

# COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG NEWS

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## Parker Receives Special Scout Award



Jimmy Fuller, CW director of Employment and representative official of the Peninsula Boy Scout Council, is shown here congratulating CWer Don Parker on a recent award presented to Don by the Council. The award comes to Don in appreciation for the work he has done in developing the physical layout of the Peninsula Scout Reservation near Lightfoot, Va. Don, as chairman of the Troop #103 Committee, has been largely responsible for the development of all physical facilities on the 735-acre tract of land.

Chuck Kaggy

## CW Stages Williamsburg Night For National Press Club . . .

An eighteenth-century happening took place at the National Press Club in Washington, D. C., on October 19 as Colonial Williamsburg staged a Williamsburg Night for members and their guests.

Before some 350 persons, the program was presented in four stages: there was a photographic exhibit of Williamsburg scenes by CW staff photographer Jane Iseley; a reception during which five of CW's costumed artisans demonstrated hand crafts of 200 years ago; a dinner prepared from recipes from CW's three taverns and served by waiters in colonial costume; and an after-dinner gala of musical entertainment.

During the reception Silversmith Phil Thorp, Gunsmith Wally Gusler, Weaver Norman Kennedy, Cooper George Pettengell and Founder and Pewterer Dan Berg demonstrated their crafts, each with equipment and materials carried to Washington for the event. Each showed several finished products as well as objects in various stages of completion.

Kennedy also sang a variety of ancient Scottish and Gaelic ballads during the evening's musical program.

The dinner featured clam chowder and string beans with almond butter sauce in the style of Christiana Campbell's Tavern; Brunswick Stew and black walnut ice cream a la Chowning's; and scalloped oysters, roast beef, corn pudding, salad and pecan pie following the King's Arms Tavern specialties.

Following dinner, a program of entertainment began with a series of medleys featuring colonial tunes played by CW's Fifes and Drums, lead by Drum Major George Carroll. Also featured on the musical program were James S. Darling, CW music consultant and organist at Bruton Parish Church, mezzo-soprano Anne Rowe, and CW balladier Tayler Vrooman, all of whom appeared in colonial costume.

The Williamsburg Night program was coordinated for the National Press Club by Kermit McFarland, chief editorial writer for the Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance in Washington. Allan W. Cromley, Washington correspondent for the Daily Oklahoman and president of the National Press Club, served as master of ceremonies for the evening.

## Election Year 1968 -- The Candidates

November 5 is election day and the CW NEWS staff gives here a list of all presidential, vice presidential, and House of Representative candidates in the order that they will appear on local ballots and on the voting machines.

The American Independent Party candidates include George C. Wallace for President and Marvin Griffin, stand-in for Curtis E. LeMay, for Vice President.

On the Democratic Party ticket are Hubert H. Humphrey for President and Edmund S. Muskie for Vice President.

The Peace and Freedom Party candidates include Dick Gregory for President and Benjamin Spock for Vice President.

Prohibition Party candidates are

Earle Harold Munn, Sr. for President and Rolland E. Fisher for Vice President.

On the Republican Party ticket are Richard M. Nixon for President and Spiro T. Agnew for Vice President.

Candidates running on the Socialist Labor Party ticket are Henning A. Blomen for President and George S. Taylor for Vice President.

Candidates running for the House of Representatives in Congress from the First District are Thomas N. Downing, James S. Stafford, and J. Cornelius Fauntleroy, Jr. Citizens will be asked to vote for one of the three candidates.

The Williamsburg City and James City County polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on election day.

## CW's Forum Series Announced For 1969

The Williamsburg Forum Series for 1969 begins in January with the Antiques Forum, first in a series of six activities presented by CW as part of its extensive educational program.

The twenty-first consecutive gathering of the Antiques Forum will explore "The Oriental Impulse in Early America" in two separate sessions, January 26-31 and February 2-7. Twenty-one experts from the United States, Canada, and England will present their findings and observations to the large group of participants in this annual event.

