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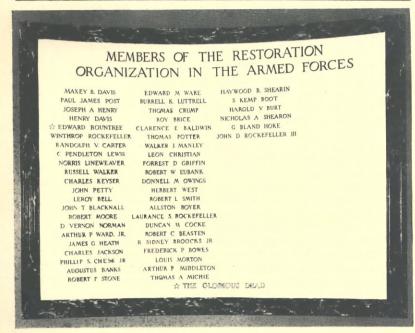
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## War-time Brings New Activities

Among the war-time activities of the Williamsburg Restoration, the most spectacular is the one-day course in American history provided the soldiers of Fort Eustis. Over 15,000 men in uniform have visited Williamsburg for this purpose since June 4th through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Each day they assemble in groups of two to three hundred at the Williamsburg Theatre to see the film, "I Am Williamsburg," and to hear a short talk by one of the Staff Members on the history of this area. Messers Geddy, Cogar, Norton, Farish, Kendrew, and Upshur have served in this capacity to date.

Other war-time services of the Restoration include; the operation of the Inn exclusively for officers of the armed forces and the Officer's Club; Mr. Donald Bean and his associates are now working on a nation-wide radio series, the first program, "Have Faith, America," having already been recorded and approved by the U. S. Army and the National Education Association. Other activities under way are: a motion picture on Williamsburg in war-time, recently filmed by the March of Time for release by the Restoration; a conference of school administrators held in June.

## Ryland House

The Ryland House is nearing completion with its landscaping and outbuildings. Many of the original paths in the garden were found in the archæological excavations which made it possible to reconstruct the original lines and divisions with considerable accuracy. A large amount of original paving was found with interesting patterns and gutters which were replaced with new material.

On the exterior of the main house an interesting combination of paint colors was used originally, and this same combination has been employed in restoring the building.

With its broad gables, expansive roof line and inviting porches and paint colors, the house is a striking example of an 18th century colonial Williamsburg residence set off as it is by the attractive group of outbuildings and gardens

### New Color Film

The Eastman Kodak Co. is now at work on an Eighteenth Century motion picture story concerning the daily life of a Colonial craftsman. Approximately fifty local persons played the various parts, most of them Restoration employees. The film will be released through the Eastman Teaching Films series.

## Restoration Ten Percent Club Includes Thirty Members

A number of employees have caught the spirit of self-sacrifice which will help us win the war. These employees have authorized deductions amounting to 10% or more of their salaries for the purchase of War Bonds and War Stamps. Pins and stickers have been issued to these employees to mark them as patriots of the first order. A list of Restoration employees who are entitled to wear these "decorations" of honor follows:

## Women Employees Work For Victory

By Moyra McCausland

The women employees of the Restoration are going very nearly "all out" for Victory. Many of them are taking on different or additional duties because of the thinning of the ranks in the organization, all are buying bonds or defense stamps, and the majority of them are engaged in a variety of volunteer civilian defense duties

Of the thirty-five women interviewed by your reporter in the Goodwin Building or by telephone: fifteen are knitting, sewing or making surgical dressings for the Red Cross; thirteen have taken or are preparing to take first-aid courses, and it is probable that many more will plan to take such courses this coming Winter, twenty-five have pledged themselves to serve on emergency canteens in case of an evacuation of the lower peninsula, most of them having promised to serve on night shifts; six are doing airplane spotting duty in the Methodist Church Tower, seven are doing their bit in an important way by entertaining the service men, six serve as hostesses in the Service Men's Centre or other places were open house is kept for the men, and two are performing or have performed very special services— Wanda Castle gave instruction to the Staff Assistants Corps of the Red Cross and Luta Sewell is on the A. R P staff and will be on the switchboard during air raidspractice or real—keeping the lines open for important calls. We feel that the Restoration women are really doing their part These figures do not include our hostesses or the employees of the Division of Williamsburg Inn & Lodgeall of them are also contributing their share

