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'25-Year Clubbers' Chorley, Williams Get Silver Bowls

Handsome silver bowls, symbolic of 25 years of service to Colonial Williamsburg, were presented at an employees meeting May 13th to Kenneth Chorley, President, and Monier Williams, Director of Operating Services. They were the first recipients of the 25-year service award.

Immediately upon receiving the bowl, "KC" called the "first meeting of the 25-Year Club," and nominated and then elected Monier Williams as its President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, to the amusement of the gathering of employees and trustees in the Matthew Whaley School auditorium.

A surprise presentation of a silver bowl was made to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., for his 25 years of association with the restoration of this 18th century Virginia capital. The award was presented by Vanderbilt Webb, a CW trustee, on behalf of the trustees, and was accepted on behalf of his father by Winthrop Rockefeller, new chairman of the Board who presided at the meeting.

The meeting was preceded by a Matthew Whaley Band concert and opened with the singing of spirituals by the Colonial Williamsburg Quintet. Mindful of the troublesome problems inherent in a quarter-century, the Quintet dedicated a number entitled, "Ain't Them Hard Trials," to KC.

In his speech of acceptance, KC read two original documents which he called the birth certificates of Colonial Williamsburg. One was a telegram authorizing Dr. Goodwin to buy an "antique" at "eight." The antique was the Paradise House, and the eight meant eight thousand dollars. It was the first property purchased for restoration purposes.

The second document was a letter from Mr. Rockefeller to Colonel Arthur Woods, CW's first President, with whom KC came to Williamsburg in the role of assistant. The letter read in part, . . . "The purpose of this undertaking is to restore Williamsburg, so far as it may be possible, to what it was in the old colonial days and to make it a great center for historical study and inspiration. The purpose of this letter is to authorize my office to finance this entire program whether it costs three or four or even five millions of dollars."

In a reminiscent vein, KC then recalled some of the highlights, (Continued on Page 2)



IN RECEIVING LINE, following the presentation of their 25-year awards, Monier Williams and Kenneth Chorley are congratulated by Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Vaughan (foreground), Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hardy and other fellow employees and their families.

Ninth Craft Added

Bookbinder Opens Shop

A bookbinder became the ninth craftsman plying an 18th century trade here when the bookbinding shop opened in the Printing Office this month.

In 18th century America, particularly in the South, printing and bookbinding went hand in hand; so now that the exhibit has been installed, the Printing Office picture is complete.

CW's bookbinder, C. Clement Samford, who was employed the first of the year, has had a varied career, being at times a concert violinist and a librarian. He once practiced bookbinding only as a hobby, but six years ago he took training in the art and adopted it as a profession.

Clement accomplished the majority of the research and directed the purchasing of the tools. Helping him in his task of assembling the exhibit were John Allgood, who made a brazier for heating tools, and Lou Bullman, who aided in making reproductions of and altering modern day equipment.

Bill Geiger, Assistant Director of the Craft Shops, reports that

the aims of the bookbinding shop will be threefold in addition to the primary function of interpretation. The shop will act as a service to CW in repairing valuable books in the various collections; it will handle custom bookbinding in the colonial manner; and it will turn out a series of sales items such as leather boxes, book marks and pocketbooks.

Months of preparation and study preceded the opening. Research work was made extremely difficult because of the lack of concrete information on colonial binding. Although all printers in early Williamsburg were known to have practiced bookbinding in their shops, only four binders are known by name: William Parks, John Streach, George Fischer and Thomas Brend.

Most of the facts concerning the art were gleaned from such scattered bits as advertisements in the *Gazette*, petitions and memorials to the Government, deeds and wills from the York County records, entries in the day-books of binders and an occasional record (Continued on Page 2)

Norton Goes To Bowdoin On July 1; Humelsine Here As His Successor

Bela W. Norton, who resigned as CW's Executive Vice-President this month, will take up his new duties as Vice-President and Director of Public Relations and Development at Bowdoin College on July 1. He will continue to be available to Colonial Williamsburg, which he served for more than 20 years, as consultant.

At Bowdoin, from which he graduated summa cum laude in the class of 1918, he will assist the president in formulating policies affecting public relations and will be active in development work to assure Bowdoin as a strong college of liberal arts.

A Maine native, Mr. Norton came to Williamsburg following newspaper and public relations work in New York. He was a reporter on the New York Sun and later was assistant city editor of the New York Evening Post. In 1926, he joined the public relations firm of Ivy Lee and Associates, and came to Williamsburg in 1932 on loan from that firm to help CW with its publicity program.

When the Department of Public Relations was organized in 1935, he became its director and in 1948 he succeeded the late Vernon Geddy as executive Vice-President and senior resident officer of Colonial Williamsburg.

His career in Williamsburg spanned an era that saw the entire face of the town changed, and many of CW's most challenging projects become reality. In his time the number of visitors grew from a trickle to more than 400,000 a year.

With his popular, Canadian-born wife, he became an important member of the community. He served for 11 years on the School Board, part of the time as chairman. During World War II he was Chairman of the Williamsburg War Board. He has been a director of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce and of the Virginia Travel Council. As Vice-President of the Jamestown Corporation he was active in the development of "The Common Glory." Recently, he had been a member of the committee planning the Jamestown celebration for 1957, the year when America will have been an independent nation for as long as it was a colony.

