



Laundry Opened for Employee Inspection

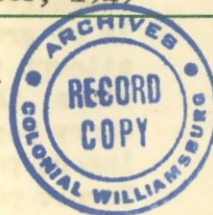
Employees who have been intrigued by tales of the mechanical wonders and ultra-modern design of the new WI&L laundry will see for themselves during two inspection periods set up by John Green and Armond Campbell.

On two coming Saturdays--October 22 and October 29--CW employees may see the laundry in action with persons on hand to explain the intricate workings. The inspection periods will be at 10 a.m. on each of the two Saturday mornings.

The laundry is now accepting laundry and dry cleaning from CW employees and their families on a cash-and-carry basis.

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COLONIAL HOUSE & GARDEN SYMPOSIUM PLANNED



Following long study and consultation, a completely new and broadened program has been evolved for a Colonial House and Garden Symposium to succeed the popular CW Flower and Garden Symposium held during the early spring in past years.

The revised Symposium is to be co-sponsored with House & Garden Magazine, a particularly happy continuation of the long and pleasant contact with the magazine's staff. In general, the 1950 Colonial House and Garden Symposium is a continuation of the past events with a greatly expanded program providing an opportunity for registrants to go behind the scenes here and learn from the famous architecture and gardens.

With the Antiques and Decorations Forum scheduled in January, the February Symposium makes up a double-barreled attraction for the winter season and further use of Williamsburg as a laboratory and center of colonial study.

The Symposium will be held in two identical five-day sessions, the first beginning February 27, and the second, repeating in scope and content the first, beginning March 6. The highly successful all-inclusive rate covering meals, accommodations and Forum expenses is being offered in "package" form to Symposium registrants.

The majority of the CW experts who participated in the Symposiums of the past again will be on hand along with other outstanding authorities.

NEWS & COMMENT

All of us are prone to try our hand from time to time at capturing the scenic and architectural beauties of Williamsburg with the faithful Brownie or the be-gadged Leica. Oftentimes the result is of great photographic merit. In an attempt to smoke out some of these prize views, the NEWS in the next issue will carry representative views on the photo insert page, if they will be submitted. Scenic photographs of any view in the restored area of Williamsburg will be accepted for possible inclusion from any CW employee except Tom Williams (for obvious reasons he would steal the show from the Brownie carriers). They can be any size but should be good clear prints that you consider worthy. It is preferable that the NEWS be able to keep the picture. So rustle through your stacks of albums and snapshots and send in one or more to the Department of Public Information, telling where, when and how the pix was made. Also while you are burrowing, pick out a new shot of the children and send it in. Another page of children's pictures is forthcoming.

COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG CONGRATULATES THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES WHO PASSED ANOTHER SERVICE ANNIVERSARY IN SEPTEMBER, 1949, WITH A PERFECT ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR.

Rose Taylor, Exhibition Bldgs.
 Mary Daniel, Exhibition Bldgs.
 Joseph Kobelbauer, Exhib. Bldgs.
 Loring Turner, Exhibition Bldgs.
 Floyd H. Johnson, Curator's
 Alma Lee Rowe, Public Info.
 Samuel Peach, Jr., Police
 George C. Ripley, Police
 Arthur Buie, Office Services
 Matthew Cheeseman, Theatre
 Eudelia Caldwell, WI&L
 James T. Garrison, WI&L
 Ema L. Honeycutt, WI&L
 Carrie Sweeney, WI&L
 Bert Hargrave, C&M

Mr. Scrivener Kitchen and his mail are discussed on page 7. The CARE program of packages for Europe and the Orient is doing a remarkable and much needed job in extending a helping hand across the sea from individual Americans. Not long ago the Hostesses sent over \$80 worth of packages to the starving peoples of Europe through CARE. It should be worth some small change from your pocket so take another look at the boxes and Mr. Scrivener Kitchen's name.

On this page are listed items in a special sale to employees at the Craft House. From time to time floor pieces used for display need replacing and a policy has been set up of selling these to employees at cost of replacing plus charges for express or freight which have been incurred in getting the piece to Craft House. While you are down there looking them over, look over the other items of the Craft House line for that Christmas list you should be thinking about now.

Don't forget the "Platform for Democracy" program tomorrow night!

