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A Christmas Message from K.C.



From time to time, the editors of the NEWS have been kind enough to ask me to write a few words for the paper on some subject or another. Naturally, I have always been pleased to do so. However, this article is a little bit different - this time I beat the editors to the punch! I was so anxious not to be left out of the Christmas issue that I went to them and asked that I be allowed to write something.

The reason for this was because I wanted to greet each and every one of you and to express my deep satisfaction for the part you have played in making 1949 one of the most memorable and successful years in the history of our organization.

Not so long ago, this organization was small enough so that I could have gone around and told each of you personally what a fine job I thought you were doing. I often look back nostalgically to those days. However, on second thought, the warm personal contacts we all seemed to enjoy then are just as real today. The only difference is that there are more of them and, of course, the organization has grown so large that it is virtually impossible for any one of us to know everyone else personally. Thus, the NEWS in a sense has become a meeting place for us all.

As the twenty-second year of Colonial Williamsburg - and the 250th year of the city of Williamsburg - draws to a close, we can look back with satisfaction on a year of accomplishments: the new wing of the Lodge was opened; the new laundry was completed; great strides have been taken in the completion of the physical restoration, high-lighted by the re-opening, on July 4, of the Magazine. Those of you who were fortunate enough to be present (and I regret to say that I was not among the lucky ones) will probably long remember the address of Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith, the precision marching, the colorful pageantry at the Guardhouse and the magnificent salute by jet planes.

During this year, Williamsburg has received more coverage from the press, over the radio, in television and in magazines than in any other year in its history. Also, 1949 will see all attendance records to our exhibition buildings broken. Certainly one of the most important accomplishments of this year is the fact that we are going to end up 1949 with a balanced budget - thanks to the increased number of visitors and economies throughout the organization. That's welcome news at any time!

Pleasant as it is to look back on a job done well, it is even more stimulating to look ahead. And I think 1950 is going to be an even greater year than 1949.

Looking at the building program, we find that the Architectural and C&M departments will really have their work cut out for them.

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NEWS & COMMENT

It is particularly fitting that the cherubic faces of CW's children should grace the photo insert this month. The angelic row which serves as the background for the page reflects the youthful anticipation of the season. It is Tom Williams' masterful job of capturing the expressions of the Bruton Parish Church Junior Choir at a Christmas pageant two years ago. Incidentally, a holiday-harried printer carelessly blotted out the legend for one snapshot. With apologies for him to Lester Cappon, we report that the upper right photo shows Lester's two youngsters - Bernet, age 5, and Marybeth, age 10 - romping in the snow.

While we are about it, a late news flash from the Architectural side has it that Thomas Morgan who is reported on page 14 as the new structural draftsman, has changed his mind and taken up work someplace else since he couldn't find immediate housing here.

Jack Upshur happily reports that Craft House items are extremely popular December 25th gifts. In support of this he points to Mr. H. L. Thompson, president of the Red Ash Coal Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, who was recently a guest at the Inn and who ordered 308 individually wrapped copies of the Williamsburg Art of Cookery to send to his friends.

The Interpretation Division is going ahead with plans for a weekly series of concerts at the Palace in April and May.....A group of Swiss travel representatives here recently were most intrigued by the electric-eye doors at the Lodge dining room.

CW's package to the needy of Europe is well on its way. Two years ago, the hostesses sent eight packages and three large parcels of seed.

The now-traditional New Year's Eve dance at the Lodge will cost the same as last year - \$5.40 per person - and is well worth it. Walter Nelson's orchestra will play for the gala affair.

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In the business section of town, the Post Office is going to be enlarged: additional facilities will be opened up on the second floor, mail boxes will be relocated, the building will be extended on two sides, and public toilet facilities will be added in the Arcade. Casey's is going to be enlarged by putting in a full second floor, which will involve many structural changes. And the shoppers in our families will be glad to know that, by the summer of '51, Casey's entire first floor and half the second floor will be air-conditioned.

The addition to the Inn, which was started this year, will be completed around March 1 and the Nicolson Shop, Pasteur-Galt Shop and Barber Shop are all scheduled for Spring opening, with plans going forward for the Brush House to be opened as an exhibition building around the middle of the year.

Those of you who have gone through the inconveniences of moving or house-hunting within recent years, will be sympathetic to the plights of Bela Norton and Henry Beebe, both of whom will be temporarily dispossessed some time in 1950. Bela Norton's present residence, the Powell-Hallam House on Francis Street, is to be relocated - probably outside the restored area. This house never was in its present location in the 18th century but was moved from York Street. Now with our increasing concern about the authenticity of the restored area, it will be moved to another site. And Henry Beebe's domicile, the Rectory, is slated for removal as an unauthentic structure.

Filling in the gaps in the restored area will amount to a sizable job in the construction program of 1950 and will ease up our housing problems when finished. Scheduled for early Spring ground-breaking will be the Blue Bell Tavern and Draper House on the Capitol Green. The former residence, of one and one-half stories, is similar in size and appearance to the Pitt-Dixon House and

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BENEFITS ADDED TO GROUP INSURANCE PLAN

A "bonus" liberalization of the CW Group Life Insurance Plan at no extra cost to employee participants has been made by CW giving, in effect, each employee policy holder the additional protection of an Accidental Death and Dismemberment policy.

It provides double indemnity payment or twice the face value of the employee's policy for loss of life due to accidental causes regardless of where the accident occurs. The full amount of the policy will be paid for the loss of two hands, two feet, the sight of both eyes, or a combination of any two of those things. It will pay one-half the face value of the policy for the loss of one hand, one foot, or the sight of one eye. Even after payment under this dismemberment clause, the full value of the insurance remains in effect for subsequent accidents.

