmington and visited old friends in River Edge, N. J. The Jones family has moved back to town after spending the summer in Gloucester. ROD's oldest boy Kendall is now a freshman at W&L.

— Elizabeth Stubbs

ACCOUNTING

We welcome NATHAN TILLAGE to the section. Nathan, who hails from Gloucester Point, graduated from Achilles High School in 1950 and later attended Smithdeal Massey Business School in Richmond.

ELAINE and JIMMY DAVIDSON visited his brother in Ashland several weeks ago, and GILLY GRATTAN recently returned from a vacation at Virginia Beach. Your reporter returned to work after spending a week in Richmond; her husband was a patient in the MCV Hospital and is now recuperating at home after his operation.

JEAN SLATER's marriage to John Wilder will take place in the Liberty Baptist Church, Lanexa, on October 10.

— Bernice Hudson

INSTITUTE

WHITFIELD J. BELL, JR., has arrived from Dickinson College to assume the duties of managing editor of the *William and Mary Quarterly*. JANE CARSON recently returned from Quincy, Mass., where she spent some time doing research work for the Institute.

NAN WARD and husband Stan had as their guests for the Labor Day week end, Stan's parents from Norfolk. Your reporter and husband Jim spent the holiday in New Jersey and New York City with relatives.

— Peggy Card

RESEARCH

FANONA KNOX spent a week of her vacation in New York and later visited friends at Hollins College; LYNETTE ADCOCK spent the Labor Day week end with her family in Oxford, N. C.; and MARY STEPHENSON visited relatives in Littleton.

We were sorry to lose our secretary, NANCY BURLESON, who left the first of September. She has been replaced by this reporter. — Martha Warburton. (The News welcomes Reporter Warburton to the staff.—Ed.)

MERCHANDISING

Merchandising still has vacations to report. The most exciting and fabulous of all was PAGE FOLK's "marvelous" trip to the Canadian Rockies, Lake Louise, Jasper, Vancouver, Victoria and many other places of interest. FRANCES SCHWARZ and her mother journeyed up to Washington and Philadelphia to visit relatives. HAROLD SPARKS has returned from a week in Mt. Vernon, Ohio; his little daughter Kate returned home with him. Your reporter and husband Dick spent a week visiting in South Hill and Newport News, Kinston and Williamston, N. C. SHIRLEY and Dick KELLER spent Labor Day visiting relatives in Philadelphia. MARCIA RYAN recently spent a week end in Roanoke; then, in turn, had friends from Roanoke visit her at her home in Walkers.

The Gift Shop ladies are also having their share of vacations. MARGARET LEAVITT will spend hers in Buffalo and Canada; her daughter Avery was recently married and is living in Miami while her husband is attending the University there. MAY THOMPSON's son Buddy has been visiting in Philadelphia, Atlantic City and Virginia Beach; he returned to the University of Virginia on September 15. MILLIE BRYANT has been gong back and forth to Roanoke Rapids, N. C., to visit her mother-in-law who has been ill. ESTHER LEAVORSON has as her guest her daughter Delores from Texas; Esther will make her new home in Hampton.

We are glad to see GLADYS PRATT back again after being out sick for a week, and we extend our big welcome to HELEN MACDANIEL who is training for the night shift on the sales floor.

— Ruth Forrest

Fire Marshal Is Prepared For Fire Prevention Week

The nation's fire losses are at an all-time high. This year, according to national surveys, they threaten to exceed even last year's peak of \$815,000,000 in property damage and 11,000 deaths.

Since President Eisenhower has proclaimed October 4-10 as Fire Prevention Week, the News takes this time to report on the development of CW's safety program as supervised by Elliott Jayne, local fire marshal.

CW maintains buildings on which an estimated 50 million dollars have been spent, so there is little wonder that fire prevention is one of the most important phases of restoration work. As Marshal Jayne puts it, "Preservation of the past is directly dependent on fire prevention in the present."

Colonial Hazards

Elliott Jayne, CW's Safety Consultant, brought his vast experience and tireless energies to Williamsburg in July of 1950. At that time he was pleased to find CW "extremely fire conscious" and recognized the organization as "the least of my worries." But there is always room for improvement, and with this axiom in mind Jayne started to work.

In the exhibition buildings thousands of candles are used to restore the 18th century atmosphere; but since they also bring back the colonial fire hazards, Elliott has tried to minimize the dangers of wayward tapers.

Hurricane lamps were installed when possible, and candles were eliminated where they presented an immediate danger.

Uniformed firemen now attend the candlelight concerts at the Palace, and hostesses are stationed in every room during a performance. The music stands, which were previously lighted by candles, are now equipped for electricity. For each recital all of the drapes in the ballroom and supper room are removed.

