

# NEWS



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## IMPORTANT NEW CONSTRUCTION WORK APPROVED!

Seven major new construction projects, including the reconstruction of the King's Arms tavern, have been approved by Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and now await final authorization by the Board of Trustees when it meets next week in New York. Together with colonial structures already scheduled or actually under construction, the buildings and gardens now approved represent a big step forward in CW's postwar program to complete the restoration of the central portion of eighteenth-century Williamsburg. This announcement is good news both for our architects and construction forces, who can look forward to a period of full-scale activity, and to the thousands who visit Williamsburg annually and who will soon be able to view these significant new historical and architectural attractions.

Along with the Raleigh Tavern, the King's Arms was among the most celebrated hostelries in the colonial capital. Here proprietress Jane Vobe entertained such guests as William Byrd III, Sir Peyton Skipwith, and George Washington. It will be reconstructed in the area just across Duke of Gloucester Street from the Raleigh. Just west will be built the King's Arms Barber Shop, which will become the future wigmaker's shop. To the east a large frame dwelling, the Alexander Purdie House, will be erected. On the property extending behind these buildings to Francis Street, gardens will be restored and stables, kitchens, and other outbuildings constructed - including a small "chair-house" behind the Purdie House.

A second group of colonial buildings will be reconstructed along Francis Street from Waller Street to the Ayscough House - to be known as the Draper House, the John Carter House, and the Moir House - and the Blue Bell Tavern will be rebuilt on its site directly behind the Capitol on Waller Street. Thus the whole Capitol Square area will near completion. The public lands adjacent to the Capitol will be properly defined, and the new dwellings - with their outbuildings and gardens - will at once emphasize the restored area for tourists approaching Williamsburg from the east.

Meanwhile, the Tayloe House on Nicholson Street will be restored, with the permission of the life tenant, Miss Jeanette Kelly, who will move to the new Light-foot Kitchen until her home is ready for her. The town house of Colonel John Tayloe of Richmond County, this eighteenth-century structure with its finely proportioned gambrel roof was noted for its terraced gardens, which will also be restored. Also approved were plans to continue with archaeological investigation and the reconstruction of gardens and outbuildings in the area on Palace Green between the Carter-Saunders and Deane Houses, and behind the Bracken House.

No commercial building has yet been authorized; a study is now being made of the requirements of commercial activities, and recommendations will be submitted.

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# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

## FROM THE "NEWS" TO YOU

To all CWers, a fine Christmas Day;  
 To our hostesses turkey, to our horses their hay;  
 To ballplayers, barbers, or public informers,  
 Or draftsmen hung up on gables or dormers;  
 To photographers, slide-salesmen, golfers, and cooks -  
 The New Year can't be quite as bad as it looks!  
 To carpenters, gunsmiths, or amateur bowlers,  
 To those who like fruit-cake or three-layer soders;  
 To house-hunters, old-timers, craftsmen, and typists,  
 To floorwaxers, drivers, or learned archivists;  
 To winter-promoters, and all of our voters,  
 To hammock-bound nappers or saltwater boaters;  
 Our greetings to you in this holiday season,  
 In stanzas of verse with poor rhyme but good reason.



Symposium-arrangers, our hat's off to you,  
 And to Chowning's whole kitchen for fine Brunswick stew;  
 To those up the ladder from those down the line  
 (We hope they'll be up to see you sometime!)  
 For those who make money and those who make book,  
 And each weak-kneed female helped by the New Look;  
 And the glad hand of Santa for Franklin House lodgers,  
 With a card rimmed in black for the fans of the Dodgers;  
 And a hey-nony-nony for the exiles at Peary  
 And those who at Gloucester depend on the ferry.

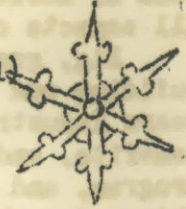


For all at CW, a season of mirth,  
 Regardless of age, face, reason, or girth;  
 To those who shoot ducks from a James River blind,  
 And in patiently waiting benumb their behind;  
 To those who range woodlands behind pointer dog  
 May your evenings be merry around a Yule log!  
 But wait! Don't forget those hunters of coon,  
 Who stolidly stand in the full of their moon.





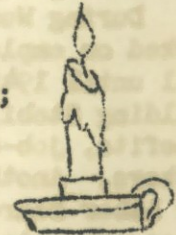
A surfeit of kudos and a year's grace from hoodoos  
 To the experts who pick the authentic from pseudos;  
 And steak, lamb, or chicken, or hamburg to go  
 For those who guard funds in the mid-winter blow;  
 And a host of warm greetings (there's enough to go 'round)  
 For our New York associates, whether snow or fog-bound;  
 To the holiday desk-bound at hotels this poem  
 Sends heartiest thanks from the others at home;  
 With extra-full stockings for all tired feet  
 Which crisscross our kitchens so guests can all eat.



A rousing good cheer for a better New Year  
 To our innkeepers serving that Michelob beer;  
 For the Inn buffet supper or Travis House ham,  
 A gourmet's warm plaudits for old Uncle Sam;  
 And a holly-wreathed token and wintertime toasts  
 To the quintet who sang at the big oyster roasts;  
 And pieces of eight (and dinner then too)  
 For the holiday waiters and the caterer's crew;  
 And thanks for the headlining film-goers' menu,  
 With the hope that good shows all next year will continue.



Git along little doggerel, to your corral  
 You've wound up your round up, so into your stall;  
 But toss up your head once, and give bovine holler -  
 Let's hope that next year adds more worth to our dollar;  
 That Berlin will be quiet, the hillside dew-pearl'd;  
 That all will be well in the rest of the world;  
 That peace and prosperity go hand in hand  
 For a well-fed new future for every small land;  
 That Marshall and Molotov, Bidault, and Bevan  
 May join us in Bruton some day at eleven,  
 And afterwards jointly attack a Welsh rabbit -  
 To make faith and friendship the new-fashioned habit!



--The Editors  
 (With half-hearted apologies to Frank  
 Sullivan and the New Yorker)



## JAMES LOVE - OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL RELATIONS

In the appointment of James Harrison Love to the post of Director of Personnel Relations, Colonial Williamsburg has been fortunate in securing an able successor to John L. Lewis, Jr. For few men can boast of the long and successful experience in all aspects of personnel work that has been his.

Big, good-natured, husky-voiced, Jim Love comes to CW from the Federal Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Kearny, New Jersey, where he was for twenty-five years Industrial Relations Manager. In that post, he supervised employment, employee benefits, and all labor policies, kept a watchful eye on the guard force and safety program, and operated restaurants and canteens which fed as many as 9,000 hungry shipyard workers. He was also responsible for all labor contracts drawn up between Federal (a subsidiary of U. S. Steel Corporation) and the CIO Marine and Shipbuilding Workers' Union (headed by John Green - no kin!). The size of his job there may be measured by the fact that Federal Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, with a total of 53,000 employees during the recent wartime peak, has been one of the nation's largest shipyards, producing both commercial and combat ships.