Hanging on the wall in his office, opposite his desk, are crossed spears and a shield which he brought back from a trip to Africa in 1948 with Mr. John D. Rockefeller III, and these, perhaps, are as fitting a symbol as can be found of his far-ranging interests and activities.

Succeeding him as Executive (Continued on Page 2)



Bela Norton with Mrs. Norton



Carlisle H. Humelsine

Branscomb Elected Board Member At Trustees' Semi-Annual Meeting

At the semi-annual meeting here of the Board of Trustees of CWI, Chancellor Harvie Branscomb of Vanderbilt University was elected eighth member of the Board. Other members are Hor-

ace M. Albright, Armistead Boothe, Kenneth Chorley, Winthrop Rockefeller, John D. Rockefeller III, Dr. Henry M. Stryker and Vanderbilt Webb.

A native of Alabama, Dr. Branscomb was graduated from Birmingham College, attended Oxford as a Rhodes scholar and received his PhD from Columbia in 1924. He became Chancellor of Vanderbilt in 1946, having previously served as Dean of the Duke School of Divinity.

Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Branscomb has taken an active part in educational, cultural and religious activities. He has made a number of investigations and studies for the General Educational Board, of which he is a trustee, and for the Carnegie Corporation. In 1948 he was appointed by President Truman as chairman of the United States Advisory Commission on Education Exchange.



Harvie Branscomb

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News & Comment

On April 20, the general strike of union carpenters in eastern Virginia threatened to halt all work on CW projects, but it is gratifying to report that it was possible to re-schedule work so that other employees, whose jobs would have been affected by the strike, were able to be continued at work.

It is also gratifying that the carpenters elected to return to work May 4, pending a settlement of the dispute between the Eastern District Council of Carpenters and the Eastern Virginia Association of Contractors.

Milestones

During March, 1953, the following employees have accrued years of service with Colonial Williamsburg as indicated below:

FIVE YEARS

Division of Architecture, Construction and Maintenance—Jessie P. Bass, Herbert L. Jacobson, William T. Reinecke, Alfred N. Driscoll.

Division of Visitor Accommodation—Justina Ford, Coffee Shop; Roberta Johnson, Coffee Shop.

ONE YEAR

Division of Architecture, Construction and Maintenance—Carrie Moore, James W. Trautman, Willis Hackett, Robert T. Hickman, Leonard Whiting, Emily Hall.

Division of Visitor Accommodations—Jeanne A. Cogle, Lodge Office; Della Banks, laundry; Louise Berkeley, Lodge House-keep; James E. Cotton, laundry; Mattie Hundley, laundry; Edith Randall, Lodge Kitchen; Helena Rawles, Inn Dining Room; George E. Tabb, Inn Bellforce; Daisy Waltrip, Inn Housekeeping; Charles W. Willis, King's Arms; Patricia Ann Stewart, Lodge Office.

Division of Treasurer and Comptroller—James A. Davidson, Elizabeth Jacobs.

Public Relations—John Van MacNair, Jr.

During April, the following employees have accrued years of service with Colonial Williamsburg as indicated below.

FIVE YEARS

Division of Visitor Accommodations—Orise Gingras, Inn House-keeping, Hattie Kearney, Laundry.

Division of Architecture, Construction & Maintenance—William Blockston.

Division of Presentation—Crata Popular.

ONE YEAR

Division of Visitor Accommodations—Everette Withee, Chowning's; Mary T. Brown, King's Arms; Blanche Buskirk, Inn Kitchen; Mary F. Campbell, Laundry; Bernice Charity, King's Arms; Louis Gregory, Inn Dining Room; Alice Holmes, Inn Dining Room; Samuel Lackland, Inn Dining Room; Gertrude Thornton, Lodge Dining Room; Willie Vine, Lodge Kitchen; Aileen Washington, Laundry; Viola Wilson, Inn Housekeeping.

Division of Architecture, Construction & Maintenance—Burton L. Rogers, William R. Roles, Norman Hazelwood, James Jones, George Washington, John P. Hite, Jr., Zack Tyler.

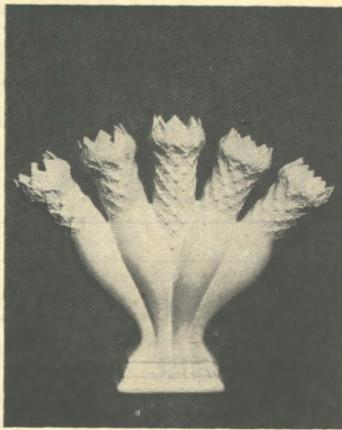
Division of Presentation—Ilda Bernard.

President's Office—Estelle P. Storch.

Proud Parents

Born:
To Daisy White (Visitor Acc.), daughter, April 4.
To Judge Patton (Visitor Acc.), daughter, Constance Laverne, 8 lbs., 4 oz., April 12.
To Roy Belvin (C&C), daughter, Alice Marie, May 11.

Best Seller



First In '52

The above posey holder, made by Mr. Palin Thorley in his pottery shop on Jamestown Road, was the number one dollar volume seller at Craft House in 1952. Sales on this item totaled \$11,795.50.

First position, however, is never a secure one. The William and Mary trivet placed second with sales of approximately \$10,000, and the George II trivet ran a close third.

For many years the original posey holder was displayed in the Wythe House, but it attracted so much attention that the original was moved into a glass case in the Travel Office lobby, where it is displayed beside its reproductions.

