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State Catalog Lists Williamsburg Award Film For Distribution

Twenty-five prints of the film, **The Williamsburg Award**, have been provided by Colonial Williamsburg to the Virginia Department of Conservation and Development for that organization's film distribution program.

The film has been listed in the department's catalog, and will be distributed through the country for bookings for clubs, school and P-TA groups, as well as the English-Speaking Union, and will be available for shows before all sorts of audiences, with the exception of television.

The **Williamsburg Award** was prepared by the Audio-Visual Department under the direction of Art Smith. It consists of old newsreel clips of Sir Winston Churchill taken during World War II and in Williamsburg, when he visited here with then General Eisenhower. It features the film documentary of the presentation of the first Williamsburg Award to Sir Winston in historic Drapers' Hall in London, Dec. 7, 1955. In footage taken by the British Broadcasting Corporation, one sees memorable scenes of Churchill in his 81st year, and hears his compelling words of wisdom as he accepts the historic award.

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Development distributes a number of educational and promotional films on Virginia. Also listed in the catalog, and available for distribution, is another CW film, **The President Visits Williamsburg**. This film records the visit of President Eisenhower to Williamsburg in 1953.

A Merry Christmas To All



SERENADE at Peter Hay's Shop. Tommy Moyles, manager of Williamsburg Inn, and wife, Evelyn, peer out at the caroling Craftsmen as they pause for a special song. Fiddler Clem Samford traditionally provides the music for the event, and leading the group is Bob Reveille.

Special Festivities To Mark Yuletide Fortnight In City

"Now Christmas comes, 'tis fit that we should feast and sing and merry be, keep open house, let fiddlers play, a fig for cold, sing care away . . ."

The Christmas season was thus announced in an 18th-century **Virginia Almanack**, and today a fortnight of festivities based on the music, pageantry and feasts of 200 years ago is an outstanding attraction for visitors to Williamsburg.

A community-wide project, the Christmas fortnight opened on Dec. 16 with a concert of traditional folk music by the melodious Williamsburg Quintet at the Lodge. Other attractions, from Dec. 19 through Jan. 1, 1957 are as follows:

White Lighting

Dec. 19, the traditional white lighting will begin, signalled by "Singing Candles" — when Williamsburg school choral groups will form a candlelight procession on the Court House Green at dusk, and stroll through the streets a'caroling. As they pass each house in the restored area, it will be the sign for the residents to light the candles in their windows.

That same evening, there will be a concert by the Hampton Institute Choir at the Reception Center, featuring the Christmas folk music of many lands.

On the evening of Dec. 20, 18th-century games will be played at Chowning's Tavern, and the tavern hosts will spin ancient yarns and ghost stories. An amusing talk on Christmas customs of long ago will be given that night at the Reception Center by Researcher Jane Carson.

The search for the Yule Log will be held on Dec. 21 at Williamsburg Inn. There will also be a candlelight concert of 18th-century chamber music in the ballroom of the Governor's Palace. On Dec. 22, the firing of the Christmas guns will take place at the Public Magazine, when Colonial Militiamen will fire cannon, pistol and musket salutes. Groups of carolers will serenade the town that evening, and a contest for group and solo singing.

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Gifts For Craftsmen

Craft House Expands 'Do-It-Yourself' Line To Include Fine Mahogany Pieces

CWers who are seeking an exceptional Christmas gift for that really good home craftsman may find just the article in one of the eight authentic reproductions now on sale in "do-it-yourself" kits at Craft House.

Exact reproductions of the finest 18th-century cabinetwork are now available, ready to assemble and finish, as a new line in the Williamsburg Reproductions Program. Each piece is made of the finest grade wood, according to the strict specifications of skilled colonial cabinetmakers, including hand carving and hand-cut dowl and mortise-and-tenon joints. All hardware and catches are made of solid cast, hand-filled brass like the original brasses.

The "knocked-down" kits are exclusive with Craft House, and range in price from \$43 to \$122, less employee discount. The same pieces already beautifully finished run from \$68 to \$173, exclusive of discount.

Among the sophisticated 18th-century mahogany pieces is a revolving tilt-top table copied from one in the Governor's Palace, selling for \$72 (all prices are exclusive of employee discount.) Another fine table from the Palace, square-top with twist design on the pedestal and snake-head feet, sells for \$76. A copy of a handsome Raleigh Tavern drop-leaf table is also available for \$98.

Two tilt-top tables from the Raleigh Tavern have been copied. A delicate oval table of Sheraton design sells for \$52, and a tripod table with graceful curves in the square top is available for \$43. Two handsome hanging shelves have also been included in the new "knocked-down" line. One, of English design, about 1760, has

fret-work sides enclosing four shelves with two drawers at the base, and sells for \$106. The other, also about 1760, is of typical Chippendale design and hangs in the Governor's Palace. It sells for \$122.

The fore-runner of the new line was introduced last year. It is the copy of the table from the Wythe House kitchen which sells for \$21.95.



SIGN of quality, the Craft House is one of the unique stores in the nation. It is now identified by this handsome sign, designed by Ernie Frank of Architecture, painted by Paint Chief Bob Webb, and constructed by CW's carpentry and blacksmith shops from working drawings by Jerry Finn.

A Christmas Message

As the traditional white lighting of Williamsburg casts its glow throughout the historic area, my thoughts — and the thoughts of all of us — turn to the spirit of Christmas.

It is a season of shining eyes and happy laughter of children; of fellowship with friends and family; of thoughtfulness and helpfulness toward persons less fortunate than we; and above all, it is a time to rededicate ourselves as sincere Christians.

Mrs. Chorley joins me in extending the season's greetings and best wishes to the personnel of Colonial Williamsburg and their families. It is our hope that this Christmas will be joyful and that the coming year will bring happiness and health to all.

