

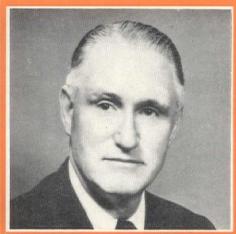
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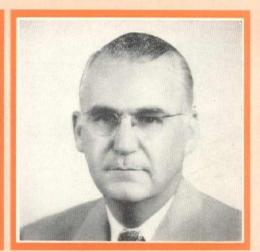
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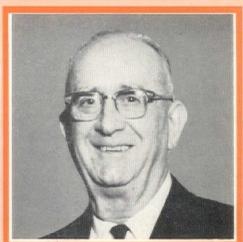












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With Apologies to the Author of the Gettysburg Address

N INETY-NINE AND ONE YEARS AGO a new doctrine was brought forth upon the earth. This doctrine proclaimed that Southerners must cease to struggle for their independence on the penalty of losing property rights in their slaves. Though this doctrine did not so set forth in words, in practice it also denied Southerners their property rights in horses, cattle, hogs, chickens, flour, grain, wheat, jewelry, silver, bacon and bread and/or any other object which seized the fancy of the invaders; it sanctioned the burning and looting of private and public buildings, and even the destruction of whole cities. This doctrine was conceived of the Radical Republican Party, executed by the Radical Republican Party, for the Radical Republican Party, that the Lincoln Administration should not perish in Washington.

The world will little note nor long remember that this doctrine of the rights of force was the introduction among civilized people of total war—the 1862 equivalent of the nuclear bomb. One hundred years ago, the governor of Virginia, John Letcher, said, "Then, if there is blood to be shed, let it be shed here."

From the living many thousands were gone when "the Lincum soljuhs come." They "seen the smoke way up the river where the Lincum gunboats lay," and the darkies said, "It must be now the year of jubilee." When the sword and the torch were carried over the land, into the homes of the widow and the mother with the newborn babe, into the fields making more widows and mothers without sons, the voice of the conquerors swelled with righteousness.

The invaders' president declared, "It may seem strange that any men should dare to ask a just God's assistance in wringing their bread from the sweat of other men's faces; but let us judge not, that we be not judged." There was really no fear of an adverse judgment in laying desolate a people's land. As the Proclamation became a crusade, the wagers of the world's first total war identified themselves with the God of Vengeance. "Yet, if God wills it (the war) continue until all the wealth piled up by the bondsman's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said, 'The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.'"

So the Lord in His guise as Abraham Lincoln condoned the evacuation of women, children and the aged from Fredericksburg, Virginia, on a sleeting night in December, the evacuation of Atlanta, Georgia, before the city was put to the torch, the burning of Columbia, South Carolina, the burning of colleges, courthouses, and homes until the skies turned red. For the God of Father Abraham was not a new Messiah bringing peace and love, but a righteous tribal god with a sword, and the more that were killed the more he sang of the justice of his cause.

And it came to pass that the more Father Abraham and his bloody-handed warriors sang of the justice of what had now become their wrath at the people who wanted to be free of them, the more it became forgotten that the Proclamation was a measure introduced eighteen months after the war began and only (by words of Father Abraham) because his (Continued on page 44)

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THE COVER shows the members of the State Highway Commission. As num- members of the State Highway Commission. As num- members, 2 chinn, 3 flythe, 4 harris, 5 holland, 6 Nelson, 7 Sclater, 8 watkins, 9 weaver. See pages 6 and 7 for biographies. (Photos, courtesy Highway Department)

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Members of the Virginia State Highway Commission

HOWARD H. HARRIS

Chairman

Howard H. Harris was appointed state highway commissioner by Governor Almond on March 25, 1960, and is the seventh to hold this position since the Department's organization in 1906. Mr. Harris joined the Department in 1923 and has served in such key positions as assistant chief engineer and administra-tive assistant. He is chairman of the Elizabeth River Tunnel Commission and a member of the Governor's Highway Safety Committee. A native of South Boston, where he was born on August 1, 1903, he is married and has a daughter.



G. WALLACE CARPER

McLean

G. Wallace Carper, who represents the Culpeper District, was appointed to the Highway Commission on June 7, 1957, by Governor Stanley. He was born in McLean on May 14, 1895, and educated in the public schools of Fairfax County except for one year when he attended a school in Washington. He is married to the former Catherine Louise Sanders of Washington.

A retired dairy farmer, Carper served on the Fairfax County Board of Super- in the McLean Baptist Church.

visors from 1932-56 and was chairman of the Board from 1940-56. He is a for-mer member of the Board of Directors and Finance Committee of the Maryland-Virginia Milk Producers Association. Carper is vice-president of the Herndon Federal Building and Savings Associa-

A past president of the League of Virginia Counties, Carper is a charter member of the McLean Lions Club and a past master of Sharon Lodge No. 327 A.F. and A.M. He is a former deacon



WALTER N. CHINN, JR.

Fredericksburg

Walter N. Chinn, Jr., who represents the Fredericksburg District, was appointed to the Highway Commission by Governor Almond on August 25, 1958. He was born at Hague, Westmoreland County on October 10, 1905, and attended Cople High School, Virginia Episcopal School, the College of William and Mary and is a graduate of Atlanta Law School with an LLB degree. His wife is the former Lucy Warner of Warsaw and they have two children, Mrs. a captain in the Army in the European Taylor Robinson Smith of Charlottes- Theater.

ville and Lucy Warner of Fredericksburg.

Chinn, who operates an insurance agency in Fredericksburg, is a past president of the Fredericksburg Rotary Club, the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce, the Fredericksburg Travel Council, the Virginia-D. C. Mutual Agents Association and the Episcopal Laymen of the Diocese of Virginia.

He's a member of St. Georges Epis-copal Church in Fredericksburg, the Mt. Vernon Club, Theta Delta Chi fraternity and Fredericksburg Lodge A.F. and A.M.

During World War II he served as



S. SUTTON FLYTHE

Martinsville

S. Sutton Flythe, who represents the Salem District, was appointed to the Commission on October 12, 1954 by Governor Stanley. He was born in Jackson, North Carolina, on March 15, 1907 and attended Jackson High School and Duke University. His wife is the former Virginia White of Edenton, North Carolina, and they have four children, Walter W., S. Sutton, Jr., James Thomas and Margaret F. Teague.

Flythe has been president of the First National Bank of Martinsville since 1954. Previously he served the bank as executive vice-president. From 1928 to 1946 he was vice-president and cashier of the Bank of Fieldale.

