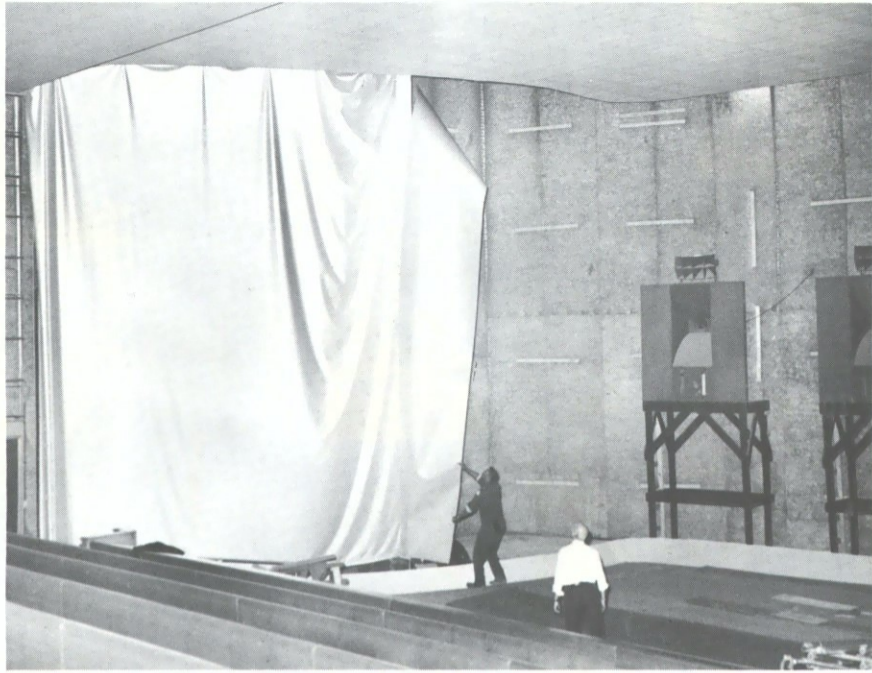


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New Screens Installed In CW Theatres

CWers who may have stopped by the Information Center on Wednesday, February 26, were probably baffled by the strange appearance of the blue theatre. A team of CW workmen and three out-of-town specialists were busily installing new screens there and in the red theatre during Wednesday and Thursday.

The screens, which measure 120' x 27' and weigh between 400 and 500 pounds, are made of a plastic material and were fabricated for CW by Technikote Company in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Actual installation in the blue theatre commenced around 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday and the theatre was ready for use the following morning, at which time the team began installing a like screen in the red theatre. This marked the first time the screens had been changed since the Information Center opened to the public in 1957.

Technikote mechanics George Malonis and Lacy Conte and CW special consultant in projection and optics Frank Le Grande were on hand to supervise the process and other minor adjustments which had to be made after the screens were in place.

Chuck Squires, newly appointed director of CW's Electronics Department, and his staff members George Waltrip and Tom Partlow were on hand and assisted with the installation of the two screens. Royce Cottingham, director of CW's Mechanical Operations and Maintenance Department, also had a vital interest in the operation and noted that the screens are unique in their configuration and that the installation was a rather delicate

and challenging task.

Employees in CW's Building Maintenance Department who assisted in the operation include J. P. Bass, Earl Boyd, Roy Matheny, Pete Panayotis, Bert Score, Richard Stepp, and Milton White. Other employees who helped were Charles Brown, Nathaniel Christian, Bernard Edwards, Robert Edwards, William Jones, Lorenzo Parrott and Nathaniel Smith.

Longer Hours Begin March 22; Streets Close March 17

Despite chilly winds and an occasional forecast of snow flurries, spring is beginning to show her face in Williamsburg. Spring schedules for CW's exhibition buildings will go into effect on Saturday, March 22. The new hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

On Monday, March 17, the Duke of Gloucester Street and certain streets adjoining it in the Historic Area will be closed to automobiles from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

On March 3, CW's buses began operating on a five-minute schedule from 8:50 a.m. to 5:20 p.m. Ten-minute service continues in the evening hours from 5:30 until 9:00 p.m. and fifteen-minute service is offered from 9:00 until 10:15 p.m.

Effective Monday, March 24, the Walking Garden Tours will be offered at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. each weekday, weather permitting.

Outside of the Historic Area, Carter's Grove Plantation opened to the public for the sixth consecutive season on March 1.

Concerts, Plays Set For Spring Season

Scheduled for evening entertainment this spring are thirteen candle-light concerts in the Governor's Palace and eight performances of Richard Sheridan's comedy, "The Rivals."

The eighteenth-century play, performed by the William and Mary Players under the direction of Howard Scammon, will be given at the Williamsburg Conference Center at 8:00 on the following Friday evenings: March 21 and 28; April 11 and 18; May 2, 9, 23, and 30.