— KENNETH CHORLEY

A Long-Sought Goal

Tatiana Walsh Has Red-White-And-Blue-Letter Day

For Tatiana Walsh, Dec. 5, 1956 was more than a red-letter day; it was a red-white-and-blue-letter day, for on that day she took the oath of allegiance to the United States as a brand new American citizen.

On the next morning, she returned to her job as CW's Director of Costumes, and when she opened the door to her office, she was greeted by the music of this country's well-known **America**. Flags and bunting graced the walls and fanned out from her desk.

A sign on her chair proclaimed; "Welcome to America's newest and very valuable citizen."

"The decorations and the thoughtfulness of my staff brought sobs to me," Tatiana reported with feeling. "It was a very emotional moment. The day before was even more so. It was the happiest day of my life since the end of World War II."

The story of Tatiana's new citizenship.

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FLANKED BY FLAGS, new Citizen Walsh reflects happiness after achieving her most cherished goal. Red-white-and-blue streamers, reaching from the desk to the ceiling, can be seen at each side of the window.

Photo by George Beamish

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TRIBUTES to Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., the Rev. Dr. W. A. R. Goodwin, and Colonial Williamsburg were many last month on the 30th anniversary of the beginning of the restoration of Williamsburg. One of the finest tributes appeared on the editorial page of the **Richmond Times-Dispatch** on Nov. 29. This cited not only the two fathers of the restoration, but the people who have worked unceasingly to bring 18th-century Williamsburg back to life. Premier among this group has been Kenneth Chorley, President of CW.

The editorial reported: "Into the exquisite and almost unbelievable restoration of Williamsburg went a number of ingredients which were essential to its success. First there had to be a dream and a dreamer bold enough and intelligent enough to interpret that dream to others. Then there had to be a philanthropist, one wise enough to visualize the dream and wealthy enough to finance the seemingly impossible task of making it become a reality.

"The dreamer, of course, was the Reverend Dr. W. A. R. Goodwin . . . The great benefactor was John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Virginia is forever in their debt.

"Yet another ingredient was necessary to the fulfillment of the dream which the Rev. Dr. Goodwin shared with Mr. Rockefeller: men to carry the dream to reality.

"Colonial Williamsburg, Incorporated . . . has been blessed through the years with devoted, conscientious and highly capable men and women. From almost every category of occupation they have come to Virginia to contribute their skills and energies to the re-creation of the one-time capital of the colony.

"None of them has contributed more of himself or has been more instrumental to the success of the restoration than has its senior employe, President Kenneth Chorley.

"Through his 30 years of service Mr. Chorley has often demonstrated his unswerving devotion to the task of restoring Williamsburg. His dynamic energy and unshakable faith in his mission have at times been the only thing which stood between the success or failure of the restoration. At other times, it was his skill and courage which brought together dangerously loose ends and held the project together.

"When Virginia takes note of its great debt to Mr. Rockefeller and the Rev. Dr. Goodwin it can justifiably — and proudly — add its tribute to Kenneth Chorley, the man who made the Williamsburg dream come true."

CW Hotel Veterans Bamman & Caster Reach 10-Year Mark

Norma Bamman, Manager of the Lodge Kitchen and Coffee Shop in the Division of Visitor Accommodations, reached her 10th service anniversary on Dec. 8. Norma, often called "Pinkie," began her career in the food industry in 1928 when she won a nation-wide contest, over 1000 competitors, in Abby Aldrich Rockefeller's search for the finest roadside stand in America. Up to the time of her winning the contest, Pinkie had considered food preparation merely a hobby, with the design and operation of the stand a logical by-product of this interest. The success of her venture prompted her to spend her evening hours taking post-graduate courses in nutrition and dietetics. She then worked for several prominent food enterprises and hotels, joining CW in 1946 as Food Director at the Inn. She transferred to the Lodge in her present capacity in May, 1951. Her outside interests include good music, theatre, gardening, and, of course, cooking. We welcome her back to the job after her convalescence from an operation.



Frederick Caster, Night Auditor in the Division of Visitor Accommodations, became a 10-year man on Dec. 26. Fred joined the staff of CW in 1946 as a Patrolman and transferred to V.A. one month later as Assistant Night Auditor. In April, 1947, he was promoted to his present status. Fred's wife, Martha, was at one time manager of the Gift Shops of the Williamsburg Inn and Lodge. They have one daughter and reside on a small farm near Toano. Fred's spare-time interests include working in his vegetable garden and his home "fix-it" shop. He is a member of the Toano Methodist Church.



Early Architecture In America Is Topic Of Conference Here

A highly successful conference on early American architecture was held at Williamsburg Inn on Nov. 17 under the auspices of the Institute of Early American History and Culture, according to Institute Director Lester Cappon.

Ten visiting historians and 15 local historians and architects discussed three papers related to the field. Papers were prepared by Prof. Carroll L. V. Meeks of the Yale University School of Architecture and Design on "Puzzles, Problems and Prejudices in Areas of Early American Architecture"; Prof. Henry Russell Hitchcock of the Department of Fine Arts of Smith College on "The Study of Colonial Architecture in the Colleges"; and Prof. Anthony N. B. Garvan of the Department of American Civilization of the University of Pennsylvania on "Architecture as Evidence."

Whiffen Gives Talk

During a luncheon session, the participants heard a talk by CW's Marcus Whiffen on "Current Research in Architectural History at Colonial Williamsburg" and a talk by A. Lawrence Kocher of the College of William and Mary concerning his experiences during the collection of his rare books on architecture which are now a part of the Colonial Williamsburg library.

