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Crowds Turn Out As Prelude Opens Progress Reported On Aid Program To Start June 1; New Signs Go Up



PRELUDE PANORAMA. Dr. Samuel Eliot Morison (upper left) receives a Grand Union flag for the City of Cambridge Mass. (where it was first flown) from John D. Rockefeller, 3rd. Hostesses Mildred Adolph and Alma Newbury (upper right) are caught in a happy mood as May 15th parade up Duke of Gloucester Street was about to start. At left center, Town Crier Layton Zimmer, in the role of a clerk, reads the May 15th resolution. Leslie Cheek, Director of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, inspects (right center) the "Virginia Dynasty" portraits at the art exhibition. Dr. and Mrs. Donald Southworth of the College (lower left) look on as the Fort Monroe Band moves into position for the opening of "They Gave Us Freedom" on May 14th. At lower right, Chairman of the Board John D. Rockefeller, 3rd is shown as he participated in the festivities on "Freedom Day."

Special Ceremonies Mark Anniversary of Resolution

With bands playing and flags flying, and a colorful crowd on the Williamsburg streets, the "Prelude to Independence," 175th anniversary of Virginia's Declaration of Independence, got off to a vigorous start.

Jamestown Day, May 13, was the signal for the "Prelude" to open. A large Richmond contingent of members of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities was present, as well as the committee of the board who arranged the celebration. Events of the day were the luncheon for members held in the Game Room of the Williamsburg Lodge; a service in the church on Jamestown Island, with Bishop George P. Gunn as preacher; tea at the Raleigh Tavern at which the Williamsburg Chapter of the A.P.V.A. were the hosts; and an evening service in Bruton Parish Church with an address by the Rev. Arthur Pierce Middleton. This was the 344th anniversary of the landing of the English colonists at Jamestown, and for over 50 years has been

the occasion for ceremonies on Jamestown Island.

Arts and Documents

Monday, May 14, was marked by the opening of the exhibition of arts and documents closely as-

sociated with the American movement for Independence, in the Christopher Wren Building of the College of William and Mary.

At 3:30 on Monday afternoon, a military band paraded from the Court House Green up the Duke of Gloucester Street to the college grounds. Dr. John E. Pomfret, president of the college, welcomed the large crowd gathered in front of the Wren Building, and introduced Mr. John D. Rockefeller, 3rd who officially opened the exhibition to the public.

Book is Published

The book published by Colonial Williamsburg, entitled, "They Gave Us Freedom," contains reproductions of the paintings which were brought together from all over the country for the occasion, photographs of the sculpture, and a story of the men and their fight for independence, written by (Continued on Page 2)

Signs, New Format For Calendar, Closing Of Court House As Info Point Are Part of Project

The "visitor aid" program will get under way on the first of June, after six weeks of preparation, at which time Bill Bippus, now manager of the Reception Center, will join the Public Information Department to assist in the community-wide cooperative project.

Several parts of the ten-point program are already visible. Two drive-out signs have been erected by C & M under the supervision of the Architectural Department. They are located on Route 60z, opposite the Stadium, and on Route 31, opposite the White Lion Motor Court. These cover the major flow of visitor traffic from the West and give essential directional information using the successful "You are here" formula.

Signs Erected

The City of Williamsburg has erected the highway marker signs along Richmond Road, Francis Street, and York Street; Colonial Williamsburg will erect route markers for the Chamber of Commerce and the Reception Center, which tie into the informational signs at the entrance to the City. The signs leading visitors from the corner of South England and Francis Streets to the Reception Center are due for repainting in the scotchlite process which will make them glow at night.

What's Inside?

Special signs to be put up at the Exhibition Buildings on June 1 are now being printed. These will tell in a few words what there is to see inside the building, giving a thumb-nail sketch of the important facts about each one. These will be in addition to and will supplement the present price signs.

New Format

The new format for the calendar, "This Week in Williamsburg," is now being prepared in New York by our advertising agency, Needham & Grohmann. This will be a six-page, three-fold booklet and will replace current publications which Colonial Williamsburg now distributes for the visitor. A feature of this new layout will be a "marking map," especially designed to better serve the needs of the tourist homes and courts in giving the visitor definite directions. This map will show the whole Williamsburg community, with the restored area shaded to show where it begins and ends.

Bus Service

Ed Kendrew reports that the bus service should start about July 1. This operation will be supervised by Monier Williams for C & M. A large kodacolor panoramic display has been or-

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'Pillow Count' Here Shows Record Week For Easter Holiday

A "pillow count" survey made of the number of persons staying in Williamsburg over the peak Easter holiday week has revealed that over 14,000 overnight guests were accommodated here during the seven day period.

