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"Folk Art From Outdoors" Is Title, Theme Of AARFAC's New Show

"Folk Art from Outdoors" is the title of AARFAC's forthcoming show which opens here on April 21 and continues through June 16.

Considered a major loan show, the exhibit will feature approximately 100 items including works from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond and the Mariners Museum in Newport News.

Tom Armstrong, AARFAC curator, noted that this will be the first show at AARFAC devoted exclusively to American folk sculpture. A variety of outdoor pieces will be featured including inn and shop signs, ships' figureheads, sternboard decorations, weathervanes, decoys, carousel figures, whirligigs, and tobacconist figures.

Two large carvings to be featured in the show - a tobacconist figure and a ship's figurehead - illustrate the folk artist's involvement with the events of his day. Both carvings depict Jenny Lind, the popular 19th century Swedish soprano brought on tour to America by P. T. Barnum.

The D. Lyon inn sign, recently given to AARFAC by Nina Fletcher Little, will also be exhibited. The

signboard is believed to be of New England origin and depicts on one side a vue d'optique, a popular visual device of the nineteenth century.

The eagle, America's national symbol of supreme authority since 1782, became a major theme for craftsmen and woodcarvers of the 19th century. AARFAC's show will feature a variety of eagle figures, one example being a large pilothouse eagle on loan from the Mariners Museum. Having a wingspan of nearly five feet, this gilded eagle originally adorned the S.S. Horicon, the last of the wooden steamboats on Lake George, N.Y.

AARFAC's collection of gravestone rubbings, the largest single assemblage of rubbings which preserve America's earliest indigenous art form, will also be a major feature in the exhibition. Mr. and Mrs. Avon Neal of Groton, Massachusetts perfected the process which preserves the images which make up the collection of rubbings at AARFAC. The rubbings have just returned to CW after being on exhibit throughout New York under the auspices of the New York State Council on the Arts.



Jane Abbot Joins CW As Staff Writer In Public Relations

Jane Oliver Abbot has joined Colonial Williamsburg as a staff writer in the Press Bureau, according to Donald J. Gonzales, vice president and director of Public Relations.

Miss Abbot's primary responsibility will be in the area of women's interest -- gardens, antiques, folk art, food and furnishings -- but she also will assist visiting press-radio-television representatives gather other types of information and will assist with special events and the Williamsburg Forum Series.

Miss Abbot is a native of Lynchburg, Virginia. Prior to joining CW, she was associated with CARE, Inc. for five years. She served as director of the Arkansas-Kentucky-Tennessee Field Office of the organization for the past three years with full responsibility for public relations and public information programs in the three states.

She is a graduate of Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg. She holds a BA degree in Latin and completed additional studies in art history and philosophy. She has traveled extensively, and spent nearly two years in Palembang, Indonesia.

She succeeds the former Miss Marguerite Gignilliat, who became Mrs. William W. Old III on March 23 and now resides in Lexington, Va.

Jamestown Day Observance Set For Sunday, May 12

Dr. Davis Y. Paschall, noted educator and president of the College of William and Mary will deliver the principal address at the annual Jamestown Day Ceremonies on Sunday, May 12.

This year's festivities will celebrate the 361st anniversary of the founding of the first permanent English settlement in America. The Hon.

Four Historic Area Homes To Open For Garden Week

Four privately occupied homes in CW's Historic Area will be on view during Historic Garden Week here, April 25-26.

The Palmer house on Duke of Gloucester Street was erected sometime between 1754 and 1760 by John Palmer, distinguished lawyer and bursar at the College of William and Mary. The stately brick dwelling, complete with "putlog" or scaffold support holes left unfilled by the eighteenth-century mason, was restored to its colonial appearance in 1952. The two-story house currently is occupied by Miss Mildred Layne.

One of the last original eighteenth-century buildings in Williamsburg to be restored, the Powell-Waller House, was built about 1763 by well-known master builder Benjamin Powell. In 1782 Powell sold the house and after a succession of owners, the property was purchased by Benjamin Carter Waller in 1791. A prominent Williamsburg family, the Wallers occupied the house for 79 years. The present occupant is Mrs. Spencer Lane.