#### WHITE EMPLOYEES

Mrs. Willie Hall Benton Mrs Katy Bragg Miss Lillian Bush Miss Esther Campbell Miss Wanda Castle Mrs. Page Folk Mr. George Gage Mrs Mary Grattan Mr. Alden Hopkins Mrs. Janie Hubbard Miss Mary Jansen Mr I L. Jones, Jr. Mr W. L. Keller Mrs. Elizabeth Kent Mrs. Elizabeth Kent Mr T. G. Langton Mr. T. A. Love Miss Dorothy Madsen Miss Virginia Marston Mr. W. Duse McPherson Mrs. Glennie Morgan Mrs. Susan Prentice Mrs. Grace Raiter Mr. T. F. Rogers Miss Carol Royce Mrs. Luta Sewell Miss Hazel Shaver Mr. Elbert Slaughter Miss Evelyn Sledd Mrs. Kathryn Smoot Mrs. May Thompson Mr. Ernest Thoret Mr. J. A. Upshur Miss Dorothy Williams

#### COLORED EMPLOYEES

Nathan Donovan Sherman Roberts Eugene Turner Frank Williams

### For The U.S.O.

T F. Rogers, chairman of the Restoration collection for the United Service Organization, reports that \$476.34 was raised from the employees of this company, which means that W. R. I. went 'over the top' by \$46.09 for U

Heaviest contributor among the various departments was C. & M.

## THE NEWS

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## "Au Revoir"

The retrenchments made necessary by war conditions have within the last month brought about two mergers resulting in the elimination of two departments. The former Department of Personnel Relations as a department has been abolished, but the work will continue under the Vice-President's office The Department of Hostesses and Attendants has now been merged with the Curator's Department.

For more than four years Mr. L. H Jones was head of the Department of Personnel Relations and it was under his administration that our present personnel policies and procedures were established The necessity for his leaving the organization is one of great regret to all of us and he carries with him our very best wishes in his new job as Personnel Manager of the United States Potash Company at Carlsbad, New Mexico.

The Department of Hostesses and Attendants for several years has been under the able guidance of Mrs. Elizabeth Henderson and her office staff and the absence of Mrs. Henderson and her staff will be keenly felt in the organization

Those of us left will still "carry on." Our belief in the future of the Restoration is strong and sure and our regret for temporary retrenchments made necessary by this war is sincere However, these retrenchments represent only in a small way sacrifices that all of us must make in this struggle for the reestablishment of a decent world

From Louis Morton, Fort Monmouth, N J "At present I am receiving training in the Signal Corps preparatory to entering the Officer's Candidate School A good number of Southerners are in my group and they are all familiar with the Williamsburg Restoration Some have even heard of Robert Carter, my own particular hobby



John D. Rockefeller III, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Colonial Williamsburg, who has recently received a commission as a lieutenant in the United States Navy. At present he is stationed in Washington, D. C. Before joining the Navy Lieutenant Rockefeller was working at the Na-tional Headquarters of the American Red Cross in the direction of war

## "Letters From The Boys In Service"

From Paul Post, Fleet Air Attachment, San Francisco . was assigned to Patrol Squadron

44 at San Diego after receiving m y commission as ensign at Annapolis After circulating up and down the West Coast we finally headed into the 'Blue

Pacific' where Ensign Post things are as hot as L My location is confidential, but I can assure you that we are seeking the enemy

From Clarance Baldwin, Seattle, Wash "I'm over in Canada now I have been here for about three months I'm working on the new highway. I was in Alaska for about two months First time in my life to see snow in July It's still snow on the top of the mountain Mr Chorley, I would like to have a cake made at the Travis House and I would send you the money for one Well take care of yourself" (The boss sent Clarance a Cake )

From Kemp Boot. . . "My address is now Company L, 6th Quartermaster Training Regiment,



Camp Lee, Va and since no middle names are allowed it is 'Sam' or 'Sammy' to all the boys After two weeks basic training I was made Acting Corporal, and

Corporal Boot the Officer Candidate School."