Jim's work with Federal Shipbuilding has given him unusually fine qualifications for his position here. He is, for example, familiar with the personnel problems which arise in the fields of construction, maintenance, and catering. He has had extensive experience in all phases of employee-benefit programs, and he is equally well briefed in dealing with the needs of the part-time worker as he is with those of the full-time employee.

Jim comes to Williamsburg through two fortunate coincidences: the shipyards, effective January 1, 1949, are being taken over by the Navy to be put away in "mothballs" - to be reopened, of course, ready for action should events so demand; then the Loves' only daughter, a Virginia enthusiast who graduated from Roanoke College, recently married and is now living in Roanoke - so, needless to say, she gave strong support to her parents' move here.

During World War II, Jim spent nearly half of his time in Washington, where he worked on employer-employee relation problems in the shipbuilding industry. From 1941 until 1945, he was one of the twelve management representatives on the Shipbuilding Stabilization Committee, which set nation-wide patterns of wages, hours, benefits, job-classifications, and vacations for a peak group of 1,600,000 shipyard workers. Another Government assignment was as a member, from 1942 to 1945, of the War Labor Board's Shipbuilding Commission, a group which represented the WLB in all cases affecting shipbuilding and allied industries. For a time, he was also an alternate member of the Second Regional District of the War Labor Board. Jim's work in such activities, together with his long association with Federal, has made him countless friends in labor and management alike in virtually every shipyard along the Atlantic Coast.

He is justly proud of the extraordinary record of the Federal Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. He likes to point out that high-temperature steam propulsion for ships was first developed and installed there, a step which added vital speed and maneuverability to merchant and combat vessels as well as reduced fuel consumption. Another accomplishment he cites was the erection, during the six months from January to July, 1942, of a \$20,000,000 shipyard at Port Newark (five miles from Kearny) which was put into immediate operation. Here LCIs, DEs, DDs, and CLs went down the ways. In less troubled times, luxury liners such as the Santa Rosa, Santa Clara, and

Santa Lucille were turned out by these yards.

A member of the American Management Association, an executive of the North Jersey Personnel Group, and a past (1933-35) director of the National Safety Council, Jim will play an active part in the community, we feel sure, as well as in the organization.

A native of Lonaconing, Maryland, he likes the mid-south and the prospects of living in a moderate-sized city. Mrs. Love, also from Lonaconing, graduated from the Teacher's College at Frostburg, Maryland, and taught school briefly before marriage. At present, she is seeing their furniture into temporary storage and will join her husband at the Lodge within the next two weeks; then, having already sold their home in Nutley, N. J., the Loves will start their Williamsburg house-hunting in earnest.

While naturally still in his shake-down spell with CW, Jim hopes soon to be briefed sufficiently on his new job to move into it full force. He will have charge of all personnel matters throughout the organization and will report directly to Executive Vice-President Bela W. Norton. He succeeds John L. Lewis, Jr., who resigned last spring to become associated with James L. Cogar in an antiques and gift shop on York Street.

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Inn and Lodge Employees: A Gay Nineties costume party for Inn and Lodge employees will launch National Hotel Week in Williamsburg. Armond Campbell, chairman of the party committee, announces the time, 8-12 p.m. on December 15, and the place, the Lodge Game Room. Charles Speight and Fred Crawford are in charge of the colored employees costume ball at Bruton Heights School on Tuesday, December 14.

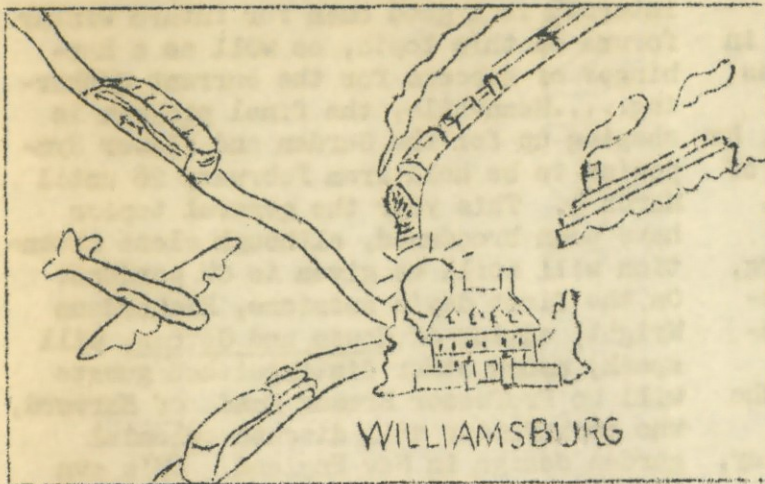
## BRIEFS.....

Advance reservations continue to deluge Alma Lee Rowe for the CW-Antiques Forums in January and February. Widespread interest is a good omen for future winter forums on this topic, as well as a harbinger of success for the current gathering....Meanwhile, the final program is shaping up for the Garden and Flower Symposium to be held from February 28 until March 4. This year the general topics have been broadened, although close attention will still be given to CW gardens. On the first day's sessions, Richardson Wright, editor of House and Garden, will speak; among other distinguished guests will be Professor Bremer Pond, of Harvard, who each Friday will discuss colonial garden design in New England. CW's own impressive corps of experts will be on hand, including Mrs. Fisher and the Messrs. Hopkins, Brouwers, and Eaton..... Publications sales at the Special Christmas Bock Sale have been brisk, with The Williamsburg Art of Cookery the usual front-running favorite. This sale, held at the Goodwin Building from 8:30 a. m. until 5 p. m. Mondays through Fridays, will end at 1 p. m. on December 24..... This note is a little overdue, but special mention should be made of the interest in community affairs taken by CW employees and their families at Community Night, when nearly 1,000 friends and neighbors crowded into Matthew Whaley School. CWers shared in arranging the program, in setting up many of the 27 exhibits, in the community sing, in leading square-dancing in the gym, and in preparing and serving refreshments. CW in years may not qualify as a real "old-timer" in Williamsburg, but its employees are taking an active part as citizens to help the community become an even more satisfactory place in which to live.

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## WINTER PROMOTION PLANS OUTLINED

Colonial Williamsburg's budget bogymen is that pixie who piles up a big deficit during the four lean winter months - November, December, January, and February. Two months ago lanky Allston Boyer, for the past twelve years Assistant to the President



(except for a wartime stint as PC skipper in the Pacific), was relieved of other duties to attack the problem. Working closely with CW officials and Newsom and Company, he has already set in motion a nine-point program to bring more visitors to Williamsburg during the winter lull and to lighten a millstone around CW's neck, which last year added up to a loss of more than \$200,000 in our operating budget. This program, of special interest to every CWer, is here summarized:

(1) Increased advertising.