The period checked—March 22 to March 28—covered the Easter week end and was one of the busiest in Williamsburg history with attendance records broken at the exhibition buildings. The "pillow count" which tabulated occupancy at the hotels, tourist homes, motor courts and private residences during the period when virtually every bed was taken indicated that some 2,000 visitors can be accommodated overnight in the city.

Of these, the tourist homes, motor courts and private residences accommodated approximately two-thirds of the total or 10,028 overnight guests during the seven day period. The remaining one-third or total of 4,364 overnight guests stayed at Williamsburg Inn and Lodge, and the colonial guest houses and taverns.

Personnel Changes Announced; Special Survey Is Ended

Expanding its efforts to interpret America's past, CW has announced the advancement of three staff members and the appointment of a fourth to serve in educational and informational capacities.

Burbank Leaves

At the same time it was announced that another administrator, Kershaw Burbank, was leaving the organization to join the public relations department of Rockefeller Brothers, Inc. in New York City. He was formerly director of public information of Colonial Williamsburg and for the past year assigned to a special survey committee.

Newly Created Posts

Richard K. Showman, director of the department of Exhibition Buildings, will be advanced to fill one of two newly created posts of assistant to the director of interpretation. Named as the other assistant is John C. Goodbody, formerly director of publications and for the past year assigned with Burbank to the special survey committee.

Expanding Program

Edward P. Alexander, director of interpretation, explained that Showman's duties will be to plan the expanding interpretive program for visitors in Williamsburg. Goodbody will be concerned with the interpretation work largely outside Williamsburg, the director explained. He will handle the organization's relations with the armed forces, with the Department of State and its program of student and foreign specialists' visitations, and with agencies promoting citizenship education.

Showman, a native of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, holds degrees from the University of Wisconsin. Goodbody, formerly of Ridge-wood, New Jersey, holds an A.B. degree from Williams College and had done graduate work at Harvard University. Both have been members of the staff of Colonial Williamsburg for several years.

Heacock Appointed

Newly appointed to the staff is Walter J. Heacock, a member of the history department of Furman University, in Greenville, S. C. He will become director of the department of Exhibition Buildings on September 1, succeeding Showman.

Also announced was the appointment of Holmes Brown as director of public information. Brown has served for the past year as acting director during Burbank's service on the special survey committee.

If the employee who submitted unsigned Suggestion No. 5587 will call at the Personnel Office in the Goodwin Building an award will be given.

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Meet The Staff



Pert reporter from the Institute of Early American History and Culture, Peg Madsen is a native of Norge, attended Toano High School and Madison College where she was a member of the German Dance Club. She is secretary to the Editors of the William & Mary Quarterly and has been working for the Institute since September of last year.



AUDITOR Ernest Lee of I & L accrued ten years' service with Colonial Williamsburg on May 20th.

CW'ers Are Elected As Officers Of ESU

An invitation to Colonial Williamsburg personnel and others to join the newly organized local chapter of the English Speaking Union has been sounded by Pierce Middleton, CW research director and chapter president.

The unit is the latest addition to a world-wide organization made up of people who have in common the English tongue and an interest in our great joint heritage of history, law, and culture.

Thirty Members

Formed recently as part of the Virginia Branch of the English Speaking Union, the local chapter now has some thirty members, according to Chris Gillespie, secretary-treasurer.

Meetings will be held on call, and social functions will be arranged from time to time on observance of significant Anglo-American events or of visits to Williamsburg by representatives of the British Commonwealth. Annual dues are \$5.

Plans For Operation

Plans for the chapter's operations were made at an organization meeting in March at Bruton Parish House at which Dr. J. L. Blair Buck, of Richmond, president of the Virginia Branch, spoke briefly. Six directors of the Williamsburg chapter were elected, including Dr. Middleton, Miss Gillespie, Miss Marguerite Wynne-Roberts, Mrs. David G. F. Holmes, Dr. John S. Ware, and Parke Rouse, Jr. Mr. Rouse was elected as vice-president.

Activities Planned

Among the activities planned by the Williamsburg chapter, according to Dr. Middleton, are the entertainment of British exchange students at the College of William and Mary, the showing of outstanding British motion pictures, and efforts to give English-speaking visitors from other countries a special welcome and introduction to Williamsburg.

In inviting CW personnel to become members of the organization, Dr. Middleton cited a publication of the ESU which states, "To young and old, but particularly to the young in heart; to realists and dreamers, but particularly to practical idealists; to all who believe that international solidarity can promote the principles of Magna Carta, the Declaration of Independence, and the several Bills of Rights, the English-Speaking Union offers its invitation to membership."

