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# Yesterday Is Dead

by

CLIFFORD DOWDEY

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IF ANY SPEAKER made today a typical "Fourth of July" oration, he would be laughed off the platform—if any one came to listen. Before patriotism became the mark of a square, a Fourth-of-July speech, with all the bombastic platitudes about flag and country, was an accepted part of a meaningful celebration.

Only a little more than a hundred years ago, men and women were still alive who had been born in the English Colonies, under the rule of a British king, and to Americans the heroes of the Revolution were not dim figures out of a remote past. Best-selling novels—by James Fenimore Cooper, of New York, John Esten Cooke, of Virginia, and William Gilmore Simms, of South Carolina—were laid in the Colonial and Revolutionary period. Citizens were aware that their grandparents' generations had won their freedom from colonial status in a monarchy, and the Fourth of July was "glorious" because this date was associated in the public mind with the "declaration" of their independence. Without question, much of America's current loss of direction and purpose, loss of spiritual unity, derives from the fact that the Fourth of July orations typified the empty generalities and glib falsifications which have always passed for history in this country.

The Fourth of July bombast gave the impression, still generally accepted,

that the lovers of liberty, fired by ideals of democracy, formed a band of zealous patriots who, on July 4, 1776, declared themselves free of the British tyrant, and, after the minutemen of Lexington, Massachusetts, fired into the hated redcoats, and the citizens of Boston, Massachusetts, fought at Bunker Hill, the British soon found the Pilgrims too much for them and surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia (Yorktown just happening to be the site where the British gave up). Then, with the star-spangled banner waving to the tune of "America, the Beautiful," the devoted colonists settled down to enjoy their most perfect union, which grew even stronger and more full of brotherly love

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### COVER NOTE:

Ah! the beauty! The crystalline beauty, seeming to shimmer and dance—gleaming with a thousand lights. The myriad forms, both graceful and weird, of the stalagmites and stalactites fashioned over countless centuries by the mundane dripping of water. Virginia's caves and caverns are world-famous as are its mountains, seashore, historic shrines, verdant countryside, cuisine and hosteries in the grand manner. . . . Its cities, its highways, its "flavor"—modern as the 21st century, while nodding over its shoulder to the past, all add up to the big V—Virginia with Variety enough to suit every taste. . . . And the girls shown in the Luray Caverns, we don't know if they be visitor or native, but aren't they pretty?

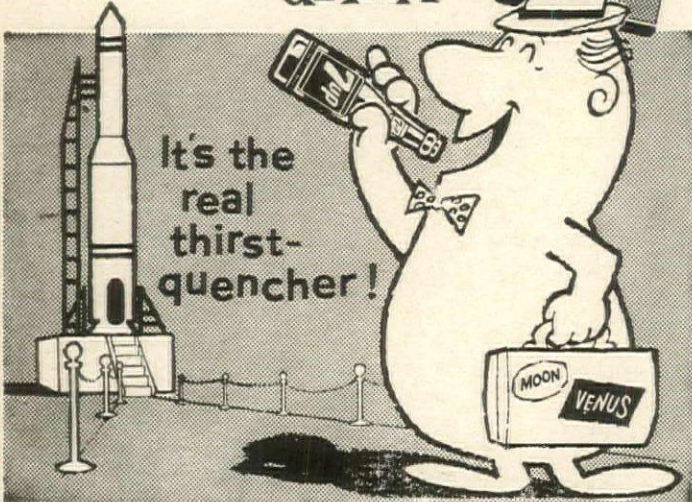


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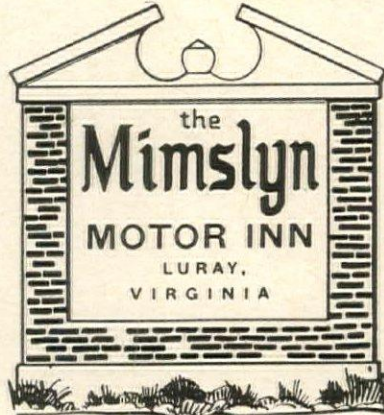
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**W**HILE YOU won't find them listed in the Almanac, there are in Virginia 1,598 unrecorded "cities" as complex as many municipalities ten times their size and even more bent upon service.

These are the hotels and motels—the "cities within a city"—where a man quickly lays claim to a home away from home by the mere wave of a pen against a register.

For the price of his room he surrounds himself with a luxury which often exceeds anything he would expect of his permanent home—in fact, the room he sleeps in may easily cost more than the house he lives in.\* Yet without paying property taxes he gains the benefit of police and fire protection and myriads of related services important to his comfort and well-being.

Very often, without leaving this "city", he can do in a few hours what would normally require a day of traversing city streets to accomplish. He may cash a check, catch a quick lunch or enjoy a leisurely full-course meal, have his clothes cleaned and pressed, entertain in the palatial lobby or hold a business conference in his room, meet new friends or select a quiet spot to relax and get away from it all.

And since the tourist business has expanded to such a vast degree in Virginia, and accommodations at the individual level become better all the time, he can stop as best suits his needs—in town or out, overnight lodge or resort hotel, conservative or plush surroundings, with or without nearby scenic attractions.

His choice need no longer be dictated by whether or not he wants to remain near his car. Hotels and motels are now being located inside and outside cities. In fact, travel experts maintain it's getting harder all the time to tell them apart since hotels are spreading out and motels are going upward—all to the benefit of the Virginia traveler who is getting more convenience and mileage than ever out of his travel dollar.

What it adds up to in the Old Dominion is big, big business. Some maintain travel is the second largest industry in the state. It is thoroughly safe to say it is the third, topped only by manufacturing and possibly agriculture.

The Virginia Travel Council reports that the state's revenue received annually from tourists has soared from \$167 million in 1948 to \$654 million in 1959. Visitors pay some \$40 million a

highways. During 1960, 40 million out-of-state visitors are expected to come here.

To receive them a large empire of transient "cities" stands ready—455 hotels and 1,143 motels offering a combined total of 40,500 rooms. The Travel Council reports that during the past seven years \$25 million in new and improved tourist accommodations have been added each year in Virginia.

Supplementing these are 1,092 tourist homes currently in operation with another 2,741 under permit.

To create this current optimistic picture a number of groups and individuals have been hard at work since World War II in and out of Virginia—improving tourists accommodations inside and letting folks outside know of the superior facilities and wonderful assortment of scenic attractions that await them.

The major job has been done by the hotel and motel industry itself and the trade associations that serve them, The Virginia Hotel Association and The Virginia Motel Association. Lending valuable assistance has been the State Chamber of Commerce; the Virginia Travel Council; and two state agencies, the Department of Conservation and Economic Development and the Bureau of Tourist Establishment Sanitation of the State Department of Health.

While Virginia has always been recognized for its gracious and lavish entertaining—a graciousness reflected in its public accommodations from the first "Ye Olde English Tavern" built in 1725 on the road from Richmond to Gloucester, to the present day—the travel industry as big business is relatively new.

It started around 1940 when the nation, rising from the long lean years of depression and aided by modern transportation, hit the road to see more of the world than most ever dreamed possible.

Virginia's hospitality at that time was a little on the irregular side. Accommodations ranged from very good to very bad, with the traveler at the mercy of the innkeeper, a situation more apt to discourage than please. Hotel men, who in 1937 had organized within their own ranks the Virginia Hotel Association, were quick to realize that unless standards were uniformly improved all would suffer.

In 1940 the General Assembly, at the urging of the Hotel Association and by this time the budding Virginia Motel Association, laid the groundwork for today's unexcelled inspection program.

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## City Within A City:

# VIRGINIA'S TOURIST EMPIRE

On the whole, he can count on four-fifths of a man or woman to be at his beck and call—a curious sounding fact in statistics but pretty good when it comes to actual service. In some of the larger places he can count on a whole person or more to serve him.

\*The cost of a motel or hotel room varies widely—from an estimated \$10,000-\$35,000—depending upon the total cost of the facility. The figure is arrived at by dividing the number of rooms into the total cost, but generally does not include furnishings. Thus, the construction cost of a room adds up to an amazingly large figure.

year in gas, beverage, license and other state taxes and ante up more for hunting and fishing licenses than all Virginia hunters and fishermen combined.

While 12 other states expend more on travel advertising, only seven have a greater income from the traveler: California, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

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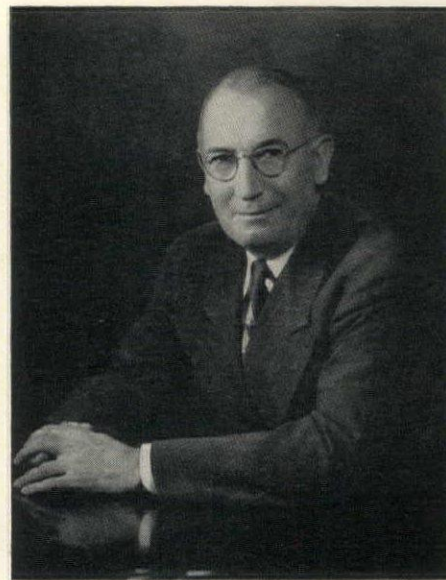
*It Was Available in the "Good Old Days" — But Oh, the Difference Now:*

## LODGING FOR A NIGHT

By HARRIS MITCHELL, *Executive Secretary,*  
*Virginia Hotel Association, Inc.*

*(Editor's Note: The name of Harris Mitchell is linked inseparably with the hotel industry in Virginia which has risen magnificently during the past decade to meet the post-war travel boom. The difference between today's plush accommodations and those of a half-century ago can be likened to a Model-T and a Cadillac, recalls Mr. Mitchell who is in a unique position to know. He was born and raised in a modest hotel of the old vintage.)*