25-Year Awards

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anecdotes and decisions down the years, giving particular emphasis to CW's role in bringing the understanding of America's heritage to the fighting men from nearby camps.

Pointing out that neither Dr. Goodwin nor Mr. Rockefeller alone could have brought Colonial Williamsburg to where it is today, he said, "The people who have done that are the people sitting in this auditorium, plus the people who are members of this great family who could not be here tonight. I am proud of my association with you, and I am proud of what you have accomplished."

He cited the following employee length-of-service records as a fine example of stability for a young organization:

- 20 to 24 years—20.
- 15 to 19 years—54.
- 10 to 14 years—69.
- 5 to 9 years—236.
- 1 to 4 years—445.

In conclusion, CW's President paid tribute to Mr. Rockefeller as "the fountain from which we could all draw the strength, the knowledge and the inspiration to carry out this exciting project. May God spare him to us for many years to come."

Norton To Bowdoin

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Vice-President is Carlisle H. Humelsine, former Deputy Undersecretary of State.

Mr. Humelsine was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1915, and after graduating from the University of Maryland in 1937, he served as special assistant to Dr. H. C. Byrd, University president, for four years. During World War II he was attached to the office of General George C. Marshall, with responsibility for organizing and operating the world-wide communications network of the Chief of Staff.

Before being named director of the State Department's Office of Departmental Administration in 1946, he was Colonial Williamsburg's Director of Personnel Relations for a short period.

With his wife, the former Mary Miller Speake, of Luray, and his two daughters, Mary Carlisle, 7, and Barbara Anne, 4, he will occupy the Taliaferro-Cole house on Duke of Gloucester Street.

Show That Pass!

It is requested that all employees who visit the exhibition buildings on business, including officers-in-charge, identify themselves by their employees' pass.



TREASURER'S DIVISION

Bob Starke, Don Handville and Ted Tarver of Lybrand, Ross Brothers and Montgomery Auditing Firm have returned to New York after six weeks of auditing the books of CWI and WRI. Mr. and Mrs. John Farrar (he is a supervisor for the firm) were also recent visitors in Williamsburg.

A party honoring AUDREY MULLER was given by members of the division on April 29 at Nick's Seashore Pavilion in Yorktown. Audrey resigned on May 1 to travel with her husband, who has been transferred to Virginia Beach for the summer. JEANNE BENTLEY is now filling Audrey's vacancy.

On May 9, JANE HUBBARD and WOODLEY J. BLACKWELL were married at St. Stephens Church in Heathsville. Those who attended the wedding and the reception at the bride's home included GRACE RAITER, RALPH BOWERS and GENE SHELDON, who was Blackie's best man. Prior to the wedding a stag party was given for Blackie at the home of GILLY GRATTEN. Those attending were COLONEL WHEAT, BOB EVANS, BILLY HUMPHREY, JIMMY DAVIDSON, BILL ETCHBERGER, KEN SLATER, GENE SHELDON and BILL BENTEN. GRACE RAITER, AUDREY MULLER and BERNICE HUDSON were among those present at a shower for Jane given by NANCY BURLESON.

Division members who gathered honors this month are JIMMY DAVIDSON, who was elected Treasurer of the local Jaycees and MARY LOU HAZELWOOD and PHYLLIS CODY who were initiated into the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

On the sporting scene, ELIZABETH STUBBS, BERNICE HUDSON, BOB AMORY and BOB EVANS have qualified to enter the President's Cup Golf Tournament. Those attending the Women's Bowling Banquet at Nick's in Yorktown were GRACE RAITER, ANGIE KOCH, LORRAINE EVANS, MILDRED SPRINKLE, NANNIE FRANK, CLARA O'NEIL and BERNICE HUDSON.

I. L. JONES, JR., recently visited New York to attend the meeting of the American Management Association; while he was in the big city, he also attended to several insurance problems.

— Bernice Hudson

AUDIO-VISUAL

First of all this month is an item that just missed the last issue because of the modesty of BARBARA DEARSTYNE, who didn't tell us that one of her photographs, which she has called "Press Rehearsal," has been accepted for hanging in the current St. Louis International Exhibition of Photography. Well done, Barbara!

RAY MARTIN left us on May 8 at Uncle Sam's bidding, and in his place as film checker and shipper we have WARDELL JOHNSON. JIM SCHAADT is fully mobile again; he managed to scrape up enough money last week to have his cast removed.

ROSS PATTON has finished his Hope Chest at last. It is made out of knotty pine and is very fine to look upon, we hear. When asked what he needed a hope chest for, he said, "Hope!" Jim and Ross have found a secluded nook somewhere on the river, we understand, but the location is a dark secret. They want to escape the hot weather and visitors, it seems. Don't blame 'em if it goes on this way for the next three months or so.

The MYERS are blooming with health these days. Fresh produce from their garden is the secret. BETSY and CHRIS GILLESPIE gave a party on May 23 for RUTH JOLLY, who will marry Dick Forest on June 6. ART SMITH's project for the summer is furniture making. Various articles for the house and porch are on his agenda. That's one way of keeping the heat off one's mind, we'd say.

As we go to press, we learn that JIM MAYS attended the White House Photographers Association dinner in honor of the President at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington on May 22. Have a good time, Jim?