A member of the Kiwanis Club and the Shenandoah Club, he has been active in civic affairs by serving as a director on the Chamber of Commerce, the Martinsville Chamber of Commerce and district chairman of the Boy Scouts of America. He's a member of the Methodist Church.

Replacing the late Emory P. Barrow

JUDGE ROBERT S. WEAVER, JR. Victoria

Robert Samuel Weaver, Jr., of Victoria, was pointed to the Highway Commission on May 16 fill the unexpired term of the late Emory P. arrow. Mr. Weaver's term will end June 30, 1963. Mr. Weaver is county judge of Lunenburg punty, a director of Southside Community Hostal in Farmville, vice-chairman of the Lunenrg County planning board, and a member of e executive committee of the Southside Indus-ial Council. He is a director and counsel for cople's National Bank in Victoria and is local unsel for the trust department of State Planters ink of Commerce and Trusts; he is also counsel r the town of Victoria in civil matters.

Born in Norfolk in 1900, Mr. Weaver has lived Victoria since 1908. He holds degrees from the niversity of Virginia and the Yale School of tw; he also studied law at Washington and Lee niversity, where he taught economics. He is arried has three children and even grand arried, has three children and seven grand-

BURGESS E. NELSON

Mt. Jackson

Burgess E. Nelson, who represents the Staunton District, was appointed to the

A distributor and jobber of petroleum Bay Ferry Commission since 1958. products in Mt. Jackson, he also owns He is and operates the Nelson Theatre there. Church.

RICHARD S. HOLLAND

Suffolk

Richard S. Holland, member of the Highway Commission from the Suffolk District, received his appointment from Governor Harrison on February 6. He succeeded S. W. Rawls, of Franklin, whose term had expired. Mr. Holland was formerly vice-chairman of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel Commission, and is prominent in many civic and fraternal organizations. A native of Holland, Virginia, he is married and lives at Virginia Beach.



Nelson also is a director and Chairman of the Board of the Peoples Bank of Mt. Jackson. He served in the Virginia General Highway Commission on March 17, 1951

Assembly Senate from 1944-48. Prior to by Governor Tuck. He was born in that he was a member of the Shenandoah Conicville on July 24, 1890 and attended County School Board for 21 years. Nel-Conicville School and Roanoke College.

WILLIAM M. SCLATER, JR.

Marion

William M. Sclater, Jr., who represents the Bristol District, was appointed to the Highway Commission by Governor Al-Emory and Henry College and the Uni-versity of Virginia. First Methodist Church in Marion. Sclater enlisted in the Navy in 1941

Partner in the Marion Drug Company, as a Storekeeper 3rd Class and was dis-Sclater is a director of the Bank of charged in 1945 as a Lieutenant. He Marion and chairman of the Smyth spent four years in the North African County Democratic Committee. He has Theater with the Eighth Fleet.

served on the Marion Town Council and the board of directors of the Marion Chamber of Commerce.

He is a member of the Lutheran

One of the organizers of the Holston Hills Country Club in Marion, he also mond in August, 1958. He was born in is a member of the Shenandoah Club in Marion on February 14, 1912, and at-Roanoke and the Commonwealth Club tended Augusta Military Academy, in Richmond. He is a member of the



TUCKER C. WATKINS, JR.

South Boston

Tucker C. Watkins, Jr., who represents the Lynchburg District, was appointed to the Highway Commission on September 1, 1949 by Governor Tuck. He was born in Halifax County on August 11, 1885. He attended Eastman Business College in Poughkeepsie, New York, and dent and cash Virginia Polytechnic Institute. His wife National Bank. is the former Louise Barksdale of Hali-

fax County and they have three children, Dr. William R. Watkins, Tucker C. Watkins, III and Mrs. Mary Watkins Mc-Laughlin.

President of South Boston oil and bottling companies, he's also active with the Halifax County Chamber of Com-merce and the Virginia Chamber of Commerce. Until 1921 he was vice-president and cashier of the South Boston

He's a member of the Baptist Church.



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The Virginia Department

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Highways

• At a ceremony in northern Virginia several months ago one of the speakers was introduced as "the man who heads the state's biggest business—the business of building highways."

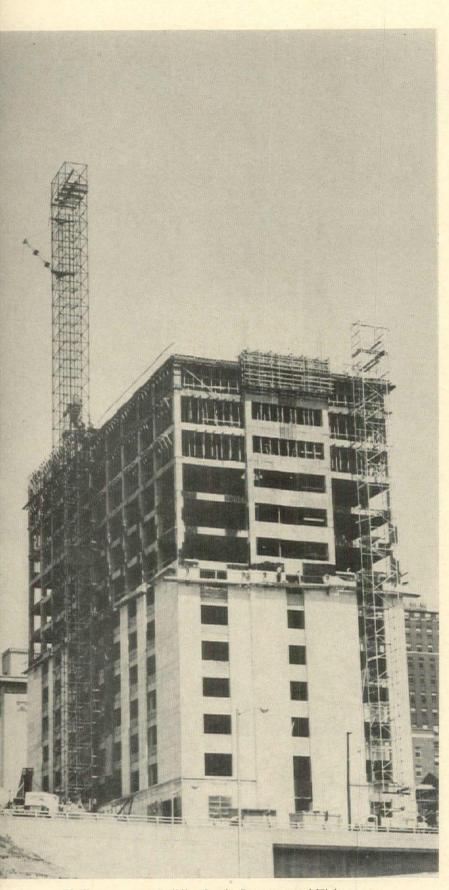
The introduction was for Virginia Highway Commissioner H. H. Harris, who, after a long career as a field engineer and in various administrative posts, early in 1960 stepped into one of the most demanding jobs in state government.

Road-building has indeed become a vast enterprise. Since Harris launched his career with the Department as a member of a survey party near Burkeville in 1923, the agency had boosted its annual fund outlay from \$9,-848,618 to a hefty \$198,000,000.

The speaking engagement in northern Virginia last winter was one that brought some satisfaction to the mild-mannered highway administrator.

After the round of speeches there was a ribbon cutting and, when the ceremony was over, seven miles of dual-lane highway, the first completed segment of interstate road in northern Virginia, was opened to traffic. Virginia was just beginning to realize some of the benefits from its vast undertaking to construct a 1,053-mile network of new superhighways.

The seven miles of new highway in Fairfax County also helped put the state-maintained highway system well beyond the 50,000 mile mark for the first time.



Underway—a new building for the Department of Highways.

Thirty-eight years ago Virginia's highway system included only 4,000 miles of roads. Today the primary, secondary, urban and interstate mileage under state control is enough to circle the earth twice. It is the third largest state-maintained system in the nation.