● Owners and operators of today's swank hotels and elite motor inns, replete with every appointment and convenience known to man, would hardly know what to do with a "hotel" that was a landmark in the nineteenth century. If milady today should find herself transplanted into the hotel of my youth on her honeymoon, she would blush at some of the "conveniences" that marked those 30 rooms. ● I was born in the Mitchell Hotel, Fancy Gap, Carroll County, Virginia, February 1, 1899. Thinking of both my birth and a hotel that was built in 1871 (just after the Civil War) by my grandfather, makes it seem like eons ago. But if some of my revelations about one of our very earliest Virginia hotels seem unreal, remember I *am* harking back to another century. Forget that I mentioned it, please. ● The Mitchell Hotel was nestled in the peaks of the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, between Mt. Airy, N. C., and Wytheville, Va., on what is now U. S. Route 52, nine miles north of the North Carolina border and 15 miles from Mount Airy. It was a distance that took us the better part of a day in those horse-and-buggy days, but which I now cover in a matter of 15 minutes (when the State patrolman isn't near, and in only slightly greater time when he is trailing me.) ● It was a 30-room resort hotel which catered to vacationists from North Carolina, in the main, but at times our guests included people from "far away" South Carolina and West Virginia, with a guest now and then from such distant lands as Pennsylvania, Ohio and Georgia. But at all seasons we accommodated salesmen, in those days called "drummers". ● I was never before curious enough to check the word in my dictionary, but imagine my surprise to find the incredible definition reads: "One who beats the drum, as in a band. A commercial traveler." It would be interesting, indeed, to know how Webster ever stretched his imagination enough to get that mixed up in his definitions . . . unless he visited one of the "moonshiners" in those parts before he wrote it. ● It almost makes me tired to think of my daily chores in the early twentieth century. My brother and I carried water from the spring, which was about 200 yards from the hotel, to fill the pitchers that adorned every one of those 30 rooms (and it seemed like 300 at the time). Fortunately we didn't have to carry water to the drummers' horses, but don't you think those horses weren't spoiled with the curryings they received at the deft hands of a manager who delivered them with a mirror sheen when he turned them back to their owners the next morning. ● Speaking of spoiling those horses, our most spoiled "guest" was a pig. I am sure that many a pig has eaten at many a hotel table, but this one had his own "room" and I took his food to him personally. He was my first business venture. I purchased a pig for \$3 when I was 16 years old. I sold it for \$150 the next year. I wish I could match that experience a few times annually now. But, that pig was known as "the gentleman pig" around the hotel, because I warmed its food in the winter and always had fresh leaves in its pen for its comfort. That little "gentleman" knew something about the traditions of inn keeping, too. ● Getting back to our spring, the water was as good as ever touched the throat of man or woman, and nearly everyone would stop there for a drink as he approached what was called the "top of the mountain". One day my great uncle was at the spring when travelers stopped for a drink and made the mistake of asking, "How far is it to the top of the mountain?" ● It was a mistake because my uncle was afflicted with stuttering and when he ran into a particularly bad inarticulate siege he was not only given to stuttering but to swearing—articulately! ● "It's up . . . 'sup . . . 'sup . . .," he stammered frantically. "Damn it, you can get there before I can tell you!" ● And they could too. ● Another one of the priceless memories of those early hotel days was the occasional visits and ministry of missionaries who came to the mountains to bring the message of God, who wasn't far away. I guess, from those soaring peaks, we could have reached up and shaken His hand. The missionaries stayed at the Mitchell Hotel so that periodically we were treated to some nuggets of spiritual wisdom. This was received with mixed emotions by some of our guests. One old codger, who hadn't reached up to shake God's hand too often before, put it this way: "I was sorry ever when she came, and I was sorry ever when she left!" ● It seems only natural that, having been born in a hotel, I should spend my life closely associated with them. Actually, there was a time when, as a young man still acutely aware of carrying of water buckets, I'd just about had my fill. I taught school in a one-room school house and served as principal of a two-room school at Cana—a two-year stint done to please my dear mother and father who had taught before me—and then attended National Business College at Roanoke. ● My temporary lack of enthusiasm became apparent (to me) when I went to work as a male stenographer for J. A. Newcomb, president of the Newcomb Hotel Corporation, who had leased the Ponce de Leon Hotel at Roanoke. I discovered I had just lost my yen for hotels and was happy when I was offered a job at Camp Lee and a year later qualified as Chief Clerk of the War Plans and Training Section, Headquarters, Third Corps Area, at Baltimore. In 1920 I returned to Roanoke where I later entered trade association work. I have been engaged in this *(Continued on next page)*



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## VIRGINIA HOTEL ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

work for 32 years now—in fact, next March 17 will mark an exact third of a century—and much of the time, I'm happy to report, has been spent in working with the grand hotel people of Virginia.

Stepping back again some 52 years, Virginia hotels were first included in the organization of the Southern Hotel Association in 1906. The first president recorded in existing records was William W. Lynn of Lynchburg, father of a past president of the Virginia Hotel Association, William W. Lynn, Jr., who operated the Carroll Hotel at Lynchburg until it was demolished last year to make room for a parking lot.

In 1937 Virginia hotel leaders, including the late Lee Paschal, president of Richmond Hotels, Inc., and Lee Davis, who was manager of the Natural Bridge Hotel, who (in collaboration with Dr. E. P. Tompkins), wrote one of the most prized volumes ever authorized on that historic world wonder during his rich and fruitful lifetime, joined with other hotel men in the state to form the Virginia Hotel Association. W. G. Malone, then manager of the Danville Hotel was elected president and served a two-year term, from 1937-39. J. C. Woolling, who managed the famed Weyanoke Hotel at Farmville was our next president.

Other men serving subsequently as president:

**E. R. Branch**, George Washington Hotel, Winchester, 1941-42.

**John D. Green**, Williamsburg Inn and Lodge, 1942-43.

**George W. Summerson**, Martha Washington Inn, Abingdon, 1943-44.

The late **Leonard K. Baber**, then manager of the Hotel John Marshall, 1944-45.

**G. C. Walker, Jr.**, Virginia Motor House Hotel, 1945-46.

**Barney H. Harris**, Warrenton Motor Lodge, 1946-47.

**Richard B. Keeley**, managing director, Virginia Beach Convention Center, 1947-48.

**Sidney Banks**, The Cavalier, Virginia Beach, 1948-49.

**Thomas J. McCarthy**, Maple Shade Inn, Pulaski, 1949-50.

**E. Jackson Eggborn**, Lord Culpeper Hotel, Culpeper, 1950-51.

**Gordon C. Morgan**, Petersburg Hotel, Petersburg, 1951-52.

**William W. Lynn, Jr.**, Lynchburg, 1952-53.

**N. O. Moses**, Lexington, 1953-54.

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Thomas A. Moyles, of the Williamsburg Inn, is our current president. Giving him able assistance are James N. Hunter of Natural Bridge Hotel, first vice president; Clarke D. Mann of the Monticello Hotel at Charlottesville, second vice president; and Mrs. Marguerite Flynn of the Nansmond Hotel at Ocean View, Norfolk, treasurer.

The early days of the Virginia Hotel Association were marked by good hotel men who shared their ability and talents to serve as volunteer secretary. My predecessor was past president Leonard K. Baber, known and loved as "Duke", who was one of the richest personalities who ever served in the history of Virginia hotelism.

Over most of the years when one of the members of the Virginia Hotel Association served as its volunteer

secretary I was seeking the honor for myself, but the Association had developed a surplus of funds which its members were proud of and wanted to maintain. They didn't feel they could "afford" me. Finally, so eager was I to serve them, I told them in 1944 that I would work for nothing if they would hire me a young lady to take care of their routine tasks. They figured they couldn't lose and asked me to see the late Lee Paschal, because he was what might be called a plenipotentiary in whom they had great faith. You never had to guess where he stood, and I didn't either.

"I'm opposed to hiring you," he said. "In the first place we don't need you. In the second place we don't have any money to pay you."

I assured him, as I had others, that I would work on the arrangement alluded to above, and that we would keep their obligations paid, maintain their surplus and, when funds were available, pay me. I am happy to say

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IN 1959, 991,300 recreation visits were made to the George Washington National Forest. These people spent a total of 2,700,000 days enjoying the camping and picnicking areas, fishing and hunting in the Shenandoah, Massanutten, and Blue Ridge Mountains, hiking, riding, swimming, and enjoying the woods, streams, wildlife, and scenery in an expression of their true love for the great out-of-doors. The Jefferson National Forest had 1,832,000 visits and 2,069,800 more days of use. Nationally, the George Washington rates third among the 150 forests of the nation in number of total days, while the Jefferson rates high on the list in the matter of total number of visits and tenth in total days of use.

The impact on these forests is tremendous. The great majority of our visitors are extremely cooperative and are careful to leave a clean camp, an uncluttered roadside and a fire free forest. We welcome these people and would feel hurt if they didn't come. These forests are theirs and we are proud to be the administrators.

However, a small percentage of unappreciative, thoughtless, rowdy, and ill-mannered people present an entirely different picture. They are few in number but their presence is felt each Monday morning more than any other day in the week. They often start forest fires by being careless with camp fires, cigarettes, cigars, pipe heels, matches, fireworks, and all the other devices which have been invented by man for his comfort, solace, or destruction.

Monday morning too often presents the recreation area custodian with a frightful mass of broken tables, broken doors, heaps of garbage, stolen fire grates, mutilated signs, defaced buildings, and similar indications of the passing of inconsiderate, uncouth people.

Many times on Monday morning, the same custodians who go back to the perfectly prepared area of Friday to repair, clean up, and replace, have been fighting forest fires caused by the same people who upset the recreation areas.

These forests are the property of the people. The U. S. Forest Service is the agency entrusted with their care. Timber, wildlife, water, recreation, and grazing are the recognized renewable natural resources. Everything is being done within the limits of finances and human abilities to make these valuable properties, totaling 180 million acres, examples of land held in trust by the people of America. They represent, simply but potentially, America's storehouse of essential strength and her ability to endure.

One of the prime reasons for the existence of National Forests is to provide outdoor recreation for the American people.

As administrators we ask only that these people take pride in their property and practice care when they use it. Following a few simple rules, this can be accomplished.

1. Completely crush out and extinguish all cigarettes, cigars, pipe heels and matches.
2. Drown that camp fire with water, stirring the coals, and then feeling for hot sparks.
3. Don't smoke out game in hollow trees.
4. Leave a clean camp. Use the garbage receptacles. Pick up bottle caps. Take pride in your forest.
5. Don't be a litterbug. Throwing refuse from the window of a car leaves unsightly roadsides and an unkempt appearance.
6. Remember, whatever time and money is necessary to put out the fires and clean up the forest is time and money which cannot be used for the management of timber, water, and wildlife and the construction of new recreation areas and the improvement of those already established.

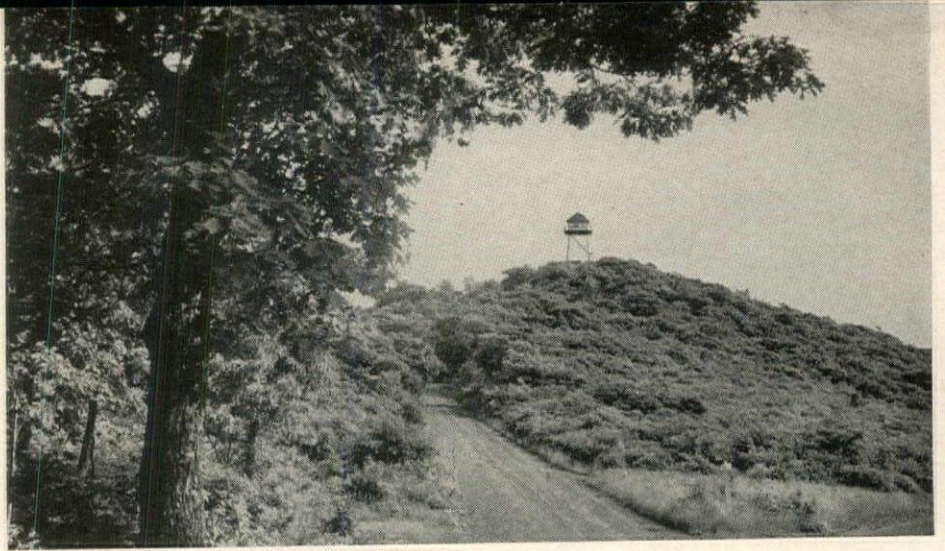
We all have a stake in these National Forests and the better they are managed and cared for, the more they will produce and contribute to the sinews of the stronger America.