In addition to members of CW's research and architectural staffs, and the Institute staff, scholars from the University of Virginia, Columbia University, Duke University, Dartmouth College, Williams College, University of Chicago and the Boston Athenaeum attended the conference.



CAMPBELL'S TAVERN

PLATO MARROW, JR., is a proud poppa again. The newcomer is a boy, his fourth child. EDWARD GWALTNEY, one of the visually handicapped employes formerly with Chowning's Tavern, has transferred to Campbell's. Everyone here is amazed at his adeptness on the job. We are awaiting the return of LETTIE WALLACE, our baker, who is on loan to the Lodge for a few weeks. JOHN R. MAYNOR, another former Chowning's employee, has also transferred to Campbell's, and will be the reporter for the CW NEWS here.

— John R. Maynor

INN & LODGE OFFICES

Our sympathies to RALPH MOODY, paymaster for the hotels, on the loss of his mother-in-law, who died in Gloucester on Nov. 12.

— Mary Smaltz

MECHANICAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Jimmy Trautman has left the employ of Colonial Williamsburg temporarily and will enter the United States Army in January. We wish him the best of luck in his new venture. Pete Tucker, Jr., who has been in the University of Virginia Hospital as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident, has recovered and after a visit home, has returned to school. Visiting him for the weekend was Fred Polzer, his roommate. We extend a welcome to DONALD SMITH, who is now working in PETE TUCKER'S Office. Norman Hazelwood, who is now in the Army and stationed in South Carolina, spent the weekend at his home in Lanexa. LARRY ROBENS spent an enjoyable vacation hunting. D. E. RATCLIFFE also has just returned from a hunting vacation in the mountains. HORACE MORECOCK does a lot of hunting on weekends but has not bagged anything big yet. A. M. DRISCOLL has been in the hospital recently but expects to return to work very soon. BURTON ROGERS is sporting a brand new 1957 Ford.

— Mildred Sprinkel

TREASURER - COMPTROLLER

DOROTHY PICKWICK GIBSON was honored recently by ANNE RANSDALL and BETTE SPEERS following her recent marriage to Walter Gibson. Attending were the girls from the Treasurer's Office, Accounting and Payroll.

— Adelaide Hoffman and Jeanne Bentley

INN BELL FORCE

The bellmen wish to extend their sympathies to room service headwaiter THESS JUDKINS on the loss of his uncle on Dec. 1.

— Wendell Wright

LODGE HOUSEKEEPERS

LILLIE ANDREW is taking her vacation over the Christmas holiday, and plans to spend it with relatives in Atlanta. Back from vacations are MYRTLE TYLER and HAZEL RUTLEY, while currently away are VIRGINIA BERKELY and ELLA MEEKINS. CARRIE SWEENEY visited her son and his family in Pennsylvania recently. Welcome to JANE ELIZABETH ARMISTED, our new maid in the Lodge and to JACK JONES, a new houseman. We miss houseman WILLIAM SPRATLEY, who is still out sick.

— Lola Larson

ARCHITECTURAL

Those scheduled to vacation during the Christmas holidays are BOB TAYLOR, who plans several days in New York City and a visit with his sister in Wilmington, Del., and BOB WIGGINS who will spend days in New York City and then head north to Canada for some skiing. ORIN BULLOCK was awarded second prize in the first annual Amateur Photo Contest sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club of Williamsburg. Two additional members of Architecture, ANN PARISH and JOHN DUNTON, received honorable mention in the exhibit. We are sorry to report that Bill Frazer and Bill Barton left us on Dec. 1.

We would like to make a delayed announcement that MARCUS WHIFFEN and family are living in the Coke-Garrett House. FRANCES VANSANT entertained at a small cocktail party on Dec. 15 at her home on North Boundary St. We are afraid BOB WIGGINS' carriage research has gone to his head. Since studying the Roman chariots, he has adopted a "Nero" coiffure — it's the nineteen-sixty, new Swirl-top, for those interested in the streamlined look.

— Carolyn Hume

LODGE KITCHEN

ANNIE TAYLOR had a lovely vacation, part of which was spent in New York. CARRIE TROWER had a wonderful time with her sister in Washington, and JOSEPHINE CLOWER has also returned from vacation. Several of our folks took their vacations in time to do their Christmas shopping, and are still enjoying their leisure. They are MAE PRITCHETT, OLIVIA DRIVER, CHARLES JAMES, LEVI TYNES and SOLOMON GREENHOWE. We are happy to report the return of MARY TABB, VIRGINIA VINE and MARY ADAMS from the sick list. ELIZABETH PARRILLA, VIRGINIA WILLIAMS and ISAAC PRITCHETT are still ailing.

— Alma V. Wallace

INN HOUSEKEEPERS

FRANCES BROWN is back at work, after several weeks of illness. We welcome JAMES JONES to our houseman staff.

— Geraldine Wallace

INTERPRETATION

With the departure of Sylvia Evans, who spoke her vows on Dec. 1 and now answers to "Mrs. Donald McRae," the division is once more back to normal — "light one." VI BARTON is breathing a sigh of relief now that 25,000 copies of the new Craft House catalogue are off the press. TOM FORD was stage manager for the first production of the Williamsburg Community Theater Group. Speaking engagements over the month included ED ALEXANDER before the Tryon Palace Commission in New Bern, N. C. and TOM SCHLESINGER before the Exchange of Persons Conference sponsored by the Institute of International Education in Chicago.

— Mary Valentino

RESEARCH

SUE ARMSTRONG and JANE CARSON have returned from a business trip to Washington, D. C. trying to locate the route Washington took to Williamsburg. Maybe they could suggest some route that did not have so much traffic for the travelers of present day. JIM SHORT has returned after a business trip to several states, spent interviewing people. It is nice to see BEV BURAS at work again after a week's illness. We are all pleased that on Dec. 21 we will again see the smiling face of that grand Virginia Gentleman, ED RILEY.