The Accidental Death and Dismemberment protection goes into effect on January 1, 1950 and certificates will be issued to participating employees as soon as they are received from the insurance company. Letters explaining the "bonus" provisions of the group insurance plan are being sent out to all policy holders. These additional benefits are being paid for entirely by CW; the cost to employees is the same as for only group life insurance.

Eligible employees not already insured under the group plan may now sign up for the combined coverage and have the benefits of this low-cost insurance if they can furnish satisfactory evidence of insurability to the insurance company.

The CW Group Life Insurance Plan for employees has been in operation for more than twelve years, during which time over \$52,250. in death benefits has been paid to the beneficiaries of CW employees. Participation in the plan enables employees to obtain life insurance protection and the increased benefits at a substantially reduced rate. The entire cost of the first \$500. of insurance is paid by CW and for any additional amount, the employee contributes at the rate of 30¢ per month for each \$500. of insurance. Employees are eligible for the insurance protection after six months' continuous active service.

GEDDY RE-ENTERS LAW PRACTICE

Simultaneous with the announcement that Vernon Geddy would return to the general practice of law in Williamsburg at the first of the year, there came the reassuring word that he would continue as a trustee and counsel of CW.

"Although Vernon Geddy will have his own offices," Kenneth Chorley stated, "he will continue the association that has been so invaluable to CW during the past twenty years. In continuing this relationship, he will continue to have an active part in our organization and not only serve as trustee and counsel but also attend administrative and staff meetings."

Vernon Geddy is returning to the practice of law hereabouts in the offices of the late Ashton Dovell on Francis Street. Associated with him will be Miss Mary Inman, attorney.

He retired from general practice in 1930, after having served as Judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court and later as Commonwealth's Attorney, to become associated with CW. Last year, after nearly sixteen years as senior resident officer, he retired as Executive Vice-President to accept the appointment of Counsel to CW.

A familiar native of Williamsburg, he is a graduate of W&M and studied at the Universities of Virginia and Chicago.

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the latter, which will be on the corner of Francis and Waller Streets, will be a large two-story house, possibly for two families. Also on the Green, will be the John Carter House and Moir's Store, both of which will be smaller residences with gardens. Other residential building plans call for the reconstruction of the James Carter House (next to the Quarter) and the restoration of the Tayloe House. Extensive additional restoration work is planned also on the Carter-Saunders House and construction will be started on the Chiswell House, on Francis Street on May 1; this latter will become another guest cottage for the Inn.

Archaeological studies planned for 1950 include work on the Second Theater, Moir's House and Blaikley's House, the latter two being on the western part of Duke of Gloucester Street, across from Casey's.

Interesting news about 1950 comes to us from other quarters as well. All of us were extremely happy to learn that Mr. John D. Rockefeller, 3rd, would be devoting even more of his time to our interests as Chief Executive Officer of the organization and Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Board of Directors.

"Task Force"

Mr. John, 3rd, has for some time felt that, while Colonial Williamsburg was doing a magnificent job of interpreting Williamsburg to the people who came here, there were millions of people in this country who could never come to the city. He, with the other officers and members of the staff, has been studying ways and means of taking the significance of Williamsburg to the nation. In order that we might really do something about this, Kerk Burbank, the Head of the Department of Public Information, and John Goodbody, the Director of the Department of Publications, will be relieved of all administrative responsibility for an indefinite period on the first of February and together will constitute a "task force"

devoting their entire time to a study of how Williamsburg can be made more significant in the lives of the American people.

There are many more plans in store for us. On January 28, the biennial meeting of the Virginia General Assembly will be held in the Capitol. The forthcoming meeting will be especially significant with a speaker of national importance scheduled to appear. It is a continuing honor to Colonial Williamsburg that the legislators "should elect to come back every two years. In the latter part of February, Colonial Williamsburg in conjunction with the "Voice of Democracy" - which as you probably know is a national contest for high school students run by the nation's broadcasters and the U. S. Jr. Chamber of Commerce - will present an address to the youth of the world from the House of Burgesses delivered by a man of international prominence. It is expected that this event will be so significant that it will not only be heard in all schools of this country but will also be beamed to students throughout the world.

The highly successful Antiques and Decorations Forum will run for three weeks in 1950 instead of two; House & Garden Magazine is joining with Colonial Williamsburg to co-sponsor a new and broadened Garden Symposium; the Division of Interpretation already has started work on a new film about Williamsburg; King's Arms Tavern will be opened early in 1951, supplanting the Travis House. The latter, as in the case of the Powell-Hallam House, will be relocated, since the Frenchman's Map does not show a building of that type where it now stands, and will be used as a residence. These and all the other plans, so rapidly coming to pass, assure us that 1950 will be a busy and satisfactory year for us all.

In closing, may I express my warmest thanks to you all again and say that Mrs. Chorley joins me in wishing the Merriest of Christmases and Happiest of New Years to you and your families.

-Kenneth Chorley

METROPOLITAN EXHIBITIONS

Macy's in New York will open an exhibition of Williamsburg reproductions next week and Bamberger of Newark will open another on January 17th complete with photos, coach and hostesses.

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C&M NEWS

Bob Burrage of the carpentry shop announces the birth of a daughter, his second, Jo Baxter, on November 26 at 9:55 a.m. in the York, Pennsylvania, Hospital. Mother and daughter are doing well and are expected home after Christmas. Bob paid a visit to York over the week-end of December 4.

Victor Petersen of the paint division, who injured his left elbow in an auto mishap, has recently returned home.

Harry T. Peoples took a vacation in eastern Carolina recently, missing scarcely a town. His map read Kinston, Newbern, Moorehead City, Tarboro, Henderson, and Durham, where he saw the Duke-Carolina game.

