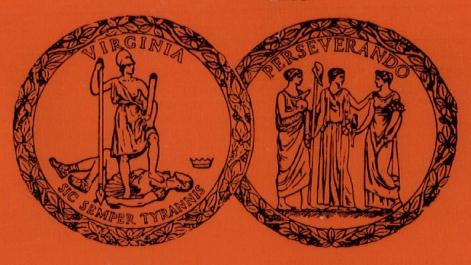


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A New Age of Hate?

(Second of Two Parts)

HE first part of this article, on the divisiveness in the American society, concluded with the point of the particular sadness in our region of the plantity between the young and the old. It should be stressed that "young" ere does not refer by any means to all Virginians under, say, 25. Young here fers only to those who are conspicuous by their self-awareness of their youth representative of the New—a New which, without roots in the past, is entirely eir own discovery. These are the young who—with justifiable disillusionment ith the society whose creation they attribute to their elders—feel that progress the New depends on repudiation of the past. Typical of idealists not yet burned by serious engagement with the business of life, they tend to simplify the emplex—particularly the influences of the past, on which they do not feel it excessary to be well informed.

While the arrogance of all youth of all ages has never required much knowllge of a subject in order to pass infallible judgments on the subject, youth's
esent superiority over familiarity with current, transient fashions in attitudes
bes contribute to a somewhat abrasive lack of understanding between the young
at the old. Harmful to the old and, at best, of no profit to the young, this lack
understanding increases the polarities fragmenting the nation and contributes
the hostilities (amounting in some to hatred) between the segments. In metpolitan areas, where we have the mounting hostility between the city and the
burbs, youth's attitude (as mentioned in the first part) also plays its perhaps
witting part in eroding the character of communities to the point where invidual identification with the community will become impossible.

A vivid illustration of this youth-age polarity in our region arose over the cent to-do about the playing of *Dixie* and displaying the Confederate flag at iblic events. The rightness or wrongness of the song or the flag at public events not the issue. The issue could be said to be joined over the reasons offered by e spokesman for youth in support of prohibiting the song and the flag.

As for the act of flag-waving, undeniably the miniature battleflags have been t to uses unrelated to the original meaning and have thus gained questionable sociations. Dixie, however, is a gallant song, part of a national heritage. Long o in New York theatres, when an orchestra occasionally played Dixie, the utherners in the audience stood up. This was a fine thing, in no way divisive, owing respect for regional traditions. In the present acute awareness of disiveness between the races, with understandable assertiveness in the blacks, e blacks have imputed to Dixie connotations which are not inherent in the ng. Even so, and even if for the wrong reasons, if a song is offensive to an nnic minority, their sensibilities should be considered. However, in considering e blacks have imputed to Dixie connotations which are not inherent in the nied consideration to the sensibilities of the older generation in negating eir heritage. In fact, it was not only the older generation whose heritage was gated, although they are affected most deeply, but traditionalists of all ages. As pointed out, the young spokesmen do not necessarily negate the traditionals' heritage by supporting the prohibition of (Continued on page 66)

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THE ENVIRONMENT

Risks

versus

Values

By
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ENVIRONMENTAL pollution has unquestionably been with us for a long, long time. It certainly did not suddenly reach crisis proportions overnight, without warning, like the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. However, it did creep up rather insidiously, and the general public did not fully realize what was happening until recently, although the warning signs had been up for a long time. Finally, thinking people could no longer ignore the mute evidence of polluted streams and lakes, ruined beaches, foul air and smog in the cities, increasing amounts of wastes, and other signs of degradation. Some sensationalism naturally developed, and the state of the environment rapidly became a heated emotional and political issue.

There is no doubt that the threat of pollution is real, and one of the utmost gravity. Ecologist have made it abundantly clear that further disregard of nature's plight could result in irreparable damage to the many ecosystems which comprise the environmental system. Public concern seems fully justified, and has made us all aware of this serious menace to man's existence, as the environmental system supports all life and human activity.

As might be expected, the final launching of a formal "now or never" campaign against pollution was accompanied by a great public clamour for immediate action, usually without much thought for the consequences. Although this high degree of public interest is fully understandable, we must put the many problems facing us in their proper perspective, and consider risks versus values. Otherwise, the apparently simple and direct solutions dictated largely by emotion could easily precipitate an entirely new set of even worse problems.

There is absolutely no wisdom taking hasty action to drastically cu tail the economic and technologic progress we have made in so man areas, although this very same progre is admittedly a primary cause of or increasing environmental pollutio The reduction of our economic grow to zero—which some extremists appa ently advocate—would no doubt stop lot of pollution, but it would al create an equally grave situation progressively lowering the quality human life. I believe that it would far better to try to remedy the ecolog cal failures of our new technology seeking new technological develo ments, and also by applying old tec nology to our environmental problem

Above all, we need to establi priorities, and to seek practical, co sidered solutions to our environment problems. Each problem area shou be tackled with a persistent, cautio approach which will foster the d velopment of policies that balance e vironmental goals against econom reality. Last year, Maurice H. Star then Secretary of Commerce, stated an address to the National Petroleu Council in Washington, D. C., "If v fix the right priorities—if we integra our environmental, technological ar economic interests-all of them can served without one dominating the other."

Although some overzealous criticare still claiming that no meaningforesults are being achieved, the facts is dicate that a good start has been made although much remains to be done. It dustry, which has probably borne the brunt of these unjustified attacks, however, which has probably to the evironmental challenge. American companies are reported to have increase their pollution control spending by a

ost 50 percent during 1971 as comared to 1970, and it has been estimed that they will spend some \$18 bilon over the next five years to meet e required standards.

Agriculture, which has greatly ineased its productivity in recent years ne mainly to technological advances, also often unjustly termed a major olluter. Although agricultural and vestock operations generate considerole amounts of solid wastes, this is no means the chief threat to the ollution of our environment. Hower, the rapidly growing dietary deands for meats and poultry are causg production increases which will nerate additional wastes and thus eate a potential problem requiring ntinuous attention.

The present technology of holding ck or diverting these wastes until ey can be returned to the land will obably have to be augmented by ternative methods of disposal, such the recycling of animal wastes for e as livestock feed. New technology d research will be needed to accomish the desired results, and proper imal waste management should ultiately become a significant pollution atement practice.

In addition to the problem of animal astes, agricultural chemicals are also eating considerable public concern. any uninformed critics believe the e of agricultural chemicals will unlance nature. However, what they not wish to admit is that all agriltural operations alter the balance nature, as do all civilized activities man. This has been true since the ginning of civilization. If there were alterations in the balance of nature, ere would be no civilization.

