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NEW DIRECTOR of the Institute of Early American History and Culture is Lyman H. Butterfield who until recently was working on the *Papers of Thomas Jefferson*, to be published by the Princeton University Press.

Butterfield Arrives To Direct Institute

Lyman H. Butterfield has assumed his duties as the new Director of the Institute of Early American History and Culture. He succeeds Carl Bridenbaugh who resigned from the Institute to become Margaret Byrne Professor of History at the University of California.

Studied At Harvard

Mr. Butterfield, who did both his undergraduate and graduate work at Harvard, has taught at Harvard, Radcliffe, and Franklin and Marshall College. His special interests have been centered in American literature and the Age of Franklin. Since 1946 he

Cold Serum Offered By Company Doctors

An influenza serum effective in preventing certain types of the disease, has been made available to the employees of Colonial Williamsburg at the company's expense.

Employees may take the serum in the office of either Dr. B. I. Bell or Dr. Randolph Tucker during a period ending October 31. Both Dr. Bell and Dr. Tucker are in their offices each morning from 9 to 11, and each afternoon from 2 to 4. Dr. Bell has night office hours from 8 to 9, every night except Sunday, and Dr. Tucker will be in his office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights from 7 to 8.

Anyone with a cold must wait until he is completely recovered before being administered the serum. For those who are unable to take the influenza "shots" during the designated period, an opportunity will be given during the week of November 1 through November 7.

has worked as associate editor of the fifty-volume *Papers of Thomas Jefferson*, launched under the general editorship of Julian P. Boyd and now in the course of publication by the Princeton University Press.

Author and Editor

During recent years, Mr. Butterfield has also been engaged in editing, for the American Philosophical Society, *The Letters of Dr. Benjamin Rush*, published this past summer in two volumes by the Princeton University Press. He is the author of numerous articles on early American history that have appeared in the *William and Mary Quarterly*, *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, *New York History*, *The American Archivist*, *The Yale Review*, etc.



NEW "VEEP" Allston Boyer's appointment was announced after the meeting of the Board of Directors in September.

Board Names Boyer New Vice President

Allston Boyer, 39, assistant to CW president Kenneth Chorley, has been elected a vice-president of Williamsburg Restoration, Inc. Associated with the company since 1937, he has recently directed advertising and promotion from the New York office.

Prior to his work with Colonial Williamsburg, Alty was associated with the Continental Bank and Trust Company, New York, for a number of years. He attended Groton School and Harvard University. During World War II he served as commanding officer of a submarine chaser in South Pacific waters and now holds the rank of Lieut. Commander in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

The new "veep" is married, has three children, and resides in New York City.

Support Fund Drive

The Williamsburg and James City County Community Fund Drive will commence October 29 and continue through November 3. This one coordinated campaign for \$10,522 for nine agencies deserves the support of all of us.

To give Colonial Williamsburg personnel who have been missed in the house-to-house canvass a chance to contribute, employee representatives of the Fund on Thursday and Friday will attempt to see each employee and extend a final opportunity to support the drive. Let's help the Fund go over the top.

Scouting Program

The Boy Scout program will receive \$2000 of the Community Fund quota. This is an increase over last year because of funds needed to employ a new field worker and to expand camping facilities. There are 155 white scouts and 70 colored scouts in the Williamsburg-James City County area.

There are 300 Girl Scouts in this area composing 20 troops of which 14 are white and six are colored. To accommodate an increased membership, the community is asked to contribute \$790 this year through the Community Fund.

Begins October 29

The 1951 campaign will open on October 29, continuing through November 3. R. Lawrence Caldwell, Chairman of the Fund Drive, and John C. Goodbody, President of the Board of Directors of the Community Fund, urge the wholehearted participation of all members of the community in meeting the 1951 goal.

Town Will Honor J. D. Rockefeller, Jr., At Annual Community Night Affair

At its sixth annual Community Night, to be held at Matthew Whaley School on November 14, the Community Council of Williamsburg will honor John D. Rockefeller, Jr. on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Colonial Williamsburg.

Traditionally, the Community Night festivities have coincided with National Education Week and some phase of accomplishment in the field of education has been featured. His twenty-five years of work and interest in the restoration of Williamsburg mark Mr. Rockefeller as one of the nation's outstanding contributors to advancement in the field of education.

Plans Released

Plans recently released by Ed Alexander, President of the Council, include not only an auditorium program but also a community supper for a crowd estimated at about 1000. The auditorium program will feature an address by Counsel Vernon Geddy, longtime staff member of Colonial Williamsburg and formerly Executive Vice President.

Large Committee

All activities planned for Community Night are under the overall direction of Miss Eunice Hall and Mrs. Charles Duke, aided by a large and representative committee. Each of the 48 groups which make up the Council have been given assignments with progress to date reported as highly satisfactory.

Aware of Date

The City Council, aware of the anniversary date (November 27) of Colonial Williamsburg, officially suggested that the Community Council honor Mr. Rockefeller and the restoration project, and indicated that it preferred an auditorium program which would feature a longtime local resident as speaker. Vernon Geddy was chosen to make the address.

The program, which will follow the supper, is to begin with a brief recital by the Matthew Whaley Band under the direction of Everett Van Buskirk. The invocation is to be given by the Rev. James Brown, Minister of the Williamsburg Methodist Church.



SHOWING OFF some of the material in the Travel Office is (second from left) Bob Nelson, popular Director of the Virginia Travel Council. Adman Tom McCaskey (right) looks on as Mr. Pope (left) of Cypress Gardens, Florida and Mr. Dionne of Elinor Village, Florida take in the demonstration.

Three Groups Of Travel Counselors Recently Here

Three important travel groups visited Williamsburg during October and were welcomed by several departments of Colonial Williamsburg in cooperation with the local Chamber of Commerce.

