

# COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG NEWS

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## New Business Block Sought To Relieve Present Congestion

Five local real estate men have been engaged by CW to act as agents in acquiring property for a development to the north of the present business blocks. In a letter to these men on May 8th, Kenneth Chorley reviewed the growth of retail business in Williamsburg, reported the findings of the town planners and economists retained to study all phases of the congestion problem, and expressed Colonial Williamsburg's desire to make the steps considered to be best for the community as a unit.

### Increased Volume Permanent

"The period since World War II has clearly shown," he stated in his letter, "that the increased volume of business was permanent . . ." He explained that when public announcement was made that Harwood Tract was to be developed as a supplementary shopping center, a number of the businessmen operating stores in the present business blocks expressed the opinion that it would be harmful to business to divide the business areas.

### Serious Inconvenience

"Many residents told us that they thought it would be a serious inconvenience, if not a hardship, for them to have to go one mile from the College corner to a supplemental business district on the Harwood Tract," the letter continued.

Mr. Chorley stated that the best town planner and the best retail economist in the country had been retained to study the history and growth of retail business in the city and that they approached the problem entirely from the point of view of what was best for the future orderly growth and development of the City of Williamsburg.

### Recommendation Unanimous

He continued by saying, "Much to our consternation, when they submitted their report we found that their unanimous recommendation was that from the standpoint of the community as a whole any expansion of the retail business in

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## McCaskey Named Acting Director Of Public Information

Tom McCaskey, present assistant director of the Public Information Department, has been named Acting Director to replace Holmes Brown whose resignation will become effective on June 15. Holmes has accepted a public relations position with the Ford Motor Company in Detroit.

Mr. McCaskey's 19 year association with Colonial Williamsburg began on January 12, 1933 when he became Manager of the newly opened Williamsburg Theatre. He remained with the theatre until 1942 when the Special Activities Section was created and he became its head.

During the war, Tom spent three years on duty with the Navy, and taught aerial gunnery and recognition at Pensacola and in Hawaii.

Upon his return from the service, he again took up his special activities post until that section became a part of the Department of Public Information. Between 1949 and 1951, he worked closely with Allston Boyer in Colonial Williamsburg's program of advertising and promotion. Early in 1951, when Mr. Boyer began to devote his full time to assisting the president, Tom took charge of all advertising and promotion for the company.

Mr. McCaskey is married and has one son, a student at Matthew Whaley Grammar School. They make their home on South England Street.

## New Book Describes Many Colonial Plants

The latest study of plants grown in eighteenth century American gardens was published last week by Colonial Williamsburg. Titled "Plants of Colonial Days: A Guide to 160 Flowers, Shrubs and Trees in the Gardens of Colonial Williamsburg," the book is the work of botanist Raymond L. Taylor, Assistant Administrative Secretary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.



**AT WALLER HOUSE** this group of architects, landscape and construction supervisors, all of whom worked on the restoration job, pose for a record photograph. They are (kneeling, l. to r.) Dick Mahone, Bill Keller, Ernie Frank, Tom Drewry, Don Parker, Leroy Phillips, Paul Buchanan; (standing, l. to r.) Arthur Wilson, Alden Eaton, Alden Hopkins, "Red" Vaughan, Roy Tait, Milton Beverly, Lyman Peters, and Bruce Hardy.

## Model of Restored Area Installed At Reception Center

Two-thirds of a square mile of buildings, gardens and streets have been reproduced in fifty-one and one-quarter square feet in a model of Williamsburg which has just been put on permanent display at the Reception Center.

Designed to give visitors an overall view of the principal parts of Colonial Williamsburg, the model scales the city down to one inch for every fifty feet. It contains hand-carved, wooden miniatures of every one of 234 buildings and 207 outbuildings now standing or shortly to be rebuilt. Most of the buildings are no more than one inch high and some of the outbuildings are smaller than the head of a match. To reproduce the general architectural design of the buildings, 853 dormers and 291 chimneys had to be carved out of wood and glued to the miniatures. Bricks and windows are reproduced by paint.

To assure accurate reproduction of the buildings, quarter-scale drawings of the city were reduced to model scale on microfilm. Scale drawings also charted the layout of the gardens and the exact location of each building.

A variety of materials are used for the gardens. Grass is made out of wool, ground up into flock and dyed. Tree branches are wire and shrubbery is dyed latex which was shredded in a food chopper. Garden walks and flowers are painted on.

The model took two years to construct and was built with the technical advice of Ned J. Burns, head of the Museum Section of the National Park Service. CW's Architectural Department made the blueprints and drawings.

A second model is now under construction and will be sent around the country for use in schools, libraries, travel shows, civil organizations, etc. Both models will be kept up to date as the work of restoring Williamsburg continues.

## Over 800 Employees And Residents Attend Preview of Restoration Job

More than 800 employees and local citizens were guests at a special showing of the newly-restored Benjamin Waller House on Sunday afternoon, May 25. The 18th century house at the east end of Francis Street was opened at 2:00 p. m., following a cloudy morning in which rain threatened. The afternoon, however, cleared up and was bright and sunny for the affair.