*Material for this feature was secured through the cooperation and courtesy of Mr. A. H. Anderson, Forest Supervisor, George Washington National Forest with headquarters in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Through Mr. Anderson, we were supplied not only the article prepared especially for this issue by Mr. Richard E. Elliott, but also the photos on page 14 and those on the upper half of page 15—part of a large selection forwarded for use in connection with this annual Forest Fire Prevention presentation.*

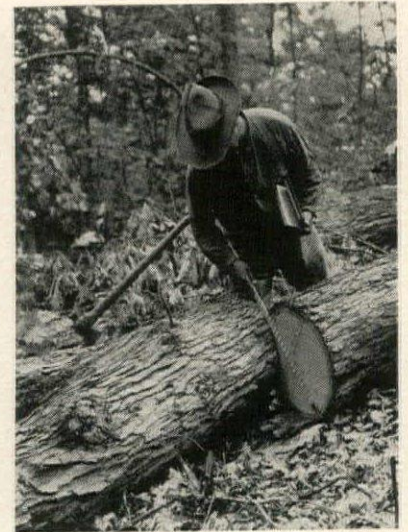
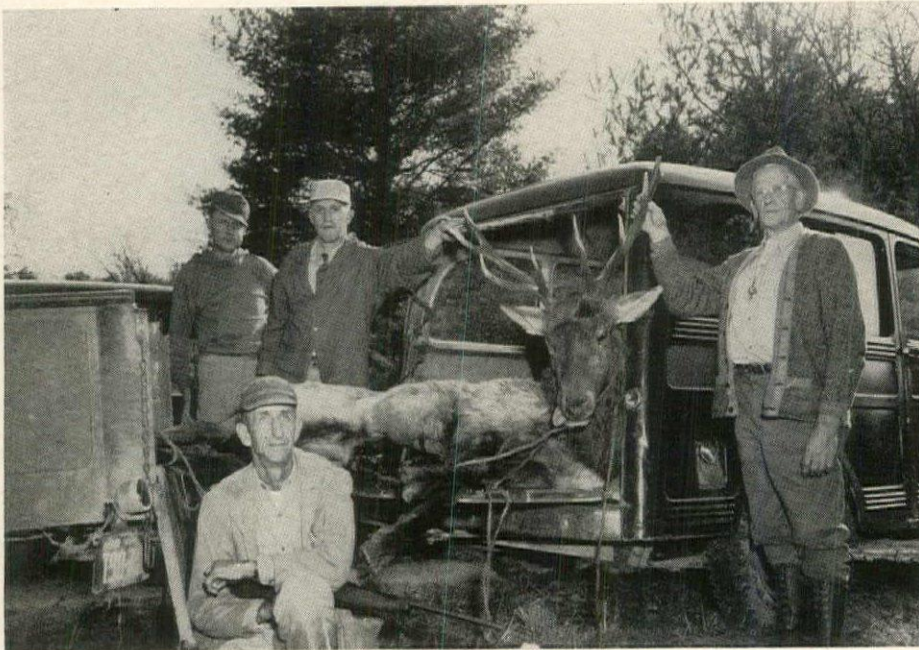




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*Our forests are to enjoy, not to destroy. One of Virginia's great riches is her green, green vistas which a moment's thoughtlessness can so easily decimate. The Reddish Knob Look-out, in the George Washington National Forest (above), commands a view of rustic serenity. Below, left: one happy result of preserving our forests is the abundance of game, as shown in this picture of a Dismal Creek elk hunt in the Jefferson National Forest in Giles County.*



*Can one imagine life without wood products—without a newspaper, a four poster bed, a violin? The photo above right shows log scaling in the George Washington National Forest. The photo below shows log sanding—two of the many processes which go into finished wood products.*



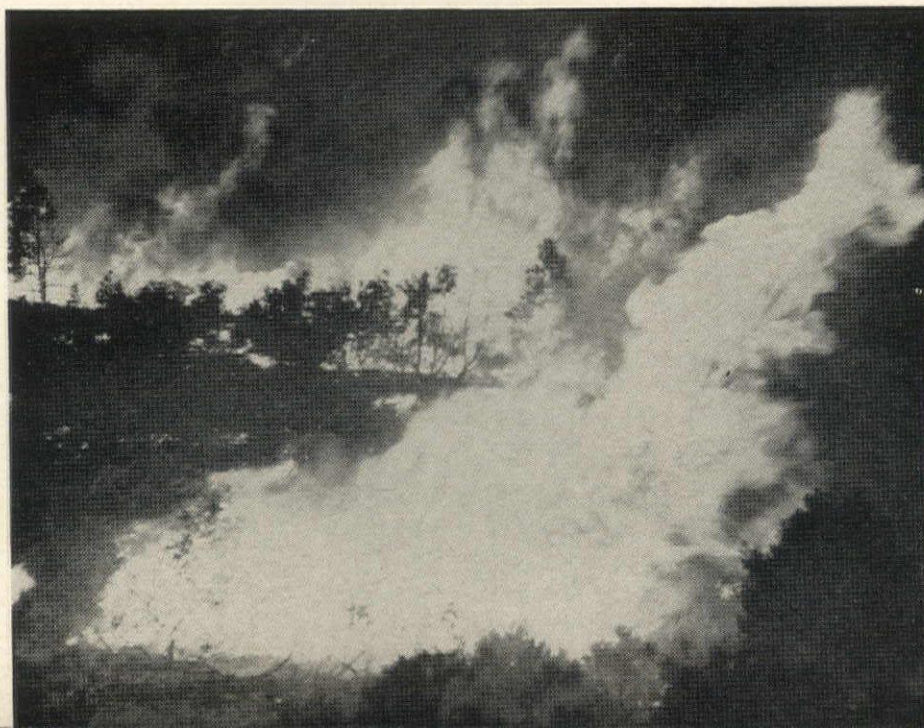


The enchanting woodland drive to the right is located on the Jefferson National Forest New Guillion Fork Road. Just below, Jefferson National Forest Warden Albert Edwards (right) gives out tools to a four-man crew of farmers and workers in his area preparatory to leaving to fight a small forest fire.



Devastation, by forest and woodland fire, and desolation go hand in hand as depicted by the photo immediately below, which seems the essence of the terrible toll inflicted on areas beset by man's carelessness. Photo below right illustrates the report from Federal and State forest fire prevention agencies that such fires cost the nation over one billion dollars every year.

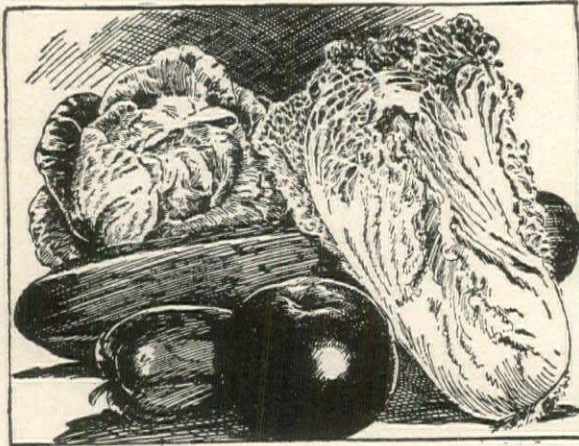
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# FALL CROPS

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Many vegetables difficult for the gardener to grow in the spring are easy in the fall. In some cases, this is because of Nature's provision that in the fall they do not go to seed. Try your luck this fall. Follow the chart below.

## TESTED LATE PLANTING CHART

The following dates have been taken from actual field tests, made by ourselves here in Richmond:

|   | <i>Latest Safe<br/>Planting Date</i> |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| String Beans, All Varieties .....         | Aug. 20                              |
| Beets, All Varieties .....                | Aug. 15                              |
| Swiss Chard .....                         | Aug. 15                              |
| Collards .....                            | Aug. 10                              |
| Smooth Kale .....                         | Aug. 30                              |
| Curled Kale .....                         | Sept. 15                             |
| Lettuce, Wood's Cabbage (head).....       | Aug. 15                              |
| Lettuce, Grand Rapids (leaf) .....        | Aug. 20                              |
| Mustard, So. Giant Curled .....           | Sept. 1                              |
| Mustard Spinach .....                     | Sept. 10                             |
| Radish, Winter .....                      | Aug. 15                              |
| Radish, Early .....                       | Sept. 1                              |
| Spinach, New Zealand .....                | Aug. 15                              |
| Spinach, Bloomsdale .....                 | Dec. 1                               |
| Turnip, Imp. Purple Top White Glove ..... | Aug. 30                              |
| Turnip, Yellow Aberdeen .....             | Aug. 15                              |
| Turnip, Seven Top .....                   | Sept. 15                             |
| Chinese Pelsai or Celery Cabbage .....    | Aug. 15                              |



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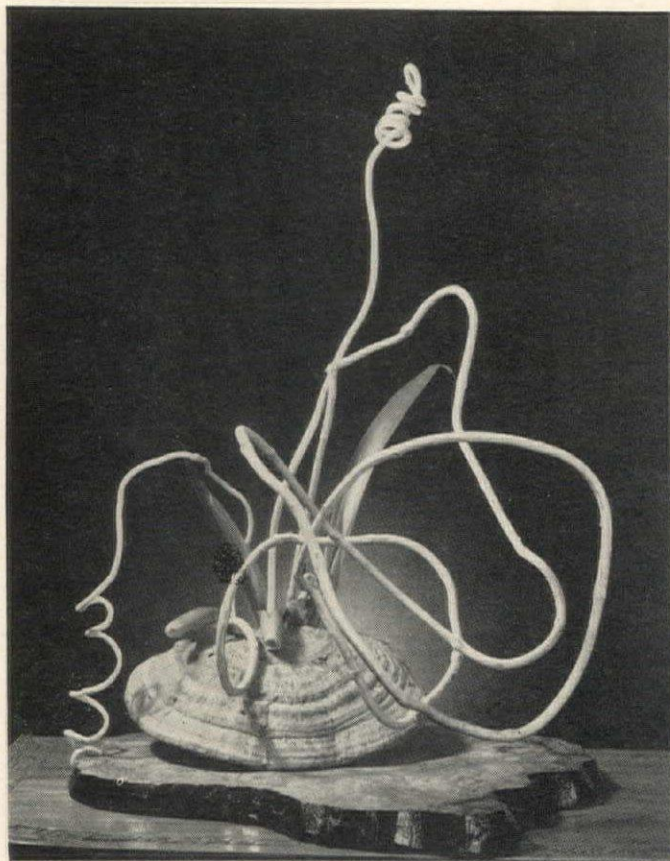


Photo by Russell Lawrence Young

The wanderings of a grape vine—peeled—create an interesting and unusual silhouette in the modern feeling. Growing round and in some varying thicknesses, the curled and spiralled vine gives a strong three dimensional feeling to a very simple design of curves. The lichen and burl at the base provide added stability and weight for better balance. Wisteria vines could be another garden material to use for similar effect. Arranged by Mrs. Eric H. Feasy, this study in modern flower arrangement is taken from Mrs. Cypher's book MODERN ART IN FLOWER ARRANGEMENT and used with the permission of the publisher, Hearthsides Press. This arrangement could be added to the article appearing in last month's issue on Judging Modern Abstract Flower Arrangement as another illustration of the expression of the abstract in flower design.