AAA Counselors

First of these were the travel counselors of the Southeastern Division of the American Automobile Association. Under the leadership of Mr. Wise Wescott, director of the Richmond AA, approximately seventy counselors from all of the states south of Washington and east of the Mississippi met in Williamsburg to see for themselves what their clients will see when they are directed here. This group arrived late one evening, was received by the Chamber of Commerce at the Coach and Four and shown the new film, "Williamsburg Restored." The next day they saw the Reception Center program, toured the city, and were luncheon guests at the Inn.

Florida Group

The second group, composed of the managers, owners, and direc-

tors of twenty-six travel attractions in Florida, was brought here by Mr. Robert Nelson of the Virginia Travel Council as a part of the VTC program. Exchange trips between the attractions in Virginia and Florida have been underway for two years now and have proven to be a valuable means of establishing contacts and reciprocal working arrangements between the travel interests of the two states. The Florida group visited the Reception Center, Travel Office, Craft House, toured the city, and were guests of CW at the Inn.

Tour Counselors

The third group came for the annual Tour Conference meeting and was composed of representatives of all the transportation companies which serve Williamsburg. There were 30 executives here for this meeting at the Williamsburg Lodge from the airlines, bus companies, steamship lines, railroads and tour services. They came to hear various members of CW's staff explain what

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Local Agencies Set \$10,522 Goal As Community Fund Campaign Opens

The increasing population of Williamsburg and James City County, and the heightened activity of the nine agencies which constitute the Community Fund, have boosted the annual goal to a new high of \$1,840 for 1951.

Out of this the welfare agencies and character building agencies, the Armed Forces Service Center, the Ambulance Service and the Cancer Society will be assured another year of usefulness to the community.

Oldest Volunteer Agency

The King's Daughters is the oldest volunteer welfare agency in Williamsburg. Working closely with the Parent-Teachers Associations, the King's Daughters provide medical care for children. Indigent families are provided with clothing, food, and fuel; Christmas baskets are distributed to shut-ins; hospitalization and medicines are given where necessary, for the King's Daughters never turn down a case of actual want so long as their supplies and money hold out. Out of the Community Fund budget, the King's Daughters receive \$2500.

Children's Home Society

The Children's Home Society of Virginia will receive \$850 if the quota is reached this year. This agency accepts children who are orphans or unwanted babies of six months or younger, and after careful investigation places them in homes.

For the Salvation Army, the sum of \$800 is asked. This well-known agency assists stranded

travelers and unmarried mothers. It provides fresh air camps, gives welfare service to indigent persons in rural areas of the state, and gives aid to any needy family in case of emergency.

Ambulance Service

The Williamsburg-James City County Ambulance Service operates an ambulance and answers all emergency calls within the city and county. Twenty-seven men trained in first aid are always on call, and at least two of them go with the ambulance when it is summoned. A new ambulance has been purchased, and \$1000 is requested to continue the service.

Cancer detection clinics and a preventive educational program as well as cancer research are the projects of the Cancer Society, a nationwide organization. The sum of \$90 is asked as this community's contribution to the operation of clinics and an educational plan which covers Williamsburg.

Armed Forces Center

The military installations in the vicinity of Williamsburg bring many young men in the armed forces into town. The Armed Forces Center, occupying the large hall over the Fire House, provides television, pingpong, billiard tables and numerous conveniences to these uniformed visitors. To maintain this center, \$1500 has been allocated. Of this, \$200 will go to the United Defense Fund which maintains USO centers elsewhere, serving many Williamsburg men who are in some branch of the armed forces.

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Meet The Staff



Mary Lee Fitzgerald, secretary to Public Information Director Holmes Brown, is a native of Danville where she went to school and began her secretarial career. She attended Stratford College there and was a member of Delta Psi Omega, national dramatic society. A talented pianist, she had a fifteen-minute radio show once a week over WDVA on which she accompanied Margaret MacMillan, a soprano now under contract to the Metropolitan Opera. Her musical abilities also led to Saturday night stints with a dance orchestra in Danville. Her first job after graduation was that of secretary to the Dean of the V.P.I. Extension. A year and a half later she became secretary to the Comptroller at Dan River Mills and remained there until she came to Williamsburg in June of 1949. Among her favorites, in addition to music, are swimming, reading, chocolate candy, and a graduate physics student at the University of Virginia named Bob Laprade; Mary Lee and Bob will be married on December 29th.

Proud Parents

Born: to George C. Ripley (Police), an 8 lb. son, Bernard Wayne, on July 30th. to John Allgood (Exhib. Bldgs.), 7 1/2 lb. Angela Lynne, on September 15th. to William D. Spratley (I & L), daughter Perry Lee, 6 lbs. 3 oz., on October 1st. to David "Red" Henderson (C & M), on October 1st, 8 lb. 13 oz. Thomas Jennings. to Virginia Lee Banks (Public Information), her first child, Samuel Woods, on October 2nd; weight, 6 lbs. 5 oz. to William Williams (Curator's), daughter Casandra Cynethia, 8 lbs. 7 oz., on October 17th. to C & M William Hayes, 8 lb. 5 oz. daughter Lois Ellen, on October 16th. to Jack Peet (C & M), on October 22, a baby girl; weight, 7 lbs.; name at press time, "baby girl." to C & M's Gilbert Jones, a 7 lb. son, Stephen Gilbert, on October 19th. to Barbara Perry (I & L) and Milton Perry (Exhib. Bldgs.), their second child and second daughter, 7 lb. 5 oz. Julia, on October 22nd. to Architectural's Bob Thornton, a 4 1/2 lb. daughter, Donna June, on September 10th. to Jim Shumar (Reception Center), 7 lb. 12 oz. Jim Jr., on September 23rd.

