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Chuck Kagry

CW's Craft Advisory Board members are shown here examining items presented at the February 17 meeting. Seated from left to right are Paul Buchanan, Ed Riley, Harold Sparks, Mildred Layne, and Bill Geiger. Standing from left to right are Rudolph Bares, John Graham, and Bill deMatteo.

CW Craft Advisory Committee Holds Five-Hundredth Meeting, February 17

CW's Craft Advisory Committee recently held its five-hundredth meeting, marking over thirty years of continuous service since its inception in the late 1930's. The meeting got underway in Room B at the Conference Center at 10:00 a. m. on February 17.

Harold Sparks, director of CW's Merchandising Department and acting chairman of the committee, opened the anniversary gathering which soon began the business of the day, discussing and approving articles to be offered for sale in either CW's reproductions program or in Craft Shops in the Historic Area.

Members of the committee who were present for the meeting included Rudolph Bares, Paul Buchanan, Frank Cross, Bill deMatteo, John Graham, Mildred Layne and Ed Riley. Eleanor Duncan and CW president Carlisle Humelsine were unable to attend.

CW's reproductions program got underway here in 1936, resulting from the insistent demand by visitors to Williamsburg for copies of the furniture and furnishings on exhibition in Colonial Williamsburg. The Craft Advisory Committee was a simultaneous development inasmuch as there was a need for a permanent staff to approve articles to be offered for sale to the public.

This committee is responsible for approval of all CW reproductions, adaptations, souvenirs and commemorative articles to be included in the reproductions program. Since 1961, the committee members have also had the duty of approving articles to be sold in Craft Shops throughout the Historic Area. Bill Geiger, director of CW's Craft Shops Department, serves as chairman when such articles are being considered by the members.

Here is a brief summary of the procedure used for getting an article

approved. CW chooses its manufacturers according to those which comply with the high standards required, and those who have capable craftsmen and facilities. These are specially licensed to make WILLIAMSBURG reproductions, adaptations, commemorative articles and souvenirs.

After a manufacturer has been selected and licensed to make WILLIAMSBURG furnishings, representatives of the manufacturer come to Williamsburg, and, together with Harold Sparks, make a tentative selection of items for reproduction. Harold then obtains curator John Graham's certification that the articles are proper for reproduction before proceeding with the actual developmental work.

Either the article or, in certain cases, a scale drawing is shipped to the manufacturer who proceeds to prepare sample copies. After the sample has been prepared, the manufacturer returns it to Harold along with the original from which it was copied. These are presented to the committee, which either approves the sample as submitted or holds approval pending necessary corrections. If corrections are needed, the original and sample copy are returned to the manufacturer with the committee's comments. In many instances, sample copies of a particular article may have to be presented several times before final approval is given by the committee.

When finally approved, the sample is returned to the manufacturer where it is kept as a permanent working model. The original article is again placed on exhibit in Williamsburg.

The manufacturer is now authorized to start production and distributes that article in accordance with his usual merchandising policies.

This same general procedure out-

Orene Emerson Wins National Merit Award In AH&MA Competition

Orene Emerson, front office manager at the Inn, was recently named recipient of the National Merit Award upon successful completion of the Hotel Accounting course sponsored by the Educational Institute of the American Hotel-Motel Association.

The announcement came in letter form from Harris Mitchell, executive vice president of the National Association of Hotel-Motel Accountants, Inc.

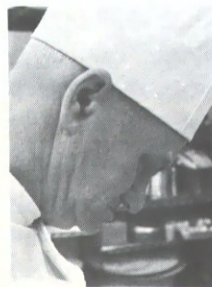
Orene will receive a \$25.00 U. S. Treasury Series "E" bond and a certificate from AH-MA Accountants, Inc. This award of distinction comes as a result of Orene's outstanding score earned on the final exam given here in the fall.