## Austrian Chancellor Tours Williamsburg

Chancellor Leopold Figl, of Austria, Austrian Ambassador Max Loewenthal, their party of advisors, and members of the U. S. State Department were among recent distinguished visitors to Williamsburg. On their arrival by plane May 16th at Langley Field, the visitors were welcomed by an Honor Guard and brought directly to Williamsburg.

Ed Alexander, Director of Interpretation, escorted the party through the Declaration of Rights Exhibit at the Court House of 1770.

At the College of William and Mary, the visitors were greeted by three senior professors in academic gowns and by other members of the faculty at a reception in the Great Hall of the Wren Building.

In the evening, Executive V. P. Bela Norton entertained the guests at a dinner at King's Arms Tavern. Speaking through an interpreter, the Chancellor emphasized in a brief informal talk how much "this green village and center of American culture" had contributed to his understanding of the United States.

Following a Saturday morning visit to Jamesown, the party toured the restored area and then boarded a plane for Buffalo, N. Y.

It is now expected that the occupants of the Waller House, Misses Elizabeth, Agnes and Kitty Morecock will move back in and the house will continue as a private residence.

Members of the Architectural and Construction and Maintenance Departments of Colonial Williamsburg were on hand in the house and garden to explain the history and restoration of the house. Visitors entered through the front door, proceeded through the first and second floors and exited at the garden where they saw the old layout as reconstructed authentically on the basis of ancient documents and archaeological investigations. The house was not furnished and the two privately occupied outbuildings, the kitchen and office, were not open during the special showing. Special arrangements for parking were made in the open lot at the corner of Waller and York Streets.

One of more than 90 surviving 18th century buildings in Williamsburg, the Benjamin Waller House was built soon after 1750 by the prominent local attorney. In an impressive career Waller held a variety of offices serving as a Burgess, city recorder, judge of the Court of Admiralty and vestryman of Bruton Parish. The property remained in the family for over a century and was subsequently owned and occupied by his great-grandson, William Waller, who married Elizabeth Tyler, a daughter of President John Tyler. The house was the subject of a "Saturday Evening Post" magazine article last fall.



**DECLARATION OF RIGHTS EXHIBIT** at the Old Courthouse was visited last week by this group of I & L employees. They are (l. to r.) Hattie Lee, Telephone Supervisor; Sam Thomas, Inn; Judge Patton, Inn; Eli Canady, Lodge; and Bessie Flood, Laundry. All CW'ers are urged to visit the Courthouse and view the exhibit before the 4th of July when it will be closed.

## If You're Going On Vacation . . .

Remember that often just as much attention to personal safety is required when you're playing as when you're working. Your family and friends want you to return from your vacation rested and in good physical condition, not camouflaged with bandages and splints.

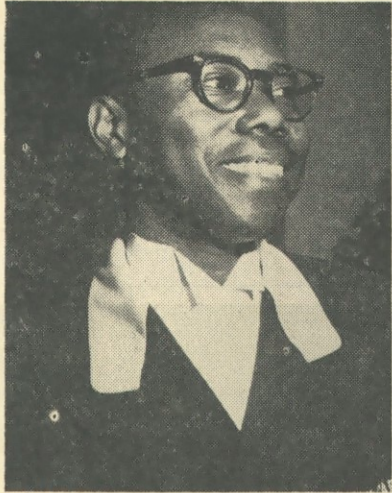
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Meet The Staff



Genial "Nat" Reid, a CW reporter for the Williamsburg Inn, has been associated with the hotels for about six years and now holds the position of Bell Captain. Nat was born and raised in Williamsburg, attended the James City County schools and did a year of college work at Virginia State. He has been married for thirteen years and has three children; two girls, ages 12 and 10, and one boy who is four. He has a number of interests outside his duties at the Inn and these include membership in the Masonic Lodge, and active participation in softball and basketball during the seasons. Nat is very well liked by his co-workers and his sunny disposition is an asset if not a requisite for his hundreds of meetings each week with the traveling public.



RUBY K. STEEL, E. B., received her 15 year service recognition pin from Bela Norton on May 21st.

Suggestion Awards

- Robert E. Taylor (Arch.) \$5.** That mail boxes installed on new houses be lengthened to accommodate magazines and publications.
- John A. Upshur, Jr. (I & L), \$5.** That apple cider at Chowning's be served from pitchers rather than directly from bottles.
- Robert Evans (Treas.), \$5.** That the candle sconces adjacent to coat racks in the King's Arms Tavern be secured to the wall.
- Nell G. Richards (E. B.), \$5.** That provision be made for time extensions on exhibition building block tickets for servicemen.
- Singleton P. Moorehead (Arch.), \$15.** That the announcing of plays etc. be done by a drummer.
- James Adkins (Curator's), \$5.** That the north gate at the Wythe House be opened and marked as an exit.
- Louise T. Atkinson (E.B.), \$5.** That the north gate at the Wythe House be opened and marked as an exit.
- James Garrison (I & L), \$10.** That a cover be built for the ice compar'ments at the Coffee Shop.