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

The Governor's Palace concerts begin on Thursday, March 27. Listed below are the remaining spring dates: April 1, 3, 10, 15, 17, 22, and 24; May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. The concerts begin at 8:45 p.m.

Taylor Vrooman, CW music associate, will offer concerts at the Capitol building at 8:30 p.m. on the following dates: April 2, 13, 25, and 29; May 6, 16, 20, and 27; June 6, 13, 22, and 29.



23rd Garden Symposium Meets Here March 16 - 21

Two CW employees are among the list of featured speakers for the forthcoming 23rd Williamsburg Garden Symposium, March 16-21.

Virginia Holmes, Colonial Williamsburg's garden tour supervisor, will describe the "Plants and Gardens of Colonial Williamsburg," during the Monday morning session. Tuesday evening, a workshop on "Pruning: Bushes to Branches," is planned, with an exhibition of the art of pruning directed by Alden Eaton, CW's director of Landscape Construction and Maintenance.

An early riser's birdwalk is scheduled Wednesday to be followed by a Birder's Breakfast. Another Williamsburg resident, the Rev. John H. Grey, will speak on birds native to Virginia, including those observed on the earlier walk. Rev. Grey is a former president of the Virginia Ornithology Society.

The Garden Symposium is presented by CW in association with the American Horticultural Society, and annually attracts home gardeners from the fifty states and Canada. Formal lectures are scheduled by thirteen experts who comprise the faculty. Participants are invited to explore CW's gardens, exhibition buildings and craft shops as well as nearby Carter's Grove Plantation. A tour of Norfolk's Gardens-by-the-Sea also is planned.



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Almarode Conducts AH&MA Seminar

Above, Richard Almarode, director of Teacher Training for the AH&MA Educational Institute, is shown meeting with CW employees at a recent seminar. Twenty-five CWers participated in the Teacher Training seminar held here March 6-7 at the Lodge. Employees who attended the seminar are now certified for 80 hours of teaching AH&MA courses.

CW's Night People...

Most of CW's employees work during the daytime and generally retire to their respective homes at the end of a day's work, probably never realizing that a fair percentage of work goes on through the night into the early hours of the morning. The people who work unusual hours, CW's night people, have a variety of duties which must be done at night in order to insure the smooth day-to-day operation of the entire organization.

The clean, well-kept appearance of CW offices, the Information Center, and exhibition buildings, is credited to the nightly efforts of CW's Building Maintenance crews. In the case of the exhibition buildings, all work must be done by either spotlight or flashlight.

CW's buses are also given a thorough cleaning each night. Windows must be washed, seats cleaned, and floors are vacuumed in preparation for the next day's use by visitors to Colonial Williamsburg.

Another interesting place to find employees working at night is the Lodge boiler room. Here, under the watchful eye of experienced employees, heating systems for the Lodge, Inn, Club House, and AARFAC are checked and controlled by use of fascinating instrument panels. The Cafeteria boiler room, which is also a busy spot at night, serves as the nerve center for CW's security control.

CW's security force patrolmen are also on duty every night. Usually two patrolmen travel together and on early morning shifts they are accompanied by "Bruno," their well-trained German shepherd.

At CW's Automotive Shop, mechanics are found at all hours of the night busily repairing and servicing vehicles which are needed for use during the day.

A variety of jobs must be done in the hotel facilities. Telephone operators, night auditors, inspectresses, maids, and bellmen are some of the night-time employees found working there.

Perhaps the most inviting group of night employees to visit are those that arrive around 3:30 a.m. at the Commissary to bake breads, coffee cakes, and a variety of yummy foods for the enjoyment of guests dining in CW's restaurant facilities.

To be sure, CW does not sleep at night. CW's night-time employees are a vital part of the organization and well deserve the two-page picture article given here.

Photographs for this article were taken on the scene by Jane Iseley, staff photographer, who traveled around into the early morning hours with your reporter to cover this story. Warm smiles and friendly faces were met everywhere, and we conclude that happiness seems to be the best description of CW's night people.



Ken Litten and Margaret Purse prepare the night audit at the Lodge.