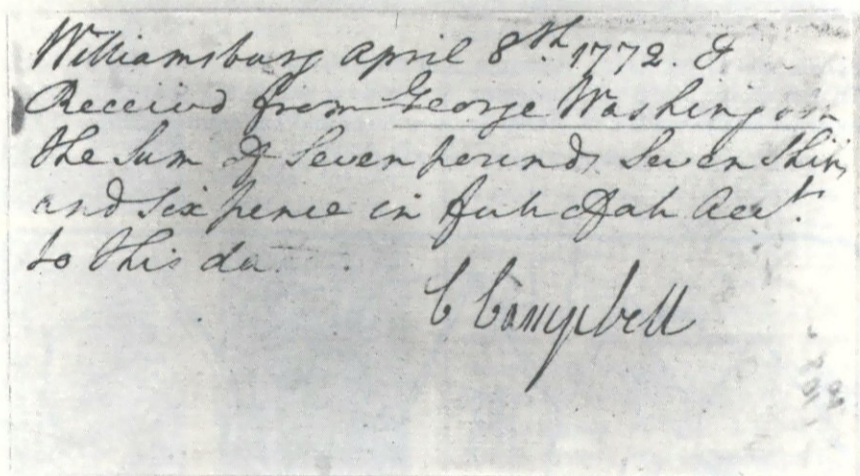
The center of culinary activity during colonial times, the large Powell-Waller Kitchen to the rear of the main house has been adapted to modern living and is the home of Mrs. A. Willard Duncan.

The Mary Stith Shop, reconstructed on its original eighteenth-century foundations, was the property of Mary Stith, daughter of Virginia historian, the Rev. Dr. William Stith. The one-and-a-half story brick structure presently serves as a Colonial Williamsburg guest house.

Other private homes open here during Garden Week include the Rectory of Bruton Parish Church, residence of the Rev. and Mrs. Cotesworth P. Lewis and Belle Farm, owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Latane Lewis, Jr.

Colgate W. Darden, Jr., former governor of Virginia, will preside as chairman of the ceremonies beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Robert Hunt Shrine on Jamestown Island. Carlisle H. Humelsine, president of CW will introduce the speaker.

Jamestown Day observances have been held by the APVA almost continuously since 1896. Traditionally, the ceremonies are held on the Sunday nearest to May 13, the date of the actual landing in 1607 by the 144 colonists who founded the first permanent English outpost of civilization in (continued on page 3)

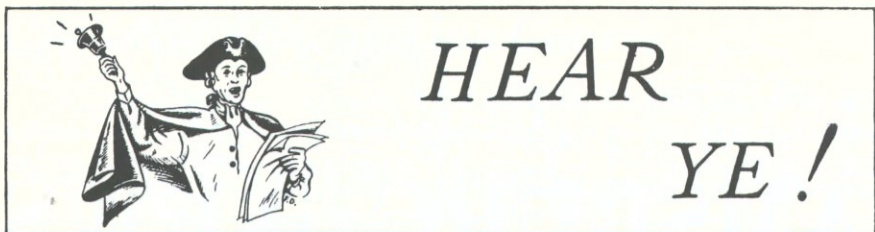


CW's Research Department Acquires Valuable Manuscript Item

CW's Research Department has recently acquired an interesting manuscript item. It is a receipt for payment of services and lodgings paid by George Washington to Christiana Campbell on April 8, 1772.

Mary Lee McGregor, research archivist, noted that the receipt was most likely written by George Washington and signed by Christiana Campbell. She also pointed out that this is the only manuscript piece CW owns having Christiana Campbell's signature and the second item written in the hand of Mr. Washington.

Mary Lee added that two sources confirm the receipt's authenticity. An entry in Mr. Washington's printed diary shows that he had been lodging at Campbell's Tavern around the time when the receipt was written. Also, in his manuscript ledgers, an identical amount is recorded as having been paid out to Mrs. Campbell on the same date, April 8, 1772.



ARCHITECTURE - Dru Warr

We congratulate ALAN MORLEDGE on his promotion to Commander in the U. S. Naval Reserve. Bob MacDonald left us the last of February and we all wish him the best of everything.

BOB TAYLOR vacationed in Florida during February, but was unable to find the warm sunshine anywhere. JIM and PEG WAITE are vacationing in New York City for the weekend - sans children. Have fun, you-all! BILL PHILLIPS will be on vacation next week, and then on Friday he plans to go to White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., to attend a regional meeting of the American Institute of Architects.