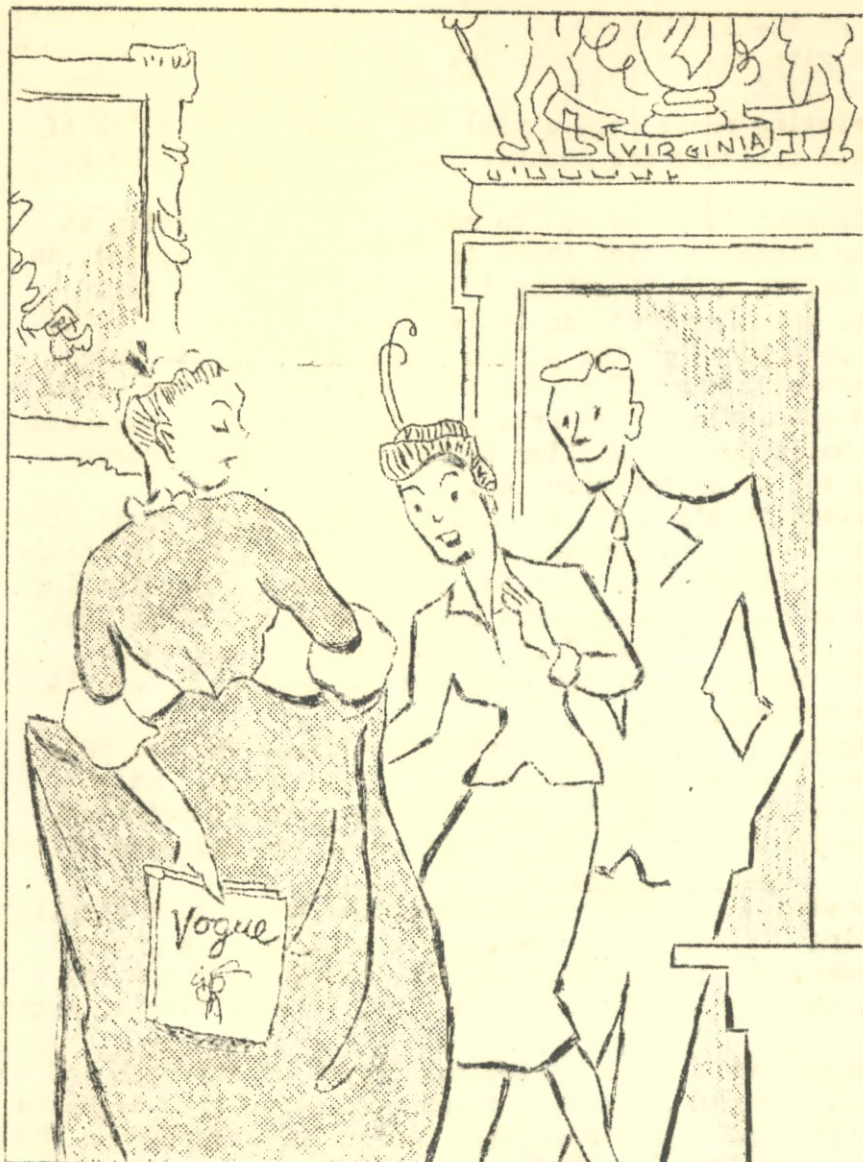
SPECIAL SALE OF REPRODUCTION
 FURNITURE TO EMPLOYEES

1 CW-104 Wing Chair. Upholstered in green damask. Slightly worn.
 Reg. retail price \$424
 Special price to employees \$240

1 CW-86 Walnut side chair
 Manufacturer's model.
 Special price to employees \$32

Several CW-8 Tea tables, slightly defective
 Reg. retail price \$135
 Special price to employees \$64 each

See these bargains at the Craft House



CARTOON BY JENKINS

At left is the latest bit from the free-handing pen of Joe Jenkins, a member of the Architectural Department who has a pet fondness for cartooning and a droll sense of humor to match. If conditions permit, further cartoons will appear on these pages.

Joe's talent became known this summer when a cartoon was sent to Mario Campioli to cheer up weary hours in the hospital. It's a sideline hobby of his that was developed in art school in Pennsylvania, his home state. He came here this spring from Hagerstown, Maryland, where he has been living for the past ten years. During that time he was a member of the engineering department of Fairchild Aircraft and brought his penmanship to the fore as art editor of the company newspaper. In recent years in Hagerstown he operated his own decorating business.

The Jenkins' have one child, Johnny, who will be four in January, and they are living on South England Street.

"How wonderful it must be to wear those gorgeous dresses."

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LAUNDRY (Continued from page 1)

Only personal wearing apparel is accepted. Materials should be taken to the Lafayette entrance and two-day service is offered at the prevailing commercial rates in Williamsburg. Typical charges are 18¢ for shirts, 35¢ for cotton trousers and 50¢ for ladies dresses. Dry cleaning rates are \$1 for suits and plain dresses and 50¢ for trousers or skirts.

HISTORIC SITES & BUILDINGS GROUP MEETS

Delegates from 40 national, state, and local sponsoring organizations were present for the third annual meeting of the National Council for Historic Sites and Buildings which ended here Friday. The general theme of the two-day session was the need of the inspiration of the past as a guide to the future.

Kenneth Chorley is vice-president of the Council.

18th CENTURY PRINTING OFFICE TO BE RE-ESTABLISHED

Wig Shop to give way to printers ink

The satisfying thud of a printing press (old style) will replace the click of scissors this spring in the little building now occupied by the Barber and Peruke Maker's Shop.

When the wig-making establishment is moved to its more authentic location at the King's Arms Barber Shop after reconstruction there is completed this spring, an authentic 18th century Printing Office will be set up in the old shop. It will become a free exhibition building bringing forth an interesting aspect of colonial life. The Printing Office will be typical of the period and similar to one which William Parks, Williamsburg's master printer of colonial times, had near the site.

Plans for the equipment and operation of the Printing Office are well advanced by the Department of Exhibition Buildings and William Parks' successor of modern times is already in town getting set to do the printing.

August R. Klapper, from Philadelphia's Main Line and a printer for a great many years, will don the work clothes of the 18th century this spring and actually handle a limited amount of the printing at the Office. For the present he is coordinating the preparations for its opening in close company with Dick Showman and Minor Wine Thomas, both past masters at reading the lispig "s." Considerable research is necessary to determine the proper equipment for the shop and the design so that it can either be searched out or reproduced.

Just a week ago, the leading expert on colonial printing offices who has made all the drawings for the equipment here was down to consult on the plans. Ralph Green is an engineer in Chicago and an outstanding authority on colonial printing. He will come down again to review final plans and installation of the Printing Office.

One-Press Shop

It will be a one-press shop with all the necessary equipment and also a sampling of the oddments carried by Printing Offices of the day. More similar to a general store than printing plants of today, the 18th century Offices carried a range of articles all the way from books, quills and stationery to pins, thread, flints, sugar, chocolate and snuff.