Orene, who had never had any accounting courses prior to this, was extremely surprised and pleased with the results. Arrangements are currently in the making for a special award ceremony.



lined above applies to adaptations, commemorative articles and souvenirs. When approving articles to be sold in Historic Area Craft Shops, several different considerations must be made. Many of these articles are made by the craftsmen in the shops and therefore naturally reflect his interpretation of an eighteenth-century piece. In this case, the committee is not particularly concerned with the article being an exact reproduction. However, the piece must be representative and have the appropriate flavor and feeling of the eighteenth century, as well as being excellently executed. In addition, products developed by outside manufacturers for sale in Historic Area Craft Shops, such as the pewter at the James Geddy Shop, must meet the same standards set by the reproductions program.

CWers might be interested in a few comments about the first Craft
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James Holler, CW employee, has a very interesting job. He makes ice cream at the Commissary. For more details, see page two.

Watch Out . . . For Flowers!

When last Thursday's snow and chilly winds were making life rather miserable here in Williamsburg, few, if any, CWers were thinking about spring. To be sure though, it is on the way and the CW NEWS staff presents this article by Bob McCartney, CW biologist, to cheer up all weary winter minds

With spring approaching, more and more plants will be blooming in CW gardens throughout the Historic Area and around our visitor facilities.

Actually, there are some plants in flower year-round in Williamsburg. From the late fall Camellia sasanqua and Russian Olive are in bloom. Through the winter months with Common Witch Hazel, Wintersweet, Fragrant Honeysuckle, and Winter Jasmine we almost always have something in bloom. More showy plants will begin to appear with warmer days during late February and early March.

Watch for early flowering bulbs such as Snowdrops and Crocus, bedding plants such as Pansies and English Daisies, shrubs like Laurustinus and early varieties of Camellia japonica, and the Cornelian Cherry trees.

As March approaches, and, of course, all depends on the weather, watch for Flowering Quince, Forsythia, various fruit trees, and the deciduous Oriental Magnolias. More bulbs will be coming into bloom including small Bulbous Iris, Jonquils, Anemones, and Hyacinth. Periwinkle, a popular groundcover, will also be in bloom during March.

The Landscape Department hopes that all employees, as they pass through our gardens, will notice and enjoy these early harbingers of spring. Rather than telling you where to look, let's just say - keep your eyes open and you'll discover something blooming almost everywhere!

Inn Dining Room Extends Evening Hours

In addition to the Lodge Coffee Shop and Cascades Restaurant, a late supper now is available for CW visitors and Williamsburg residents at the Inn. This CW dining facility recently extended its hours of food service to include a supper menu, available from 9 until 11 p. m., seven days a week.

Guests may choose from a gourmet menu which includes three steaks, borchettes of seafood or beef, crabmeat dewey, ham and tomato short-

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James Holler --- CW's Ice Cream Man

Did you know that only one man makes all the ice cream sold in CW restaurants? That happens to be fact and his name is James Holler, officially known as ice cream production man at the Commissary.

Mr. Holler not only makes ice cream, in the summer months averaging 175 gallons a day, but also loves to eat it. He commented, "ice cream is good for you...it's a nutritious dessert for people of all ages."

Mr. Holler, who began his career in food services at age seventeen, came to CW in 1954 as kitchen supervisor at King's Arms Tavern. In 1961, he transferred to the Commissary and took over his current duties of preparing all ice creams and ices served in CW restaurants. He particularly enjoys making ice cream as he noted that "it is a nice feeling to know that you are actually producing something which is enjoyed by so many people."

He follows standard recipes in preparing the creams and ices, but often the tartness of fruits or other ingredients varies with the season. When this occurs, he samples the product and then determines what should be increased or decreased, making necessary adjustments for consistent quality rather than following exactly the set recipe. Any CWer who has had the privilege of tasting Mr. Holler's creams or ices will agree that he is a real expert in this field.

He noted that he had not developed the flavors offered by CW, but had helped to modify CW's famous green gage plum ice cream which is served at King's Arms Tavern. The other flavors he makes include eggnog, fig, chocolate, vanilla speck, coffee, peppermint candy, and black walnut. The ices include raspberry, orange, and lemon, all of which are extremely popular in the summer.

