



Holland Finds Valuable Letter

Tommy Holland, one of CW's ace bricklayers, usually looks at the buildings from the standpoint of the bricks and stones he contributed but the Pasteur Galt Apothecary Shop will hold an entirely different meaning for him.

The attractive old sign to be placed in front of the exhibition shop will be a direct result of Tommy's diligence in restoration work and his instant recognition of the importance of an old letter found at the Tayloe House. On the tattered document, dated 1809, is a medical seal from a signet ring which was invaluable in developing the design for the sign according to old precedents and utilizing the old seal. Oval in shape, the seal has the Latin inscription "Major Agit Deus" (God does greater) around the border and the familiar Caduceus staff in the center. Although the full signature is not legible, the letter is conceivably from Doctor John Minson Galt to Bishop Madison who lived in the Tayloe House at the time.

Tommy pulled the letter out of a rat hole while doing restoration work on one of the Tayloe House chimneys. Realizing that it probably was of value, he immediately turned it over to the Architectural Department where it was carefully studied. In the years since 1933 when he first began work with CW Tommy has been continually on the alert for ancient items during restoration work.

Work Begins on Francis Street

Alterations on Francis Street between Waller and Blair Streets to give visitors arriving from the east an earlier feeling of 18th century Williamsburg and to correct encroachments on the north side of the street have been started in the fast-moving building program.

The concrete pavement along the section near the cabinetmaker's shop will be torn out, new utility lines put in and a new macadam pavement laced with coloring resembling a dirt road will be laid out. The alignment at the Waller Street intersection opposite Bassett Hall entranceway will be changed by moving the street slightly to the south and widening. Traffic conditions at the corner will be improved by reducing the over-wide entrance into Waller Street. Cobblestone gutters on a concrete base will edge the street and new walks, lamp posts and hitching rails will be added to further recapture the colonial appearance.

J.B. Brouwers and his crews already have been busy removing plantings at the edge of the Waller House property to accommodate the re-alignment and surveyors have been busy sighting through their transits all week marking out the changes. The work under the direction of Randy Carter will be handled so as to cause the least possible disturbance of traffic. Eastbound traffic will continue over Francis Street at all times with

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NEWS & COMMENTS

ROBERT WHITE is busy picking up his scissors, blood-letting instruments and assorted wigs for his move this week-end to the King's Arms Barber Shop across from the Raleigh Tavern. The eye-catching cube sign at the new location of the Barber and Puke-Maker's Shop already is in place and the shop will be opened on Monday, freeing the old location next to the Paradise House for installation of Gus Klapper's Printing Office.

VERY SO OFTEN there arrives a particularly nice letter from some visitor commenting on pleasant experiences in Williamsburg. Among the more recent ones is a letter from Don Doig, an official of the Auto Club of So. Calif., to Horace Albright, one of CW's trustees, from which we quote in part: "...having dealt with John Q. Public for many years and with what I consider outstanding business organizations, as well as resort and hotel companies, it has been many, many years since I have made such pleasant contacts and met such outstanding individuals as these men who through your kind offices I met while in Williamsburg. You can rest assured that from this instant the motoring public who are handled by us and who are touring anywhere in the east near Williamsburg, will be directed to that most interest-

ing community."

Another is from Richard A. Hammer of John Wanamaker, Inc., of New York and reads: "During March Mrs. Hammer and I spent several weeks at Williamsburg and it seems only fitting to express to some official our complete satisfaction and gratification with the restoration, the Inn and the entire personnel from Mr. Upshaw to your doormen. It is more than we dreamed was possible in this day and age and greatly appreciated. Actually we had intended staying only a few days and stayed two weeks, enjoying every moment. The fine taste displayed in the furnishings of the Inn and the great care shown in the restoration is an inspiration. Thought you would like to hear from a highly pleased guest."

ALTY BOYER was in town this week rubbing his hands with glee at the numbers of visitors present. It has been a busy two weeks as the weary hostesses, coachdrivers, hotel people will attest but no records have been broken except at the hotels where Easter Sunday was the biggest ever and at the Capitol last Saturday night.

THE TWO HOTEL gift shops have been turning in some records recently, too. Under the able management of May Thompson, the combined sales of the two exceeded \$100,000 for the year 1949, and on Sunday morning, April 2, the Lodge gift shop alone rang up \$500 in sales.

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SOFTBALLERS, AWAKE!

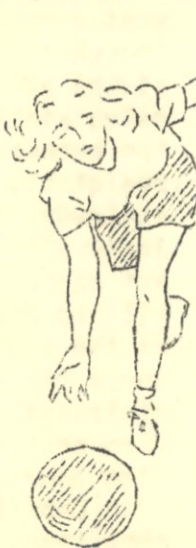
The clatter of bowling balls and pins will shortly die away, to be replaced, if all goes well, with the proverbial swish of the willow and smack of the horsehide. All of which means that the cry for softball candidates has gone out, and, if there is sufficient interest displayed by both men and women, CW will sponsor, as was done last year, softball teams in the Community Recreation Program. Both employees and members of their families are eligible.

Those interested should contact Virginia Marston in the Personnel Relations Department before May 1st. Who knows, that gentleman at the next desk may be a neophyte Shoeless Joe Jackson, the girl an unheralded Lefty Grove.....Last year, the men played twice a week, the women once, and a quick glance at the fielding records will indicate that neither spent an excessive amount of time at practice.

BOWLERS ENTER HOME STRETCH

Moving into the last week of regular competition, neither of the two CW Bowling Leagues have as yet crowned a second Half champion. In the men's league, the second place Accounting team has a mathematical change to move into the title spot; they are two games behind C&M #3, league-leaders all the way. Accounting has second place clinched at least and behind them Pencil Pushers and WI&L must settle third. Sprawled out all over the landscape after them are Rinky Dinks, C&M #1, C&M #2, and the T Squares.

A great deal of the indecision of the men's league has rubbed off on the girls. This organization, noted for milling around, is no nearer a winner than it was two months ago. When the Wonder Women of Mary Lee Fitzgerald started moving a few weeks back, it brought cheers, but no great misgivings stirred in the hearts of their opponents. Fighting from so far back in the standings that they were practically in a lower league, Mary Lee's team won so consistently that they have now lifted themselves into a tie for third place, and it is remotely possible that they can end up in second place.