The rule of risks versus values must so be applied in determining whether not the two main agricultural emical pollutants (pesticides and tilizers) should be used. We all ow that the proper application of rtilizers has helped U.S. farmers to hieve world agricultural leadership. ithout fertilizers, the average Amerin farmer could not produce nearly ough food to provide good diets r himself and the 50 others which now does, at a time when the food eds of the entire world are steadily creasing due to rapid population ins. I seriously doubt that the quanies of inorganic fertilizers that are ished or leached from the soil are using sufficient ecological damage to stify discontinuing their use and ining a severe drop in our agricultural oductivity.

The same is true of pesticides (in-

cluding insecticides and herbicides), which have created a much greater ecological furor than fertilizers. These chemicals have allowed farmers to control damage from insects which would otherwise have destroyed significant amounts of most crops. It has been estimated that insects would consume over one-half of our crops if pesticides were not used.

On the other hand, it has been proven that some pesticides are capable of killing animal life, and therefore may be potentially harmful to man. The persistent pesticides such as DDT, which do not break down for long periods, allegedly constitute the greatest threat. The future use of DDT and similar products must therefore be decided on a risk-benefit basis. If they are eliminated entirely before effective substitutes are developed, certain insidious insect pests such as the Gypsy Moth may wreak untold damage to the landscape as well as to many crops, and we may find that the cure is worse than the disease.

There are many pros and cons concerning the complex questions posed by the usage of agricultural chemicals, but we must face the facts and adopt a rational approach. Without question, some of their effects are desirable while others are not. Until additional research has established some of the answers, we must use the information presently available to determine the best course to follow.

Farmers—the producers of our food -are also vitally interested in using the safest and most economical methods for the production of food and fiber. However, it must be recognized

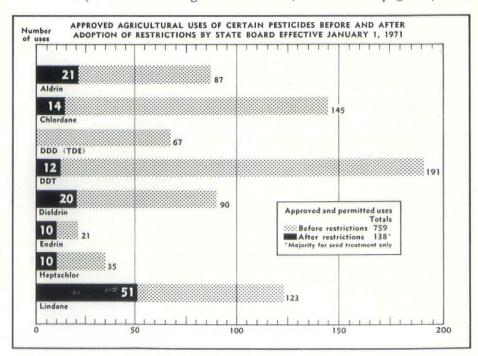
that these two factors (safest and most economical) are not compatible, so it is again necessary to evaluate the facts and place special emphasis on research to make these determinations.

As you know, many uses of the persistent pesticides have already been restricted by the federal government, and we must therefore intensify our search for new and safer chemicals that will accomplish the desired results. I am convinced that the total elimination of agricultural chemicals would be a grave mistake which could lead to drastic food shortages, and even severe reductions in their use would probably cause food prices to soar and food

quality to drop.

We in the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Commerce adopted an approach which we think will allow the essential uses of pesticides and agricultural chemicals to continue, while at the same time curtailing the usage of those chemicals considered most hazardous to the environment. Our State Board took action in January 1971 which restricted the use of certain pesticides, even though there is evidence that present levels in man's food and environment are not sufficient to produce a human health hazard. The new rules and regulations adopted for the enforcement of the Virginia Pesticide Law had the effect of prohibiting 621 unessential uses of 8 persistent pesticides; however, 138 essential uses of these pesticides were retained.

We do not believe that the total banning of pesticides is the answer to pesticide management and control. (Continued on page 63)







This export facility (right) at Virginia's Port of Hampton Roads is only part of this total export complex—a vital necessity in international commerce. A front-loading cargo plane (left) prepares to take on a shipment of Virginia swine for shipment to Peru. This movement quality breeding stock through the airport facilities at Richmond's Byrd International Airport is a vital factor in Virginia's successful international trade programs.

MOMENTUM IN INTERNATIONAL MARKETING

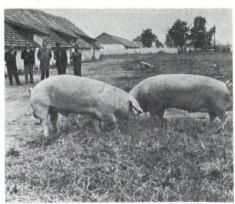
Since the early 1600s, Virginia's agricultural producers have been engaged in the pursuit of international markets for farm produced commodities to expand sales and provide increased profits. Today, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Commerce, through its office of International Trade and Development, continues to broaden our range of international commerce by establishing agricultural marketing outlets throughout the world.

The importance of international trade to our state is multifold. During the past year alone export sales of Virginia products, and products coming from other states but processed in Virginia, generated an income well exceeding \$350 million. The obtainment of these overseas markets also enables Virginia to reduce stock-piling of farm-produced commodities. Such a situation, if left unchecked, could eventually result in the weakening of national and state market competition through over-supply and cause reduced profits in the agricultural market place. As the production rate for Virginia's agricultural commodities continues to increase, additional efforts must be made to retain present international markets and to develop and secure new outlets for commodity movement.

VDAC personnel have been and continue to be quite effective in the development of overseas markets. Over the years, Virginia has been able to secure marketing outlets in more than 80 countries resulting in the export of apples, grain, poultry, tobacco, livestock and vegetables. To maintain these marketing opportunities, Virginia has developed substantial export facilities for its products. For many years, the Port of Hampton Roads has provided un-

By
Edward C. Ellett
Information Officer

limited access to foreign shipments of Virginia's agricultural commodities. This Port functions as one of the largest deep water terminals in the world and, with the cooperation of the Virginia Ports Authority, VDAC has been able to utilize their facilities to provide ample trans-oceanic movement of exports.



The overseas demand for quality breeding stock, such as these swine, has greatly increased livestock movement in Virginia's export programs.

A modern facility for the export of livestock has also been established at Richmond's deep water terminal. Being located near the central part of our state, this terminal demands less movement of livestock as they are transported to port facilities. As a result, animal weight loss remains at a minimum retaining premium quality and transportation costs are significantly reduced. Also, since it is located nearer the main offices of VDAC, state veterinarians are able to provide necessary inspection work as required by inter-

national commerce while livestock at held in retaining facilities. Obviously these export facilities are vital to th continued success of our international trade programs and a relatively nev development in international livestoc shipments shows promise of increasin these programs significantly.

In February, the first air charte shipment of livestock by a Virgini company left Richard E. Byrd Interna tional Airport (in Richmond) with consignment of cattle for San Jose Costa Rica. This shipment, made b Richmond International Airlines, signi fies a big step in the establishment of Richmond as a home base for air ship ments of livestock to Europe and Sout America. John Ligon, Director of VDAC's office of International Trad and Development indicates that, wit the continued success of these ship ments, "there is no question that Rich mond can be made the headquarter for international exports of livestoc for the total eastern part of the Unite States."