Another perennial favorite, the Williamsburg Garden Symposium, is scheduled for March 16-22. This event brings home gardeners and horticultural experts from here and abroad together in an examination of "Our Changing Horticultural Horizons." Prominent speakers are featured, and time is scheduled to allow inspection of the gardens and plant materials of Williamsburg. Birdwalks, concerts, and workshops are also part of the week's activities.

Other events in the Forum Series will be the Williamsburg Student Burgesses, a convocation for selected high school seniors from this country and abroad, February 15-19; the Williamsburg International Assembly, June 8-11, offering foreign and American graduate students the opportunity of examining contemporary American

## CW Named Recipient Of VRA Citation

Colonial Williamsburg has been selected by the Virginia Rehabilitation Association to receive a citation for the outstanding contribution it has made in the employment of handicapped individuals.

The announcement came early this month from Edsel H. Haney, President of the Virginia Rehabilitation Association.

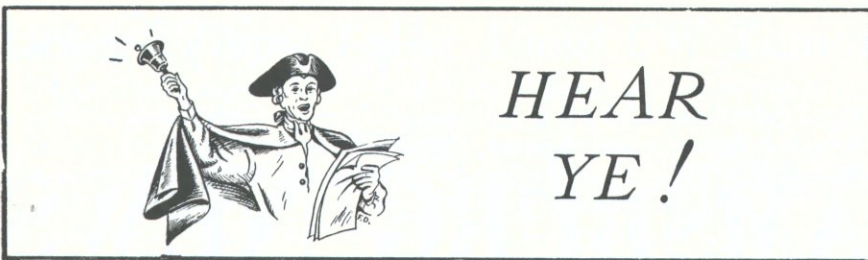
The citation will be presented at the annual meeting at the Lodge on November 4. Richard W. Talley, CW vice president and director of Personnel Relations, will be present to accept the citation on behalf of the organization.

This marks the second time that CW has been selected to receive such an honor.



concepts; the Seminar for Historical Administrators, an orientation course in the administration of historical agencies, June 15-July 25; and a special workshop for teachers, "Life in Early Virginia," is scheduled for June 15-July 18. This course is offered for credit, in cooperation with the College of William and Mary.

Further information on the Antiques Forum or the Williamsburg Garden Symposium may be obtained by writing to Mrs. Trudy S. Schalk, registrar, Box C, Williamsburg, Va. 23185

**ARCHITECTURE** - Dru Warr

JOE and Kate JENKINS traveled to Albany, N. Y., where he attended a committee meeting of the National Fire Protection Association. While away, they also visited friends and relatives in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

LEROY and HILDAGARDE PHILLIPS are in Seattle, Wash., visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Olson, and children. GERRY FINN took a working vacation at home catching up on odd jobs. DON PARKER plans to attend Father's Weekend at St. Andrew's School in Middletown, Del., where his son is a student. DON EVANS is enjoying a week's vacation in Canada.

**COLLECTIONS** - Susie Gibson

Welcome to JEAN MILLER and KATHIE VERMILLION. Jean, MIKE NAEVE's new secretary, hails from Roanoke and is a graduate of Bryn Mawr College. Kathie graduated from the College of William and Mary.

TRIX RUMFORD attended the fourth annual conference at Pennsburg Manor recently. She reports that the meetings were interesting and the weather chilly.

JOHN and Ginny DAVIS are back after a whirlwind tour of New England. They visited Ruth and John Page for a few days (Ruth being formerly Ruth Cox, an alumna of Collections). If anyone wants to know anything about Nantucket, John will be more than willing to fill you in. MIKE and Nan NAEVE are spending a week in New England. JOHN GRAHAM left for Europe on the 26th.

**MIMEO-ADDRESSOGRAPH-SUPPLY** - Anna Richardson

We welcome to our office VIOLET WRIGHT, a James Blair Vocational Education student, and WILLIAM GARRETT, a new student helper in the Stock Room. We hope they both enjoy their work with us.