Virginia has invested more than one billion dollars in its highway system, but it has not been enough to meet the relentless surge of the automobile.

The struggle to keep up with needs began with the 20th cen-

turv.

In the late 1800's, following the Civil War, roads reverted from control by private companies to the jurisdiction of the counties. But with the turn of the century sentiment was growing for state supervision of roads and state aid to the counties.

By 1902 the "good roads" movement was in full swing. Responding to the rising wave of public opinion, the General Assembly in 1906 passed three bills that began a new era of highway development in the state.

One of these bills created a four-man State Highway Commission; another established a convict road force which, under the direction of the Highway Commissioner, was made available to the counties for new construction and for the improvement of existing roads; the third bill allowed a more liberal policy in the issuance of bonds by counties wishing to construct new roads.

Virginia's first Highway Commissioner, P. St. Julien Wilson, and his assistant, George P. Coleman, took office on July 1, 1906. Although the Commissioner was primarily an advisory officer to the counties, he did have the authority to approve the distribution of certain state-aid funds provided for the counties in 1908 and to direct the disposition of convict labor forces.

One flaw quickly became apparent in the system of financing. Many counties, in an effort to get the benefits of better roads, voted bond issues for new construction without making adequate provision for maintenance. Roads

One of these bills created a frequently went to pieces before they were paid for, and county taxpayers were left with the burden of debt and little to show for it.

To correct this situation, the General Assembly in 1916 again increased the fee on automobiles and also required that counties and magisterial districts set aside sufficient annual maintenance allotments equal to at least three per cent of the bonds issued.

The first ten years of the life of the Highway Commission were years of comparatively rapid growth. In 1916, George P. Coleman, who succeeded Mr. Wilson in 1913 when the latter became associated with the Bureau of Public Roads, reported that about 4,500 miles of road had been constructed since 1906 under the Commissioner's supervision.

In 1916, Congress took a major step to aid highway development by establishing the federal-aid program. That same year, Virginia received the first allotment of federal-aid. Three years later the state's first federal-aid project—a road between Hansonville



FRANCIS A. DAVIS

Francis A. Davis, deputy commissioner and chief engineer, has a record of 42 years with the Department. He was appointed to his present position in July, 1955, and from December, 1957, to August, 1958, he served as commissioner to complete the unexpired term of General Anderson, who resigned. Mr. Davis is a native of Cumberland County, where he was born on September 6, 1899. He is married and has three sons and a daughter.



DOUGLAS B. FUGATE

Douglas B. Fugate is one of the Department's two assistant chief engineers. The divisions under his direction are Construction, Maintenance, Secondary Roads, Landscape, Materials, and Research. Mr. Fugate was born on August 14, 1906, at Reed Island, Virginia, and he joined the Department in 1927. He is married and has a son.



DAVID N. HUDDLE

David N. Huddle is one of the Department's two assistant chief engineers. The divisions under his direction are Location and Design, Urban, Equipment, Bridge, Traffic and Planning, and Toll Facilities. Born on October 6, 1894, in Ivanhoe, Virginia, Mr. Huddle joined the Department in 1932. He is married and has three daughters.



Mr. Harris, who heads "the state's biggest business."

and the Washington - Russell County line in southwest Virginia —was completed.

A milestone in the development of the Old Dominion's highway system occurred in 1918 when the General Assembly created the state road system and thus made possible the development of a highway network less subject to the uncertainties of local financing. Initially, the highway system embraced 28 routes totaling 4,002 miles of roads linking the most important communities

in the state. By 1930, the system included 7,000 miles.

After 1932, the state system of highways became known as the primary system. It embraces rural parts of the federal interstate system, the federal-aid primary system, and some roads within the grounds of state institutions and state parks.

Following World War I, the State Highway Commission was reorganized and its membership increased to five. At the same time

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Department Wins Fourth Award of Honor

For the fourth time since 1954, the State Highway Department has won the National Safety Council's highest award for employee safety, the Award of Honor. It is the only highway department in the nation to receive the honor this year, though the Connecticut, Tennessee, and Washington highway departments each received the next highest honor, the Award of Merit.

The award, a bronze plaque, was presented to the Department at the opening session of the 28th Annual Safety Conference of the Virginia Safety Association in Roanoke.

During 1961, the Department had

an injury frequency of 4.24, compared to a rating of 4.45 for the three previous years. The average state highway department frequency for 1961 was 11.60, which means that the Department's safety record was 63 per cent better than the highway average. The par frequency for all industries was 8.03, making the Department's record 47 per cent better than the average.

The Department recorded 21,-911,138 man hours, with only 93 lost-time personal injuries.

Melvin Lyell, safety engineer for the highway agency, accepted the award.

DISTRICT ENGINEERS

Virginia Department of Highways



OSKAR T. AICHEL

Oskar T. Aichel is district engineer for the Fredericksburg District, which comprises King and Queen, Gloucester, Middlesex, Mathews, Richmond, Lancaster, Northumberland, Westmoreland, Spotsylvania, Stafford, King George, Caroline, Essex, and King William Counties. Mr. Aichel, who was born in Columbia, Virginia, on January 3, 1904, came with the Department in 1928. He is married and has two sons.



ROBERT C. AMBLER

Robert C. Ambler is district engineer for the Staunton District, which comprises Alleghany, Rockbridge, Bath, Augusta, Highland, Rockingham, Frederick, Shenandoah, Clarke, Page, and Warren Counties. Mr. Ambler was born in Amherst County on June 27, 1904, and was employed by the Department in 1922. Married, he has two sons and three daughters.



EDWARD D. HUBBARD

Edward D. Hubbard is district engineer for the Richmond District, which comprises Brunswick, Mecklenburg, Amelia, Nottoway, Lunenburg, Dinwiddie, Prince George, Chesterfield, Powhatan, Charles City, Henrico, New Kent, Goochland, and Hanover Counties. He was born on June 11, 1903, in New Kent County and joined the Highway Department in 1923. He is married and has a daughter.



CHARLES P. JOHNSTON

Charles P. Johnston, district engineer for the Suffolk District, is responsible for road activity in Greensville, Southampton, Surry, Sussex, James City, York, Isle of Wight, Nansemond, Norfolk, Princess Anne, Accomack, and Northampton Counties. He was born on September 28, 1901, at Natural Bridge and was employed by the Department in 1926. Married, he has a son and a daughter.



CLARENCE F. KELLAM

Clarence F. Kellam is district engineer for the Salem District, which comprises Carroll, Floyd, Montgomery, Giles, Pulaski, Henry, Patrick, Franklin, Craig, Roanoke, Botetourt, and Bedford Counties. He was born in Richmond on May 17, 1907, and joined the Department in 1928. He is married and has two sons.