Local Police Department Has Come Far Since "Pioneer" Days of 1930's

(Sixth in a Series of City Government Articles)

In the early days of the "uniformed" Williamsburg Police Department, motor transportation consisted of one rebuilt motorcycle and, at times, a pickup truck. The truck really belonged to the Superintendent of Streets but the police department (numbering two officers) had the use of it between five in the afternoon and eight the next morning.

"One If By Land"

Somewhat later on, through the courtesy of the telephone company, a system of signaling by lights on the water tower and at the hardware store was set up. Telephone operators were able to turn on the lights, thus notifying the police officers that they were needed, and they would in turn call in to find out the location of the trouble.

Force Increased

The size of the force has increased gradually since 1931. Until the third man was hired in 1933, the two officers would be on duty for twelve hours a day. Their task was made somewhat easier in 1932 when the first car was purchased for the department.

Before 1931, the whole law enforcement show in Williamsburg was run by the sheriff (of Williamsburg and James City County) and by the City Sergeant. Special officers could be called in time of necessity from a volunteer group.

Few Crimes

Major crime and juvenile delinquency are almost unknown in Williamsburg. Police Chief William H. Kelly attributes this to the facts that there are no slum areas in town, that nearly all families have at least one steady wage earner, and that in a town this size people are too well-known by their fellow citizens to risk being caught in a criminal act.

CW cooperates

The CW police force, under the direction of Captain Sam Peach, cooperates with the city officers on any sort of detail where company activities strain the manpower of the city police.

In addition to Chief Kelly, the Williamsburg Police Department consists of two local boys, H. B. Smith and Lewellyn E. Smith (who are brothers), John P. Lodge, and Thomas Campbell. All members have been schooled in various law enforcement training programs in Richmond, Newport News, Norfolk and Washington.

News & Comment

ARMOND Campbell, Manager of the Laundry, has announced that after June 1st the laundry will take only dry cleaning and shirts from employees of Colonial Williamsburg.

SAY, have you had time to take in the art exhibition at the Wren building? If not, be sure to fit it into your schedule sometime between now and the time it closes on the Fourth of July.

Advertisement for 'the LIGHTER SIDE' featuring a cartoon and the text 'NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL'.

Cartoon titled 'SAFE WORKER' SURVEY showing a man with a speech bubble saying 'I JUST HAD TH' PANTS SCARED OFF ME, BOSS!' and another man saying 'KEEP SURVIV' IN PLACE'.

Despite many favorable comments from employees returning the "Safe Worker" survey cards, total results of the survey indicate that this monthly safety reminder was not being widely enough read to warrant its continued use.

Prelude

actor in 18th century costume, strode out of the House of Burgesses, and read the resolution as it had been passed by the Convention, while the crowd cheered and waved their Grand Union flags. Dr. Pomfret introduced Dr. Samuel Eliot Morison, who spoke on the significance of the day and on the Revolutionary period with its modern implications.

Grand climax of the "Prelude to Independence program came on Tuesday, May 15, 175th anniversary of the Resolution of Independence, passed in 1776 by the Virginia Convention of Delegates.

The celebration opened at 11 o'clock with ceremonies at the Capitol. A Navy band played while a crowd of 1500 people assembled. Mr. John D. Rockefeller, 3rd, made a brief speech, at the conclusion of which an

actor in 18th century costume, strode out of the House of Burgesses, and read the resolution as it had been passed by the Convention, while the crowd cheered and waved their Grand Union flags.

The British flag was pulled down from the Capitol, and a Grand Union flag raised in its place. Another Grand Union flag, first flag of the United Colonies, was presented to Dr. Morison with the request that he give it to the city fathers of Cambridge, Massachusetts, where it had first flown over General Washington's army of January 1, 1776.

The band then led the parade of citizens to Bruton Parish Church. The old bell rang out, and the Rev. Francis Craighill, rector of the Church, held a special service with prayers for peace.

June 12, "Human Rights Day," the anniversary of that day on which Virginia adopted the Declaration of Rights written by George Mason, will officially close the "Prelude to Independence." The portraits, sculptures, historical paintings and documents illustrating "The American struggle for Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness," will remain in the Wren Building through July 4th.



FUN FOR ALL was had at the "Get-Together" held on April 30th at Bruton Heights School. Here enjoying a game of cards and being kibitzed by Recreation Committeeman Selby Mitchell of Office Services, are CW'ers (l. to r.) Estelle Baker, Virginia Frayser, Idean Crump, and Myrtine Williams.

ACCEPTS CHAIRMANSHIP Tommy Moyles, Manager of the Lodge, has accepted the chairmanship of the fifteenth annual convention of the Virginia Hotel Association which will be held this year at the Williamsburg Inn on December 10th and 11th.

If the employees who submitted the following unsigned suggestions will call at the Personnel Office, an explanation will be made of the disposition of the suggestions: Nos. 5267, 5555, 5565, 5603, 5613.