— Chris Gillespie

INN & LODGE

We are happy to have RALPH MOODY back with us after a short leave of absence. Our new operator at the Lodge is NELDA WHITE. She is replacing JESSE TAYLOR, who is transferring to the Upholstery Shop at the Inn. We were very sorry to see DENIS RYAN resign as Assistant Manager of the Lodge. Denis has accepted a job as Assistant Manager of the Westport Inn and Country Club, overlooking Lake Champlain in Westport, New York. DAVID HOLMES has transferred from the Accounting Section of Visitor Accommodations to the Accounting Section at the Goodwin Building.

JEANNE and DENNIS COGLE are enjoying a vacation in Florida. ERNEST LEE is also off on a trip. SHIRLEY HORD enjoyed a short vacation with her husband Jack before he was transferred to Camp Roberts in California. BARBARA PROWS is planning a trip to her home in Ohio the last of May, and DAVID BARRETT is motoring to Great Barrington, Massachusetts, to spend several days with his parents.

LORRAINE FORD is still in the hospital at Newport News following injuries received in an automobile accident; we hope she is back with us soon. DORIS KRESKE is at present in Bell Hospital but is improving and hopes to return home shortly. THELMA BROWN is walking with a cane as a result of a foot accident. We are so glad she escaped with only a minor injury.

JOHN GREEN attended the recent meeting of the Resort Committee for the American Hotel Association in Sun Valley.

— Jeanne Cogle

PROMOTION

BILL BIPPUS and TOM MCCASKEY turned movie producers last week for the filming of Ed Murrow's "See It Now" TV program. They report having great fun working with Joe Wershba, director of this production, and the camera crews from MGM News.

TOM MCCASKEY and his family are making thorough preparations for a safari from Williamsburg to the west coast and back. Their purpose: to see how the rest of America looks. On the trip out, they will hit most of the travel high spots from here to Los Angeles. They will return from San Francisco along the northern route.

— Sally Smith

CUSTODIANS

VIRGINIA WALLACE was called to Washington, D. C., for the funeral of her uncle, Benjamin Parrott, on May 8. We are glad to report that BEATRICE BANK's mother, Mrs. Carrie Banks, is improving nicely.

On May 17, CORNELIA TAYLOR's niece was married to THOMAS PARTLOW, an employee at the Inn. The marriage took place at Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jackson's Highland Park home, where the couple is now living. On June 11, Cornelia's daughter Doris and twin nieces, Frances and Ruth Wallace, are being graduated from Bruton Heights School.

— Cornelia Taylor

RESEARCH

Recent visitors to nearby colleges included FANONA KNOX, who spent the week end of May 8-10 at Hollins in Roanoke, and NANCY BURLESON, who returned to her alma mater, East Carolina College in Greenville, North Carolina, for Alumni Day on May 16.

MARY A. STEPHENSON, JANE and PIERCE MIDDLETON and JOHN HEMPHILL II attended a garden party given by the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond on May 16.

— Nancy Burleson

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Suggestion Awards

Emma Honeycutt (Visitor Acc.) \$5. That a pencil sharpener be installed in the Coffee Shop at the Lodge.

Crata Popular (Exhibitions) \$5. That the rug in the parlor of the Palace be moved to prevent possible damage.

If the persons who submitted Suggestions No. 7235, No. 7238 and No. 7300 will call by the Personnel Office, an explanation of their disposition will be made.

The suggestion submitted by Lorraine Evans and printed in last month's issue of the News is corrected to read as follows:

That lifetime passes be granted to husbands and wives of retired employees who have served the organization for five or more years and to widows or widowers of retired employees who served the organization for five or more years.

Book Binder

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of dealings with Benjamin Franklin from Franklin's files.

Local Records Yield Little

Various historical documents of early Virginia have yielded only an occasional paragraph. Consequently, the records of earlier and contemporary printing and binding establishments throughout the colonies have been heavily drawn upon in order to reconstruct the picture of what must have been the practice in Williamsburg.

Locating bookbinding equipment also created a problem. The only antiques that have been located are a set of burnishing tools discovered by Curator John Graham. The lettering stamps, the dividers, the work bench and plow stand, now on display, are all reproductions.

The reproduction of authentic tools has not been difficult, however, because bookbinding equipment has changed only slightly through the years. Minor alterations were all that was necessary to make later day pieces compare with those used by colonial artists.

The shop's first order was for copies of An Eighteenth Century Garland and Williamsburg, It's Buildings and Gardens, which were presented to President and Mrs. Eisenhower during their visit to Williamsburg on May 15, the date of the exhibit's opening.

The bookbinding display will be open daily, and Clement Samford will be in attendance five and one-half days a week.

Bus, Rail, Air Lines Promote Visits To City

American Airlines has recently released a beautiful four-color display of Williamsburg which was sent to all of their offices in the country and to 600 travel agencies.

The B&O Railroad has issued a folder entitled "Visit Historic Williamsburg," which is circulated to groups to encourage them to visit the city.

Greyhound recently put out a new folder on Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown; and Capital Airlines in Chicago and Grayline Sightseeing Tours of Washington each have new brochures on Williamsburg.

Chess, Anyone?

Ray Townsend, bootmaker, wants to revive the old CW Chess Club and requests all who are interested in "the game of pure skill" to contact him at his craft shop headquarters.

A meeting place for the club, a schedule of games, and the necessary rules and regulations will be decided upon after Ray has received a list of applicants. Let's go, chessmen.