Livestock movement is rapidly gain ing impetus in Virginia's export pro grams. Marketing agents for interna tional trade have discovered a tremer dous overseas demand for qualit breeding stock. Perhaps Virginia most successful area of internations marketing today exists in the exporta tion of swine. VDAC's office of Inter national Trade and Development re ports that, if all current sales are cor firmed, Virginia will be able to export approximately, 2,000 head of swin this year. International livestock de mand also exists for dairy cattle wit sales being made in Europe and Africa Beef cattle sales are being negotiate in Hungary and Spain, and a sma shipment of sheep will soon be mad

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the Dominican Republic for use as reeding stock.

To locate these overseas markets, DAC International Trade and Deelopment personnel have greatly utiled the opportunities presented by inernational trade missions and trade nows exhibiting Virginia products. In pril, such a mission was made to apan and Australia. Sponsored jointby the Division of Industrial Deelopment, the Virginia Ports Authory and the Department of Agriculture nd Commerce, this mission was comosed of approximately 20 members presenting the key executives of inustry, port, agriculture, international anking, transportation and labor secors of Virginia. These representatives ere able to provide all the necessary formation needed by these countries establish new import-export prorams with our state. Concurrent with nis trip was an agricultural trade now, sponsored by the USDA, and eld in Japan. VDAC assisted several irginia producers in the showing of heir products at this trade show.

Other than showing our products broad, the office of International brade and Development is also enaged in the establishment of programs esigned to bring foreign agriculturalts and business leaders to Virginia so nat they might examine our compodity production, processing and tarketing programs in action. This procept of increasing foreign knowdge of our state agricultural resources as been and continues to be quite accessful with visitations from people presenting many different countries.

This office has also initiated a nique program designed to involve irginia's foreign agricultural students om local colleges and universities in a ture programs of international trade. This been ascertained that few of these students have ever had an opertunity to visit actual farming areas the state. In an effort to increase the state. In an effort to increase the avareness of Virginia's export to tential and to provide knowledge of the agricultural endeavors, this office

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As a result of these tours, it is hoped that students will recognize the quality and abundance of Virginia's agricultural products available for overseas exports and, as they return to their own countries, will transmit this information to their agricultural personnel. By doing this, Virginia can expect to increase the scope of its agricultural export programs and, also, retain these students as future marketing liaisons between our country and theirs.

Obviously, it takes a great amount of experience and effort to develop and secure international markets—and VDAC is well qualified and totally committed to this task. As this department continues its programs of international trade and development, Virginia can be assured of unlimited marketing outlets for the future expansion of our agricultural endeavors.

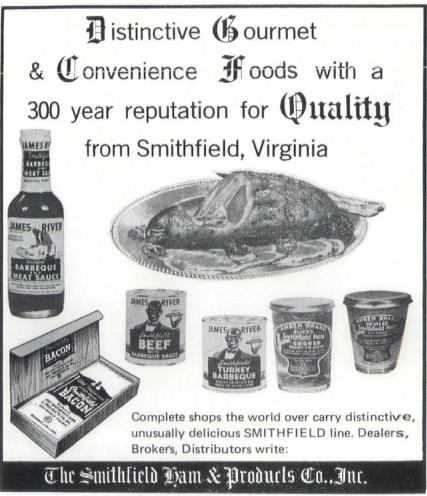
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State Office of Consumer Affairs Two Years Later

By
Horace R. Hanshaw
Information Officer

The State Office of Consumer Affairs is now well into its second year of operation. Created by an act of the General Assembly, the Office became a reality on June 26, 1970, and became a part of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

Roy L. Farmer, a career employee with VDAC, was named Director — becoming the nucleus of the Office which was to grow in the next two years to meet demands placed upon it by both citizen complaints and to fulfill the requirements of the law.

Now, the Office of Consumer Affairs has a full-time staff of six-all stationed in the Richmond central office at Eighth and Broad Streets except for one. The exception is Mrs. Mary Ann Shurtz who was hired in February to fill the newly established post of consumer affairs coordinator for Northern Virginia. This action was taken because of the growing number of com-Plaints originating in the heavily urbanized area of Northern Virginia. Mrs. Shurtz, a graduate of Kansas State College and a former extension agent in home economics, is located in Falls Church at 7309 Arlington Boulevard, Suite 300.

But, those mentioned above do not represent all VDAC personnel working in the area of consumer affairs. They occupy only the *full time* staff positions.

Backing up the full time employees are 21 department regulatory inspectors—stationed in six regions over the state—who were assigned and trained to investigate consumer complaints forwarded through the OCA. Additionally, seven people in VDAC regional offices and laboratories were designated to receive area consumer complaints. All these individuals receive and forward consumer complaints to the Richmond office in addition to their regular duties.

Outside VDAC, other people and organizations assist the Office of Consumer Affairs in the complaint han-

dling process. The State Board of Agriculture and Commerce has a four-member Consumer Affairs Committee, plus there is the 15-member Department Consumer Advisory Committee. All of these individuals live and work in diverse areas of the state, and in addition to advising the OCA, they are always attuned to consumer problems that may arise in their particular area.

Roy Farmer's office also has cooperative agreements with Virginia representatives of Better Business Bureaus, Chambers of Commerce, and Retail Merchants Associations in order to gain the aid of these organizations in handling complaints that do not allege violations of Virginia laws. OCA has made contacts with the Virginia Department of Education in order to promote additional consumer education courses in public schools.

And, of course, the State Office of Consumer Affairs maintains valuable liaisons with other consumer oriented governmental agencies—Federal, state and local. Private business organizations and associations also lend valuable assistance in the consumer services program. "In fact," says Farmer "what has been achieved by OCA ove the past two years to a great exten has been due to a fine, cooperative effort by all involved."

What are the accomplishments of the State Office of Consumer Affairs

During the last three months of 1971, the OCA received a total of 44 new complaints from consumers. Of this number, the categories most frequently complained about (the top 10 were as follows:

as follows:

Number complaints

1. Appliances 59
2. Automotive 58
3. Contractors 46
4. Furniture 27
5. Department Stores 18
6. Food 18



Roy L. Farmer, Director of Consumer Affairs, and Mrs. Mary Ann Shurtz, consumer affair representative for Northern Virginia, study some of the complaints that have been file with the Richmond office. (VDAC photo)

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7.	Home Solicitations	18
8.	Insurance	15
9.	Real Estate	15
10.	Credit	14

h addition to the 448 complaints revived by OCA in the period Octoberecember 1971, the Office also revived 175 requests for information.

