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Good News

Here is good news from the Craft House for all Restoration employees. Beginning January 15, employees may purchase furniture reproductions from Craft House at cost plus 10%. This really means a discount of approximately 40% from the present retail prices of furniture, and it is hoped and believed that many employees will now be able to secure their favorite reproductions which they have admired.

A discount of 20% will remain on all other Craft House articles.

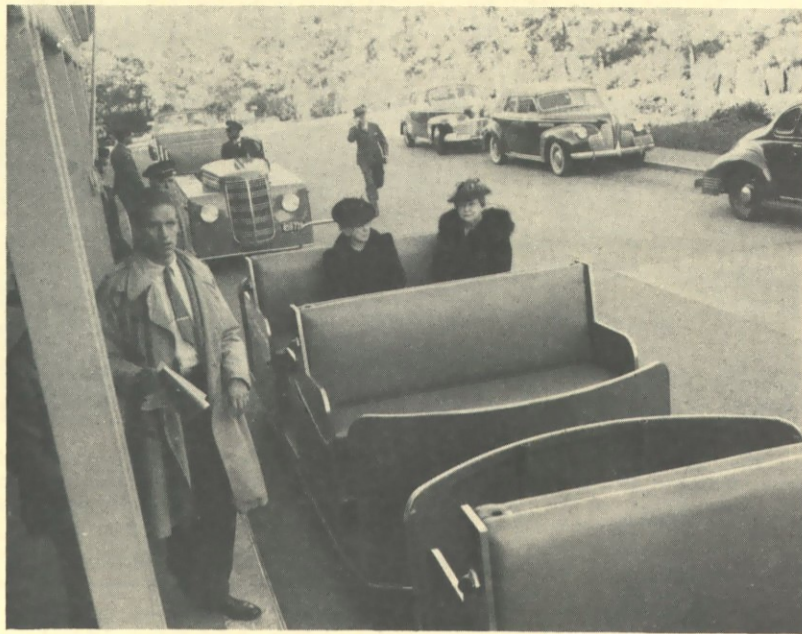
Enemy Scores Hit on Palace

Will the above headline ever appear as actual news?

Williamsburg, always a center of activities, and often hostilities, in every war this country has weathered, is already in a "defense area" in World War II. Whether it will be required to defend itself against an enemy raid in this war cannot be foretold.

Two wardens have been appointed to take charge of each exhibition building of the Restoration. The majority of these wardens are members of the Architectural and Curator's Departments, as being more familiar than others with the buildings in question: Messrs. Cogar, Reed, Ferguson, Henderson, Bright, Holmes, Bowers, Wilkins, Kendrew, Hopkins, Morehead, Frank, Little, and Knight. These men are supplied with lists giving the order in which the various furnishings are to be saved, and are to direct precautionary measures of closing window-shutters, setting up sand-bags, etc. They are also to direct visitors to the cellars if a raid should occur during daytime hours; and are instructed to report to the buildings immediately and assume charge during practice air raids and blackouts as well as actual ones.

Prior to an actual attack on the Atlantic seaboard, only those objects which have Williamsburg associations or which could never be duplicated are to be removed from their customary locations. There is not a large number of such pieces.



"... HE MOUNTED TO THE CABIN WITH HIS ORDERS IN HIS HANDS." "Casey" Boyer appears definitely perturbed by the lack of customers as the tractor trains prepare to leave the Lodge on their inaugural trip. These fears, however, proved groundless. The trains carried more than 2,500 passengers in the first six days of operation; records indicate that during the experiment over 40% of the visitors to the exhibition buildings utilized the trains. The operation of the trains has been discontinued during cold weather but will be resumed in the spring.

Police School Trains Twenty

The 1941 Session of the Williamsburg Police Training School was inaugurated on November 11, 1941, and has followed a curriculum similar to that of 1940. This year, however, additional classes have been provided to train regular and auxiliary personnel in war-time police duties.

The first portion of the training schedule was concerned with topics regarding the law of arrest, Virginia criminal statutes, police duties, scientific crime detection, fingerprinting, and National Defense, including espionage and sabotage investigations. Lectures, movies and demonstrations conveyed to members of the school, in an interesting and fascinating manner, ideas and facts expounded by members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and various police departments, Prof. D. W. Woodbridge, Duncan Cöcke, Milton Thorpe and A. L. Meisel, our City Manager. A pistol course was given under the supervision and instruction of Captain Yale Huffman.