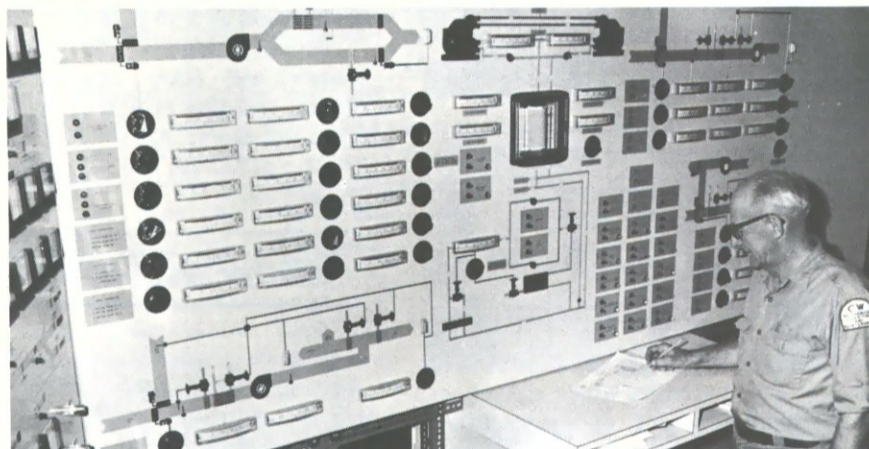
Mildred Pearson and Gloria Thomas supply Motor House laundry cart for morning use.



Bernard Burcham locks up the King's Arms for the evening.



Judy Mershon helps guests at the Lodge Front Desk.



Herbert Jacobson keeps a close watch on heating controls for the Lodge boiler room.



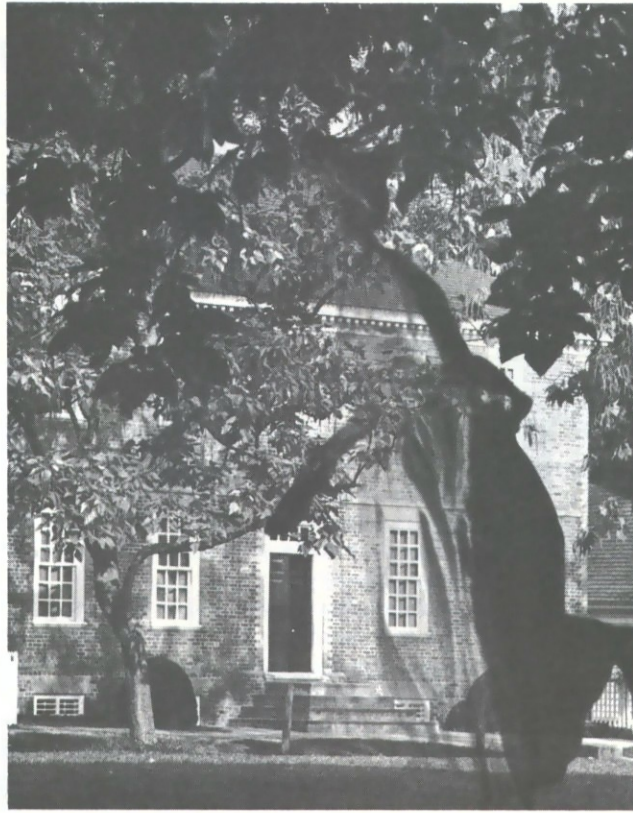
Percy Brown, Willie McGilvary, Sylvester Miller, and Jerry Camp shine and clean one of CW's buses.



Frank Claiborne, Lorenzo Jackson, and Nathaniel Whitby combine efforts in cleaning a CW office.



Layton Sarver, Kenneth Heywood, and "Bruno" patrol the Historic Area.



Lady Skipwith, local ghostie ?



George Bailey and Bill Adams take care of some repair work for the Motor House.



Mary Everett takes care of the switchboard at the Inn.



Lettie Wallace and James Heimer arrive at 3:30 a.m. to make bread and coffee buns at the Commissary.



Joe Webb and Elton Brown service one of CW's vehicles which will be needed for use in the daytime.



Clemntine Jackson and Sarah Tyler prepare a guest's room for the evening at the Inn.



Meridith Jump is the key man for security control and dispatches messages to patrolmen on duty.

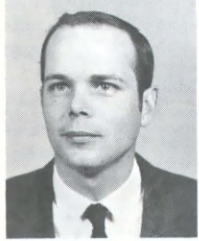
English Named To VA&M Post At The Inn

Randy English, assistant manager of the King's Arms Tavern, was promoted to the position of assistant food and beverage manager at the Inn on February 22.

Randy joined the organization in 1963 as a casual gaoler-guard, becoming a regular later that same year. He returned to CW after college in 1964 as a gaoler-guard and also worked part-time as armorer. In 1966 Randy transferred to Chowning's Tavern as a host there. Later that year he moved to King's Arms Tavern as food and beverage management trainee.

He was named assistant manager at King's Arms in 1968 and held that position until his recent promotion to assistant food and beverage manager at the Inn.

A native of Virginia, Randy attended Atlantic Christian College. He is a member of the American Lawn Bowling Association and of the Presbyterian Church.

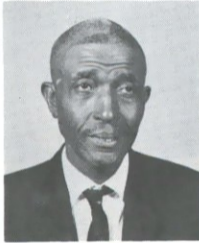


Anthony Conyers Is Promoted To Foreman

Anthony W. Conyers, former janitor in the Building Maintenance Department, is now working in his new post as working foreman. His promotion became effective January 15.