Orval Hopkins has returned to the paint department after a protracted illness.....Vic Page is back on the job after a recent severe illness.....Dorsey Tyler waited until the last day of his vacation to bag a nice buck.....Randy Carter was recently called to Richmond on account of the death of his uncle, Harry Vaughan.....Jennings Taylor should enjoy good hunting on his current vacation, which comes after his thirteenth anniversary with CW.

Since our last issue of the NEWS the following from C&M have enjoyed vacations: R. W. Stewart and R. H. Stewart of landscape section; Wyndham Kemp, golf course; Francis Harper, I&L engineer; Moses Treadway, Inn East Wing watchman; Russell Walker, from Vic Page's crew; Willie Meekins, Ben Spraggins, and John Sheppard, of coach operations.

-W. D. McPherson

LET'S GO FLYING
SAYS TRAVEL OFFICE

If you go, fly; and if you fly--get your reservations at the Travel Office, of course! Under the supervision of Harry Borden and Nancy Foster, who has just returned after being hospitalized, that office has been enjoying a booming business in the sale of airline tickets, greatly facilitating transportation to and from Williamsburg for townspeople, tourists, CW'ers and college students.

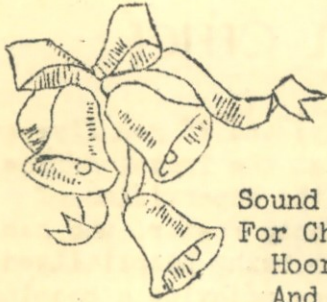
Airline business and service have been enhanced by the opening of the Patrick Henry Airport, which is just fifteen miles away on Route #168. The new airport is served by both Capital and Piedmont Airlines, and can easily be reached by limousine. Passengers are picked up at either the Inn or Lodge and taken to the airport for each flight with the same type return service.

Since August 10--the first day of airline sales at the TO--through Dec. 11 approximately 380 tickets were sold there, grossing \$11,958.22. Harry Borden states that the biggest part of this business comes from the College and that CW'ers buy the next greatest portion of air travel sold there. "We have sent the College basketball team on two trips so far this year," says Harry, "and are sending many students home for Christmas vacation via air. The biggest day we have had to date was on December 9 when we grossed \$1,368.15 in airline ticket sales."

The added air travel convenience also is paying dividends on the incoming end. A spokesman for Capital Airlines states that Williamsburg is the greatest attraction of Capital's routes and will plug the city accordingly.

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The first 240 sets of Commemorative Plates by Wedgwood have arrived and been sent to purchasers in time for Christmas.



CW CHRISTMAS: A SORT OF POEM

Sound brass, blow bugles, cry wassail
 For Christmas cheer and the old book sale;
 Hooray for eggnogs and that after lunch nappa,
 And our veeps who sport a Phi Beta Kappa;
 For the Reproduction Program and its do-re-mi,
 For architect Henderson and his model, T.

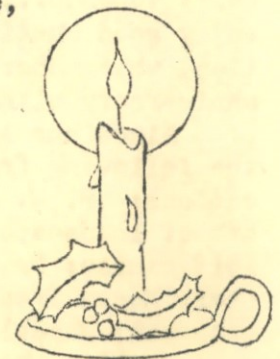
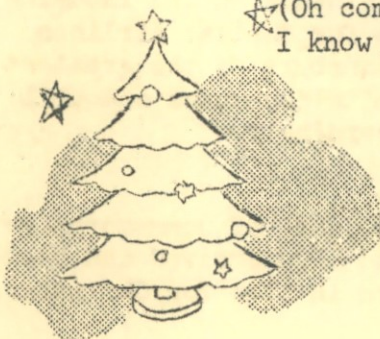
Up Upshur, up Upshaw (rent rooms by the block),
 Up Koch and up Kocher, up Cogar and Cocke;
 Up Thess Judkins and John D. Green,
 Up Louis XV and his riding machine;
 Up Scalamandré and Peach, Captain Sam,
 Up Fleming Brown and Travis House ham;
 Yes Katzenbach and Warren too;
 And Louis Pagano, our hat's off to you.
 Goodbye to Joe K - keep us posted, hear?
 And to ex-gumshoe Talley, a busy New Year.



A ten-strike with ribbons for Rowe, Alma Lee
 And for the Williamsburg Williams, M, I, R, and T.
 A win for the alley-cats (long may they roll),
 And poison for poissons what hoot when they bowl.

Beat Yuletide drums for ads and promotions,
 For Thomas McCaskey and his full line of notions;
 For the bunches of hunches with punches by Boyer;
 For Needham and Grohmann and every last lawyer;
 Our Burbank-trained pair, writers Piedmont and Hoke,
 Makes monkeys of monkeys, and packs a shrewd poke;
 Infinitive splitless, it rarely is hitless;
 It mangles all angles; is never dimwitless.

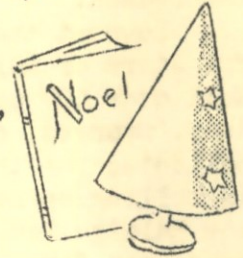
☆(Oh company Newsom, your project it grewsome,
 I know that we all should surely thank yousome).





Deck the Hall with boughs of holly (Betsy, you);
'Tis the season to be Jolly (Ruth and Hackett, too).

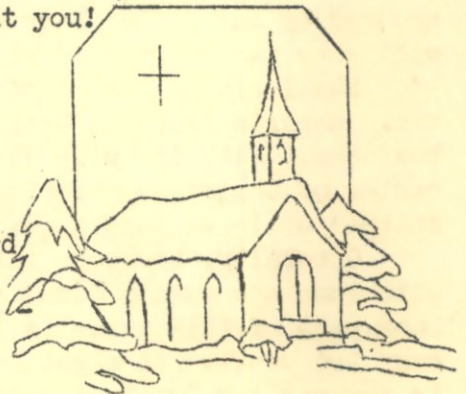
A noggin of rum and then some more
For hard-working Mrs. and hubby Bert Score;
For draftsmen detailing each gable and louver,
For kitchen crews brewing up tasty chefs d'oeuvre,
For the Institute's large pack of mental-men, ☆
For the line-up awaiting Virginia Gentlemen;
For Spaight and Johnson and all their crew -
For dining designing we're looking to you.
For Kocher and Dearstyne, proud parents of opus,
Best Christmas cheer and new year's hopus;
For those who brought the square-dance back,
Chiefly Showman, Richard, and Showman, Mac.



