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CW's New Cascades Meeting Center Opened To Public, May 6

CW's newest, fully equipped visitor accommodation was opened to the public May 6 following an open house held on May 5.

The opening of the Cascades Restaurant and meeting center, located in the Information Center-The Motor House complex just outside the Historic Area, will mark the completion of an expansion program which started a year ago with the opening of the new Terrace Wing addition to The Motor House. The Cascades is CW's eighth restaurant operation.

CW employees and their families, visitors to Williamsburg and area residents were invited to tour the modern, bi-level Cascades Sunday, May 5, from 1 to 6 p.m. Official opening ceremonies were held at 12 noon on Monday.

The Cascades, like its companion facility, the 96-room Terrace Wing, was designed to meet the needs of conference and seminar groups, traveling families and visiting school groups. In addition, the restaurant offers all visitors "a distinctive, new dining experience," according to Rudolph Bares, Jr., CW vice president and director of Visitor Accommodations and Merchandising.

Built on a natural slope in a wooded setting, the Cascades derives its name from its principal landscape feature -- a series of cascading ponds set in the woods to the rear of the building. This theme is repeated again in the unique 15-foot aluminum and Lucite disk chandelier that greets visitors in the forward part of the restaurant. The individually suspended tubes and disks create a "cascading" light effect as it reflects light at the slightest air movement. The chandelier was cut and assembled by Armond Campbell and Elmer Clingenpeel, sheet metal workers in CW's Mechanical Operations and Maintenance department.

The spacious bluestone and brick entrance lobby is furnished with dark brown bankettes, which offer comfortable seating and contrast with the brick surroundings. A raised, bluestone-ledge fireplace dominates the lobby area. A private dining room and a small gift shop complete the front portion of the upper level.

The 170-seat, L-shaped main dining room is furnished with the bankettes, walnut chopping block tables, colonial green firehouse chairs and a dark brown medallion carpet. The room is enclosed with brick and glass walls. Architectural features also include a hemlock-stripped ceiling and redwood lattice work. The interior is accentuated with yellow dinner napkins, stainless steel flatware, white china dinnerware and old-fashioned combination peppermill and salt containers.

The dining terraces and sheltered patio feature walnut finished, adjustable tables and bright orange canvas back and seat director chairs. Unique brass lamps with small glass globes on the tables furnish candlelight for dining. The restaurant has capacity for more than 300 persons.

The lower level, with a banquet capacity of 200, will feature three distinctive meeting rooms each of which can quickly be converted into two separate rooms using movable partitions. Heavyweight, soundproof partitioning walls and built-in projection booths and screens will permit distraction-free film and slide presentations for conference delegates and diners in the two largest conference rooms. In addition, all three main rooms are entered from a large, central foyer capable of handling receptions for up to 215 persons, which may also serve as a registration area.

The restaurant's menus offer "Chesapeake Bay Country" fares and "World-wide Favorites." Luncheon selections include clam pancakes, pan-fried oysters or crabmeat on Smithfield ham, creamed chicken breast, eggs a la Hollandaise, as well as a different "visitor's special" each day of the week.

Dinner entrees include Cascades roast ribs of beef, several steaks, miniature lobster tails, soft-shelled Chesapeake Bay crab, Polynesian barbecued baby spareribs with Chinese fried rice, and roast Tidewater duckling a l'orange, among others.

The Cascades' unique menu offerings include a wide-range of both appetizers and desserts. Appetizers include melon balls in a special Cascades syrup, deviled clams in shell, chilled gazpacho, plus several other specialties.

Desserts on the dinner menu include wine jelly with custard sauce, zabaoine (an Italian cream wine custard), baked bananas with kirsch cream and a selection of ice creams made famous at CW's taverns.

The Cascades will open daily at noon for lunch and stay open until 10:30 p.m. for dinner. Breakfast will be offered later in the year.