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### BOOK NOTES



Leisurely summer days, not so many meetings to attend, weeds under control, the pace of living slowed to the southern summer—what better time to catch up on the newer garden publications?

Although the season is just passed, the peony enthusiast should welcome the first book on this subject along in twenty-five years, written by Arno and Irene Nehrling, *Peonies, Outdoors and In*. (Published by Hearthsides Press, \$5.95). The beautiful May flower is discussed thoroughly, from its history and the classifications with examples, full cultural information supplemented by line drawings, their use in garden design, to ideas and pictures of flower arrangements using peonies predominantly. A fascinating discussion on drying peonies for winter use proved most interesting reading. For flower show exhibitors, a discussion of shows is included along with a list of approved varieties. Lists of private and public plantings, all of which can be visited in the blooming season, round out this most complete reference on a queenly flower.

In *Landscaping With Vines*, Frances Howard proves there is a vine for most every requirement, and goes further to extoll their value in softening lines and improving landscape design. This reference volume, published by Macmillan at \$6.50, devotes most of its pages to a complete description of the various vines—some 350 species—and cultural information given is full and most helpful. Reading this volume can open one's eyes to new possibilities in the garden picture.

In its series of *Handbooks*, the Brooklyn Botanic Garden has issued two of recent interest. The *Handbook on Bulbs* is unique in carrying an illustrated dictionary of bulbs which will help anyone identify the kinds most likely to be found in cultivation. Flowers and actual bulbs of 60 different kinds, both tender and hardy, are pictured with the outstanding features, culture, and description of the best varieties of each given. The two dozen articles in the 96 page handbook present a clear picture of bulb culture, from growing them as house plants to their planting and care outdoors.

The most profusely illustrated of any of the *Handbooks* issued by the Garden, it is available, as are all their books, from the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Brooklyn 25, N.Y. for \$1 by mail.

Another publication, more a direc-

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DUET

## DUET AND PINK PARFAIT

PICKED FOR  
1961 ALL-AMERICA  
AWARD

Photos by Clint Bryant  
Courtesy Armstrong Nurseries



PINK PARFAIT

Two exciting new roses—*Duet*, a hybrid tea, and *Pink Parfait*, a grandiflora have been selected as winners of the All-America Rose award for 1961. Long recognized as the most important honor in the horticultural world, this one is given only to roses with superior qualifications and only after years of testing under the most varied conditions. They will go on sale for the first time this fall.

*Duet* is a bi-color, blending the soft salmon-pink of the inner surface of the petal with the reverse side of rosy crimson. The flowers are medium in size, about thirty petals and borne on medium length stems and proved to retain their colors through wide variations of weather. The plant is said to be vigorous, quite resistant to mildew, free-branching and possessed of luxuriant foliage.

*Pink Parfait* is the third A. A. R. S. winner in the grandiflora class, combining the outstanding characteristics of the hybrid tea and the floribunda. As you might suspect, its flowers are a delicate blending of pink pastel shades, with buds produced in prodigious quantity. In the open stages, the semi-double flowers range from dawn pink to deep rose, depending somewhat on the weather. As with all the grandifloras, the plant is large and vigorous, better placed in the background planting.

1960 selections by A. A. R. S. included *Garden Party*, a white hybrid tea edged in pink; *Fire King*, a striking vermilion floribunda; and *Sarabande*, also a floribunda, which is scarlet-orange in color.

Like everything else, the best bargain in a rose is the best in quality, and

quality in roses is designated by the green and white All-America label. Any variety bearing this mark of distinction is a guaranteed product which has been thoroughly tested by experts, and is known to give top performance in any section of the country.

In the last five years, eleven roses have been honored with the All-America recognition and every gardener should keep them in mind, when planting for the season ahead. They are: hybrid teas—*Garden Party*, *White Knight*; floribundas—*Fire King*, *Sarabande*, *Ivory Fashion*, *Fusilier*, *Gold Cup*, *White Bouquet* and *Circus*; grandifloras—*Starfire*; climbers—*Golden Showers*.

Readers might be interested in a poll of garden writers throughout the country, taken by the American Association of Nurserymen, to learn their preference for the top ten roses introduced in this country in the past five years. The 1960 winners were excluded from the poll because of their newness. The top ten in order of the choice were: *Queen Elizabeth*, *Tiffany*, *Kordes Perfecta*, *Spartan*, *Montezuma*, *Ivory Fashion*, *Circus*, *White Knight*, *Pink Peace* and *Jiminy Cricket* which tied with *Angel Wings* for tenth place. The next ones in popularity in order were: *Burnaby*, *Starfire*, *White Bouquet*, *Golden Masterpiece*, *Roundelay*, *The Texan*, *Golden Showers*, *Sterling Silver* and *Pink Favorite*.

In planning fall purchases, experiences of others can be most informative, including those of neighboring gardeners, the test gardens throughout the state, and the knowledge of roses gained by members of the American Rose Society. After all, catalog pictures

make all roses most appealing; why not choose those that have proved themselves?

*Familiar with the AMERICAN ROSE ANNUAL? For the rose lover interested in knowing more about roses, keeping up to date on the latest varieties and cultural practices, it is almost required reading and certainly most enjoyable. In the 1960 edition, pertinent subjects such as a system for pruning, nematodes and roses, 1959 fungicide and insecticide tests of roses, the old roses, various phases of breeding and hybridizing, growing exhibition roses are all discussed by leaders of the rose world. But the Proof of the Pudding is the most fascinating—to read of the ratings and comments on old and new rose varieties from test growers all over the country helps to select your own garden plants. American Rose Society members receive the ANNUAL; available from the Society, 4048 Roselea Place, Columbus 14, Ohio.*

### GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA ROSE SHOW PLANNED

Fredericksburg will be the site of the 24th annual rose show of the Garden Club of Virginia with the Rappahannock Valley Garden Club the hostess club. Last year the show was held at Leesburg. Scheduled for October 5-6, at the Anne Carter Lee Hall, Mary Washington College, the show will be open to the public from 3-9 the first day and from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. the last day.

Miss Nancy Payne and Mrs. A. T. Embrey, Jr. share the honors as co-chairmen of the show, in outstanding event of the autumn season.

*Garden Gossip Section*



## LOTUS FESTIVAL

The Cape Henry Woman's Club is extending its annual invitation to flower lovers to view the last substantial growth of the native American Lotus in the Lotus Gardens in Princess Anne County, Virginia.

The occasion is the 6th Annual Lotus Festival, sponsored by the club in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Economic Development and scheduled July 22-29—the time when the Lotus will be in full bloom.

The Lotus Gardens are at Sanbridge just below Virginia Beach. The Lotus here flourishes in great profusion, growing in a rare water garden in Tabernacle Creek. The American Lotus (*Nelumbo lutea*) does not grow naturally in any other country in the world.

Besides visits to the gardens, the Festival program this year includes a concert by the 50th Army Band from Fort Monroe at 6:30 P.M. on July 22 at Virginia Beach and a parade along Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, at 4 P.M. on July 23, featuring floats with past Lotus queens and queen contestants for this year's queen.

The final event is the spectacular Queen Talent Contest and Lotus Ball at 8 P.M. on July 23 at the Convention Center, Virginia Beach. Music will be provided by Jack O'Neill and orchestra.

There is no charge to view the Lotus Gardens. A bridge spans the water gardens and boats are kept here for hire that visitors may have a close look at the gardens. A fee is charged for admission to the Queen Talent Contest and Lotus Ball.

The Lotus flowers fill the air with delicate fragrance. The cups of yellow petals are borne high above the water on single stems and measure eight to ten inches across. The blue-green round leaves, which are 18 to 24 inches in diameter, grow on a stem slightly below the flowers. Amid the Lotus grow white water lilies and lovely blue pickerelweed and along the borders of the creek are pink and white mallows, cat-tails, tall ostrich ferns and other marsh-loving plants.

The area is a natural wild habitat, so much so that the club is hopeful that it can be permanently developed into a wild life preserve. In the summer, the great American bald eagle, osprey and red-wing black birds nest along the shores. In the winter, wild duck, geese and other aquatic birds feed here.

*Garden Gossip Section*

## BOOK NOTES

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tory, has also caught our attention *Trees and Shrubs for Every Purpose—Where to Buy Them*. This combines brief, but pertinent information about each of the trees and shrubs listed, divided into seven classifications: dwarf conifers, evergreen trees, dwarf or low-growing shrubs, flowering shrubs, shrubs planted for foliage and fruits, flowering trees and deciduous trees planted for foliage. In addition, over 100 firms are listed as sources of these plant materials. Many of the unusual or hard-to-find plants and their sources are brought together in this most valuable reference volume, available directly from the Garden by mail for \$1. N. E. P.

## DOWPON†

### THE ANSWER TO BERMUDA GRASS

By F. W. THODE  
Clemson College\*

This article is not based on scientific research. This article is an account of an experience in controlling Bermuda grass using Dowpon† and rather haphazard methods.

In the Southeast a home owner with a sunny lawn finds himself surrounded by one of the creeping, crawling grasses such as Bermuda, Zoysia, St. Augustine, or centipede. These grasses behave in the same way and vary only in degree of vigor. All four creep over or into everything in sight, preferring fertile flower beds and vegetable plots although they are not adverse to tackling four foot shrubs, walks, and driveways.

Being aware of the situation, then how does one go about keeping a modicum of control over the grass situation? With a power mower, getting the lawn shaved is no problem. It's the edges that are trouble—the lines where lawn meets flower bed, walk, drive, hedge, and shrubs. If these lines of demarcation are not maintained, grass takes over everything, comes out on the top of shrubs, and gives the entire premises a wooly look. It's unbelievable how many running feet of edges there are even on a small lot, and when you attack these edges with a spade or grass shears the labor involved runs into many hours.

My first experience with Dowpon was in the summer of 1957—a planting of nine two-foot Yaupons became infested with Bermuda grass and maneu-

## A.A.N. Landscaping Awards

The Eighth Annual Industrial and Institutional Landscaping Awards Competition is announced by the American Association of Nurserymen. Over the years, these awards have become the most outstanding in this field for national recognition of better public, community and employee relations due to attractive settings for industrial plants, institutions and retail service organizations. Entries must be received by September 1, 1960. Classifications include.

1. Manufacturing and utilities, including research buildings
2. Retail and service establishments
3. Public and private institutions

Winners include both large and small firms. Judges have included nationally-known industrialists and qualified landscape architects. A folder containing entry procedure will be mailed upon request to Dr. Richard P. White, 635 Southern Building, Washington, D. C.

vering the lawn mower between the small shrubs was laborious. Dowpon (4 ounces per 2 gallons water) plus 1 tablespoonful of Tide was sprayed on the grass and up to the stems of the shrubs. Results were most gratifying. The treatment was repeated two months later for benefit of grass that returned. There was no damage to the Yaupon nor has there been any in 1958 or 1959 from using Dowpon to edge this shrub mass.