Softball Practice Is Begun; Players Still Needed By All Teams

Softball chairman Ralph Clark has announced that practice sessions are now taking place on Tuesday and Thursday at five o'clock for the men's team. Manager Ollie Amon's girls' team meets for practice on Wednesday at five. Ralph is somewhat disappointed at the turnout so far, but says he plans to field a winning team and will do it with cooperation from those who signed up to play. Over I & L way, James Tabb and Thess Judkins both have high hopes for their respective outfits in spite of some crippling losses to the armed forces since last season.

The roster for the girls' squad looks like this at present: Katy Hanrahan, Billie Tyssen, Jane Tyssen, Esther Jones, Doris Etchberger, Nannie Frank, Chip Ray, Virginia Marston, Lois Churchill, Katherine Vaughan, Joyce Vaughan, Dixie Vanaman, Barbara Bishop, Lucille Cooke, Betty Jane Bennett, Pattie Bennett, Annabelle Thomas, Anne Minor, Betty Fletcher and Peggy Wolda.

All teams are still looking for likely talent and managers urge all interested parties to contact them as soon as possible to offer their ball-playing skill. (It isn't necessary to be good; those who want to play just for the fun of it are welcome and will be happily received.) COME ON OUT!!

Suggestion Awards

- Wilhelmina Sheppard (I&L), \$5.** That a Coca-Cola machine be put in the kitchen of King's Arms Tavern.
- George Reid, Bellman (I&L), \$5.** Suggestion which resulted in correction of hazard existing from heavy traffic through double doors on basement floor of Inn.
- Virginia Lee Banks (Pub. Info.), \$5.** That a candy vending machine be put in basement of Goodwin Building.
- Joshua L. Washington (I&L), \$5.** Suggestion which resulted in making alarm clocks available at cost to employees living in Franklin House.
- Frances D. Diehl (Interp.), \$5.** Correction of excessive pressure in Goodwin Building drinking fountains.

New Program

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dered for use in the Reception Center and is expected to be ready by June 15. This will show views of the points of interest on an 8-x 10-foot screen mounted in the south wall facing the doors. Views will change every few minutes and the image will be projected from behind the screen. A new "How to See Williamsburg" program, being readied for use in the auditorium, is being prepared by Dick Showman.

Services Concentrated

The Court House Museum will be closed as an informational point on June 1, but the coach ride will continue to operate from this point and hostesses will be present to interpret the display. This will concentrate Colonial Williamsburg's informational services at one point, thereby eliminating the confusion of having



I & L winners receive their bowling trophy from Executive V. P. Bela Norton. Pete Tucker, (left), Bowling Chairman, looks on as team members (l. to r.) Ernest Lee, Armond Campbell, Fred Flanary and Gus Gustafson register pleasure in their accomplishments.



LADY KILLERS. In the ladies' league, it was the "Killers" who wound up on the top of the heap. Chairman Pete Tucker and Bela Norton make the presentation as (l. to r.) Mary Lee Fitzgerald and (in the back row) Utha Conrad, Bernice Hudson, Louise White, Nannie Frank and (in the front row) Mary Jane Knapp, Captain Grace Raiter, Lorraine Evans, and Ella Mae Parker accept with pride.

Proud Parents

- BORN:**
- to Lloyd L. Adams, Jr., Theatre, 9 lb. 3 oz. Patricia, on April 10th.
 - to Clarence E. Heath of C & M, daughter Evelyn Irene on May 8th; weight 5 lbs. 14 oz.
 - to Fred Epps, I & L, 6 lb. 14 oz. Crystal Levan, on May 20th.
 - to Selby Mitchell, Office Services, a 9 lb son, James Nathaniel, on May 11.

CLASSIFIED

- Rent**
- House.** June 15th to September 1st. Three bedrooms, living room, dining room, study, kitchen, bath, and screened porch. Furnished and with a'l utilities included for \$90.00 per month. Mrs. Bruce McCully, phone 556-R.
- Apartment.** Available immediately. Located about 20 miles out Route 60 toward Richmond, but having all modern conveniences and near grocery and other stores. Four rooms, unfurnished. Call Mrs. Stuart, 920.

- Sale**
- Linoleum Rug.** Nine by twelve feet, perfect condition. Bill Etchberger, Accounting, or at 204 S. Boundary St.
- Radio-Victrola.** R.C.A. with record changer, a table model, walnut cabinet. Five years old. Margaret Kinard, phone 55 or 1198-M.
- Typewriter Stand.** Metal. Bert Koch, 950-J.
- Chinchillas.** Good stock; proven breeders. Bill Bentien, C & M.