The 18th century style handpress will be the principal object of interest and will have to be reproduced from old designs. It will stand over seven feet high and will take a page 17" by 22". Klapper calls it an English Common Press combining the designs of the Isiah Thomas press, the James Franklin (brother of Ben) press now in Boston, and the press used by Benjamin Franklin which is now in the Smithsonian Institution.

Type frames to hold the cases of type will be reproduced and one case will hold the original William Parks' Caslon type found in excavating Parks' Printing Office site. Approximately 32 cases were used in a typical colonial shop and they will be filled with the same kinds of type-faces used then.

There also will be an imposing stone for the type forms with a marble top as well as a lye trough in which the type forms were immersed in hot lye to clean off the ink. Type cleaner or gasoline was an unknown quantity in 18th century print shops. Also there will be drying racks on which the paper was hung. The paper was always printed wet because of surface irregularities and to make a better impression.

Printer Klapper has made the study of 18th century printing a hobby for a number of years and when he visited here sometime ago, he asked about a Printing Office having been intrigued by the typography of the various CW circulars and folders. He started work on September 15th, fulfilling a long-time ambition to live in Virginia. He has studied at the University of Pennsylvania and has been connected with several large paper concerns and printing houses of note.

SPARKS, MILLER NEW GOLF CHAMPS

The second annual golf tournament is now history, and the Inn course is well recovered from the fervent attacks of duffer and pro alike. A variety of prizes was offered to the best in each field in the September 24th competition, including the President's Cups for the Men's and Women's champs and a quantity of new balls formally presented this week by Kenneth Chorley.

In perfect weather, Casey Miller shot 82 in the Ladies' Handicap to cop the silver bowl and ladies' championship, and Harold Sparks outdistanced all rivals with a blazing 72 in the Men's Handicap event, winning the men's cup and championship. Last year's champions were, respectively, Mrs. Dearstyne and Warfield Winn.

Mrs. Howard Dearstyne and Bill Landon won the Ladies' and Men's Flag Tournament and three new golf balls apiece. Jim Weeks chalked up a 77 for the Men's Low Gross and Mrs. John Green registered a score of 114 for the Ladies' Low Gross and the prize of four golf balls. A blind drawing for all competitors was held after the tournament with Bob Evans winning four balls, Ernest Lee three, Mildred Lanier two and Henry Beebe one.

HERTZ DRIV-UR-SELF RATES ARE LOWER

Effective October 15 the rates of the Hertz Driv-ur-self cars, which operate from the Travel Office, will be reduced in line with similar actions in nearby cities and resorts.

The new rates are: ninety cents per hour and eight cents a mile with a four dollar minimum; nine dollars a day plus eight cents a mile; twelve dollars for 24 hours plus eight cents a mile; 35 dollars per week plus eight cents a mile, with 200 miles minimum.

BOWLERS BEGIN LEAGUE PLAY

The CW Bowling Leagues opened their seasons with a bang two weeks ago, and competition is beginning to settle down as the bowlers approach consistent form. Standings in the men's league show Gilly Grattan's crew away out in front with a perfect record.

As far as individual records go, Bob Williams rolled a 134 to hold top honors for a single game (still under the top girl's score), while Bob Evans has the high individual set with a respectable 348. The High Team Total for a game goes to Vernon Spratley's team, a fifth place outfit, with 537, and the High Team Set total is held by Gilly Grattan's first place team. Their total was 1512.

Women's Teams

The next issue of the NEWS will carry the standings of the girls' teams. By that time permanent team members will have been more definitely assigned. Incidentally, wives of employees are eligible to bowl in the girls' league, and there is still time to register for play. If you are interested, call the Personnel Relations Office for information. Captains and Teams are as follows: Julia Alexander, "The Un-holy Rollers," Casey Miller, "The Alley-Cats," Frances White, "Knockabouts," Wicky Banks, "Woodpeckers," Virginia Meador, "Hot Shots," and Mary Jane King, "Rose Bowlers." The girl's competition has been marked with tremendous enthusiasm on the part of all present.

Mary Jane King rolled 140 for an individual high game that looks as if it might dominate all other scoring honors. The Rose Bowlers captured the high team total for a single game with a 468, and Mary Jane won the title in the individual set with 306. The High Team Set score was another Rose-Bowler affair when they rolled 1276.

CRAFT HOUSE NEWS

Caroline Cochran is the last of our Sales Force to return from vacation. Part of the time she spent with her mother in Ashland and the rest at the Chamberlin at Old Point, where, she reports, the fare was excellent.....Sue Harris and Betty Cahall spent the week-end at Scottsville and attended the University of Virginia-George Washington game.....Jean Gieselmann motored to Pittsburgh with friends and saw William and Mary go down in defeat--the first and we hope the last of the season..... Clara Charlton and her husband visited her brother in Norfolk last week-end.

To Peggy Burns this column extends sympathy on the loss of her brother, Thomas J. Lewis of Portsmouth.....Betty Cross, with her father and mother, motored to Clarksburg, West Virginia, last week-end to visit relatives....."R.T." Lampkin of the shipping department had the good fortune to tour the Skyline Drive under perfect weather conditions and is most enthusiastic about his trip.Anne Read's brother, The Reverend Gardner Smith of St. John's Church, Marathon, New York, spent the week-end in Williamsburg and attended the Services of the Visiting Clergy.

Big news for Craft House and its customers is that Max Rieg has started to make pewter again and a few of his fine copies are available once more. It's been so long since we've seen it that we had forgotten how beautiful it is.

Jack and Hap Upshur had a bang-up Craft House "family party" in honor of Mr. Batson and Mr. Volz of the Kittinger Company and Mr. and Mrs. Palin Thorley who have recently come to Williamsburg to live.....David Bechwith of the Kittinger Company has arrived in Williamsburg to make sketches of the original pieces which have been selected to add to the Craft House Reproduction Program.