**INN FRONT OFFICE** - Editor

Our sympathy is extended to HOWARD WHITE whose father died Wednesday, October 16, at his summer home in Gwynn's Island, Mathews County.

**BUILDING MAINTENANCE** - Editor

Our sympathy goes to JAKE KEYSER whose mother died Tuesday, October 15, in Washington, Va.

**PURCHASING & ESTIMATING** - Connie Cheatham

Congratulations to LESTER LEWIS' son for his outstanding performance on the 1968 National Achievement Scholarship Program. A senior at James Blair this year and vice-president of his class, Lester was one of 2,000 students in the nation to receive a letter of commendation honoring him for his high achievement in the Program.

We're glad to hear PAUL EPLEY's wife, Lee, is home from the hospital now and we are wishing her a speedy recovery.

**LODGE HOUSEKEEPING** - Mary McGriff

We welcome back from vacations CORAL ROGERS, GERALDINE MOORE, WILMA SMITH and SARAH WRIGHT. MAXINE LOCKARD, LIL-

LIAN WALLACE and GEORGIANNA WASHINGTON are now enjoying vacations. LOLA MOORE and NANNIE MORGAN attended the National Executive Housekeepers' meeting in Hopewell, Va.

Your reporter is enjoying all the pride and joy that comes with the birth of a new grandson.

**KING'S ARMS TAVERN** - Bertha Casselle

We are glad to have CARRIE BUTLER, TABB COOKE and PAIGE ROBINSON back with us after being out sick. LOUIDA TAYLOR has returned from a weekend visit with her aunt in Maryland.

**BUILDING CONSTRUCTION** - Mildred Kirby

We welcome back from vacation BRUCE HARDY. Your reporter enjoyed a vacation in St. Augustine, Palm Beach and Miami Beach, Fla. DOUG WHITE and his wife enjoyed a nice weekend trip to Greensboro, N. C., visiting with her parents.

**CRAFT SHOPS** - Helen Vandermark

We have several new employees to whom we extend welcomes: JOHN BARROWS, apprentice leatherworker; MARK KIRSCH, interpreter at the Geddy Shop; JOHN TATTERSON, interpreter at the Golden Ball; FREDERICK ROBOUST, interpreter at the Windmill; MARIE McQUILLEN, secretary; FRANK PARROTT, polisher for the Geddy Shop; LAWRENCE WILLIAMS, interpreter at the Bakery; and DENNIS BARNETT, interpreter at the Printing Office. John Cary has left the Bakery to return to school and Ed Thomas, former employee at the Gun Shop, has returned home. Roger High has transferred to the Magazine.

LEW LeCOMPTE and PHIL HAWK travelled to "The Golden Rooster" in Atlanta to demonstrate their crafts at the Williamsburg Shop there.

**RESEARCH** - Linda Hunter

ED RILEY is the proud grandfather of a baby girl born last week to his daughter, Patsy, and her husband. JANE CARSON is in England enjoying a vacation of several weeks. Most of her time will be spent in London but her plans include short trips to other areas. We would like to welcome PATRICIA GIBBS, the newest addition to the Research staff. She will be working as a research assistant.

Chuck Kagey



John and Joe, CW's oxen, have been earning their keep recently. October 22 proved to be a busy day for the CW team as they were instrumental in plowing two fields of peanuts growing in the Historic Area. James Hayes, CW gardener, operated the plow while James Sampson, oxen driver, kept John and Joe on the right row. Of the two fields plowed - one at the Windmill and one behind Campbell's Tavern - the Campbell's field yielded the best crop. The peanuts will be stacked and used for life-on-the-scenes material in the two areas mentioned. According to reports of past years, CW's friendly squirrels usually benefit most from the crop.

**CWers Journey To D. C., Enjoy Special Tours**

Six CW hostesses and four members of CW's Exhibition Buildings Department recently enjoyed two days of special tours in Washington, D. C., October 16-17.