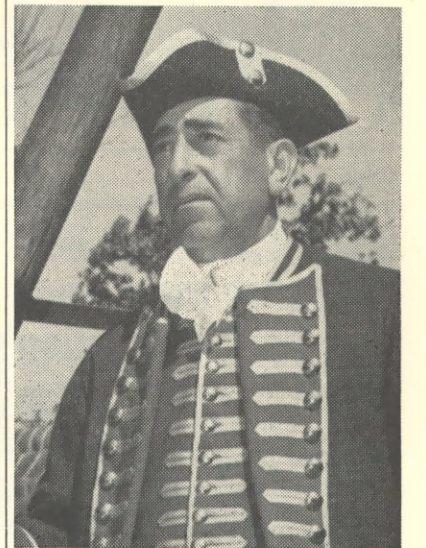
— Dolores Phillips

BUILDING — C&M

The BC&M office staff enjoyed a brief visit with Betty Klapper recently. Betty left us in November to devote her full time to her family (existing and expected). She was senior secretary in our office for the past 6½ years, and we all miss her. LLOYD COLE, carpenter foreman on the Robertson's Windmill project, was hospitalized on Dec. 1 for an operation on his knee. At last report, he was up and around, and well on the way to recovery. Our deepest sympathy to MARSHALL LINKOUS on the loss of his father on Nov. 20. We missed many of our fellows this past month while they were on vacation. Among them were ALEX DALTON, CLIFFORD HUDGINS, WAYNE LARSON, AUGIE BLOCKSTON, BEVERLY BARBOUR, CALVIN BANKS and CLARENCE JONES.

— Hank Ertl

Costume Is Routine For Dudley Wilkins, Now A 20-Year Man



R. Dudley Wilkins, Jr., Gaoler and Guard Supervisor in the Division of Presentation, completed 20 years with Colonial Williamsburg on Dec. 4.

He joined the staff of CW as a clerk in the Department of Hostesses and Escorts in 1936, and became a Gaoler in July of the next year. In February, 1952, Dudley added duties at the Magazine and Guard House to his work at the Public Gaol. He became supervisor of the Gaolers and Guardsmen in August, 1952.

Dudley is married and has one daughter. Although his chief hobby is gardening, he also enjoys bowling as a pastime. He is such a familiar figure in his brilliant costume that occasionally other CWers see him on the street in "civilian clothes" without recognizing him.

Irwin Stott Passes 15th Year As CWer

Irwin Stott, Forelady at the Laundry, reached her 15th anniversary as a CWer on Dec. 6.

Originally from Spring Hope, N. C., Irwin began her employment at the Laundry in 1941, beginning as an Operator. In May, 1943, she became a Presser, and has worked in her present status as Forelady since August, 1943. Irwin resides in James Terrace with a sister, and enjoys cooking and gardening during her leisure hours.

A person who enjoys her work, Irwin reported that she's already looking forward to her 20th service anniversary.

Milestones

During November, 20 employees reached the following anniversaries:

FIVE YEARS

Division of Visitor Accommodations—Mary Brown, Lodge Coffee Shop; Hazel Luster, Inn Kitchen; Elnora Martin, Laundry.

ONE YEAR

Division of Architecture, Construction and Maintenance—Calvin Banks, Charles F. Elliott, Pearl G. Ellis, Earl S. Gardner, Auston E. Gerald, Arnold R. Goodson, Berkley P. Hardy, Arthur Clifford Hudgins, Joe King, George F. Perrow, Clarence T. Perry, Edward L. Pitts, Louis Sinclair, BC&M; Robert Eheart, Archie M. White, Jr., MOM.

Division of Visitor Accommodations—Margaret Cushman, Secretary, Food and Beverage; James Hundley, Lodge Dining Room.

Evening Prayer

Evening prayer will be held at Bruton Parish Church at 5:15 p. m. daily except Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, according to an announcement by the Rev. Cotesworth P. Lewis. The service will continue until further notice.

JOIN THE MARCH OF DIMES IN JANUARY

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Let's Finish the Job!

CWI Trustees Name R. K. Paynter, Jr., New Board Member

Richard K. Paynter, Jr., executive vice-president of the New York Life Insurance Company, has been elected a Trustee of Colonial Williamsburg, Incorporated, it was announced by Winthrop Rockefeller, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Paynter, a graduate of Princeton University, was in the field of investment banking before joining the New York Life Insurance Company in 1934. His rise has been steady since he became a vice-president in 1946, and he has been executive vice-president since 1954. Mr. Paynter is a director of the New York Trust Company and Otis Elevator Company as well as a number of other business organizations.

He is also associated with the Diocesan Investment Trust of New Jersey and is a member of the Pilgrims of the United States, Society of Colonial Wars and the Newcomen Society of England. He is a vestryman of Trinity Church in Princeton, N. J., where he makes his home.



R. K. Paynter, Jr.
Fabian Bachrach



GOLF WINNERS in annual President's Cup play pose with President Kenneth Chorley after receiving awards. Hunter Chalkley holds the Cup and a dozen golf balls for low net score, while Vernon Spratley, left, displays the dozen golf balls he received for low gross score. Elizabeth Stubbs has a dozen new ones, the result of posting low net score for women, and Chuck Loomis, second from right, and Hugh DeSamper split a half-dozen new balls after tying for second low net. Photo by Chiles Larson

Philadelphians Find McCaskey Here Today, Gone In An Hour In Whirlwind Appearance

Director of Promotion Tom McCaskey, like Ben Franklin, went to Philadelphia one day. He had almost as much trouble getting there.