The Williamsburg-James City County Medical Society, in cooperation with the American Diabetes Society, will participate in diabetes detection during the week of November 11-17. Local clinics, hospitals and doctors' offices will serve as collecting stations for urine samples which will be properly labeled and tested free of charge. Any positive results will be reported to the person tested.

If the employees who submitted the following unsigned suggestions will call at the Personnel Relations Office, an award will be made:
No. 5492
No. 5491
No. 5449

Suggestion Awards

Mildred B. Lanier (C & M), \$10. That a bench be placed at back tee at No. 7 on golf course.
George F. Bennett (Architectural), \$15. That a map be printed on reservation confirmation blanks.
Charles K. Jett (I & L), \$10. That larger waiters' trays be provided for vegetable carriers in dining rooms of King's Arms Tavern.
Leo Smith (I & L), \$5. That signs "Rest Rooms Open" and "Tavern Open" each be displayed at Chowning's as applicable.

Helen G. Dewing (Exhib. Bldgs.) \$5. That another exit sign be placed in the service yard at the Palace pointing in the direction of the gate.
Louise White (I & L), \$10. That reservation confirmation slips indicate that we operate on Eastern Standard Time and also the hours of evening meals at both the Inn and Lodge.
John D. Clothier, Jr. (I & L), \$10. That pencil and paper be placed in house phone booths at Inn and Lodge.
John Minkins (Office Services), \$10. That sideview mirrors be installed on office cars.

If the persons who submitted the following unsigned suggestions will call at the Personnel Relations Office, an explanation of the disposition of the suggestions will be made:
No. 4921
No. 5489

News & Comment

Agent by the name of H. H. Bliss alighting from a trolley car in New York City turned gallantly to assist a lady passenger who was also getting off at that stop. Hit by a passing automobile, Mr. Bliss died in the hospital the next day and thus, in September 1899, because this country's first traffic fatality on record. Death on the streets and highways of America has walked hand in hand with progress and increased production ever since that time. We are told, in fact, that the steadily mounting death toll from traffic accidents will go into seven figures before the end of 1951 . . . the nation's millionth traffic death will probably occur in December if the present rate continues!! We are further informed that unless the tide of deaths is radically stemmed, it will take only thirty, rather than fifty, years to kill off the second million citizens. There is real argument here for tougher laws, better enforcement of them, speed governors on all cars, and wide-eyed alertness by motorists and pedestrians alike. Try not to win the dubious distinction of being the millionth victim!

WHILE on the subject of traffic, have a glance at our own and somewhat peculiar problem. Lots of folks come to town and, not without justification, poke along gawking at the view. Those of us who see it every day, know exactly where we're going and don't want to kill time getting there, usually clip along at a pretty good rate. Sometimes we get a little impatient when we find ourselves behind someone who is taking in the view and who creeps along as if on the first day of a thirty-day vacation. This mixture of folks who drive slowly and those who could make the trip blindfolded at forty miles an hour is pretty deadly when you stop to consider it. It is obvious that the visitor is not going to change his tactics, and after all, if it's part of his enjoyment of Williamsburg, we don't want him to. Most of us could slow down quite a bit while inside the city limits and still get where we're going in plenty of time; also, take it easy on the horn when you get behind a slow-poke — a little courtesy helps to make a visitor feel right at home.

NORMA Bamman has asked us to pass along the word that cake orders to the Lodge Kitchen have been coming in so rapidly that it is becoming increasingly difficult to fill them on short notice. For this reason, she asks that all such orders be placed at least twenty-four hours in advance. The cakes themselves, like everything else from the Lodge Kitchen, are extra good and we don't hesitate to place the Colonial Williamsburg NEWS "Seal of Approval" on each and every one.



PROJECTION ROOM on the third floor of the Goodwin Building has been partially stripped of seats to make space for the Audio-Visual Department. At work are (l. to r.) Production Chief Ross Patton, Assistant Louise Chaney, Distribution man Murray Oken and Secretary Esther Jones.

CW's Newest Department
To Make Movies, TV Films

Audio-Visual Program Is Expected To Reach Many Millions Of Americans Not Aware Of Williamsburg

Still in the throes of organization and newest of all the departments of Colonial Williamsburg is Audio-Visual which last June was changed from a Section to a Department to meet the expanding needs for photography, art, and motion pictures. This step followed only a few months after the appointment of Art Smith as Audio-Visual Director.

Value Considered

For a number of years the Division of Interpretation has been actively considering the value of an audio-visual program as an interpretive device and the practical ways and means of using films, slides and other similar materials to carry the message of Williamsburg to all parts of the nation and the world. One of the early important steps along this line was CW's direct cooperation with Eastman Kodak in the production of "Eighteenth Century

Life in Williamsburg, Virginia". Certain slides and slide sets were also developed for sale and rental and these proved quite popular. Photography was established by Tom Williams as a function necessary and important to Williamsburg.

Full Scale Film

Then, in 1949, the decision was made to produce a full-scale explanatory film about the restoration. This film, "Williamsburg Restored", has just been released and is being very well received

throughout the country. All during the production of the Bryan film, a thorough study was being made regarding the possibility of setting up a permanent audio-visual program and special consideration was given to whether this program should only advise and employ "outside" producers or whether CW would actually produce certain of its own films as well as cooperating on a limited number of "outside produced" films.

Study Requested

After his arrival on March 1st of this year, Art Smith was asked to make a careful study of the situation and to recommend a proposed plan of operation. Many different avenues of possible production were considered: motion pictures, the development of slide programs for the Reception Center, expansion of the use of still photographs, a need for professional work in the field of art and animation, the incorporation of existing and future materials into functional libraries, and the possible distribution of audio-visual materials in all forms through our organization here at Williamsburg. A complete investigation was also made of having several or all of these services provided by outside organizations and the comparative merits of "inside" versus "outside" were studied.