But muffled tom-toms, muted brasses,
For the lack of business when autumn passes;
A spiked hot toddy for the office hummer;
A quart of DT for those chiggers next summer.

Hail golfers facing another lean year;
Hail three-putt Taylor and Mildred Lanier;
(Come Spratley, don't you give a d_mn?
You've got more slices than a Smithfield ham!)
(Beat me daddy with a number five,
Is that Sparks putting? Is he dead or alive?)
For Len Biles' punchboard, and Budweiser's brew,
There's always mañana - here's looking at you!

For BWN and KC too
From all of us to both of you;
With an extra fillip for counsel VG
From us to you, to you from we;
(But a special thought and a special word
For JDR Jr. and JDR III,
A good New Year - and a world at peace
For the Rockefellers, père et fils).



So raise up your mugs, and drink Christmas cheer,
There's nothing to worry about - 'til next year.

BRING ON THE HOLLY

With an over-the-shoulder look at the clock, CWers are bustling about their preparations for the fast-approaching Christmas season. At the hotels, around the buildings, down in the Warehouse area and in the offices there is a festive undercurrent that is growing more and more persuasive.

Shoppers are burdened with packages, cards are being sent in large and small batches leaving that gummy taste in the mouth, children are poking at bundles and being seasonably good, husbands are casting a despairing eye at the family budget and event-planners are pulling their hair. 'Tis the season to be jolly and preparations for CW's contributions to the Williamsburg Christmastime are giving a merry push to the season.

Down at the Inn & Lodge, Harold Loughrie, John Egan & Co. are laying in a bountiful store of holiday foods that, if placed together, would mount to a mighty pile. Well over 600 pounds of turkey and 5 pounds of nuts, not to mention dozens of tangerines, oranges, other fruits and other delectable delights of the palate are being collected for the Christmas feasting at the hotels and Travis House. Isabelle Brayer is rolling up her sleeves preparatory to making the some 1,200 cookies required for the Raleigh Tavern Open House and indefatigable Tommy Moyles is talking in terms of bands and favors and midnight supper as he lines up another merry New Year's Supper Dance at the Lodge. Decorations are being assembled for the inns, presents for the guests are being packaged and the 1949 running of the Yule Log ceremony for hotel guests is getting its advance planning so as to permit participation of as many as possible of the thousands who want to attend. The smallish Lodge lounge is the only possible place and there will be more than enough hotel guests to fill the room. The Christmas week-end has been booked for weeks by Frances Burns and her reservation staff and visitors are coming from far and near to enjoy and take part in Williamsburg's 18th century-style Yuletide.

They will see hundreds of windows lighted by single candles after the manner of old. In a foretaste of the appearance, the Palace was lighted last week for the benefit of news photographers anxious to spread the city's Christmas cheer abroad. Other decorations by the inimitable Louise Fisher will edge the old buildings with festive garlands of greens. More than 700 yards of the "ropeage," as it is called, is being secured by our flower lady and the majority of the other houses throughout the city will show her example of simple house decorations after the 18th century mode.

Still others throughout the nation are bringing Williamsburg into their Christmas. Reports from the Craft House indicate a virtual swamping deluge of mail-order business. With its wide variety of gift suggestions, the Upshur-emporium also is a center of Christmas shopping for this area with the numerous card possibilities being snapped up in wholesale quantities.

Generally, however, the holiday season this year is following its normal pattern with some new events added and a seemingly increased excitement in the air. On the back page of this issue is listed, as per custom, the day-by-day events of the coming busy two weeks. It might be worth tacking to the wall. Of special interest this year is the earlier "white lighting" of the city in answer to repeated requests, the special illustrated talk on Christmas decorations and customs, the caroling sessions open to young and old with a hoped-for hospitality from the homes where singing is done, and the firing of the guns on Market Square Green among the features of the community-wide program arranged and coordinated by the Jaycees.

It's a distinctive season in a distinctive town.



Visions of sugar plums . . .



Mary Jane Cross - born Christmas Eve '48
dtr. of Betty Cross (Craft House)



Frederick, 9½; Anne Marie, 3½
children of F.F. Boelt (C&M)

Glen, 9, son of
Tom McCaskey
(Public Info.)



Louis, 4; Joan, 7
children of Louis
Pagano (Interp.)



Howard, 4½, son of
Howard Brindle (C&M)



Anita and Annette Morris, 5
twin grandnieces of Luta
Sewell (Archives)



Pamela (left), 4,
Arthur Christopher, 2
children of Pierce
Middleton (Research)



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fletcher serve as hosts for the Raleigh Tavern Open House last year At LEFT, the Palace aglow for the holiday.

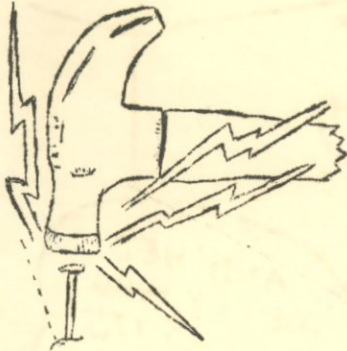


Woodworker Harmon on the job See next page for details



Ginny and Queen Bess, hay-burning employees, who are hiring themselves out for riding.