Frank Bruck, former manager of The Motor House Cafeteria and an employee of CW for 10 years, will manager the Cascades. His staff will

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CW assistant curator John Davis, his wife Virginia, and Royce Cottingham, director of Mechanical Operations and Maintenance, glance through the Cascades Restaurant menus during the open house on May 5.



Retired employee Clifton Gardner, his wife, and Hattie Cumber, daughter of CW employee Martha Lomax, were among the many guests attending the May 5th event. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner's son, Dennis is manager of the Franklin House.



Del Wenzel, CW museum photographer and family enjoy light refreshments on the Cascades dining terrace during the recent open house.

KING'S ARMS TAVERN - Bertha Casselle

We wish to send a warm welcome to each of our new employees at the King's Arms. We hope that GERALDINE GARNETTE is enjoying her new job in the Archaeology Department. We miss her.

Your reporter was glad to have her son and her daughter home from school for Easter.

RESEARCH - Linda Hunter

ED RILEY recently traveled to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to speak at a session of the Institute of Government's course, Planning for Historic Preservation. On April 24 Ed presented to the Virginia Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa a talk entitled "The Predecessor of Phi Beta Kappa at the College of William and Mary." Dallas, Texas was the scene of the annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians which Ed attended. Ed's article, "William Prentiss & Co.: Business Success in Eighteenth-Century Williamsburg," was published in the April 1968 issue of Financial Executive, the magazine of the Financial Executives Institute.

GEORGE REESE's article, "The Portraits of Governor Francis Fauquier," was published in the January 1968 issue of The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography.

ROSE BELK has left for a visit with her daughter's family in England.

INFORMATION CENTER - Charlotte Farmer

We welcome back KAY KIPPS who has just returned from a recent vacation. She and her husband Henry were on tour through Florida. ETHEL MAE STEIGELMAN motored to Florida recently to pick up her mother who had been visiting there.

We would like to welcome several new employees to our Center Desk staff - EVELYN SAPIENZO, JOYCE SMITH, SARAH BRITTINGHAM, and CAROLYN PARKER.

CRAFT SHOPS - Helen Vandermark

NORMAN KENNEDY has been invited to sing at the Newport Folk Festival - for the 4th time - and in July he will participate in the Smithsonian's Festival of American Folk Life. We wish John Heuvel much luck in his new job in Holland, Michigan. Welcomes are extended to our new interpreters - NORMAN DIXON at the Windmill, JAMES MAYFIELD at the Deane Forge and DANNY McALLISTER at the Silversmith Shop.

ARCHITECTURE - Dru Warr

Everyone knows that automobile traffic has been eliminated on the Duke of Gloucester Street, but TOM DREWRY's bicycle has just been placed on the dangerous vehicle list. We understand he ran into a dog (or a dog ran into him).

DON EVANS took a week's vacation recently and reported that he didn't do anything he didn't want to during the whole time. That's what I call a good vacation. We hear, also, that his daughter, Liz, has entered the Miss Williamsburg contest, and we wish her luck.

DON PARKER's parents of Wolfeboro, N. H., have recently visited with Don and his family.

REBECCA and Leonard GOFF are planning a trip to Clemson, S. C. this weekend to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Charles Watson. Charles has already graduated from Clemson and they are hoping to be able to locate in this general area.

BILL and Anita PHILLIPS have recently had guests from Mobile, Ala. Bill's mother and two aunts visited them, and also Anita's parents.

GERALD EWING, our lighting consultant, has been conducting a lighting survey since before Christmas and using our office as home base. He has just finished his survey and is now operating from Norfolk, Va.

JOE JENKINS and family had a recent weekend visit from Lorene Landon of Virginia Beach, who is a former employee of CW in the Personnel Department.

ADDRESSOGRAPH-MIMEO-SUPPLY - Anna Richardson

We are glad to welcome back CARRIE DePRIEST after having had surgery. AL DEMBACH and his family visited relatives in Fredericksburg, Texas while on an April vacation. They also toured Old Mexico. MAYLON HAMILTON was on a vacation during the last week in April.