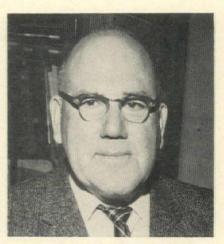
CHARLES W. KESTNER

Charles W. Kestner, district engineer for the Culpeper District, is responsible for road activity in Fluvanna, Louisa, Albemarle, Greene, Culpeper, Orange, Madison, Fauquier, Rappahannock, Fairfax, Arlington, Prince William, and Loudoun Counties. Mr. Kestner was born on December 1, 1896, in Washington County, and started work with the Department in 1923. He is married and has two sons.



HOWARD M. MORECOCK, JR.

Howard M. Morecock, Jr., is district engineer for the Bristol District, which comprises Wise, Dickenson, Washington, Smyth, Russell, Buchanan, Tazewell, Bland, Wythe, Grayson, Lee, and Scott Counties. Born in Richmond on January 11, 1909, Mr. Morecock started work with the Department in 1929. He is married and has a son.



JOHN H. PHILLIPS

John H. Phillips, district engineer for the Lynchburg District, is responsible for road activity in Pittsylvania, Halifax, Charlotte, Buckingham, Cumberland, Prince Edward, Appomattox, Campbell, Amherst, and Nelson Counties. He was born in Ivy, Virginia, on April 14, 1903, and has been with the Department since 1929. He is married and has two sons and two daughters.

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GEORGE D. FELIX, right-of-way engineer, is in charge of the acquisition of land for highway construction. Mr. Felix, who was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, on January 18, 1899, has been with the Department since 1921. He is married, but has no children.





JOSEPH V. CLARKE, construction engineer, is in charge of the construction program and the awarding of contracts. He was born on March 18, 1904, at City Point, Virginia, and came with the Department in 1925. He is married and has a son.



JOHN E. HARWOOD, location and design engineer, is in charge of the preparation of surveys, designs, and plans for highway construction. He was born on January 7, 1916, in Asheville, North Carolina, and joined the Department in 1935. A widower, he has two daughters.



JOHN N. CLARY, bridge engineer, supervises designs and plans for all bridges and highway structures. He was born in Richmond on November 21, 1905, and has been employed by the Department since 1925. He is married and has a son.



J. EDGAR JOHNSON, urban engineer, is in charge of all urban planning and administers the payment of funds to cities for street maintenance. He was born in Hampton, Tennessee, on November 3, 1898, and was employed by the Department in 1929. Married, he has a son and a daughter.



KENNETH E. ELLISON, materials engineer, supervises the testing of soils, construction materials, and other matter to determine proper quality and design according to Department specifications. He is a native of Mandan, North Dakota, where he was born on March 16, 1910. He joined the Department in 1946. Married, he has two daughters.



DAVID B. LaPRADE, federal-aid coordinator, handles negotiations with the Bureau of Public Roads and makes all contacts with railroads regarding highway matters. He was born on April 10, 1905, in Moseley, Powhatan County, and joined the Department in 1927. He is married and has a son and a daughter.



ARTHUR B. EURE, fiscal director, controls all fiscal and accounting records. Born in Gates County, North Carolina, on July 23, 1902, he has been with the Department since 1923. He is married and has a daughter.

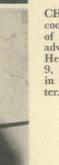


CHARLES B. LEECH, JR., equipment engineer, is in charge of procuring, furnishing, and maintaining road equipment. He was born at Natural Bridge on July 7, 1893, and has been employed by the Department since 1919. Married, he has a son and a daughter.



MELVIN G. LYELL, safety engineer, is responsible for the Department's employee safety program throughout the state. He was born on June 21, 1920, in Lyles, Tennessee, and came with the Department in 1940. He is married and has four sons.

> T. ASHBY NEWBY, purchasing agent, oversees the purchase of all materials and equipment, as well as the storing of equipment parts and supplies. He was born in Amelia County on June 8, 1915, and joined the Department in 1935. He is married and has two sons and a daughter.



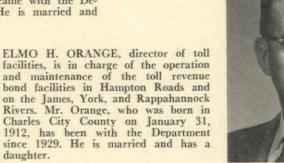
CHARLES L. MEONI, programming coordinator, supervises the preparation of the long-range construction program, advertising schedules, and allocations. He was born in Richmond on August 9, 1904, and came with the Department in 1924. He is married and has a daugh-



RAYMOND L. NICAR, landscape engineer, is responsible for the statewide landscape program. Born in Abingdon on March 1, 1906, he was employed by the Department in 1924. He is married and has two sons and a daughter.

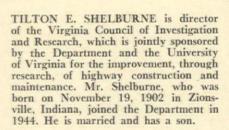


JOHN P. MILLS, JR., traffic and planning engineer, has charge of all traffic studies, signing, and related activities. Born on January 29, 1911, in Bingham-ton, New York, he came with the De-partment in 1936. He is married and has two sons.



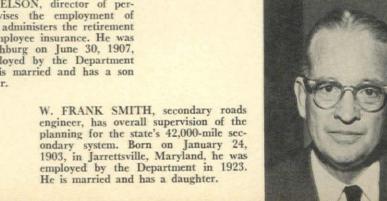


STANLEY V. MUNSEY, maintenance engineer, supervises the maintenance of all state roads. He was born in Pearisburg, Virginia, on December 27, 1897, and has been with the Department since 1920. He is married and has two daughters.





CHARLES NELSON, director of personnel, supervises the employment of personnel and administers the retirement system and employee insurance. He was born in Lynchburg on June 30, 1907, and was employed by the Department in 1929. He is married and has a son and a daughter.











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it was given the power of eminent domain—a vital step in aiding future highway development.

Another important move occurred four years later in 1923 when the decision was reached to put the highway system on a "pay-as-you-go" basis rather than finance road construction by bond issues. The General Assembly in that year adopted a tax of three cents per gallon on motor fuels and earmarked the revenue for highway construction and maintenance. In 1926, this tax was raised to four and one-half cents. and another one-half cent was added in 1928. The tax was raised by one cent in 1946 and in 1960.

The growth of Virginia's highway system continued at an uninterrupted pace until 1932, when another major development took place. In that year, the so-called "Byrd Road Law," giving the Highway Commission jurisdiction

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over roads that formerly had been under county control, was passed. As a result of this act, the state received a vast network of approximately 36,000 miles of highways.

To maintain and improve this greatly expanded mileage, the Secondary Road Act provided that an amount equal to that received by the counties in 1931 from the one and one-half cent gasoline tax be turned over to the state and that this amount be supplemented by not less than \$2,000,000 in highway funds.