A guided tour of the newly opened National Portrait Gallery was the first scheduled event. Here, they saw the museum's primary opening exhibition, "This New Man: A Discourse in Portraits." The theme of the exhibition is taken from Jean de Crevecoeur, who asked in his Letters from an American Farmer in 1782: "What then is the American, this new man?" The show explores the nature of the American character and how it evolved over the centuries.

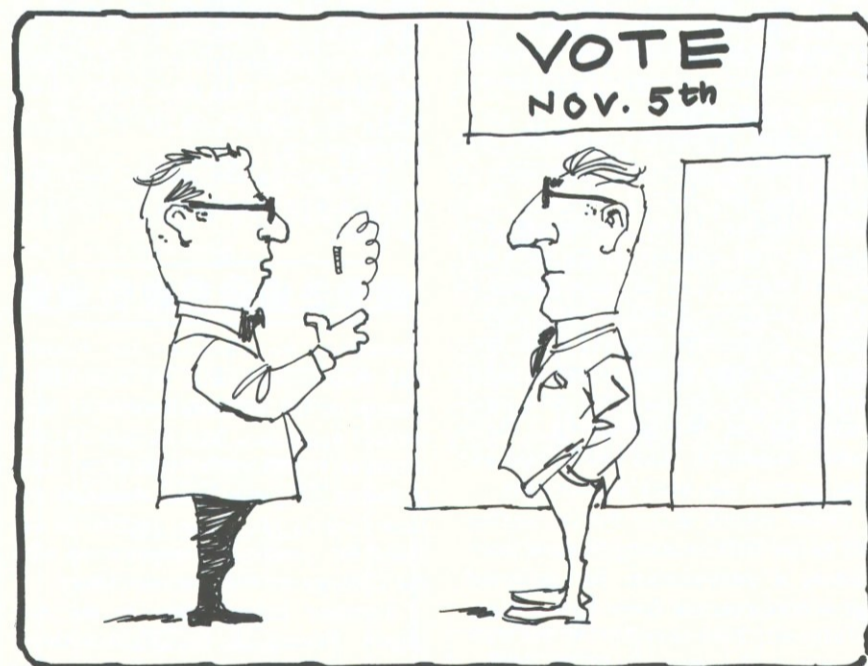
The afternoon of the first day was spent touring the State Department

Diplomatic Reception Rooms, conducted by Clement E. Conger, chairman of the U. S. Department of State's Special Fine Arts Committee. Mr. Conger has been largely responsible for the collection of eighteenth-century furniture and paintings shown in the Diplomatic Reception Rooms.

On October 17, the group visited Dumbarton Oaks where Mrs. Mary Wilkins, who is in charge of the rare collection of books on horticulture there, showed them the collection. Afterwards, they were given a tour of the gardens.

The highlight of the Washington trip was a tea at the British Embassy where Sir Patrick and Lady Dean showed the group their very fine col-

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"I'VE MADE A VERY CAREFUL STUDY OF EACH OF THE CANDIDATE'S BACKGROUND AND QUALIFICATIONS IN ORDER THAT I MAY VOTE INTELLIGENTLY - LET'S SEE NOW - HEADS, NIXON - TAILS...."



### Morledge Named To New AC&M Post

George Alan Morledge has recently been named to the newly created post of director of Planning, Architecture, for Colonial Williamsburg.

In this capacity he will be responsible for developing feasibility studies in connection with physical planning. He also reviews site development and architectural proposals for conformity to the Comprehensive Plan. He will coordinate the periodic review and studies necessary for the updating of the Comprehensive Plan.

Alan joined the organization in 1963 and assumed his most recent position as executive secretary of the Planning Committee upon its establishment in May, 1964. Before this time, Alan had aided in the design of the Conference Center and the Lodge's West Wing in 1961-63, and later became the architect's Williamsburg representative during the construction phase.

Alan is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and is a registered architect. He holds an undergraduate degree from Rice University and graduate degrees from the Harvard Graduate School of Design and the Ecole des Beaux Arts, Fontainebleau, France. Before coming to Williamsburg he taught at the University of Southwestern Louisiana and was employed with the San Francisco architectural firm of Spencer and Lee.