--Anne Read

HARMONY HALL
PAGET WEST-BERMUDA

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At home it is a way we have,
To mind our D's and B's,
But now we're in Bermuda
And do just as we please.

We never thought we'd get here,
The flight--three hours late;
Plane time took four hours
But we weren't fishes' bait!

The take-off was dramatic -
The plane ride was estatic -
The landing was emphatic -
But bumps don't bother us!

We went on Sunday to "The Church,"
And after dinner time
We rode bicycles till we're dead;
(I'm almost out of ryme!)

We'll exchange our money -
And if tomorrow's sunny
My tan will be a honey!
(I hope I don't turn red.)

Oh, we'll come back to Williamsburg,
They all do, so it's said.
But now I'll have to go to bed.
To repeat, I'm really dead!

* Poetic license kindly obtained from
Dorothy Parker, Ogden Nash and Henry
Wadsworth Longfellow.

P.S. You'll all have to come to
Bermuda--It's wonderful!

--Betsy--Poet Laureate

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SERVICE RECOGNITION

J. B. Brouwers	- C. & M. Department 20 years - 10/1/49
Daniel J. Buckner	- C. & M. Department 10 years - 10/12/49

CARE

MR. SCRIVENER KITCHEN
DUKE OF GLOUCESTER ST.
WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

To the City of Williamsburg and the Commonwealth of Virginia, Mr. Scrivener Kitchen is a hypothetical character. In fact it's highly doubtful if anyone in town besides the local postman and a mail sorter or two have ever heard his name.

Yet to CARE, Inc., Mr. Kitchen is a very real person and he is addressed as above in appeals for packages to the hungry and needy in Europe and the Orient. CARE is the Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe, Inc., a non-profit organization that is doing the worthy job of sending prepared packages to the needy overseas through contributions. A person may purchase a parcel of food or clothing and have it sent with CARE taking care of the mailing and obtaining a receipt for delivery. Usually a letter is received by the donor from the person benefitted.

Being a hypothetical person, Mr. Scrivener Kitchen hasn't expressed himself on all this. Actually he is the product of a clerical error when an addressograph plate was set up in his name. And being a hypothetical person, he doesn't have any money right now anyway.

Starving People

Just the other day Mr. Scrivener Kitchen received an appeal:

"... refugees in China are fleeing in the greatest mass migration in history from flood, famine and war. In one city they stripped bark from the trees and ate it. There was nothing else. . .

"... In France some ten thousand war orphans are cared for in institutions. In 1945, the French Government voted funds for their support: 25¢ per child, per day. Since 1945 the cost of living has risen 100%. Twenty-five cents a day would still help a little. . .but last

year the appropriation was stopped."

Mr. Scrivener Kitchen may become a very real person to his neighbors overseas under a plan now afoot. Small boxes will be placed at the Warehouse, the Inn and Lodge, and the Goodwin Building to receive contributions in his name. When enough is assembled, it will be dispatched to CARE to purchase a package and a shipment will go overseas to help some person or persons. The receipt sent by CARE will be printed in these columns with any letter of thanks received from overseas so that the contributions from CW employees may be followed to their conclusion. In this way, small contributions may be made to this worthy cause in the true spirit of good neighbors.

It will also help Mr. Scrivener Kitchen answer those heartbreaking appeals which he is receiving and have some help go from Williamsburg perhaps to those wandering Chinese or to those French war orphans.

Will you help him out by giving something to the Mr. Scrivener Kitchen Fund?

THIS ACTUALLY HAPPENED

Employee XYZ, working in the boiler room at the hotels, decided that an electric fan should be moved. He picked it up while it was in operation and as his hand slipped he split a finger open causing a painful and hampering injury.

Don't take too many short cuts. Use common sense!

Dialing Interpretation



Mrs. L. J. Taylor, Supervisor of the Hostess Section, begins her day at the first ring of the telephone. Before she answers it she fearfully expects that the caller will be one of the hostesses speaking of a sprained ankle, or perhaps laryngitis, or even poison ivy and ending with "I won't be able to work today." If it is such a call, Mrs. Taylor shrugs, picks up telephone book and phone, and begins calling on her "second string" to fill in.

Mrs. Taylor, wife of Jennings Taylor of C&M's Transportation Empire, and known to her corps of hostesses and army of friends as Rose, has become inured to early morning phone calls and last minute substitutions. She became Supervisor of the Hostess Section in 1944 after serving for five years or so as a hostess herself, so she knows both sides of the matter. In her job, in the Department of Exhibition Buildings, she schedules hostesses, arranges tours for groups, and anticipates extra-large crowds through a careful study of previous attendance figures.

If one of these early morning phone calls means one of the "regulars" cannot report, Mrs. Taylor can always count on her "casuals" to help out. She has a list of 44 of these casuals, who during certain seasons are really full-time hostesses. They help out on week-ends, holidays, and during the summer, or whenever they are needed. "I have never met a group of people so eager to help out," she says of her casuals. With her staff of twenty-one regulars, Mrs. Taylor has a trained group of 65 hostesses and attendants ready at all times.

She often calls on casuals to supplement the regular staff whenever she feels that a given day will be extra-heavy as far as visitors are concerned. Attendance figures from 1948 have been used in planning for these heavy days. "It's amazing how figures for a big week-end this year will jive with the same period last year. This year follows a definite pattern with 1948. In August 1948, there were 24,342 visitors to the buildings. This year, there were 25,790. To anticipate a week-end or holiday, we take last year's figures, add a few hundred, and it comes out just about right." And if, for some undetermined reason, there was a freak day in '48 (a freak day is one with an abnormally large or small attendance), the same day in '49 will be a freak day. "Strange," says Mrs. Taylor.