This financing arrangement continued until 1942, when the legislature provided that the secondary system should receive not less than 30 per cent of the total funds available for both construction and maintenance on both the primary and secondary system. The act also required that not less than \$5,000,000 a year should be spent for secondary system maintenance. However, expenditures for the secondary system have consistently exceeded the minimum fixed by law.

During World War II, the Highway Department found itself faced with unprecedented prob-

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lems which have had a lasting influence on the state's highway network. Virginia, like many other states, emerged from the war with a tremendous backlog of needs. Inflation added to the difficulties.

The war years also brought changes in the organization of the State Highway Commission. Its membership was increased from five to nine and its authority was broadened to provide more flexibility for long-range planning. In 1946, the Department produced a 20-year program visualizing a highway system adequate to meet the needs of traffic to 1965. As a result of the unexpected increase in traffic during the postwar years, however, Virginia's highways in 1953 were carrying the motor vehicles anticipated in 1965.

With passage of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956, Virginia assumed its share of responsibility for the development of the national interstate and defense highway system. About 1,053 miles of the 41,000-mile network lie within the state. Though 90 per cent of the cost is being financed by the federal government, the remaining 10 per cent, plus certain expenditures for which the state cannot be reimbursed, must be borne by Virginia.

Today, the State Highway Department employs about 10,000 persons and is spending more than 200 million dollars a year in constructing, maintaining and operating the Commonwealth's highways.

Maintenance claims about 35 per cent of the annual appropriations for the state's roads. The

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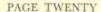
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The report, issued by the Department's traffic and planning division, shows further that the new roads built to full interstate standards are far safer than the so-called "old" interstate roads with little or no control of access. It points out, too, that the Shirley Highway (Route 350) is counted with the new interstate facilities in the comparison, though the road does not fully meet interstate standards.

There are now 105 miles of interstate roads in use and 220 more miles are under contract. Even when the 1,053mile system is completed, however, it will represent only about two per cent of the state's road mileage, and it will carry only about 25 per cent of the traffic.

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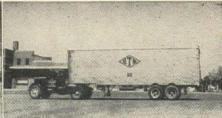
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What's in a Name?

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VIRGINIA WALLER DAVIS

It may be in name only... but there has been a race-track in Virginia, and a race-horse, too, for many a long day. What's more, a sport declared "injurious to morals" is also memorialized among the names of Virginia's towns.

There was once a town just named for a hole . . . and another named for a warehouse and there are all manner of names honoring stones (White, Black and Big Stone), and creeks (Rich and Stony Creek), and hills (Round and South Hill) and some especially appealing to fishermen, *Trout*dale and *Trout*ville.

There can be found a Washington, a Franklin and a Madison... a Dublin, an Edinburg and a Glasgow... a London Bridge, a New London and a Windsor... a Holland, Vienna and a Warsaw, and until 1880 Virginia even had a Jerusalem... but it was then changed to "Courtland".

Virginia has a Broadway . . . a Salem, a South Boston and even an Independence . . and an old town called Port Royal which, 'tis said, narrowly missed being selected by the Continental Congress as the seat of the national government, and was named for Thomas Roy's warehouse, important focal point for tobacco trade with Europe in colonial days.

Berryville, home of the Byrds, was originally called "Battletown", and Bluefield had the down-to-earth name of "Pinhook".

When the railroads pushed their noses across the State, "Greever's Switch" was given to the area now called Chilhowie, and the flourishing town of Pulaski was named "Martin's Tank". The name "Royal Oak" was changed to Marion, honoring the "Swamp Fox" and Christiansburg was once "Han's Meadow". Bland, the county seat, was for many a long day known as "Crab Orchard" and Abingdon, art center of the southwest, was called "Wolf Hills."

The towns of Tazewell and Floyd were first named Jeffersonville and Jacksonville, respectively, and "Hobb's His Hole" was once the descriptive name of that Rappahannock River town now known as Tappahannock, but probably none are so unique and daring in their names as the "race-track town", New Market . . . the race-horse town, Lawrenceville and the sporting center, Bowling Green.

New Market, "the race-track town", went down on the pages of history in everlasting glory with the charge of the Virginia Military Institute Cadet Corps on May 15, 1864, just 99 years after it was founded by John Sevier and named for the famous racing center of old England. Born in the area, he founded the town at the age of 20 and achieved the unique distinction of being the one and only Governor of the short-lived State of Franklin and the first Governor of the State of Tennessee.

The famous race-horse Lawrence, believed to have been born and bred in Brunswick County, and certainly its pride and joy, gave the name "Lawrenceville" to the County seat . . . which today can also boast of being the home town of Virginia's new governor, Albertis S. Harrison, Jr.

Tree-shaded Bowling Green gives none of the appearance of having once been the home race-course of the active organization of another day, the Virginia Jockey Club, where, according to historians, the Club regularly held races as early as 1790, and there were many important races there long before that. Of course it got its name from the game of Bowling so popular in England but called "nine-pins" which the Virginia House of Burgesses considered so "injurious to the morals of the settlers" that they pronounced it "illegal". The colonists just added a tenth "pin" and the game rolled merrily on.

One of the earliest official references to horse-racing in Virginia is a choice bit dated 1674 to be seen in the court records of York, where a "tailer" was fined for racing his horse for a wager, it being declared to be "a sport only for gentlemen". His fine, however, was but one hundred pounds of tobacco and the purse he won was two thousand pounds of the same.

Racing was not confined to one area of Virginia, according to J. F. D. Smyth, who toured Virginia in the mid 18th century, and reported that they were "established annually almost at every town and considerable place in Virginia; frequent matches on which large sums of money depend." These were held "twice yearly at Williamsburg," he reported, "with purses generally raised by subscription" . . . and many other localities as well, especially Henrico and Hanover . . . and as to horses, "not a horse in Europe nor perhaps in the whole world," wrote he, "that can excel them in rapid speed

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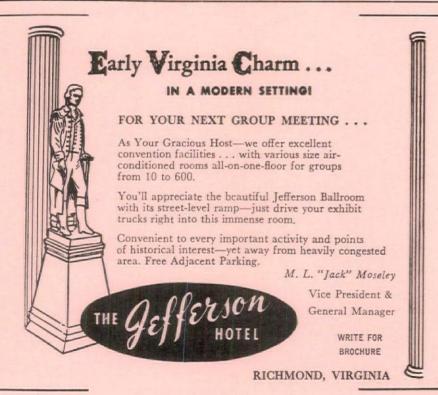
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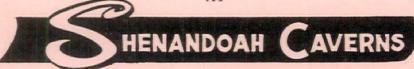
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Allocations for primary highways and urban extensions are made to the eight highway construction districts on a three factor basis: area, population and road mileage. Four factors determine the allocation of secondary funds—land area, population, secondary mileage within the county, and vehicle miles of travel.