Perfect Attendance

The following employees passed another service anniversary during April with a perfect attendance record for the preceding year: Thomas W. Drewry, Architectural Nathan E. Talcott, C & M Marvon E. Roberts, Curator's James Abbott, I & L Letna Booth, I & L James L. Gordon, I & L Forrest D. Griffin, I & L J. Raymond Hodges, I & L Frederic A. Tozier, I & L Thomas Wallace, I & L Thomas L. Williams, Exhib. Bldgs. Robert L. Hoke, Pub. Info.

WE ADMIT THIS

Getting out a newspaper is fun, but it's no picnic. If we print jokes, people say we're silly. If we don't, they say we're too serious. If we clip from other magazines, we're too lazy to write. If we don't, we're too fond of our own stuff. If we don't print contributions, we don't appreciate true genius. If we do print them, the pages are filled with junk. Now, like as not, someone will say we swiped this from some other magazine. WE DID!

—Iowa Newsletter



Departmental News

ARCHITECTURAL

MIRIAM SHEA, Secretary to LAWRENCE KOCHER and HOWARD DEARSTYNE, has resigned in order to return to her home in Philadelphia. Her husband plans to join her in June and to matriculate at the Dental School of the University of Pennsylvania in September. We're happy to welcome draftsman NORMAN HALL to our staff. DON and ELLA MAE PARKER and son Randy visited friends in Ridgewood and Orodell, N. J. over last week end. MARIO CAMPIONI is once again sailing on Hampton Roads in his Hampton No. 1 Design Boat. His vacation will come during the month of June. VERNON KNAPP, specification writer, has resigned in order to accept a position with Grumman Aircraft on Long Island. BERT KOCH was an honored guest on Sunday, May 20th at the dedication service of the Zion Methodist Church at Seaford, Virginia. He designed and detailed this church which is in the colonial style and seats about 500 persons. HOWARD DEARSTYNE has been asked to serve as one of a selection jury for an art jamboree, otherwise known as a "Picture Carnival," to be held on Saturday, June 2nd, at Byrd Park, Richmond. The showing will include paintings and photographs by local talent. There will be three jurors for the selection of photographs and the same number for the paintings. Leslie Cheek of the Virginia Museum is the chairman. By the way, Howard won a case of Wheaties by scoring a hole in one on Sunday, April 29 at the Inn golf course. The feat occurred on the fifth hole and, for the interest of other golfers, Howard used a No. 5 iron. Witnesses included his wife, Barbara, Mrs. John Green, and Tom Thorne. Treats were on Howard when the event was celebrated after the game.

C & M

We're glad to have C. J. CARTER back after a bout of illness. He is currently taking a week's vacation to recondition part of his fleet. BILL BENTEN leaves the 28th for a vacation which may include a trip to Wilmington, Delaware. This department much regrets losing JEANNE BARNES and MARGARET PRINCE whose husbands have completed their studies at W & M. Playing the vacation circuit are SID BENTON, Construction Foreman, GEORGE THOMPSON, Ranger at Bassett Hall Woods, OAKLEY BROWNING of the Warehouse Staff and HOBART RAY of Mechanical Maintenance. Sorry to hear that Shop Superintendent JENNINGS TAYLOR is in Bell Hospital for treatment. A hearty welcome to the following new employees: NEALE HICKS, HORACE OTEY, RUDOLPH PRINDES, HORACE HOGGE, EDDIE HOGGE, JAMES BROWN, CLARENCE LONG, BRUCE WILDENBERGER, RONALD COMBS, CHARLES DAVIS, PHILIP EATON, BERNARD WALLACE, JOHN CONWAY, WALTER HAYDEN, WILLIAM HAYES, JAMES MCDANIEL, and GEORGE MARROW. DAVID WALLACE and his wife spent Mother's Day with their mothers and attended a service at the First Baptist Church. EWELL JONES has purchased a car; he recently motored to Hopewell for a week end. ROBERT STEPHENS was elected as chaplain for the Bruton Heights School P. T. A. R. D. HARRIS and family spent the week end with Levi Stephens and family. The First Baptist Church will close a three thousand dollar drive the first Sunday in June. We're very glad to have EMMA GREEN back on the job after two weeks of vacation.