Proposal Submitted

During May a final proposal was made and submitted to the Executive Committee in New York. It called for certain production within the organization and other services from outside sources. This program was approved virtually in its entirety and plans were made to secure the necessary personnel and equipment to carry it out. A total of six additional professional employees were needed as well as the acquisition of motion picture, art, and photographic equipment essential to the production and distribution of a quality of work which could match that of outside producers or services. No attempt was made to emulate "Hollywood", but rather to have the same tools which are used by the makers of good documentary films.

Divisions of Work

Five principal divisions of work have been established in the Audio-Visual Department to implement the program:

- 1.) The Photographic Laboratory has been expanded in staff and equipment to continue its high quality of workmanship.
- 2.) A Staff Artist skilled in art and animation had already been employed to initiate CW's entry into this field.
- 3.) The Audio-Visual Library has been expanded to include a stock film library, the function of which is to collect and catalogue for practical use all those existing and future motion picture records of Colonial Williamsburg.
- 4.) A Motion Picture Production Unit has been established and is of particular significance because motion pictures, perhaps more than any other audio-visual device, offer the most to a visual-minded public. Immediate plans for this unit call for the production of one and two reel films, the first of which will be entitled "The Colonial Printer."

5.) A Distribution Section has been set up to handle the booking, conditioning and mailing of materials for scheduled showings throughout the country. While Colonial Williamsburg could consider having an outside firm distribute its new film, "Williamsburg Restored", the continued production of several more films each year created the need for a central outlet which could handle distribution on a completely non-profit basis, offering the lowest prices to the greatest number of people.

Personnel

In addition to Art Smith, Audio-Visual's personnel consists of:

Ross Patton, former Professor of Motion Picture History and Production at Boston University, who will be in charge of the film production unit. Ross will have an assistant eventually and for the time being has the help of a technician-apprentice, Bill Meyers. Murray Oken, who until recently supervised the distribution activities of the Columbia University Educational Films library, will be in charge of CW's distribution section. Working with Murray is Esther Jones and a temporary assistant, Mary Ann Burke. An assistant supervisor is yet to be selected.

Clara Aumack, Assignment Clerk in the Photographic Laboratory.

Photographers Tom Williams, Jack Turner, and John Raddatz, each with his own sphere of specialization. As a project specialist, Tom will work a good deal with Art Smith and Dick Showman on Reception Center programs.

Frances Dayton, Staff Artist. Louise Chaney, Production Assistant in charge of the stock film library.

Mary Lou Henritze, Secretary to Art Smith.

Cramped Quarters

Now housed in cramped and scattered quarters, the new department will be provided space for its needed sound (and possibly television) stage, properly equipped production rooms, laboratories, studios and offices. In order to set up the heavy equipment such as camera cranes, overhead booms etc. which are used in motion picture production, a first floor location with exceptional ceiling height is essential. Such a location will be provided in the only building which is adaptable for this purpose—the property on the west side of the Goodwin Building at the site now occupied by The Virginia Gazette and Ayers Motor Company. These tenants have been asked to vacate their premises at the expiration of their current leases sometime next year.

Important Means

In its largest sense, an audio-visual program provides the most important single means of carrying the true meaning of Williamsburg beyond its geographical boundaries. A highly receptive audience of millions can be reached through the medium of films and slides, on screen and by television. For this reason the medium itself is a vehicle of communication whose quality, accuracy, and artistry must be of the highest order.

Bowling

TEAM STANDING

	W	L	Pct.
Eradicators (1)	6	3	.667
Pencil Pushers (6)	5	4	.556
Rihky Dinks (7)	5	4	.556
Craftsmen (3)	6	6	.500
Inn and Lodge (2)	6	6	.500
Destructors (4)	4	5	.444
Wood Ducks (5)	4	8	.333

AVERAGES

(The averages shown here represent the individual standings after October 16th. The tabulations for October 23rd had not been made at press time.)

Evans (1)	117.5
Bowers (6)	113.5
Bullman (3)	106.6
Weeks (1)	104.7
Wilkins (3)	104.5
Peters (4)	103.6
M. Williams (5)	103.4
Grattan (1)	103.2
T. Williams (7)	102.8
Tucker (7)	102.7
Allgood (3)	102.6
Peet (4)	102.6
Amon (1)	102.0
E. J. Lee (2)	102.0
Gordon (2)	102.0
R. Williams (5)	101.4
Campbell (2)	100.3
Clark (4)	100.1
Eaton (5)	99.5
Mahone (5)	99.5
Smoot (4)	99.1
Townsend (2)	98.9
White (3)	97.9
Parker (6)	96.8
Showman (6)	96.5
E. R. Lee (5)	96.0
Gustafson (2)	95.2
Drewry (6)	95.2
Chapman (2)	94.5
Tait (4)	94.4
Patton (7)	94.0
Jones (1)	92.7
Fox (3)	92.2
Goodbody (7)	91.5
Koch (6)	91.0
Bennett (6)	90.2
Buchanan (6)	88.0
MacPherson (5)	86.5
Humphrey (1)	86.3
Geiger (3)	85.8
Sheldon (5)	85.0
Thomas (3)	83.0
Smith (7)	80.0
Haywood (4)	78.7
Rouse (7)	74.7

Team High Game, Craftsmen 556
 Team High Set, Eradicators 1561
 Individual High Game, Tucker 145
 Individual High Set, Tucker 401
 (Through October 23rd.)