What happens to the complaints reived by OCA? Most are generally ttled in one way or another. During e October-December period of 1971, armer's office brought to a conclusion nd closed 342 complaints. Final disosition of the complaints were varied. it—as an example—in 43 cases the mplainants either recovered money, d billings adjusted or contracts canlled. Refunds and adjusted billings nged in value from just \$1.95 to ,500 for a total of over \$5,900. Conacts which were cancelled for unippy consumers alone amounted to er \$17,000!

Even though consumer complaints ntinue to roll in each day, Farmer ys that he still firmly believes that ost businessmen are honest. "Most sinessmen are just as happy as the nsumer when my office exposes some ady operation. They want to get this ad apple' out of the barrel just as uch as the consumer does," Farmer id.

What does a citizen with a legitiate consumer complaint do? "First," says Farmer, "contact the

"First," says Farmer, "contact the anagement of the business with nom you have your complaint. Quite ten, the complaint can be settled on

the spot just by talking to the right person."

Then, if the consumer does not get satisfaction, he can contact either the State Office of Consumer Affairs or one of the local offices. The complaint should be in writing, dated and signed. With the complaint should be copies of all important information—agreements, sales slips, contracts, etc. Farmer says that if a consumer sends in a properly executed complaint and all the necesary data the first time, his

office can move forward much quicker on processing the complaint. This will save time and effort on everyone's part.

"But I don't want Virginians to think of my office entirely in the negative sense—as a place just to lodge complaints. I would always welcome comments and constructive criticisms from consumers on the functions of the OCA and suggestions for improvements. We are always looking for new and better ways to serve the consumer," Farmer stated.

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SUCCESS REQUIRES SURVEILLANCE

By

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Marking Virginia's official recognition as hog-cholera free, VDAC's Dr. C. W. Griffin of Ivor holds USDA's formal award during March 17 ceremonies at the State Capitol. Also present, from left: Dr. George B. Estes, assistant director, Division of Animal Health and Dairies (AH&D), Commissioner Rowe, and Dr. W. L. Bendix, AH&D director.

"When you start bragging about what you have accomplished that's the time when you want to get ready to duck," said Dr. W. L. Bendix, the State Veterinarian, when asked about some successful efforts in the work of the Animal Health and Dairies Division.

"We are now, as of March, certified as a hog cholera free state, we carried out an extensive operation to vaccinate the equine population of the state against VEE, we've been successful in meeting our meat inspection obligations and we have taken on the inspection of milk for the Washington D.C. market. But each one of these areas require continuing work. In the cases of meat inspection and the D.C. milk inspection, we are still developing our techniques to accomplish our mission."

In the fall of 1967 a meat inspection act was passed by the Federal government that gave each of the states two years, with a permissive extension of one year, to bring the state's meat inspection service to a point that it would be equal with the Federal. Most programs of this type are a joint venture in the establishment of the program. However, in this case the Federal government took the initiative saying in effect, that the state would meet the standards or the Federal government would move into the state and carry out the program. The strict rules developed caused some concern when they first went into effect. Some marginal operations were not able to meet these standards and had to cease existing. Some of the large companies consolidated meat processing plants rather than try to refurbish old establishments that would require what was felt were exorbitant costs in meeting the new criteria.

"It has been a shaking out process," said Dr. Bendix, "which will probably continue for some time to come, but it is working and should continue to develop."

One of the areas of concern was for the farmer who has been slaughtering his own animals. The law states that the only meat that is exempt from inspection is meat that was slaughtered by a man that he raised himself on his own farm and that he ate and fed to his family or his full time help, or what the law refers to as non-paying guests.

"This has caused some gray areas that have still not been resolved," said the State Veterinarian, "but we are working this out. We are also working out gray areas in the milk inspection program of Washington, D.C."

Increased responsibilities in milk inspection were given VDAC when the Congress and Commissioners of the Nation's capitol felt that it was no longer the job of the D.C. Health Department to inspect some 450 dairy farms in Northern and North Central Virginia. Now all of the farms producing milk in Virginia are handled by VDAC regardless of where the milk is sold.

Two programs in cooperation with

the Federal government have bee very successful; hog cholera and Vene zuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis con trol.

Ten years ago a national program teliminate hog cholera was instigated. This is swine disease that as far as known affects only swine. If allowe to run its course, it could kill 50 to 60 percent of the swine herds of the state.

The joint Federal-State effort bring hog cholera under control wipart of a four phase program. I Phase I, reporting systems and diagnostic criteria were developed. Phase II was designed to reduce the incidence of hog cholera through increase vaccinations. Use of vaccines was lated discontinued. Phase III was developed to stamp out cholera through rigistandards and depopulation of infector premises. Phase IV was a one year period with no outbreaks leading official free status.

On March 17, 1972, Virginia w certified hog cholera free after goir for 12 straight months without a sing reported case. The results of this car paign will be of benefit not only the swine industry of the state, but al to all its citizens.

"The campaign cost us a little mothan we thought it would," Dr. Be dix said when asked to set a moneta value on the work that was accorplished. "Although compared to whit was costing us, it was a bargain. Very have spent, over a ten year period.

hree quarters of a million dollars of tate money and an equal amount of Federal, but it was costing us \$2 milion a year to live with it. This figure s based on cost of the vaccination, lead hogs and pigs not marketed, feed eing wasted, veterinary fees and la-

Another advantage to the state finanially will be the paying of indemnity ayments now that Virginia has been ertified hog cholera free. Under Phase II of the program, indemnity was aid the farmer on the basis of 50 perent from the state and 50 percent rom the Federal government. In hase IV of the program the state paid 5 percent and the Federal 75. Now 0 percent of the cost will be handled y the Federal government, and if afected swine are brought into the state ver which the state has no control, he Federal government will underrite the entire indemnity payment.

One of the side benefits of the hog holera campaign was an increased iterest in the prevention of garbage eding of swine. Starting in the early Os Virginia had a law that required ie boiling of all garbage fed to swine. his turned out to be almost imposble to control. Then on July 1, 1971, ne garbage feeding was completely

rohibited.

"The policing of a no-garbage feedig law is much easier, much cheaper nd much more satisfactory," was the ppraisal of Dr. Bendix. "This takes wide open doorway and closes it to ne introduction of not only hog cholra, but other swine diseases. We've ad two or three cases brought to ourt. In one instance the man acused of feeding garbage to his swine as fined \$300 and threatened with il if the incidence occurred again." Battles against disease, like hog chola, that require a long time camaign are one approach, but the Dision of Animal Health and Dairies is onstantly faced with the brush fire pe campaign, when almost unanounced some other disease flares up nd threatens the animals of the state. In the summer of 1971 there was an itbreak of Venezuelan Equine Enphalomyelitis in Texas. Although terinarians across the country were vare of the potential danger of this sease crossing the border from Mexo, when it did occur it required the amediate mobilization of many peo-

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2329 Franklin Rd., S.W. ROANOKE, VIRGINIA ple in many states to meet the emergency.