INN BELL FORCE - Editor

Our sympathy is extended to JAMES PERTHON whose father died April 23 in Miami, Florida.

TREASURER-COMPTROLLER - Carla Barbee

Before reporting any new items, I would like to set the record straight. In the last issue of the CW NEWS I reported that BOB AMORY was on vacation during the Christmas Holidays. I erred, we just thought he was on vacation. Bob was here the whole time!

We would like to welcome two new employees, MYRTLE JENNINGS and LINDA KANNEY. Myrtle is helping out with our accounts payable and the filing. Linda Kanney is working up in payroll, and learning what makes Hilda-garde, the computer, tick.

GRACE CORR spent a week of her vacation in Cincinnati, Ohio, visiting her nephew. DOROTHY GIBSON reports spending the weekend with her mother-in-law in Masonville, New York. It was her mother-in-law's 90th birthday. Congratulations are in order to Brent Witt, MILDRED WITT's husband on his hunting feat. On April 24, he bagged a 22 pound wild turkey. Brent said he has been hunting this turkey for the last 30 years.

We bid farewell to our yearly visitors from the auditing firm of Lybrand, Ross Brothers & Montgomery in New York. This year John Van Buskirk, Joe Lynch and Bill Biser made their usual thorough search of our books. We will miss them, they are all "O.K." fellows.

LAUNDRY - Rozelma Evans and Monroe McGilvery

Our recent vacationers include ETHEL BLOUNT, ELLA HARRIS, and ETHEL WALTRIP. EUNICE REDCROSS is still on the sick list following an operation. VIRGINIA MORRIS and VIRGINIA TYLER are also out sick. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Our deepest sympathy goes to LUCY JONES whose sister died on April 18. Our sympathy is also extended to LANGON GORDON whose mother died April 27 in Williamsburg Community Hospital after a long illness.

COLLECTIONS - Susie Gibson

JOHN AUSTIN attended the Wedgwood International Seminar, held in Charlotte, N. C., April 24-26. His wife, Scottie, is enjoying a vacation in the Caribbean at this time.

MIKE NAEVE was in Philadelphia last week for the University Hospital Antiques Show. MELINDA HUDGINS has moved into her new apartment at the King and Queen.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE - Lue Morgan

Our sympathy goes to DANIEL BUCKNER whose infant grandson died April 18.

VA TELEPHONE OPERATORS - Lorraine Norman

MARY EVERETTE and her husband Gene have moved into their new home in Skipwith. JOHANNE and Frank ELLIOTT are enjoying their new home in Ewell Hall.

We are sorry to lose Susan Cashman and wish her luck in her new job. NORMA BROTHERS is getting ready for a month long visit to London, England.

MULTILITH ROOM - Ruth Rowe

Congratulations are in order for VALDA ANDERSON and family on the arrival of a new baby girl. It's a brand new "filly" born of Cricket, one of their horses. It has light hair and dark eyes and is called "Dee."

KATHERINE STARLING and her daughter spent the week-end of April 20th visiting her in-laws in Newport News, Va. Your reporter spent a week of her vacation helping to care for her new grandson, born on March 31.

We are happy to report that EMILY GARRETT's granddaughter is recovering nicely after spending a few days in the hospital late this month. We are late with our welcome to BARBARA DIKE who joined our staff in December 1967.

INN HOUSEKEEPING - Mary Redcross

DELORIS WALKER's son and daughter-in-law from North Carolina visited her over the weekend. A surprise birthday party was given to NINA ANDERSON by the Tavern maids. Other guests attending the party were BETTY DOZIER, executive housekeeper, and the Inn inspectresses. ELIZABETH PARSONS has returned to work after spending a quiet vacation at home.

Our good wishes go to newlyweds ROSCOE and Lena WHITE who were married on April 20.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to MARY R. JACKSON whose father died April 13.

FRANKLIN HOUSE - Ann Lee

CLARENCE HOBBS and his wife entertained several weekend guests including Rev. and Mrs. James Edward of Mount Hermon Baptist Church in Richmond, Va. GERTRUDE MANLEY traveled to Philadelphia, Pa., recently with members of her church in West Point, Va.