The latter part of the curriculum consisted of lectures on emergency police duties, and raid precautions.

Construction Work Moves Ahead

Among the projects recently completed by the Construction and Maintenance Department are the Vaiden and Scrivener Groups, which are already occupied, and the Waters-Coleman House, which is now ready for occupancy.

This department has also completed the new south wing to the Williamsburg Lodge, and furniture is now being placed in this building under the direction of Mr. Green.

Early in December, work was started on the Bryan Group on the corner of Nassau and Duke of Gloucester Streets. On January 2, work was started on the restoration of the Ryland House, located at Botetourt and Francis Streets. It is expected that these houses will be ready for occupancy sometime in the summer.

Work has also been started on the alterations to the old Post Office, which will provide additional space for the Williamsburg Drug Company and new shops for Mr. Max Rieg, Firestone Supply Company and the Chamber of Commerce. These shops will be located on both sides of a wide corridor to the new Post Office.

Employee Camera Contest Starts

Kodak Klickers, and Camera Cuties to Have Fling at Prizes, Awards

Designed to give our employee photographers a chance to snap their shutters and exhibit their exposures with profit, this paper is sponsoring a camera contest open only to employees of Colonial Williamsburg or the Williamsburg Restoration, Inc.

The Employee Camera Competition begins today, and ends on March 15th. All entries must be in by five o'clock three pay-days from now, and no later! Send your prize pictures to the Editor at the Goodwin Building. If your name is written on the back of each print it will be returned.

There are very few rules to this contest. Any snapshot that you personally made and which concerns Williamsburg, the Restoration, or the members of our organization, may be submitted.

Pictures as far back as 1930 will be accepted by judges Jim Cogar, Fay LeCompte, and S. P. Morehead. Prizes will be as follows: 1st prize—\$10.00; 2nd prize—six tickets to the Williamsburg or Bruton Heights Theatre; 3rd prize—dinner for two courtesy of the Williamsburg Lodge; 4th prize—a Pewter Pap Boat, courtesy of the Craft House. The awards will be announced in the following issue of this paper.

Restoration Again Pays Over Million in Wages

The records of the Payroll Division of the Treasurer's Department show that for the second year in succession, the employees of the Restoration received in 1941 over a million dollars in salaries and wages—or exactly \$1,071,121.01.

The employees in the Construction and Maintenance Department received \$364,518.30 (34.03%), which was a larger share than for any other single department. The employees of Williamsburg Inn and Lodge received the next largest share—\$294,884.50 (27.53%).

The balance, \$411,718.21, was paid to all others.

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Are You Ready?

For the past several weeks Williamsburg has been busily organizing for civilian defense. This is an undertaking very vital to the Restoration and one in which all of the Restoration employees have cooperated fully. Although all civilian defense is integrated under one organization, Colonial Williamsburg plays an important role in this organization.

The local defense unit consisting of the coordinator, his assistants and the chief wardens, includes the following from our organization: Coordinator, V. M. Geddy; Assistant Coordinator, B. W. Norton; Chief of Auxiliary Firemen, C. V. Lavery. In addition to these men, literally hundreds of employees of the Restoration have volunteered for various services and are giving generously of their time and energy.

The entire citizenship of Williamsburg must be versed in protective technique and discipline so that the maximum protection to the lives of our citizens and our property can be assured. Classes are now in progress in police work, first aid, chemical warfare and firefighting and those classes are open to all citizens, whether a member of the volunteer organizations or not. We must not be alarmed, but we must be alert at all times. To protect Williamsburg will require constant effort on behalf of all citizens; we must be prepared. Even though this preparation is never used, think what would happen if we needed this service and were unprepared. Remember Pearl Harbor!

Carry On!

We of Colonial Williamsburg, inspired by a letter from our President, have adopted as our fighting slogan "We Shall Carry On!" While Williamsburg is far from

• The Raleigh Re-discovered •



The latest view of the Raleigh Tavern as it looks after having emerged from the heavy growth of trees which formerly stood in front of it. A letter to the Open Forum of this paper, last issue, was acted on promptly and as a result the Raleigh reappears in all its beauty.

the present battle lines, we have an important part to play in this world struggle. We must furnish a restful, inspiring, and refreshing interlude in the war-weary lives of the people that will flock to us.

As proven in England, the populace must have relief, relaxation, and entertainment, especially during the times of awful stress and fear. As this country gets further into the war, the need of Williamsburg will be greater, and we must be prepared both in mind and body to "carry on" to our fullest.

