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Concerts, Plays Set For Spring Season

Scheduled for evening entertainment this spring are thirteen candlelight concerts in the Governor's Palace and eight performances of Oliver Goldsmith's play, "She Stoops to Conquer."

The 18th century play, performed by the William and Mary Players under the direction of Howard Scammon, will be given at the Williamsburg Conference Center on the following Friday evenings: March 22 and 29; April 12 and 19; May 3, 10, 24 and 31.

Every CW employee and his or her guest is invited to attend a performance of the play this season at no charge. Seats will be assigned upon presentation of an employee pass at the Lodge front desk.

The Palace Orchestra under the direction of Cary McMurrin will offer candlelight concerts at 8:45 in the Palace Ballroom on March 28; April 4, 9, 11, 18, 23, 25 and 30; May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Denis Brown, violist, and his wife, Jeanette Cross, will perform with the Palace Orchestra in concerts on April 9, 11, 18 and 23. Mr. Brown and his wife, a noted soprano, have performed here on a number of occasions.

James J. Pellerite and Wallace Hornbrook, members of the Baroque Chamber Players of Indiana University, will give the concert scheduled for April 30. They will present a duo concert of harpsichord solos and flute and harpsichord sonatas.

Tickets for the concerts are available at the Information Center and at the Lodge the day of the performance, as well as at the Palace prior to the performance.

Nicholson Street Closed

Approval has been received from the City to prohibit parking from the entire length of Nicholson Street. This new regulation will improve the appearance of the historic area and will also reduce the hazardous conditions that occur in certain spots during periods of heavy visitation.

The "No Parking" provisions became effective on March 18 when certain streets in the heart of the Historic Area were again closed to traffic.

CW Receives Host Of Compliments From Many 1968 Student Burgesses

As a result of the efforts put forth by employees here in carrying out the eleventh annual Williamsburg Student Burgesses, Tom Ford, CW coordinator for the event, has received comments from many burgesses expressing their appreciation and praise. The following quotes are taken from evaluation forms which the students completed after their stay in Williamsburg.



"The knowledge I have gained and the friendships made are of inestimable worth to me. The organization, accommodations and food were excellent, and everything seemed to have been planned for our maximum benefit and pleasure." -- Jane Townsend, South Africa.



"I learned so very much to improve myself, my school, and my country. The advisers were very helpful and understanding -- facilities were marvelous." -- Patricia M. Darner, Arizona.



"The mixed delegation provided an interesting atmosphere. It gave me a chance to know the United States as a whole and the world at the same time -- Thank you to all the people concerned." -- Lauren Clemente, Philippines.

South Dakota.

"Never before have I had such a beautiful image of the United States in general and of Colonial Williamsburg in particular." -- Tran Bich Diep Chu, Viet Nam.



"The conference is a tremendous opportunity and should be a priceless experience in every participant's life." -- Jane Ruddell, South Dakota.



"The exchange of ideas alone is more important than anything we could ever get in a Civics or World Affairs class." -- John M. Sears, Texas.



"Superb as a personal experience -- to meet people -- to lose prejudice and misconceptions -- I can hardly thank you for the marvelous opportunity." -- Claus Doering, Brazil.



"It was one of the greatest experiences I've had since I came to the United States. It is a miracle to meet people. I will love the United States all my life because she is the country of those whom I met in Williamsburg who showed their sincerity and eagerness to face problems and contribute themselves to the world they are living in." -- Takako Ikeda, Japan.



Bob McCartney, biologist in CW's department of Landscape Construction and Maintenance, inspects one of the potted plants at CW's nursery. See story on page four of this issue.

CW Participates In West-to-east Coast Promotional Campaign

CW is currently participating in a west-to-east coast promotional campaign initiated and sponsored by United Airlines in an attempt to offer travel agents from the western states an in-depth survey of cities in the east such as New York City, Philadelphia, Washington, D. C., and Colonial Williamsburg.