In July the first step was limited quarantine to keep horses from Texas or which had been in Texas from entering Virginia. The term "horses" was intended to imply all horse-like animals, embracing all members of the equine species including ponies, asses and burros. In an attempt to control the disease the United States Department of Agriculture secured from the U.S. Department of Defense the rights to a special vaccine that had been developed for military personnel in the South and Central American area. This seemed to bring some control to the situation in Texas where hundreds of horses died. A campaign was launched to make the VEE vaccine available to states surrounding Texas or which might be on the normal lines of commerce from the Lone Star State. Vaccine was made free to horse owners in Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina and Virginia. When the final figures were in for Virginia it was shown that 112, 946 animals were vaccinated. This was estimated to be 94 percent of the equine population. Quick action by Federal, state and private veterinarians in the Southeast had brought the disease under control and kept it almost entirely in Texas. But like all diseases, there is no assurance that it will not strike again.

"VEE is now said to be endemic to the United States," was the observa-

tion of Dr. Bendix. "This means that it is part of the ecology and will probably be something we have to live with for some time to come. Equines vaccinated in the 1971 vaccinal program need not be revaccinated, but we urge owners to vaccinate all horses that were not vaccinated last year and to revaccinate those that were less than six months of age at the time of last year's vaccination. At this time we don't know yet the duration of immunity, but from all indications it would seem to be considerably more than one year. Research to determine the duration of the immunity is being conducted by USDA.

"What we've been talking about today are certainly not all of the areas of concern or anywhere near the complete list of diseases that we must constantly keep under surveillance," concluded Dr. Bendix.. "The ones we have mentioned perhaps receive a little more space in the press and perhaps were more in the public's range of concern. The Division of Animal Health and Dairies has many laws and regulations to enforce and control to bring about a healthy animal population in the state and to protect the consumer's interests. We are bringing some things under control as we have done with bovine brucellosis and now hog cholera, but it is only by day to day surveillance and the constant cooperation of all facets of animal industries in the state that we will be able to maintain and strengthen our control over these potential trouble spots."

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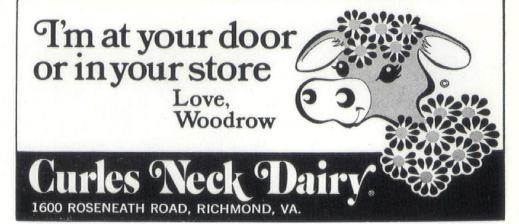
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PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER IN AGRICULTURE

By H. RANDOLPH POWELL, Information Technician

"Teamwork is the key to agricultural development." Cooperative effort and support of the total industry of agriculture is a "must" and vital to increasing the economic, cultural and employment opportunities throughout the Commonwealth.

In commenting on the situation, Maurice B. Rowe, Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, stated, "We believe that there are some great opportunities across Virginia in agriculture which have not been fully developed. One of the objectives we have is to get out there to meet with the people who are involved in these areas and try to identify these opportunities; and, hopefully by bringing together the resource people and people from this industry, we are going to see some outstanding results in 1972 and future years."

The Virginia Agricultural Opportunities Development Program was organized in 1969 to carry out the recommendations of a detailed study started by the Commission of the Industry of Agriculture in 1966 and completed in 1969. The Commission study was conducted through eight task force groups, utilizing the services of more than 300



Robert F. Hutcheson

concerned leaders Virginia's industry agriculture and under the direction of Howard H. Gordon, Chairman, S. Mason Carbaugh, Executive Director, and Robert F. Hutcheson, Executive Secretary of the Commission. A report entitled "Opportunities for Virginia Agriculture" was presented to Governor Godwin in 1969, along with detailed study reports by each of the task forces in which more than 400 recommendations were made

on action programs needed to be developed in the 1970's. During the past two years the Agricultural Opportunities Development Program, under the leadership of J. E. Givens, Commission Chairman, Charles W. Wampler, Jr., Program Chairman, and six subcommittees, broad industry work has progressed as follows:

Manpower Development and Training. This committee, headed by Dr. Claud Scroggs, Southern States Cooperative, Inc., has worked with the Department of Community Colleges in the development of a master plan leading to associate degrees in technical agriculture in the Community College System. A pilot project was implemented and evaluated in the five counties surrounding Wytheville Community College to interest students in the public school system in agriculturally related careers. About fifty-five hundred students participated in the project, of which more than nine hundred later expressed an interest in agricultural careers. Currently, plans are being developed to provide film strips and brochures to all junior high schools, high schools, vocational agricul-

ture teachers, county agriculture extension offices agricultural associations, and professional people, in an effort to promote agricultural careers throughout the state.

II. Agricultural Finance. This committee, headed be E. C. Compton, Senior Vice President, Virginia Agri Business Council, has been working with VPI&SU and the Virginia Bankers Association in the development of a series of agricultural enterprise budgets the provide information on capital needs and cash flow in crop and livestock enterprises and general farm operations. Also, work is progressing towards a short course in agricultural finance for credit managers is banks and other lending institutions.

III. Marketing. This committee, under the leadership of Dr. Edward Faris, Head, Department of Agricultura Economics, VPI&SU, has completed a base study of Virginia's agricultural marketing system which was published in the latter part of 1971.

IV. Services and Supply. This committee, under the leadership of the late William Derr of Rockinghar Cooperating Farm Bureau, has recently completed detailed study of the Virginia Agricultural Service and Supply Industry and the publication was made available in May, 1972.

Assessment and Taxation. This committee, heade by Howard H. Gordon, has provided leadership an staff work in amending Section 58-769 of the Cod of Virginia to provide for special assessment of agr cultural, horticultural, forest and open space land The State Land Evaluation Advisory Committee consisting of: W. H. First, Commissioner, Depar ment of Taxation; Robert H. Kirby, Director, D. vision of State Planning and Community Affairs Marvin M. Sutherland, Director, Department of Con servation and Economic Development; Rob R Blackmore, Director, Commission of Outdoor Recrea tion; Dr. James E. Martin, Dean. College of Agri culture and Life Sciences, VPI&SU; and Mauric B. Rowe, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Commerce, is currently developing methods and procedures to determine use values of agricultural, horticultural, forest and open space land which can be used by localities in implementing use value taxation.