Tom used a mode of transportation—the airplane—that was not available to Ben in his day. Turned out Ben was lucky. The Philadelphia airport, along with most airports north of Richmond, was shrouded in fog on that day, and Tom's plane circled for hours before the weather cleared sufficiently to permit a landing.

His visit to Philadelphia turned out to be a first class quickie. Due to speak before the Board of Directors of the Convention and Visitors Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia, Tom arrived at the meeting just as they were finishing the luncheon. He immediately took over the rostrum, gave a 40-minute talk illustrated with color

slides, and then dashed right out again to catch a flight to Washington.

Tom's visit was in response to what was termed a definite interest on the part of the Board to expand the tourist and visitor phase of the Bureau in conjunction with the development of the Independence National Historical Park project in Philadelphia. Tom's discussion centered on what Williamsburg has to offer to the visitor, how this story is told and how it is promoted.

Asked about the plane trip, Tom commented, "I wish I'd had those two loaves of bread Ben had when he went to Philadelphia, because I got mighty hungry during that three-hour wait for the fog to lift."

Williamsburg drew 36 per cent of all Virginia visitors from Sept. 1955 to Sept. 1956.

Stokes To Move Office

Dr. Hugh Stokes, a participating physician in CW's medical service plan for employees, will soon move his office from the Tucker Clinic to his new building at 714 Second Street, located to the rear of the Colony Motel. Effective Jan. 2, 1957, he will have office hours Monday through Saturday from 9-11 a. m., and Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 2-4 p. m. On Monday and Friday from 7-8 p. m., he will have office hours by appointment. Dr. Stokes' new phone number will be Capitol 9-1415.

Kendrew Honored

Vice-President A. Edwin Kendrew has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Woodrow Wilson Birthplace Foundation, Incorporated, at Staunton. The goal of this organization is to effect true restoration of the Birthplace shrine.

Yule Logs, Carols, Dances Feasts Feature Old Christmas

(Continued from Page 1) ers and musicians will be held on the Court House Green. The "Mistletoe Ball" will be held at the Lodge from 9-12 p. m.

Groaning Board

Those with a large appetite can feast in the colonial manner on Dec. 23 at the "groaning board" at Campbell's Tavern, a new event this year. That same evening there will be an open house at "Mr. Wythe's House."

On Christmas Eve, the Yule Logs will burn at the Inn, Lodge and Chowning's Tavern, and the Community Tree on Market Square Green will burst into brilliant white light.

Christmas Day will feature an Open House at the Capitol from 3-7 p. m. All visitors and townspeople are invited. A square

dance will be held Dec. 26 at the Lodge, and there will be a plantation Christmas party at "Berkeley" on the James River the next evening. A candlelight concert at the Governor's Palace will be the feature attraction of Dec. 28.

Dec. 29, Paul's Puppets, popular Baltimore TV show, will present **Rumplestilzkin** at the Reception Center at 3 and 4:30 p. m. That evening the "Holly Ball" will be held at the Lodge and exhibitions of colonial dances will be performed by CWers at the Capitol.

Handbell Ringers

The Williamsburg Quintet will sing again at the Lodge on Dec. 30, and on New Year's Eve, two short 18th-century plays, **Miss in Her Teens** and **The Mock Doctor**, will be presented in the Lodge

Ballroom. They will be followed by a concert by the Potomac English Handbell Ringers, an organization that made a big hit last year.

The season's festivities will close with the Queen's Dinner on New Year's Day at the Lodge and the burning of the Christmas trees and other decorations, accompan-

ied by traditional fireworks that evening at the William and Mary athletic field.

Special pageants by the churches, choir concerts, caroling in the streets and other events are also planned. Coordination of the Christmas program in Williamsburg is handled by the Williamsburg Jaycees.



A CLOUD OF SMOKE announces the report of the Christmas Guns, which are fired each year at the Public Magazine as one of the special features of the Christmas fortnight. Craftsmen and Guardsmen often join forces for the ceremony.



THE YULE LOG burns in the background as CW's Jimmy Fuller, Deanie deMatteo, daughter of Silversmith Bill, and Tom Luck, president of the Williamsburg Jaycees last year, lead a festive 1955 group of Christmas celebrants in a song. Photo by Chiles Larson

Last Holdout

TV Wins New Fan; Halligan Surrenders

The millennium has arrived! "Hap" Halligan, resolute manager of the Williamsburg Theatre, has finally yielded and purchased a television set.

Long an opponent of TV because of the threat it poses to motion picture attendance, Hap capitulated to the many assets offered by a TV set and installed one in his new quarters on Duke of Gloucester St.

The word is that Hap is delighted with the new set, but still can't reconcile himself to approve of the practice of showing movies over television.

When that happens, he has a horrible vision of empty theatre seats flashing across the picture tube.

Mrs. Walsh

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zanship starts in Manchuria, where she was born, daughter of a major-general in the Czarist army. "For 300 years, all the men in my family had been military men," she noted. "My father was also a philosopher, and studied the doctrines of the British philosopher, John Locke. To him I owe all my philosophies. But for my father, it was not easy. He was considered too democratic for his day."

Tatiana graduated from high school and the school of jurisprudence at Harbin, Manchuria. In 1939, knowing that the Soviets would soon complete the occupation of Manchuria, Tatiana left the country rather than accept Soviet or Chinese citizenship. "It was a bad choice," she commented. Since the revolution in Russia in 1917, she had been without citizenship, since she had declined to accept citizenship under the new regime.

In 1940, in Shanghai, she married an American citizen. "Then I became an American in spirit. On Dec. 5, 1956, I became an American for all to see." She came to the United States in 1946, and in 1949 began her long quest for U. S. citizenship. In 1952, Tatiana came to Williamsburg, and within a week of her arrival was put to work in the Costume Shop as an assistant. In 1953, she took charge of the shop, and last year, received the new title of Director of Costumes.