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### Alexanders Return From Thrilling Trip To Yugoslavia

Ed and Alice Alexander recently returned from an exciting three-week vacation in Yugoslavia. While there they visited several museum cities not unlike Colonial Williamsburg.

Ed noted that one of the most interesting places was Dubrovnik, a walled city on the Adriatic Sea that goes back to 1180 A.D. Massive fortifications, beautiful churches and public buildings, houses and shops perched along steep and narrow streets, and marble-paved plazas make it an impressive place.

According to Ed, most of Dubrovnik's 20,000 citizens live within the old city, and no vehicles are allowed except for a brief time each morning when trucks bring in supplies. There is no organized interpretation, though visitors may walk around the walls and visit small maritime and ethnographic museums.

The Alexanders visited many similar cities on the Dalmatian coast including Zadar, Trogir, and Hvar. Another of these cities, Split, with a population of 80,000 has a 200-yard-square section built within the walls of Diocletian's Palace of about 300 A.D. Ed added that some planners have talked of restoring the Palace to its original form, but this would be impossible because the residents through the centuries have actually built houses, shops, and churches directly into the Palace construction. The result is an amazing and inextricable mixture of the styles and constructions of seventeen centuries.

Another fascinating part of the Alexanders' journey was a hydrofoil ride from Belgrade to the Iron Gates of the Danube River. The hydrofoil skips over the water at a speedy 35 miles per hour, and a pilot is taken aboard to thread the boat for 30 miles through the rapid and dangerous currents of the great defile of Kazan ("the cauldron"). Ed was particularly impressed by the mountains here which rise nearly two thousand feet straight up on either side of the swirling brown waters. Rumania and Yugoslavia border the river and a huge dam and power complex is being built at the lower end of the Iron Gates. The dam will cause the water to rise about 90 feet, according to Ed, and railroad lines, highways, and entire towns are being moved to higher ground.

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chief of the Daily Nebraskan, the official student newspaper. Following graduation Norm served as editor of the Carbon County News, Red Lodge, Mont., prior to entering the U. S. Army for two years. There, he attended the Department of Defense Radio-TV School and served as an information officer for 20 months at Fort Irwin, Calif.

Norm has worked for the Lincoln Star and served a summer internship with the Des Moines Register and Tribune. He has worked for the Associated Press and the Omaha

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### Ran Ruffin Retires After Seventeen Years With Colonial Williamsburg

J. Randolph Ruffin, CW director of Special Events in the Division of Public Relations, will retire from the organization on November 1 after seventeen years of service.

Ran has worked continuously as director of that department since he joined the organization in 1951. In this capacity he has coordinated the visits of many heads of state and has handled details for both the Antiques Forum and the Garden Symposium. He also assisted with the Governor's Conference held here in 1957.

Ran noted that he has many memories of his years with CW, especially of the many foreign dignitaries he has met. He told this reporter about one particularly interesting event which occurred in 1955 when he accompanied the Williamsburg Trustees to London for the presentation of the Williamsburg Award to Sir Winston Churchill.

The award, an engraved silver bell furnished with a leather case and fitted with a silver latch, had been placed in Ran's custody in London. On November 7, the day of the presentation, Ran discovered that the latch was broken. Panicked as he was and with only a few hours to spare, Ran finally located in a remote area of old London a silversmith who could quickly fix the latch and who guaranteed to deliver it to Ran's hotel that afternoon. To make a long story short, the Londoner arrived with the case mended and in perfect condition. Ran noted that he would have gladly paid the craftsman anything for he had truly saved the day. But when asked about payment, the man replied: "I would do anything for Sir Winston. There is no charge." Ran added that this is only one of the many interesting experiences he has had while working for CW.