Pete Tucker Joins 20-Year CW Vets

Floyd L. "Pete" Tucker, 48 year old Superintendent of Mechanical Works, is the latest employee to join the ranks of those with twenty years of service to Colonial Williamsburg. A native of Clifton Forge, Virginia, Pete attended the public schools there and took his first job with the C & O Railway as a machinist. While serving his apprenticeship, he took a course in mechanical engineering from the International Correspondence School.

After ten years with C & O, he came east for a job with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company as Chief Engineer. Brach Bocock, who in 1931 was CW's Superintendent of Maintenance, got hold of Pete and brought him to Williamsburg on October 12th of that year.

On May 2, 1927, he married the former Louise Fortune of Clifton Forge. They have a son Pete, Jr., who is fifteen years old and in his second year at Matthew Whaley High School.

In addition to his prowess as a golfer and bowler (See above) Pete is an avid football fan, enjoys rooting for Pete Jr. who plays for Matthew Whaley.

His job as Superintendent of Mechanical Works involves directing the operation of the mechanical section of the C & M Department. He estimates, lays out work, and orders materials for minor alterations and improvements to the myriad mechanical systems in all CW owned buildings.



CHESS CLUB members concentrate on their respective games at a recent meeting held in the Game Room of the Inn. Around the table from left are Mario Campioli, Don Parker, Milton Perry, Ray Townsend, Kibitzer Ralph Bowers, Norman Goodson, George Eager, Bert Koch, and Paul Buchanan.

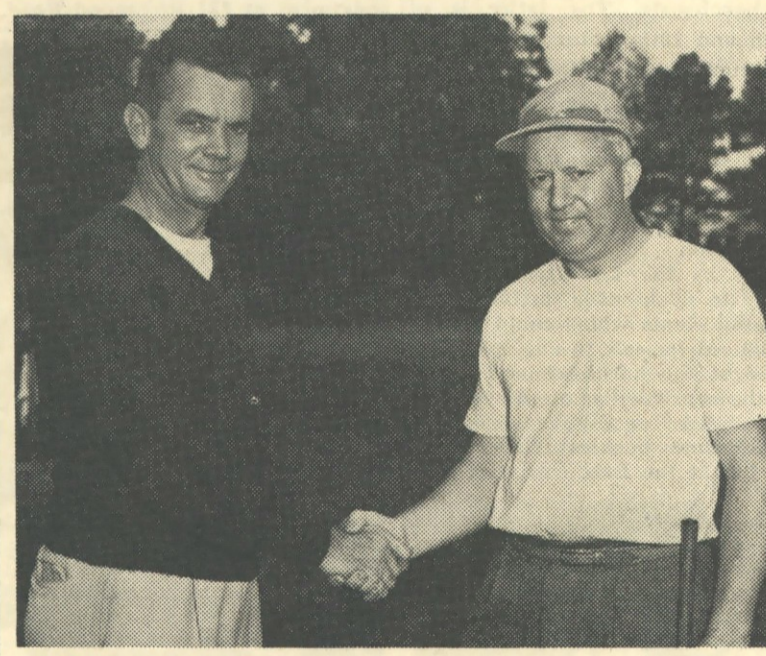
Chess Club Has Grown Since Start Last Year; New Members Welcome

On May 17, 1950, a group of CW employees met at the home of Norman Goodson with the purpose of forming a Chess Club. It was decided that membership in the club would be limited to employees of the company and that no officers would be elected since it was desired to keep the organization on an informal basis as possible.

Charter members Goodson, Paul Buchanan, Bert Koch, Ralph Bowers and Don Parker also established that meetings would be held every other Wednesday night and that they would rotate the location thereof to the homes of the members. When the club "grew up" to its present size of eleven members, it became increasingly tougher to find living rooms which could handle five or six separate games at the same time. (Non-company "visitors" to the club would also drop in from time to time.) Early in 1951 arrangements were made to use the Game Room at the Inn when it was not being used for some other scheduled activity.

A "ladder" has been developed to keep track of the standings of members. A man in any position on the ladder may challenge the man above him to play; the winner of two out of three games either keeps the man below him in place or moves up to replace the man above him. Chess ability in the club varies all the way from expert play, as represented by Norman Goodson and Paul Buchanan (who are always contending for the top position), to the strictly novice play of new members Jimmie Fuller and George Eager. Other players include Mario Campioli, Randy Lee, Ray Townsend, and Milton Perry.

Membership is definitely open to any CW'ers who are interested or who would like to learn. Those who would like to learn might be encouraged by knowing that several "novices" play strictly for the fun of it and have just learned themselves. The next meeting will be held on November 7th, so if you would like to join the group, just call any member and let him know about it. (P. S. No dues!!)



GOLF FINALISTS Pete Tucker (left) and Peyton Massie are shown just before teeing off for the last round of their match. Peyton won it, seven and six. Twenty-year man Tucker will receive his service pin and Champ Massie the President's Cup on K. C.'s next trip to Williamsburg.

Travel Groups

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the organization had done since the last meeting and what is planned for next year, as concerns tours into Williamsburg. V. P. Bela Norton presided over the meeting and presented Exhibition Buildings' Walter Heacock, speaking on the School Journeys program; Charlie White, on the new Convention Bureau; Art Smith, on Audio-Visual's plans and the new film; Ernest Lee, on tour accounting problems; and Tom McCaskey, on new promotional ideas developed within the last year.

V. P.'s Norton and Green gave the group information concerning rates in the buildings and at the hotels for the next few months. During the luncheon, brief talks were given by guest speakers Robert Nelson of the Virginia Travel Council, and Garth Cate, one of the outstanding authorities in the field of travel promotion.



JENNINGS TAYLOR, Superintendent of Shops for C & M accrued fifteen years of service with CW on October 10th.