## KC AT THE BAT

At 1.10 P. M. on June 16th, Ensign "Allty" Boyer called me on the phone at my office in New York and said his ship was at the foot of Staten Island He was very anxious for me to come down and see it. He went on to say that I would have to come that day as they had just received orders to sail the following morning, and they were going about as rail away as we can go." Unfortunately I had meetings all that afternoon and could not get away, but I telephoned Allty and found he was coming in to New York late in the arternoon, and he came up to our apartment about six o clock. Mr. and Mrs. Rocketeller, Jr. and Mr. Geddy were naving supper with us that evening, so they were all there with intro Chorley and myself when Ensign Boyer arrived in his white uniform Unfortunately "Allty" could not stay to supper, but we all had a wonderrui visit together.

rinally when he had to leave, I walked out to the elevator with him and said goodbye. My heart was very tull-not tull of sadness, but tull of pride in what he was doing and the way he was doing it.

Many of you have had the same experience—saying goodbye to your friends and associates who have gone into the armed forces, some have had the experience of saying goodbye to members of your own families

Our responsibility to our triends and relatives who are fighting for rreedom and liberty makes those of us on the home front want to go our part Therefore, I am sure that every member of our organization takes pride in the fact that the Restoration today is rendering a service to the men in the armed forces, and that each one of us has a part to play in that program.

You are familiar with the fact that through the generosity of Mr and Mrs. Rockefeller, Jr., the Restoration has been made part of the official training program at Fort Eustis. You have seen the three hundred men who are brought to Williamsburg each day in order that they may learn something about the early history of this country, why we are in this war and what we are fighting to preserve.

You all know that the Williamsburg Inn has been set aside exclusively for the use of officers and their families, and that the public space in the Inn is being utilized as an Army and Navy Officers' Club

Special monthly rates have been established for men in the service at Brick House Tavern and Market Square Tavern.

Special rates have been established at the Lodge for enlisted men and

their families

I understand that steps are being taken by the local citizens' committee to provide additional and enlarged recreational facilities for the enlisted men visiting Williamsburg

More and more soldiers and sailors are coming to Williamsburg and visiting the exhibition buildings. Men in the service are also using Williamsburg as a place to be with their families

Every single man and woman in our organization can make a direct contribution in the present emergency by doing everything in his and her

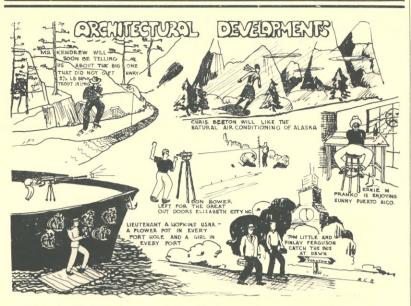
power to make Williamsburg more useful and more helpful to the men an the armed forces. We would welcome any suggestions from any of you as to how this might best be accomplished.

I have appointed Mr. B W. Norton the special representative of the Restoration to handle all matters relating to this important question. He has rearranged his work so that he may put in full time on this job You will be interested to know that Mr Norton was scheduled to leave on his vacation on July 18th He had all of his train and hotel reservations made for himself and Mrs Norton I called him into my office just two days before this—on July 16th—and told him I would like to have him take over the work of dealing with Army and Navy matters Without a moments hesitation, just like a soldier in uniform, Mr Norton cancelled all of his vacation plans, train and hotel reservations, and postponed his vacation indefinitely in order that he might carry out this important assignment That is the kind of spirit with which every one of us must back up our friends, and relatives in the service, and it is that kind of spirit which is going to help those men to march to victory

From Herbert West, Camp "For the past Livingston, La two months I've done office work and am Assistant Supply Sergeant for the present. This is inspection week and it is keeping me too busy to write much Tell all the Theatre Crew that I said hello, and I will write them very soon

From Leon Christian, Maxwell Field, Ala "Thank you for keeping me informed of the current events It is a wonderful part Williamsburg and the Restoration is playing in this great war cause, and I think I can say for all concerned that we appreciate it."