Ran's plans for retirement include spending more time working at the Williamsburg Garden Center, of which he is part owner. He also will be busy promoting Mackinac College where he serves as a member of the development committee. Ran is also a charter member and past president of the Williamsburg Kiwanis Club and a former chairman

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### Albertson Named Manager Of Information Center

Norman Albertson joined Colonial Williamsburg October 28 as assistant director of Presentation Services and manager of the Information Center. Albertson's appointment was announced by Edward D. Spencer, director of Presentation Services. He succeeds Roger Tatum who left Colonial Williamsburg in September.

Albertson, a native of Bay Shore, N. Y., has just retired from the U. S. Navy with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He was most recently officer-in-charge of the naval support activity, Dong Ha, Viet Nam. In that capacity, he had direct responsibility for construction and operation of the combat port facility. For meritorious performance of his duty there, he was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat Clasp. From 1965 to 1967, Albertson served as Commander, Mine Forces Pacific. He has commanded two ships including the ocean mine sweeper, USS Illusive. A Korean war veteran, Albertson has served fourteen years of active duty and retired early due to injuries incurred in Viet Nam.

A graduate of Stony Brook School for Boys in New York, Albertson earned his B. S. degree in nautical science from the Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N. Y. In the service he has taken courses in mine warfare, personnel administration, public relations, logistics and organization.

A small boat enthusiast, Albertson also enjoys swimming, fishing, and antiques. He is married to the former Ellen Douglas Frantz of Roanoke, Va. They have one daughter, Robin.

### CWers in D. C. (Cont.)

lection of seventeenth and eighteenth-century silver and porcelain and invited them to tour the gardens. This marked the third time a Colonial Williamsburg group has been entertained by the British Ambassador and Lady Dean.

CWers who made the trip include Gertrude Ball, Ilda Bernard, Nancy Bozarth, Eliza Darden, Elizabeth Callis, Richard Carter, Shirley Low, Virginia Morgan, Judith Taft, and Winifred Mackey.



### Norm Beatty Named Assistant Director Of PR

Norman G. Beatty has been named assistant to the director of Public Relations, according to an announcement made by Don Gonzales, CW vice president and director of that division. Norm, who succeeds Dick Sessoms, will assume his new duties on November 1.

Norm joined the organization as staff writer in the Press Bureau in November, 1966. A native of Morrill, Nebr., he was graduated from Morrill High School, attended the University of Nebraska, and was a 1963 School of Journalism graduate with a professional certificate. While at the University of Nebraska, he was news editor and, later, editor-in-

# Richard Jones Talks About CW Topiary

CW gardens, both within and outside the Historic Area, are rich with many varieties of plant material. Topiary, one of the most interesting techniques in formal garden design during the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries, is found in abundance here. Richard Jones, CW garden foreman in charge of many of the gardens in the Palace Green area, recently discussed the various types of topiary found in and around the Historic Area.

Topiary, a form of plant sculpture, lends itself mainly to formal garden design. The various geometric designs take anywhere from five to ten years to develop. Several designs are found at CW, including the interrupted cone, the corkscrew, the cylinder, and other geometric shapes. The many hedges found in CW's formal gardens are also examples of topiary.

Richard, who has been working in CW's garden areas for nearly eighteen years, cares for some of our best and oldest pieces such as those found in the Wythe and Deane House gardens. Although he had trimmed pieces before, Richard actually began developing new topiary pieces three years ago.

He is currently in charge of CW's topiary nursery, located behind the Wythe House gardens. Here, he has been training eight new pieces which are being cut into designs similar to those found in the Palace and Deane House gardens and at AARFAC. He noted that these pieces are spares which, if needed, could be used to replace pieces now found in the previously mentioned gardens.