For two summers (two treatments each summer), I have used Dowpon (4 ounces to 2 gals. water) plus 1 tablespoonful of Tide to keep Bermuda and Zoysia away from red maple, abelia, Carolina jessamine, tea roses, loblolly pine, Scotch broom, pyracantha, Arizona cypress, pear, grapes, crab-apples, Oregon holly-grape, Tea Olive, ligustrum, wax myrtle, and English Holly. In all cases the grass was sprayed up to the stems of the plants. The only damage occurred where Dowpon was carelessly sprayed on the foliage of abelia. The abelia recovered.

Dowpon has also been used to rid daffodil and lycoris beds of Bermuda. However, the spraying was done after the bulb foliage matured. The bulbs have flowered and grown normal foliage after these treatments.

My general maintenance program now includes a spraying with Dowpon in mid-May and a repeat in late July.

\* Department of Horticulture, Clemson, S.C.  
† Trademark of The Dow Chemical Co.



# Why Not Corsages From the Garden?

Make your own corsage! You can use flowers seldom used by florists for corsages because they are scarce, or hard to ship, or expensive to raise commercially. There are no such restrictions if you make your own. Any flower, cultivated or wild, which ordinarily keeps well in water, can be used.

The only essential rule is to let the flowers stand in deep, cold water for several hours before working on them.

The florist supplies you need for a good job are: florist wire in three or four different gauges (Nos. 22, 24, 27, and 32 are the ones most frequently used—the larger the number the smaller the wire); a roll of parafilm or floral tape; corsage pins; thread; and, if you like, chenille wires—which are glorified pipe cleaners dyed in various colors. Other items probably already on hand include a sharp knife, wire cutter, scissors, scotch tape, and ribbon. The florist supplies can be bought inexpensively and in small quantities from any florist shop.

There are just two tricks to master—wiring and taping. There are two main ways to wire and tape flowers

for corsages, and which one you use depends on the kind of flower. Flowers with a heavy calyx, such as roses, carnations, and marigolds, should have the stems cut off close to the flower head.

The less stem you have, the neater your work will be. Pull the wire through the calyx, twist once or twice below, and then cover the wire and what is left of the stem with parafilm. Start the tape slightly below the point where the wire shows; firm it well with your fingers until it sticks, then twirl the stem, bringing the tape neatly up to a point above the wire and then all the way down to the length of finished stem you want. Hold the tape in one hand and twirl the stem with the other.

Flowers with a wide head and very shallow calyx such as daisies and blue lace flowers need a different method of wiring. The straight wire is pushed up from the bottom through the head of the flower and the end bent into a tiny hook. Then the wire is gently pulled back so the hook will be invisible and the flower head is securely attached to the wire. Then add foliage and tape together.

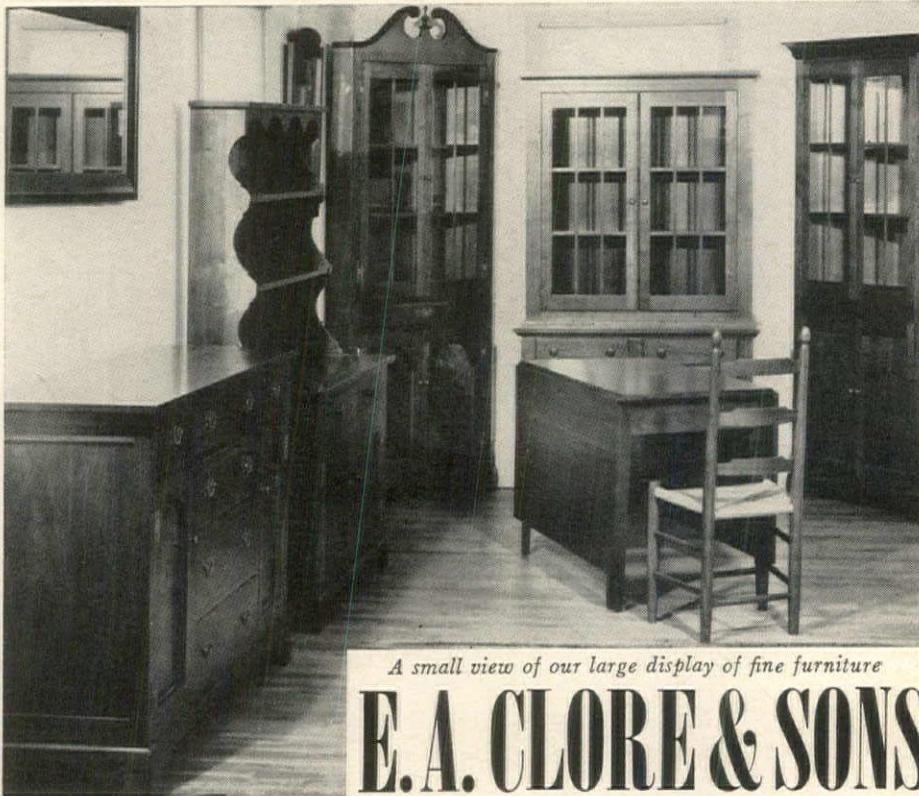
Corsages are most attractive when

principles of good design are incorporated in their construction. Buds used at the outer edges, as well as the dainter, smaller flowers with the heavier flowers used toward the center and lower edge are more balanced. They also need to be proportioned to the wearer and the space on her outfit suitable for the flowers. Her color harmony needs to be considered too for the corsage should be an attractive addition to her costume. Choice of the ribbon color can often help to coordinate flowers to costume.

Leave the corsage in the box until the last possible moment, and keep the box in a cool place until you are ready to wear the corsage, and always wear the flowers as they grow, not upside down.

Wiring does not shorten the life of flowers. In fact, support given by wiring helps to lengthen the flower life. Limp flowers can be freshened by removing ribbon and other items that will not improve with a bath, then soaking in a shallow dish of water and "hardening" with a couple of hours in the refrigerator.

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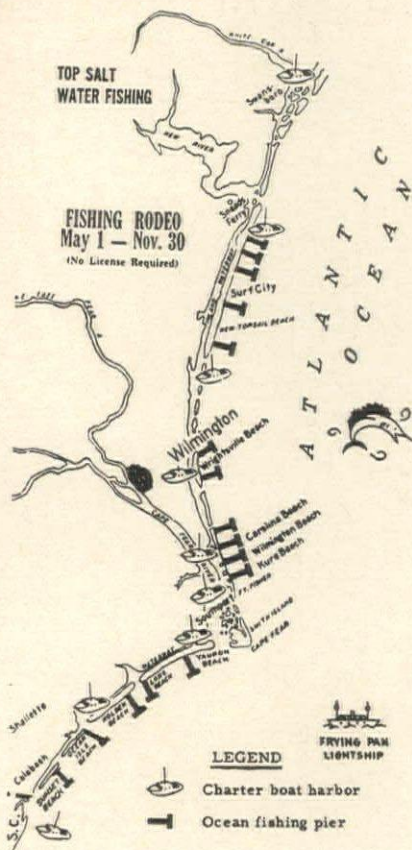
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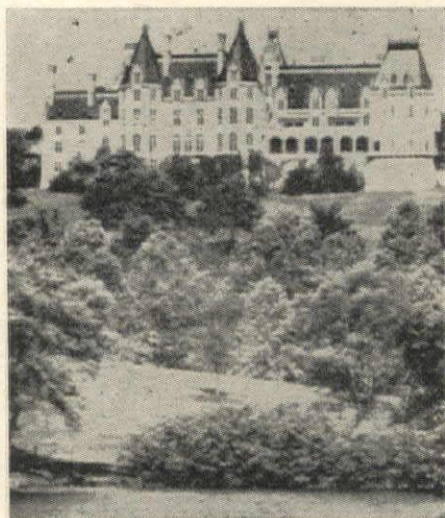
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## The Biltmore House, Former Home of George W. Vanderbilt Attracts Many Visitors With Its Architectural Magnificence

Not far from Asheville, near the adjoining village of Biltmore, is found an architectural masterpiece which draws

*Biltmore House*



many thousands of visitors yearly. This is the Biltmore Estate, which includes the pool, the gardens, the greenhouse, the mansion itself, and the huge landscaped estate.

The mansion, built in the French Renaissance chateau style, was completed in 1895 by George W. Vanderbilt after five years of construction. The building was designed by Richard M. Hunt of New York, and the landscaping planned by Frederick Law Olmstead, designer of Central Park, and directed by C. D. Beadle, who, incidentally, did the landscaping for the Asheville School. Many believe the surrounding estate to be the most beautiful piece of landscaped area in America.

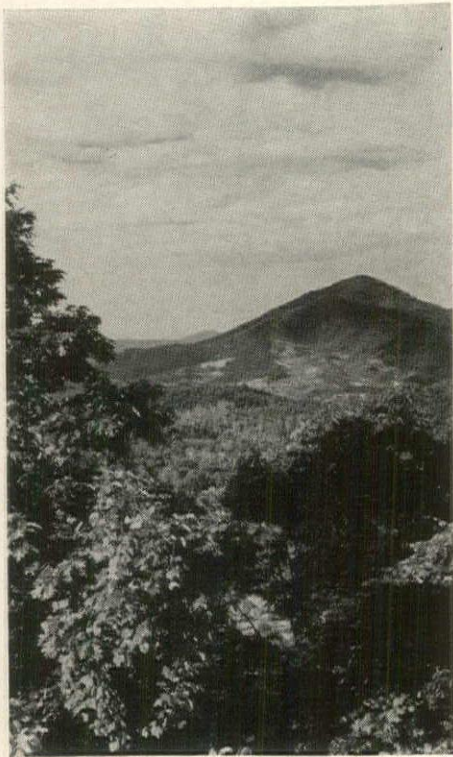
The House itself is filled with many art objects of great interest to the visitor, including innumerable relics, priceless paintings and tapestries, and the world-famous library, containing some 25,000 volumes.