Their progress was made last week at the expense of the first-place Casey Millerites, which further complicates the situation.

There are two other news items from the bowling wars which developed in the past week. Bob Evans, president of the combined leagues, has announced that there will be a Handicap Sweepstakes for all CW Bowlers on April 23. This event, which will probably shape up into a real Donnybrook, will have good, negotiable American iron men as prizes, the amounts to be determined after a searching glance into the treasury. Anyone who has bowled at all is eligible; there will be three games, with each person rolling as an individual. At this time, there are well over 50 persons signed up.

Bowling Banquet

The other event has to do with the transferring of the activities of the Leagues from the alleys to the banquet table. It was announced last week that a chicken-and-coffee orgy will be held for all participants of the season on May 9 at the Lodge. The cost will be borne by the League treasury, and members can bring guests (for whom the price will be \$2.25). All interested should contact Gilly Grattan in the Goodwin Building as soon as possible.

ADDED STEPS FOR FIRE SAFETY

Structural features and fire protection equipment, already incorporated in CW's buildings, together with still further steps to be taken under the Va. Fire Safety Regulations make the colonial as well as modern structures here safe from fires beyond the ken of the colonial inhabitants of Williamsburg.

Two centuries ago, fires were a nagging fear and a too-frequent tragedy. So much so, in fact, that the Capitol was built without chimnies. Yet it burned twice.

Today, in restoring Williamsburg, the original designs of those colonial structures have been scrupulously followed, as is well known, but invisible precautions have been made that perhaps the men of 18th century Williamsburg would have liked to use.

Asbestos shingles resembling the old cypress kind are used instead of wood, fire stops are provided between floors, masonry partitions have been placed around open shafts and masonry nogging (a fill between the walls) has been placed in partitions where buildings are close together. In addition, extinguishers and fire alarm systems have been provided.

The Architectural Department is currently at work designing still further changes to be made at certain points as called for by ammendments to the Va. Fire Safety Regulations passed on Feb. 21 of this year. The principal changes to be made have to do with protection of egress from a public building in case of fire and in general call for three-quarter hour doors (able to withstand fire for $3/4$ of an hour) with self-closing fusible link hardware at stairway enclosures. The changes will be made by Feb. 21, 1951, in accordance with the code. At the Palace, for instance, a heavier fire-resistant door will be put at the basement level of the enclosed stairway and a sign placed on the inside

of the stairway on the first floor level. Certain other exhibition buildings such as the Ludwell-Paradise House and Gaol will come in for minor alterations while others do not. It is hoped that the changes can be made so as not to be detrimental to the authenticity of the buildings.

Repairs caused by the fire at Brick House Tavern have been started and in addition to painting, re-carpeting and woodwork repair will include sealing off the stairway well, putting a door to the basement stairs and putting doors on the first and second floors to the east and west corridors from the stair hall. Although the code does not require it, the stairs at Market Square Tavern may receive similar treatment and the door to the basement stairs will be made fire resistant. At the Inn, for example, the stairway at the east end of the main lobby will be enclosed with fire resistant doors at various floor levels, doors will be added to the enclosed stairway at the Lodge's York House and in the business block certain doors adjacent to stairways will be changed adding to the fire protection provided by the numerous fire doors and fire walls.

Deputies of the Virginia Fire Marshal from Norfolk and Richmond inspected all of CW's public buildings recently outlining the changes necessary for compliance with the Virginia Fire Safety Regulations. This ordinance was adopted in April of last year with ammendments clarifying conflicting points passed this past February and received by CW two days after the Brick House Tavern fire. When first issued last year, the Architectural Department made a study of the ordinance and a thorough survey of all CW public buildings and steps were immediately taken to review their findings with the Fire Marshal and to make certain changes thought necessary for the complete protection of the public.

LETS GO TOURING

Garden Week 1950 offers members of the CW family a chance to see several new homes and to re-acquaint themselves with the outstanding places in this area. To the new arrivals, Garden Week is the opportunity to visit places which are open only once a year, and it should not be missed.

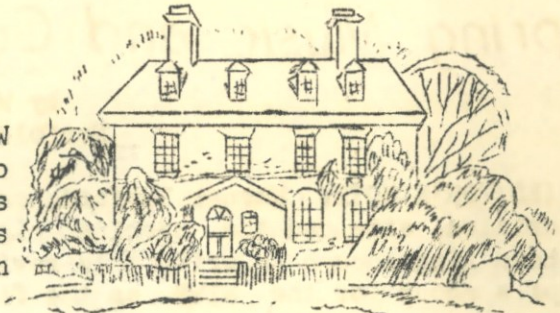
This year there are fifteen private homes open during the six days of Garden Week in Williamsburg - April 22 through 27. Among these are several places which have not been opened within recent years, including Ambler-on-the James, Bel-Mede on Burns Lane, the President's House at William and Mary College, and several smaller homes in the city. Another innovation will be the presentation of three modern gardens at the homes of Judge and Mrs. Armistead, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Duke, and Mr. and Mrs. John Stetson.

Employees of CW are urged to take advantage of Garden Week, for it offers a highly interesting program which will not be repeated exactly again. The local club's plans for 1950 are excellent and deserve not only the attention of visitors to the city, but also of the community itself. Get a copy of the Williamsburg Garden Week program from the Travel Office, Reception Center, or hotels and plan to spend at least one day to see for yourself the outstanding contribution this area makes to Garden Week in Virginia, a nationally recognized attraction of growing importance.

In addition to the local program there are interesting side trips to be made within short distances of Williamsburg. These might include a trip to the James River plantations which are open for Garden Week. Keswick and Millwood are on the south side of the Upper James River; Riverview Farm, Shirley, Berkeley, and Westover are on the Lower James, north side. On the south side of the Lower James are Brandon, Upper Brandon, Eastover, and Smith-Fort Plantation. Be sure to take along a picnic lunch.

A trip through the Gloucester area is also well worth while. There you may see Abingdon Church, White Marsh, Long Bridge Ordinary, Ware Church, Elmington, Toddsbury, Newstead, Belleville, and Cappahosic House. Also nearby, at Hampton, are St. John's Episcopal Church - the oldest active English parish in America - and Roseland Manor, formerly known as "Strawberry Hill."