Proud Parents

**Born:** To I & L's Alton Wallace, an 8 lb. 2 oz. daughter, Alvern Ophelia, on April 26th.

The idea for the new CW NEWS masthead design was conceived by Tom Williams and executed by Frances Dayton.

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Photo by Institutions Magazine

LETHA BOOTH, manager of King's Arms Tavern, receives an award plaque from Mr. J. E. McClellan, of Institutions magazine at the recent National Restaurant Association convention in Chicago.

King's Arms Tavern Presented With Award For Top Achievement In Quantity Feeding

King's Arms Tavern was presented with an award plaque for highest achievement in quantity feeding at the recent National Restaurant Assn. convention in Chicago. The honor is a result of the 6th Annual Food Service Contest conducted in Institutions Magazine—a publication for restaurants, hospitals, school, hotels and all mass feeding operations.

At the presentation on Chicago's Navy Pier in connection with the 33rd NRA convention, Mr. O. T. Jarson, publisher of Institutions Magazine, cited King's Arms "for highest standards of sanitation and superlative achievement in storing, handling, preparing and serving food."

Selection for this award, by a distinguished panel of industry leaders from the hundreds of quantity feeding operations enter-

ed in the competition, marks the highest recognition accorded in the food service field.

Winners in the 1952 Institutions Magazine contest represent the finest kitchens and dining rooms among the nation's restaurants, hospitals, schools, industrial cafeterias and hotels.

King's Arms Manager Letha Booth made the trip to Chicago to receive the plaque on behalf of the tavern.

Departmental News



ARCHITECTURAL

Messrs. Daniel P. Higgins and Theodore J. Young of the Architectural firm of Eggers and Higgins, New York, were guests of MARIO and MARGARET CAMPIOLI on May 13 and attended the Staff Luncheon that day. They were en route to Newport News to embark on the builders' test run of the S. S. United States, America's largest merchant ship, which has just been completed at the Newport News Shipbuilding Company. Interiors of the ship were designed by their architectural firm. We're happy to welcome RICHARD F. ANDREWS in the mechanical section of our department. Dick hails from Richmond, Virginia. We're glad to have JOHN P. PEDERSEN back with us. He says he must have gotten some of that Virginia sand in his shoes. JOHN and "T" HENDERSON had as their guests the week end of May 17 Mr. and Mrs. Finlay F. Ferguson and daughter, Ann Stuart, of Norfolk, Virginia. RAY McLEOD found out recently the difference between \$5.00 and \$13.25; i. e., purchasing a Williamsburg City license tag via normal channels before April 15 or through Judge Moore after the deadline! RALPH BOWERS plans to take two weeks' vacation this Thursday, and will go to Boston, Massachusetts, to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Bowers. DON and ELLA MAE PARKER will have as their guests for the Memorial Day holiday Dr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Peck, of Westminster, Maryland. GEORGE BENNETT's daughter, "B. J." graduates from William and Mary this year and has been offered a Fellowship at the University of South Carolina Medical College which her father hopes she will accept! ERNIE FRANK took a week's vacation the week of April 28th. ERNIE's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Frank of Lansford, Pennsylvania, visited with him and Nannie at that time. HOWARD DEARSTYNE attended the Middle Atlantic Regional Conference of the American Institute of Architects, held in Philadelphia from May 1-3, as representative of Colonial Williamsburg, Incorporated, to obtain information on the great Independence National Historical Park Project, which was discussed at the meeting. The project, which is a collaborative undertaking of the City, State and Federal governments, is designed to convert several city blocks into parks to provide a proper setting for Independence Hall and to preserve historic buildings and sites in these areas. Barbara accompanied Howard on his three day trip. ESTIL HAZELWOOD started a two week's vacation last week. ED and MELINDA KENDREW spent last week end in Maryland and Delaware. They visited Melinda's brother, H. F. Ide, at Seaford, Del., and then went on to "Pokety" near Cambridge, Md., where they were the guests of Col. and Mrs. Edgar Garbisch.

AUDIO-VISUAL

We are very glad to welcome LOUISE KNOTT as the new member of the department. Louise is from Waterville, New York and is ART SMITH'S new secretary. Art, by the way, reports bidding 7 no trump in a recent bridge game, and says he would have made it if he hadn't misplayed his hand. Some bidding! LOUISE CHANEY went to the first session of the Bethlehem, Pa., Bach Festival last week end. MURRAY OKEN was in New York at the end of April to attend NAVA Film Distribution Conference and pick up tips for our own Distribution Section. Incidentally, he and CHRIS GILLESPIE feel that their efforts may be worth while. They estimated that some 75,000 people saw our two current films in the first three months of this year. TOM WILLIAMS is in Rochester, N. Y. this week for the purpose of learning about some of Eastman Kodak's new processes. JIM MAYS and family have just moved to a house near Capitol Landing Road. Jim recently attended the annual convention of the National Press Photographers Association, in Galveston, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Cowan from Ithaca, N. Y., BILL MYERS' sister and brother-in-law, were guests of PEG and ART SMITH in April. BILL and ROSS PATTON are to be seen on sunny days in some of the gardens around town getting shots of various plants and flowers for the Flower Arrangements Film, which is shaping up season by season.