CW's In College Show

Five CW employees took part in William & Mary's annualVarsity Show, "Give'm Hell," which was presented on the nights of May 11, 12 and 13, in Phi Beta Kappa Hall.

Two of the show's authors were Bill Farley and Barry Wilson, who also played the lead. Rev Michael, Bill Pyott (Architectural) and Diane Stevens (Theatre) actively participated.

Hear Ye!

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BUILDING — C&M

It's good to see BILL KELLER back on the job after his recuperation from a delicate operation performed in Richmond last month. AUGIE BLOCKSTON is having a difficult time finding that foam rubber scaffold promised Bill by C. E. H.

SUE and ROY BELVIN had their own version of England's Coronation on May 11, at 2:00 p. m. A young lady, weighing 9 pounds, 2 ounces, was crowned Alice Marie at Bell Hospital.

THELMA and J. P. BASS are going to try next year's vacation some place other than North Carolina. A slight case of ptomaine poisoning, incurred while eating in a relative's home, influenced their decision. Before J. P. went on vacation, he and his crew of ART BOGGER, CHARLIE DAVIS, WILLIE CRUMP, ART COLES and MORRIS WEST dug an invisible trench! If you doubt this and you have a few minutes, take a walk over to the Inn and try to find the spot where a four foot trench was dug one day for the laying of a new electrical service. RANDY CARTER, our surveyor, is still in doubt as to whether the work was ever accomplished. Just another piece of fine work by Construction's labor crew.

Here's hoping NEWT STANLEY will soon be back with us. Newt had a bit of tough luck in the form of an infected leg, which necessitated two blood transfusions.

RANDY WILSON, one of C & M's two most eligible bachelors (when he isn't busy being our field timekeeper) has a new haircut. Admitted, a new haircut is not unusual; but when the girls in the Goodwin Building started calling him "Doll Baby," our other bachelor friend, TOMMY BRUMMER, began pleading with Randy to tell him where he had his hair done.

Congratulations to JOE FISHER and his crew for the beautiful job at Holt's Storehouse. Last week BERT SCORE started the new picnic shelter at Tazewell Hall. Look's like he's developing a nice, cool spot for those hot days ahead.

STAN POWELL, our popular saw filer, tells us his favorite songs while driving to and from Newport News are: at 45 MPH—"Highways Are Happy Ways," at 55 MPH—"I'm But a Stranger Here," at 65 MPH—"Nearer My God to Thee," at 75 MPH—"When the Roll is Called Up Yonder," and at 85 MPH—"Lord, I'm Coming Home."

— Tom Russell

Congratulations to MONIER WILLIAMS for his 25 year service award and to BRUCE HARDY's son, Bruce, Jr., upon his engagement to Jean Ross of Stamford, Connecticut. Jean and Bruce are to be married on June 4 at USMA, West Point, New York.

We have just learned that SID BENTON's cat had kittens. Mother and family seem to be doing fine. TOM RUSSELL represented CW at the 19th Annual Virginia Safety Conference at Roanoke, May 6-9. He returned with many new ideas for the Safety Program.

Several weeks ago, BETTY ANNE BANDELOW and her husband Buddy motored to Cleveland, Ohio, for the week end. They were welcomed with a surprise and belated wedding reception.

We welcome CLARA AUMACK as GRANVILLE PATRICK's new secretary and wish MILDRED LANIER every success with her new job in the Curator's Section. We are glad to hear that PETE TUCKER's golf game is steadily improving; even though we have lost Mildred, we have high hopes of doing well in the Tournament.

— Tommy Brummer

LANDSCAPE — C&M

DICK MAHONE has returned from his vacation in Asheville, North Carolina, and other points in the vicinity. He played a lot of golf in preparation for the coming Tournament. JIM ROBERTSON is in Charlottesville for a delicate ear operation; we all wish him the best of luck.

It is rumored that GEORGE THOMPSON's family is practically in control at Matthew Whaley. George's daughter, Mary Lucille, is graduating this spring, but the family is still represented in the 10th, 8th, 7th, 6th, 5th, 4th and 3rd grades. Two of George's children have already finished school, and a baby has yet to enter. At present George is on vacation.

— Alden Eaton

MERCHANDISING

BEV CHANEY and the Souvenir Committee have been in the process of developing new souvenir items which will be of interest to children. Several of them are toy soldiers, a diorama of Williamsburg, a cardboard model of the Magazine, stationery, tricorn hats and jig-saw puzzles. The stationery and hats should be available for sale within the next few weeks.

MITZI DUBIN spent the week end of May 15 with her family in Glen Cove, Long Island. JACK UPSHUR and his wife recently spent a week end on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. RUTH JOLLY visited her parents in South Hill for a few days and attended several parties given in her honor.

PAGE FOLK is on the run again. She visited homes in Georgetown and Washington during Garden Week and spent Sunday, May 17, at "Stratford." LENA FENNELL and CAROLINE COCHRAN visited homes in Gloucester during Garden Week. VIRGINIA CLEMENTS is spending a week's vacation in Lynchburg. CAROLINE COCHRAN, CLARA OLIVER and Dr. Oliver spent a recent week end at the Chamberlin Hotel at Old Point Comfort.

— Ruth Jolly

OFFICE MANAGER'S

BETTY JACOBS' sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. JAMES CALLIS and son WAYNE are now living in Williamsburg. James is working as an electrician for the Restoration under O. ODELL. The Callises formerly lived in Kenbridge.