FRED and Phyllis BELDEN have enjoyed having her parents here from Long Island, N. Y. The Belden's have also recently moved into the Jackson House on York Street. Fred reports that he is now a full member of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

We were all surprised and pleased to have ERNIE FRANK visit us for a short while the other day. This is the first time he has been in the Goodwin Building since his recent illness.

CRAFT SHOPS - Helen Vandermark

We welcome several new employees: VIVIAN THRALL and EVA WOODS in the Bindery and Post Office; CURTIS COLLINSWORTH in the Cabinet Maker's Shop; ROBERT GOULD and CHARLES RANDALL in the Silversmith Shop; HERBERT WATSON in the Fife & Drum Department and PHILLIP CLARKE in the office.

Good luck to Bob Wellman who has left us for the insurance business. ROY BROWN is recovering nicely at Riverside Hospital and we look forward to his return soon. DEE IDE's husband, Guil, is back from Vietnam and will be out of the army in August. Your reporter spent a week in Ohio visiting relatives.

COMMISSARY - Hazel Majette

CLYDE FARNELL has just enjoyed a week's vacation. We welcome back to work JAMES ALLEN, JONES RUSSELL, and GEORGE DALES who were recently on the sick list.



INFORMATION CENTER - Charlotte Farmer

Welcome back to ROGER TATUM who has returned from a two week Naval Reserve tour of duty and to KAY KIPPS who has been on vacation. A warm welcome is extended to LIBBY REYNOLDS who is working at the Carter's Grove Desk.

We were impressed with the fine article in the Sunday Richmond Times-Dispatch complete with pictures of CAMERON ANDREWS' former radio and television days.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION - Dianne Britton

We are happy to have JAMES BURNETTE back at work with us again after his operations and long recovery.

RESERVATION OFFICE - Mary Ann Douglas

A warm welcome goes to GENEVA HUNTER who joined the Reservation Office staff recently. We are very glad to have SHARON ST. CLAIR back after being out sick.

GINNY HURD has just returned from a week's vacation in New Orleans, La. where she attended the Mardi gras. SHIRLEY POPICHAK visited her home in Pennsylvania this weekend where she attended her brother's wedding.

ARCHAEOLOGY - Margaret Williams

AUDREY and IVOR NOEL HUME returned on March 12 from a three week trip to Europe. They visited Pompeii in Italy and Noel lectured in England to the Cardiff Conference of the Society for Post-Medieval Archaeology.

We welcome to our staff MARY GERALDINE GARNETT, new Junior Department Assistant.

INN & LODGE FRONT OFFICES - Bonnie McCue

TOM MOYLES enjoyed a weekend in Washington, D. C. where he attended the Northeastern Regional Greeters Convention.

FRANKLIN HOUSE - Ann Lee

GERTRUDE MANLEY spent the weekend with her sister and family in Roanoke Rapids, N. C. New employees here at the Franklin House are ANN LEE, inspectress, and MARY HARRISON, maid.

PRESENTATION - Editor

Our sympathy is extended to BILL PFEIFER whose father died March 31 in Plainfield, New Jersey, after a long illness.

LODGE HOUSEKEEPING - Lola Larson

CORAL ROGERS visited her daughter and family in Norfolk and toured the gardens by the sea. NANNIE MORGAN enjoyed a visit with her father and daughters in Forrest City and in Charlotte, N. C. for a few days. Your reporter recently attended a meeting held in Petersburg by the Executive Housekeepers of the Old Dominion Chapter. MAXINE LOCKARD's brother from Louisville, Ky. is now living here with her and her husband.

We welcome several new employees to our department: ROSALYN BROWN, AMY JONES, VIRGINIA GREY and LORETTA PARROT, new maids; ALONZA SADLER, new houseman.

Those who have returned to work after being out sick are: LILLIAN WALLACE, MINNIE WRIGHT and MATTIE SHEPPARD.

We extend our sympathy to VELMA SMITH whose brother died recently.