In addition to these expenditures, grants are made to cities of more than 3,500 population for primary street extensions lying within their corporate limits.

Money also is provided for the maintenance and construction of secondary streets which meet certain standards of surface and right of way width, but which are not eligible for primary system extension grants.

A third source of funds for cities of 5,000 or more persons is urban federal-aid, which must be matched jointly by the municipalities and the state. The final source consists of state funds which, when matched by the municipality, may be used for construction and reconstruction.

Under provisions of the Revenue Bond Act by the legislature in 1940, the state acquired the James River Bridge System, the Hampton Roads ferries, and constructed a \$9,000,000 bridge across the York River near Yorktown. Subsequent amendments to the Revenue Bond Act authorized construction of two additional toll facilities, a \$61,000,000 bridgetunnel across Hampton Roads between Old Point Comfort and Willoughby Spit to replace the ferry operation, and a \$15,-000,000 bridge over the lower Rappahannock River at Greys Point. The Rappahannock River Bridge, begun in 1954, was opened to traffic in August, 1957, and the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel, also begun in 1954, was opened in November 1957.

The business of building and maintaining highways requires a highly-skilled, complex operation and in addition to the general construction and maintenance there must be research, planning, testing, traffic studies, roadside development, purchasing, complex accounting procedures, public relations and many related activities.

At the top of this far-flung organization and directly responsible to the citizens is the State Highway Commission, a nine man group appointed by the Governor. One of these men, the Highway Commissioner, is in direct charge of the operations of the Department. The others each represent Best Wishes to Commissioner H. H. Harris

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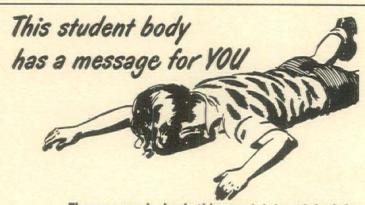
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Other divisions, including right-of-way, acounting, personnel, purchasing, and the public information office, report directly to the Highway Commissioner.

Under direction of the 16 divisions that have headquarters at the central office in Richmond are eight district offices. Each is under the command of a district engineer, who maintains a staff and operation to handle the highway affairs of the 10 to 14 counties covered by each district.

Each district is further divided into highway residencies, composed of one to four counties. There are 44 such residency offices, each directed by a resident engineer.

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Governor Albertis S. Harrison, Jr. called upon Virginians to observe May 20-26 as Highway Week and for all citizens to "examine our progress in the development of an adequate highway system and to study our long range needs and the problems we face."

A statement from the Governor came simultaneously with an announcement of Highway Department plans to conduct an intensive program of county tours of construction and proposed projects last month.

The Governor's statement noted that President Kennedy had proclaimed National Highway Week for May 20-26 and added: "We can find many reasons for observing this same week as Virginia Highway Week."

Governor Harrison said the start of the Department of Highways' construction and maintenance program at this time of year offers a timely opportunity to reflect on the scope and the objectives of this vast undertaking—which now has a volume of nearly 190 million dollars."

"Every phase of the state economy is dependent on Virginia's 50,000 miles of primary and secondary highway. The benefits to be derived from a good highway system are being further emphasized by the construction of an additional 1,000 miles of four and six lane interstate highways," he said.

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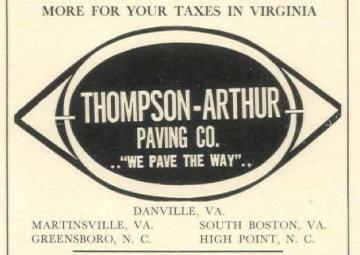
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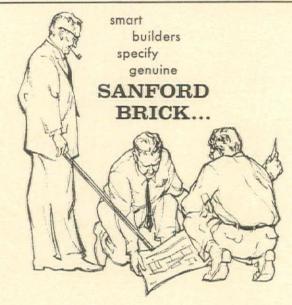


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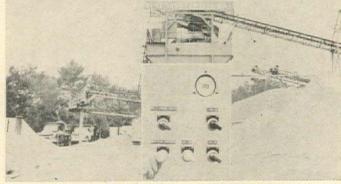
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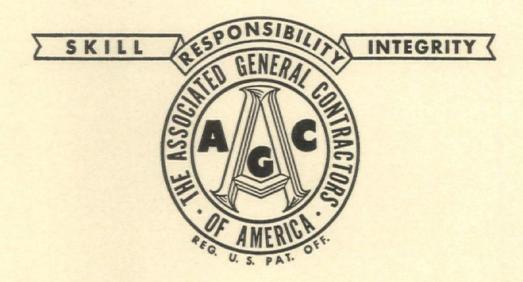
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Above, Mr. Schenck. Top right, Mr. Martin. Below right, Mr. Showalter.



Virginia Branch, AGC, Elects Officers

THE VIRGINIA BRANCH, Associated General Contractors of America, Inc., at its annual meeting at The Homestead, Hot Springs, elected A. Carl Schenck President for 1962. Schenck, Vice President of Carpenter Construction Company, Inc., Norfolk, was elevated from the position of Vice President, which he had held for the past year.

George R. Martin, President of Martin Bros. Contractors, Inc. of Roanoke, was elected Vice President, and Fred L. Showalter, Jr., Secretary of F. L. Showalter, Inc. of Lynchburg, was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

New Directors elected for a three-year term were: Lincoln J. Broyhill, Lindon Construction Co., Inc., Arlington; Joseph G. Howe, Ivy Construction Corp., Char- (Continued on page 43)



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WISE CONTRACTING CO., INC. COMPLETES NEW SMITHFIELD BANK

CARL M. LINDNER & SON Architects and Engineers

• In April, Merchants and Farmers Bank occupied its new facility in Smithfield. Its Early American design in authentic reproduction is an eye pleasing addition to the quiet dignity and charm of the quaint town of Smithfield. Built of Colonial brick with slate roof, this building brings memories of years gone by until one steps into its interior which also is appointed in Early American furnishings, but is modern in every respect in terms of twentieth century banking.

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WISE CONTRACTING CO., INC., Richmond: excavating, foundations, concrete, roof deck, structural wood, carpentry, painting

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LIPHART STEEL CO., INC., Richmond: structural steel and miscellaneous iron

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HALL-HODGES CO., INC., Norfolk: reinforcing steel

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Construction of the Gladeville Elementary School, located in Carroll County near Galax was started in 1961 and completed in May, 1962.