## IDIEIPAIRTEMIENTAIL NIEWS



Mr A. E Kendrew and family are vacationing at Danny Ranch, Wyoming.

Mrs Christine Beeton, Architectural Secretary, and family are now in Washington and may soon leave for Alaska

Mr. Alden Hopkins has received a commission as Lieutenant in the U S N R. and will report to Quonsct Point, R I for training August 18 Donald Bower is now in defense work, surveying, at Elizabeth City, N C Other ex-Restoration employees there are Elton Holland, George Lewis and Louis Radig.

Tom Little and Finlay Ferguson are now with the Virginia Engineering Company at the Navy Mine Depot, Yorktown, Va

Ernie Frank has arrived in Puerto Rico and is working with the engineering firm of Madigan and Hyland

#### GENERAL OFFICE DIVISION NEWS

It is once more vacation time, and Mrs Sewell, Mrs Cowles, Sherman Roberts and Levi Stephens have already taken advantage of this privilege Virginia Marston and Mildred Layne are all packed up to leave this coming week end Arthur Buie is looking forward to having two weeks off the latter part of August

Emily Wilson and Virginia Marston entertained the members of the General Office Division Thursday, July 30, with a party celebrating Emily's anniversary ending her first year with the Restoration and Virginia's winning of a \$25 Defense Bond

#### NEWS FROM THE CRAFT DIVISION

The Craft House, undaunted by gas and tire rationing, is moving into its very gay, new addition An expanded gift display room, a fabric room and two large, light offices (all sorely needed) have been added to our

The manager of the Craft Program, Mr J A Upshur, chose a most propitious time for his vacation on the Rappahannock River, missing both the heat and the move to the new addition.

Crafts' contribution to the Military, C Pendleton Lewis, has recently been promoted to full lieutenancy He is stationed at Fort Story, Virginia

> where Miss Betty Woodard, formerly of the Hostess Department, now dispenses information, tickets to the exhibition buildings and a blond Southern charm

> The tourists may not be circulating around in their usual numbers, but certainly there is no dearth of movement among our employees. Evacuees from this department are as follows:

Mr James Clark to Fort Eustis, Virginia

Miss Ruth Davis to Yorktown, Virginia

Mr Harry Folk to the Virginia Engineering and Wise Company, Yorktown, Virginia

Mrs. Dorothy O'Neil to the Virginia Electric and Power Company, Williamsburg, Virginia

## Goodwin Building Refuge Station

In case of an air raid, the basement of the Goodwin Building will be a place of refuge tor persons seeking shelter and will also be one of the five casualty stations in Williamsburg Under the supervision of Casualty Warden T F. Rogers the basement of the Goodwin Building will become a small hospital within a few minutes after the first sound of the air raid alarm In the northeast room, there is an operating table lighted by 200-watt bulbs, and there are on hand ether, gauze, surgical instruments, antiseptics, splints, 27 cots, 6 stretchers, blood transfusion apparatus, skin pencils, operating gowns and dozens of other supplies needed for the treatment of casualties

At the first sound of the air raid siren, the corps of helpers assigned to duty at this station put on their identification arm bands and come to the Goodwin Building Following is a list of these workers:

Ambulance crew (Restoration station wagon)

Arthur Buie, driver Dr W L L. Smoot, first-aid

worker Professional staff

Dr. Henry E Davis, physician 4 registered nurses

1 first-aid worker

Lay staff.

Casualty Warden T. F Rogers Deputy Warden Richard A Walker

Telephone operator Luta Sewell

8 helpers

2 messengers

2 auxiliary firemen

All doors in the basement are opened, all lights are turned on, and each worker goes to his post In case electricity is not available, kerosene lamps are on hand. If the raid lasts for a considerable length of time, there are stores of coffee, tea and sugar to serve the workers and those who have taken refuge in the building Sterno (canned heat) is available for cooking if electricity cannot be had

A great deal of organization work and practice has gone into making ready this station and in case of an air raid, it is believed that the Goodwin Building and the corps of workers will be of invaluable assistance and comfort to those who come to the building for refuge and medical assistance A large proportion of the workers assigned to this station are employees of Colonial Williamsburg and they all take great pride in their assign-

## Lament From The Switchboard

By Hallie Rennie

Oh, Angie Cowles Thou hast a soul That's as good as any true blue, But when the lights Create a sight Just what does your little soul do?