Bus groups can be a big bother, especially when they show up unannounced. These groups come to Williamsburg with the idea of touring the buildings, but have neglected to notify anyone that they were coming. When they do show, it generally means another series of phone calls to find an escort for the groups. This providing of escorts for groups is another facet of what the Hostesses' First Lady admits is "the most interesting job in the world"...On an average day, ten to twelve groups will turn up, each requiring an escort. Once 26 came, announced and unannounced, and Mrs. Taylor had to start the tours at different points. Generally, the Capitol is the first exhibition building visited by group tours, but when there is a large number of groups, as on the memorable day when 26 arrived, they are started at different buildings to prevent confusion.

Mrs. Taylor is Virginia-born having lived in Petersburg until 1933, when she moved to Williamsburg, and is currently living out Route #5-way. Hobbies are sketching, drawing, and painting, for which she doesn't have as much time as she would like,

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INCREASED ANNUITY PROGRAM

NOW ONE YEAR OLD

September 1st was the first birthday of the increased annuity program approved last year. On that date there were 518 persons in the Plan as compared with 388 on the same date last year. The Treasurer reports that during the year CW's contributions to the Plan amounted to \$69,639.52 as compared with payments of \$40,510.98 for the previous year under the old Plan. This represented an increase in cost of about 72%.

The policyholders' payments during this time amounted to \$32,841.98 as compared with \$26,203.59 last year, an increase of about 21%, which increase was not on account of additional cost to each policyholder but because there was a larger number of persons in the Plan.

During the 11 years the Plan has been in operation, it is interesting to note that CW's contributions have totaled \$428,304.81 and policyholders' contributions amounted to \$216,961.45, making combined purchase payments of \$645,266.26.

Although only 28 persons retired during the first 11 years of the Plan, the increasing amount of the Annuity Reserve Fund will help a much larger number of employees with their retirement arrangements during the years to come.

GOODWIN BUILDING NEWS

John Henderson and Bob Taylor spent October 1st in Richmond doing their **Fall shopping**.....Kerk Burbank has returned to the office after almost a week's battle with bronchitis.....Catherine Bunting and Lois Browning have joined the staff of Central Files, making two B's and two C's in the department.....Lois Churchill was called to her home in North Carolina recently because of death in the family.....Donlan Piedmont, sparkplug of the Public Information Department, had a visit from J. A. Smith, friend of Notre Dame days, over the October 1st week-end. The boys spent the week-end in Chowning's.

Granville Patrick is the proud father of a new baby girl, Sue Ann, born September 26th at Bell Hospital, weighing seven pounds.....Marian Osborne and her family entertained at a buffet supper the last Saturday of September, and among the guests were several of the Goodwin Building family. Marian is now happily vacationing in the southwest and California.....Luta Sewell is being secretive about her plans, but she's enjoying a well-earned three weeks' vacation.Vernon Geddy recently visited White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia and Hot Springs, Virginia, studying employee housing.....Dorothy Schwarz of the Virginia Gazette Index, and Betsy Hall, who doubles as charming receptionist and assistant to Mrs. Fisher, have flown

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DIALING INTERPRETATION (Continued from page 8)

but her main interest, one gathers, is her son, currently with the Army in Germany. He is on a competitive tour (tours are apparently a family affair with the Taylors) for a berth in the Regular Army.

Rose Taylor and her invaluable side-kick, Muriel Spencer, hold the threads of the hostess section, and last minute phone calls about ailing larynxes and sprained ankles bother them not at all. In the Hostess Section, the telephone and a farthingale, rampant upon a field of Palaces, would be an ideal coat-of-arms.

GOODWIN BUILDING (Continued)

to Bermuda for vacation and report that the flight was simply wonderful, and Bermuda scrumptious (see poetic report in this issue).

Lucille Cooke was chosen Princess of James City County for the recent Sea Food Festival.....Duncan and Mrs. Cocke spent the week-end of October 1st at Chapel Hill and saw the North Carolina-Georgia football game.....Ann McCulley, with a new driver's license in her pocketbook, undertook to drive to New York, no less, and arrived back safely..... Vernon and Mrs. Spratley will spend the week-end of the 15th at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, and will see the Homecoming game with Washington and Lee.....Lester Cappon spent three days of mid-September in Quebec attending the meetings of the Society of American Archivists, of which he is Secretary.

Charles Hackett is receiving sympathy notes on account of a broken finger --Safety Committee, here's another example.....Fanona Knox spent a week of her vacation this month resting in Williamsburg. She's the Keeper of Periodicals in the Goodwin Building, so if you want a magazine, see her in the Library..... Monier Williams stole the show at the Fashion Show on the 29th--seems he kept coming back for curtain calls every time the girls stepped up to model--he just

couldn't remember to stay away.....Mary Stephenson took a week in the latter part of August to relax in Warm Springs, Virginia.....The Alexanders and Showmans were wedding guests when Virginia Lee (Werth) Hutcheson was married October 1st at lovely Ware Church in Gloucester County.....Alden Hopkins has spent several week-ends in Charlottesville working on plans for the completion of the Jefferson design for the gardens of the University of Virginia, sponsored by the Garden Club of Virginia. He spent October 6th in Richmond with their Restoration Committee going over the preliminary sketches for the work.