VI. Soil and Water Resources. This committee, under the leadership of Edward L. Felton, Chairman, Vinginia Soil and Water Conservation Commission, has worked toward a special scholarship program in so science for students at VPI&SU and a master pla for accelerated soil survey and mapping in the State of Virginia, to be completed by 1990. This recommendation is being implemented by the Virginia So and Water Conservation Districts in cooperation with the Commission and other state and federal agencies. Plans are currently being developed for a statewick conference on agricultural waste management for the maintenance and improvement of soil and water resources throughout the Commonwealth.

In 1971, the Commission of the Industry of Agricultur

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ecommended that its duties and responsibilities be trans-

erred to the Virginia of Agriculture Board Commerce. Also, Commission and Commissioner Maurice 3. Rowe named T. Graam Copeland, Jr., as Director of the Agriculural Opportunities Deelopment Program, to evote full time to the rogram. The Commison members and staff ersonnel prepared an nalysis and evaluation the agricultural inustry and recommended nat the following ten ommodities be given



T. Graham Copeland, Jr.

oncentrated attention in 1972 in addition to the continu-

ng programs: Slaughter beef industry

- Commercial swine industry
- Soybean industry
- Turfgrass and sod industry
- Silage production
- Commercial sheep industry
- Commercial egg industry
- Peanut industry
- Dark-Fired and Sun-Cured tobacco industry
- Potatoes and other commercial vegetables
- A slaughter beef industry task force is developing an in-

depth feasibility study on large-scale cattle finishing and slaughtering operations in Virginia. The study recommendations will be available in May, 1972 and a committee will be appointed to carry out the recommendations. Also, the industry has requested an evaluation of methods and procedures used in livestock auction markets. A second task force is working with the development and maintenance of custom slaughtering operations in the state.

The turfgrass and sod industry task force is developing a comprehensive survey of the rapidly expanding turfgrass industry throughout the Commonwealth. People have become increasingly aware of the importance of this industry in their daily lives. The increased awareness of the public to the need for environmental improvement, pollution control, and recreation has emphasized the value of turf, soil erosion and sedimentation control, the reduction of water runoff, the reduction of dust and mud, the cooling effect of turf in comparison of asphalt and the beneficial effects of grass to the atmosphere and the recreational needs to the citizens in Virginia.

The Virginia dark-fired and sun-cured tobacco industry is working through a task force to identify and develop opportunities in this industry. Production of this commodity is deficient to the needs of the processing industry. Improved harvesting practices, curing practices, and marketing procedures are being developed to stimulate production in

A white potato industry task force has worked diligently this commodity. to develop opportunities in this industry. These opportunities, such as, amendment of the Virginia Licensing and Bonding Law for produce dealers, revision of brokerage fee standards, model grower-handler agreements, model grower-handler receipts, recommended change of grade stand-

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ards, food quality testing program, recommended amendments to the Southeastern Potato Marketing Order, market news revisions, promotion of Virginia markets and Virginia potatoes, evaluation of consumer desires at receiving points, capital and credit needs, transportation needs, labor needs and development of model migrant labor camps, and a strong communication effort throughout the total white potato industry. The task force has established nine subcommittees to carry on a long-range program in development of this industry. This task force will be expanded to include the total Virginia vegetable industry.

Also, agricultural opportunity development programs are being implemented through the Virginia Pork Federation, the Virginia Soybean Association, the Virginia Peanut Growers Association, and the Virginia Sheep Producers Federation.

As recommended, the 1972 General Assembly passed a bill transferring the duties and responsibilities of the Commission of the Industry of Agriculture to the Virginia Board of Agriculture and Commerce. The duties are:

. . . The Board shall also be required to advise the Governor on the state of the agricultural industry and to further advise him on a course of action to include, but be not limited to, one that will promote its development; to encourage persons, agencies, organizations and industries to implement a development program and counsel the same in this development; to work closely with all agencies concerned with rural resources development, and coordinate efforts toward maximum farm and off-farm employment; to examine

marketing procedures and new techniques for selling Virginia's farm products; and to formulate plans for developing new markets for such products; and other such matters as the Governor may request.

T. Graham Copeland, Jr., Director of Agricultural Op portunities Development, Department of Agriculture and Commerce, noted that agriculture continues to be the state' leading industry — \$4 billion; the largest employer — ove 15% of the total labor force; and the largest wage payerover 20% of total wages paid. This industry represents viable force in Virginia's economy. "Putting it all togethe in agriculture" means people—people who have committed themselves to the development of this industry-people whi are willing to demonstrate how opportunities can be de veloped. For example, anticipated growth in the industr of agriculture reveals a need for an additional 80,00 trained employees by 1980. Through the efforts of the Agri cultural Career Opportunities Program, involving colleg of agriculture, agriculture extension service, Communit College, Department of Educational Vocational Agricultur program, and Guidance Counseling program, private in dustry, Agri-Business Council, Department of Agriculture producer contribution to the Agricultural Foundation, 4-H FFA and other interested groups, this opportunity will be developed. The growth of the Virginia industry of agricul ture will improve the state's economy, provide and promot good land use, improve the quality of life in the urban an rural communities, promote a balanced growth and promote understanding of agriculture contributions to society Cohesive teamwork and long-range planning are essential

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THE CHALLENGE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

With the advent of our nation's era of urban industrialization, Virginia (and many other states which were hen primarily rural) underwent a significant change in population dispersal. Rapid urbanization, at that time, reated a shortage of farm personnel and rural workers and left the rural community somewhat depleted — both ocially and economically. Population out-migration from the farms and the arming communities resulted in a parial disruption of the necessary socioconomic balance of rural Virginia.

Today, the rural dweller, in many ases, still find himself in a situation of lowered income and finds it exremely difficult to function financially a today's complex society. Perhaps no reganization is more aware of this ituation than the Department of Agriulture and Commerce. Over the years JDAC has worked jointly with inustry and the federal government to etter the situation of the low-income ural dweller and, to a great extent, as enjoyed success in this endeavor—ut the problem has not been comletely resolved.

Several programs of rural rehabilitaon have recently been begun by this epartment's office of Rural Resource ervices-programs designed to assist ne low-income farm family. In 1971, ne Commissioner of Agriculture and commerce received funds from the asets of the former Virginia Rural Reabilitation Corporation, and designted the office of Rural Resource Serves to provide for the rehabilitation f needy farm families in Virginia. Vith approval of the Farmers Home dministration (acting for the Secreary of Agriculture), a portion of these inds are being made available for udent loans to Virginia farm youths. These loans are available to all chilren from low-income farm families in ie state who are at least 16 years old

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Soil and Water Conservation Commission projects, such as this flood retarding structure in Charlotte Co., are important in providing ample water resources for rural industrial development. (Note the contour plowing in the background.)

and, in some cases, to adults also. Loan recipients may use them for educational assistance in approved institutions of higher learning (including universities, branches of universities, colleges, junior colleges and community colleges) and vocational schools (including technical, trade business, nursing or similar schools). By supplementing educational expenditures with these loans, more farm youth will have the opportunity to better themselves academically and increase their chances for success in Virginia's future.