Richard briefly talked about the care and development of topiary pieces, noting that evergreen plant material such as boxwood is generally used. Beginning with a selected piece, the plant is continually pruned for the first two to four years to insure thick growth. After the foliage becomes tight enough to carve, he begins to shape the design. He added that the first carving serves merely as a framework and it will then take perhaps two to five years for the framework to thicken sufficiently. During this time the plant must be trimmed frequently. All of the trimming is done by hand with pruners and hedge shears. It takes three hours to do the initial carving of a plant and about two hours per trim thereafter. Once a design has been established it is trimmed generally only twice a year - in the spring and again in the fall. Richard uses no mechanical means or guide lines to maintain the geometric pattern when trimming a piece. His only tools are his long experience in topiary work and an expert's eye.

To give the reader an idea of just how much patience and time is involved in caring for special topiary pieces and the many hedges which add to the overall geometric design of formal gardens, your reporter asked how long it would take to trim all the topiary in the Deane House Garden. His reply was: "It takes three men, working all day, just about a week to trim the eight major pieces and the various small geometric hedges there." That amounts to roughly 120 hours, which says nothing of the skill needed to do such work.

The picture included with this story will acquaint the reader with only one type of topiary with which Richard is currently working.

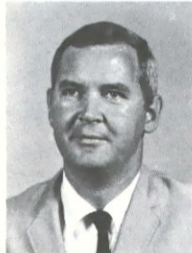


# Eight CW Employees Celebrate Anniversaries

Eight CW employees celebrated tenth and fifteenth anniversaries with the organization late in October.

Marking fifteen years of service and pictured here are Everett Raynes, landscape superintendent, October 19; John Bowden, tractor operator in Landscape, October 19; Fannie Woodson, pantrywoman at Chowning's Tavern in the Division of VA&M, October 25.

CWers celebrating ten years of service and pictured here are Vivian L. Shepard, head pantrywoman at the Cafeteria, October 22; Alberta Jones, maid at the Motor House, October 25; William Bodie, paymaster in the VA Comptroller Department, October 27.



Also marking ten years with Colonial Williamsburg but not pictured here is Bobby Freeman, room service waiter at the Inn, October 26.

## Willie L. Stott

The CW NEWS joins employees in extending sympathy to the family of Willie Leigh Stott, who died Tuesday, October 22, in Williamsburg Community Hospital after a long illness.

Willie Leigh had been employed here since May of 1964 as a part-time saleslady at the Craft House. Her husband, Ralph E. Stott, works for CW as a Dining Room cashier in the VA Comptroller Department. Willie Leigh's daughter, Carolyn Rowe, also works for CW as a Dining Room cashier.

Other survivors include two sisters-in-law, Sallie Alphin, manager of CW's Gift Shops, and Irwin Stott, forelady at the Laundry.

## Morledge (Cont.)

Alan is a director of training in the Naval Reserve Officers' School program in Newport News, and holds the rank of Commander. He is first vice president of the Twentieth Century Gallery in Williamsburg, and a member of the American Institute of Architects and of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He is married to former employee Anne Jackson of Richmond, Va., and is the father of one son. The Morledges attend St. Martin's Episcopal Mission in Williamsburg.

## ALEXANDERS - CONTINUED

All in all it was a fascinating trip. The Alexanders are now looking forward to viewing the many color slides which Ed took throughout their journey.

## Beatty (Cont.)

World Herald. Prior to coming to CW he was associated with the public relations firm of Rall and Raglin, Inc., Lincoln, Nebr.

He is a professional member of Sigma Delta Chi and is a member of the National Association of Educational Broadcasters, the Virginia Association of Broadcasters, the Public Relations Society of America and the Twentieth Century Art Gallery.

Norm and his wife, the former Katharine McDonald of Lincoln, are members of Bruton Parish Episcopal Church. The Beattys have three children, Amy, Michael and Timothy.

Not pictured here but also topping fifteen years with CW is William A. Edwards, floor maintenance mechanic in the Department of Building Maintenance, October 20.

**RUFFIN - CONTINUED** of the local chapter of the American Red Cross. He has also served on the vestry of Bruton Parish Church. He served two terms as a member of the Richmond City Council.

Ran and his wife, Pat, live on Burns Lane. They have one son, who is dean of men at Mackinac College, and one grandson.

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