It is a 12 classroom school, complete with administrative suite, library, multipurpose room and kitchen. This school building was constructed by Richard E. Phillippi, Inc., Wytheville, at a contract cost of \$265,941.93. The total floor area is 25,275 square feet. The unit cost per sq. ft. is \$10.52.

The type of construction was a concrete floor slab on grade covered by asphalt tile. Brick and Mosai panels on exterior of building, backed by cinder block with all partitions constructed of cinder block with brick wainscots in corridors. The roof structure is open web and long span steel joists, metal roof deck and tar and gravel roof.

Between each classroom are located toilet facilities for boys and girls.

The heating system consists of circulating hot water with wall hung convectors.

Fluorescent lights were used for the lighting system throughout.

The sewage disposal system consists of a septic tank with sand filters and rotary distributor.

The drives were paved with bituminous plant mix. The parking lots were paved of 6" crushed stone fill.

All items outlined above were in the general contract.

The classrooms were furnished with movable classroom equipment by J. H. Pence Company, Roanoke, consisting of teachers' wardrobe, book storage, stu-

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dents' wardrobe, storage, and movable counters, at a contract cost of \$7,466.00.

The kitchen equipment and serving counters were furnished by Bristol Supply & Equipment Company of Bristol at a contract cost of \$11,080.00.

All grading of site was included in the general contract.

The total cost of the entire project was in the amount of \$284,487.93, making a total unit cost of \$11.26 per sq. ft.

The outstanding feature of design was the separation of the primary children from the upper elementary grades by locating the general service areas between the classroom areas so that the small children were completely separated from the older children and still making it possible for all children to have immediate access to the general service areas, such as administrative suite, library and multi-purpose room.

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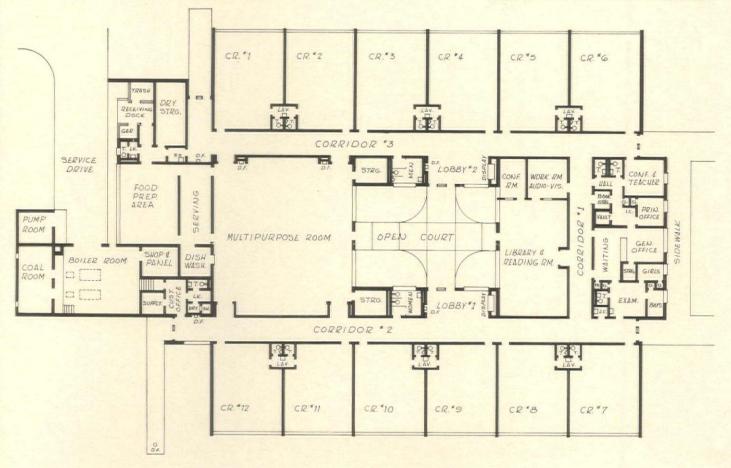
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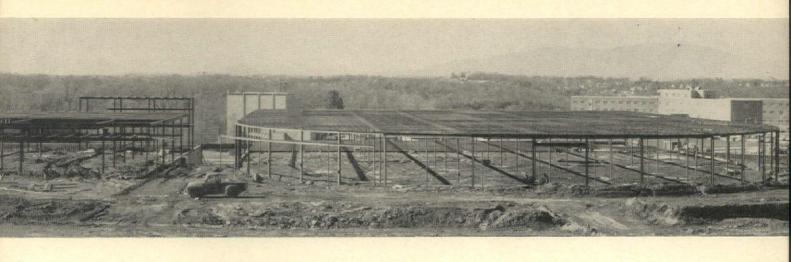
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Langhorne Plaza Shopping Center Under Way at Lynchburg

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The structures are of steel frame, masonry walls, gypsum roof deck and completely air conditioned. Heat pumps have been incorporated into the design of the larger structure. One building houses 66,500 square feet which includes a 50,000 square-foot department store and 16,500 square feet of specialty shops. The second structure houses a 15,400 square-foot A&P Supermarket and 3,900 square feet of specialty shops.

The center is designed to tie into the surrounding areas including the Hospital and Lynchburg's new art center. Early American brick is used throughout.

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lottesville; Marvin W. Lucas, Luke Construction Co., Inc., Norfolk; Henry S. Read, Virginia Engineering Co., Inc., Newport News; and J. V. Richardson, J. V. Richardson, Inc., Martinsville. Elected as Associate Advisory Directors were Emerson F. Welch, Aetna Casualty & Surety Company, Richmond, and Robert B. Taylor, Taylor Bros., Inc., Lynchburg.

The term of office for 1962 officers has been extended due to a change in Virginia Branch By-Laws. Officers elected at the 1962 Annual Convention will serve until June 31, 1963. For succeeding years, Branch officers will take office on July 1 of each year.

A. Carl Schenck is a native of Philadelphia, Pa., where he attended both grade and high school. In 1934 he received his B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Alabama. He has been a Vice President of the Carpenter Construction Company, Inc. since 1942. Prior to that time, he was employed with the U.S. Engineers Department and Stone and Webster Engineering Corporation. He is a member and past President of the Engineers Club of Hampton Roads and the Tidewater Chapter of the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers. He is also a member of the Virginia Airports Authority, Board of Review—Real Estate Assessments, Kiwanis Club of Norfolk, Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, Virginia Club, and Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. He is a member of the Church Council, First Lutheran Church of Norfolk and Chairman of the Finance and Stewardship Committee and Building Committee. He is a Co-Teacher of the Young Lutheran Adults. He is married to the former Miss Eloise E. Williams of Lake Wales, Florida, and has two daughters, Jean Gray and Nancy E.

George R. Martin, a native of Roanoke, was graduated from Jefferson High School, Roanoke, and received his B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg. He first joined Martin Bros. Contractors, Inc. in 1947 and became president of the firm in 1956. He is married to the former Miss Mary Elizabeth Brown of Roanoke. They have two children, George R., Jr., now attending Fork Union Military Academy, and Kay, who is attending Roanoke Public School. He is a member and on the Board of Stewards of the South Roanoke Methodist Church. He is also a member of the Rotary Club, Elks Club, Masons, American Legion, and Hidden Valley Country Club.

Fred L. Showalter, Jr. is a native of Lynchburg, and was graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute with a Master of Science degree in Architecture. He is a veteran of World War II and served in the European Theater as a Captain in the 29th Infantry Division. He is on the Board of Directors of the Lynchburg Kiwanis Club. He is married to the former Miss Jane Martin and they have three daughters.