During her wait for her citizenship, Tatiana was impressed by the work of the F.B.I., who investigated her background thoroughly. "They were courteous, helpful and very understanding," she said.

Tatiana has many friends in Williamsburg who have urged her forward in her citizenship quest. "They have made me happy, and for them I will do my best to justify their faith." She recalls that Research's Jane Carson, who was her professor in American history, said; "It was good for you to wait a long time; it let you appreciate it." Tatiana found that this was true.

She is somewhat unusual in that she never complains about taxes. "I have lived where we were taxed and taxed and they never gave us anything in return. In America we get much in return for our taxes."

With Christmas in the air, Tatiana remarked that her staff is sentimental and told her that Santa Claus brought her new citizenship.

"This is the first time in many years that I believe in Santa Claus." Pride and faith showed through the tears in Tatiana's eyes as she turned back to her work.

Suggestion Awards

Cash awards for suggestions of a helpful and practical nature have been presented to the following employees: Edward Watkins, Sr., AC&M; Henderson Minkins, Visitor Accommodations; and May Fletcher, Mattie Osborne and Mary J. Daniel, Presentation.

Opportunity To Travel

CW Maintenancemen Perform Widespread Services

A skilled force of 47 mechanics and helpers provides one of the important services available to Colonial Williamsburg. They are the men of Mechanical Operations and Maintenance, and their area of responsibility covers more than three million square feet in over 500 buildings in all portions of town.

Otis "Bud" Odell, Jr., director of the department, pointed out that his men are called on to take care of all buildings owned by CW that have mechanical installations — which range all the way from a simple valve to the highly complicated equipment in the commercial-type heating plants and air-conditioning systems. All in all, there are some 56,000 mechanical items to be serviced.

All Adds Up

"While valves and lighting fixtures, our most numerous items, require little attention individually, they total 16,400 and 15,400 respectively, which means that collectively they demand quite a bit of service," Bud pointed out.

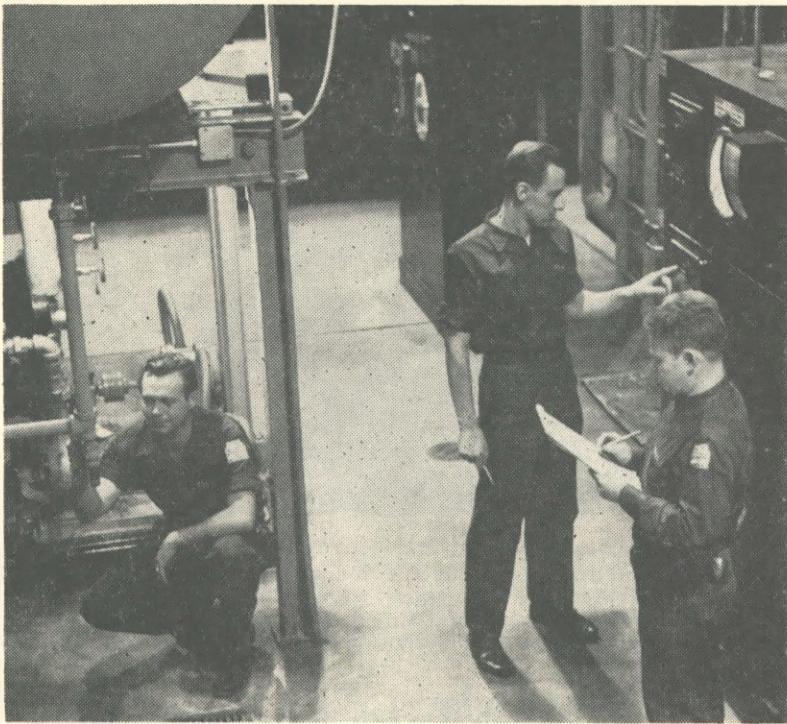
MO&Mers cover a lot of ground in their rounds, for their areas of responsibility cover several miles. Taking the Courthouse of 1770 as a central point, maintenance men must travel seven miles, round trip, for a service call to a CW-owned house in James Terrace; eight miles for a service call to the airport cottages; three miles to Bozarth Court, Highland Park, or the Shopping Center. Even in the downtown area, it's a mile by the time the round trip service call is completed.

Some of the present equipment to be maintained includes special equipment for the theatres and the Audio - Visual department; 3,000 electric motors, ranging from fractional to 200 hp.; 300 pumps; 600 fans and air-conditioning units; 31 heavy duty electric ovens; 48 commercial walk-in and reach-in refrigerators; 2500 plumbing fixtures, and 172 heating plants ranging from domestic to 200 h.p.

Expansion Coming

MO&Mers are currently preparing themselves for a major expansion which will be necessitated by the addition of the New Information Center Area and the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art building to their responsibilities.

"Both have highly specialized



ON THE JOB — Maintenancemen Raymond E. Baker, Alfred Schedel and Ward B. Ratcliffe check some of the assorted valves and gauges in their domain in the Lodge Boiler Room. An engineer is on duty here 24 hours a day. Photo by Chiles Larson

equipment in them. The Folk Art building will have extensive lighting of a special nature, and the N.I.C.A. project, being completely air-conditioned and heated from a central plant, will involve tremendous underground facilities that will require considerable maintenance," Bud stated.

"Another thing," he continued. "The new cafeteria will have as much kitchen equipment as is now used in the Inn and Lodge kitchens combined."

Bud Odell shook his head when asked if his 47 men could handle this impending increase. "Not quite. We may have to hire a few more good men."