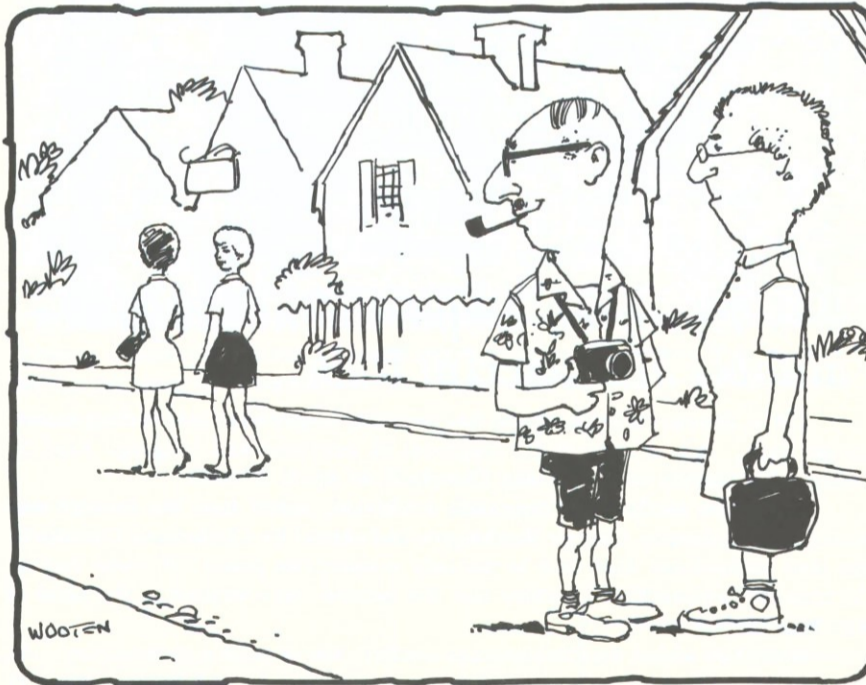
PURCHASING AND ESTIMATING - Susan Page

PAUL EPLEY's son, Rick, has just returned to the States after serving a tour of duty in Vietnam.



Above, the former Mr. Foster's Rememberance Shop near Bruton Parish Church on the Duke of Gloucester Street as it was being moved to its new location on the corner of Indian Springs Road and Jamestown Road.

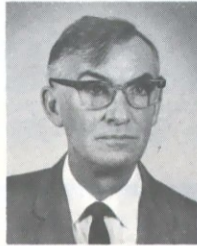
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"YOU'RE RIGHT DEAR... THE SIGHTS ARE LOVELIER HERE IN THE SPRING!"

Three CWers Top Tenth Year Here

Three employees recently topped their tenth year of service with Colonial Williamsburg. Pictured here are: William H. Phillips, Motor House bellman, March 25; Johnny Morris, accountant in the Visitor Accommodations Comptroller Department, March 26; Cameron Andrews, assistant manager of the Information Center, April 3.



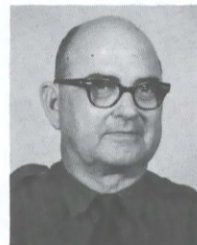
Six CWers Celebrate Fifteenth Anniversaries

Six CWers topped their fifteenth year here early this month. Pictured here are:

Levin Dutton, head steward at the Lodge, March 26; Jacob E. Keyser, superintendent of CW's Bus and Coach Operations, AC&M, March 30; Carlisle H. Humelsine, president of Colonial Williamsburg, April 1; Conley Baker, chief of Visitor Accommodations Property Security and Safety, April 7; Hillary McAllister, paint foreman in Building Maintenance, April 8.



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Also celebrating her fifteenth year with CW but not pictured here is Helen Hudson, hostess supervisor in the Division of Presentation, April 1.

Proud Parents

Curtis L. Taylor, custodian, a daughter, Ramona Costella, born March 3, 7 lbs., 4 oz.

Arthur K. Wynn, Golf Shop Attendant, a daughter, Carol Ann, born March 5, 6 lbs.

Irene Hester Retires After 5 Years With CW

Irene Bell Hester, seamstress in CW's Division of Visitor Accommodations and Merchandising, retired on April 1 after more than five years of service here.

Irene began working for CW in 1962 as a seamstress at the Laundry and she held that position until her recent retirement.

Irene has two children. Her son, Maurice, works for CW as conference promotion manager in Hotel Sales. Her granddaughter, Pamela Hester, also works for CW as a reservation clerk in the Division of Visitor Accommodations and Merchandising.