Three attractions in the Pamunkey River area are open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, April 25-27. These include the house and gardens of Elsing Green and Windsor Shades. Elsing Green, built in 1717 by Capt. William Dandridge, is one of the most important of the early colonial Virginia manor houses. Windsor Shades was built about 1740 by a member of the Ruffin family. Also on the Pamunkey River is Chelsea, about 30 miles from West Point, on Route 30 N.W.



FRANCIS STREET (Con't from page 1)

westbound traffic routed into the city over Waller and either Lafayette or Nicholson Streets.

The work on the street will permit the start of reconstruction work on the Draper House at the northwest corner of

Waller and Francis Streets. Work is expected to start on the house, its out-buildings and gardens within two weeks.

Also scheduled for early attention is the reconstruction of the Chiswell House on Francis Street south of the King's Arms project. It will become a guest house for Williamsburg Inn.

Spring Music and Comedy

by Warner Twyford
Norfolk Virginian-Pilot

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Warner Twyford, one of this section's leading music and drama critics, attended the opening nights of the spring concert and play and has been kind enough to write this review especially for the NEWS. It is somewhat of a scoop for the NEWS as the first review of the spring entertainment will not appear in newspapers until this Sunday, April 16.)

It is Spring in Williamsburg, which is reason enough for being here.

But besides the buds and the birds, there are other attractions to heighten the delight of a Williamsburg Spring this year, specifically the return of the Candlelight Concerts to the Governor's Palace and a season of Revolutionary drama at the Reception Center.

The Palace especially is a colorful setting for the current recreation of the after-dark entertainment of the Colony's upper crust. Here in the ornate ballroom, beneath the glittering crystal chandelier, a program of Eighteenth Century music is being played each Thursday night by a company of Peninsula and Norfolk musicians under the conductorship of Cary McMurran.

These folk, attired in silken knee-breeches and panniered dresses and powdered wigs, play the music of Purcell and Handel and Corelli and J. C. Bach. Mr. McMurran presides at the Eighteenth Century piano-forte, which has a sound much like the harpsichord, and he plays it brilliantly.

The first night's performance had its flaws, but the ensemble pieces--the Purcell "Dido and Aeneas" music, the Handel Concerto in G minor and "Water Musick," and the Allegro movement from the Bach Concerto in E flat major, all were brightly and gaily played with a fine overall sonority.

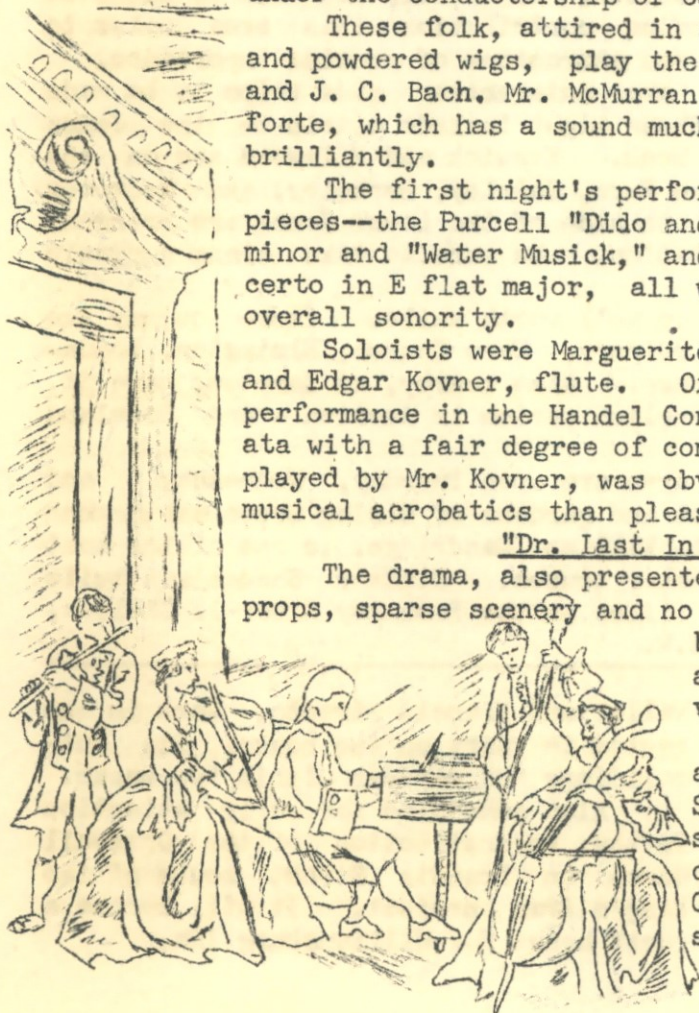
Soloists were Marguerite Smith, oboe, Elizabeth Chapman, violin, and Edgar Kovner, flute. Of these Miss Smith gave perhaps the best performance in the Handel Concerto. Mrs. Chapman played a Corelli sonata with a fair degree of competence, and the Quantz flute sonata, played by Mr. Kovner, was obviously a difficult piece, but was more musical acrobatics than pleasant listening.

"Dr. Last In His Chariot"

The drama, also presented in Eighteenth Century style with meager props, sparse scenery and no curtain, is a genuinely enjoyable comedy, by Moliere, originally titled "The Imaginary Invalid," but retitled in the English version, "Dr. Last In His Chariot."

It is presented by a group of William and Mary students and directed by Howard Scammon, and it is surprisingly funny. I say surprisingly, because no matter how comic we are told they are, Eighteenth Century comedies usually turn out to be a sorry source of laughs when revived today.

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NEW ITEMS AT CRAFT HOUSE

Carving sets, firebacks and trivets are among the new items that Catherine Dorrier is putting on the sales counter at the Craft House. The new articles, based upon old designs, were recently approved by the Craft Advisory Committee.

Long awaited, the pistol handle carving set (RT-14) in sterling silver is another handsome addition to the Reproduction Program line. The set, an adaptation

from an old design, is made by Stieff of Baltimore and has the pistol handle and a stainless steel blade on the carving knife. The set will sell for \$36 including tax or \$28.80 to employees. Supplies have not yet been received at the Craft House but are expected very soon. It makes a fine wedding gift, says Kat.