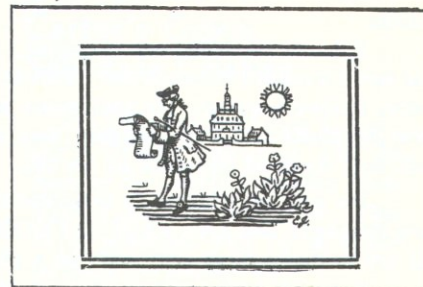
Eleven different groups of travel agents from the west will be brought on orientation trips to Washington and Williamsburg. The first four groups have been and will continue to tour the Washington area this month. The last seven agent groups will be visiting Williamsburg during the months of April and May.

Each group of about sixty to eighty agents per tour will be in Williamsburg for two days and two nights. During their stay here they will be touring the Historic Area and various other facilities, accommodations and places of interest in and around Williamsburg.

Tom McCaskey, CW vice president and director of Development, noted that Colonial Williamsburg and the Williamsburg-James City County Chamber of Commerce will be working together during these weekends.

During the past month, Tom and George Wright, CW's director of travel, have each spent a weekend in Washington briefing the first four travel agent groups on Colonial Williamsburg and this section of Virginia. Val Wasson, executive director of the Williamsburg-James City County Chamber of Commerce, will be in Washington to talk to the third group later this month. Tom noted that the briefings included a slide lecture and the distribution of literature on Williamsburg and places of interest in this section of Virginia.

If successful, Tom added that this orientation program may eventually lead to west-to-east coast package tours which could be something wonderful for CW visitation, especially during the off-season months.



AUDIOVISUAL - Editor

Our deepest sympathy is extended to GENE BJERKE whose step-father died Thursday, February 29, in Long Beach, California.

MERCHANDISING - Lillian Babb

ANNE COLES will visit friends for the Mardi-Gras in New Orleans and will be the guest of her parents in Atlanta, Georgia, during her vacation. CAROLINA COCHRAN has returned from Palm Beach and Hobe Sound where she visited with friends. ROSALIE MINKINS visited her aunts in New York recently and DOT WALKER has as her guest her sister-in-law from Chicago, Illinois.

HELEN ABBOTT received word that her daughter and son-in-law and family will return to this country from Jedda, Saudi Arabia on April 1. We were happy to see Lucy Robens and young Amy Robens in the Craft House last week.

Welcome back to LENA FENNELL who has been ill. PEG DOTSON has returned to the Craft House to help us on busy weekends. GLADYS SOROKIN has returned from her vacation.

HOSTESS SECTION - Louise Parker

The annual Hostess Dinner was a great success. One hundred and seven hostesses and their husbands gathered in the Virginia Room for an excellent dinner and lively entertainment. Honored guests were MINNIE PATE, MURIEL SPENCER, HELENA SULLENBERGER and RICHARD CARTER. Minnie and Muriel are retiring. Helena is moving to Monterey, Virginia, and Richard has transferred to the Hostess Training Department. The high point of the evening was VI SIMMS' monologue on the departure of Richard Carter from the Capitol.

BETTY BEVERIDGE and ESTHER BROWN are recuperating nicely after recent surgery. We are happy to have BEA SCHAFFER back at work. It is good to see PAT GIBBS out and about again after her accident.

HELEN TURNER is justly proud of her daughter who made the Dean's List at the University of North Carolina. LAURA BARTLETT's son-in-law has returned safely from Vietnam. ANNE COOKE is carrying pictures of her new grandson who arrived in time for Christmas. Anne flew out to California to welcome him.

EDITH BEARD, JOYCE CURTIS and MILDRED MORRIS have enjoyed their bird watching weekends in North Carolina. ANNE COX has recently moved into her new quarters, the Carter-Saunders Kitchen.