NANCY RAMSEUR, LYNETTE ADOCK of Research and PEGGY MARTIN of Personnel, visited Lynette's family in Oxford, North Carolina, the week end of May 9-10. All had a wonderful time—mostly at eating!

ROBERT SCOTT, a waiter at the Inn, who is temporarily serving as a chauffeur-messenger in this section, has helped tremendously during the last few rush weeks to keep car and messenger service on schedule. His assistance has been greatly appreciated by all here.

— Phyllis Keel

ARCHITECTURAL

Recently, the Board of Trustees of CWI and WRI toured the Architects' Office and inspected the work on the drafting boards. We're all looking forward to the June 1st arrival of ORIN BULLOCK, who will be our Supervisor of Architectural Research.

SING MOOREHEAD and his family spent ten days this month in Andover, Massachusetts, visiting Sing's brother. SARA and BILL BURTON recently returned from a visit with their families in Herndon, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howell of Oradell, New Jersey, were recent guests of DON and ELLA MAE PARKER.

NAN WARD was crowned the Sweetheart of Kappa Alpha Fraternity here. Nan's mother and STAN's parents were in Williamsburg for the big occasion.

— Aleda Hartman

CHOWNING'S TAVERN

On May 9th, Chowning's enjoyed entertaining a fine group of English, Irish and Scotch lads, who were on liberty from a British Man-of-War anchored nearby.

NATHALIE and EV WITHEE are busy getting settled in their new apartment on South Boundary Street. After spending a few days at his home in Poquoson HUGH WORNOM left us to take another position; we shall miss Hugh.

HERBERT RAINEY and MARIE VASSAR are back at their jobs after recent illnesses; Marie spent two weeks convalescing in Tampa, Florida. JAMES BROWN is still confined to his home, but we expect him back shortly.

Once again our Terrace Garden is open for serving, and it is as popular as ever. We are pleased to have four added tables this summer.

— Gene Champigny

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ON THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING DAY (April 29), Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Griffin of South England Street were surrounded by their sons, daughters and grandchildren, who gathered for a 50th Anniversary reunion. The Griffin's son Forrest (left background) is the Purchasing Steward in the Division of Visitor Accommodations and has been a CW employee for over 14 years.

Manuscript Hunt Gets Underway As Middleton Sails For Britain

A three-month search throughout England for manuscripts on Colonial Virginia will get underway in a few days when Pierce Middleton sails for Britain.

Pierce, CW's Director of Research, is particularly interested in investigating private papers, because the majority of CW's past research has already skimmed the cream from the large and well-catalogued repositories in London and at Oxford.

Special Projects Planned

There are several special projects that Pierce has planned for his summer abroad.

One project is a search for records on Lord Botetourt's state coach, a richly gilded, intricately

carved piece, which is believed to have been presented to the Royal Governor by the Duke of Cumberland. To verify this assumption, Pierce hopes to gain permission to look into the papers at the Royal Library at Windsor Castle.

On June 14, Pierce, who is a priest in Anglican Orders, has been invited to preach in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, which has been the private chapel of the Queen since Anne's day. The chapel is also the seat of the Royal Victorian Order, established by Queen Victoria as a means of bestowing honor, without reference to the Prime Minister, to persons who have rendered the monarch personal service.

Rennolds Accepts Position With Richmond Concern

Bill Rennolds, Assistant Director of Personnel Relations, is leaving June 15 to become the Personnel Director for Southern States Cooperative in Richmond. Bill, who was Southern States' Assistant Personnel Director from 1946 to 1952, will fill the post left vacant by the death of Robert E. Bentley on May 2.

A CW employee since August 1952, Bill is a native of Center Cross, Essex County, and a graduate of VMI and the University of Richmond's evening school of business administration.

Employees Get TV

Employees residing in Franklin House and the Imperial Club Building are enjoying the recent installation of a TV set in each of these employee dormitories.

The Place Is Buzzin'

Landscape Section Develops Hives

Last month 120,000 of the world's most industrious workers arrived in Williamsburg to take up duties in CW's Landscaping Section.

Unlike many new residents, they ran into no difficulty with the housing situation and immediately moved into three 18" x 16" x 16" homes — two on the Bozarth Farm and one in back of the Semple Stable. Here they are currently occupied with raising enormous families, producing a delicious food and improving the gardens of Colonial Williamsburg.

The recent immigrants are Alabama bees of Italian ancestry and are similar to the ones brought to this country by the colonists. Although bees are primarily famous for their honey, CW has employed them for pollination. Some transfer of pollen is effected by the wind, but bees have always been nature's most efficient pollinizers. There are about 50 crops to which bees are essential — among them, the holly, grain and pea families.

Quarter Mile Range

In their hives on the Bozarth Farm, the bees have access to the Palace Gardens. Behind the Semple Stable, their territory includes the gardens of the Chiswell House, the Waller House, the King's Arms Tavern and Bassett Hall. During the honey period, when flowers are abundant, bees have a range of about one-quarter mile, but they go to greater distances in seasons when blooms are scarce.

The official custodians of the bees are Arthur Wilson, who has had practical training in raising bees on his own farm, and Dick Mahone, who studied them in college and recently attended a

three-day bee course at the VPI extension service in Newport News.

Dick and Arthur point out that all three hives are complete communities within themselves. Each hive centers around its queen; and although she is less publicized than most present day queens, she commands greater respect. Whenever she leaves the hive, she takes the entire community with her. As a precaution against a sudden whim for change, the wings of all three queens have been clipped.