Two firebacks, just approved, are being reproduced from sections of 18th century firebacks found in Williamsburg and displayed at the Court House Museum. The Virginia Fireback (CW 21-5) weighs approximately 45 pounds. It retails for \$22 with 20% off to employees. The Panel Fireback (CW 21-6) weighs approximately 55 pounds and retails for \$24 with CW employees having the advantage of 20% discount. The reproductions were developed by the Virginia Metalcrafters of Waynesboro, Va. Along a lighter vein, two souvenir trivets also have been approved. The Queen Anne Trivet (CW 10-10) and the William and Mary Trivet (CW 10-11) in both brass and iron are expected to be as popular as the familiar GR.

SPRING MUSIC & COMEDY (Con't from page 6)

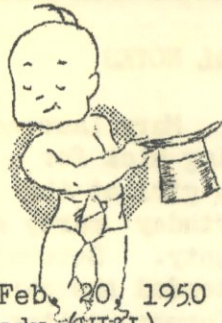
Besides Mr. Moliere, others to whom credit is due for making this funny are Fred Eckert and David Friedman, two of the principals.

The concerts continue each Thursday and the play each Friday through May. The first concert broke an attendance record, turning away 100 persons.

BERNARD E. CRISMON

Bernard E. Crismon, C&M carpenter, died on March 27. He was first employed on the C&M crews in July, 1948.

NEW BIRTHDAYS



- Alice Loretta, born Feb. 20, 1950
daughter of Eli Canady (WI&L)
Patsy Ann, born March 22, 1950
daughter of Waverly Davis (C&M)
William Leonard, born March 30, 1950
son of Lyman Peters (C&M)
Joseph Roy, born March 31, 1950
son of Billy Geiger (Interp.)

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IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN TWO GARDENS

In addition to the spring pruning and preening of CW's famous gardens for Garden Week visitors, special attention is being given to two of the layouts suffering from overgrowths.

At the Ludwell-Paradise House, changes have been made in the placement of some of the boxwood and the walks because of the way the billowy boxwood bushes were crowding the paths. A severe pruning of the large boxwood bushes in the Coke-Garrett Gardens is being effected by the garden maintenance forces to correct the serious crowding of the walks there. While the boxwood there will not look its best during the immediate future until the bushes re-establish themselves, the severe pruning will contribute to a more beautiful garden in the years to come.

TRAVEL OFFICE MARKS FIRST YEAR.

On March 1 Nancy Foster's Travel Office celebrated its first birthday as a permanent part of the services offered the public in Williamsburg.

Results of the first year should please manager Nancy Foster, her friendly staff, and all those interested in seeing that visitors to our city are given every service and assistance which they expect to find here. During the ten months of 1949 the Travel Office aided an estimated 45,000 persons who came to it from the hotels, tourist homes, auto courts, and off-the-road to seek travel aid, guidance or supplies. It rented its Hertz Cars 170 times for a total of 220 days; sold a total of 364,741 post cards, or over 36,000 per month to keep the Williamsburg picture in front of the friends of our traveling public; rented bicycles 4,642 times to visitors looking for exercise or a pleasant way to sightsee; sold nearly \$15,000.00 worth of airline tickets in the last five months of the year; and sold enough film to go a long way toward paying for this free travel service for Williamsburg's guests.

CONGRATS FOR LENGTHY SERVICE

Harvey Johnson (C&M)
15 years on March 5
Vernon Geddy (Counsel)
20 years on April 1

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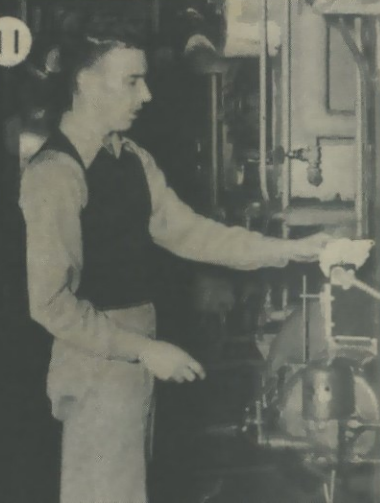
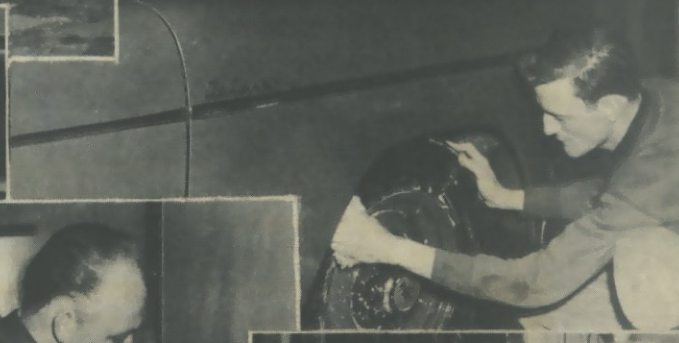
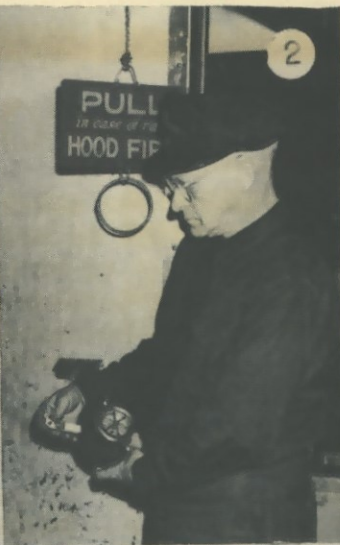
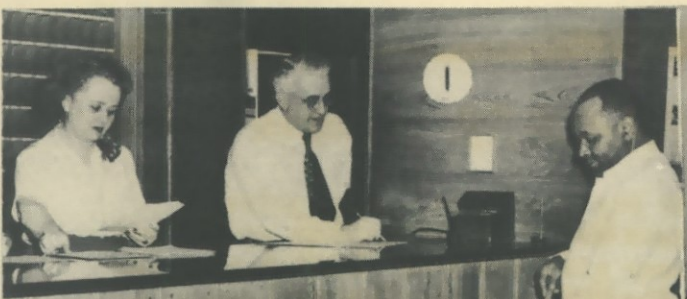
WI&L NOTES

Mary Lawrence is back at work after being sick for a short while. Mary, a bus girl at the Lodge, recently gave a birthday party at her home in New Kent County. Several employees of the Lodge attended the party.....Wilbert Wallace, a former waiter at the Lodge, was home for the Easter holidays. He worked at the Lodge during the holidays. He is a senior student at Virginia State College.