The advertising budget was stepped up to make America more aware of the attractions of Williamsburg in the winter - a more restful place, where visitors have a better chance to inspect the buildings leisurely and where the weather is much better than reputed. Ads in the New Yorker and in many papers in the northeast stress not only comfortable accommodations but the city's historical significance for every American. Special events are also emphasized.

(2) Co-ordinated publicity. Special attention to news releases for press and radio and to magazine features which point up Williamsburg's winter attractions. Many such articles written by Bob Hoke have already appeared in papers throughout the nation.

(3) Special winter events. Highlighting the calendar for early 1949 are the Antiques and Decorations Forum and the Garden and Flower Symposium, each of which attracts visitors to the restored city at a time when they can inspect CW comfortably and leisurely, and share in a stimulating and worthwhile educational experience. Other forums are planned for future years. Holiday features such as the unusual Christmas events appeal to the traveler and vacationist.

(4) Increased use of group meeting facilities. Many convention secretaries do not realize how well our Inn and Lodge can handle small convention groups, and efforts are under way to correct this. Already this fall such groups as the Industrial Relations Counselors have convened in Williamsburg (the I. R. C. for a two-week stand), with CW's historical attractions lending special appeal for these visitors. Locally, Tom McCaskey has been working with John Green, Lyn Upshaw, Tom Moyles, Bill Batchelder and others to see that conventions are welcomed and made comfortable.

(5) Promotional work with travel agents, automobile clubs, and touring services. Such agencies are being canvassed in person to make certain that the winter attractions of Williamsburg are apparent, and to urge co-operation in eye-catching window

displays. In one case, a travel agency in dead-pan seriousness insisted that Williamsburg was closed tight in winter months! Automobile clubs and touring services can lend a valuable helping hand by routing south-bound travelers via Williamsburg.

(6) Encouragement of school groups.

Ed Alexander and Dick Showman have headed this activity, which was already a pronounced success last winter, with a marked increase already assured in the months now ahead. Here the educational returns are of primary interest, with wintertime school travel enabling students and teachers to tour the buildings when there is no crowd to hamper interpretation.

(7) Improved routing in the environs of Williamsburg. Many casual motorists have missed Williamsburg because roadside signs were not sufficiently conspicuous or frequent.

(8) Co-operation with state and local agencies. Continuing efforts to work with all such activities so that CW and other Virginia attractions can share in

winter visitors, with the result that better business will benefit all.

(9) Market studies and new travel promotion techniques. Our hotels are making careful records of visitors, with the resultant "market study" an important tool for future winter advertising and promotion. Also, travel-man Boyer has been boning up on effective new travel promotion techniques developed throughout the country and abroad.

All this activity has been coordinated by Executive Vice-President Bela Norton and by Kenneth Chorley. In a recent report on his program (which includes many moves not charted in the above points) Allston Boyer asked the aid of all employees. He is anxious to take advantage of any ideas which any CWer has to offer - and urges that suggestions be made in person or by memorandum at any time. He points out that the future of Colonial Williamsburg depends to a marked extent on increased winter-month revenue, and that the problem therefore belongs to every one of us.

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH - NO. 5

Special! Eggnog served at the Raleigh Tavern Open House on Christmas Day.

6 eggs	1 pt. milk
3/4 cup sugar	1 oz. Jamaica Rum
1 pt. cream	1 pt. any good whiskey

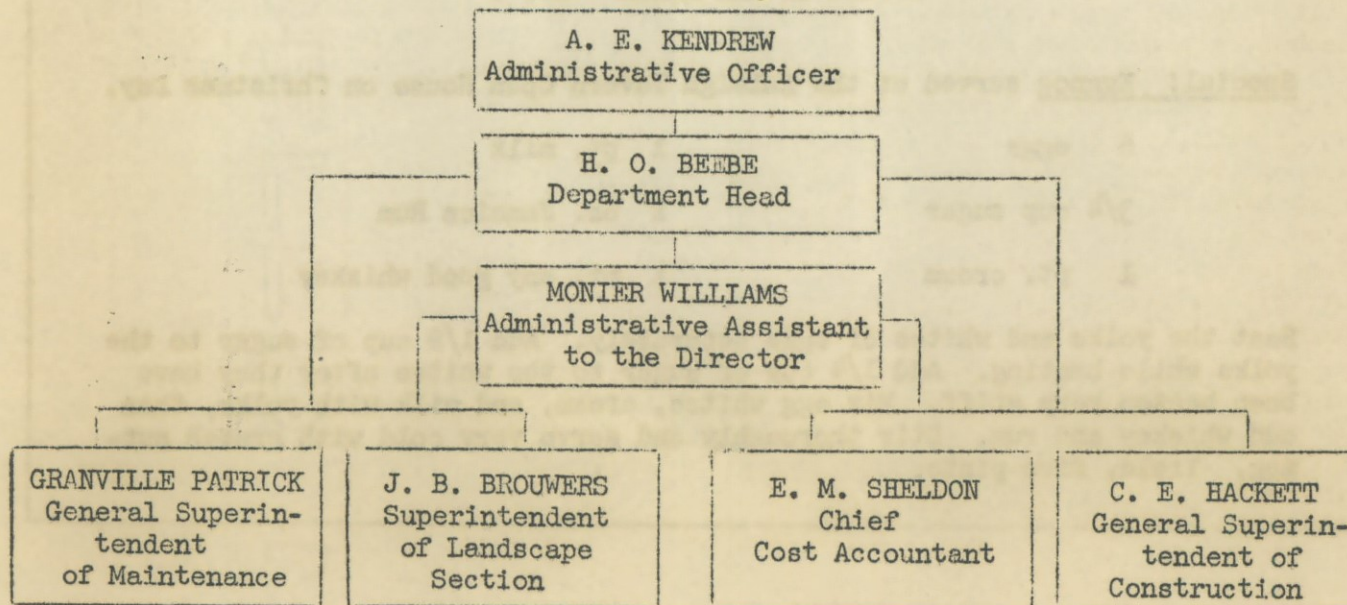
Beat the yolks and whites of eggs separately. Add 1/2 cup of sugar to the yolks while beating. Add 1/4 cup of sugar to the whites after they have been beaten very stiff. Mix egg whites, cream, and milk with yolks, then add whiskey and rum. Stir thoroughly and serve very cold with grated nutmeg. Yield, five pints.