Social Security Changes Affect CWers

Several changes in the Social Security Law will take effect on Jan. 1, 1957, and have been summarized below by Dick Talley, director of Personnel Relations.

Effective Jan. 1, the social security tax will be increased from two per cent to 2½ per cent and will apply to any wage or salary received on or after Jan. 1. Each employee will pay this increased rate on the first \$4,200 of his earnings, and an equal sum will be contributed to each employee's social security account by CW.

Women may receive monthly social security benefits upon reaching 62 years of age, rather than waiting until 65 as in the

past. These early benefits for working women or wives of men receiving social security retirement benefits will range from 80 per cent to 93½ per cent of the full amount, depending on whether retirement takes place in the 62nd, 63rd or 64th year. Social security benefits for a widow at age 62 are not reduced.

Another aspect of the new law provides disability payments for employees who become permanently and totally disabled.

More complete regulations under which employees are eligible for the various social security benefits may be secured from the Personnel Relations Office.

Franklin House Sets Dance, Other Events

A New Year's Eve Dance and a ping pong team have been announced as impending special events at Franklin House by Manager Al McCain.

The New Year's Eve Dance will be held from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m., with music by the Metro-Tones. Admission will be open to all employees, and tickets, priced at \$2.50 per couple, may be obtained from Al at the Franklin House.

The ping pong team will have its headquarters at the Franklin House and will be open to all employees. Al reported that when the team is organized, he plans to schedule matches with teams from Ft. Eustis, Langley Air Force Base, Hampton Roads Boys' Club and Virginia State College.

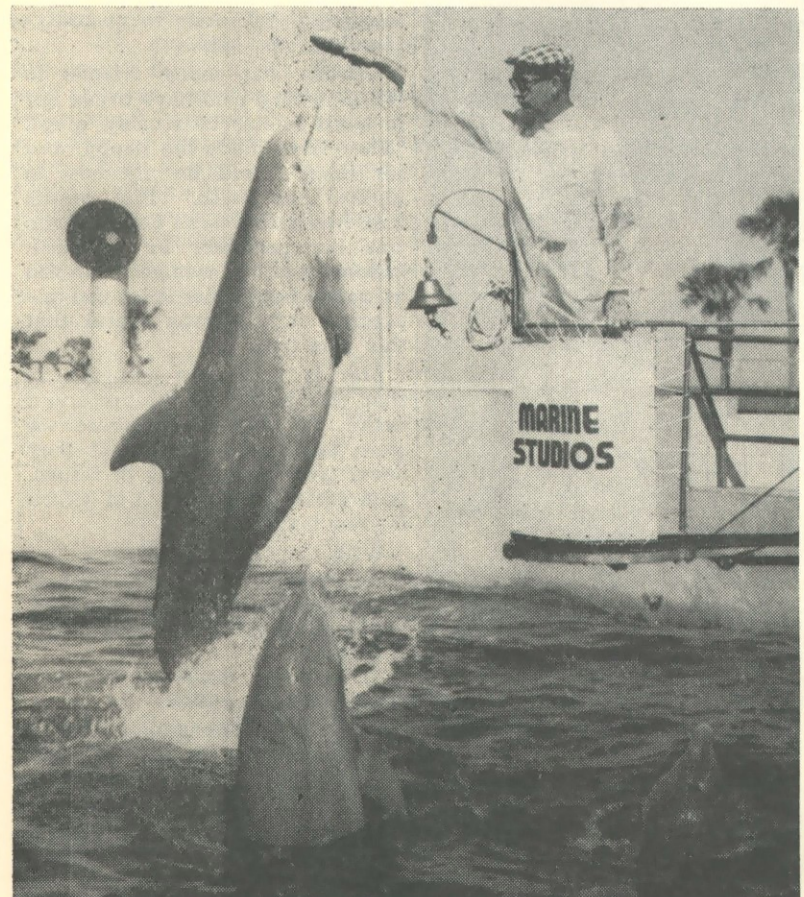
Seaton Once Played Radio Lone Ranger

George Seaton, director of the Paramount-produced motion picture currently being readied for use in the new Information Center next year, once was the idol of America's youngsters.

TV Guide recently published a feature story on the actors who have played the part of the "Lone Ranger" on radio, television and film. There have been five, and Seaton was the first.

The Lone Ranger role was created over a Detroit radio station on Jan. 30, 1933, with Seaton shouting the now-famous cry, "Hi-yo, Silver! Away!"

He didn't remain in the job long, giving it up after a few months. "All I remember about it," the magazine quoted him as saying, "is beating my chest with coconut shells to give the effect of Silver galloping off toward the setting sun."



LEAPIN' LENA — Tom McCaskey, no cold fish, offers a tasty morsel of dead mackerel to an acrobatic porpoise at the world-famous Marine Studios at Marineland, Fla. Other friends in the water await their turn at the dinner table. Tom visited Marineland while on a trip south to attend the annual meeting of the National Association of Travel Organizations. Marineland Photo

Hear Ye!

OPERATING SERVICES

HENRIETTA MONTGOMERY has just returned from a vacation, spent moving into her new home on Harrophane in Middletowne Farms. Henrietta had as recent guests her sister and brother-in-law from Culpeper and her uncle from Danville. MARY HILTON is ill at her home in Highland Park. Our best wishes to her for a speedy recovery. BONNIE HANRAHAN was in Washington for the Thanksgiving holiday with her son and daughter-in-law.

— Reisa Pearl

PROMOTION

TOM McCASKEY enjoyed July in November the latter part of the month by spending two weeks of business and vacation in "sunny Florida." We envy him the tan he is still sporting! RAY MARTIN has left his "home in the clouds" on the third floor and come down to earth, joining us on the first floor.