Mr. and Mrs. Hart Mayo 3rd have recently increased their family. Mayo is a waiter at the Lodge.....Rosa Lee McKinney, a maid at the Lodge, is back to work after being sick for quite a while..... Frances Cowles, a maid at the Lodge, is on the sick list.

WHILE CW SLEEPS (See next page)

This month's photo page, at right, is devoted to the midnight-oil group which takes over while carpenters, secretaries, waiters, hostesses, and other CWites slumber. The night owls are numerous and are kept busy during the wee hours recording the day's activities, cleaning up or patrolling the CW lot. Identified in Tom Williams' on-the-spot photo coverage of these personalities are: (1) Night Auditors Mabel Duke and Fred Tozier total up the day's accounts while Ernest Billups sweeps down in front of the Lodge front desk; (2) Inn Watchman James Vaughan punches a watchman's station on his rounds; (3) Harry Lyons and Thomas McGuire perform night auditors' duties at the Inn; (4) Tom McCormick brings in the sign at the Theatre before closing up for the night; (5) George Ripley takes the night watch at the Palace with an alert "Brownie" on John D. Halcomb's night off; (6) John Hite and Conway Allen wash up one of the olive-drab cars at the Warehouse; (7) Randolph McKown adjusts a vacuum cleaner in the Goodwin Building during the night clean-up; (8) Patrolman Talmage Alphin flashes his light on a suspicious shadow during his cruising rounds of the restored area; (9) Charles Scott and Emma Green dust in the Goodwin Building; (10) Night Engineer Archie Shields makes a minor repair in the Inn Kitchen; and (11) Engineer Estie Hooker turns down the heat for the night in the business block heating plant.





Vernon Geddy recalls his first association with CW with a newspaper clipping. Onlookers on his 20th service anniversary are Messrs. Chorlev, Spratley, Talley, Norton and Rockefeller.



*Mildred Layne of New York and Williamsburg.
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On Sunday, March 26, over 1,400 persons streamed through the new east wing of the Inn and were greeted (above) by Mr. and Mrs. Rockefeller and Mr. and Mrs. Chorley. LEFT, Edgar Myers, WI&L engineer, and family, peek at the new rooms. RIGHT, Accountant Bill Humphrey and son Monty register approval of the new appointments.



She Didn't Miss the Boat

"Give me a person who likes his work," said a wise employer, "and I'll show you a job well done" - Mildred Layne loves her job as personal assistant to Kenneth Chorley. Her official title is Administrative Assistant to the President and since 1943 she has been a member of the staff of CW. The demands on Mildred's tact, patience, and resourcefulness are, on the whole, infinitely more severe than most "assistants" have to cope with because of the numerous facets of her position.

Mildred needs no introduction to the oldtimers in CW. In appearance she has few of the characteristic features usually associated with the boss' assistant--"sedate, rigidly methodical, austere in dress and manner." Her undeniable good looks are, rather, of the type favored by artists for displaying the latest in Vogue. Her face is longish and her skin pale except when it takes on that healthy brown glow after several days on the golf course; her nose is thin, lips soft and chin sharply defined. Her dark brown hair, which is greying, is worn in a fairly long bob.

Mildred Layne has lived in and around Williamsburg since a very small child and was graduated from the high school here. After two years in William and Mary, she left to go on a "short visit to Hong Kong" with the intention of returning for summer school, but "I missed the boat and stayed three and a half years," said Mildred, "and when I returned to the United States, again it was for 'a short visit' which this time has never ended." Mildred's sister, Mrs. Philip LeFevre, and her family now live in Tokyo; a brother Cecil and his wife, in Manila; another sister, Mrs. Samuel Gilbert, is shortly returning with her family for a visit from Buenos Aires.

After three years in government service in Washington, Mildred came to "the restoration" in 1937 as Ed Kendrew's secretary. She served in this capacity for nearly two years, working part time for KC when he was in Williamsburg and later transferred to his office. During the war years, Mildred added another duty to her repertoire, that of office manager at the Goodwin Building.

The lady from the New York office is a dazzling example of a "home-town gal makes good"--in January 1947, Mildred went to Rockefeller Center as office manager and administrative assistant to Kenneth Chorley. The office of the President of CW occupies four rooms on the 56th floor of 30 Rockefeller Plaza, with a magnificent view of lower New York and the Hudson and East Rivers. In addition to KC, Allston Boyer and Mildred Layne, there are five other persons busy with varying jobs such as secretaries, file clerk, receptionist and messenger. The entire 56th floor is given over to the Rockefeller interests with almost as many people employed as in the Goodwin Building. It is a small community in itself, equipped with libra-

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ARCHITECTURAL NOTES

Alden Hopkins spoke before the Garden Club of America at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City. He also judged exhibition gardens at the National Flower Show which was held in Washington, D. C.

Don and Ella Mae Parker entertained Don's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton R. Parker and family of Toronto, Canada.....The George Bennetts and their daughters, Patty and Betty Jane, visited their families in Wilmington, Del. for a week-end.

Miriam and John Shea spent a few days with their families in Philadelphia.

Vernon and Florence Knapp recently went to Washington, D. C. for a week-end.

Mrs. Knapp also flew to Long Island to be with her parents for a few days..... Mr. and Mrs. Albert Koch entertained Miss Dunn of Bryn Mawr, Penn., who is touring Williamsburg.

"Doc" Frank, son of Ernie Frank, is recuperating from a tonsillectomy...."T" and John Henderson visited Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Brigham in Waynesboro, Va. for a week-end.

Virginia and Norman Meador recently motored to Victoria, Va. to see their families.....Bob Taylor's sister and family, who are from Wilmington, Del., visited him for a week-end.