MAGAZINE AND GUARDHOUSE - Editor

JOE NICOLSON is now at home and recovering nicely after his recent stay at Riverside Hospital. He has received many cards and flowers from CW employees and hopes to be back with us soon.



Ethel Waltrip Tops Thirty Years With CW

Ethel Waltrip, forelady at the Laundry, will celebrate her thirtieth anniversary with CW on May 18.

Ethel joined CW in 1938 as a laundry worker at the Inn. When the present Laundry was opened in 1941, she transferred there as a presser. In 1943, she was promoted to forelady, and during the absence of the manager who was serving in the armed forces, she served as assistant superintendent from 1944 to 1947. She has held her present position as forelady since 1947. Ethel supervises the pressing of all uniforms and costumes and is in charge of dispatching them to the various units.

Ethel and her husband, Gurley, have one son and one daughter. Her sister, Hazel Waltrip, also works at the Laundry as seamstress forelady.

Ethel is a member of Walnut Hills Baptist Church and enjoys spending her spare time with her grandchildren and growing flowers.

Two CWers Mark 15 Years Of Service

Two employees recently celebrated their fifteenth anniversaries with Colonial Williamsburg. Pictured below are William Saunders, gardener in the Division of Architecture, Construction and Maintenance, May 8; Calvin Kelley, security officer assigned to the Inn and Lodge, May 13.



Proud Parents

Randy English, management trainee, Chowning's, a son, Randolph Scott, born April 8, 7 lbs. 9 oz.

Ward James, gardener, a son, Rodney O'Neal, born April 18, 7 lbs. 10 oz.

City Council Election Slated For June 11

Colonial Williamsburg employees who are qualified voters and reside in the City of Williamsburg are reminded of the forthcoming City Council Election on June 11.

Candidates for this year's election are Phillip R. Cooke, C.H. Forbes, III, Vernon M. Geddy, Jr., Charles E. Hackett, Robert S. Hornsby, and Y. O. Kent. Three of the five candidates will be elected.

Remember also that you are entitled to vote by absentee ballot if you expect to be absent from the city on election day for professional, occupational, business, or other personal reasons, on vacation, as a student at school or another institution of learning, or if you are physically unable to go in person to the polls on election day.

An absentee ballot may be cast anytime between now and June 6 provided the voter has followed the necessary procedure. If you wish to vote by absentee ballot you must first obtain an application form from Chester Baker, City Registrar, whose office is located above the Williamsburg Theatre on the Duke of Gloucester Street. Upon completing the form in the Registrar's office you must present the form to Jimmy Fuller, secretary of the local Electoral Board, in CW's Personnel Relations office in the Arcade Building. Here your absentee ballot will be processed.

Two CWers Celebrate Tenth Anniversaries

Two CWers topped their tenth year of service with Colonial Williamsburg early in May. Pictured here are Carrie Radcliffe, head counterwoman at the Motorhouse Cafeteria, May 6; John L. Jones, janitor at the Laundry, May 7.



Suggestion Award

Kathleen T. Kaufer, desk attendant at the Visitor Accommodations service desk, has won a cash award for her suggestion of a helpful and practical nature.



CW Releases First High Fidelity Recording Of 18th Century Music

Colonial Williamsburg has announced the release of the first high fidelity recording of eighteenth-century music issued under its own label.

"A Candlelight Concert At The Governor's Palace" presents works of composers known to have been performed in Williamsburg in the eighteenth century, and is typical of the present day live concerts which have delighted thousands of visitors to Williamsburg since 1950.

Two of the works presented here - the Sonata in C major by G.G. Ferrari, and the Concerto No. 1 in G major by Charles Avison - are not known to have been recorded previously. Other works performed are Fantasia No. 7 in G major by Henry Purcell; Overture to Euristeo by Johann Adolph Hasse; the Cantata, "Cuopre tal volta il cielo" by George Frederick Handel, and the Sonata in E minor by Arcangelo Corelli, known to have been a favorite composer of Thomas Jefferson. The development of music from the baroque into the classical period is well demonstrated by the range of works performed here.