"Call Callum get tickets, See Lavery 'bout pickets . . . Get Chorley his car by noon!" (Pull down a long distance) Where is your resistance To falling right out in a swoon?

The keys for the wheels-or did you say eels? Please lower your voice from a squeel"! That town "op's" sure gratin' She gives you the ratin' By golly, she's an A-1 heel!

Miss Edson's been callin' And says to stop stallin'-She wants the Inn brought up You look quite amazed, And do what she says . But the boys are all out, dear, dear!

All the day long Thou findst no balm Midst Norton and Inman and Bean, They shout and they holler-Want change for a dollar-By gosh, such a place we've ne'er seen.

Between black cords and faces And lights that are races, And car keys and tickets for flying, You'll find it will pay to call back and say, 'Now look, take it easy 'n stop frying.'

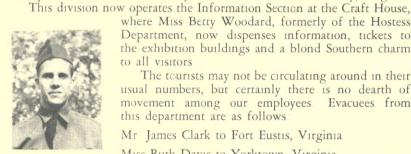
## Old Carriage

All the people who have been longing for years to ride in an open carriage may now gratify their wish, for the Restoration is renting for a tour of the Restored Area a recently restored 18th century carriage, complete with two horses

The rates are 50 cents a half hour per person, with a minimum rate of \$1 for each tour

## Censorship

The location is censored for the protection of rail and bus lines, but a newspaper recently announced, Our girls are wearing nothing but cotton stockings" Under such conditions many objections to priorities and rationing are likely to subside.



Phillip Chess, who was in the Curator's Dept., is now attached to the Fort Story, Va.

## **NEWS OF THE** COLORED PEOPLE

By Thomas Kearney and Isham Johnson

In the behalf of the Restoration we are proud to be still prospering The summer has come and we are now vacationing. On list we have Sylvester Harold who spent his vacation in New York. Mr. Branson, Junior, is on his vacation and is now in Florida. Mrs. Ethel Kelly is also to visit friends in New York

Fred Crafford, our chief cook, and family are to spend their vacation in Florida Mrs. Helen Whiting is also vacationing. Milton Betts is called to the army and William Morris, one of our employees, is now in the Naval Reserve. We are proud to have one of our employees home from camp, Charles Jackson, who is now serving as Top Sergeant.

Ralph Carter is proud of a bounc



ing boy. Levi Stevens was called unexpectedly to South Carolina to the sick bed of his father. Charles Willis and family are vacationing a t Bay Shore, as is

Leon Christian who the family of is now at Maxwell Mr. Johnson Field, Ala. one of our old-

The Inn is closed and the help was transferred to the Lodge, and they seem to like it fine

## "Overheard"

Famous furniture makers of the 18th century certainly made a great impression on the cocksure lady with one of the funnier new hats, when she kept telling her companion all about the "Hippondale" chairs and "my dear," she said, "those beds are so short! What in the world did a long man do in a short bed like that?" "Tudor, did you say they were," and the deaf old man said he had never heard of pewter beds

The lovely hostess with a decided Virginia accent was explaining about the Turkey work "cyarpet" when the guest with the pale vague eyes said "what ever did they call such a beautiful thing like that a

Mrs Fisher had just completed arranging the fresh fruit in the old epergne in the state dining room when one of the guests exclaimed "how lovely it looks! Why it looks so real I know it must be artificial."...

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## - Departmental News -

#### ACCOUNTING ITEMS

Lieutenant D Vernon Norman, formerly a member of the Auditing Division, recently returned to Williamsburg for a brief visit. In July he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Army. He is at present stationed at Camp Barkeley, Aoilene, Texas, where he received his officer's training.