Hattie Thomas Tops 20th Year Here

Hattie L. Thomas, finisher-presser at the Laundry in CW's Division of Visitor Accommodations and Merchandising, will reach her twentieth service anniversary on April 11.

Hattie began working for CW in 1947 as a pantry-woman at the Inn and in 1948 she transferred to the Lodge where she worked as a maid. In 1949 she joined the Laundry operations as a flat-work finisher. She was named to her current position as finisher-presser in 1950.



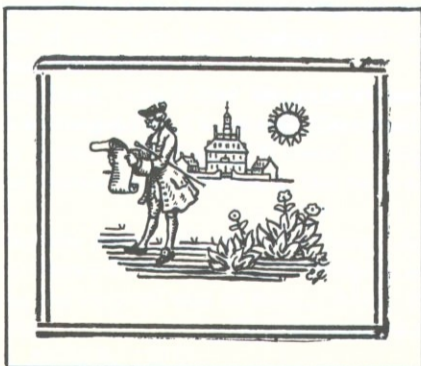
Hattie's daughter, Edith Heard, is a Dining Room cashier in CW's hotel division. Hattie and her husband, Samuel, also have two sons. She is a member of St. John's Baptist Church and of the Eastern Star. Her hobbies include cooking and flowers.

William H. Brown

The CW NEWS joins all employees in extending sympathy to the family of William H. Brown who died March 27 in McGuire's Hospital after a long illness.

William was employed as a helper at the Commissary and would have reached his tenth anniversary here on March 31.

Survivors include his wife, Ethel Brown, three daughters, a son, a brother and a sister, Georgiana Washington, who is employed here as a maid at the Lodge.



Foster Shop Moves To New Location

Many curious visitors and a number of CWers looked on as the former Mr. Foster's Remembrance Shop at 428 Francis Street was moved on March 28-29 to a lot at the corner of Indian Springs Road and Jamestown Road where it will serve as a place of worship for the Temple Beth El of Williamsburg.

The brick building and the property where it was formerly located were included in the Providence Hall tract acquired by Colonial Williamsburg through long-term lease with the Bucktrout Braithwaite Foundation in late 1965.

The route of move was from the former location, east on Francis Street to Blair Street, north on Blair to Duke of Gloucester Street, east on Duke of Gloucester to Richmond Road, northwest on Richmond Road to Campus Drive, west on Campus Drive and past Swem Library.

The route was dictated by the large size of the building and the moving device. Together, the moving dollies and building measured 36 feet high and 36 feet wide. The building weighs 200 tons, according to William B. Patram, Richmond moving engineer.

Correction

The CW NEWS wishes to acknowledge and correct an error which appeared in an article published in the February 28 issue. In the article on the celebration of George Washington's 236th birthday, a statement was made that Mr. Washington had served on the Vestry of Bruton Parish Church. Since that issue we have been informed that there is no known evidence to indicate that George Washington served on the Vestry there.

Helen Woods Retires After 12 Years

Helen M. Woods, hostess in the Division of Presentation, retired from Colonial Williamsburg on February 1 after twelve years of service.

Helen joined CW in 1952 as a hostess in the exhibition buildings. She also worked as an escort for a short period. In 1964 Helen became a casual hostess and worked in that capacity until her recent retirement.

Helen and her husband, Dudley, have one son and one daughter. In her spare time, she enjoys doing crewel work and making things for her grandchildren.

JAMESTOWN, Cont.

the new world. Local organizations assisting with the planning and execution of the event include Colonial Williamsburg, the College of William and Mary, Colonial National Historical Park, and the Jamestown Foundation.



Thess Judkins Celebrates Thirtieth Anniversary

Thessalonians Judkins, room service headwaiter and Dining Room waiter at the Inn, reached his thirtieth service anniversary with Colonial Williamsburg on March 26.

Thess joined CW in 1938 as a bus boy at the Annex and in 1939 he became a waiter at the Lodge. He later worked at the Inn as barman, head pantryman, and room service waiter. Thess returned to the Lodge in 1942 and worked there as a waiter until going into the service in 1943.

Returning from military leave in 1946, Thess worked as a room service waiter at the Inn. He later served during alternating periods as room service captain and Dining Room captain, becoming room service headwaiter in 1952.