Cary McMurrin is conductor of the Governor's Palace Orchestra, and his musicians are Elizabeth Chapman and Marguerite Carter, violins; Alan Stewart, viola; Frances Hooper, cello; and Roger Peters, bass. J.S. Darling, organist and choirmaster at Bruton Parish Church, is organist and harpsichordist with the group. Oscar McCullough, head of the voice department at Hollins College, is baritone soloist.

In an effort to create as authentic an atmosphere as possible, the album was recorded in the candlelit Governor's Palace and such superfluous noises as the pumping of the bureau organ, the turning of pages, and perhaps a little foot-tapping by one of the musicians have been left in deliberately.

The organ was built in London in the 1700's by Abraham Adcock and John Pether, and also in use is a Clementi pianoforte owned by Colonial Williamsburg.

The photography for the album cover was done by Steve Toth, CW photographer, and is a handsome color picture of costumed guests alighting from a carriage in front of the Governor's Palace. The entire jacket was designed by Richard Stinely, CW's assistant director of Publications. The program was recorded and edited by Dick Tisdale, project supervisor - audio in CW's Audiovisual Department.

"A Williamsburg Candlelight Concert" is available in Williamsburg at the Information Center, Craft House, Williamsburg Restoration, Inc. Gift Shops, and local music stores for \$3.95, stereo or monaural. It may be ordered through your local music store or from AV Distribution, Colonial Williamsburg, Box C, Williams-

Rawls Byrd Is Author Of New Publication

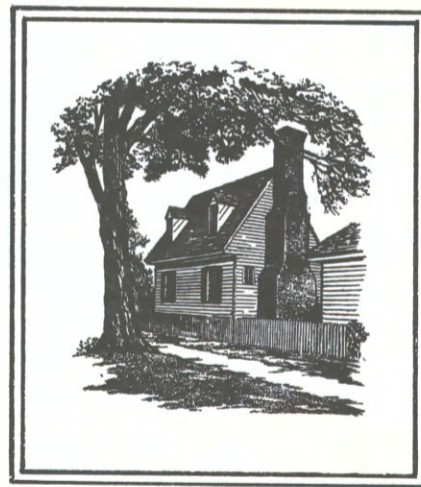
The course of public education in Williamsburg from 1870 to 1965 is traced for the first time in the newly published "History of Public Schools in Williamsburg."

Rawls Byrd, author of the publication and former superintendent of schools in Williamsburg, undertook the writing of this history after his retirement in 1964. The foreword by Ed Alexander, CW vice president and director of Interpretation, points out that Byrd's thirty-six years of service as superintendent of schools clearly qualify his expertise, and a succinct and readable history is the result.

In July 1869, public education in Virginia was legalized by adoption of a provision of the Constitution of Virginia. The first Williamsburg School Board met in December 1870. An unrelenting search by Mr. Byrd finally uncovered the minutes of all school board meetings from that time through 1964, and he found further information in the minutes of the Council of the City of Williamsburg and the Board of Visitors of the College of William and Mary, as well as in the files of the Virginia Gazette. The history also covers the joint school system of Williamsburg-James City County under the contract of 1953.

CW is one of eleven community organizations that helped make possible the publication and distribution of the book. Other participating organizations include Binn's Fashion Shop, the College of William and Mary, Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg, Middle Plantation Club, Peninsula Bank and Trust Company, Soroptimist International, Williamsburg-James City County School Boards, Williamsburg National Bank, Williamsburg Rotary Club, and the Woman's Club of Williamsburg.

The publication is currently available from the Williamsburg - James City County School Boards at a cost of \$2.00. Proceeds from the sale of the book will go to the Rawls Byrd Scholarship Fund, which is used to provide college education for selected students from Williamsburg and James City County.



burg, Virginia 23185, at the same cost, plus 35¢ for postage and handling.



Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr., poses with CWers Marian Loedding and Elizabeth Callis during the opening of the Williamsburg Shop at The Golden Rooster in Atlanta.

Two More Williamsburg Shops Open In Major Cities This Spring

During April the number of Williamsburg Craft Houses and smaller Williamsburg Shops outside of the Colonial City reached a total of nine as a new shop opened in Atlanta, Georgia. In May, another Williamsburg Shop will open in Oak Brook, Illinois.

The shop in Atlanta opened on April 22 at The Golden Rooster with Atlanta's Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. officiating at the ribbon cutting ceremony. On April 23, a "Colonial Plantation Breakfast" was held at the Atlanta Marriott Motor Hotel as part of the opening festivities.

Bill Murphy and Lib Barkley, CW merchandising coordinators, were on hand for the gala event. Harold Sparks, director of CW's Merchandising Department, also attended. Marian Loedding, CW hostess, and

Elizabeth Callis, hostess training supervisor, attending the opening in full colonial costume.

The new Williamsburg Shop in Oak Brook will open on May 20. Located in the western suburbs of Chicago, the shop will be in Colby's Home Furnishings Store.

The first of the out-of-town Craft Houses opened at B. Altman's in New York City in 1962. Others followed quickly at: the Higbee Co. in Cleveland; the Joseph Horne Co. in Pittsburgh; and Stix, Baer, and Fuller in St. Louis. The first of the smaller shops opened in the fall of 1965 at W & J Sloane in Hartford, and O'Neill & Bishop near Philadelphia. Two more shops opened in the spring of 1966 at H. Feinberg in Wilmington, Delaware, and at L. S. Ayres & Co. in Indianapolis, Indiana.

CASCADES (Continued from page one)

include Roland Epps, headwaiter, who has been with CW for 16 years; Ira Bonner, chef, an employee for 11 years; and Joseph Weeks, assistant chef, who has 7 years of service here.

David Warren Hartwicke and Partners, Richmond, designers of the Terrace Wings, were the architects for the Cascades. Construction was done by Taylor and Parrish Contractors, also of Richmond. Miss Victoria Jamgochian, Miller and Rhoads contract sales department, Richmond, was the interior designer. Gerald Ewing of Norfolk was the lighting consultant.

New Children's Book Features Tales Of Orphans In Virginia

Colonial Williamsburg's twelfth book for youngsters, Mary's Star: A Tale of Orphans in Virginia, 1781, has just been released for sale here and across the country.

The story takes place at the time of the Revolutionary War and gives the reader an idea of how orphans were cared for according to the laws and customs existing in the eighteenth century.

The heroine of the story is Mary Breckenridge, a young girl who loves horses and particularly a colt named Star. After learning of her father's death, "she and her older brother, never especially close to each other, found themselves alone and penniless." "Her father's death also affected Deke Lester, an orphan taken by Colonel Breckenridge to serve an apprenticeship with the blacksmith."

The book was written by Wilma Pitchford Hays. Illustrations are by Lawrence Beall Smith and the volume was designed by John Walklet, direc-



tor of CW's Publications Department.

Mrs. Hays has written a number of popular children's books, including two previous publications for the Colonial Williamsburg series - The Scarlet Badge, and The French Are Coming.

Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, Inc. will distribute Mary's Star: A Tale of Orphans in Virginia, 1781. Designed especially to interest youngsters 10 to 14 years old, the new book sells for \$3.95 and is expected to achieve great popularity.

A New Craft For CW?

This recent photograph was taken at the Wythe House kitchen as many curious visitors watched Mary Bond, interpreter in the Spinning and Weaving Shop, demonstrate an old technique for washing linen. Norman Kennedy, spinner and weaver, noted that washing the cloth "by foot" actually softens the material. If washed by hand, more washings would be required to attain the desired soft quality.

Although this was merely a trial run, Bonnie Brown, master spinner and weaver, added that the technique was employed during the eighteenth century. "If the results are good," she added, "we might do it again."



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