He uses a ten-gallon capacity machine for making both types of frozen desserts. For ice cream, five gallons of mix yields ten gallons in the frozen expanded state. For the ices he uses seven gallons of mix in order to get a ten-gallon yield. The ice cream freezing process takes approximately six minutes, while the ices require a longer, twenty-minute cycle to freeze.

According to Mr. Holler the finished product is stored for several days after it is made. This necessary time period allows the flavor to ripen or blossom throughout the product.

When asked about making special flavors of ice cream, he recalled a recipe which he and head pastry chef Rolf Herion developed for a special party at the Inn during the Christmas holidays some years ago. The flavor was "champagne-peach," and was a real challenge to make.

As mentioned previously, Mr. Holler usually produces 175 gallons a day in the summer months, according to what flavors are in demand. However, there are always exceptions and he remembers making 325 gallons during one past summer day when the demand was exceptionally great. In 1968, Mr. Holler produced 26,525 gallons of creams and ices for CW.

Photographs accompanying this story were taken on the scene by Jane Iseley, staff photographer. These will give the reader a good idea of the basic process Mr. Holler uses in preparing orange ice.



Grated orange peel is prepared the day before making the ice.



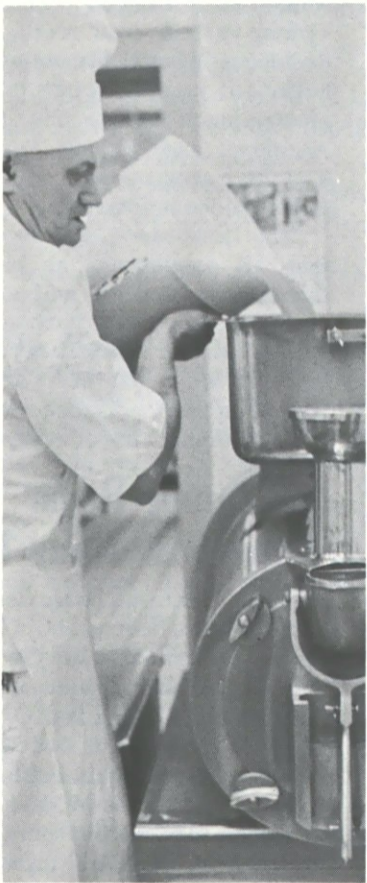
Cartons are assembled, dated and labeled.



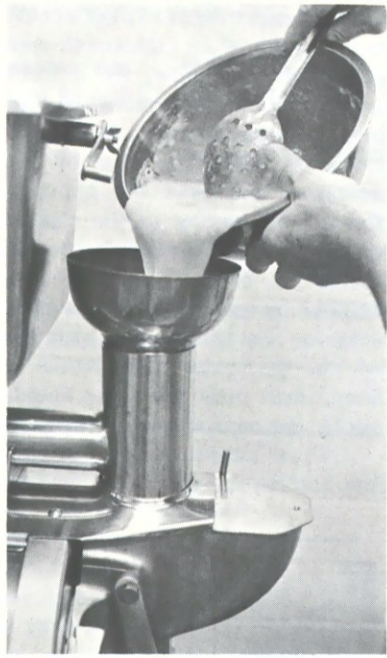
The main ingredients are mixed by hand in a large vat.



Then, measured.



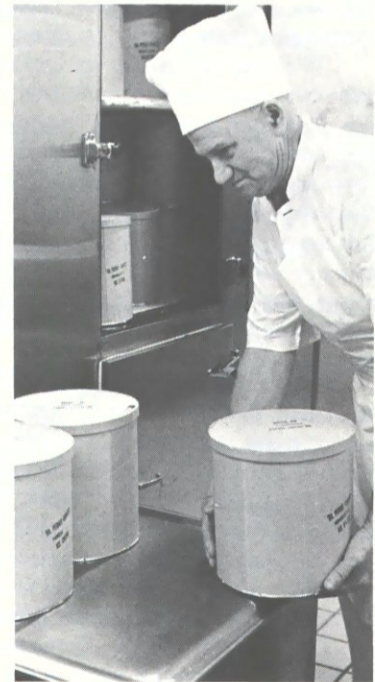
And poured into the machine.