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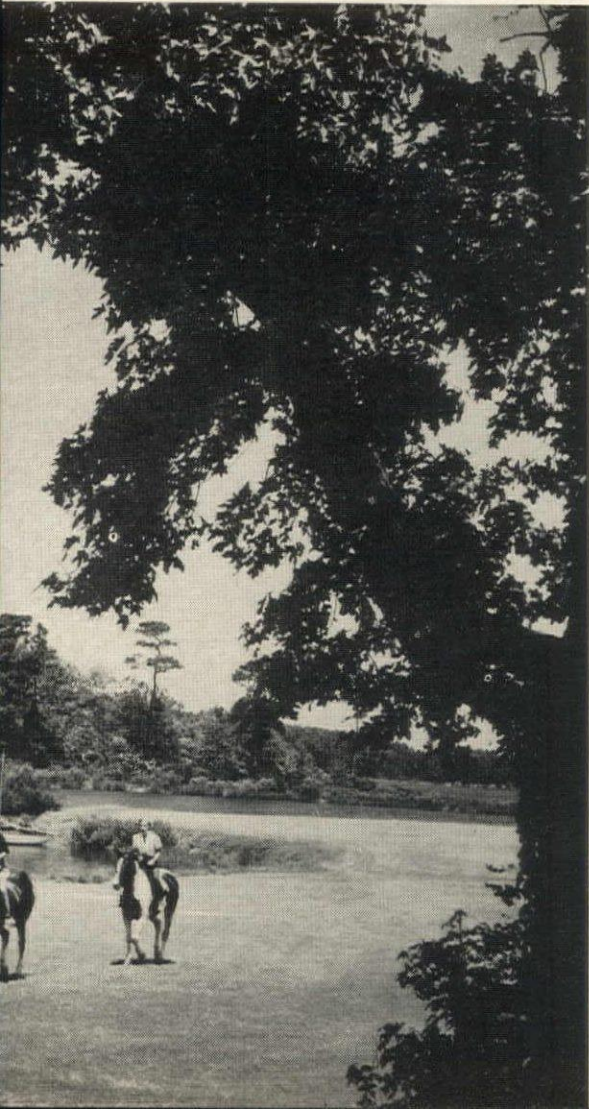
Photo, extreme top, shows Weir Point on the Onancock River at sunset, one of the many attractions of Virginia's beautiful Eastern Shore. (Photo by Dr. John W. Robertson) Left, top, Virginia's famed Skyline Drive. Just above, the Governor's Palace at Colonial Williamsburg, considered one of the handsomest estates in colonial America. Right, the Linkhorn Bay area of Virginia Beach.







Top left photo gives the more usual view of popular Virginia Beach, where surf and sand delight the youngsters. Top right, a most popular feature with Jamestown visitors are the full replicas of the ships. Here is the *SUSAN CONSTANT*, flagship of the fleet. Photo immediately left shows a young visitor to Zoorama at New Market in the Shenandoah Valley, where over 200 animals from five continents are shown. Below, the lion figure-head of the full-rigged ship *DERWENT*, built in 1884, shown at the Mariners Museum, Newport News.





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# VIRGINIA BUSINESS REVIEW

by  
VERNE STEVENSON

**T**HE Virginia Industrial Development Corporation, established by an act of the 1960 General Assembly, is now in operation with L. W. Bishop as executive head.

The corporation, temporarily located in the offices of the Department of Conservation and Economic Development at Richmond, will make loans to existing Virginia industries wishing to expand and to business and industrial firms planning to locate in the state. Bishop's employment was announced by Governor Almond.

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Virginia Electric and Power Company has awarded J. W. Enochs, Hopewell contractor, the contract to build its new District Headquarters project at Petersburg at an estimated \$270,000.

VEPCO also announced the following executive and personnel changes:

- R. M. Hutcheson, elected a vice president with executive supervision over the company's Power Division.

- T. Justin Moore Jr., appointed associate general counsel.

- Cecil A. Smith, named new Southside district manager.

- Richard W. Carroll, named director of residential and rural sales at Richmond; and William R. Black, replacing Carroll as sales supervisor at Alexandria.

- Joseph D. Ristroph, appointed manager of power production, power department, Richmond; and Eugene B. Crutchfield, appointed manager of power supply, power department, Richmond.

- Lemuel L. Eley Jr., appointed assistant to the manager of the engineering and construction department; and James V. Barker, replacing Eley as superintendent of the system transmission and distribution department at Richmond.

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Powell River Industrial Development Corporation has launched a \$30,000 drive in the Appalachia-Big Stone Gap area to finance a garment factory at Appalachia. The proposed factory will have a \$2,500 weekly payroll and will hire 60 people, mostly women.

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A 157-acre track of land in the Garfield section of Prince William County has been designated as an industrial park by builder Melvin Kramer, pending approval of an application for area industrial zoning. Kramer said the objective of the park will be "to encourage industrial firms such as electronic and engineering organizations to settle in the area."

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Nearly 7,000 residents of Southwestern Virginia's Rockbridge and adjoining counties visited the James Lees and Sons Company's carpet plant at Glasgow recently to mark the 25th anniversary of its operation. The plant was the first carpet mill erected in the South and is one of the largest and most modern in the world.

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The Board of Directors of Virginia-Carolina Chemical Corporation has approved the purchase of the Neosho Fertilizer Company in Chanute, Kansas, bringing the company's number of

fertilizer plants to 37.

V-C directors also announced the election of Edward R. Adams, Andrew A. Farrell and A. P. Gates as vice presidents; and the appointment of R. Daniel Smith Jr., company attorney, as general counsel.

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Robert J. Heberle, formerly a partner of Christian, Barton, Parker and Boyd, withdrew from the firm last month and opened an office for the general practice of law at 411 Mutual Building in Richmond.

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• Promotion of three members of the art staff of Cabell Eanes, Inc., advertising agency, are announced by Daniel J. Korman, president. They are Henry J. Hester, executive art director and operations manager; Robert R. Meacham, art director; and Maxie D. Mason, assistant art director. All three artists are members of the Art Directors Club of Richmond and hold awards in national and local art exhibits and competition.



Norfolk business expansions and changes of address:

- Southern Bank of Norfolk, acquisition of land in the 100 block of W. Main Street to meet growing central office needs.

- Norfolk Port and Industrial Authority, moving into new and expanded quarters with address changed to: Maritime Tower, Norfolk 10.

- W. B. Richardson General Agency, representative for National Life Insu-

rance Co. of Vermont, moving into new offices at 112 McClanahan St., SW.

- First Founders of Virginia Inc., a new Norfolk investment firm, opening additional offices in Roanoke and Richmond.

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Fred A. Gosnell Sr. has been elected to succeed the late John E. Fowler as chairman of the board of Arlington

Trust Company, Inc. Mrs. John E. Fowler, the late board chairman's wife, was elected vice chairman of the board to fill the post vacated when Mr. Gosnell stepped up. The new chairman is senior partner in the real estate firm of Fred A. Gosnell and Sons.



MR. GOSNELL



MRS. FOWLER

**NAMES IN THE NEWS**—William M. Hill, elected assistant vice president of The Bank of Virginia . . . S. S. Edmunds, named assistant vice president of Mortgage Investment Company . . . Ira Avery, formerly of Norfolk, elected a vice president of the advertising firm of Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn, Inc., of New York . . . Robert V. Searson, formerly chief accountant of the Marion plant of Brunswick Corp., made vice president and controller of the firm at its home offices in Chicago . . . Horace M. Barnett, Jr., Salem native, appointed personnel director of S. E. Massengill Co. in Bristol . . . H. Laird Loftis, South Boston native, appointed to the newly created post of sales manager, island services, for British Overseas Airways Corp. . . Hugh D. Camp and James L. Camp, Jr., both Franklin natives, named respectively chairman of the board and chairman of the executive committee of Union Bag-Camp Paper Corp. with headquarters in New York . . . George M. Pollard, elected an officer and named assistant secretary of Atlantic Life Insurance Co. at Richmond . . . C. P. Holland, Jr., of Suffolk, elected president of the Virginia Oil Men's Association . . . Lewis E. Gorham, named assistant manager of Wythe County Motors Inc. . . Harold H. Dobbins, named manager of sales and public relations for Hotel Jefferson, Richmond . . . George J. Alles, former manager of the cellophane plant at Fredericksburg, elected vice president of American Viscose Corp. with headquarters in Philadelphia . . . James H. Thomas, appointed plant superintendent, West Sand and Gravel Co., Inc., Richmond.

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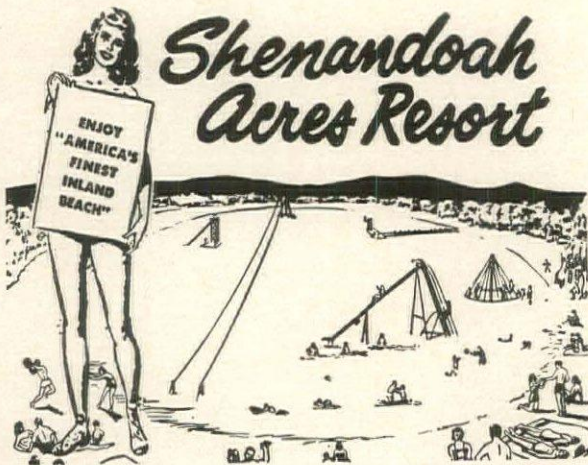
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## LODGING FOR A NIGHT

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they reached the point where they could pay me, in addition to the young lady, at the end of the first year I served them, and now our surplus is nearly four times what it was when I started out working for them.

Incidentally, the "Ole Southern" still retains most of the members in North and South Carolina, West Virginia and Virginia, original domain of that historic group. These states make up the fourth district of the American Hotel Association, with which all State and Regional associations have affiliated ties.

Sometime ago a phrase was born that has become the byword of the Virginia Hotel Association: "You're Welcome in Virginia!" You'd be surprised how quickly out-of-state visitors respond when you walk up and repeat this phrase to them with all the warmth of genuine welcome. Do it and you'll have some gratifying experiences.

Virginia's dedicated hotel men are constantly busy making the warmth of their greeting implicit in the services they offer. This goal forms the very backbone of the Association which holds as its primary aim: "Promoting better service for the public . . . training better personnel for finer guest service."

As a secondary aim, the Association works "to advance and promote our vital interests in keeping legislators informed, so that we won't be shouldered with hurtful legislation, and occasionally to advocate legislation that is needed to protect our status; to encourage higher property standards, and honesty and integrity in all of our host-guest relations."

There's no question how well the Virginia hotel and motel industry has succeeded during these years of unprecedented travel. I know Virginia offers accommodations as fine as you will find in any spot in the nation and I strongly suspect the service we give is at the very top.

Just how seriously Virginia innkeepers take this all important matter of service is illustrated by an experience I had at Natural Bridge Hotel one morning. I eat my toast black, and when I say black I mean BLACK. I had gotten it just the way I like it when the manager, James N. Hunter, came by the million-dollar gate house while I was eating breakfast and exclaimed: "Harris, next time order your breakfast in your room. We won't charge you a penny. We don't want everybody else to think we ruin our food here."



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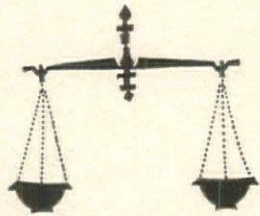
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Virginia's Tourist Empire  
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(Gerald Lisman Studio)

JAMES W. SMITH, *Director of  
Tourist Establishment Sanitation*

Initially, sanitary control of transient places was handed to the Department of Agriculture but later transferred to the Department of Health. It got off to an admittedly slow start, hampered by lack of funds and later the war effort. Since 1948, however, when the General Assembly enacted more stringent laws and increased appropriations, the Bureau of Tourist Establishment Sanitation has rendered an invaluable service.

Heading up this important work is James W. Smith, a pioneer in public health work in Virginia, today the "watchdog" of transient places and recognized by the hotel-motel industry as one of their best and most valued friends.

Mr. Smith, on the other hand, maintains that it is largely through the support of the hotel-motel industry that his department has been able to accomplish so much toward upgrading the standards of tourist establishments in the state.