C & M

RED VAUGHAN and family are now settled in their new home on Route 5. We are glad to see KEN SLATER back on the job after his illness. ELSIE TRUETT, whose husband has just gotten out of the Army, will be greatly missed by the department. We know they will be happy to return to Savannah. Her successor as MONIER WILLIAMS' secretary is JERRY GRAHE. All of us hope that SID BENTON will soon be well enough to be out and around on the job. A hearty welcome to the following new employees in C & M: EDWARD CURTIS, MORRIS WEST, JOHN LINDSEY, EDWARD GOODWYN and FINLAY PARKER, all with AUGGIE BLOCKSTON; and COWEN WHITE and ALVIN ADKINS in the Landscape Section. The Colonial Youth Center, of which ROOSEVELT HARRIS is Finance Chairman, is making rapid progress. The Center is still welcoming gifts from all clubs, organizations and individuals. DAVID WALLACE, SIMON MORNING, and NOLLY WYATT are competing as to which will produce the better garden this year. All three at present are using vegetables from their gardens. LESTER BYRD and his family spent May 18th with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. William Lewis. SIMON MORNING and family recently visited friends in Gloucester on a Sunday. ELNORRIS TAYLOR and his wife entertained a friend from Hampton over the week end.

CRAFTS

Craft House welcomes two new members to its office staff: VIRGINIA CLEMENTS and MARTHA GALT, but is sorry to lose SAMMIE BURKETT, who has accepted a position as secretary to Mr. Lambert at the College, and CYNTHIA SLATER who is secretary to Mr. E. W. Cowles at the Court House. HAROLD and ELLEN SPARKS motored to Fredericksburg on May 3 to meet Ellen's brother, James Lee, who took their mother, Mrs. Lee, to her home in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Mrs. Lee has been visiting the Sparks for the past several months. GLADYS PRATT has returned to the office after taking a week's vacation. PAGE FOLK is planning to spend the Memorial Day week end visiting her family on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Craft House reached a new high record for sales during the month of April which exceeds any other month's business since Craft House first opened its doors.

CRAFT SHOPS

BILL GEIGER recently returned from a meeting of the Early American Industries Association at Dearborn, Michigan. While at Dearborn, he had the opportunity of visiting the Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. The association voted to hold its fall meeting of 1953, in Williamsburg. GUS KLAPPER recently completed the longest run in the history of the Printing Office. He produced 4000 tickets and 3500 playbills requiring two impressions for the Reception Center Play, "The Country Girl." HOMER OWENS expects to return to work at the Boot Shop after a minor operation in Richmond. LOU BULLMAN and his wife, Ruby, have been spending all of their spare time on their property on the Chickahominy River, near Barrett's Ferry. JIM FULLER believes the Craft Shops reached a new peak in interpretation on May 11. Jim left his fishing long enough to become a Perukemaker that Sunday. NORMAN MARSHALL has recently talked to the Williamsburg Rotary Club, to a Biology class of the College of William and Mary, and to a group of Osteopaths, on the eighteenth century apothecary.

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ELEANOR DUNCAN, Assistant Curator, completed 10 years of service with CW on May 12th.

If you have recently moved or changed your mailing address, please notify the Department of Personnel Relations by calling Lois Harrison at Ext. 228.

## Business Block

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Williamsburg should take place in the area to the north of the present business blocks.

Mr. Chorley said that we did not feel we had the right to go against the recommendations and do something which was not good community planning and was not in the best interests of the future growth of the city. He stated that we have therefore accepted the recommendation of the experts and have decided that if we can secure the necessary property we will proceed with the development of a supplementary business district to the north of the present business blocks.

He closed by reemphasizing that this is not a restoration project but a matter of business and economic development affecting the welfare of the community as a whole.



LILY W. NELSON, Hostess, completed her 15th year of service with the company on March 25th.



THOMAS WALLACE, Cook at the Inn, accrued 15 years' service with the company on April 7th.



MARY B. BROOCKS, (E. B.), completed 10 years with Colonial Williamsburg on May 15th.



WILLIE SPRINGS, of C & M, accrued 10 years with CW on May 26th.

## Departmental News

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### CURATOR'S

TITIANA WALSH's daughter, Helen, will arrive in Williamsburg on May 31st, following her graduation from Dominican Convent in California. She plans to attend W. & M. this fall. MARY W. SORRELS has joined the Curator's Department as Administrative Assistant. ELEANOR DUNCAN is spending her vacation in Canada. LOUISE FISHER has recently been to New Canaan, Conn., where she spoke to the Garden Club. LOUISE NUTALL will replace ROSE LEATHERBURY as secretary in the department when Rose departs with husband Tom on May 29th. WILLIAM WILLIAMS delivered a lecture on flower arranging to the Men's Bible Group at St. John's Baptist Church over the week end. We welcome THOMAS WYNN and ERNEST WALLACE to the Curator's Department. TEARUSSELL BURRELL has returned from an enjoyable vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks and others of Newport News recently visited CORNELIA TAYLOR. CORNELIA's husband motored across the new bridge at Yorktown. EMANUEL ASHBY's aunt of New York City recently visited in their home.