Other ingredients are added.



A few minutes later, the finished product is ready.



The final step is storage.

Randy Wilson Succeeds Watkins In AC&M Post

Maynard R. Wilson has been named successor to Ed Watkins as superintendent of warehouse and yards, according to Lyman Peters, director of CW's Purchasing and Estimating Department. Randy assumed his new duties on February 5.

Randy first worked for CW as a timekeeper for the former Construction and Maintenance Department until 1957 when he was called into military service. He returned to CW in 1959 as a clerk at the Paint Shop and in 1960 he transferred to the Purchasing and Estimating Department as warehouse clerk for the main warehouse. He was named senior warehouse clerk in 1964 and worked in that position until his recent promotion to superintendent of warehouse and yards.

Randy and his wife, Wilmer Jean, have two daughters. He is a member of Providence Methodist Church in Dare and is vice president of the Grafton chapter of Woodmen of the World. He is especially interested in electronics, and enjoys fishing and duck hunting in his spare time.



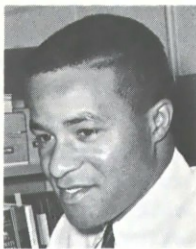
Six Employees Receive Promotions In VA&M

Roland Wallace, former cost and record clerk for LC&M, assumed his new duties as warehouse manager in Merchandising on November 25.

Roland joined CW in 1960 as cost and record clerk and worked in that position until his promotion last November. He has also worked part-time for CW, first as a bartender at the Lodge during 1963 and in 1964 as a captain in the Lodge Dining Room.

He is a member of the Grove Civic Organization and serves on the nominating committee of the Rawls Byrd PTA. He is a member of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church.

Roland's mother, Alma Wallace, works for CW as supervisor of the Lodge pantry and his father, Thomas, is senior cook at the Inn.

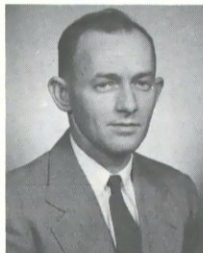


Perry Dutton

Levin P. Dutton, Jr., was promoted from head steward to assistant manager of the Lodge Catering Department, effective February 1.

Perry began working for CW in 1953 as a patrolman with the CW Police Force. In October of that year he transferred to the Inn as assistant steward, becoming steward in 1956. From March to October of 1957 he served as head storekeeper at the Commissary, then worked as steward at the Inn and for a short time at the Cafeteria. He has worked at the Lodge since 1962, first as steward and more recently as head steward.

Perry is a member of the Virginia National Guard, in which he has served since 1948. He celebrated his fifteenth anniversary with CW last March.

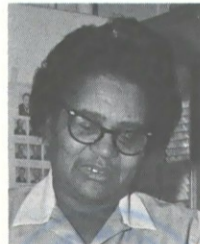


Evelyn Randolph

Evelyn Randolph, former linen room attendant, has been named inspectress and linen room supervisor at the Inn. The promotion became effective February 2. In her new post, Evelyn will have complete responsibility for requisitioning linens and for the condition of public spaces and meeting room set-ups in the Inn Conference Room.

Evelyn has worked for CW since 1952, when she joined the organization as a night maid at the Inn. Since then she has worked as both a night maid and a day maid. She was named linen room attendant in 1964 and worked in that capacity until her recent promotion to inspectress and linen room supervisor.

Evelyn's son, Jerome, Jr., works



for CW as a guard at AARFAC. Another son, Louis, works as a bellman at the Inn. She is active in the Pastor's Aid Club and the Missionary Society of Oak Grove Baptist Church.

Elizabeth Thornton

Elizabeth Thornton has been promoted from public space maid to inspectress at the Motor House. Her new duties became effective on

February 2.

Elizabeth was employed in 1962 as a maid at the Motor House. In 1965 she became public space maid and continued in that position until her recent promotion to inspectress.