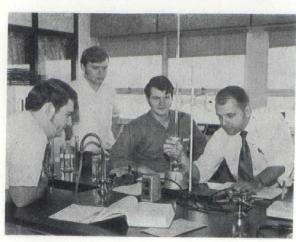
Another portion of these Rural Rehabilitation funds is currently being considered for another vital use in the rural community. Investigations are being made to determine what assistance is wanted and needed by marketing co-ops in low income farming districts. Small farmers, faced with many new and complex problems, remain limited in their crop production and marketing ability. Individually, they have little to offer the marketplace and, consequently, are oftentimes unable to find desirable markets for their produce. Functioning as a viable cooperative, they will be able to expand their range of marketing and increase their bargaining power in the marketplace.

Although financial aid, such as the Rural Rehabilitation fund, is greatly assisting the problem of rural development, the future of the low income rural Virginian remains dependent upon Virginia's most important natural resources - its land and water. Our state's farming communities cannot progress until they achieve maximum usage of land areas through wise resource management. Rural resource programs, carried out by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission and the Districts specially designated to alleviate soil erosion and sedimentation problems, are significantly aiding farm land management and, in doing so, are directly affecting the financial situation of rural areas.

By constructing flood prevention and water storage dams, such programs provide the vital necessity for industrial development — ample water resources. As Industry relocates in rural areas, low-income families will have the opportunity to supplement their income as part of the rural-industrial work force. Already, this trend has begun in several areas of our state and the results are most promising.

The demand for rural development is a vital concern to this state. Through its office of Rural Resource Services, VDAC is making every possible attempt to help the low income rural Virginian. Although significant accomplishments are being made in this area, the greatest success in rural development cannot be attained until a total effort is exerted by every segment of our receiver.

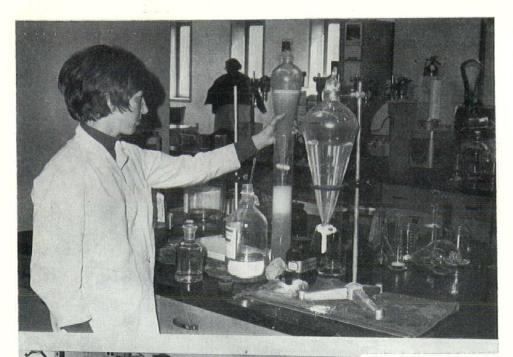
our society.



VDAC's student
loan fund will
provide many
young Virginians
with financial
assistance to
attend institutions of higher learning.

The students shown in the photo at left, are enrolled at Wytheville Community College.

(Greear Studio)



Top photo—this sample of water will be further processed by personnel in the pesticide laboratory to enable final analysis of the type and amount of pesticide present.

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Modern instrumentation, such as this ga
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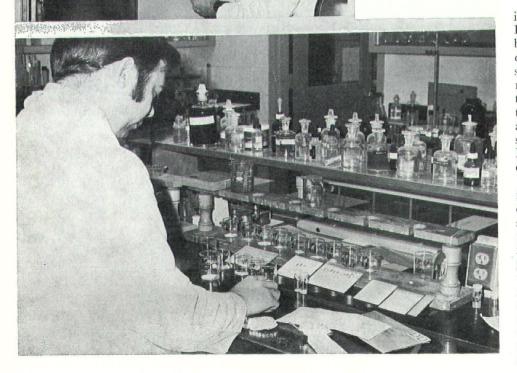
ibstances.

Lower photo—chemist in VDAC's dru laboratory is engaged in the identification of several drug compounds that may prove the illegal for usage. Assistance, such as this an important factor in curbing illegal drug trafficking in Virginia.

The laboratory facilities of the Virginia Department of Agricultural and Commerce have recently increase several of their testing programs to procure vital information necessary for immediate action in two demanding areas of public concern—pesticide usage and drug abuse. Designed to support the enforcement programs of VDAC's Division of Regulatory Server.

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ices, the five laboratory sections of the Division of Technical Services have been effective in determining production of the summer protection through commercal regulation. Two of these laboratory sections, the Drug and Pesticide laboratories, have been called upon to supply additional informational statistics to assist the Governor's Council on the Environment and the Council on National Drug Abuse Control.

Over the years, the Pesticide Section formulations laboratory has analyze official samples of pesticide product submitted by the Division of Regulatory Services to determine if they conform to the percentages of active in gredients declared on the label. The work has been vitally important in the regulation of pesticides restricted for use in Virginia. VDAC also maintain a pesticide residues laboratory in the section to analyze samples for the preference of pesticides and their break down products, in the parts per million.

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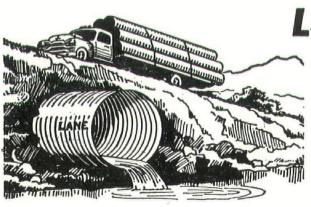
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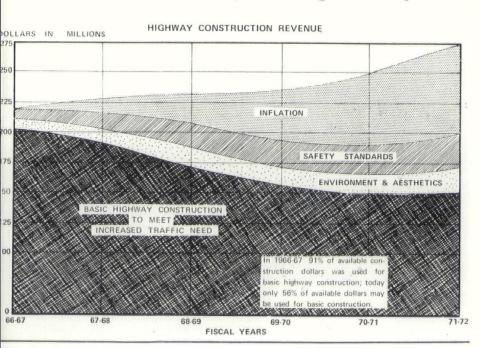
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Highway Commissioner Douglas B. Fugate Discusses Revenue Proposals With House Finance Committee

"SAFETY . . . MOBILITY . . . CONVENIENCE" FOR VIRGINIA MOTORISTS

By Albert W. Coates, Jr.
Public Information Officer Va. Department of Highways



VIRGINIA embarks July 1 on a 10-year road program aimed at completing extensive rural improvements, providing major new funds to cities and towns, and aiding urban mass transit, with additional revenue authorized by the 1972 General Assembly paying a substantial share of the cost.

The program was recommended last December by the State Highway Commission, after months of study, and it drew widespread support. It is intended to meet basic highway transportation requirements in the period 1972 to 1982.

It will mean increased safety, mobility and convenience in motoring, but the program and the new funds also will prevent the state's highway development, confronted with mounting needs and higher costs, from slipping further behind.