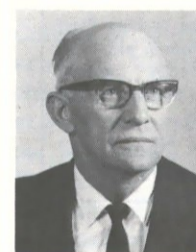
Thess has held his current position as room service headwaiter and Dining Room waiter since 1959. He is responsible for the service to all of CW's special guests who stay at the Allen-Byrd House.

Thess and his wife, Ella Mae, have four daughters. He is a member of Mount Gilead Baptist Church, the Masons and of the Civic Social Club. In his spare time Thess especially enjoys hunting, fishing, and watching football and baseball games.

Herbert Jacobson Tops 20th Year With CW

Herbert Jacobson, maintenance serviceman in CW's Division of Architecture, Construction and Maintenance, celebrated his twentieth service anniversary on March 29.

Herbert came to CW in 1948 as an auto mechanic's helper. In 1959 he



transferred to the Inn and Lodge as plant engineer. In his current job as maintenance serviceman, Herbert operates the heating and ventilation equipment in the Lodge boiler room.

Herbert and his wife, Margaret, have one daughter. His brother, George, also works for CW as a maintenance blacksmith. A member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Herbert enjoys such hobbies as gardening and fishing.

CW's New Orientation Course . . .

A new orientation course for CW's hotel and restaurant operations employees, most of whom have joined the organization in the last eighteen months, is now in full swing.

According to Molly Converse, CW training coordinator, the orientation course is designed to acquaint recently hired CWers with an overall view of the organization, including its history, purpose, and the extent of recent expansion programs. The course also gives an in-depth explanation of CW's benefit programs for employees.

Molly, who coordinated the development of the course, meets with three employee groups a week. The day-long course is held in two sessions - one in the morning and another that afternoon.

During the morning session the class is shown "Williamsburg Restored", a CW film which shows the early restoration projects here and the many procedures involved with restoration. Also during the morning, Molly discusses each of CW's nine organizational divisions and concludes by highlighting Visitor Accommodations and Merchandising which is CW's largest division. Colorful posters designed by Roy Woodall, CW exhibits designer, are used to illustrate the various functions of the nine divisions.

In addition, the group is also shown a slide presentation on employee benefits prepared by Dick Stinely, assistant director of Publications.

A special tour of the Information Center projection booth which services both theaters and an opportunity to see "The Patriot" round out the morning session of the orientation course.

The class then has lunch at the Motor House Cafeteria where they receive a personal welcome from Hubert Alexander, manager of the Cafeteria.

Following lunch the employees board a special bus, touring the Motor House area en route to the Historic Area. They are greeted by a hostess at the Governor's Palace, given a special tour, and invited to view the gardens and scullery. Afterwards, Molly and the group walk down Palace Green to the Deane Forge where John Allgood, master blacksmith, and David Burcham, apprentice blacksmith, interpret and demonstrate the craft.

Boarding the bus once again, the employees journey to the Capitol for a tour there. If weather and time permit, Molly often walks with the group up the Duke of Gloucester Street to the Raleigh Tavern Bakery.

Traveling back to the Information Center by bus, Molly concludes the course by pointing out and discussing some of VA&M's supporting services such as the Laundry and the Commissary.

Many CWers have been involved in the development of the new orientation course. Ray Bryant, CW bus dispatcher, schedules and arranges for special CW buses. Doug Smith, director of Exhibition Buildings, and his staff have arranged for the individual tours through the Palace and the Capitol. Shirley Low and Elizabeth Callis, hostess training supervisors, made available extensive hostess training materials. Others involved in the development of the course include Ed Spencer, director of Presentation Services; Roger Tatum, assistant director and manager of the Information Center; George Waltrip, projection systems manager; and Tom Partlow, projectionist at the Information Center.

Some 130 CWers from the hotels and restaurants took the orientation course before classes were "recessed" for the busy Easter season here. Classes for VA&M employees will be resumed later this month and continue through the month of May.

Orientation courses for other sections of the organization are in the planning stages.



David Burcham, apprentice blacksmith, interprets the craft for the group while they visit the Deane Forge.



An orientation group boards one of the special CW buses which take the employees in and around the historic area during the afternoon session.



Above, orientation group stand on steps of Palace as Grace Tuggle, hostess in the Division of Presentation, briefs them on the Palace and its history.

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