She is a member of St. John's Baptist Church where she is active in the Busy Bee Club and serves as president of the Nurses Corps. Her hobbies include sewing, reading, growing flowers, and meeting people.



Deloris Walker

Deloris Walker, former maid at the Inn, has been named to the newly created position of head maid there. The appointment became effective February 2.

In this new post she will act as inspectress for fifty-two rooms on the two days each week that the regular inspectress is off duty. During the other days of the week, she will service guest rooms.

Deloris will accrue thirteen years of service with the organization in July of this year. Prior to her promotion, Deloris had worked as maid at the Inn since she came to CW in 1956.

She is a member of St. John's Baptist Church and her hobbies include sewing, reading and making desserts.



Roland Epps

Roland Epps has been promoted from headwaiter at the Cascades to assistant manager there. The announcement came last week.

Roland first worked for CW in 1942 as a bus boy at the old Travis House and later as a locker boy at the pool. He left CW at that time and returned later in 1952 as a waiter at the Lodge. He was named banquet waiter at the Conference Center in 1964 and in 1967 he became a banquet captain there. Roland moved to the Cascades Restaurant last year when it was first opened.

Roland's wife, Verna, also works for CW as a supervisor at the Cafeteria. He is a member of the First Baptist Church and enjoys a variety of sports, including boating and fishing.



Lelia Winn Celebrates Thirty Years With CW

Lelia B. Winn, administrative assistant to the comptroller for the Division of Visitor Accommodations and Merchandising, celebrated thirty years of service with CW on February 27.

Lelia joined CW in 1939 as secretary to the auditor in the hotel accounting office. In 1950, she became administrative assistant to the auditor and in 1957 she was named to her present position as administrative assistant to the comptroller.

Lelia handles much of the detail that comes to the comptroller's desk. She also directs the Accounts Receivable Office and is responsible for the collection of delinquent accounts.

Lelia and her husband, Warfield, live in the Carter Brothers Store. She is a member of the Bruton Parish Altar Guild and is interested in spectator sports.

Craft Advisory (Cont.)

Advisory Committee meeting. Here are several quotes from the minutes of that meeting.

"The first meeting of the Craft Advisory Committee met on Tuesday afternoon, April 27, 1937, at 2:30 o'clock, at the request of Mr. Darling, Secretary."

"Present: Messrs. Geddy, Darling, Norton, Kendrew, Cogar, Jones and McCreary. Mr. Cudlipp, of New York, and Mrs. Shurtleff, of Boston, were unable to attend."

"Mr. Darling distributed several bulletins concerning the development of the Craft Program and a list of stores which are being considered as selected distributors."

The recent February 17 meeting was very similar to the first held in 1937, with the exception being that many more articles were presented for the committee's comments and approval. Several were approved and will now go into production by CW licensed manufacturers; others will be returned for necessary corrections and changes. It is perhaps phenomenal to consider just how large this CW program has become during these thirty years. There are well over fifteen hundred articles listed in CW's Craft House catalogue alone.

CW's reproductions program is considered one of the most successful of its kind in the United States. Harold Sparks noted that "the fundamental reason for this is the excellence of the judgments made by those serving on the committee. The public respects our stamp of approval, which in itself stands for quality and excellence."

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cake, or a reuben sandwich. Two seafood appetizers, a pate, two varieties of soup, cheesecake, assorted pastries, ice creams, sherbets and a variety of standard beverages complete the list of selections. Mixed beverage service, recently added, also is available until 10:30 p.m.



Philip Ferguson Tops Thirty-Five Years Here

Philip Ferguson, assistant chef at the Inn, topped thirty-five years of service with Colonial Williamsburg on February 25.

Philip began working for CW in 1933 as a cook at the Inn. Over the years he has held such jobs as baker at the Inn, pastry cook, head cook and chef at the Travis House, and cook at the Lodge and at Chowning's Tavern. Philip has been at the Inn since 1946 and he was named to his present position there as assistant chef in 1954.