Harmon Hammering



Just a little over twenty years ago, a young man named Norman Harmon from the Eastern Shore of Maryland, showed up with Todd and Brown construction crews at the Raleigh Tavern. Following the completion of that job, they moved on to the Ludwell-Paradise House. In 1934, Todd and Brown packed up their steam shovels and left Williamsburg, but Norman stuck around. He stuck around so well that he is currently the foreman of the Woodwork and Carpentry Shop at that corner of the C&M empire, the Warehouse.

On the fifteenth of last month, Norman received his twenty-year pin. He is a pleasant gentleman with a large and ready smile and is obviously very proud of his carpentry shop - as neat and shiny as a pin, and as noisy as a boiler factory.

The shop itself is a long rectangular building, some forty by eighty feet. The aluminum roof is designed to be cool in summer and warm in winter, but this weather service is augmented by two or three blower fans set up underneath the roof. The walls are mostly glass and steel, and all in all, it looks like the modern, up-to-date shop required for CW woodworking. Set in rows and neatly bolted to the concrete floor are the whirring, buzzing machines used by the carpenters and woodworkers; the joiners, bandsaws, sanders, scrapers, and the morticing machine (a strange thing that cuts square holes through a piece of wood). Part of the floor is built of the ends of timbers. They are some two and a half inches deep and provide, according to Norman, an easier walking and standing surface.

Naval Tour

Norman took military leave in 1944 to join the Navy, and spent two years being shuttled from one place to another. He went from Bainbridge to Philadelphia to San Diego. In between train rides, he also saw a little shipboard service, and he returned to Williamsburg in 1946 following his discharge. He is married and has a nine-year-old daughter. Among his hobbies, he lists hunting and fishing, but the NEWS has it on reliable authority that Norman is also a master cook, and on C&M picnics, has been known to turn out a splendid type of hush-puppy, the best thing to hit the South since the cotton plant.

Hunting for lumber and fishing for nails are not the hobbies he carries to his work, because the shop is swept clean almost continuously, and everything is in near perfect order, thanks to the manipulations of Jim Hawkins. Part of the room is ringed with work benches where the staff of five men repair and refinish work. Fay Moore might be crating up a chair while someplace else Bob Burrage would be scraping away on a table leg. Furniture from the Inn and Lodge and other portions of CW make up the bulk of the work, due no doubt to the press of the hordes of Boyer-sent conventioners.

A good bit of the work done in Norman's bailiwick has to do with the various reconstruction projects going on around town. All the woodwork, window frames and structural parts the visitor sees in restored houses has been repaired by Norman and his crew. To repair such things as beams and window frames, a large supply of antique lumber is kept on hand, drawn from buildings where it was not needed. Thus a window frame that needed a piece of molding might well be supplied by the genuine eighteenth century article. Currently, they are doing millwork for the Brush House project.

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BRUTON HEIGHTS MOVIE RE-OPENS

The Theatre and Public Information Department recently teamed up with Arthur Buie, of Office Services, in the re-opening of the Bruton Heights Movie for the winter season.

Purpose of this activity was to provide motion picture entertainment for the colored community during the time that other facilities are closed. Operating two nights per week, the Bruton Heights Movie features first run films, on their initial showing in Williamsburg, and second run features following the Williamsburg Theatre run.

Arthur Buie is the manager of the movie and is in charge of putting the show on, advertising the attractions, and in exercising general supervision. Principal of the school, Mr. Montague, and the School Board retain final supervision of the operation and set the policy to be followed.

Business for the first two weeks of the winter season at Bruton Heights Movie has been excellent, and comments indicate that the interim operation will serve a very definite need in the community.

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Two sample panels of wood rustication set up at the Pasteur-Galt Apothecary Shop site have aroused much curiosity. They were placed there for architectural study.

SAFETY-GRAM #4



HARMON HAMMERING (Cont'd)

Back in one corner is the coach repair section that operates under the ubiquitous Col. Paul Downing. "That's a specialized thing," Norman says. "We do the work on the coach bodies, but we work under the Colonel's direction, like construction crews work under an architect's direction. Work is currently being done on the coach Red Phaeton (Number One coach), which somehow sounds like a western movie hero. Work is being planned on Blue Phaeton (Number Two coach), and both coaches will eventually be put in service. Norman's brother Bill works at this end of the shop, and the others, Fay, Bob, and Arthur Ward help out with the Colonel's pride occasionally.

So, the woodworking shop, filled with coaches, furniture, benches, and a very active broom, goes merrily on its way, guided by the hand of the cheerful and happy Norman Harmon. Anytime you feel in good voice, you might hop down to the Warehouse and bellow with him.....those machines are awfully noisy.

--Don Piedmont

CRAFT HOUSE NEWS

The 25,000 Christmas brochures were mailed out in record time due to the fine cooperation and combined efforts of Craft House personnel and the Goodwin Building office force. At one period even the Board Room was put to use for night work. The result is a landslide of orders and the Christmas rush is upon us. With personnel working at top speed and Christmas shipping to be done, there is little of moment to report in this column.

Hunting season is on too, and Russell McGehee accounted for a full bag on opening day. Last year he got a ten point deer and this year he hopes to better his record....R. T. Lampkin has top score to date with a goose, two ducks, and several birds. BUT the season has just begun and we aren't telling about the ones that get away!

Football season is over. Caroline Cochran and Sue Harris attended the Tulane game at Charlottesville, and the Olivers entertained their Eastern Shore friends following the North Carolina game....There are many plans a-foot for the holidays, and Harry Borden at the Travel Office can be found in conference juggling airline schedules in an effort to get us all home for the holiday and back again. Christmas decorations are up and Craft House already has a festive air. We wish EVERYBODY a bright and merry Christmas, and the happiest of New Years.