INTERPRETATION - Frances Turney

ED ALEXANDER gave the fourth annual museum lecture at the University of Colorado in Boulder on February 28. His topic was "A Fourth Dimension for History Museums." Ed also informally addressed a museology class at the University and took part in a history seminar. On his return trip he spent the weekend with his son and his family at the University of Kansas.

JIM SHORT gave an illustrated talk on "Architectural Highlights at Colonial Williamsburg" on February 17 to members of the National Trust's Woodlawn Conference for Historic Museum Associates who visited Williamsburg, February 17-18. The conference group of fifteen also took special tours which were conducted by JANE STRAUSS.

This reporter is happily getting settled into the Scrivener House.

CRAFT SHOPS - Editor

Our deepest sympathy is extended to ESTHER BLACK whose mother died February 22 at her home in Charles City after a long illness.

CAFETERIA - Elizabeth Robinson

We are glad to have KATHERINE ROGERS, JOYCE BUTLER, and FANNIE STANSBURY back at work. We are also happy to welcome ELIZABETH JENKINS, PHILLIP EVANS, JAMES WILLIAMS and ERNEST THOMPSONS.

FRANK BRUCK, our manager, is leaving us to become the manager of the new Cascades Restaurant. IRA BONNER, who has been a wonderful chef here, is also leaving. We shall miss them, but we wish them success in their new positions and are confident that those working under their supervision will find them as pleasant as we did.

We are very happy to welcome HUBERT ALEXANDER who will be our new manager and also JOHN HAYWOOD who will be our new chef. We shall all try to make their stay with us a pleasant and successful one.

Get well wishes go to our secretary, ANNETTE FLOYD, who is sick.

UPHOLSTERY SHOP - Anne Amos

NANNIE DEAN recently spent a weekend with her mother in Mount Airy, N. C., and RUBY JONES enjoyed a visit with her brother in Edenton, N. C. GARRY GARNETTE will begin his long-deserved vacation the first week in March.

We would like to welcome JOHN COLES back to work after his illness. MARIE ROSE is the proud grandmother of a baby girl who was born January 12, 1968.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE - Lue Morgan

BRUCE MARQUARDT visited his parents in West Palm Beach, Florida, during his recent vacation. He also visited his brother in Miami.

MO&M - Mildred Sprinkel

GORDON MARTIN, on military leave from CW, has completed his basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C., and is now stationed at Fort Eustis for further training.

ED CARPENTER and family have moved into their new house on Holly Road. We welcome two new employees -- JUNIOR LEE McBEE to the Lodge and JAMES J. WALLBANK to the field forces.

AARFAC - Sandra Pharr

DOUGLAS CANADY has recently returned to work after a long siege of the flu.

ROY WOODALL opened up his office one morning recently to find two pigeons sitting on a file cabinet. They had crept in under a window that had been left slightly open. After a chase around the room Roy retrieved them and turned them loose outside.

BETTY WIGGINS took a trip to North Carolina to visit with her brother Ben and his family. Ben is attending college near Raleigh.

INN KITCHEN - Donald Canady

We are glad to have GRACE TABB back with us after having been out sick.

Many employees here have enjoyed vacations recently. JOE CAUTHORN spent two weeks with his family and EVELYN DAVIS also vacationed with her family and grandchild. LORETHA JOHNSON enjoyed vacationing with her mother and father, plus a nice trip to Miami Beach, Florida. ETHEL KELLEY and GLADYS MANLEY both enjoyed spending their vacations with their families. WILLIAM BROOKS and your reporter also took vacations recently.

We are happy to have CHARLES SMITH, WALTER CARTER, and LESTER CROSS who are working here as apprentice cooks.

Our best wishes go with CLIFFORD MEYER who has left us and is now the manager of Christianna Campbell's Tavern. We welcome JOHN CORBIN who is our acting manager at the Inn.