### HOSTESS SECTION

May is one of the most pleasant months in the Exhibition Buildings. After the rush of Easter and Garden Week, things slow down for a little while, the weather is usually nice, and the visitors are pleased and happy. CARRIE LEE has been quite sick and was much missed in the buildings. It is good to report that FANNIE LOU STRYKER is improving. MAY THOMPSON made a quick trip to Aberdeen, Md., where she joined her daughter, Mrs. Bruce Hicks, and visited Winterthur. MARY J. DANIEL went to Danville on May 10th to see her sister, Mrs. John Wood, off to California. Mr. Branch Bock of Allentown, Pa., spent a few days with his mother, JUNE BOCK, on the week end of May 10th. Mrs. Robert Fisher and three children, of Long Island, N. Y., visited her mother LILY NELSON about the middle of the month. Lily then accompanied them to Warrenton for a visit with Mr. Philip Nelson and his family. ANNE CALLIS was a very attractive model in the annual Fashion Show presented at Matthew Whaley School on May 14th by the Young Women's Club of Williamsburg. DALE CARTER spent the week end of May 10th in Arlington as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Godson, III. On April 29th, ELLA LAMBERT was married to Mr. E. P. Rhodes of Gloucester County. They were married in North Carolina and visited Savannah, Ga. and Myrtle Beach, S. C. before returning to Williamsburg. We are most happy to welcome several new hostesses to the department, among them ELDA BERNARD of Detroit, Michigan, and HELEN WOODS of Williamsburg. CARRIE LEE had guests during Garden Week; Mrs. W. D. Powell, of Cambridge, Md., and Carrie's son, Mr. Edward Lee, of Washington. PHOEBE HOLMES and REBELL MICHAEL had parts in the Varsity Show given by the Backdrop Club of W. & M. MARGARET GREY, Page, and Dr. Grey went to Raleigh early in May for the 25th anniversary celebration of the West Raleigh Presbyterian Church where Dr. Grey was pastor for many years. He delivered the anniversary sermon. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. MacDonald and daughter Geri, of Long Island, were recent guests of BARBARA BROWN. ALMA NEWBURY was absent for several days due to a throat infection but is now back on the job.

### INN & LODGE

TOM CRUMP is improving at the Blayton Clinic following an accident. We are happy to welcome ALICE HOLENER, DOROTHY LETCHER, and RICHARD AIKEN to the dining room staff at the Inn. ERNEST COOKE enjoyed a two-day visit to Baltimore and Painbridge, Md., his home town. JAMES PERTHON was called to Florida week before last due to the illness of his father; we are happy to know that he is on the road to recovery. LEROY JOHNSON of the Lodge bake shop spent most of his vacation visiting his brother in Baltimore. BARBARA HOLMES, who is now married, is living in King and Queen County. EMMA LOCKEY spent May 9th in Washington visiting the zoological park and many other places of interest. CARRIE TROWER has joined the Lodge pantry staff, and ADRA THOMAS is working in the Coffee Shop. BERTHA BERRY has just returned from her vacation; ETHEL LIGHTFOOT and JUSTINA FORD are both away on vacations. EVA CLOWES and MATTIE VAUGHAN took a trip up the Skyline Drive on Sunday, May 18th. We're glad to welcome back CECIL NEAL, EVA PAYTON, and NANNIE SHRODER. VIOLA GRANDELL has been away because of illness. CLARENCE JONES and JOHN O'NEAL have had their physical examinations for the service and expect to be leaving before long. ELIZABETH PARILLA is planning a week end trip to Baltimore, expecting to be there for her daughter's graduation. MAUDE TUDOR is off on a well-earned vacation. We're very happy to welcome back maids LOUISE WILLIAMS and MARGARET WRAY as well as houseman EDDIE TAYLOR. HELEN SHERMAN has returned to work after several weeks' absence following an accident. She is most grateful for the many kindnesses shown her during her convalescence. We feel like playing "Hearts and Flowers" for we just learned that CHARLIE WHITE will be leaving us on June 1st to accept a position in Roanoke. GRANT WASHBURN will replace him as Sales Manager. We wish them both every success in their new positions. The welcome mat is out for EDWARD BUSE who will be a desk clerk at the Inn. RALPH and ADRA MOODY are visiting friends and relatives in New York State and Connecticut. MARGARET BURGESS is spending her vacation in Kentucky with Shirley Hord, former cashier at the Lodge. DENTON GUSTAFSON will spend part of his vacation in Grand Rapids, Michigan where he will attend the International Greeters Convention. We want to welcome LOUISE AMBROSE as switchboard operator at the Lodge. Since Major Stubbs is now to be stationed at Fort Eustis, the Reservation Office is happy to welcome back ANNE STUBBS. BILLY TYSSSEN returned for two weeks to the Reservation Office to fill in for her sister, ESTHER MARSHALL, who was called to Connecticut by the illness of her aunt. PAULINE BROOKS spent a recent week end visiting her mother in Emporia, Va. THOMAS WALLACE has returned to work after a long illness. We are glad to have him back; his service award, which was earned last month, was presented to him soon after his return. EVELYN JOHNSON and family are enjoying their new home in Highland Park. REBECCA DANIELS motored to N. Y. C. for a week end visit.