We have adopted our slogan, but let us always keep clearly in mind the fact that in attaining our goal this year we shall have to operate economically, may have to curtail operations, reduce the personnel, and make adjustments which cannot now be foreseen, but our buildings will be kept open and our operations will continue. Months ago our construction schedule was planned in anticipation of shortages that have resulted from the war. Much of this work can be done without using essential war materials, and as long as this position can be maintained to give employment properly we shall carry on this work. Whatever may happen, we shall do the patriotic thing.

Williamsburg must "carry on", without fear, and with traditional American courage. For if we falter and waver, we may remove the one great influence that we can contribute to the campaign for world freedom.

Grim Humor

Among instructions issued to hostesses for air raids: "Upon

The Honor Roll

Military Leaves of Absence:

Baldwin, Calrence	W. I. & L.
Bell, LeRoy	W. I. & L.
Blacknall, John	C. & M.
Allston, Boyer	Exec.
Brice, Roy	W. I. & L.
Carter, R. V.	C. & M.
Christian, Leon	W. I. & L.
Crump, Thomas	W. I. & L.
Eubank, Robert W.	Public Safety
Griffin, Forrest	W. I. & L.
Jackson, Charles	W. I. & L.
Keyser, Charles	W. I. & L.
Lewis, Pendleton	Crafts
Luttrell, Burrell	Architectural
Manley, Walker	C. & M.
Moore, Robert	W. I. & L.
Norman, Dallas V.	Treasurer's
Petty, John	W. I. & L.
Walker, Russell	C. & M.
Ward, A. P., Jr.	C. & M.
Owings, Donnell	Research
Potter, Thomas	W. I. & L.

Voluntary Quits to Join the Service:

Banks, Augustus	C. & M.
Chess, Philip	Curator's
Davis, Henry	H & A.
Davis, Maxey B.	Crafts
Godfrey, Coulbourn	C. & M.
Heath, James G.	W. I. & L.
Henry, Joseph	C. & M.
Lineweaver, Norris	W. I. & L.
Post, Paul James	W. I. & L.
*Rountree, Edward	Treasurer's
Stone, Robert	C. & M.
Ware, Edward	C. & M.
White, Charles	W. I. & L.

*Killed in an automobile accident

hearing the air raid signal get under tables and cooperate with the wardens."

K. C. AT THE BAT

There is one aspect of the theme "We Shall Carry On" which I should like to elaborate on. In the months to come, many of our fellow workers will be called into the armed forces of the nation, and this, in turn, will bring about changes within our organization. Someone will have to carry on with their jobs. Who, then, will fill these positions? In some instances we will be obliged to employ additional personnel from without. In the majority of cases, however, those who remain behind will be obliged to take over these positions, and, in the last analysis, who is better qualified to do so? This will mean increased responsibilities for each of us, and with this responsibility will come a number of personal sacrifices.

In other words, there is a real job to be done at home and one, in its countless implications, as important as the job of those who are engaged in the actual conflict. Those that go into the service leave their jobs in our custody. In so doing, they give us the opportunity and the privilege to share with them the burden of war.

Some time ago, Mr. Boyer made application for a commission in the United States Navy. He recently received this commission and will immediately go on active duty. This means a reorganization of my office here in New York. One could go out and employ someone to take Mr. Boyer's place for the duration of the war—that would be one possibility. After discussion of the matter, I reached the conclusion that we would all prefer to share the gap left by Mr. Boyer's departure, even though it would mean added work and responsibilities. Therefore, the following changes have been made: Miss Davis will take over Mr. Boyer's work, Miss Thielker who at present is my secretary will move into Miss Davis's office and take over her job, and Miss Betts will take over Miss Thielker's. We plan to carry on under this revised set-up until Mr. Boyer's return to the office.

The change described above is similar to many which will undoubtedly take place throughout Colonial Williamsburg in the future. Each of us should be on the look-out for ways and means to help in the situation in any way that we can. The success of the war effort of any nation depends on how much each citizen is willing to do his or her share.

Colonial Williamsburg as a convenience to its employees now offers them the opportunity of buying Defense Bonds through a payroll allotment plan.