CURATOR'S

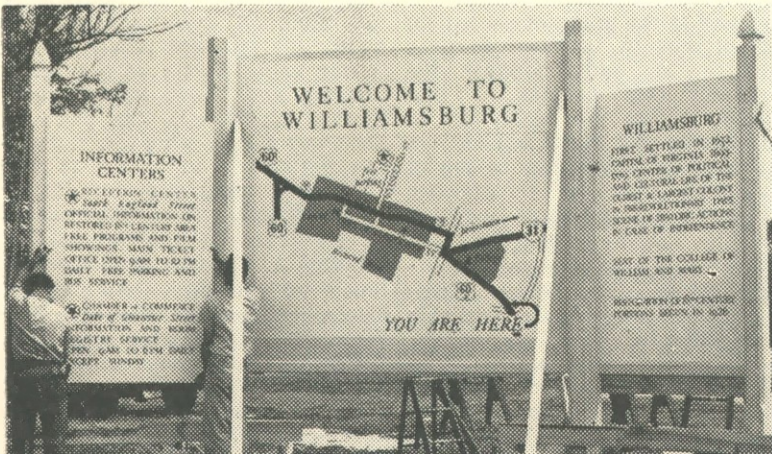
LUCILE FOSTER has returned from a visit with her brother in Columbia, South Carolina. MARY van BUREN has had as guests her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stiles Lines and two granddaughters from Camden, South Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Davis, III, and young son from Charleston, W. Va., will visit with her over Memorial Day. ROSE and TOM LEATHERBURY have moved into the Coke-Garrett Office on Nicholson Street. BETTY JO FLETCHER spent the week end of May 19 in Blacksburg, Virginia where she served as maid of honor in Joyce (McCoy) Watson's wedding. JOHN GRAHAM is spending a few days at his home in Rome, Georgia. ELEANOR DUNCAN spent a recent week end in the vicinity of Annapolis touring some old homes. LULU LEE and PEARL JACKSON have been absent from work due to illness. CORNELIA TAYLOR and her husband, accompanied by GERALD JONES and several others motored to Yorktown May 13th to see a ball game.

HOSTESS SECTION

The "merry month of May" brings a welcome lull in the Exhibition Buildings, coming as it does just after the rush of Garden Week and before the college commencement in June. The highlight of the month, of course, was the beautiful wedding of Evelyn Stryker and Henry Peyton, uniting two of the hostesses' families. A few weeks earlier, in April, the lovely wedding of BEVERLY OWENS and William Knox was an event of much interest to all of us. One of our very faithful young clerks, BARBARA HARDIE, surprised us by announcing that last Christmas she had married Fred Waters of Savannah, Georgia, who is stationed in Alexandria. We are delighted to have FRANCES ROBB, a former hostess, back with us in the buildings after working for the past year in New York. MADELINE BROWN has moved to Washington with her husband, Major Brown, who was transferred from Fort Eustis to the Pentagon. Her place as a clerk has been filled by NELL GILLY RICHARDS. Several new hostesses have joined our ranks: DENISE BURKE, JEAN ETHERIDGE, CHRISTINE COCKE, and PEGGY PEACHY who is escorting. DOT WING has moved into her new home on Capitol Landing Road. ELIZABETH and JOHN HENDERSON are settled in the Lightfoot Kitchen, and MAY and TOM FLETCHER are in the Tayloe Kitchen. All are happily located. GRACE PEACHY has returned from the Medical College Hospital in Richmond and is recuperating at her home on Jamestown Road. IMOGEN ETHERIDGE is visiting her sister Mrs. Harvey in Philadelphia. LUCY SNEED has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. McGuire in Falls Church where she was joined by her brother from New Mexico. The offices of ROSE TAYLOR and MURIEL SPENCER have been moved to the upstairs of the Apothecary Shop. JUNE BOCOCK has been indisposed for several days at her home on North Henry Street. NOUVELLE GREEN recently attended the wedding of her niece, Miss Marilyn Ferrell, in Kinston, N. C. MARY CARTER has returned from a visit to her daughter, Prickett Saunders, in Alabama where she went to welcome a new grandson, Stephen Carter Saunders. Mr. and Mrs. James O. Mackey, Jr. and little daughter, Beverly Grey, have been the recent guests of Mr. Mackey's parents on South England Street. MARY BRANCH BROOKS has a new grandson, his name is Stephen Christopher Brooks.

I & L

MARY ROSSEAU and GUS GUSTAFSON are just back from the convention of the Hotel Greeters of America, held in Pulaski. Mary was elected Secretary of the Women's Division, Virginia Charter, and Gus became 2nd Vice President. Golf pro LEONARD BILES celebrated his 64th birthday on May 20th. SHELTON SMALL, a waiter at the Lodge, has returned to work after a short illness. ALICE JOHNSON, formerly a busgirl at the Lodge, has gone back to her old job at the swimming pool which has just opened. WILLIAM HOLMES has returned to work as a waiter after spending the winter in Florida. JULIA PARSONS has recently joined the Pantry staff at the King's Arms. GEORGE TABB is back at work after recovering from an automobile accident.



DRIVE-OUT sign goes up on Richmond Road as Carpenters Bob Stubbs and Frank Smith of C & M put the side panel in place. The sign is an important part of the "Aids to Visitors" program, a community-wide effort to make things easier for the guests who come to town.