## THE C&amp;M DEPARTMENT: HOUSEMAKER AND HOUSEKEEPER

The administrative chart shown here for the Construction and Maintenance Department indicates the executive set-up that keeps the department clicking, but gives only an inkling of the tasks and responsibilities performed by more than 300 employees who work under the overall supervision of able, amiable Henry Beebe, who can square-dance and mastermind the new construction program with equal authority. Actually, C&M undertakes chores which range from purchasing and breaking in carriage teams to maintaining fire patrol service in CW's adjacent woodlands and operating a golf course. But builder-engineer Beebe's chief jobs are (1) to carry to completion the designs which originate on the drawing boards of the Architectural Department, and (2) to keep in tiptop condition all of the buildings, gardens, and properties of Colonial Williamsburg. To aid him in providing these essential services, he has a capable corps of assistants, headed by administrative assistant Monier Williams, general construction superintendent Charlie Hackett, general maintenance superintendent Granville Patrick, and superintendent of landscape work J. B. Brouwers, who with his assistant, Alden Eaton, is responsible for the care of grounds and gardens.

Fortunately for CW, the C&M Department has numerous loyal, veteran key employees who have learned their exacting trades and know well the special demands imposed by CW's insistence on top-flight workmanship and complete authenticity in all restoration and reconstruction work. For example, all brickwork on all projects is laid under the supervision of Red Vaughan who just passed his twentieth anniversary date; this brickwork is one of Colonial Williamsburg's most attractive features. Veteran Bill Keller directs all plastering, and mastered the unusual art of repro-

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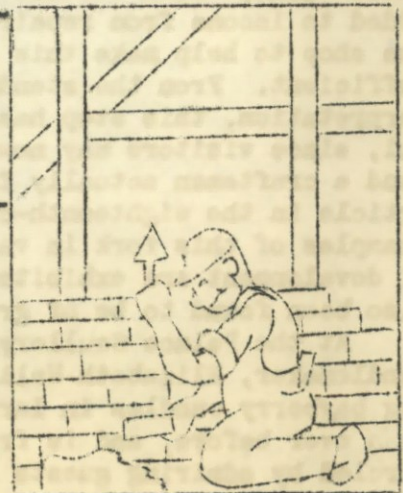


ducing the colonial type of plaster finishes. All painting is the responsibility of long-time supervisor Bob Webb, Jr. These and many other veterans provide a continuity of know-how which keeps both workmanship and morale high.

Let's take a quick News-eye view of procedures in construction work. Drawings and specifications (including floor plans, elevations, and drawings needed for mechanical work) are submitted by the Architectural Department for a budget estimate. Then, when authorization for the work has been received from the President's desk, a list of quantities and types of materials is prepared and procured through the Estimating Department, headed by Randy Lee. Meanwhile, from the architects' offices come any supplemental drawings which may be necessary to do the job. Thereafter, Charlie Hackett assigns one of his field superintendents - such as Pete Peters, Dave Morton, or Bill Landon - to keep an experienced eye on the project. There are, of course, three categories of construction: colonial buildings to be reconstructed, colonial buildings to be restored (after careful stripping and study by archaeologists and architects), and commercial buildings (such as hotels and other business properties under WRI). Finally, when the job is completed, and has been so certified by the Architectural Department, it becomes the concern of Granville Patrick and his hard-working group of maintenance experts.

It is next to impossible to offer kudos to a 300-man team, but special mention might be made of such skilled craftsmen as superintendent Pete Tucker, in charge of all mechanical maintenance; Norman Harmon, foreman of our woodworking shop; Charlie Peterson, Blacksmith Shop foreman whose shop produces so much first-rate "colonial" hardware; Vic Page, foreman of common labor under Patrick, who probably carries out a wider variety of services than anyone else in CW; superintendent Jennings Taylor, machine shop head who keeps both automotive and construction equipment in perfect condition; Ed Watkins, warehouse superintendent, who was the subject of a News profile in August; Bud Odell, who directs the installation of all mechanical work; Camp Peary's Gene Sheldon, chief cost accountant who keeps cost records and payroll statistics; "Mac" McPherson, utility foreman who superintends janitorial services, the carriage operation, and many other activities; Walter Martin, Jr., chief engineer, with important responsibilities at the Inn, Lodge, Craft House, and Information Center; Augie Bloxton, general labor foreman under Charlie Hackett; Dick Johnson, greenskeeper who keeps the golf course in tiptop shape twelve months of the year; Bert Score, Granville Patrick's man Friday who supervises all maintenance work in the field; Mildred Lanier, who skillfully handles Granville Patrick's complaint department between rounds of golf ("I think I've got a mouse in my basement"; "I know it's five Friday afternoon, but we've got company coming and the sink is blocked up"; "Junior just blew a switch and I'm afraid we'll be electrocuted"); and - last but far from least - capable Louise Inman, director Beebe's righthand woman and secretary.

But this, as the old circus barker used to say, is only the beginning - but perhaps it is enough to remind all of the essential services performed by our colleagues in C&M, and offer them a hand for the past and for the future.



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## REPORT ON CRAFT SHOPS

Under the watchful (and, perhaps, "crafty") eye of Minor Wine Thomas, CW's craft shops are moving ahead in their program to become more useful, more profitable, and more interesting to the visitor. Emphasis has been given to the development and sale of articles hand-fashioned in the shops themselves. Shortages of manpower and material in wartime cut short this program in recent years, except at the Palace Scullery, where our distinctive bayberry candles have long been poured. (The Sign of the Golden Ball is not considered in this report, since it is independently leased by Mr. Reig and is not under the Thomas jurisdiction.)

At the Deane Shop and Forge, two-tined forks painstakingly patterned after an original fork in the Palace Kitchen are being reproduced by Marion Davis, who has completed four or five dozen since November 1 and has sold half of these already to visitors at \$3.00 each. During this pre-Christmas season, these forks - especially useful for outdoor charcoal grills - are offered to employees at a special price of only \$2.00 each. (In other words, you will not be two-tined.) Other articles are to be added to the Davis "line," with revenue thus produced added to income from repair work done in the shop to help make this activity self-sufficient. From the standpoint of interpretation, this step has proved helpful, since visitors may now see at first hand a craftsman actually forging an article in the eighteenth-century manner. Examples of this fork in various stages of development are exhibited and have also been found to be of great interest.

At the Palace Scullery, the new candlemaker, Elizabeth Wallace, is molding bayberry candles in larger quantities than ever before, and is frequently encircled by admiring guests - many of whom later purchase her candles at Craft House.

Meanwhile, Bonnie Brown at the Wythe Spinning House spins wool and linen and weaves this into handmade blankets on her antique loom. She hopes to attempt capes, shawls, and even handbags in the future. In the tiny Bootmaker's Shop on Duke of Gloucester Street, veteran Philadelphia and Virginia bootmaker Charles Taylor is experimenting with reproductions of colonial shoes for costume purposes - shoes which could, for example, be sold to theatrical companies.