-Anne Read

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CURATOR'S DEPARTMENT

Louise Fisher is back taking care of flower arrangements after a recent illness....Joseph Jackson has recently joined our staff of janitors for the Exhibition Buildings....Charles Cosby is back on the job after an enjoyable vacation.

-Betty Jo Fletcher

McPHERSON SUCCEEDS WHEAT AS SAFETY CHAIRMAN

W. D. McPherson will become Chairman of the Safety Committee, succeeding Col. Leslie Wheat, it was announced last week. The announcement was made at the regular meeting of the committee on December 2. The appointment is effective January 1.

The new chairman will continue with the program of making employees "safety conscious," which has been pursued by the committee.

In other matters of safety, Vernon Spratley reported that there were 22 accidents to employees in November - ten from C&M and twelve from WI&L. The committee was also advised that the C&M Department is having the message "Do Not Stand Here" stenciled on the top step of all ladders. This was recommended by the committee last month.

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INTERPRETATION

Bonnie Brown recently won a special award at the Women's Exposition in New York for a handmade bag of linsey woolsey.Alice Alexander's mother, Mrs. L. K. Bolton, will spend some time with the Alexanders during Christmas....Ed Alexander, Dick Showman, and Minor Wine Thomas recently spent several days at Winterthur, Delaware, as the guests of Henry F. du Pont....Through the cooperation of the Travel Office, Casey Miller will be flying to Gilmanston, N. H., for the Christmas week end with her family.

Frances White will be in Roanoke with her family for Christmas; Vivian Moses in Waynesboro....Mr. and Mrs. August R. Klapper are going back to Narberth, Pa., for the Christmas holidays....John Allgood hopes to take his wife to Elberton, Ga., for Christmas with her family.

-Larry Ward

BOWLING RACES SHAPE UP INTO TIGHT BATTLES

Two features of interest show up in this month's standings in both Bowling Leagues. The men's league is marked by a torrid race among three teams, and the women's league has a runaway team in first place.

C&M #3 and the Pencil Pushers are both tied for first place, and Accounting, last month's leaders, are in third this month, but only one game away from the top. Fourth place is being fought for by the other two teams from C&M, and there is also a tie for fifth place between the T Squares and Rinky Dinks. However, the team from WI&L holds undisputed possession of the cellar, ten games behind the leaders.

As far as individual scores go, there was another development during the past month; when Bob Williams rolled a 152 to supplant Pete Tucker's previous high game score of 143. Tucker's team owes its top position to both the High Team Game (568) and the High Team Set (1603) which it rolled in the past four weeks.

On the distaff side, the standings have undergone a bit of shaking up. The Knockabouts are four games in front, and have been in the lead since the start of competition. Last month's runner-up Unholy Rollers are still in the number two spot, but from there changes have been made. First, Mary Jane King's Rose Bowlers have moved up a notch to third, and the Hot Shots up to fourth. The Alley Cats, slumping badly, staggered into fifth place, thirteen games from the top. As usual, the Woodpeckers are wallowing in the damp, dark basement, but are showing some improvement over last month's 1-18 record (it's now 6-22).

The six top scorers in each league as of November 30 are as follows (numbers in parentheses indicate number of games rolled):

GOODWIN BUILDING NOTES

Ralph Bowers will be chairman of the annual Goodwin Building Christmas party. Other members of the committee include Grace Raiter, Alma Lee Rowe, Luta Sewell, Jack Upshur, Dick Talley, and Monier Williams. The party will be held during the coming week, and, as in past years, is financed by contributions from employees in the building.

Bill and Doris Etchberger announce the birth of a daughter, Karen Jean, born December 6....Margaret Koehler's mother is visiting her....Joyce McCoy and Betty Jo Fletcher have moved to an apartment on South England Street....Captain Peach reports that everything is under strong-armed control in his Section....C&M is so busy erecting chimneys for Santa Claus they have had no time for social activities....The Research is studiously combining - fine-toothed variety - for precedents before indulging its scholarly self in Christmas merriment.

Ether-minded CWers were wide awake last Thursday evening when they heard Bela Norton, Ed Alexander, and Alma Lee Rowe on Radio Station WTAR - they were EXCELLENT!....Lois Churchill is going to spend Christmas at her home in Roanoke Rapids, N. C....Ernest Priest goes to Atlanta, Ga., to spend Christmas with his mother....Catherine and Jere Bunting will spend Christmas in Urbanna and Richmond....Wicky and Sammy Banks are driving up to Long Island and Connecticut in their "new" car to visit their families during the holidays. --Luta Sewell

MEN

Tucker (27) 109
Bowers (21) 109
Beninato (21) 108
Grattan (24) 105
Evans (27) 105
Peet (18) 105

WOMEN

Burgess (25) 92
Hudson (25) 91
Stevens (22) 91
King (25) 88
McCoy (28) 87
Miller (25) 85

HOSTESS BRIEFS

Thanksgiving past, Christmas on the way, a pre-holiday lull in the buildings. Santa Claus and his affairs crowd out all other interests these days.

News includes plans for going places and plans for welcoming children home for the holidays.

June Bocock will go to Allentown, Pa. to spend Christmas with her son, Branch, and family.....Florence Taylor and Dr. Taylor travel out to Indiana to be with their son, Capt. Guilford Taylor and his family for the holidays...Mimmie Pate and Dr. Pate plan to spend Christmas in Richmond with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Macon and little son, Bobbie, who have just moved into their new home.....Ruby Steel is expecting her entire family for the holidays--her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. Nash Broadus and Nash, Jr. of Charlotte, N. C., and her son, Brock, with his wife and two small children of Winter Park, Fla. Mrs. Louise Broadus of Richmond, Va., and Miss Eva Steel of Lynchburg, Va., will also join the Steels at Christmas.