FAMILY MAN Pierce Middleton is shown here with wife Jane, children Pam, Kit (on the tractor), and the Duke of Gloucester, their cocker spaniel. As head of the Research Department, he directs the archival and research activities of the department, including the library of Colonial Williamsburg. He selects and purchases historical manuscripts, rare books and prints for the organization, directs the microfilming and photostating of important documents; he serves as historical consultant for departments within the company and to outside individuals and agencies desiring historical information and reference material.



GENERAL ASSISTANT Mary Goodwin, here operating the Recordak machine for projecting microfilm, assists the Director of Research in the exercise of his duties, does research work on house histories and makes historical reports. She answers research queries from outside and inside of the organization and prepares indices to files of historical research material. She serves as acting director in the absence of the director.

Researchers Continue To Do Big Job For Company

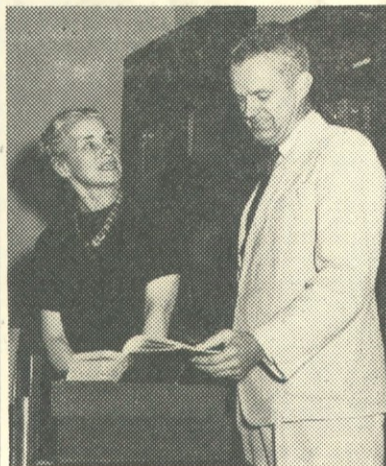
CW's High Standard Of Accuracy In Information And Authenticity In Restoration Due To Research

Of all the departments of Colonial Williamsburg, the least-publicized, most quiet and one of the most necessary is the Research Department. Headed by Director Pierce Middleton, the department continues to do a big job for the organization, far from resting on its laurels which are many and well-known.

The Research Department was organized in 1930 with Mr. Harold R. Shurtleff as Director; at that time it was a department under the architects, Perry, Shaw & Hepburn. For many feverish years, research material was gathered from available records in England and America. The *Virginia Gazette* references were set up and York County records were indexed. During this same period,



GIVING Maria Sheerin the answer to a query, Research Assistant Mary Stephenson is a mainstay of the department. She does research work on house histories, makes historical reports, and receives visitors from other departments and from outside organizations.



LIBRARIAN Fanona Knox discusses a point with Division of Interpretation's Ed Alexander. Among her many duties, she examines bookdealers' catalogues and recommends books and other material for purchase, calls attention to significant published material, catalogues all books, microfilms, photostats, maps, music, and manuscripts. She is in charge of all periodicals for the organization, looks after re-binding needs, and prepares the annual reports and other statistical material when needed.

large volumes of notes on each of the principal Exhibition Buildings were gathered. Archaeological researchers were part of the department then.

Grants-In-Aid

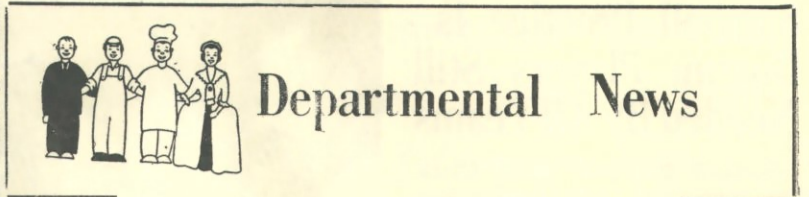
Mr. Shurtleff passed away in 1938 and Hunter Farish, who had been with the department for about a year, became its director. Research became a department of Colonial Williamsburg, Inc., no longer connected with the architectural department. During Farish's directorship, the grants-in-aid were offered to scholars working in the field of colonial history and several publications resulted: Farish edited the *Fifth Annual Journal* and Hartwell, Blair and Chilton's *Present State of Virginia*; Louis Morton's *Robert Carter of Nomini Hall* was published. Dr. Farish died in 1945, and for a time the department had no full director. Historical publications were taken over by the Institute of Early American History and Culture. In 1948, Pierce Middleton was appointed director of the department.

Studied In Scotland

Pierce attended the University of Edinburgh (Scotland) from 1933 to 1937, concentrating his studies on history and archaeology. While there, he assisted in the excavation of a pre-historic site in Northern Ireland, a project of the Belfast Museum. He returned to the U. S. in 1937, enrolled in the Graduate School of Harvard University and took M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in American colonial history. While at Harvard, he became one of the first recipients of the Colonial Williamsburg grants-in-aid.