Advisory Architects Meet Here

On December 12 the Advisory Board of Architects for Colonial Williamsburg arrived here for its 1941 meeting. This Board has convened from time to time since the beginning of the restoration project to review the proposed and completed architectural work and discuss the policies pertinent thereto. The Board now consists of Mr. Robert P. Bellows, Boston, Massachusetts; Mr. Fiske Kimball, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Mr. Lawrence Kocher, New York, New York; Mr. Philip N. Stern, Fredericksburg, Va.; Mr. Merrill C. Lee, Richmond, Va.; Mr. Duncan Lee, Richmond, Va.; Mr. Marcellus E. Wright, Richmond, Va.; Mr. Edmund S. Campbell, Charlottesville, Va.

Mr. Arthur A. Shurcliff, Boston, Massachusetts and Mr. R. E. Lee Taylor, Baltimore, Maryland were unable to attend.

The sessions commenced with a preliminary meeting in the Board Room of the Goodwin Building in the morning. This meeting was attended by the Advisory Board, Messrs. Perry, Shaw and Hepburn, consulting architects for Colonial Williamsburg, and Messrs. Kendrew, Morehead and Reed of the Architectural Department of Colonial Williamsburg. Mr. Kendrew, chairman for the meetings, greeted all those attending, as did Mr. Perry representing the consultants.

Craft Department Holds Convention

On Thursday and Friday, January 22 and 23rd, the Craft Department entertained at the Williamsburg Inn thirty representatives of the various manufacturers who are licensed by the Williamsburg Restoration to make our approved reproductions.

Topics discussed included the craft certificate, the hallmark, the new Craft House catalogue, promotion and advertising, the necessity for accuracy in reproductions, pseudo-Williamsburg articles, and the effect of war on the production of Williamsburg articles.

C. L. S. Increase

A recent letter from Mr. Geddy to all employees announced the second 5% Cost-of-Living-Supplementary wage which went into effect on January 10th and 15th, 1942. According to plan, this second increase went into effect as the index reached 110.1.

Old Walk Restored



When the Architectural Department studied the Vaiden garden through archaeological excavation, the original colonial brick path shown above was uncovered. It was in such good condition that an immediate decision was made to use every effort to preserve it as a feature in the restored garden.

In very few restored lots has it been possible to retain the original ground level because time has added from a foot to a foot and one-half of earth above it, not only in the lot itself, but in the surrounding streets. Such was the case at the Vaiden lot so that it was necessary to raise the whole path to the new level.

Tire Conservation Puts Employees on Their Feet

The first pinch of the war on Colonial Williamsburg has been felt in the withdrawal from service of a number of Restoration cars. cessation of the hostess transportation service, and a reduction to absolute minimum of the operation of all company cars and trucks.

One of the office Chevrolets will be kept for emergencies, while the other will be put up on jacks at the warehouse. The committee on conservation of tires also recommended that certain other departmental cars be put in storage, and that a strict check be kept on the use of all trucks. Under the terms of the O. P. M. ruling, certain of our trucks, such as the ones that transport fuel, the public safety car, and trucks used for the maintenance of heating, electrical, plumbing and roofing, will be eligible for new tires and tubes.

Chowning's Tavern is Popular "Spot"

The reconstructed tavern of Josiah Chowning midway the Duke of Gloucester Street is fast becoming the most popular item in Williamsburg's unique night life, and the introduction of an old fashioned Woodwind Quintette to play there every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 9 until 10 P. M. is a colorful addition to the Colonial atmosphere.

The menu at Chowning's has recently been amplified and as a result the good table of host Julian Dickens is becoming a rival of the Travis House as a place to entertain visitors. The Staff of Colonial Williamsburg recently held its regular Monday luncheon at Chowning's.

Among the items now on order at Chowning's are: oysters and clams on half-shell, Brunswick stew; sandwiches of several varieties, pecan pie; hot drinks; and the usual alcoholic beverages, which are familiar to all.

An added feature of Chowning's are the long clay pipes which are given the patrons to smoke. These are brought out on request at no charge, filled, and then lighted with a paper taper. Harold Loughrie is the manager of Chowning's Tavern.

Plan is Amended

Declarations of war and the lengthening of the period of military service under the Service Extension Act of 1941 have made it necessary for Colonial Williamsburg to amend its plan concerning employees in military service and training. This amended plan is effective as of December 9, 1941, with the following principal changes:

Participation in the plan has been broadened to include men inducted or ordered into active military, naval or air forces, or entering a similar or allied service.

Leave of absence is now granted for the period of service (this was formerly restricted to one year) plus additional time prior to and following the period of service.