Although interpretation at the Wig-maker's Shop is now ably handled by William and Mary student Edgar Wells, a full-time wigmaker, Robert H. White, has just been employed. After studying wigmaking in Philadelphia, he will undertake the manufacture of wigs both for Colonial Williamsburg and costume houses. At the cabinetmaker's shop in Ayscough House, the skilled craftsman Joe Kobelbauer is busy with a backlog of work, as he has always been. Joe repairs, refinishes, and reproduces fine furniture for CW and private persons. He is aided by apprentice Arthur Sedille, ex-serviceman now living with his father-in-law, Mr. George Mephram, on Jamestown Road.

Even when this ambitious program is set in motion, supervisor Thomas will have many problems, for Colonial Williamsburg plans to restore, rebuild, and exhibit other shops in the future. Under discussion at one time or another have been a print shop, an apothecary shop, a general store, a tobacconist's shop, a confectionery, and a milliner's shop.

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Notice: If the employee who submitted Suggestion No. 3339 (unsigned) will bring the stub to the Personnel Relations Office in the Goodwin Building, he will receive an award for his suggestion.

## INN AND LODGE ITEMS.....

Reservation Office: Frances BURNS is taking a western trip. She and her sister left November 19 for San Diego, taking the Santa Fe Super Chief out of Chicago. They were delayed enroute by the snow storm.....Harry LYON and his wife have returned from a two-week vacation. They toured Washington and New York, finishing the trip with a family reunion in Plymouth, N. C.....Crata POPULAR and her husband left for Chicago on December 1. They will attend her sister's wedding in Evanston, Ill., and then continue to Dearborn, Mich.....The southern part of the country was toured by Lynton and Josephine UPSHAW. They covered fifteen states, including Texas, Arkansas, and Ohio, after a visit with the family in Atlanta, Georgia.....Grace LAIRD began her vacation on November 27 with a trip home to New York. She also visited friends in Cleveland, Ohio.....David BARRETT'S parents were in Williamsburg on their way to Florida. David is now the owner of a new Crosley.

Engineering Department: J. P. McELROY has returned from a vacation-hunting trip to Washington, N. C.....Billy Lee BRYANT and his wife spent Thanksgiving Day in Roanoke Rapids, N. C., for the traditional family gathering.

Lodge Kitchen: Several employees made liberal contributions to the Union Baptist Church on Sunday, November 28. They also sponsored a lovely program. The collection from the Lodge Kitchen was \$17. This collection will be divided equally between the Union Baptist Church and foreign mission.....Elizabeth PARRILLA sponsored a talent program at the Union Baptist Church on November 29. Most of the participants were employees of the Inn and Lodge.....Emma LACKLEY is asking anyone who wishes to make contributions to the Christmas baskets going out from the Union Baptist Missionary Circle to get in touch with her between now and Christ-

mas.....Plato MORROW is spending his vacation at home in Charles City.....Melvin HARGIS leaves on December 10 for his vacation.....Maude WOOD entertained Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wood and their two sons for Thanksgiving.....Carrie SWEENEY returned the first week in November from a vacation in Washington and the Shenandoah Valley where she visited relatives and friends..... Mary McGREEVY spent a recent week end in Danville visiting friends.....Eunice PERKINS is on the sick list. She is recuperating at her son's home in Portsmouth.....On December 1, Lillie ANDREW was welcomed back from Atlanta, Georgia, where she has been vacationing.....Eva CLOWES is planning a motor trip to New York, and we hope she will have sunny skies.....Odell OWENS is receiving congratulations on her ten-year's service with CW.....Before the next issue of the News, Christmas will be but a happy memory, so here is a MERRY CHRISTMAS to everyone.

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## GOODWIN BUILDING BRIEFS.....

Shirley STONE spent Thanksgiving week end in Petersburg visiting her parents..... We welcome (Mrs.) Wilma JOINES, new secretary in Office Services. Wilma, whose husband is a student at W&M, hails from Galax, Virginia.....CW also welcomes Harvey KELLY, who replaced Bernard PAYNE in the Mail Room.....Another newcomer is Ginny SEAY who replaced Trudy MONSON as Sing MOOREHEAD'S secretary. Rumors are flying that there will soon be a third-finger ring on Ginny's left hand.....Alden HOPKINS spent Thanksgiving Day in Dinwiddie visiting friends.....John D. ROCKEFELLER, Jr., has returned to New York after spending several weeks at Bassett Hall. Mr. Rockefeller's secretaries, Aina MOLDENHOWER and Janet WARFIELD, spent two weeks in Williamsburg during his stay here.....The Kenneth CHORLEYS returned to New York on Dec. 3 after a month's stay at

The Quarter.....Mildred LAYNE, who has been with us for this past month, spent the weekend of Dec. 3 with friends and relatives in Hilton Village before returning to the New York office.....Bob TAYLOR of the Architectural Department is vacationing in New York City.....We're happy to have L. C. WHEAT back at his desk after a recent illness.....Jack UPSHUR has returned to the office after a business trip to Buffalo, N. Y..... Harold SPARKS spent the Thanksgiving holidays with his family in Mt. Vernon, Ohio.....Mr. and Mrs. Paul Segnitz of St. Petersburg, Fla. will arrive Dec. 21 to spend Christmas with their daughter Jane, CW's Film Librarian.....T. J. WERTENBAKER and his wife will attend a meeting of the American Historical Association, Dec. 29 and 30, in Washington, D. C.....It was a pleasure to have Libby Hay with us on Friday, Nov. 26. Libby, formerly secretary to Gerry Bath, resigned last July and is now living in Richmond.....Mary Jane KING and Mar Kent STEVENS spent the Thanksgiving weekend with their parents in Radford, and attended the VMI-VPI game in Roanoke.....Virginia Lee WERTH motored to Roanoke with friends from Gloucester and also attended the VMI-VPI game..... E. Randolph LEE and family spent the holiday in Roanoke, where they visited his parents, who have recently returned from China.....Diana VAN GEYT flew to Boston to visit friends during the holiday .....Lois CHURCHILL and Ruth JOLLY had as weekend guests for the W&M-N.C. State game Miss Greta Churchill and Mr. Robert Braswell of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., and Miss Mattie Jolly of Richmond.....Anne BIPPUS spent the weekend of Dec. 3 visiting friends and relatives in Washington, D. C.....Angie COWLES was guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Fowler of Newport News on the weekend of Dec. 3.....Sam PEACH is proud as a peacock these days over the new addition to the Peach family - John Matthew, born in October.....Last week about a dozen girls from the Goodwin

Building got together for a little practice bowling at the new Williamsburg Bowling Alley. It is hoped that leagues can be formed among the girls from the Goodwin Building, Inn, Lodge, and Craft House. Lorraine Haislip and Mar Kent Stevens head the committee for organizing this activity and would appreciate any constructive criticisms or suggestions..... James W. Bateman II, 6 lbs.-13½ oz. son of Jimmy and Ginny BATEMAN, made his debut at Norfolk General Hospital on Nov. 27.....Tom MOYLES is canvassing for singers for the Yule Log Ceremony. If called upon to participate, it would be a nice contribution toward making CW's Christmas Program a success.....John BATTS is on disability leave for approximately six months.....Welcome to (Mrs.) Margaret KOHLER who has recently been added to the accounting force.