INN HOUSEKEEPING - Mary Redcross

ELIZABETH GRESHAM motored to New York recently to visit her sister. John and MARVILLE WORLEY enjoyed a visit from their son who was home from the hospital for a few days. JEROME and EVELYN RANDOLPH gave a reception for their daughter and husband who were married in New Jersey on February 10.

Our sympathy is extended to DORA HARRISON on the loss of her husband.

LANDSCAPE - E. J. Raynes

LINWOOD WILLIAMS and PERCY WILDER, who had been assigned to landscape construction and woods work, have returned to work in the gardens. We shall miss CHARLES L. JONES, LORENZO PARROTT and CARL BERKLEY, who have been called for military service.

RICHARD JONES, whose wife underwent surgery recently, spent his vacation as nurse and housekeeper while his wife recuperated. We are happy to report that Mrs. Jones is doing nicely. WILLIAM STRONG took his vacation to help at home due to a recent addition to the family.

NATHAN TALCOTT is fast becoming an interior decorator in his spare time. He has decorated his basement for the enjoyment of his children. EVERETT RAYNES, JIM ROBERTSON and BOB McCARTNEY participated in tree planting ceremonies to commemorate Arbor Day at the local schools. Your reporter attended a Fruit Growing School sponsored by V.P.I. on February 24th.

Proud Parents

Cecil Ray Moore, VA&M accountant, a daughter, Nancy Lanier, born February 19, 6 lbs., 11 oz.

William H. Strong, gardener, a son, Marvin Sylvester, born February 20, 7 lbs., 6 oz.

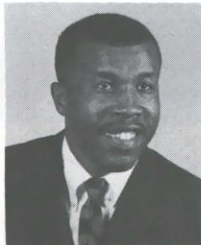
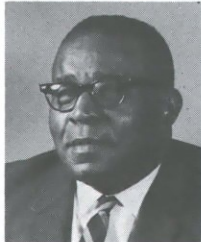
Frederick L. Belden, assistant landscape architect, a son, Andrew Wahlert, born February 27, 6 lbs., 14 oz.

Richard Tisdale, audio engineer in Audiovisual, a son, Donald Andrew, born February 27, 9 lbs., 2 oz.

Six CWers Celebrate Tenth Anniversary; One Tops Fifteenth Year

Six CWers topped their tenth year and one employee marked his fifteenth year of service here this month.

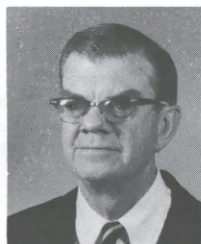
Celebrating their tenth anniversaries and pictured below are Cornelius Palmer, captain of the Lodge Dining Room, March 1; Ruth Rowe, verityper and multi-lith operator in the Division of Visitor Accommodations and Merchandising, March 3; Echo Jones, kitchen utility man at the King's Arms Tavern, March 5; Elsie Parker, administrative secretary in



the president's office, March 10; Rosalie Joye, assistant manager of the Lodge Gift Shop, March 15.

Celebrating her tenth service anniversary on March 11 but not pictured here is Betty Williams, pantrywoman at the King's Arms Tavern.

Marking his fifteenth year of service with CW on March 1 and pictured here is Baskerville Bridgforth, assistant to the director of the Division of Architecture, Construction and Maintenance.



Minnie Pate Retires After 31 Years Here

Minnie Pate, hostess in the Division of Presentation, retired on March 1 after 31 years of service with Colonial Williamsburg.

Minnie joined CW in 1936 as a supply hostess and became a regular hostess in 1939.

During her years here Minnie acquired a special knowledge of the many aspects of the furnishings in CW's exhibition buildings.

Minnie has one daughter and two grandchildren. A member of the William and Mary Woman's Club, she especially enjoys needlework and gardening in her spare time.

Wright, Jeffrey Named To Chamber Of Commerce Posts For 1968-69

George Wright, CW's director of travel in the Division of Development, was recently elected president of the Williamsburg-James City County Chamber of Commerce.