Drones, who never leave the hive as long as the queen is there,

do nothing but fertilize their matriarch, who lays 2,000 eggs a day. These eggs take 21 days to hatch; and since the average life span of a bee is only from five to six weeks, hatching must occur frequently to keep the hive self-sufficient.

The hives must be checked regularly to make sure the queens are laying a majority of worker eggs. The worker bees are immature females who gather all the honey. They can carry up to one-third of their weight in nectar.

Guard bees, stationed at the entrance of every hive, warn the other bees if danger approaches and defend the community whenever possible. Bees cannot hear, but they have an acute sense of smell, a gift that is particularly valuable in detecting the skunk, one of the bees' most menacing foes.

Turner Gets Stung

Although Dick and Arthur have two complete sets of bee-handling equipment, the hoods, gloves and smoke generators are seldom used. The bee-keepers report that these are the tamest bees they have ever seen.

CW Photographer Jack Turner is one who has his doubts about this statement. When Jack moved in for a close-up shot of the bees at home, one camera-shy worker lost no time in landing on his nose and registering a positive complaint against the uncalled-for publicity.

Since CW can employ any number of bees in its Landscaping Section, anyone who notices a stray swarm is asked to contact Dick or Arthur, who will pick it up, give it a home and put it to work.



BEEKEEPER Arthur Wilson, hive tool in hand, examines one of the frames of a newly installed hive on the Bozarth Farm.

Hear Ye!

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RECEPTION CENTER

This month we welcome six new members to the Reception Center staff: JILL TETER, EARL CALL, HENRY DRESSELL, DAVID MILLER, SARAH MOREHEAD and AL RABY.

Many visits have been made recently. DEAN ROBERTS celebrated his birthday with friends in New York; BILL TRUPELL was there visiting his sister. Sis Fox spent a week in Pittsburgh with her family, and BETTY TOLER made a trip to Washington, D. C., to visit her aunt. VASHTI and DICK ROGERS have been getting beautifully tan while fishing from her father's boat in Yorktown. On the 24th of June, MARY SPEIGHT leaves for Europe.

Our celebrities this month are NANCY CHILD, who was initiated into Phi Beta Kappa, and PHIL BROWN, who was tapped by Omicron Delta Kappa. During the President's visit, Nancy was chosen to be a special hostess to Mrs. Eisenhower.

FRANK WILLIAM's daughter recently welcomed her husband home from Korea.

— Betty Toler

LODGE KITCHEN AND COFFEE SHOP

New employees this month are WILLIAM GRIFFIN, kitchen helper, HARRY SOUTHALL, at the range, and COLES MEEKINS, bus boy. VIOLA GRANDEL had a very pleasant vacation, which started May 9.

We regret that NANNIE HARRIS is ill, but we are glad to see LULA JEFFERSON, ETHEL LIGHTFOOT and EVA PAYTON back on duty after recent confinements.

— Alma Wallace

INN BELL FORCE

RUSSELL TABB, who has been with the Inn Bellforce for nearly two years, will graduate from Bruton Heights High School in June. He plans to further his education in the fall at Virginia State College.

— Nat Reid

INN MAID FORCE

We all wish SALLY GARNER a speedy recovery from her touch of sickness, which has kept her confined to her home. DAISY WALTRIP, Inn Housekeeper, is now enjoying a well-earned vacation.

Mother's Day was visiting day. MAUDE WOOD spent the day with her family in Newport News, and CARRIE PITT went to Suffolk to be with her relatives there. HELEN SHERMAN had as guests for the day, Lt. and Mrs. George Green of Fort Eustis.

— Helen Sherman

CURATOR'S

We welcome MILDRED LANIER to the Curator's Section as Assistant for Inspection. Mildred was with C & M before transferring to this position on May 4.

BETTY JO FLETCHER has just returned from a "wonderful" vacation to points south—namely, Pascagoula, Mississippi, and New Orleans, Louisiana—where she was the guest of Rose and Tom Leatherbury. Betty returned by way of her home near Bristol and had a short visit with Bob and Mary Lee LePrade in Charlottesville.

— Louise Nuttall

GAOL—GUARDHOUSE

JOHN SWEENEY is back from his vacation, which he spent in and around Williamsburg. VERNON WARD, custodian of the Wren Building for ten years, has become a loyal Newport News baseball fan.

The new cannon at the Magazine is creating a great deal of interest. Supervisor DUDLEY WILKINS is having a musket fired for each group which goes through the building.

We are all sorry to see A. C. AMMONS retire and hope he will drop in to see us from time to time.

— Ashley Norwood

MARKET SQUARE AND BRICK HOUSE TAVERNS

ROBERT DELANEY, son of MARY DELANEY JONES, is improving after several months of illness. Recent visitors to Washington, D. C., were LOUISE BERKLEY and daughter EARNESTINE. On May 18, ELIZABETH KEYSER enjoyed a short trip to Virginia Beach.

We welcome DOROTHY COLES, from Lightfoot as a new maid in the Brick House Tavern. ALICE RANDALL and her husband Stanley have been seen around Richmond where they are visiting their sister's son.