Joanne Foster of Melrose, Mass. spent a week with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kendrew, and her cousins Lois and Nancy.

SHE DIDN'T MISS THE BOAT (Continued from page 9)

ries, lounges, a lunch room and two kitchens; the latter very popular on a cold winter morning as steaming coffee is available until eleven o'clock.

This is the homeplace of the Executive Committee of CW--where that august body deliberates on company policy, decides priorities, scrutinizes the finances and attends to other matters that might occupy the attention of a comparable board of a going business concern with an annual three million dollar business and employing a thousand persons. The Executive Committee meets the first and third Mondays and the length of session often depends on the number of "yes" and "no" slips Miss Layne has collected in the interim on matters that have come up from Williamsburg, the affirmative slip being of sufficient importance to be taken up by the Committee. It is Mildred's job to dog the footsteps of any project (some are carried over literally for years) until the file is marked "Closed" and put in the archives.

In New York, as well as Williamsburg, some fraction of Mildred's time is occupied with people who wish to see the president--some with bright but extravagant ideas, others real or fancied grievances, appeals for help, employment seekers, and just plain cranks. A sampling of these interviews reveals many young students, majors in history, who wish to offer their talents; retired Army colonels seeking a restful atmosphere; and one, a middle aged woman who wanted Mr. Rockefeller to establish a home in Williamsburg for indigent female members of decedents of "colonial families." "No," she was not such a person but she thought she would like to be the matron because she had heard Williamsburg was such a lovely place in which to live.

The manifold duties of this hydra-headed job of Mildred's sometimes spill over into the week-end but come Saturday and Sunday and she is usually to be found on the Inn golf course. She modestly admits she keeps a score but "generally I don't add it up." Swimming, tennis and riding are other sports indulged in and enjoyed by Mildred. When in New York, the theater is her chief joy but much spare time is taken up playing Grover Whalen to persons whom her far flung family insist, "You must look up Milly in New York," as they wave goodbye from Japan, the Argentine or the Philippines.

"I like my job," said Mildred--and she means it.

- A. L. R.

INTERPRETING

John Allgood is breaking all records at the Deane Forge on production and sales.....Louis Bullman is sporting a red Chevvie.

Arthur Sedille has recovered from injuries to both big toes.....Robert White has been hard pushed producing enough wigs for the plays and concerts.

The roots and weeds in Dick Showman's garden proved too much for Dick Talley's plow. John Allgood came to the rescue of the broken implement.

Larry and Bob Ward had as their Easter week-end guests Bob's mother and father who were enroute from Clearwater Fla., to their home in Milburn, N. J.

Jack Turner spent a week recently at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, attending the Photographic Short Course sponsored by the National Press Photographers Association.

Congratulations to Ed Alexander on being elected president of the Community Council for the coming year and to Virginia Heiss on being chosen secretary.

Betty Jo Fletcher and Mary Lee Fitzgerald spent a week-end recently at Mary Lee's home in Danville.

The Reverend Raymond Scofield, Rector of St. Mark's in Jackson Heights, N. Y., and Mrs. Scofield are visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Pierce Middleton, at their home in Toano.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Williams were house guests of the Middletons on March 19 and 20. Spencer is well known to many in Williamsburg. He worked part-time for CW during his undergraduate years at William and Mary, and his wife, Cary, was a hostess.

Alice Fehr, formerly of the Research Department, visited in Williamsburg during the week of April 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Davis of Charleston, W. Va., spent Easter week-end with Mrs. Davis' mother, Mary van Buren.

COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG CONGRATULATES THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES WHO PASSED ANOTHER SERVICE ANNIVERSARY IN MARCH 1950, WITH A PERFECT ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR.

Patrick Buchanan, Theatre
Oscar Gardner, Police Section
William B. Harmon, C&M
Roy A. Tait, C&M
David Holmes, WI&L
Harold Loughrie, WI&L

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MISCELLANEOUS GOODWIN BUILDING ITEMS

Duncan Cocke spent part of his vacation in Florida and the remainder working on his garden.....Vernon Spratley is back after his southern cruise and a good case of chicken pox.

We extend our sympathy to Gilly Grattan whose mother died recently.

Jody Crowder's husband, Bland, was injured recently in an automobile accident and was taken to Elizabeth Buxton Hospital in Newport News.

Auditors Ernie Jensen, Al Farise, and Bob Starks will be working in the Accounting Department for the next few weeks on the annual audit.....Joyce McCoy spent the Easter week-end at her home in Blacksburg.

Virginia Marston was installed as Worthy Matron of the local Eastern Star chapter for the year 1950-51 at special installation ceremonies held in March.

George Ripley and John D. Halcomb, both of the Police Section, have recently returned from vacations.

Holmes Brown's wife, Mary Ellen, visited Williamsburg the week-end of March 24. The Browns are anxious to find a house in Williamsburg and their twin sons, Holmes and Hamilton, aged 8, would like to know if there are any little cowboys their age to play with.

Kerk Burbank and family including monster dog Hildegarde spent Easter at Bethany Beach.

W I & L NEWS

The new gift shop attendant at the Inn is Mary Black who replaces Medora Cocke. Medora and her husband will leave shortly for two years' duty in Germany.

Ann and Ethel Greene have recently joined the staff of PBX operators at the Inn and Lodge. These sisters come to Williamsburg from Matthews and are cousins of Lodge room clerk, Raymond Hodges.

Conspicuously absent from the hotel guest lists this spring are the names of Mrs. Mary Sampson, Miss Helen Bond and chauffeur, Tommy. Their many friends here will be sorry to learn that Mrs. Sampson's health has prevented her traveling to Williamsburg this spring.

Louise White is welcomed back after spending eight days in the Medical College Hospital in Richmond. Louise says they made her stay so pleasant that she is planning to spend her next vacation there.

New people to be seen at the hotel accounting department are Isabelle Lunn, cashier and foodchecker at the Inn, and Emmett Chapman, foodchecker at the LodgeFrances Boswell, relief cashier at Inn and Lodge, is back after a short illness with the flu.