A long-time member of the organization and its former treasurer, George will assume his new post on April 1 for a one-year term.

Bob Jeffrey, assistant director of CW's Division of Visitor Accommodations and Merchandising, was appointed a member of the organization's board.

Other newly elected officers include the following: Donald M. Bentley, manager of radio station WBCI, vice president; F. J. MacCoy, Williamsburg motel owner-operator, treasurer; and Val J. Wasson, the managing director of the city-county chamber, secretary.



Jessie Bass Celebrates Twentieth Year Here

Jessie Bass, laborer foreman in the Division of Architecture, Construction and Maintenance, celebrated his twentieth service anniversary with CW on March 15.

Jessie joined CW in March of 1948 as a carpenter's helper in Construction and Maintenance. The following year he became a carpenter apprentice and in 1951 he was named construction foreman. He was named to his current position as laborer foreman in 1958.

Jessie and his wife, Thelma, have two sons and two daughters. He enjoys fishing in his spare time.



Out Of Order . . . ?



"Out of Order" is definitely the correct description for the current situation at the Information Center! CW's only escalator, which has faithfully transported visitors to the bus loading platform and Virginia Travel Desk for the last ten years, is now undergoing its first major cleaning. Work on the escalator began the last week in February and will continue through this month.

Longer Hours Begin March 23; Streets Closed March 18

Despite occasional chilly winds, spring is on the way. The crocuses are blooming throughout the Historic Area and spring schedules for CW's exhibition buildings will go into effect on Saturday, March 23. The new hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

On March 18, the Duke of Gloucester Street and certain streets adjoining it in the Historic Area were closed to vehicular traffic from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily.

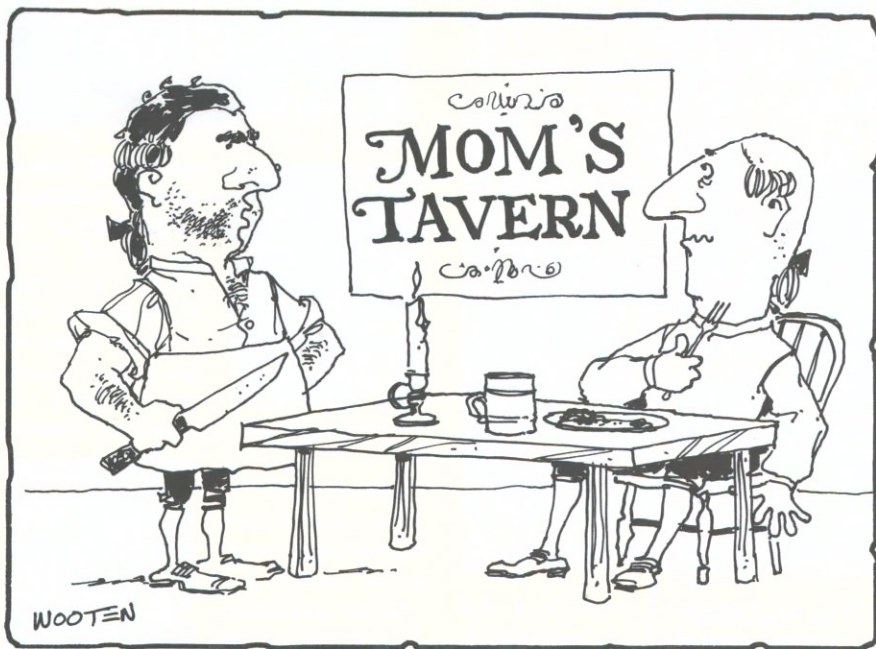
Also effective on that day, CW's buses began operating on a five-minute schedule from 8:50 a.m. until 5:20 p.m. Ten-minute service continues in the evening hours from 5:30 until 9:00, and fifteen-minute service is offered from 9:00 until 10:15 p.m.