\$100,000 Program

All in all, CW has spent well over \$100,000 going above the requirements of state fire laws and safety regulations.

All new installations of first-aid fire-fighting appliances have been checked, and plans for buildings still on the drawing board have been inspected in regard to needs and placement of these appliances.

Lectures have been held with employees on fire prevention; procedure in the event of an emergency has been practiced; and fire demonstration shows have been arranged for key employees.

Complete inspections of the exhibition buildings are now made each month, and the restored homes are checked quarterly.

All fire extinguishers are now maintained by the fire department.

Since priceless antiques are involved in case of a fire in one of the exhibition buildings, special training has been given to firemen who might be called upon to handle these relics.

20th Century Protection

Although 20th century fire protection equipment is not obvious in the exhibition buildings, it is situated so that it can be put to use in a matter of seconds. Extinguishers lurk behind every other door, and all of the main buildings are equipped with manual alarm boxes. Miles of copper tubing make up the intricate "rate-of-rise" system, which automatically sounds the alarms once the temperature in a given room rises above a certain mark.

Elliott reports that his two greatest concerns in the CW area are the unattended guest houses and the restored homes.

Jayne has found that housekeepers are sometimes careless about fire conditions, and this situation worries him because he has learned through experience that "the secret of fire prevention is good housekeeping." Explains Elliott, "Fires don't start in the middle of rooms. They start in basements, attics and other cluttered or neglected places."

Heat Hits Leeches

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On her farm in New Hampshire, Casey Miller, formerly of Publications, got wind of the six tragic deaths. From a nearby pond she gathered four more of the slimy blood-letters and sent them to Norman via CW's Walter Heacock, who was vacationing in New England at the time.

Unfortunately, the kind deed proved untimely. The four new leeches arrived in August, just in time to catch the 12-day heat wave. Tragedy struck again.

Undaunted, Casey again came to the rescue. The second time she sent four adults, which became six before arriving—twins having been delivered by Railway Express.

Sold on Dixie

From all appearances the latest batch seems to be thriving in the cool fall weather and enjoying their home in a jar of stagnant water from the Palace canal. Especially content is the mother of the twins, which Norman has christened Herman and Thurmon. She's convinced that Williamsburg is a fine place to raise kids.

What when summer comes again? "Air-conditioning seems to be the only answer," Norman says. "Leeches of two hundred years ago may have been able to take this climate, but their 20th century descendants demand modern comforts—or else!"

Watch Those Telegrams!

Office Manager Angie Cowles has requested all employees who send business telegrams to send a copy to Receptionist Louise Briggs. If telegrams are received collect, the receptionist should receive a memorandum noting the receipt of the telegram, the place from which dispatched and the cost involved. This procedure will enable the receptionist to keep a more accurate record of incoming and outgoing telegrams and help in checking the monthly bills.

Ninety per cent of Williamsburg's hotel visitors attend the Reception Center, and eighty-seven per cent visit the exhibition buildings during their stay.

Candlelight Concerts Presented In Palace

The Fall Series of Palace candlelight concerts opened September 24. Presented every Thursday night at 8:45 p. m., they will continue through November 12.

This year's program includes selections by Johann Adolf Hasse, Benedetto Marcello, Domenico Scarlatti and a group of songs by Handel, Mozart, Charles Dibdin and Stephen Storace.

The Palace orchestra consists of Hyman Davidson, oboe; Elizabeth Chapman, violin, Marguerite Carter, violin, Alan Stewart, viola, Frances Hooper, violoncello, Roger Peters, bass violin, and Cary McMurrin at the piano-forte. Soprano Helen Wood will sing with the orchestra, and Arthur Rhea will render harpsichord selections.

Tickets for seats in the ballroom (\$2.00) and the supper room (\$1.00) are on sale at the Reception Center.

Special Artists Series

During October, a special Artists Series of concerts will be held in the Palace on Tuesday evenings. Such performers as Paul Doktor, the New Haven Ensemble, New Haven, Conn., the Cambridge Festival Ensemble, Cambridge, Mass., and the Rocooco Ensemble, New York City, will be featured.

Under New Management

CW News Reporter Ruth Forrest and her husband Dick recently became owners of The Waffle Shop on Prince George Street. Ruth is secretary to Merchandising Director Jack Upshur.

History Lessons For The Prince



EMPLOYEE-TEACHERS interpreted Williamsburg to royalty when Japanese Crown Prince Akihito visited here September 12-13. Above left, the Prince is shown leaving the Apothecary Shop with Trustee John D. Rockefeller III. Above right, Hostess Mary Daniel demonstrates the maneuverability of her farthingale. Below, in the Wythe House Spinning Shop, Weavers Estelle Loomis and Helen Walsh (standing) explain their craft. The Prince, a good student, was thoroughly impressed.

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