Lucy Sneed has returned from Chicago where she has been visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Francis McGuire and their children, little Francis, Martha, and Peter.....Louise Atkinson has been entertaining her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Mahoney and small John, Jr., of Newport, R. I.....Imogen Etheridge is confined to her home because of illness. We miss her in the buildings.

Rose Adele Mahone is assisting as secretary at the College library..... Mary Daniel's daughter, Margaret, from the American Embassy in Stockholm, Sweden, is visiting her. They will go to Hartford, Conn., to spend Christmas holidays with Mary's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Saliske.....Rose Taylor has disposed of at least one of her

COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG CONGRATULATES THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES WHO PASSED ANOTHER SERVICE ANNIVERSARY IN NOVEMBER, 1949, WITH A PERFECT ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR.

Fanona Knox, Research
 Wilma Joines, Architectural
 Robert E. Mills, C&M
 Simon Morning, C&M
 Floyd L. Tucker, C&M
 Coral Rogers, WI&L
 William P. Batchelder, WI&L
 Mary F. McGreevy, WI&L
 William D. Spratley, WI&L

problems--she has shipped it to Germany. The handsome Buick, left in her custody by her son, Lieut. Mahone, is at last on its way to rejoin him. Rose's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Henderson, took it to N. Y. and dispatched it.

Annette Wattles is leaving us suddenly, unexpectedly, and to our regret. She and Admiral Wattles will make their home at Milton Valley near Berryville, Va.....Hallie Wermuth went to Richmond to see Sarah Churchill in "The Philadelphia Story."....Dale Carter was the winner of the local Voice of Democracy contest, a contest in which schools all over the nation participate. The three local participants will be guests of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at its next meeting, and the award will be presented to Dale.

Polly Peyton and Commodore Peyton will spend Christmas in their charming new home on Jamestown Road.....Nouvelle Green tripped to Baltimore recently to see her son, Ed. A. Green and family..... Caroline Lee had a delightful visit in Warrenton, Va., with her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brigham, and a more recent visit to Washington, D. C. with her son, Edward, and family.

-Mary J. Daniel

WI&L ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moody had as guests for Thanksgiving dinner two sets of four-generation relatives - Mrs. J. C. Moody, great grandmother; Mrs. R. B. Skinner, grandmother; Mrs. F. Calculli, mother; and Anna Calculli, aged four. On the other side were Mrs. R. H. Marlin, Mrs. R. C. Moody, Mrs. W. A. Thomas, and Jeanne Thomas, aged 21 months. The guests came from far and near, unaware of the unusual gathering.

Jerry Bryant left last week for two weeks vacation in her home town of Parkersburg, W. Va. O. D. Welkel has returned after a hunting trip with his son O. D., Jr. Annie Taylor plans to spend her vacation at home cleaning and fixing for Christmas. Alma Wallace is looking forward to the return of her two daughters from A&T College in Greensboro for the Christmas holidays.

Louise White started her well-earned vacation on December 6, and plans to spend some of it with her mother, who is recovering from illness. Marie Service is the new telephone operator at the Lodge. She hails from Roxbury up in Charles City County.

Sam Thomas and Forrest Griffin celebrated their birthdays on December 3. Belated congratulations to both. Evelyn Johnson and Pauline Curley, pantry girls at the Inn, were on the sick list last month, but returned to duty after a few days. Ernest "Preacher" Brooks, cook, is on six weeks leave. Ending our news on a sad note, it is with sincere regret and sympathy that we report the passing of Howard P. Loughrie, brother of Harold Loughrie of the Inn and Lodge.

-Anne Lumbye

ARCHITECTURAL DEPT.

Master Randal Tebow Parker, son of Donald Parker, will soon be two months old. Miriam and John Shea had as their guests her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Winter of Philadelphia, the week-end of the North Carolina game. Paul Buchanan visited Charlottesville to see his Alma Mater play Tulane U. Norman Goodson's young son, Lance, is recovering from a recent operation. Hunter and Elizabeth Chalkley are celebrating their first wedding anniversary at Ferrum, Virginia, where Hunter attended the Ferrum Junior College.

George Bennett's daughter, Betty Jane, is captain of the girls' hockey team at the College of William and Mary. Robert Taylor is driving to Miami to catch a plane to Haiti where he will spend a few weeks vacation. He will attend the exposition commemorating the bicentennial of the founding of Port-au-Prince, capital of the Republic. Mrs. Rudy Jensen is vacationing in Clearwater, Florida.

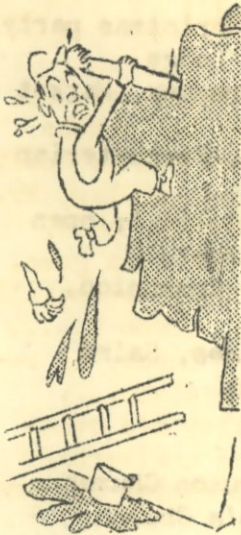
Thomas J. Morgan of Newport News joined the Architectural Department in the capacity of Structural Draftsman. S. P. Moorehead and Ed Kendrew met with John Goodbody in New York to inspect a new map for the Guide Book. Oscar Cooke and his wife announce the recent arrival of a daughter, Latricia Anne. Wilma Joines is spending her vacation at Galax, Va. Miriam Shea is going to Philadelphia for the Christmas holidays. The Joe Jenkins are entertaining his sister, Mrs. H. Y. Yeater, and Mrs. C. A. Chapalear who are motoring from South Carolina to Hagerstown, Md.

-Miriam Shea

CHRISTMAS BOOK SALE
For Employees

Specially priced to solve Christmas shopping problems, Colonial Williamsburg publications are on display in the reception room at the Goodwin Building. Employees are invited to make their selections any weekday between 8:30 and 5:00, through December 23.