— Elizabeth Keyser

THEATRE

Since he plans to transfer from William and Mary to the University of Kentucky, GERALD GRAVETT is resigning at the end of this school year. At Kentucky, Gerald will continue his concentration in the field of mathematics. TOM STEVENS, also a student at W & M, will graduate with the June class. A new addition to the ushering staff this month is HUNTER CHALKLEY; we welcome him to the fold.

— Delores Diggs

PUBLICATIONS

The Publications Office was recently visited by F. S. Lincoln of Corinthian Publications. Three of our Richmond printers: R. McLean Whittet, August Dietz and Willis Shell were here for President Chandler's inauguration at the College.

Virginians at Home has been reviewed in the London Times, which proves that CW's books really get around.

PARKE ROUSE, JR., was in New York on May 18-20 to interview applicants for the position of Assistant Director of Publications. Since her husband, Pat, is temporary manager of the Inn swimming Pool, ELAINE MCGEEIN has been spending all of her free time taking in the sun and water.

— Elaine McGeein

HOSTESS SECTION

Best wishes to RUTH BUTLER, who is marrying Major H. F. Stevens of Kirtland Air Field, Albuquerque, New Mexico, in June. Congratulations are in order to LUCY SNEED, who has a new granddaughter, Anne Lindsay McGuire, born in Arlington to Emily Sneed McGuire, and to NANCY BOZARTH, whose first grandchild, Lynnwood Hobbs III, was born recently in Richmond.

KATHLEEN HORNE has gone to Nashville to visit her sister. CHRISTINE COCKE has been on a nice trip visiting relations in South Carolina, one of whom, Miss Mary Barr, was at one time a CW employee. NOUVELLE GREEN spent Mother's Day with her sister, Mrs. George Howard, and MARGARET GREY accompanied her husband to Washington, D. C., on May 9th to attend a meeting of the Ornithology Society.

On May 12, LUCY SNEED gave a talk at the Chamberlin Hotel to wives of the executives of the Providence Mutual Life Insurance Company. RUTH CRUTHERS drove to York, Pennsylvania, to lecture on period flower arrangements and also visited her family near Philadelphia.

— Mary Carter

LODGE HOUSEKEEPING

We regret to report that FRANCES COWLES and LOLA LARSON have been absent from work because of illness. We wish them both a speedy recovery. MARY MARROW has left us to return to her home; we were sorry to see her go. This month we welcome back ELSIE CREW, who has been spending her vacation in Philadelphia visiting friends and relatives.

— Shirley Bailey

President Hails Debt To Nation's Fathers

When President Eisenhower delivered the following statement in the House of Burgesses on the morning of May 12, he became the first Chief Executive in history to speak there while in office. Because it contains a vital message for all Americans, the News prints the President's message in its entirety.

I think no American could stand in these halls and on this spot without feeling a very great and deep sense of the debt we owe to the courage, the stamina and the faith of our forefathers. One hundred seventy-seven years in some countries—in some histories—is only a moment. With us it is still a measurable length of time.

One hundred seventy-seven years ago Virginians, seeing that it was hopeless to gain through conflict their rights as British citizens, decided the time had come to declare their independence. In the later version of that Declaration you will recall that Jefferson wrote: We hold that all men are endowed by their Creator with certain rights, thus establishing once and for all that our civilization and our form of government are deeply embedded in a religious faith. Indeed, these men felt that unless we recognized that relationship between our form of government and religious faith, that form of government made no sense. And, remember, they were trying to explain this form of government to mankind. They started out that Declaration by saying, when, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which connect them with another, and assume among the powers of the earth that place to which Nature and Nature's God intended them. A decent respect for the opinion of mankind impelled them to declare the reasons which led to the separation. And those reasons were that all men are endowed by their Creator with certain rights.

I wish, I wish sincerely, that every single man, woman and child, who has the proud privilege of calling himself an American, could stand here on this spot, could roam through this building, could see the picture of Washington just across the hall, and relive again their moments, the problems they met in their own time, thus regain faith to solve the problems of our day.

To each of you here, my very great thanks for the honor that you have done Mrs. Eisenhower and me by being here. We have



DELIVERING HIS ADDRESS, which commemorated the 177th Anniversary of the adoption of the Virginia Resolution for American Independence, President Eisenhower is flanked by a copy of the Virginia Resolution and an original draft by Jefferson of the Declaration of Independence. Winthrop Rockefeller is on the President's right, Governor Battle on his left.



EISENHOWER scans program at W & M's inaugural ceremonies.

have been privileged to come here with your two Senators—your two United States Senators, Senators Robertson and Byrd. Your Governor met us at the dock. We feel truly that we have been highly honored by Virginia, the State of my mother's birth and girlhood, today.

Thank you.

CW's Hospital Plan Satisfies Personnel

CW's new hospitalization program, which has been in effect for the past three months, is functioning smoothly. Bill Rennolds, Assistant Personnel Director, reports that all employees who have filed claims under the new plan have been more than satisfied with their settlements from the Life Insurance Company of Virginia.

Some employees, however, are unaware of the necessity of stopping by the Personnel Office prior to a hospital visit. A claim form, certifying the employee or his dependent as a subscriber to the new plan, should be picked up and taken to the hospital. The doctor and employee complete this form and return it to the Personnel Office along with the hospital and doctor bills. The claim is then sent to the insurance company, which makes payment within a few days.



LEAVING, after his short address, the President, Mrs. Eisenhower and Winthrop Rockefeller, followed by Mr. and Mrs. Chorley, pass between ranks of the Monticello Guard.

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