Departmental News

ARCHITECTURAL

HOWARD and BARBARA DEARSTYNE spent a week's vacation visiting relatives in Middleburg, New York. He gave a talk on Photography at a Symposium of Art Discussion in Albany, New York, on Friday, October 19. MARTHA TERRELL WARBURTON spent a weekend in Raleigh, North Carolina, and attended the North Carolina State-William and Mary football game. ARTHUR and ALEDA HARTMAN have had as their visitors their daughter, Joyce, and Arthur's mother, Mrs. A. D. Hartman of Roanoke. ALDEN HOPKINS addressed the Twin City Garden Club at Winston-Salem, N. C. on October 9. Recently he entertained the Restoration Committee of the Garden Club of Virginia. BERT KOCH lost his voice while coaching the team from the side line at Matthew Whaley High School. However we are happy to report that he is now fully recovered. GEORGE BENNETT'S daughters, Elizabeth Jane and Patty were opponents in a hockey game between William and Mary and Matthew Whaley. Elizabeth Jane is a member of the William and Mary team, and Patty is on the Matthew Whaley team. JOE and KATIE JENKINS had as weekend guests Dr. and Mrs. T. R. Jenkins and their daughter Suzanne, of Washington, D. C. Congratulations to ROBERT and ELSIE THORNTON on their new baby daughter, Donna June, born September 10. An article "A Plan by Thomas Jefferson for the Enlargement of the Wren Building . . ." by A. LAWRENCE KOCHER and HOWARD DEARSTYNE appears in the October issue of The Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians. The department held an outing on October 20th at ED KENDREW'S cottage on Chestnut Point and enjoyed such activities as boating, sailing, horseshoe pitching and various card games.

ARCHIVES

JOHNNY and MARY KENT CREASY are spending their vacation in Huntington, West Virginia. NANCY ANN RAMSEUR of St. Petersburg, Florida, is a new member of the department. LESTER CAPPON and LUTA SEWELL attended the annual meeting of the Society of American Archivists at Annapolis, Maryland.

C & M

W. D. MACPHERSON, who returned from vacationing at Nags Head, reports that he had some luck with Bonitos and Bluefish. BESS McCOURT visited relatives in Louisiana. ROBERT WEBB visited relatives in New Jersey during his vacation. MILDRED LANIER was able to get plenty of golfing in at the Inn during her vacation. Norwood Singleton has left CW to work for a lumber company. WILSON EDMONDS, a law student at W & M, is with us again as doorman. IRIS OLMSTEAD went down to see the University of Florida (her home team) play Georgia Tech in football. Both EUGENE SHELDON and BOB WILLIAMS have taken up residence in Williamsburg, the former at the W. E. Bozarth House, the latter at Ludwell. JACK BAILEY and family have moved into the Teterel Shop. Mrs. Cornelia Walker of Youngstown, Ohio, visited her brother, JAMES WALLACE. Bruton Heights Day was observed on a recent Sunday. After the service, each member of the faculty received an invitation to dinner. LESTER LEWIS motored to Hampton recently to witness the football game between Hampton Institute and Maryland State College. RED HENDERSON, BILL HAYES and JACK PEET all bustle with pride over new arrivals. (For vital statistics see Proud Parents column). We welcome a couple of new arrivals in the department: ELSIE TRUETT, secretary for MONIER WILLIAMS, and FRANK HAYWOOD who is working for BILL KELLER. WALTER BRIDWELL was promoted to foreman to fill the vacancy created when Rod Small left a short time ago. JOHN IRONMONGER's son has returned from Korea where he took part in 84 combat missions over enemy territory. "SHINE" MOORE has just moved into his new home on Route 5 and "RED" VAUGHAN has started construction on his home, also on Route 5. We understand that BRUCE HARDY's son, Bruce Jr., is to be congratulated on making the Dean's List at West Point. JOE FISHER won a close decision from a skunk in a fast and furious fight under Field Office No. 1. After searching for over a year, the department has finally located the proper stone for use on the Benjamin Waller mantel. The search ended in a small quarry in France where they are making the new mantel and it will be shipped here.

CRAFTS

JACK UPSHUR has returned after a business trip to New York. On his way home he visited his son, Jack, Jr., who is a sophomore at Yale, and attended the Yale-Navy football game. The happiest person at Craft House right now is FRANCES SCHWARZ who has just become a grandmother. Susan Emily Hewlett was born on October 7 to Mr. and Mrs. John Hewlett. Mrs. Hewlett is the former DOROTHY SCHWARZ. Mr. Walter Puschell, vice president of F. Schumacher & Co., manufacturers of our Reproduction Program fabrics, spent several days in Williamsburg recently. He was accompanied by his wife and three children. Mr. R. H. Clemmer has been in the hospital at the University of Virginia for the past few weeks. Mr. Clemmer is president of the Virginia Metalcrafters, who make the popular trivets for Craft House, as well as other brass items. PAGE FOLK is having a whirl attending the weddings of two of her nieces. One took place on the Eastern Shore recently, and the other will take place in Suffolk in November. SAMMIE BURKETT joined her parents in Roanoke for a week end visit. About 65,000 new fall brochures will be mailed out soon to patrons of Craft House. Kenneth Harris of Norfolk has been in town several days this week doing water color paintings of scenes in Williamsburg for sale at Craft House. Next week he will do water color portraits of Flip and Katie Sparks. SAINT HOLLAND has returned to duty after a two week vacation. JEAN GIESELMANN has returned from her vacation and has moved into the John Carter Kitchen. Mr. Walter Prins of New York City was a recent visitor to Williamsburg. Mr. Prins is president of one of the leading tile manufacturers in the country and is working out a program of tiles for the Craft House. R. H. Macy & Co., is interested in borrowing our Reproduction Program display now in the lower corridor of the Goodwin Building for use in an exhibit in their store in New York. Mr. G. N. Stieff, president of the Stieff Company, Mr. E. T. Baker, vice-president, and Mr. Rodney Stieff, treasurer, spent several days in the city to consider taking over the pewter reproductions for the Reproduction Program. These articles were formerly made for us by Max Rieg. Mr. Franco Scalamandre, president of Scalamandre Silks, manufacturers of our silk fabrics, spent several days in Williamsburg recently. Mr. Hensleigh Wedgewood, president of Josiah Wedgewood & Sons, was a recent visitor. He brought along with him Mr. William Wistar Robinson, who will take over the commemorative development for the Wedgewood Company.