Philip and his wife, Julia, have three sons and three daughters. Two sons, Roland and Gerard, are former employees and his mother, Ethel, is a retired employee. Philip is a member of the Elks and especially enjoys baseball.



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HOSTESS SECTION - Louise Parker

BLAND MacGILLIVRAY is the proud grandmother of twin boys, Timothy and Thomas. ELIZA DARDEN has a new grandson, Michael Holland.

MARION LOEDDING, GEORGIANNA and Henry WANN, and VIRGINIA MARVIN have just returned from a Caribbean cruise. Henry brought home a real, honest-to-goodness Indian canoe! CATHERINE FORBES's son, Stuart, and his wife, Janet, have returned from England. Stuart has started his law practice with Mr. Fred Bateman in Newport News.

SYLVIA McKINSEY has a broken arm. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery, Sylvia. EDITH WOODS and ARLENE FABBRI have returned to "active duty" in the Hostess Corps. Welcome back, girls.

The annual Hostess Dinner was held in the Virginia Room at the Conference Center on February 26, at 6:45 p.m. We had a wonderful turnout and the festivities were enjoyed by all.

MOTOR HOUSE HOUSEKEEPING - Mildred Webb

The housekeepers and inspectresses gave a farewell luncheon for Lelia Cox on February 12 at the Cascades. Lelia retired from CW on February 1 after ten years of service as night inspectress. CARRIE SWEENEY, on behalf of her associates, presented Lelia with a corsage of three pink carnations and a pair of brass candle holders. Lelia will make her home in Roanoke, Va.

DOROTHY BROWN had as recent guests her daughter and son-in-law from Virginia Beach. Returning to work from vacations are ALBERTA JONES, PHYLLIS JONES, MARTHA THURMAN, ESTHER JOHNSON, VIRGINIA JUDKINS, and DORIS WADE. We also welcome back LOUISE CALLIS who has been out due to her husband's illness. We are glad to report that he is much improved.

Warm welcomes go to ELIZABETH THORNTON, newly named inspectress, and SUSIE WALLACE and GLADYS SNASH, new maids. New housemen include BERNARD JOHNSON, CHARLES BROOKS and THELMA TABB, JR.

On our sick list are MILDRED PEARSON, HORTENSE KING, NANCY JEFFERSON, and CLARETTA PARKER. Wishes for speedy recoveries are extended to all. HAZEL JONES has returned to work after a short illness.

NANCY PETERSON had as her weekend guest her son, Jones Peterson, who is stationed at Langley Field.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE - Lue Morgan

LEAMON WILDER has returned from a delightful vacation trip to Florida. GEORGE BOYD and WILLIAM RUSSELL enjoyed their vacations. George's son was wounded in Vietnam, but is now back in the States recuperating.

We are glad to have SADIE PARSONS back at work after being out sick. We bid farewell and send good wishes with Harold Amos who recently left the paint shop.

COMMISSARY - Hazel Majette

We are glad to report that WILLIAM WALLACE is improving from a recent back operation. GEORGE GREEN has also been in the hospital for surgery and is now recuperating.

Commissary employees enjoying vacations are: JAMES JACKSON, WILLIAM WALLACE, CLYDE DEAN, JAMES RUSSELL, JANE TURNER, and EDDIE LEMON.

We welcome LORETTA KARPAVICIUS as a new member of JOHN ALLAN's staff.

PERSONNEL RELATIONS - Mary Hughes

Congratulations to former employee Nancy Gulden on the arrival of a new son, Kenneth Dwayne, born January 25.

We bid farewell to FRANCES NORWOOD who transferred to the Gift Shops office. In her place we welcome LYNN SHELDON from the Mimeograph Room.

CASCADES - Editor

Our sympathy is extended to TAZIEL WALLACE whose wife died Wednesday, February 12, in Spain after a long illness.

MERCHANDISING - Editor

Our sympathy goes to VIRGINIA BOWLING whose husband died Friday, February 14, in Williamsburg Community Hospital. Mr. Bowling was also the father of THERESA FRANK, desk attendant at the Visitor Accommodations Service Desk.