This department does far more than the obvious inspection of water supply and sewage disposal (unless these are adequate a permit to operate is never granted). His district sanitarians take a look at personnel—is the number adequate to clean rooms properly? They check the walls, floors and ceiling to see that they are not only clean but structurally sound. Supplies of soap, towels, mattresses and sheets are subjected to close scrutiny. (If the mattress sags it must be repaired or replaced; sheets, as prescribed by law,

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must be long enough to tuck under the mattress at the bottom and turn back over the blankets at the top.) These items only begin the list.

The Bureau, of course, does not specify how a hotel or motel should be furnished. It can be exceedingly bare, because as Mr. Smith points out, "there's a need for inexpensive and bare facilities."

It does specify that what is there must be in good condition and clean and on this point no establishment, no matter how elaborate or famous, gets preferential treatment.

"I don't care if the draperies are velvet and the rug is three inches deep," the Bureau chief said, "if they're dirty or in otherwise bad condition they have to be removed."

Very often the inspection program has come to the aid of hotels in unexpected fashion, particularly in court cases involving property theft or personal injury—hazards that the hotel-motel industry is especially heir to.

#### RULES MUST BE POSTED

In one notable case, a Richmond hotel was sued by a woman guest whose valuable collection of jewels was stolen from her room. The law places responsibility on the guest to register such valuables with the management and place them in the hotel safe. At the same time, the law requires that the inn post its rules and regulations to this effect in full view on the wall of every room. Unless this is done, the hotel can be held liable. Bureau inspection records in this case, showing the hotel had complied with the law, were instrumental in the hotel's winning the case.

The inspection law has also helped eliminate one of the oldest ruses known to the hotel industry. One variation runs like this: two women, traveling together, occupy the same room. They manage to tear the rug and one of them, with the ability to throw a hip out of joint, sticks her foot in the hole and drops to the floor. Her companion calls in the management and the hotel is subsequently stuck with a large suit for personal injury. Frequent inspections of the hotel, however, showing that the furnishings are in good condition, tend to discredit such a claim in court. Of course, this particular trick is so old it would be hard to win a settlement today under any circumstances.

The state lends assistance to the travel industry in still another valuable way through the work of the Department of Conservation and Economic Development. This department handles



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There is every reason to believe that the travel industry in Virginia will become even bigger as time goes by. At the present time the major concern is not so much getting our visitors here—but keeping them here for a longer stay.

The Virginia Travel Council again reports that the states with the greatest holding power are Florida (who keeps her guests for 19 days) and California (10 days). Virginia visitors stay an average of 2.4 days, as compared with a national average for all states of 6.7 days.

"If Virginia had held her visitors—all of them—as long as the other states, with no more visitors than we presently have—travel would have been Virginia's greatest producer of economic revenue to its people," the Council reported.

#### "FRINGE BENEFITS"

This business is worth going after. It is important not only for itself but the "fringe benefits" it brings. It is a proven fact that states which have first developed their appeal for the visitor have rapidly become centers of immigration from other states and expanded industrially, the Travel Council reported. And the travel industry is one that exhausts no natural resources.

With increasing emphasis on the travel industry, hotel-motel men are convinced it is only a matter of time before Virginia gains this increased "holding power." The job is one of education to some important and obvious facts about the state:

1. Virginia has the nearest warm saltwater beaches available to Canadians.

2. The state is strategically located overnight from over half the population of the United States.

3. Virginia claims some of the most beautiful mountain ranges in the country and some of the best preserved historical sites.

And finally, a fact which hotel-motel men are not too modest to mention, Virginia now has a virtual empire of the finest tourist accommodations in the country. Holding power over the visitor? The Old Dominion is already well on her way.

L. H. S.



# The Will That Was Almost Destroyed

## *A Miracle In Restoration*



by G. WATSON JAMES, JR.

(Photos, Courtesy THE VIRGINIA STATE TROOPER, Department of State Police)

(NOTE: I wish to acknowledge my indebtedness to Harry E. Cassidy, Examiner of Questioned Documents, for permission to condense and in some instances rewrite an article which he contributed to the July 1954 issue of THE VIRGINIA TROOPER, of the Department of State Police, which I edited until I was retired. Mr. Cassidy's article was titled "Retrieving Charred Writings." I am also indebted to the Department of State Police for the use of illustrations.)

THEY PLACED IT with utmost care in an empty cigar box so it would rest on a bed of soft tissue paper.

It was superlative headwork on the part of two Maryland State Police Troopers, Corporal Noble Collison and T.F.C. Walter Wahl.

They were investigating the tragic death of one Benjamin T. Greenfield, of Solomon, who resided on a houseboat anchored there in the Patuxent River. Evidence reflected that the unfortunate man was probably smoking in bed, had ignited the mattress. The net result was death to Greenfield and the destruction of the houseboat. When examining the scene of the tragedy, the Maryland officers found a safe con-

taining some charred papers, among which there was a set contained in a cover envelope on which the embossing "Last Will and Testament" could be discerned.

It was for this important and charred document that the officers made the tissue paper bed in the cigar box which was turned over to proper authorities.

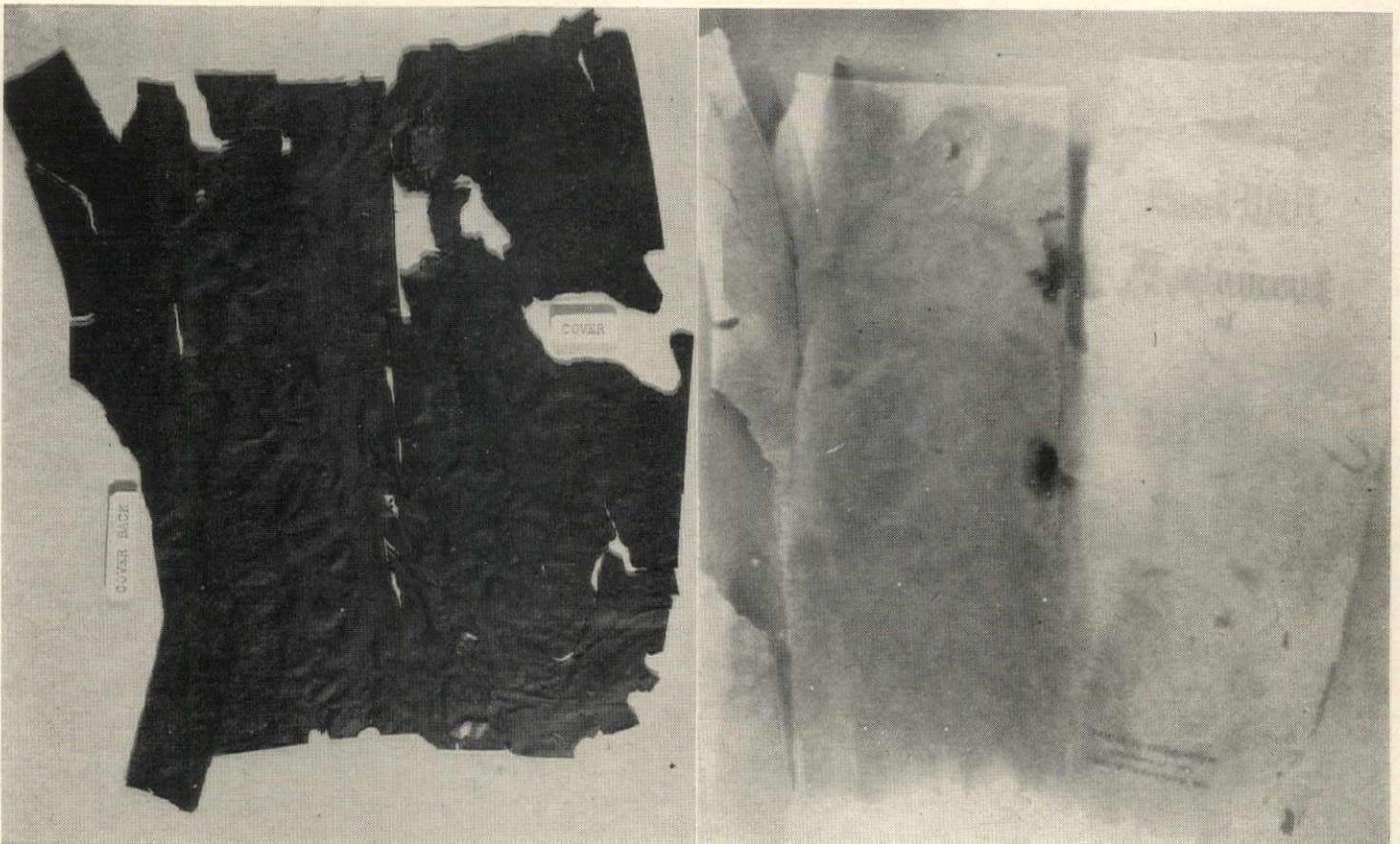
According to Mr. Cassidy:

"The Court relinquished custody and permitted a member of the Bar to carry on. The attorney carried the box thither and hither, finally placing it into the capable hands of William J. Barrow, Document Preservator, State Library, Richmond.

"Mr. Barrow is a person who can with his dextrous thumb and index finger divide a paper atom into four equal quarters. . . . Using a butter-knife, it was no trouble at all for him to separate and set aside each of the six plies of the charred document without them cracking up.

"Then with magnifiers, we examined every inch of the various sheets under various types of light and from different angles. Neither he, me, nor his two eagle-eyed assistants could collectively discover anything with which to get into court and out with whole hides.

"Having a great yearning and a smattering of learning, but with knowl-  
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In the upper right hand corner of both of these photographs is found the embossed "Last Will and Testament." Right photo shows restoration of charred fragments in left photo.



# D. H. HILL

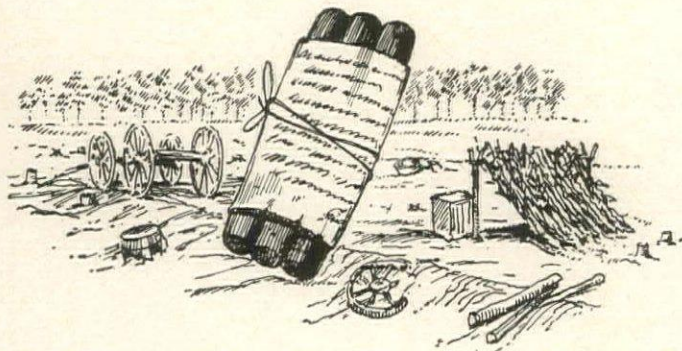
By CLIFFORD DOWDEY  
with drawings by ALEX ALLEN

**H**ARVEY HILL was one of the very best combat soldiers and most literate men who ever served with Lee, but he suffered from a fateful addiction: he had an uncontrollable impulse to criticize his fellows. As he was articulate and intelligent, what made his sharply worded criticisms harder to bear was that they were usually right. However, like all opinionated persons, he was not always right, and he could be strongly biased, even bitter, in his sense of infallibility. The result was a combination of magnificent episodes in his war record and an unhappy, disappointing Confederate career.