Casey Miller and friends went sailing at Hampton on Sunday, the second..... Vivian Moses spent October 1st in Richmond.....Ruth Jolly has spent several week-ends at home in South Hill, Virginia.We conservatively estimate forty per cent of CW-ers turned out for the William and Mary Homecoming game last Saturday afternoon. It was a great day!Adelaide Hoffmann and her husband are spending their vacation at Rutland, Massachusetts, and plan to take in some mountain hiking on a visit to Mt. Washington.....Marge Phelan, formerly a secretary in the Institute of Early American History and Culture, and her husband Bill have settled in Manchester, Connecticut where Bill is now enrolled in Hartford Law School.

SUGGESTION AWARDS

Mar Kent Stevens	\$5.	Foot scraper at entrance to Goodwin Building for use of employees and others coming in from construction jobs, etc.
Hallie A. Wermuth	\$5.	As a safety measure that a sign be placed on west side of England Street across from bus parking lot which will prevent cars from parking too near end of entrance to Lodge.
Mary Daniels	\$5.	Improvement of map of Palace gardens.
Walter Martin, Jr.	\$15.	Improvement affecting Inn air conditioning system.

Behind the NEWS

Back on page 14, column 1, line 3 of this issue of the NEWS, posterity and the readers (conservatively estimated at 2,000) of this little journal are told that Hugh Hitchens, veteran engineer at the Inn and Lodge, has switched over to the Mechanical Maintenance Section.

This item, selected at random from the news accounts of this issue, was ferreted out of C&Mdom by Mac McPherson, typed thrice, fitted into place with hundreds of other such bits of news and information, stenciled, mimeographed and placed in the hands of CW readers as part of the composite NEWS of Colonial Williamsburg.

Thus, in general this publication is put together monthly "of, by and for CW employees," to use a blithe paraphrase. From one end of this diverse organization to the other there is assistance in the preparation and production.

Reporters

Out on the news-gathering front, for example, are such able reporters as Mac for C&M, Mary Daniels for the Hostess Section, Anne Lumbye for the hotels, Anne Read for Craft House, Pat Buchanan for the Theatre, Joan Erthal from the New York outpost, and Luta Sewell and Ernie Priest collecting odds and ends from all departments in the Goodwin Building. Each of these news hounds has a cordon of reporters, too numerous to mention at this writing, which further reaches into the nooks and crannies and brings up items of interest to be grouped under the above general headings or given detailed treatment. In a sense each CW-ite is a reporter and the majority of the employees recognize the value of everyone contributing to make the paper more interesting.

The work of the reporters is supposed to end at deadline time, and, thanks to the promptness of the reporters, usually does. The deadline for each

issue is set for a week and a half preceding publication, usually about the 5th of the month, as it was for this issue. Publication date, as is known, is always the Friday nearest the 15th of each month.

The material goes to the Department of Public Information where it is edited, checked and joined with other news of events and happenings, features and personality sketches. From that point two assiduous layout experts, Mar Kent Stevens and Mary Jane King, take over during off hours to type up the final form or "dummy" of each page. Meanwhile, for some issues, photos and other illustrated material are gathered for the multilith inserts. These must be prepared and shipped off to Richmond for processing a week in advance in order to be received in time for inclusion.

Office Services

After repeated checking for errors, the "dummies" then are received by Angie Cowles in Office Services where Sally Mapel, with the assistance of Irma Williams and others, begins making up the stencils for each page. Incidentally, Sally, with large assistance from Betsy Hall and Wicky Banks, is responsible for the hand-lettering and little sketches that brighten up the inked pages. Stencil by stencil, the pages are proofed for the last time and turned over to Shirley Stone for mimeographing. If all goes well, and it usually does under Shirley's watchful eye, the last page is finished on Thursday and the mimeograph room is piled high with pages.

Fridays, the 8,000 sheets of paper are laid out in stacks in the Board Room and Virginia Marston takes over, with help from virtually every department, in the production-line job of assembling and stapling--completed in time to meet the Friday afternoon distribution. --- And another NEWS is history.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

WHY FIRE PREVENTION WEEK?

Fire Prevention this week is being vigorously pursued by the CW Safety Committee headed by Col. Wheat. Mac McPherson and his crew of fire extinguisher checkers have been busily engaged in surveying weak spots in CW's fire defenses. They also give the following thoughtful information and tips for fire safety on the job and at home.

Fire Prevention Week is set aside each year to focus public attention upon our disgraceful loss of life and destruction of property by fire.

Each President in turn, since President Harding in 1922, has proclaimed the week which contains October 9, the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, as "Fire Prevention Week." This week is now so thoroughly established that each year, each state, city and town in the United States and Canada looks forward to participating in its observance as the beginning of an entire year of intensive fire safety work.

The Great Chicago Fire of October 9, 1871, originated, we believe, when Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a lantern at milking time. The resulting loss was 17,000 buildings; \$168,000,000.

Every day there are 700 home fires...28 deaths by fire...130 store fires...100 factory fires...7 church fires...7 school fires and 3 hospital fires.

In the last decade fire has killed more than 100,000 persons and burned or disfigured many hundreds of thousands more.

There are 630,000,000 acres of forest land in the U. S. yet fire lays waste to 30,000,000 acres, annually. The average forest area burned over annually is equal to the land area of the New England States. This appalling waste recurs year in and year out -- an average of 200,000 forest fires every year.

Forest fires involve a public interest far beyond the immediate money values destroyed. They affect future timber supplies, waterflow of rivers, soil erosion and such recreational uses of forest areas as fishing and hunting.

A yearly average of 41,000 forest fires alone are attributable to careless disposal of matches and cigarettes.

Forty fires occur every day in the U. S. A. because electric pressing irons are left in circuit.