— Suzanne E. Joerndt

HOSTESS SECTION

MATTIE OSBORNE's lovely home on Indian Springs Road was the scene of a beautifully appointed tea, given Dec. 7, in honor of Mr. Osborne's aunt, Mrs. Clara Miller of Los Angeles. Recent weekend guests of NOUVELLE GREEN's were Mrs. Pat Wilson and Miss Mary Fowler of Washington. Back from Europe is ILDA BERNARD, who visited eight countries while abroad. She was the guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Col. and Mrs. R. H. Lawson of Paris. Col. Lawson is the United States' commanding officer in the Seine area.

HALLIE WERMUTH entertained a group of hostesses at a dinner party on Dec. 2. After dinner ILDA BERNARD's European slides were shown. We are missing MARY CARTER, who is recuperating from a recent illness at the home of her daughter, Dale, in Anniston, Ala. Currently on vacation are OTELIA COLEMAN, ELIZABETH HENDERSON and OLIVE RICHARDSON. FANNIE LOU STRYKER reports a delightful visit in Arkansas, where she was one of the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop Rockefeller.

— Barbara Wilbur

LANDSCAPE — C&M

WILLIAM TAFT COOK was married on Nov. 25 in York County. The Landscapers send their best wishes to Taft and his new wife, Elizabeth. HOWARD BRINDLE's son, Howard, Jr., a sixth-grader at Matthew Whaley School, had a winning article on the subject of "Freedom" appearing in the Richmond News Leader, recently. MOSES ARMSTEAD went to New York over the Thanksgiving holiday to visit friends. WOODROW W. POND, a new employee, gets a big welcome, having joined the Landscapers on Nov. 27. Practically all hunters in our section took their vacations at the beginning of the hunting season. Out after game were RICHARD H. STEWART, EMERSON COLLIER, ORLANDO SIMPSON, CHARLES SPENCER and HOMER PURCELL. BOBBY WILSON bagged a deer on the first day of hunting season.

— Dick Mahone

OFFICE MANAGERS

We are glad to hear that WILLIAM WILLIAMS' daughter, Alzena Marie, is home from Bell Hospital and getting along just fine. We hope HARVEY KELLEY's wife, Marion, who has been in Mary Immaculate Hospital for the past two weeks, will be home soon. JOHN MINKINS celebrated his seventh CW anniversary on Dec. 12. SELBY MITCHELL is also proud of his service, having reached his tenth anniversary this fall. The holidays will find ANGIE COWLES, CLARA O'NEAL, JOHN MINKINS and RUDOLPH HOLMES all on vacation.

— Betty Jacobs

CORPORATE RELATIONS

Welcome to AUDREY COLONA, who will replace ANNABEL THOMPSON when she leaves in January. Audrey is a native of Wilmington, Del., and her husband is enrolled in law school at William and Mary. T. J. HARDIE has returned from a vacation which he spent bird hunting. DICK TALLEY attended the Piedmont Industrial Relations Conference held in Winston-Salem recently. JIM FULLER enjoyed a week's vacation Nov. 23 to 29.

— Linda King

PRESENTATION

PETER and ANN BROWN will have Ann's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Shields of Philadelphia, visiting them for the holidays. MILDRED and Brent WITT are making plans to spend Christmas with Mildred's mother in Lynchburg. Your reporter will be spending two weeks during the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Robert Rhea in Louisville, Ky.

— Eugenia Thompson

RECEPTION CENTER

We welcome HARRY PATTON, our new assistant manager. He has come to Williamsburg from Petersburg, where he was with TV Station WXEX.

VASHTI ROGERS, our 18th-century fortune teller at Chowning's Gambols, and ANN DENNIS, our folk-dancing representative at the Capitol, are keeping us in the proper 18th-century Christmas spirit.

— Gail Bennett

INN KITCHEN

Our deepest sympathies to REBECCA DANIEL, one of our bakers, on the loss of her brother-in-law on Dec. 1.

— Pauline Brooks

INSTITUTE

November was a month of meetings and conferences for the staff of the Institute. BILL TOWNER and MIKE HALL went to Bryn Mawr to attend a symposium on Early Pennsylvania History; WID WASHBURN read a paper at the American Indian Ethnohistorical Conference in Columbus, Ohio.; LESTER CAPPON, JIM SMITH, WID WASHBURN, MIKE HALL, ELEANOR PEARRE, and BILL TOWNER attended the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association in Durham where Bill presided over a session on Economic Aspects of the Southern Colonies, and the Institute and CW were co-sponsors of a Conference on the History of Architecture here in Williamsburg. Lue Thomas, now living in Pittsburgh, was a welcome visitor in the office. She was back to demonstrate Christmas wrapping for the Junior Woman's Club.

Proud Parents

Gregory Banks, born Nov. 19, 1956; weight five pounds; father, Richard E. Banks, Building C&M.

Marvin Wayne Cooke, born Nov. 19, 1956; weight 6 lbs., 12 oz.; father, James Arnold Cooke, Craft House.

Blane Emanuel Marrow, born Nov. 23, 1956; weight 6 lbs., 11 oz.; father, Plato Marrow, Jr., Campbell's Tavern.

Aaron Mack Williams, born Dec. 1, 1956; weight 8 lbs., 8 oz.; father, John Mack Williams, Williamsburg Lodge.

Secretary's Reward

The Secretary stood at the pearly gate
Her face was worn and old.
She merely asked the man at the gate
For admission to the fold.

What did you do down there? St. Peter asked.
To gain admission here?
Oh, I used to be a Secretary
Down there for many a year.

The pearly gates swung open sharp
As St. Peter tapped the bell.
Come in, Girl Friday, and take your harp.
You've had enough of H - - -

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