CURATOR'S

BETSY HALL spent a few days of her vacation in Washington. JOHN LEE has returned from his vacation. MARY VAN BUREN has begun her new job with the hotels, and HENRIETTA MONTGOMERY is now hard at work as housekeeper of the Exhibition Buildings. BETTY JO FLETCHER and WINSOR WHITE can be found in their new office upstairs in the Palace East Advance Building. WILLIAM WILLIAMS is the proud father of a girl born on October 17. Mother, father and baby are all doing fine.

INSTITUTE

LYMAN H. BUTTERFIELD recently attended the American Antiquarian Society meeting in Worcester, Massachusetts. STELLA NEIMAN is back at the Institute working part time.

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Archaeological Laboratory Makes A Specialty Of Washing Broken Dishes

"We're probably the only company in existence which makes a business of washing broken dishes!" So stated Minor Wine Thomas as he led the way through a door marked "Archaeological Laboratory" at the Warehouse. The "dishwashing," to be sure, is very different from that practiced at the hotels and taverns, and the nose-tingling strength of acid and caustic solutions is sufficient to keep one from forgetting that the location is a laboratory rather than a kitchen.

Reference Library

A great deal of what goes on elsewhere in Colonial Williamsburg is based directly or indirectly on the operation at the Lab. In a sense it is a reference library and its forty-odd tons of artifacts (as excavated objects are usually called) are used frequently by architects, those who plan for reproduction items, the curator, and scholars from all over the nation.

Before any house can be restored or reconstructed, a lot of research is necessary. When all available information has been contributed by the Research and Architectural Departments, Jimmie Knight and his archaeologists take to the site and begin digging for foundations. In the course of this excavation, every artifact which is turned up is placed in a box which is in turn sent to the archaeological lab.

Labeling System

A system of labeling the boxes according to the block number, section number, and sub section number makes it possible later on to pin-point the spot from



BOXES of materials excavated by Jimmy Knight and his archaeologists are first sent to a storage shed to await processing in the laboratory. Here Milton Perry holds an old bayonet in his right hand and a piece of glass jar in his left.

which any given artifact has been recovered. This labeling is highly necessary for accuracy's sake since it is not unusual for a ton of material to come from any given job.

Preliminary Sorting

Upon their arrival at the Lab, the contents of the boxes are first given a preliminary sorting which divides the sheep from the goats;



PRELIMINARY SORTING is made when artifacts are first brought into the lab. About half of all excavated materials are of 19th and 20th century origin and are of little interest to CW.

is the largest of its period anywhere in the world and is one of the few which is even partially borne out by documents, also in our possession. These documents, mostly inventories and wills of the 18th century, mention many of the same items which are found in the Lab's files.

Use of Material

One may wonder just what uses are made of all this material. There are three distinct collections: one for exhibit purposes (such as the one at the Court-



MANUAL CLEANING is the first step of the treatment process for colonial items. Billy Geiger (left) looks over some of the artifacts already processed and filed.

that is, the 17th and 18th century items are separated from those of the 19th and 20th century. This division ordinarily reduces by about 50 per cent the total recovery from an excavation.

A further sorting places ceramics and glass into different boxes according to their design and the location from which they were excavated.

The metallic artifacts, (copper, tin, pewter, lead, brass and iron), receive chemical treatment, and of these the iron items require the most work.

System Used Nationally

The system for cleaning and preserving these iron artifacts which has been developed here is now used by the National Park Service and a number of leading museums in the country. The pieces are first manually cleaned to free them of loose dirt and rust. After being packed and surrounded with zinc, they are boiled in a strong caustic solution for a period of time which varies from six to sixteen hours depending on the condition of the item. This procedure loosens and removes much of the scaly rust. The caustic solution, in itself damaging to the metal, must then be thoroughly rinsed off with water and neutralized with acid. The piece is next dried at high temperature in an oven and given another manual cleaning.

Largest Collection

This phenomenal authenticated collection of excavated materials

(house); one for study purposes (kept at the Lab); and one known as the "discard collection" which is stored at the Warehouse for possible later use by students and archaeologists. The latter is of 19th and 20th century origin and therefore is of little use to Colonial Williamsburg. The study collection is used by CW architects in designing many details (hinges, locks, doorsteps, etc.) which go into reconstruction and restoration jobs. Jack Upshur comes by the Lab from time to time to look over artifacts for possible items which could be reproduced for sale to visitors. The style of the harnesses and much of the construction of the coaches now used by CW was learned from some buckles which were on file at the Lab.



ARTIFACTS are boiled in a caustic solution to loosen scaly rust and hardened dirt.

Lab Personnel

Minor Wine Thomas supervises the operation at the Archaeological Lab, in addition to his Craft Shop duties. The present "Archaeological Treatment Assistant" is Milton Perry who has taken over for John Dunton, now on military leave "somewhere in Germany." The job has been held in the past by such distinguished gentlemen as V. P. Duncan Cocke (who worked there in the late 1920's) and Dr. Roy Ash of the College (who worked there during the past summer).