Group Life Insurance can be continued now for only four months after the beginning of military leave of absence. Upon the employee's return to work for Colonial Williamsburg, the same amount of insurance will be made effective if he so desires it. Employees who attain eligibility during such leaves will have their insurance made effective upon return to work with the company if they so desire.

• Social Events •

Turner-Ondov

The marriage of Miss Eleanor Ondov, daughter of Mrs. John Ondov of Emporia and the late Rev. Ondov, to Robert Lee Turner of Williamsburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Robert Turner of Newburg, Mo., was solemnized Dec 27, 1941, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Emporia, Virginia, with the Rev. John Kovac officiating.



The church was decorated with pine and poinsettias. The bride, who was gowned in beige wool with black accessories and

wore a corsage of sweetheart roses, was given in marriage by her brother, Theodore Ondov, of Rariton, N. J.

Mrs. Russell A. Bowen, Jr., of Emporia, was her sister's matron of honor, and Miss Mary Doyle of Emporia was maid of honor. Mr. R. A. Bowen, Jr., of Emporia, was best man for Mr. Turner, and Mr. Earl Newsome of Richmond was groomsman.

Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's mother for the wedding party and immediate family, after which Mr. and Mrs. Turner left for a wedding trip to Georgia.

Mr. Turner was connected with the Department of Public Safety and Mrs. Turner was secretary in the Departments of Public Activities and Public Safety of Colonial Williamsburg. At the end of January they resigned their positions with Colonial Williamsburg to move to Indiana.

Morton-Gladstone

Dr. Louis Morton, research associate in the Department of Research and Record, was married to Miss Ruth Gladstone of Colchester, Conn., on December 28th in New York City.

Henneman-Holmes

On the evening of December 20, 1941, Miss Elizabeth V. Holmes (Cur) was married to Mr. Richard Hubard Henneman in St. Michael's Church, in Charleston, South Carolina. Mr. Henneman is Assistant Professor of Psychology at the College of William and Mary.

Restoration Members Learn Ancient Craft

For the past four months on Wednesday nights many members of the Restoration and others of the College and city have met for the third season in the manual training room of the high school where Mr. Max Rieg so expertly and generously gives of his time to those who wish to learn something of the ancient craft of the pewter smiths.

The articles made by the local workers extend over a wide range of endeavor; including such useful and decorative articles as flower bowls, elaborately moulded and fluted; porringers with delicate pierced handles; ash trays, taken from original 18th century plate designs; inkstands, mugs, sugar bowls, pewter plates, trays, "silent butlers" and candle holders. In fact, the output is limited only by the skill developed by the worker in this medium.

Among those of the class who have completed various articles are: Mrs. A. E. Kendrew, Mrs. I. L. Jones, Mrs. Bela Norton, Mrs. Yelverton Kent, Mrs. Phil Nelson, Mrs. Emily Lane, Mrs. John Green, Mrs. Washington Reed, Mrs. Guy, Mrs. Morton and Miss Inman; and among the men: Ernest Frank, Tom Little, Ralph Bowers and Finlay Ferguson.

Mr. MacFarland, manual training instructor for the high school, ably assists Mr. Rieg at these classes.

1941 a Big Year

Over 25,000 more people went through the exhibition buildings in 1941 than went through in 1940.

According to the figures released by the Accounting Department, the total number of visitors in 1941 was 210,824, as compared in 1940 to 185,735 visitors, an increase of 25,089. In 1932, the year that the Raleigh Tavern, first exhibition building, was opened, Williamsburg entertained what was then considered a horde of visitors—4,047! In 1937 the number of visitors was 151,036, and in 1939 153,206.

As in the past, the 10 States sending the most tourists to Williamsburg were New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, the District of Columbia, and Virginia.

NEW NAME

Starting with this issue the house organ of the Williamsburg Restoration will be known as "THE NEWS of Colonial Williamsburg", to include our new official name.



This a contest for employees only . . . there are not many rules. They wouldn't be followed anyway. Simply send in a picture, taken personally any time after 1930. Send it to the editor of this paper and write your name on the back.

There will be four prizes awarded:—1st Prize is \$10.00 in hard cash; 2nd Prize—Six tickets to either Bruton Heights or the Williamsburg Theatre; 3rd Prize—a fine dinner for two at the Lodge; 4th Prize—a Pewter Pap Boat from the Craft House.