### DIVISION OF INTERPRETATION

WALTER HEACOCK visited Mount Vernon recently for the week end to observe their method of handling crowds as compared to our own. Walter and ED ALEXANDER attended a discussion of plans for the Institute of Early American History and Culture, on May 15, at the Ellen Glasgow House in Richmond. JOHN GOODBODY was one of the hosts to welcome the Austrian Chancellor and his party when they stopped here. Chancellor Figl is making a tour of the United States and Williamsburg was one of the cities selected for him to visit. JEAN McGRATH has recently purchased an English Austin and will drive it back from Richmond on her next trip home. BETTY GALE will be leaving us in June. We certainly hate to lose her; though she has been with us only a short time, we have become very fond of her.

### KING'S ARMS TAVERN

We are naturally very proud that the King's Arms was given an award for highest achievement in quantity feeding at the recent National Restaurant Association Convention in Chicago. Ed Note: See news story). MARCIA GRAY has joined our staff as a kitchen supervisor. She comes to us from Richmond. JAMES ABBOTT was a week end guest of his mother, Mrs. J. T. Abbott, Sr., at Republican Grove, Va., over Mother's Day. LYNN DREXLER is back with us after being away because of her daughter's illness. It's good to have DAISY BROWN and GEORGIA HAMILTON back at work after being ill.



AIRCRAFT SPOTTERS Paul Buchanan and Colonel Leslie Wheat are shown on watch at the firetower in Bassett Hall woods. Many CW employees have volunteered for this essential Civil Defense activity.

## CW Employees Are Key Participants In Vital Civilian Defense Activity

For the past two years the Williamsburg Aircraft Ground Observer Corps has been quietly practicing and preparing for the day when their services might be needed to implement one of the key activities of Civilian Defense.

It seems particularly fitting here in Williamsburg, where so many of the ideals of American democracy were nurtured and developed, that a substantial number of the aircraft observers are employees of Colonial Williamsburg. Over half of those who have given so freely of their time and effort in this important activity are members of the CW family.

Harold Sparks is the local supervisor for the Observer Corps. His hard-working assistant and Chief Observer is Paul Buchanan. Others in the organization include Florens Boelt, Holmes Brown, Lou Bullman, Mario Campioli, Tom Drewry, Ernest Lee, Russell McGehee, Bud Odell, Hobart Ray, Harry Sutton, and Colonel Leslie Wheat.

These men have all spent numerous Saturdays and Sundays in the Bassett Hall Fire Tower becoming proficient in the new reporting procedures that have become necessary with the advent of high speed jet bombers and fighters.

Information has recently been received that the Williamsburg Observation Post is to be placed in full operational status, 24 hours a day. To accomplish this the corps must be expanded from a training cadre of approximately twenty men to an active force of over 100 men and women. Already a number of CW girls have offered their services: Utha Conrad, Alice Cottingham, Betty Jo Fletcher, Betsy Hall, Lois Harrison, Ruth Jolly, Peg Madsen, and Eugenia Williamson.

It is planned to move the observation post from the training location to a more centrally located and easily accessible tower in town. Present plans contemplate

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### OFFICE SERVICES

GEORGE DAVIS spent a recent week end motoring through most of Virginia. HELEN and GEORGE ZUPKO started the sunny season by week ending at Virginia Beach with friends. BARBARA and BUDDY WATERS are excited over the purchase of a lot and are busy making plans for building their home.

### PUBLICATIONS

We're extremely pleased to have PEGGY HITCHCOCK back with us—if only for several months; the same editorial assistance which proved so valuable for the first edition of the OFFICIAL GUIDEBOOK is now being directed to a second edition of this best seller. Peggy also is editing ALDEN HOPKINS' manuscript on Williamsburg gardens. PARKE ROUSE, CASEY MILLER and BEV CHANEY have been away for short visits during the last few weeks—but all to different places. Parke attended the Virginia for Eisenhower rally at Richmond, May 21; Paul Hoffman was guest speaker. Casey spent several days in New York City conferring with Margaret Lesser, Doubleday Juvenile Editor, concerning children's books to be published by this department. Bev attended the annual American Bookseller's convention at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D. C. Guest speaker was Justice William O. Douglas. Hats off to FRANCES DAYTON who designed the colorful coasters that have proved to be one of the most popular souvenirs we have distributed.