Maritime History

His dissertation was written on "The Maritime History of the Chesapeake Bay in Colonial Days." Upon the expiration of his fellowship, Pierce was appointed a research associate for Colonial Williamsburg, but in short order left to serve three and a half years



DIVISION OF INTERPRETATION

PEGGY HITCHCOCK recently spent a week in New York and Lyme, Conn. DICK SHOWMAN and ART SMITH conferred with Julian Bryan on the final editing and narration of the film "Williamsburg Restored." CHRIS GILLESPIE visited friends in New York over a week end. Chris, by the way, who is secretary, treasurer, and director of the recently-formed Williamsburg chapter of the English Speaking Union has been doing a fine job. Those interested in joining the chapter are asked to get in touch with Chris or PIERCE MIDDLETON. While NORMAN MARSHALL spent a week's vacation at his home in Meadows of the Dan (outside Roanoke), MILT PERRY was acting major-domo of the Apothecary Shop. That strange looking animal you may have seen tagging along after the CHANEYS is neither bear nor wolf; it's a poodle. After considerable canine genealogical research, it has been reported that the animal's parent-hood can be traced back, in an unwavering line, to the 18th century.

INSTITUTE

STELLA NEIMAN is on leave from her position as Assistant to the Director of the Institute. DOROTHY and LESTER CAPPON recently spent a week end in Charlottesville.

KINGS ARMS TAVERN

LETHA BOOTH spent a few days in Wilmington, N. C. where she attended the wedding of her niece. GERTRUDE BALL has returned to work after being out for a few days with an illness. MARY PELLIGRINO, pantry supervisor, spent several days in New York visiting her parents. We're glad to have JAMES DAVIS back at work after a brief illness. We extend our deepest sympathy to FRED SIMS whose brother passed away in Newport News. JAMES ABBOTT spent Mother's Day week end with his family in Republican Grove, Va.

RECEPTION CENTER

There is to be a change of personnel here at the Reception Center, and we regret to report that our manager BILL BIPPUS is leaving for a new job in Public Information as TOM McCASKEY's assistant. They will work together on the new "aids to visitors" program which will go into effect on June 1st. We've all enjoyed working with Bill and wish him the best of luck in his new undertaking. JOHN FOX, a graduate of William and Mary and a former employee of the Reception Center is coming back to Williamsburg from Washington, D. C. to take over the manager's job. VIRGINIA FIELDS, our assistant manager and cashier who has been here since the Reception Center opened three and a half years ago, is leaving the fifteenth of June. We shall miss her tremendously and wish both her and husband Bud the best of luck. LILLIAN CRAIN has returned as receptionist and we're glad to welcome her as a steady employee. By the way, we have recently heard from Gene Crowe, a former employee who is now stationed at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky. He has hopes for getting into O. C. S. BETTY TOLER is visiting friends in Chicago during her vacation, the last two weeks of May. VASHTI STEINWACHS is selling her trailer and moving into an apartment.



RELAXING momentarily with a coke is Research Department secretary Louanne Martin who chats with special events ace Ran Ruffin of Public Information. She handles the secretarial duties for Director Middleton and does general office work for the whole department.

with the Coast Guard. During this time, he served in the anti-submarine "off shore" patrol squadrons, and later taught navigation and nautical astronomy at the Coast Guard Institute in Groton, Conn.

Becomes Director

He returned to CW in the fall of 1945 and in June of 1948 became Director of the Research Department. Next February he will have completed ten years' service with Colonial Williamsburg as an employee, since his time as a "Fellow of Colonial Williamsburg" (at Harvard) is not counted as employment.

Job of Department

The Research Department is engaged in the study of records of the eighteenth century for the purpose of authenticating the buildings and customs of that period. It is the custodian of rare books and other imprints of the colonial period for which it maintains a library. In addition, it checks for accuracy publications by outside persons and answers many inquiries from visiting persons and correspondents concerning information available in its records.

High Standard

The high standard of accuracy which has hitherto characterized Colonial Williamsburg's work of restoration and interpretation is necessarily rooted in careful, objective, and scholarly appraisal of surviving historical, archaeological, and architectural evidence.

Moreover, in the absence of specific information, the conjecture to which recourse is frequently had must rest upon intelligent and historically-controlled guesswork. Otherwise Colonial Williamsburg would fail to achieve its objective of translating our colonial and Revolutionary history, honestly and competently, into terms that are dramatic and intelligible to larger numbers of people than are reached ordinarily by professional historians through their academic courses and published works.

Day Is Never Done

Research is never complete; it is a continuing process. As a white house that is not periodically repainted will not remain white, so historical research that is not kept abreast of the latest findings soon loses its accuracy. Eternal vigilance is the price of historical accuracy no less than of liberty.

Vital Role

The Research Department plays a vital role in the process of bringing the people of today into touch with events, manners, ideals, and personalities of a bygone era. It provides other departments and persons within and without the organization with available facts drawn from documentary sources and delivers, on request, considered opinions on any given subject, thereby serving as a kind of court of last resort in matters of historical authenticity.