-- Lorraine Haislip

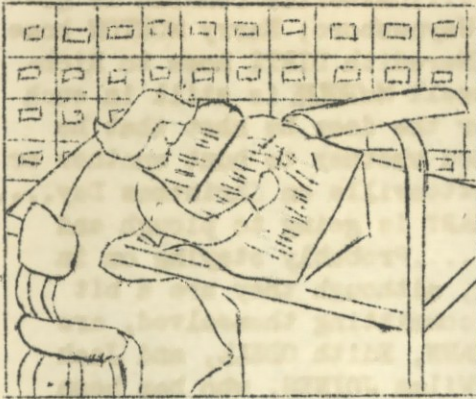
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#### TRAVIS HOUSE NEWS.....

Letha BOOTH, TH's manager, is taking a well-earned vacation. She will be "tripping." Included in her itinerary are Wilmington, N. C., Miami, and Nassau, where she will stay at the British Colonial Hotel. She will spend Christmas in Lake Charles, La., with her sister. Thence to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to visit another sister. We hope she will have a wonderful time! Letha expects to return to the TH around February 15. Gertrude BALL "takes over" during her absence..... We continue to uphold our tradition of having a Phi Beta Kappa among our W&M students. When one graduates, we wonder what we'll do for "higher learning" but someone always comes through. This year we have two men newly elected to PBK - Dick BETHARDS and Allen PIRKLE. Our heartiest congratulations to both!

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## SECOND-STORY WORK ON THE VIRGINIA GAZETTE INDEX



In a big second-floor room in the southeast wing of the Goodwin Building, half-hidden by propped-up oversized books and stacks of 3-by-5-inch cards, sit five young ladies engaged in one of the most important but little-known projects of Colonial Williamsburg. Under the watchful eye of Research Editor Lester Cappon, whose office is just across the tiled hallway, these indefatigable fact-finders are compiling a massive two-volume index of the Virginia Gazette.

On the pages of this pioneer colonial journal, founded in 1736 by William Parks, the stirring political events and boisterous social life of young America were revealed. It has been the task of Senior Indexer Stella Duff and her aides to pore through photostat copies of this weekly paper, pin-pointing names and events to ease the tortuous path of research which has confounded so many scholars and authors. Everything of significance is carefully indexed, from foreign news and shipping announcements to notices of local craftsmen and tavernkeepers.

All the news of this by-gone day has been digested: promulgations by the Royal Governor, proceedings of the House of Burgesses and Council, lotteries, and stiff sentences imposed by the General Court on high-spirited offenders. There is even the report, fresh from Switzerland, of the unlucky knave who was sawed in half for his villainy. Imports from England are listed, too, from paint ingredients to fustian cloth (or "tortoise-shell dandipratts," which still baffle Miss Duff). Among other news oddities are the acrostics in which a colonial suitor wooed his belle by means of verse (usually poor), with the first letter of each line spelling the name of his beloved.

All issues of the Gazette have been surveyed, from the first copy until 1780, when the newspaper deserted Williamsburg for Richmond along with the Colony's Government. The most valuable collection of copies are those photostated and bound by the Massachusetts Historical Society, although others have been located in such distant places as England's Public Records Office. One complete volume, for the crucial year 1775, was secured from Mrs. V. Lee Kirby of Williamsburg, and was the Galt family copy, carefully preserved with other valuable books.

The Gazette Index project was started in the autumn of 1942. Mr. Cappon, after commuting from Charlottesville during the summer of 1945, moved to town to stay in the fall of that year and began his supervision, and Stella Duff reported in February, 1946. Miss Duff, a graduate of Pembroke College at Providence, R.I., had been teaching history in the Cranston (R.I.) High School. Junior Indexers are Dorothy Schwarz (Mrs. Taylor's former assistant, and William and Mary '46) and Diana Van Geyt (University of Rochester '48). Typists are Jane Girten (Mrs. Geiger's niece) and Shirlee (Mrs. Charles) Sanderlin.

It is hoped that the Index will appear late in 1949 in two 500-page buckram-bound volumes in an edition of about 500 copies. The 8½x11-inch pages will be reproduced by photo-offset, with special I.B.M. electric typewriters used for this exacting job. An accompanying complete set of Virginia Gazette copies, on micro-

film or micro-cards, will also be available. Comparable only to such monumental scholarly aids as Dr. Swem's Virginia Historical Index, the Gazette Index is the first published index of any colonial newspaper! Financed at first by a Rockefeller Foundation grant, the project was carried on with the support of Colonial Williamsburg, and will be published under the distinguished imprint of the Institute of Early American History and Culture.

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#### SUGGESTION AWARDS.....

NANCY FOSTER (\$5) - That covered receptacles for trash be placed back of the hedge in the parking area near the Reception Center.

JAMES L. STALLINGS (\$15) - That a mirror be hung on the wall of the service stairway leading to the Game Room at the Lodge so that employees using this stairway may have a clearer vision. (The hotel management estimates that the installation of such a mirror will decrease breakage on this stairway to a minimum.)

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#### CRAFT HOUSE ANTICIPATIONS.....

No one at Craft House is willing to commit himself or herself as to what he or she will do at Christmas but everyone is eager to tell where it will be done. Two are taking wing: Anne READ is flying to her family in Cazenovia, New York, and Helen HOBSON is "planing" to be with her mother and sister in Shorefront Park, South Norwalk, Conn.....Caroline COCHRAN had her fling the first December weekend when she motored to Waynesboro with Mr. and Mrs. John Henderson to visit Mr. and Mrs. Laurance Brigham; at Christmas she is homeward-bound.....Page FOLK and Clara OLIVER will hasten to Eastern Shore, Clara to be with her parents. Clara's

husband, but not her doctor-son, will accompany her.....Catherine DORRIER is going home to Waynesboro; Harry MORTON home to Norfolk; Meredith DIETZ home to Richmond.....Russell McGENEE is still in such a thrill over the deer he shot that he hasn't decided whether to hunt another or go to Charlottesville on Christmas Day..... Robert McCREARY is going to plough and plant herbs.....Probably staying on in Williamsburg, although they are a bit cagey about committing themselves, are Jean GIESELMANN, Edith ODELL, and Jack GOODWIN.....Wilma JOINES, who has been helping at Craft House, may keep her candles burning in town also.....Arthur LOUDEN hopes to go to West Point and Matthew HOWARD is going hunting.....Rosalie MINKINS is keeping her home fires burning.....Craft House personnel anticipate, at this reporting, making merry after all hands hang the ornaments on the Christmas tree here some night during the week of December 6-12.