In less than two weeks, Al Hunt, Jr. foodchecker at the Lodge, will be an old married man. The bride-to-be is Marion Wiggins of Richmond, Virginia. Anybody know of a vacant apartment?.....The flu bug has departed Ralph Moody, pay-master, and J. D. Clothier, general cashier, for other fields. They are both back at work, healthy as ever.

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If the employee who submitted the Suggestion #4870 will call at the Personnel Relations Office at the Goodwin Building the disposition will be given.

20 YEARS AGO

ITEMS FROM LOCAL NEWSPAPERS
of April, 1930

Coleman - Moorehead

An impressive wedding ceremony was performed on Wednesday, April 16, at four o'clock in Bruton Parish Church, when Miss Cynthia Beverley Tucker Coleman became the bride of Mr. Singleton Peabody Moorehead, with the Reverend W. A. R. Goodwin officiating. Miss Coleman represents the fifth generation of the Coleman family that has resided in the old Tucker house.

CWI Staff Headquarters

The Robert Saunders house will be the headquarters of Kenneth Chorley, vice-president of the Holding Corporation; his assistant, Vernon M. Geddy, and the clerical staff.

Distinguished Visitors

Dr. and Mrs. Wallace Nutting of Farmington, Massachusetts, visited Williamsburg on April 8. They are motor-ing through Virginia collecting material for Dr. Nutting's book, VIRGINIA BEAUTIFUL.

Restoration Acquires Church

Announcement has been made recently of the sale of the Presbyterian Church property by the congregation here to the Rockefeller Restoration. The present church on the Palace Green will be used by the congregation for another year - to April, 1931.

Restoration Notes

Landscape artists have been inspecting the ground of "Marshall Lodge" this week. The rear premises of the Travis House--a beautiful prospect, are being leveled off for planting by landscape artists. The Galt Cottage opposite Bruton Church is likewise already planted with various forms of garden shrubbery, while the John Blair House property has also received particular attention in this same direction.

HOW SAFE ARE YOU?

Colonial Williamsburg and the Safety Committee are, day in and day out, trying in every conceivable manner to make ours a safe organization; to give every employee an opportunity to do his job efficiently in surroundings and under conditions free from the hazards of illness and accidents.

To help us work safely we are assigned the best and safest materials and equipment available. Yet we continue to have far too many avoidable accidents.

That brings us to the human element. THAT'S US. Are we as safe as the tools we use? When we say tools we mean anything from a stick broom to a bulldozer. Do you, as an individual, constantly consider the safety and well being of yourself and your fellow worker? If you are a supervisor do you clearly instruct your subordinate on his duties and how they are safely performed? Do you follow up these instructions and see that they are carried out? It is just as important that every one of our manifold assignments be performed safely as correctly. Do you who are not in supervisory jobs carefully follow the instructions of your foreman? It is to your advantage to work safely.

Let us review a few of our accident causes taken at random from accident reports of recent weeks:

1- "Cut finger on razor blade while putting hand down in maids' basket." Someone was careless. A razor blade with an unguarded edge should never be loose in a multiple compartment basket such as maids use.

2- "In mixing mortar in box some splashed into his eye. This caused infection several days later." This accident occurred seven days before it was reported. The use of goggles would have prevented the accident. Immediate report to his supervisor and prompt attention would undoubtedly have prevented infection that later occurred.

3- "He was walking, pulling wheelbarrow behind him, and struck his heel on runner of same." The above operation is both awkward and dangerous. Do not try it.

4- "He was standing on end of scaffolding and it tipped with him. He had to jump and bruised his foot." Cause of accident shown as "carelessness." Correct, but whose carelessness? Was that a safe scaffold?

5- "Cut on end of little finger. Accident occurred while placing piece of wood on shaper." We quote answers to two other questions on this report, which was signed by a supervisor of the victim. Cause of accident- "insufficient instruction." Was he familiar with this type of machinery?- "not completely." For those not familiar: a shaper is a high-speed piece of power woodworking equipment using razor-sharp blades or bits.

6- "He was drilling with electric drill in steel ceiling. In using drill over his head a piece of steel went into his eye." Wonder if this guy or his boss ever heard of goggles and glass eyes?

SPRING DRIVING THOUGHT: REMEMBER, behind every bouncing ball, THERE IS A CHILD.

C&M NEWS

Lucille Cooke recently spent the week-end in Riverdale, Md., visiting her brother, Dwight Cooke.....Joe Fisher, construction foreman at King's Arms Stables, is on vacation.

Recent newcomers to C&M are: James Moore, field engineer; David L. Henderson, construction foreman; Robert L. Stubbs, maintenance carpenter; Paul H. Panayotis, carpenter's helper on construction; Herbert S. Wallace, golf course maintenance; Lee Bailey and Henry Bostick, landscape section. Henry B. Tyler has returned temporarily as janitor at the Goodwin Building.

William Reinecke is back on the job after a recent brief illness..... Walter Stewart is back on the job after a slight injury.

Julian Dickens, formerly of Ed Watkins' warehouse crew, has transferred back to hostess section where he will resume his jovial greetings to CW visitors at the Gaol and Magazine.

We are glad to report that Sidney Green, husband of Emma Green, is improved after being gravely ill at their Highland Park home.

Our sympathy to Clyde Jones, of construction, who lost his father in March.

Harvey Johnson, paint section, has returned to his home after illness in Buxton Hospital at Newport News.

Robert Mills, of warehouse stockroom, is currently vacationing..... Cecil Hall, Lodge engineer, is back at work after a recent pleasant vacation.

With the advent of spring and increased golfing, Bob Johnson has placed his maintenance crew on early shift in order to take care of the increased demands on his greens and fairways.

Other recent C&M vacationers are: Richard S. Millard, paint section; Bert Hargrave and George Thompson, landscape. We understand Bert has been enjoying the wonders of California.

INSTITUTE OF E. A. H. & C.

Margaret Kinard's father, Dr. F. M. Kinard of Clemson College, spent Easter in Williamsburg. Margaret will leave on April 21 for Coker College, Hartsville, S. C., where she will speak before the South Carolina Historical Association meeting on "South Carolina Federalism Vindicated?"