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people lagged in the spirit of conquest of the Southerners who would be free.

When finally the banners of the hosts of Washington's Jehovah waved over the smoking ruins they had wrought, and scarcely a man was left with the strength to stand against them, the leader entered his Martyrdom and deification. His cohorts then pounced hungrily on the helpless carcass in the name of the justice of their retribution. "Praise the Lord and pass the spoils bucket." "The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether, so disfranchise the white and give the votes to the former slaves to support us in Washington forever and forever, amen."

And these things were done, and great was the prosperity in the land of the conquerors, and long did Lincoln's Party reign, shouting that they had saved the nation from rebellion and freed the slaves. In passing time the conquerors became somewhat confused about which actually had come first-what had been the reason for the subjugation of a people by total war. Once, when one of Lincoln's fiercest palladins had succeeded him in office in Washington, he journeyed to Germany to interview another strong man, Bismarck, who had brought unity to his country by force of arms.

Bismarck said to Grant, "What always seemed so sad to me . . . was that you were fighting your own people . . ." But . . . "you had to save the Union just as we had to save Germany." Grant replied, "Not only save the Union, but destroy slavery." Bismarck remarked that he supposed, however, that saving the Union was "the dominant sentiment." Grant said this was true in the beginning, but then he developed the point that slavery came, during the war, to become "a stain to the Union." The realistic German did not reply and, as Edmund Wilson commented in his new book, "The General (Grant) is quite unaware that, by putting things this way, he had indicated that slavery, on the part of the Unionists, has at the last moment been recruited to justify their action in the struggle for power."

Slowly, as the generation of Lincoln and Grant died off, the conquerors wished to be disassociated altogether from their use of brutal power. No one wished to remember that Lincoln's Secretary of the Navy, Welles, with his New England conscience, found the Emancipation Proclamation "an arbi-

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trary and despotic measure in the cause of freedom," nor that cynical Seward, Lincoln's Secretary of State, had, to the protests of his conservative friends, said flippantly, "What is war without a proclamation?"

No, the Proclamation of 100 years ago slowly came to be the cause, the reason, the why, of the use of naked force amongst a people. Only, as the Proclamation became somehow antedated and moved up eighteen months—before the great Federal losses at First Manassas, Second Manassas, and the Seven Days Battle Around Richmond—it also ceased to be a threat to remove the rights of property from a people declared in rebellion but became translated by time into a Proclamation in which all slaves were made free, equal, and put in integrated schools.

Because Lincoln's actual words have been "so little noted or long remembered," America suffers from a split personality about the use of force. In these days of the nuclear bomb, when it is somewhat risky to take total war to another people, America is as pious about idealism as a new convert. It would be much healthier if the nation would look squarely at its divisive war and say, "Yes, we outnumbered them four to one, we had unlimited material resources, and it served our purpose to wage a ruthless war of attrition. We believed the nation would be better off as one people. Politics came into it, of course, and many profiteers made fortunes, but all we regret is the use we made of the victory—the decade of Reconstruction."

Instead, victory has been attributed to the moral forces at work; yet a sense of moral outrage does not send modern-day Shermans and Sheridans into Russia, or even Cuba. Is this because the new rulers have grown nobler about the uses of force or have they grown less secure and fear retaliation? If they have grown nobler, does it not admit a moral lag that ninety-nine and one years ago the nation actually believed it could justify war by a moral slogan? Either the rulers have grown timid today or they were morally backward 100 years ago. For then they did think that total war could be justified, though Chief Justice Holmes, then a young captain with the Federal forces in Virginia, wrote home that if slavery constituted an evil, then war was its brother.

With one justification and another, America has fought more wars in the past century than the "warlike Huns"

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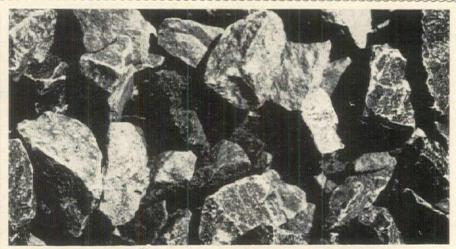
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Because America's purpose has been no clearer to his place as a freedman than it was to the reasons for the violent upheaval in which he was incidentally freed, we today experience continuing experiments by the Supreme Court in some incomprehensible plan to re-make society by forcing integration in rulings that affect American communities through all their values, customs, and physical and economic structures.

In 1954, the Court declared that segregation must end in order that Negroes could become adjusted, at school level, to their "normal environment." The normal environment was the point emphasized by the Court then; but, like the Proclamation, it has undergone some changes in meaning, and now it would appear to mean the Court's notion of "an ideal normal environment." Since no such environ-ments existed in 1954, evidently the court by continual encroachment intended to create a few.

To date the first working environment of their ideal is the capital city of Washington, which can celebrate the centennial of the Emancipation Proclamation with an 80% Negro school population. It would be very salutary in self-understanding if this Centennial were celebrated in Washington with Warren (of course, in black-face) reciting those words of Lincoln in which he stated that he did not believe in equality between the races.

Since this is not likely to be done, a quiet commemoration will be herewith observed with a prediction "that the world will little note nor long remember": when ninety-nine and one years have again passed, will the nation's capital then be a Harlem, with the island of the White House occupied by the Kennedy Royal Family, among whom some as yet unborn grandson will be Emperor? Will the then current head of NAACP be Deputy Attorney-General in Charge of Southern Affairs? And will the Emperor recite the Gettysburg Address?

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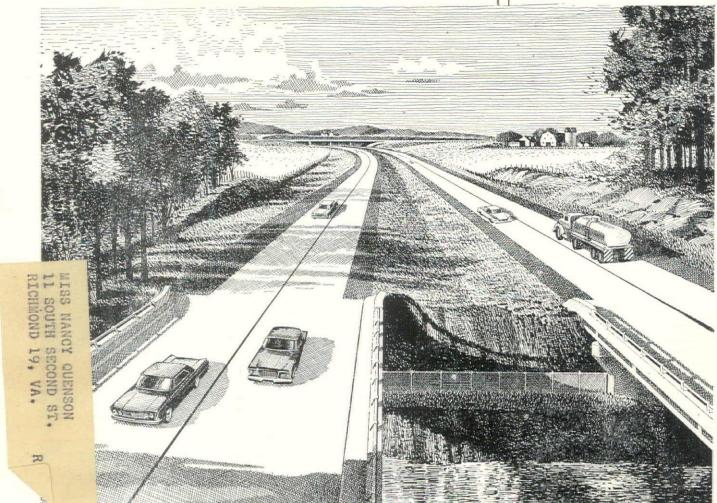
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