-- Meredith Dietz

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#### NEWS FROM C&M.....

Norman HARMON and family spent the Thanksgiving holiday with his parents in Berlin, Md.....Lyman HALL and his wife visited friends in New Jersey.....We are glad to have Jennings TAYLOR back at work after his illness.....Robert E. MILLS is welcomed as he takes up his duties at the Warehouse.....Hobart RAY and family visited friends at Pulaski, Va. for Thanksgiving.....The Paint Department welcomes and introduces "Bill" WILLIAMS, student at W&M and part-time employee, who recently joined the laboratory staff at the paint shop. Our "Bill" spends the evening hours typing, recording, and filing data pertaining to paint projects. When not too busy with his regular duties, he may be found assisting Harold FLATTEN, our competent colorist, in the production of any of the multitude of colors used on the interiors of Exhibition Buildings.....

C&M vacationers for the month of November were Nathan E. TALCOTT, Russell WALKER, G. G. COWLES, Jessie P. McROY, Homer PURCELL, Robert THORNTON, Wm. R. TUDOR, R. W. STEWART, Alexander BARTLETT, Milton BEVERLY, and William BEVERLY.....Robert BURRAGE has been appointed a member of the CW Safety Committee.....We are glad to hear that David WALLACE, who was severely burned on Oct. 30, is recuperating at his home in Highland Park.

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#### HOSTESS BRIEFS.....

December days fly by and Christmas is on the way. North, south, east, and west, preparations for the holidays take precedence over all other interests. Home is the focus of attention and few are the visitors in the buildings. It's a brief, pleasant interlude - no crowding, no need to combine the graciousness of a hostess with the strategy of a traffic cop. For this short season we enjoy space and serenity.....There is little news to be gathered in the pre-Christmas weeks..... Bob and Jo Anne ELLERT have left us. After Bob finished at W&M, they moved to Little Falls, New York. Before long Bob hopes to hang out his shingle and embark on his career as a lawyer.....Fred FLANARY made

his last appearance as an escort on Nov. 15. Fred decided that he must concentrate on his studies, and is in hot pursuit of a degree at W&M.....Elizabeth CALLIS and daughter Anne visited Elizabeth's mother at Drake's Branch, Va.....Mary CARTER is in Anniston, Ala. with her daughter, Mrs. James Saunders, and her new grandson, James Saunders, Jr.....Dale CARTER is guest of Marguerite BOZARTH during the absence of Dale's mother.....The first hostess meeting of the winter was held at the Goodwin Building Nov. 9. The meeting was well attended. Mr. Alexander entertained the group with a description of the outdoor museums in Scandinavian countries, which he visited last summer. He supplemented his talk with photographs and descriptive pamphlets. It was extremely interesting and much enjoyed by the hostesses.

-- Mary J. Daniel

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#### THEATER BRIEFS.....

Our publicly declared fears concerning assistant "profectionist" Curtis TATE'S vacation aspiration, pending the arrival of a new car, proved to be well-founded indeed! Immediately upon the appearance of his new Buick Special 4-door sedan, said Mr. Tate and wife took off for South Carolina and a two-week vacation. Curtis declares they both had a really fine trip, regretting only the lack of more time for hunting....."Hap" HALLIGAN took a brief trip to Kentucky to visit his mother. Mrs. Halligan has been in ill health recently, but is now much better.....Daddy-to-be Tom McCORMICK is on pins and needles, awaiting the arrival of the daily-expected baby.....Shades of the good ole days! While driving in from their home at Norge, Ray PECHAN and his wife were rammed from behind by a nonchalant driver - result: a painful, stiff neck for Mrs. P. She now admits that she at first thought "Nature Boy" Raymie had whanged her over the head.

#### A N N O U N C I N G

#### A GALA NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE AT WILLIAMSBURG LODGE

Barney Abrams' Orchestra will provide music for dancing from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Midnight supper and favors are included in the price of admission - \$5.40 per person, tax included. Reservations may be secured by calling Williamsburg Lodge.

Wot a man!....Bob LANAHAN has come into the theater group as relief usher, and understudy to booth-boy Maupin SAUNDERS.

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#### NEWS AND COMMENT.....

Encouraging preliminary reports indicate that November gross revenue topped last year's figures, although it was still a deficit month.....Those New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Jersey license plates warmed the travel-wise heart of Allston Boyer, whose winter-promotion activities are reported elsewhere in this issue.....Along with the average Mr. and Mrs. America, the usual quota of headliners from many places visited Williamsburg recently. Former Marine Corps Commandant General A. A. Vandergrift, Guadalcanal hero, was guest of honor at a Lodge luncheon meeting of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Benjamin McKelway, veteran editor of the bulky Washington Star, spent several days in the Inn with Mrs. McKelway. Artist Gluyas Williams, who has long poked profitable fun at America's foibles on the pages of the New Yorker and elsewhere, stopped in Williamsburg on his way south. Herbert Blunck, managing director of Washington's big new air-conditioned Statler Hotel, stayed at the Inn with his family for a busman's holiday. Top officials of our good friend the C&O Railroad, headed by new president Walter Tucky, held a reception at the Inn recently, to which several CW officials were invited. Lou Berg, roving feature writer for This Week magazine, called to give CW a journalist's once-over.....The Rockefeller Foundation and the General Education Board again arranged fall meetings at the Inn this year. Here for this important conference were business and education executives including: Chester I. Barnard and Walter S. Gifford, president and chairman of the board of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company; college presidents Harold Dodds of Princeton, Robert Sproul of California, and John S. Dickey of Dartmouth; Dr. Thomas Parran, former U. S. Surgeon-General; publisher Arthur Hays Sulzberger of the New York Times; Winthrop Aldrich, chairman of the board of the Chase National Bank; Harold H. Swift of Swift and Company; Mr. John D. Rockefeller III, and many others.....Two noted visitors from overseas were recent guests. Reidar Kjellberg, director of the Norwegian Folk Museum at Oslo, spent several days studying CW, and was entertained at a department heads' luncheon. Last summer Mr. and Mrs. Alexander were Mr. Kjellberg's guests in Oslo... From England came Sir James Mann and Lady Mann. Sir James, who is Master of the Armouries at the Tower of London and Keeper of the outstanding Wallace Collection of art and armor, made the official presentation of certain eighteenth-century arms which will be loaned to CW by the Tower of London. This loan, part of which is already Virginia-bound aboard ship, will include muskets, cannon, and military equipment - all to be displayed at the Magazine. The distinguished visitor remarked that the loan of these arms "is a token and constant reminder of the cooperation of the people of Great Britain and the people of the United States in championing human rights in the world of today."....Major General H. M. Whitty, in charge of food and transport for the British Army, spent a few days in Williamsburg with Colonel Spence, his aide, and Dr. Anson, consultant on dietetics for the U.S. Army.....The revised folder of Williamsburg Inn and Lodge was the subject of special mention in the November issue of Hotel Management. Gertrude Bilhuber, in the article "What's Wrong with Resort Hotel Booklets?" pointed to our folder as "an excellent example of a perfect sales promotion piece." The magazine gave illustrations showing the layout. Congratulations are due the Inn, the Public Information Department, and our hotel advertising