KNOW-HOW AMONG THE WHITE-CLAD SET



"A ladder is only as safe as the foundation on which it rests. Pick a level spot for your ladder, secure it to something...and mount it with caution." The foregoing advice is contained in an interesting little booklet recently put out by the Paint Shop at the Warehouse. The Painter's Handbook is the title of the little opus, which is 18 pages in length, mimeographed and bound in a very neat fashion, and both professional and amateur painters will be interested in its contents.

The Painter's Handbook is chock-full of first-hand information about such things as the construction and care of brushes, ladders, scaffolding, and finally, a few important tips on the health and appearance of painters. For instances, the booklet cites the need of painters drinking a great deal of milk in order to combat lead poisoning, which often comes with long association with paint. The book is the combined effort of the entire paint staff and represents, according to one man there, over two hundred years of total painting experience. He arrives at that figure by allotting an average of ten years experience to each of the shop's twenty men.

The book already has gained some measure of fame, since many paint salesmen have asked for copies to distribute.

COACH HORSES SPORT SADDLES

Employees who are interested in horseback riding, or who would like to learn will be heartened by the latest news emanating from the Coach & Four Dept. of the Division of Interpretation. Colonel Paul Downing announced last week that five horses from the CW stables are available for hire to employees as well as Inn & Lodge guests. The rates for the CW family are \$1.50 per hour; for Inn & Lodge guests, \$2.25.

The horses used, says Colonel Downing, are trained saddle horses that have been assigned to coach duty. Now, however, coach business is slack and the horses have been converted back to the purpose for which they were originally trained. Two are heavyweight hunters and the other three are trained saddle horses.

Anyone that is out of practice, or that is interested in learning to ride can count on the Colonel, an old-time cavalryman, to help him out. The Colonel is ready to give lessons at no extra cost whenever conditions permit.

Reservations for the horses may be made at the Reception Center.

TURKEY WINS IN A ROMP

In case you want to be right up to snuff with the best-liked choices for a festive board, take a look at what's preferred at Williamsburg's hotels.

Analysts were busy as beavers on Thanksgiving Day making a study of the relative popularity of different items at the Inn and Lodge as a guide for next Thanksgiving in the matter of food preparation.

The results of the study were as interesting as they were instructive. For example, it revealed that oysters on the half-shell were $2\frac{1}{2}$ times as popular as clams on the half-shell, but that fresh shrimp cocktail is $2\frac{1}{2}$ times as popular as oysters on the half-shell. Cream soup seems to be 30% more popular than consomme. Those who preferred chestnut dressing with their turkey outnumbered those who took oyster dressing four to one. English plum pudding edged out pumpkin pie by a slight margin, and each was twice as popular as mince pie.

Turkey was never in doubt, so it's a safe bet to please any relative on Christmas day.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON
IN WILLIAMSBURG

Friday, December 16

11:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Band and choir
concert, Bruton Heights School
8 p.m. Caroling by William & Mary Choir,
Duke of Gloucester Street

Saturday, December 17

8:30-11:30 p.m. Christmas party, Matthew
Whaley School

Sunday, December 18

4 p.m. Christmas festival, Bruton Church
7:30 p.m. Pageant, Baptist Church

Monday, December 19

7 p.m. Children's Christmas party with
Exchange Club, Lodge Game Room

Tuesday, December 20

"White lighting" of city begins
Unveiling of merchants' Christmas windows
7-10 p.m. Tree judging in Williamsburg
Exchange Club competition

Wednesday, December 21

11:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. Christmas program
Bruton Heights School
2:30 p.m. Christmas program, Matthew
Whaley School
7:30 p.m. Christmas party, Methodist Church
7:30 p.m. Play & party, Baptist Church
8:15 p.m. "Christmas Decorations and
Customs," by Louise Fisher, Reception
Center
Caroling, Matthew Whaley School students

Thursday, December 22

Party and caroling, Bruton Parish Church
7:30 p.m. Party, Presbyterian Church
8:30 p.m. Spirituals by Williamsburg
Quintet, Lodge Game Room

Friday, December 23

7 p.m., Caroling by children, College
Corner

Saturday, December 24

4 p.m. Jaycee Children's Christmas party
5 p.m. Yule Log ceremony, Lodge
6 p.m. Singing Candles ceremony, Market
Square Green
7-10 p.m. Christmas music, Presbyterian
Church
8-10 p.m. Capitol by candlelight; open
to public without charge
11:30 p.m. Music and Holy Communion,
Bruton Parish Church
11:45 p.m. Midnight Services, Saint
Bede's Catholic Church

Sunday, December 25

8 a.m. Holy Communion, Bruton Church
9 a.m. Low Mass, St. Bede's Church
10:15 a.m. Film "Birth of Christ,"
Methodist Church
11 a.m. Worship Service Methodist Church
11 a.m. Worship Service, Baptist Church
11 a.m. Family Service, Bruton Church
11:15 a.m. Services, Presbyterian Church
1:30 to 5 p.m. Christmas music, Presby-
terian Church
4-7 p.m. Open House at Raleigh Tavern
5 p.m. Organ recital, Bruton Church
5:15 p.m. Union Vespers, Wren Chapel
8 p.m. Christmas music and evening
prayer, Bruton Parish Church

Monday, December 26

8-10 p.m. Palace by candlelight; open to
public without charge

Tuesday, December 27

4 p.m. Demonstrations of Firing of
Christmas guns, Market Square Green
8 p.m. Choir recital, Bruton Church

Wednesday, December 28

8:15 p.m. Program of Christmas music,
Bruton Heights Chorus, Lodge Game Room

Saturday, December 31

10 p.m. to 2 a.m. New Year's Eve Supper
Dance, Lodge Game Room

Sunday, January 1, 1950

7:30 p.m. Burning of Christmas trees,
fireworks, College athletic field