Anthony joined CW in 1948 as a laborer in Construction and Maintenance and in 1950 transferred to Landscape to work as a gardener. In 1953 he again became a laborer for six months and then worked as a utilityman until he reached the position of janitor in 1954. He worked as a janitor assigned to the Merchants Square area until his recent promotion in January.

Anthony and his wife, Inez, have two daughters and a son, Anthony, Jr., who has worked for CW as a Craft Shops Interpreter for three summers. Anthony is a member of the First Baptist Church and enjoys fishing and baseball in his leisure hours.



Two CWers Celebrate Twentieth Anniversaries

Ethel Lightfoot

Ethel Lightfoot, pantrywoman at the Lodge, topped her twentieth service anniversary with CW on March 4.

Ethel has been working for the organization in her present position since she joined CW in 1949. She is assigned to the production pantry where she prepares salads, salad dressings and hors d'oeuvres.

Ethel has a son and a daughter. She is a member of St. John's Baptist Church in Toano and of the Diamond Star Lodge #370. Her hobbies include sewing and growing flowers.



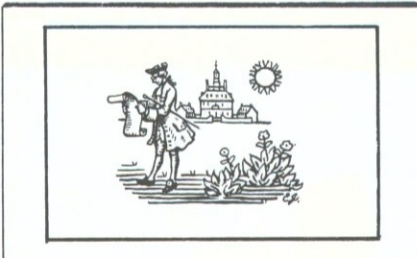
Cleveland Johnson

Cleveland Johnson, truck driver for the Laundry, celebrated his twentieth service anniversary with Colonial Williamsburg on March 5.

Cleveland first worked for CW in 1948 at the Travis House. In 1949 he returned to CW as washman at the Laundry. Later, in December of that year, Cleveland took over his current responsibilities as truck driver for the department.

He is responsible for delivery and pick-up of linen to and from CW's hotel and restaurant units.

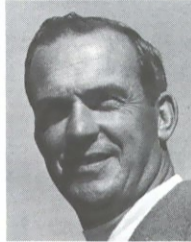
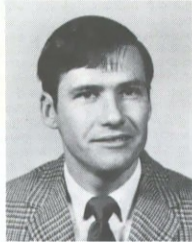
Cleveland's wife, Gertrude, is employed as a desk attendant at the Information Center and last October she celebrated fifteen years with CW. The Johnsons have one son and live in King and Queen County. Cleveland is a member of the Chickahominy Baptist Church and of the Old Capitol Elks Lodge #629. His hobbies include baseball and gardening.



Eight Employees Mark Ten Years Here

One CWer celebrated his tenth anniversary late in February and seven employees topped ten years here early in March.

Celebrating ten years with the organization and pictured below are Sven Dan Berg, Jr., apprentice pewtersmith and founder in the Craft Shops Department, February 16; George W. Tinsley, golf pro at the Inn, March 4; Lue Morgan, cost and record clerk for Building Maintenance, March 5; Edward D. Spencer, Jr., director of Presentation Services, March 9; Kathryn Kipps, senior desk supervisor at the Information Center, March 9; Bennie R. Jones, cook at the Inn, March 14; Mildred Eubank, saleslady at the Motor House Gift Shop, March 15; Stewart Lee Lankford, bus driver in Building Maintenance, March 15.



Mary Goodwin Tops Thirty Years With CW

Mary Goodwin, research associate in the Division of Interpretation, reached her thirtieth anniversary of service with Colonial Williamsburg on March 4.

Mary first worked for CW from 1933 to 1936 as a secretary in the Research Department. She returned to the organization in 1939 as a research assistant, a position which she held for a number of years. For several years during the 1940's she served as acting director and as director of the department. She was general assistant from 1948 to 1957 when she was named to her current position as research associate.

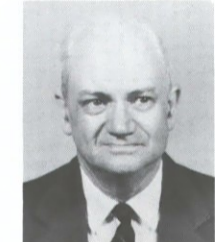
During her years with CW, Mary has prepared numerous research reports, including recent studies of the Prentis Store and the Wren Building.

Mary's late husband, Rutherford Goodwin, was director of CW's Research and Record Department for many years. Mary lives in the Timson House and is a member of Bruton Parish Church.

Three CWers Top 15th Anniversaries

Three CW employees celebrated their fifteenth anniversaries with the organization during the last weeks of February and early in March.

Topping fifteen years here and pictured below are Ward B. Ratcliffe, Sr., maintenance serviceman in MO & M, February 15; Perry Whiting, assistant executive chef at the Lodge, February 27; James P. Holler, ice cream production man at the Commissary, March 1.



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