Departmental News

HOSTESS SECTION

The hostesses lead exciting lives in and out of the Exhibition Buildings. HALLIE WERMUTH recently attended the State Convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy at Natural Bridge. ELIZABETH CALLIS gave a lecture to the Garden Club at Crewe, Virginia, on Gardens and Houses of Williamsburg. MARY CARTER visited the New England states and Canada with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hutt of Philadelphia. MAY FLETCHER with her husband is vacationing in New England. CARRIE LEE is spending some time with friends in Waynesboro. NOUVELLE GREEN is visiting in Washington, D. C. FLORENCE TAYLOR and Dr. Taylor have returned from a summer in England and on the continent. ROSE TAYLOR has a new grandson, Thomas Jennings Henderson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. David L. Henderson of Capitol Landing Road.

I & L

Former employee WILLIE BOGGER has returned to work as breakfast cook. FLETCHER COTTON is enjoying a vacation on the lower peninsula. MILTON WALLACE and PEARL DANDRIDGE were married on September 20 and are now living in Toano. PLATO MARROW was home on a ten day furlough from Kentucky. SHIRLEY PIGGOTT left us for a few days because of the sudden death of his father. FANNIE TAYLOR and ROBERTA JOHNSON were both absent because of illness. The employees of the Williamsburg Inn and Lodge gave a party on September 16 at Little Zion Church at Grove. FRANCES MARTIN is away on a vacation. HERMAN WISCHNEWSKI has returned to the Lodge kitchen as Floor Steward. VIRGINIA RANDOLPH is a new member of the staff of the Lodge Kitchen.

RECEPTION CENTER

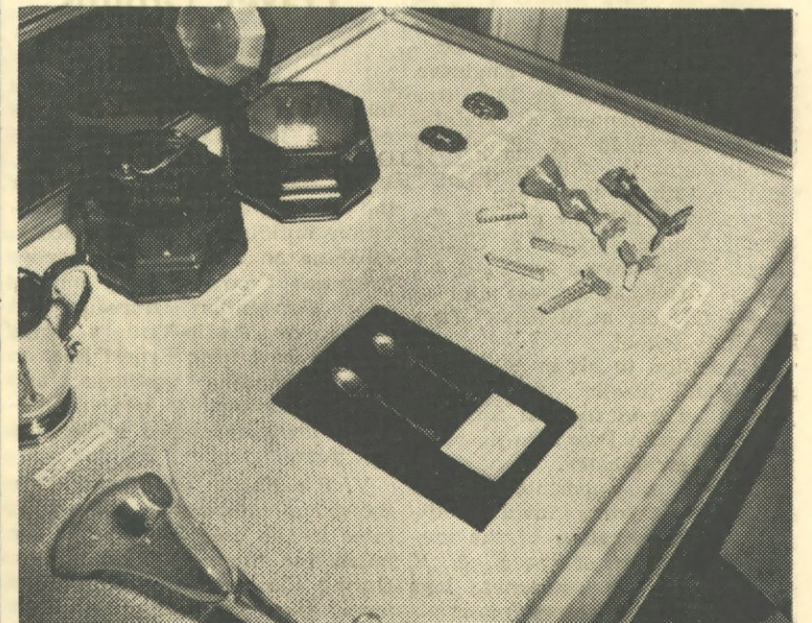
The Center is delighted with the beautiful map of Virginia of 1750 that was painted by FRANCES DAYTON. It covers a wall of the Reception Center, and is a great help in pointing out places to visitors to Williamsburg. RUTH LARSON, is planning to be married on November 3 to Gregory Hodge, an ex-engineer of the Lodge, who is now at Fort Eustis with the football team. Ruth is a recent graduate of Matthew Whaley. The wedding will take place in the Presbyterian Church in Williamsburg. ROLAND NEMETH, a sophomore at William and Mary, has been welcomed to the ranks of the Reception Center. BUDDY BAKER and BARRY WILSON are back after their summer vacations. They will both appear in the College production of "Ten Little Indians" on October 31 and November 1. BARBARA and JIM SHUMAR are being congratulated on a baby boy, James Shumar, Jr. JULIE YOUNGQUIST has been made chairman of the Judicial Committee under the Women's Student Cooperative Government Association. WIDDY FINNELL and his mother and father are moving into their new home Cherry Hall, the first of November. LILLIAN CRANE has left for a teaching job, and she will be greatly missed. HELEN DEWING will leave for Cuba to join her husband as soon as he finds living quarters there.

RESEARCH

PIERCE MIDDLETON appeared before a group of over 100 enthusiastic youngsters from King George County who were meeting at the 4-H camp on the James River before the camping season closed. He spoke on Colonial Williamsburg and showed them slides. He found that the 4-H's were particularly interested in the gardens of Colonial Williamsburg. FANONA KNOX, accompanied by her sisters, Mrs. George Belk and Miss Mary Knox, spent a few days in Pendleton, South Carolina, and with her brother, Mr. Jack Knox, in Salisbury, North Carolina. The occasion for the trip was a farewell get-together with Miss Mary Knox, a lieutenant in the WAVES, who is being transferred from Washington, D. C. to San Francisco, California. MARY STEPHENSON, with Mrs. R. G. Robb and FRANCES ROBB, recently attended a wedding at "Gaymont," seat of the Robb family in Caroline County. "Moving day" was an event for two of our members. MARY and RUTHERFORD GOODWIN have moved from Camp Peary to the Timson House and ALICE and CARL FEHR have settled in an apartment at 221 Richmond Road.



EACH ITEM is carefully catalogued according to its design and the location from which it was excavated. Minor Wine Thomas lends a hand as Milton applies the numbers.



DISPLAY COLLECTION is used for exhibits such as this one now being shown on the first floor of the Goodwin Building.