### DIVISION OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

We are distressed, one and all, to learn of HOLMES BROWN's impending departure (June 15th) for a public relations position with Ford Motor Company in Detroit. We wish him the best of luck in his new job. TOM McCASKEY has been named Acting Director of the department. ANN GROVER, who hails from Baltimore, is RAN RUFFIN's new secretary. NANCY KENT is lending a hand in the Press Bureau during her after-school and Saturday hours. The VAN MACNAIRS as well as the MILLIGANS are still house hunting. RALPH and JO CLARK visited Luray Caverns over the week end with their children, Joel and Larry. We will certainly miss Jo, whose last work day will be May 29th. ALBERTA LEE KROEGER, new secretary to BILL BIPPUS, is from Nashville, Illinois. Her husband, Virgil, is stationed at Fort Eustis. TOM McCASKEY spent a week on a trip through New York and Massachusetts. GEORGE EAGER attended the annual Diocesan Council meeting of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, held in Suffolk on May 13th and 14th.

### RECEPTION CENTER

We are proud of JULIE YOUNGQUIST who was May Queen at the College of William and Mary. JACK MARTIN is our newest addition to the staff at the Reception Center; Jack is a college student. JOHN FOX has been ill with the flu and we have missed him here at work. VASHTI STEINWACHS has turned to gardening. She has planted some flowers and vegetables in the plot back of her kitchen. ROSE BROOKS is quite excited over the plans for a home which she and her husband propose to build on Route 5. We are very proud of our new model of the City of Williamsburg (Ed. Note: See news story) and we hope that everyone will take time to stop by and have a look at it.

### RESEARCH

PIERCE MIDDLETON attended the meeting of the Diocese of Southern Virginia at Suffolk recently. Dr. Henry A. Stephenson of San Francisco, California is visiting with MARY STEPHENSON. MARY GOODWIN is home from the hospital and is getting along nicely. She hopes to be back to work sometime in June. Louanne Martin, former secretary of the Research Department, is rejoicing over her new baby girl, Nan Kelly Martin, born April 24. They are moving to Washington in June.



BILL GEIGER and M. W. THOMAS

### Eight Craft Shops Attract Many Visitors Each Season

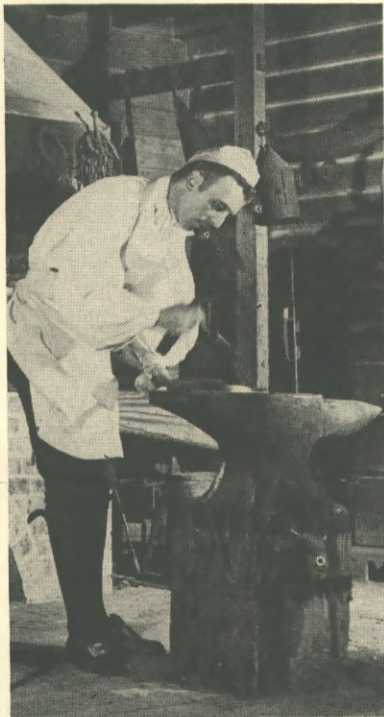
One lady spent over an hour in the choice of a quill pen. She wanted one with just the "right personality." Another, who was not interested in eighteenth century architecture, history, gardening, or interior decorating, nevertheless made it a point to stop overnight in Williamsburg on her way to Florida. She was looking for a pomander. That's a lemon stuck full of cloves. It keeps the linen closet smelling nice. One man sent his wife and family to the concert and spent the evening happily moving heavy wood-working equipment around. A ten-year-old son of a well-known writer took home a miniature horseshoe with his name on it—to him the most interesting thing in all of Williamsburg.

#### Popularity Unquestionable

These are just a few of the things that go on every day in the eight craft shops operated by Colonial Williamsburg. Just how many visitors spend what total of hours browsing in these free exhibition buildings is not known. But M. W. Thomas, Jr., director and W. D. Geiger, assistant director, estimate that every visitor to Williamsburg sees at least one and probably more of the craft shops. Which means, of course, some quarter of a million yearly. Certain it is that they are among the most popular attractions in the city.

#### No Secrets

Down at the Ayscough House where master cabinetmaker Louis K. Bullman and journeyman Arthur Sedille hold sway, the most prevalent question from visitors is, "how do you finish furniture?" "No secret to it, says modest craftsman Bullman, "just a lot of experience." And that's what he has plenty of, for he is following in a family tradition, his father also having been a master cabinetmaker. Like all the rest of the craft shops, the cabinetmakers not only interpret eighteenth century life to visitors, but make substantial contributions to the restoration program as a whole. Bullman and Sedille, for instance, together did



JOHN ALLGOOD, Blacksmith

most of the restoration of the Brush House furniture, which, the cabinetmakers sadly admit, left little time for their fishing hobbies.

#### Native of Mathews

The craftsman who probably talks to more visitors than any other is Robert White, master wigmaker. Hailing from Mathews County, White came home to the Tidewater area after learning his trade in Philadelphia. Aside

from interpreting his work to visitors, he produces wigs for C. W. I.'s male attendants, and for the plays and concerts.

#### Printing By Hand

At the Printing Office, where August Klapper runs the only operating wooden press in America, it takes a strong arm, a vast knowledge of the ancient art of printing, and a tireless voice to answer all the questions of a steady stream of visitors. Despite the colonial press, and the fact that it takes 22 hand operations to produce one handbill in color, Printer Klapper turned out 10,000 printed items for C.W.I. in the five months of this year. The "coffin," "the gallows," and "the devil's tail" are the names of some of the principal parts of the press, which makes the Printing Office a cheerful place to work, says Klapper with a smile.