U. S. FIRE LOSSES

1940	\$290,000,000
1941	325,000,000
1942	315,000,000
1943	403,000,000
1944	456,000,000
1945	485,000,000
1946	580,000,000
1947	703,000,000
1948	725,000,000*

(* Preliminary estimates)

SMOKE CAREFULLY

Deaths and property losses from fire are increasing mainly because of the careless smoker. Out of the approximate 650,000 fires which attack U. S. buildings annually, about 87,000 are caused by careless smoking. Smoking in bed accounts for the largest loss of life.

Use friction lighters or safety matches wherever possible. Keep matches where small children cannot reach them. Provide a liberal supply of ash trays throughout the house. Cultivate careful smoking habits.

DON'T HOME DRY CLEAN

Not a small part of our fire loss is attributable to the improper and careless use of gasoline and other petroleum products. Quickening fires with kerosene exacts a heavy toll in human life and home dry cleaning takes the lives of 800 mothers every year.

Never bring gasoline, benzine, naphtha or similar volatile flammable liquids into the home for any purpose. Use non-flammable cleaners such as tetrachloride for removing spots from clothes. Send to the dry cleaner any garments needing extensive cleaning. If kerosene is used in lamps or stoves, fill these by daylight only.

ELECTRICAL HAZARDS

If the wiring system in the house is to be extended, call a professional electrician and have the job done right. Cords to portable electrical appliances should be as short as possible. Replace them when they become the least worn or frayed.

The fuse is the "safety valve" of the home wiring system.

UNPLUG THAT IRON!

Play safe and follow these rules:

1. Use an effective stand.
2. Keep iron away from combustible materials.
3. Have a red pilot light or other warning signal on the iron.
4. Use an iron that controls its own temperature.
5. Keep the current shut off, except when actually in use.

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Burn oily rags in the incinerator at once, or keep them in covered metal cans.

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An approved fire extinguisher will provide a "knock-out" blow for small fires.

FIRE'S YEARLY BOX SCORE

<u>Cause</u>	<u>No. of Fires</u>	<u>Loss</u>
Smoking and Matches	87,000	\$51,500,000
Misuse of Electrical Equipment and Defective Wiring	52,000	56,000,000
Defective Heating Equipment	44,500	56,000,000
Defective or Overheated Chimneys and Flues	30,000	16,900,000
Sparks on Wooden Shingle Roofs	27,000	19,500,000
Careless Handling of Flammable Liquids	20,000	21,800,000
Children Playing with Matches	20,800	8,300,000

Let's make *EVERY* week FIRE PREVENTION WEEK!!

C & M NEWS

Edwin B. Lindsley, Jr., recently joined CW as doorman at the Goodwin Building.....Hugh Hitchens, who served as engineer at the Inn and Lodge for a number of years, has transferred to the Mechanical Maintenance Section.... New employees, as plant engineers, are Clarence Heath and A. Gilbert Jones... ..Some of the recent vacationers from this department are Robert E. Parker, Jim Robertson and George Rogers..... Frank Strupel, after much remodeling, refinishing, etc., expects to move into his Camp Peary residence in the near future.

John Palmer is at work again after a week of illness.....Dorsey Tyler has moved from Williamsburg to Lightfoot, Virginia.....A surprise birthday social was held for R. D. Harris on October 5th in the country at the home of J. D. Jones.....Simon Morning, with his entire family, spent last Sunday in Lightfoot with their uncle.....Lynwood Williams spent a recent week-end in Washington, D. C., visiting relatives and friends.William Hall has returned from a pleasant vacation. Others who enjoyed recent vacations are Russell Walker and Willie Taylor.

Mrs. Frank S. Jacobs, Jr., has returned to work after a brief confinement in Bell Hospital.....W. T. Reinecke spent his vacation touring the Skyline Drive and then made a brief visit to North Carolina to visit relatives..... Robert Burrage recently enjoyed an extended week-end attending the marriage of his sister-in-law, Miss Jane Kable, a former employee of CW, to Maxwell Griffith at York, Pennsylvania.....Victor Peterson, of the paint division, has returned from a vacation in the hilly city of Roanoke. --W. D. McPherson

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Attend the "Platform for Democracy" program Saturday night, October 15th.

NEW YORK OFFICE NEWS

Mary Burke Simpson has left CW after more than three years of service.

Carolyn Muser has replaced Mary as secretary to Mr. Boyer. Carolyn and Mae "Pete" Peterson paid their first visits to Williamsburg this spring. Pete is now working in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Marcia Parker, from out Omaha, Nebraska way, recently joined the New York staff as secretary.

--J. Erthal

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HOSTESS BRIEFS

Blue October skies and a hint of frost in the morning air enhance the charm of the open road, and over the highways to Williamsburg come the October tourists. No particular occasion distinguishes October, but it needs none.

The Palace garden in late summer attire, the gorgeous fall colors in flower arrangements, and all the charming byways of Williamsburg are sufficient reward at the end of a journey.

College students are making use of their passes, the green and gold freshman caps appear frequently in the buildings.

Nickie Dillard is president of Women's Student Government at William and Mary and is living this year at Barrett Hall. We hope that her preoccupation with college affairs will not deprive us of her company.

Frances Robb has gone to New York. At Altman's she is one of the "Flying Squadron," seeing the store from top to bottom in preparation for a job later on. We wish her good luck.

Lily Nelson attended the wedding of Virginia Werth and Robert Hutcheson at old Ware Church in Gloucester, and the reception which followed at Dunham Massie, home of the bride. From there
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HOSTESS BRIEFS (Continued)

Lily went to Tides Inn to spend the week-end.

Henry Peyton has returned from a cruise in the Mediterranean. It will not be long before the charming home which Polly and Commodore Peyton have been building, will be ready to receive the family.

Louise Atkinson is back at work. We are glad to see her.