Carl Bridenbaugh gave a series of six lectures at New York University during March. His subject was "The Colonial Craftsman - What He Made, How He Worked, and How He Lived." Recently the lectures have been published by the New York University Press.

Brook Hindle, research associate of the Institute, has been appointed associate professor of American history at New York University and will take up his duties in September. This summer he will give courses in American history at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

Mary Jane King journeyed to Radford for Easter week-end.

Bill Landon ambitiously had his garden plowed in March. Incidentally, prospective gardeners desiring *Taraxacum*, *Stellaria*, or *Plantago* seed, see Bill. Observance of his garden last summer indicates that he will have far more of these seeds than he will need.

J. B. Brouwers attended, in late March, the tenth annual meeting of the Southern Shade Tree Conference, at Wilmington, N. C. J. B. lectured to the conference on shade trees of Middle and South Atlantic States. Reports indicate that his talk was well received. While there, he visited a number of interesting gardens in Wilmington and vicinity.

Edgar Myers, WI&L engineer, and family attended the recent Bing Crosby day festivities at Front Royal, Virginia and stopped over at Waynesville, Virginia on the return trip. They report huge crowds at Front Royal for the fete.

HOSTESS BRIEFS

Events crowd each other for a place on the April calendar. Easter, concerts at the Palace, and garden week preclude monotony in the life of a hostess. Cool silks and cottons cover farthingales now, spring flowers replace dried arrangements in Palace and Wythe House--summer is just around the corner.

Nancy Bozarth, Elizabeth Callis, Grace Peachy and Dorothy Wing took to the road and for a week were tourists in South Carolina. They saw the old homes of Charleston; the famous gardens near Charleston, Magnolia, Middleton, Cypress and Brookgreen gardens; and Hampton, the centuries old home of Archibald Rutledge.

Crata Popular went to Richmond to hear the famous author, Carl Sandburg, who spoke to a group of book lovers at Miller and Rhoads.

June Bocock, Lily Nelson and Mary Daniel visited the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond to see the miniature rooms now being exhibited there.

Joan and John Smith were guests at the wedding of Frances Capp and Stanley Huggins in Norfolk; John was groomsman.

Polly Peyton's daughter, Mrs. Carol Turner, and her small daughters, Mary and Sidney, are staying with her and Commodore Peyton while Lt. Commander Turner is away on a cruise....Fannie Lou Stryker entertained Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Poling of New York when they visited Williamsburg recently. Fannie Lou's daugh-

ter, Evelyn, is Dr. Poling's secretary.

Novelle Green spent successive week-ends in Oxford, N. C. with her sister, Mrs. J. M. Blalock, and in Baltimore with her son, E. A. Green and family....Mrs. Lee has returned, all ready for the summer, after a trip to Washington to see her son, Edward Lee, his wife and little Edward.

Dorothy Wing, with Russell Wing, Rose Adele and George Mahone spent a recent week-end in Baltimore as guests of Dorothy's sisters, Mrs. Morton Gooch and Mrs. J. W. Beaston, Jr.

Gweldolyn Haller and Ruth Woody of City Point and Hopewell, Va. dropped in to see us a few weeks ago. We look forward to having them with us again as hostesses this summer....Grace Peachy's daughter, Grace Funke, is a recent addition to the escorts.

On a trip to the nation's capitol, Alice Rice saw the Washington monument step by step, 898 of them. Alice says that one of the most enjoyable events of the trip was a visit to the monkey cage at the zoo--sort of a "bus-man's holiday."

Julian Dickens, once a familiar figure at Chowning's and later at the Gaol, has returned and will again help to receive the visitors at the Gaol and Magazine.

Another newcomer to the Magazine is Richard W. Cortright, who has been teaching, until recently, at Christ Church School in Urbanna. He will make his home at Mrs. Sneed's on Boundary St.

WILLIAMSBURG INN BATTER CAKES

3 Egg Yolks
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ Teaspoons Salt
 $\frac{1}{4}$ Cup Maple Syrup

$\frac{1}{2}$ Cup Shortening

3 Cups Pastry Flour
 2 Tablespoons Baking Powder
 $2\frac{1}{4}$ Cups Milk

Beat egg yolks and salt until light; add maple syrup and beat. Sift flour with baking powder. Add flour and milk alternately to above mixture. Melt shortening and cool; add to batter. Bake on griddle which has been rubbed with a piece of salt pork. This recipe serves eight.

CRAFT HOUSE NEWS

Clara Oliver has been the most excited person at Craft House recently, with good reason. George Jr. and Miss Barbara Richardson of Richmond were married in Richmond on March 25th with a large reception afterwards at the Country Club of Virginia. Caroline Cochran attended the wedding festivities and came back with glowing reports. The same week George Oliver, Sr., took his oral exam for his Ph.D. and passed with flying colors.

Eddie and Bud Odell are entertaining Bud's mother, Mrs. Odell, Sr., and his sister, Mrs. George Ewing, in their new home on Route #5.

Page Polk visited with her sister Mrs. A. O. Swink, on Easter in Richmond.

Caroline Cochran's mother, Mrs. Hernden Gathright, has been visiting in the city.

R. T. Lampkin is using this medium to announce his engagement to Miss Joyce Roeder of Charles City Co. The wedding date has not been set.

SAFETY-GRAM #8



If you work safely
All the while,
No accident will
Cramp your style!

RED-LETTER DATES ON THE WILLIAMSBURG HISTORICAL CALENDAR

- May 1, 1699 May Day Celebration at College - at which student made speech promoting Middle Plantation as best site for the new Capitol and proposed city.
- May 1, 1783 Peace with Great Britain (treaty signed in Paris in November, 1782) celebrated in Williamsburg on May 1, 1783.
- May 5, 1862. Battle of Williamsburg.
- May 6, 1776 Last meeting of House of Burgesses at Capitol. Only a few attended and meeting adjourned - thus ending the oldest legislative institution in English America.
- May 15, 1776 Virginia Convention of Delegates passed resolution instructing Virginia's delegates at the Congress in Philadelphia to propose a final separation of the colonies from Great Britain and declare them free and independent states.

Celebration in Williamsburg in consequence of this resolution; new "Union Flag of the American states" waved upon the Capitol during ceremony.
- from the Research Department