#### Craftsmen Scarce

One of the hardest jobs in putting the craft shops into operation was that of finding expert craftsmen, and it wasn't until Homer Owens, a Richmonder came down to Williamsburg as a sightseer and became interested in the colonial city, that the Boot Shop found its master. Here, in addition to explaining leather and bootmaking to visitors, Homer produces leather mugs and baskets reproduced for sale from examples in the Exhibition Buildings. If you need your coach harness repaired, expert leatherworker Owens can handle that, too. He does all of C.W.I.'s work in that field.

#### Hails From Montana

Once, Bonnie Brown spent her time raising rabbits and making the fur into sweaters, but now she spins and weaves in the manner of colonial housewives whose duties included making fabrics for her household. The only Westerner among the craft shop experts, Bonnie was raised in the air of Montana's wide open spaces, which may account for her reputation as one of C.W.I.'s most tireless and efficient demonstrators.

#### Hobby Became Vocation

One man's hobby which turned into a vocation was the study of eighteenth century pharmacy. Norman Marshall, who delves into a mysterious array of elixirs, herbs and ointments at the Apothecary Shop, comes from the Meadows of Dan, Virginia, and was destined to become a school teacher until his hobby made him into something of a rarity—an expert apothecary. Besides dispensing drugs, pomanders, snuff in pig bladders, tobacco (which one lady purchased in the impression it was soap) perfumes, sundries, and various exotic spices, Apothecary Marshall takes time out to lecture not only to his many visitors, but also before an increasing number of outside groups.

#### Variety of Articles

Over in the Deane Forge, the village smithy, by way of Georgia and the Newport News Shipyard, stands. Here John Allgood keeps his forge glowing in the colonial manner with a hand-operated bellows, and shapes his iron with hammer and chisel on an ancient anvil. The oldtime blacksmith would perhaps be surprised at the variety of work that comes out of John's shop. Shoe buckles, lighting fixtures, metal work for the Printing Office's press, cannon equipment and repair work, and irons, fireplace tools, and chandeliers, to name a few. And, of course, aside from these services, the miniature horse shoes—over 3,000 of them last year, which may make that item Williamsburg's most popular souvenir.

#### Pleasant Setting

The craft shop with the most pleasant setting of all is the Scultery of the Governor's Palace. Here, within sight of the elegant gardens, Edmonia Jackson and Martha Minns, both local residents, preside over the array of molds and lades of a more leisurely day. Here is where the old art of candlemaking is explained to visitors, and from here came the more than 8,000 bayberry candles which were



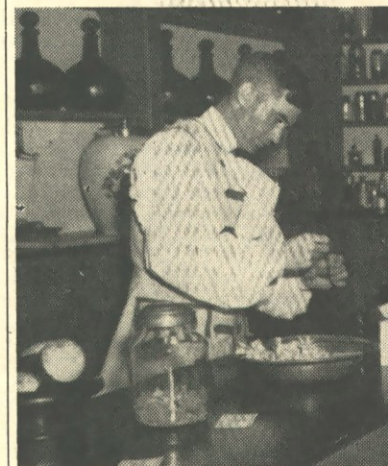
Candlemakers MINNS and JACKSON



ROBERT WHITE, Puke-Maker



BONNIE BROWN, Weaver



NORMAN MARSHALL Apothecary

used by C.W.I. and sold through the Craft House in five months this year.

Profitable, Popular, and Practical. That might well be the slogan for Colonial Williamsburg's, craft shops.

## LIFE - In

### The Exhibition Buildings

By Mary Prickett Carter

On a tour through the Capitol a hostess was discoursing on the portrait of General Mauk and mentioned, among other things, that Mauk's Corner, South Carolina was named for him. After the tour a lady stepped up and said that she was from Mauk's Corner and had not known until her visit to Williamsburg where the name Botetourt had come from. "Down in Mauk's Corner," she stated, "lives an old preacher who once was heard to exclaim in a very colorful sermon: 'The Bo'tetours, the Hottentots, The Abyssinians, and the Virginians are the four great nations of the earth.'"

One day a guest asked a hostess, "How did Lord Botletop spell his name?" Another asked, "Did you say one of the governors was named Dimwit (Dinwiddie)?"

A visitor in the Palace gardens asked if the Canal was the York or the James River.

### Air Observers

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plate using two people on each watch. Women will probably man the post during daylight hours from 8:00 a. m. to 8:00 p. m. in three-hour shifts. Men will take the night watches in four-hour shifts.

It is also planned to recruit and train enough people so that no individual would be required for more than one watch a week.

In order to carry out this vital program of Civil Defense, approximately 90 additional men and women volunteers are needed. Employees who wish to offer their services to the Observer Corps, men and women alike, may do so by calling Paul Buchanan or Harold Sparks. It is hoped that everyone will pass this information along to wives, husbands, and friends, as the need is great and the function is a highly essential one.



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