consultants Needham and Grohmann.....Did you ever hear of a first night - 179 years late? Well, when Col. Robert Munford's play, The Candidates, is staged at Phi Beta Kappa Hall on January 18-19, this witty, slapstick, political satire will be given its first performance behind footlights. Although written about 1770, and published in 1798, The Candidates was apparently never played, and has been rescued for a modern audience by the Institute of Early American History and Culture, which reprinted the manuscript in the April Quarterly and is now sponsoring the two-day performances. The copy from which the reprint and the play were devised is owned by Mrs. G. P. Coleman of Williamsburg, who made it available to CW and College scholars.....Other conclusive evidence of the Institute's recent activities will be made public this month in the form of two new publications. Edited by Institute Director Carl Bridenbaugh, the pungent comments of a sharp-tongued colonial traveler are collected for print in Gentleman's Progress: Dr. Alexander Hamilton's Itinerarium, 1744. The second title is Meeting House and Counting House: The Philadelphia Quaker Merchant by Frederick B. Tolles. Both new books are being marketed by the University of North Carolina Press. The retail price of the former is \$4.00, with the price of the latter tentatively set at \$5.00.....Jack Upshur's special sale of discarded merchandise was jam-packed from the start, with employees emptying most of the tables during the first strenuous two-hour session.....A big, new batch of 2x2-inch color slides has been received and is on sale at the Reception Center.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

The following employees in October completed a year of service with a perfect attendance record:

Lillian Bush - Treasurer's Office  
 Alton R. Wynn - Curator's Department  
 Luta Sewell - Archives  
 Minor Wine Thomas - Dept. of Interpretation  
 William D. McPherson - C. & M. Dept.  
 Orvin J. Browning - Inn and Lodge  
 Maude Crisp - Inn and Lodge  
 Coral Rogers - Inn and Lodge  
 Ora D. Weikel - Inn and Lodge  
 John Mack Williams - Inn and Lodge

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### CHRISTMAS CARD PROBLEMS?

Did your wife or husband fail to pick up those Christmas cards in time? If so, don't lose heart, for this year's Craft House assortment is wide and prices are reasonable. If you like color cards, there is the new twelve-card box (with six different views) of watercolor reproductions, selling at just one dollar (less 20% to CW employees!). If you like photographs, there are eight gravure reproductions of some of Tom Williams' best camera work, at ninety cents (less the special reduction). If you happen to prefer pencil-sketch cards, there are the red and blue Overly boxes at one dollar less discount. In all cases, incidentally, the boxes are durable and eye-catching, and suitable for gift-mailing or keeping at home.

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**NOTICE:** The News, keeping an eye on its budget in good midwinter fashion, carries no special photographic insert in this issue. However, if we can round up some first-rate photographs of Christmas gatherings, we plan to include them in the next issue. So, if any appropriate photographs are available after the holiday season, please keep us in mind.

## WILLIAMSBURG OBSERVES

## THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

December 12

- 5:00 p.m. - Vesper Services; Christmas music by Sanctuary and Junior Choirs; Williamsburg Methodist Church.
- 5:30 p.m. - Pageant by Westminster Fellowship; Presbyterian Church.
- 8:00 p.m. - Christmas Candlelight Service; choir directed by Carl A. Fehr; Williamsburg Baptist Church.

December 14 and 15

- 8:00 p.m. - Christmas musicale by William and Mary Choir; Phi Beta Kappa Hall.

December 19

- 11:00 a.m. - Dedication of gifts for Virginia Methodist Orphanage; Williamsburg Methodist Church.
- 3:00 p.m. - Pageant, "The Wooden Shoe Christmas," by students of Walsingham Academy; Phi Beta Kappa Hall.
- 4:00 p.m. - Party followed by supper, for children and parents; Bruton Parish House.
- 5:30 p.m. - Presbyterian Church program for children and parents; film "When the Littlest Camel Knelt."
- 8:00 p.m. - Pageant, "The Child of Prophecy"; Williamsburg Baptist Church.

December 20

- 7:00 p.m. - Christmas parties for children and parents at both Williamsburg Baptist Church and Williamsburg Methodist Church.

December 23

- 11:15 p.m. to 12:15 a.m. - WRVA; transcribed Christmas Candlelight Service of Williamsburg Baptist Church.
- Evening - "Club 28"; Presbyterian Church; caroling in Williamsburg.

December 24

- 4:30 p.m. - Jaycee party for Matthew Whaley children, grades 1-6; City Courthouse.

December 24 (cont'd.)

- 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. - Yule Log ceremony, Williamsburg Lodge; carols, refreshments, Wassail Bowl.
- 6:00 p.m. - Community Christmas Tree, at Market Square Green, signaling "white lighting" of the town. Following this, the caroling group will form.
- 11:30 p.m. - Holy Communion; Bruton Church.

December 25

- 12 midnight - Solemn High Mass; Catholic Church of St. Bede.
- 9:00 a.m. - Mass; Catholic Church.
- 11:00 a.m. - Holy Communion; Bruton Church.
- 11:00 a.m. - Christmas service; Williamsburg Methodist Church.
- 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. - Open House at Raleigh Tavern.
- 8:00 p.m. - Public caroling group; College Corner.
- 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. - Capitol by candlelight; open to public without charge.

December 26

- Morning - Services at all Williamsburg churches.
- 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. - Governor's Palace by candlelight; open to public without charge.

December 27

- 8:15 to 9:00 p.m. - Program of Christmas music; Bruton Heights Choir; Lodge Game Room.

December 31

- 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. - New Year's Eve Supper Dance; Lodge.

January 1

- 8:00 p.m. - New Year's Day bonfire; place to be announced.