Ensign Nicholas A Shearon, formerly General Auditor of Colonial Williamsburg, reported July 1 to the Naval Training School at Harvard

University. Letters from him have revealed a schedule starting with reveille at 6.10 A. M and ending with studying late at night. Mrs. Shearon accompanied her husband to Cambridge

Elbert G Slaughter, formerly a member of the Auditing Division, was inducted into the Army on August 5th

At the time of the July 31st payday, a WAR BOND costing \$18.75 was raffled off among the employees in the Goodwin Building Thirty-nine Lieutenant Norman chances were sold. Miss Virginia Marston of the

Personnel Relations Department was the lucky winner at the drawing The interest of the employees in this raffle indicates that frequent raffles of such bonds would be very popular.

#### CONSTRUCTION and MAINTENANCE

J. T. Branch, formerly of the Accounting Department, has received his commission as Ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve, and is awaiting orders to report for training.

Kemp Boot is in training at Camp Lee, and recently received Corporal's stripes

Ensign Bert Beasten completed his training course at Northwestern University, and is now in active duty in the Pacific.

Lieut. Ed. Ware is now a flying instructor at Shaw

T A. Michie is a flying instructor in Florida



Ensign Branch

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT Sergeant Johnson and family have recently returned from a two weeks' vacation in Florida. Patrol Officer Goff, who replaced Patrol Officer Gardner on the force a short time ago, was previously employed at the Eastern State Hospital as night supervisor Patrol Officer Farinholt is a new members of the department, having been transferred from C & M.



One of the groups of soldiers leaving the Williamsburg Theatre following the lecture and movie which starts these daily tours for the men of Fort Eustis.

### Soldier's Visit

A clipping from a Vermont paper was recently received which quoted a letter from Pvt. Leslie Burton to his parents concerning his trip to this city on one of the Fort Eustis Soldiers 1 ours. The letter in part

"It is about a half-hour ride to Wil-liamsburg and when we got there we were all taken into the theatre and given a very nice talk and shown pictures of the town After the movie we split up in groups and had a guide to take us on a carefully planned tour of the site. To see all the places where Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, James Monroe, and so many others James Monroe, and so many otners talked and planned things is really quite impressive to put it mildly. We had lunch in a very nice room which the local Inn had set aside for our use. It was sandwiches and tea from the camp but we were provided with real dinner.

music and a lovely atmosphere to eat in Our guide was a Mrs. Steele, a very charming woman One of the boys and myself wandered into a sandwich shop tor a sundae after eating, and there we met Mrs. Steele who introduced us to met Mrs. Steele who introduced us to her daughters (both married). We sat down with them and had a nice visit. The result was we were late in getting back. Well, when we showed up the sergeant was looking for us and he hit the ceiling. We got dressed down good and as he shifted into high gear, up walked Mrs. Steele. And when she got through with 'oh, those are the nice young soldiers whom I just introduced to young soldiers whom I just introduced to my daughters and who were so nice to them, well for once the sarge was stumped. The outshot of the whole thing was nothing, which is very fortunate for me, because I was headed for K. P. for next Sunday just as sure as anything.

K P for next Sunday just as sure as anything

"Right after this the same sarge pulled another one which really kicked back on him. As we were walking down the street, he turned to the men and said. Get in single line, please." When a sergeant says please the day of miracles had been reached and the ultimate in politiciass achieved. He was obviously handicapped by the presence of a lady. handicapped by the presence of a lady

'I must say this has been one of the most pleasant and unique days that I have spent in the Army One is not enough"

### Craft House Addition

The Craft House Addition is almost finished and nearly ready to be turned over to the Craft Department for its occupancy. In finishing the Addition, the final paint colors on the interior are now being applied For the most part they are the approved Colonial Williams-burg colors as manufactured and distributed by the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company

The arrangement of counters and display cases and cupboards in the present souvenir room has been augmented and improved at the same time that the Addition was being built

It is very interesting to see how the Construction Department was able to erect the Addition with a minimum interference with the surroundings at the Craft House and with the existing planting and landscaping.