LANDSCAPE - Bob McCartney

As spring approaches Landscape personnel are busy with preparations for the Garden Symposium and the many things that must be done to make our outdoor scene more attractive in the coming months.

We welcome to our staff JOE FLEMING who is our new records clerk. Joe is recently retired from the U. S. Army and lives in Skipwith with his wife and three children. Also new in our department is JACK HUGHES who transferred from MO&M. Having gone from working in the boiler room to working aloft with our tree crew, one might say that he is moving up in the world!

Some personnel have transferred within the department. NATHAN TALCOTT, formerly garden foreman in the west Historic Area, has moved to the Information Center area, trading places with EMERSON COLLIER. Helping BEN GILBERT cut over 150 cords of wood to keep Williamsburg's home fires burning this winter has been the temporary assignment of THOMAS ROANE, GERALD TYLER, THOMAS BROOKS, and CHARLES JONES who normally work at the Golf Course. GEORGE BANKS, WARD JAMES, and GEORGE EDWARDS, who usually work in the Lodge-Inn area, have also been helping out in the woods.

We miss DANIEL LOUDEN, DOUGLAS JOHNSON, and THOMAS BANKS who returned to their normal jobs with Archaeology in order to excavate the former site of the Morris House. Reports are that they have made some interesting finds.

Your reporter recently spoke before the Toano Garden Club and DICK MAHONE recently addressed the Virginia Turfgrass Conference in Richmond. Dick claims that the reason his truck may smell like a distillery is because on a recent hunting trip his dogs found an active still and had a grand time rolling in the contents of an over-ripe mash barrel.

CAFETERIA - Carrie Radcliffe

Get well wishes are extended to our manager, HUBERT ALEXANDER, and DORA PERDUE. Wishes for a speedy recovery also go to SHIRLEY ALLEN who is in the hospital.

Employees now on vacation include LIZ ROBINSON, your reporter, ETHEL DAVIS and ADELL TYLER.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Anne Campana

Allen and JANE TYLER had as their house guests during the second session of the Antiques Forum, Jane's mother, Mrs. J. L. Abbot, and a friend, Mrs. John Early Jackson, from Lynchburg.

MARY GRIFFIS and son, Ron, took a quick trip to Atlanta, Ga., to visit relatives. Ron has just enrolled at James Blair High School. Carl and VIRGINIA ROSEBERG attended the annual College Art Association meeting in Boston. While there, they visited Bunny Turvey, a former staff writer in the Press Bureau, and her daughter, Jennifer.

Johnny Gonzales, a freshman, is on the soccer team at Christ Church School and his father reports that his arm is standing up well under the assaults of the "enemy" teams. Your reporter had the delightful experience of having an honorary mayor in the family. Richard, a Life Scout with Troop 106, was selected to be mayor for the day during Boy Scout Week.

Marguerite Gignilliat Old, former member of the Press Bureau staff, came by for a visit on February 14, while her husband attended a meeting in Norfolk.

COSTUME DEPARTMENT - Kate Rock

Our usually healthy group has been plagued with more than their share of ailments recently. In addition to the many cases of flu - CORRIE STULEN, FRANCES WRIGHT, MAUNDI NOTAROS, MARIE BEASLEY, and AGNES YU have all spent some time in the hospital, and our latest casualty is HORTENSE HIGGS, who broke her wrist. This accident should be a lesson for the ladies - don't use a stool to stand on for your house work!

One happy item - BETTY WISEMAN has gone to Alabama for her vacation.

MO&M - Mildred Sprinkel

We extend warm welcomes to the following new employees in MO&M: JAMES R. YOUNG, PAT BERG and EDGAR MORECOCK, in the automotive section; and JOHN R. MARTIN in the Lodge boiler room.

We send get well wishes to GARY GRAHAM and JAMES JENKINS, who have been released from Riverside Hospital and are now recuperating at home. HERBERT JACOBSON has returned to work after his recent operation.

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