Pictures of Williamsburg, the Restoration, employees, are preferred, but any picture, any size print is acceptable. Winners will be published in the next issue of this paper.

❖ Departmental News ❖

Tommy Savage has transferred from C. & M. to the Lodge where he is working at the front desk.

The retirement of W. J. "Cap" Holland from C. & M. on December 31st completed a thirteen-year record of service to the organization, "Cap" being one of our first employees.

"Phil" Nelson has left C. & M. for a position with Doyle and Russell, Inc. Bill Eubank (P. Saf.) is now at Keesler Field, Miss.

Sally Bell has accepted a position at Fort Eustus. James Mayes (Gen. Office) who has been ill for sometime is improving and hopes to return to work shortly. Mrs. Bryan Prentice (H. & A.) is recuperating at her home after an operation. Mr. Walter Womble is no longer with the Architectural Department. He is now employed in Defense work.

Dr. Donnell B. Owings, third of the research associates added to the staff of the Research Department, has been called back to the army.

Ed Watkins, C. & M. has joined the Cost Accounting Department of the Newport News Shipbuilding Co.

The Christmas Party in the Treasurer's Department was a happy melange of food, eggnog, music, dancing, confetti, and mistletoe. Three other departments joined in the festivities—Public Relations, Personnel, and the Vice-President's Office.

A new series of historical trips was inaugurated by H. & A. in December. Starting at the Jamestown Ferry, the tour includes the Thomas Rolfe House, Claremont, the Brandons, Shirley, Berkeley, and Westover. Hostesses making the first trip were Mrs. Smoot, Mrs. Pate, Mrs. Steel, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Campbell, and Mrs. T. C. Hall.

W. W. Edwards, (Pub. Safety), has been ill but is back at work again. W. V. Johnson, and K. V. Gardner have recently joined the Restoration Police Force. Patrolman Galford accepted a position in Newport News.

The October departmental meeting of the Architectural Department consisted of a tour of the newly uncovered foundations at Jamestown conducted by Mr. T. C. Harrington, resident archaeologist. The most interesting event was the examination of the 17th century brick kiln, which was found to be similar to the one used by Mr. Hedgecock, the brick maker for Colonial Williamsburg. Mr. Harrington pointed out the fact that large numbers of roofing tile were excavated from this kiln as well as brick.

NEWS OF THE COLORED PEOPLE

On behalf of the colored workers, we hope you all a very happy and Prosperous New Year. We hope we may be as serviceful in the coming year as we have been in the past.

First on our roll we wish to announce Milton Betts' marriage to Mrs. Martha Pilars. We are glad to still have our employees on vacation. We now have Fred Crawford, cook of the Inn, who spent a week here and a week in New York. Although the weather was very dreary he was up there spending a while.

Mrs. Pillie Lee also has had her vacation. She spent her time in Washington visiting her uncle and many friends.

We are very proud to see one of our ex-bell boys from Camp. He was sent to Fort Knox. He met us with the same old laugh and smile jolly as can be.

We are sorry to lose one of our members, but the head waiter of the Lodge has left and the waiters gave him a send off party. We are also very sorry that we lost Mr. Lewis, one of our cooks at the Lodge.

We are glad to have many church workers in our association, among those are Deacon Johnson, one of the faithful. (by T. K.)

In the past year the membership of the First Baptist Church was greatly increased. A large crowd witnessed the services on the last Sunday of the old year.

John L. Hailey has been very sick, but is improving now. Clyde Wallace, Matt Palmer and Joe Hyde have had their first examination for the army. Samuel Powell and Phillip Cooke, who are now in the army, were home recently visiting friends.

Charles Wallace and Curtis Taylor are off on their vacations. Mr. and Mrs. Isham Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Johnson had dinner with their sister Mrs. Berta Hyde.

UNCLE SAM

Come on Uncle Sam, get in the fight
We're behind you with all our might
Get in there boys, can't you see
We're looking to you for victory
We're behind the country, one and all
We know that you will never fall.

If you get right in the move
Then you'll wind up in the groove.
Come on boys, and don't fail to stop
Until you've reached the very top.
The Japanese will bite the dust
Uncle Sam's going to win for us—or bust.

(By I. J.)

SUNDAY MOVIES

On January 4th the Williamsburg Theatre started Sunday Movies in response to public demand, showing as the initial attraction one of 1941's ten best pictures, "The Stars Look Down" Two matinees are given each Sunday at 2 and 4 P. M.