Bill Reinecke Tops Twenty Years Here

William T. Reinecke, maintenance carpenter foreman in the Division of Architecture, Construction and Maintenance celebrated his twentieth year with CW on March 8.

Bill joined CW in 1948 as a maintenance carpenter. In 1957 he was named to his current position as maintenance carpenter foreman.

Bill and his wife, Annie Louise, have three sons. William, Jr. has worked for CW during past summers as a gaoler-guardsmen and as a host in the Division of Presentation. Bill is a member of the Williamsburg Elks Lodge #2302 and his hobbies include a variety of sports.



"I'M MOM - YOU HAVE SOME COMPLAINT ABOUT THE FOOD?"

It Wasn't "Pooh" . . .

The latest report has confirmed the fact that the bear cub pictured in the February 28 issue of the CW NEWS was not the true "Winnie the Pooh." It was "Coco," a cinnamon bear belonging to a recent visiting lecturer at the College of William and Mary.

Correction: Carter's Grove Schedule Change

Beginning with March 1, Carter's Grove Plantation will be open to the public everyday from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. This daily schedule will be in effect through December 1.

Bob McCartney Discusses CW's Recent Landscape Plantings In And Around The Historic Area

Over the years, Colonial Williamsburg has become a virtual arboretum with a tremendous variety of plant material represented in plantings in and around the Historic Area. Bob McCartney, biologist in CW's department of Landscape Construction and Maintenance, recently discussed some of the latest plantings. He also commented on several plants which he has collected and how they may eventually be of use in CW's gardens.

Bob noted that the department's policy is to use authentic plant material in the Historic Area; however, outside the Historic Area there is no limitation to the use of only 18th century plant materials. Bob added that, "authentic plants for the Historic Area include both those to have been used by 18th century residents and those plants already native to this area."

"When obtaining plant material," Bob explained, "one source may be other nurseries which offer plants that are hardy, easily and cheaply produced and known by the public. But, some plants are often difficult to obtain. In the case of many fine native trees and shrubs, the only way to get them is to collect specimens or grow them from seeds or cuttings."

In an effort to increase CW's variety of plant material, Bob has collected and secured plants, cuttings, and seeds of many additional native trees and shrubs. Some of the plants are ones which he collected in the Dismal Swamp area and in other sections of Virginia. Others he obtained from friends and persons interested in horticulture in the southeastern states.

Many of the plants which Bob has collected have already been planted in the gardens and elsewhere in the Historic Area. Many others are being held at CW's nursery until of sufficient size or until our landscape architects can incorporate them into garden plans. One of the most interesting families of plants which Bob has been working with are the cacti.

Bob explained that cacti, "because of their odd growth habits and beautiful flowers have many enthusiasts." He added, "one species is native here and could actually be used in our restored gardens. Most of the other cacti which I have collected are native of dry or desert areas but not necessarily where it is never cold. A collection of winter hardy cacti in a rock garden type planting could add a great deal of interest and beauty if located in an appropriate spot outside the Historic Area. With this possibility in mind, I have built and stocked a small cactus bed at the nursery."

The cacti are just one of the many different types of plant material which Bob has been working with since he joined the department in 1966. The pictures included with this story will acquaint the reader with only a few of the other plants which Bob is either working with now, has collected or has helped establish in their present sites.



The Florida Azalea (*Rhododendron austrinum*) pictured here was a gift of Callaway Gardens in Georgia and has been planted near the Palace canal since last month. It is considered authentic plant material and is one of two such plants growing at the Palace.



Above, one of the many cacti which Bob has been working with during the last year. This particular one is native to this part of Virginia and was collected by Bob near Yorktown.



Bob is shown here with CW's only Dollarleaf Snowgum Eucalyptus. The plant is located outside of CW's Landscape warehouse and is not considered authentic plant material. It was placed here last spring and is one of two kinds of eucalypti now growing on CW property outside of the Historic Area.

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