Nouvelle Green has returned to the Palace desk after several weeks in Schenectady with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Brennan.

Fannie Lou and Dr. Stryker drove to New York to visit Evelyn. Secondary attractions on the trip were the beautiful Longwood Gardens and horticultural building at Kennett Square, Pa. and the rose gardens at West Grove, Pa.

Lucy Snead had as week-end guests recently, Mr. & Mrs. R. O. Jones and Mr. & Mrs. P. A. L. Smith of Richmond.

Imogene Etheridge announces a new little grandson, James Neal Etheridge. The baby is the second child of James

Etheridge and his wife, the former Iris Shelley, affectionately remembered by the hostesses. Jimmie and Iris live at Kingston, S. C.

Rose Adele Wing has finished her work at Pan American Business School in Richmond and before the next issue of the NEWS will have embarked on another career. She and George Mahone will be married this month.

Mrs. Carrie Lee has been enjoying a visit from Mrs. Peticolis Powell of Cambridge, Md.; Virginia Holmes' son, Arthur, has returned to Cornell. Arthur made the trip in a car of his own manufacture. Needless to say, Virginia breathed a sigh of relief when he announced his safe arrival. We may anticipate innovations and advance in automobile design following graduation of class of '52, Cornell.

Mary Daniel is vacationing in Conn. with her daughter, Mrs. F. R. Saliski. From there she will go to Greenville, S.C. to visit her son, George B. Daniel, his wife and George, Jr.

Mary Carter traveled to Anniston, Ala. to see her daughter, Mrs. James Saunders and little Jimmie. -M. Daniels

RED-LETTER DATES ON THE WILLIAMSBURG HISTORICAL CALENDAR

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| October 20, 1824 | Lafayette entertained in Williamsburg. |
| October 21, 1751 | <u>Richard the Third</u> presented at new Theatre in Williamsburg - first play in second Williamsburg theatre. |
| October 26, 1693 | Day on which the House of Burgesses settled upon Middle Plantation as the site for the College. |
| October 29, 1705 | College of William and Mary destroyed by fire. |
| October 31, 1753 | George Washington commissioned by Governor Dinwiddie to deliver warning to the French forces on the Ohio. Set out from Williamsburg on same day - October 31st. |
| November 1, 1753 | General Assembly met at new Capitol building. |
| November 7, 1774 | Shipment of tea which arrived at Yorktown on the <u>Virginia</u> dumped into river by colonists. |

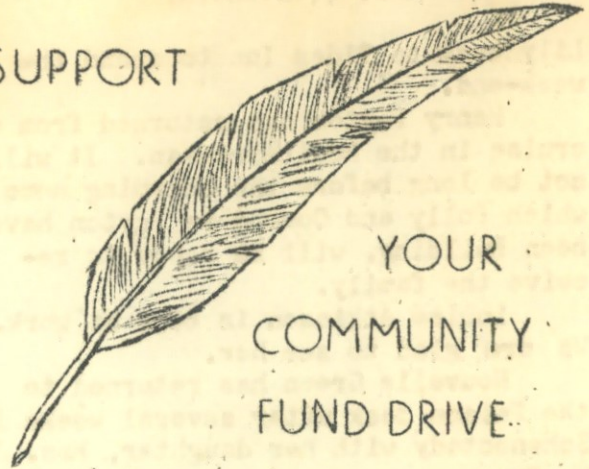
W I & L

Geraldine Smith vacationed in Toano.....Cleo Stolze spent her vacation in Portsmouth.....Thelma Speedy spent her vacation in Syracuse, New York.....Ema and Floyd Honeycutt and Mr. Montenegro of the Inn Storeroom went on the Skyline Drive last week.....Martha Ann Moore, Manager of the Coffee Shop, has as assistant, Lucille Smith of Crewe. She comes to us from Ft. Belvoir where she was manager of the Post Exchange.....Una Spaller has left to accept another position.

New cashiers are Jewel Herzog from Dallas, Texas, and Mildred Carter and Emma Mallory, both from Williamsburg.

Betty Anne and Raymond Hodges are vacationing in Michigan.....Did you notice how becomingly that 18th century costume is worn by Sam Thomas at Chowning's on week-end evenings? Don't let it confuse you, however - it is still our "Smilin' Sam" Thomas of the Inn Storeroom helping out when needed....Norma Bamman was visited recently by Miss Mable Meyer of New York City. Norma, her sister and Mable enjoyed a two-day trip over the Skyline Drive and through the Shenandoah Valley....Mary Wood and her husband were visited by Mr. Wood's nephew and bride, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Tuck of Roanoke..... Mary also was visited by her brother and

SUPPORT



YOUR
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FUND DRIVE

sister-in-law of Hopewell.

F. R. Honeycutt has been proudly displaying his lovely dahlias and roses, which he has taken up as a hobby..... Elizabeth Pollock entertained the Naval Mine Depot Sewing Club of which she is a member.

The Catering Department is delighted to welcome Mrs. Kay Meier, formerly of Norfolk, into their midst. Mrs. Meier is secretary to Harold Loughrie.....J. J. Abbott attended his sister's wedding recently at Wren Chapel.

Fred Crawford, Chef at the Inn, has returned to work after spending his vacation in Florida and New York.....Phillip Ferguson, cook at the Inn, is now on his vacation.

--Anne Lumbye

RECEIVED YOUR SHOT?

The period during which flu shots are available free of charge to employees has been extended one week - through October 22nd - for the convenience of CW employees who have not taken advantage of this protection. Inoculations are being given by our company physicians, Dr. Bell and Dr. Tucker, at their offices in Bell Hospital and Tucker Clinic. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. (4 p.m. at Tucker Clinic); and 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.