Though he was born in South Carolina, as he married and settled in North Carolina and entered the Confederate service with a Tarheel regiment, Hill was regarded as a North Carolinian during and after the war. After graduating from West Point in 1842 (in the same class with Longstreet), he served in the Regular Army until the end of the Mexican War, during which he made a brilliant record, and then turned to the field of education. He taught at Washington (and Lee) College while Jackson, his future brother-in-law, was at V.M.I., then at Davidson College, and in 1861 was superintendent of the North Carolina Military Institute.

He made brigadier in the summer of '61 just before his fortieth birthday, major-general in the spring of '62, and by the end of the Seven Days Battle Around Richmond he was one of the most distinguished division-commanders in the force which Lee was to mould into the Army of Northern Virginia. At South Mountain, a vital rearguard action before the main battle of Sharpsburg, and at the bitterly fought struggle at Sharpsburg, Harvey Hill commanded with conspicuous courage and skill. Off those battles, he ranked with the top division-commanders of the war. Alas for Major-General D. H. Hill, that was the end of the glory road for him, though no one suspected it at the time.

The records are vague here, but the inference is strong that Lee did not feel Hill promoted army harmony. General Lee never let a good man get away from him whom he wanted to keep, and usually when he wanted to ease a general out of his compactly organized corps system, he suggested to the war office that some other theater stood in need of his services. By 1863, we find Hill back in North Carolina.



*Not on Hill's record was a battle order one of his staff-officers wrapped around three cigars and lost; falling into enemy hands, the "lost order" placed Lee on the defensive in his first Northern invasion and led to the bitter battle of Sharpsburg.*



This area was then loosely under Lee's authority, but characteristically Hill refused to work cooperatively with the distant commander. Lee asked to be relieved of the authority and Jefferson Davis solved the situation by creating the Department of North Carolina, with Hill in command. During this period, the president seemed to hold Hill in high regard, for that summer he sent him to Bragg's army in Tennessee as corps commander, with promotion to the appropriate rank of lieutenant-general.

After the Battle of Chickamauga, where neurotic Bragg collapsed and robbed the Confederates of the fruits of their victory, Hill joined a group of generals, including Longstreet and Forrest, who recommended to the president (in his capacity as commander-in-chief of the armies) that Bragg be relieved from army command. Instead, motivated by an incomprehensible support of the inept Bragg, the president removed Hill, Longstreet and Forrest among others. Harvey Hill especially went into Davis' black-book, and the president treated the able soldier very shabbily. Refusing to nominate Hill to the Confederate senate for confirmation of his promotion to lieutenant-general, Davis sent Hill back to North Carolina to await further orders—which never came.

The final irony of Hill's sad career is that he is almost unknown for his part in saving Richmond from Butler's south of the James operation in May, 1864. Without command, he patriotically offered his services as a volunteer to Pickett, frantic in the emergency caused by Davis' preoccupation with departments and favorites. Receiving no thanks for the bold skill which helped save the President's capital, Hill returned for the last time to his adopted state, to wait for the slow-coming end.

There was no greater waste of general-officer material than Harvey Hill and, though he was not entirely to blame, his personality was a major contributor to the unhappy career. After the war, he returned to education (was, for a time, president of the University of Arkansas), collected and edited material on the war and wrote about it as well as he had fought in it. But, even in his writing, he was never wrong.

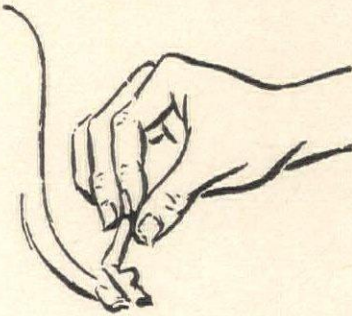


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## Yesterday Is Dead (from page 5)

after surviving a rebellion caused by Southerners, who had somehow gotten onto the Continent with their slaves during the time the Pilgrims were founding America.

This is not as far-fetched as it might sound. From talking with high school students and junior high school students, who are writing papers on history, I have discovered the most appalling misconceptions about the birth and growth of democratic America. It would be interesting to question high school students as to what precisely did happen on the Fourth of July, 1776, and what was the status of the Colonies and England at the time.

In point of fact, the minutemen at Lexington, the heroes of Bunker Hill and "the midnight ride of Paul Revere," had all come and gone before the 4th of July, 1776, without changing anything, and the British had actually evacuated Boston before the declared war opened. The commander of the volunteers around Boston was a Virginia planter, named George Washington, who could not move against the British because of the miserable quality of the conniving patriots. "Such a dearth of public spirit, and want of virtue, such stock-jobbing and fertility in all the low arts to obtain advantage . . . I never saw before . . . (and) . . . could I have foreseen what I have, and am likely to experience, no consideration upon earth could have induced me to accept this command"

More to the point of what actually did lead up to July 4th, 1776, were the events in Virginia. During the year before, the British Colonial governor, Lord Dunmore, had fled Williamsburg and, with a motley force composed of British regulars, renegades and slaves whom he had freed and armed, captured the vital seaport of Norfolk. A regiment of Virginia volunteers actually defeated this British force at the un-

publicized Battle of Great Bridge and drove Lord Dunmore from Norfolk. In saving the port, these Virginians were the first Colonials to evict the British from American soil. Because Lord Dunmore continued to incite slaves to riot, and pillaged the large plantations, the conservative element was moved to join the more revolutionary leaders and instruct its delegates in the Continental Congress at Philadelphia to recognize the *de facto* state of war and to declare formally for independence.

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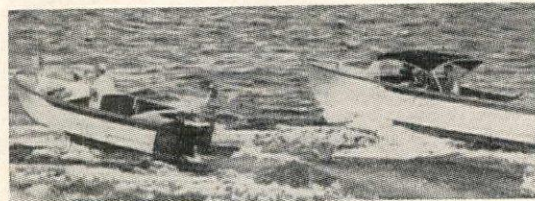
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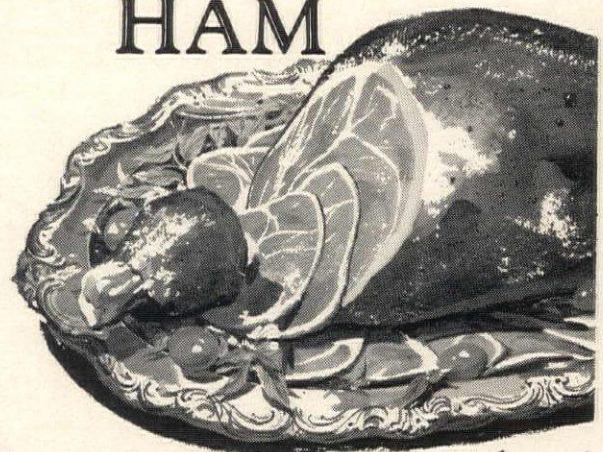


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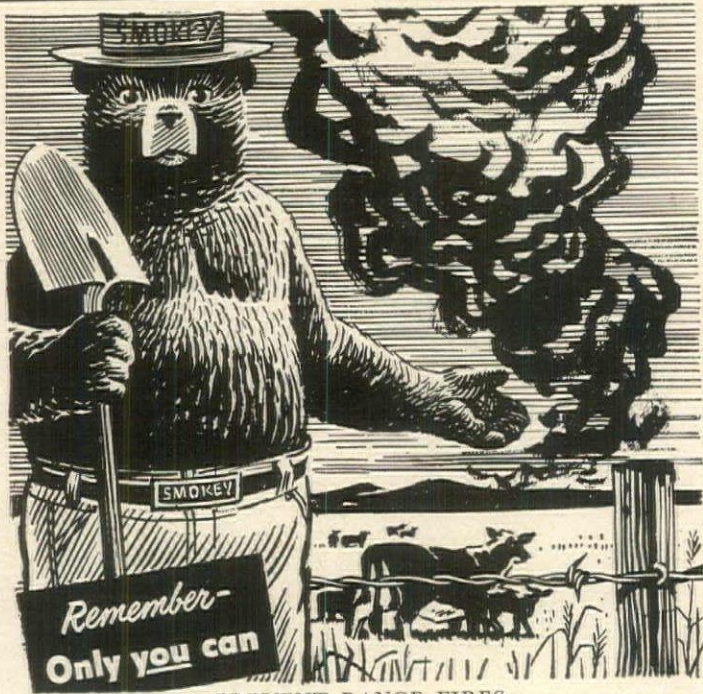


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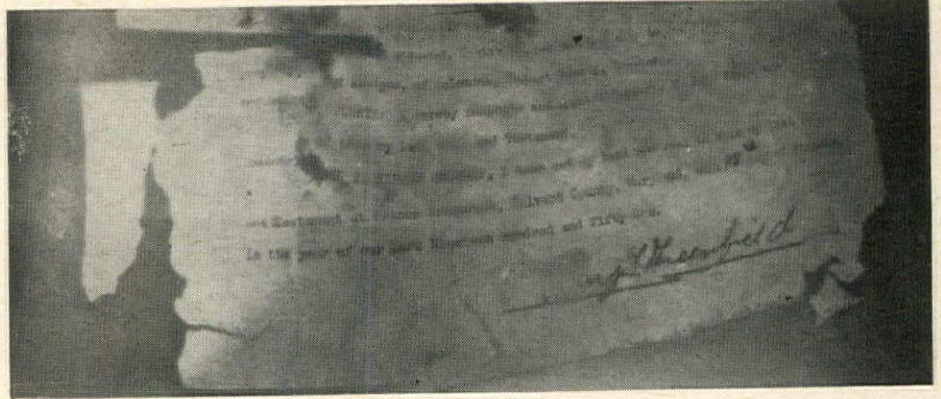


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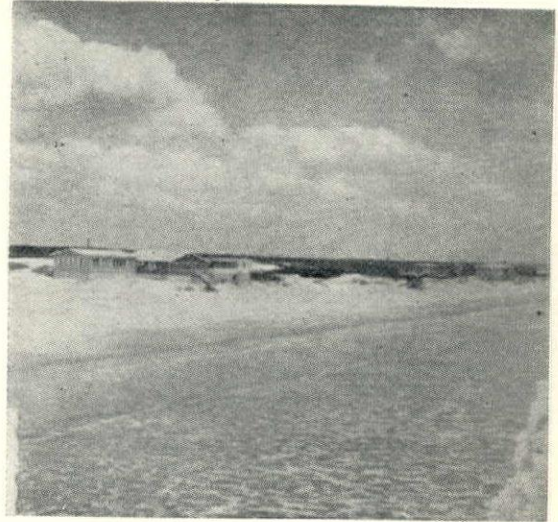
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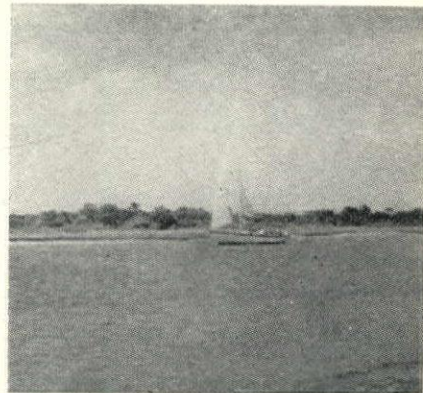
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