In outlining the 10-year, \$5.2 billion program, the Commission pointed out that road needs cannot be considered in a vacuum, isolated from other aspects of Virginia life.

It noted that in the past decade, the state's population rose from 3,954,-446 to 4,651,448, with urban regions experiencing particularly heavy growth; the number of registered motor vehicles increased from 1,451,338 to 2,-217,081; and travel, up by more than 65 percent, had reached approximately 50 million vehicle miles daily on the state highway system.

But further:

"The Commonwealth has continued her efforts to encourage desirable industrial growth and tourism, and has embarked on such major new programs as those to develop an important system of community colleges and to expand the system of state parks.

"All of these factors are related—people, the places in which they choose to live, their reliance on mobility, and the basic needs for a strong economy and for equally strong educational and recreational opportunities," the Commission said.

The 10-year program was recommended initially to the Virginia Advisory Legislative Council (VALC), which also had been reviewing the state's long-range street and highway needs. And it drew VALC support.

"The new 10-year plan for the decade 1972-82 here proposed has been cut to the bone. The goals set therein are the minimum required if the Commonwealth is to maintain a viable highway system into the 1980s" the VALC said in a report to Governor Holton and the General Assembly. It said the additional funds—\$650 million over the 10 years—were essential.

Later, in his January 12 address to the opening session of the Legislature. the Governor urged approval of the highway improvement program. He called it a "prime priority" matter facing the Assembly.

"It alarms me to hear talk of a compromise on this program. The need is there, and the public demand is felt by all of us in the almost daily letters we receive asking for better highway services. We must provide them," the Governor declared.

And quickly, in quarters beyond state government, came expressions of agreement.

The Virginia State Chamber of Commerce urged approval of the plan "as a reasoned, sensible, and equitable program for accomplishing the improvements needed in Virginia's highway system, which is the lifeblood of

commerce in the Old Dominion and, therefore, in the best interest of all Virginia citizens."

The Great Lakes to Florida Highway Association, an organization of hundreds of businessmen interested in better roads, urged legislative approval of the program, and described additional revenue as imperative "in order to move ahead and provide the very obviously needed highway system in Virginia."

"We have the facts—the proof that the great 'Mountain Empire' section of the Old Dominion is today moving forward to a new era of progress. The key that unlocked the door . . . was modern highways. But this is only the beginning. Roads are positively the gateway to a greater Virginia, and that applies . . . to the urban areas a well as the rural sections," said the association, whose president, James A Williams, is a Wytheville newspape publisher.

In Roanoke, the City Council adopted a resolution saying that "implementation of this program is essential if the Commonwealth and her localities are to provide adequate street and road facilities."

The Lynchburg City Council said that without the additional revenu street and road construction "will b





State Highway Commission approved 10-Year Program and discussed it with the news me ia at its December meeting (Top photo). And, Governor Holton recommended prograin his address to Opening Session of the General Assembly.





Among Program's objectives are completion of Virginia's Interstate and Arterial Highways. Shown are I-81 in Frederick County and Arterial US 460 in Appomattox County.

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curtailed and further delayed to the detriment of the public."

Shortly before, in a pre-legislative session poll, members of the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce had said they felt no single item would be as important to the future of Central Virginia as expanded highway construction and the financing of the program with additional funds.

Altogether, endorsement for the program came from a dozen or more local governing bodies, and from the Virginia Municipal League. A number of ocal chambers of commerce added heir approval.

And a citizens committee consisting of prominent Virginia businessmen was ormed to urge adoption of the road program by the General Assembly.

Indeed, some observers said they had not witnessed such broad public upport for adequate highway financing since the days, decades ago, when he cry was to "get the farmer out of he mud."

In the Legislature, the program and he necessary financing were approved by comfortable margins, although not without opposition. Some members felt 972 was not a time to raise taxes. Others felt a larger share of road-user ax revenues should be reserved for arban mass transit facilities. Some said he urban areas would receive too little for streets and roads under the Highway Commission's recommendations, and others said the rural counties would receive too little.

Why was the 10-year program proosed anyway? And what will it mean or Virginians?

The problem occurring increasingly most states, not only in Virginia, had

been to face up to the exceedingly difficult problem of developing and maintaining an adequate highway transportation network in the midst of rapidly mounting demands and substantially higher costs.

That the problem had to be faced seemed apparent, for adequate roads are important to every state and every community. Aside from permitting more convenient mobility, desirable as that may be, modern roads represent one of the most significant steps toward increased levels of traffic safety. That's illustrated by the fact that an average of one life is saved every year for every five miles of the interstate system in use by motorists, and that the accident fatality rate on modern roads such as those in the interstate system is about one-third the rate on older conventional roads. Further, mounting evidence that modern highway development encourages economic growth, providing, among other benefits, new jobs and broader tax bases for local governments.

In the mid-1960's, a number of basic objectives had been established for the road system in Virginia. They were directed chiefly at completing highest priority improvements on existing roads while, at the same time, completing the interstate and arterial networks.

Overall, substantial progress had been made toward some of these goals. But in many instances their attainment was far beyond reach as the Highway Commission and Department of Highways' engineers, early in 1971, began an intensive appraisal of the state's road program.

Nationally, completion of the inter-

state system had been deferred well beyond the original target date of 1972, and it didn't seem likely that these superhighways would be finished before 1980, perhaps later.

Besides stretching out the interstate program itself, this meant that federal funds would not be channeled from interstate construction to help meet urgent needs on other road systems in the early '70s, as anticipated.

Inflation, affecting most phases of the economy, had been and remains particularly severe in highway and bridge construction. It led to a 35 percent increase in construction costs between 1966 and the end of 1971.

Engineering research had discovered new methods of building added safety features into highway facilities through such steps as wider bridges, flatter slopes on the roadside, breakaway sign supports, and major refinement in guardrail design.

The new safety features were adding considerably to construction costs, and could amount to as much as \$25 million or more annually, engineers had concluded.

Other circumstances and public desires also were changing in the latter years of the decade of the '60s and the early years of the '70s.

The increasingly urban nature of Virginia underscored the necessity of finding better ways to move large numbers of people during the morning and afternoon peak travel periods. Highway engineers, certainly as well as anyone, recognized the importance of gaining maximum people-carrying capacity from existing and planned urban highways.

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in the Department of Highways had pioneered, with federal and local agencies, in this very concept. For since late summer of 1969, lanes of the Shirley Highway (1-95) in Northern Virginia had been reserved for use by buses only, separating the buses from normal rush-hour congestion.

There had been a single objective: to make mass transit attractive and efficient enough to persuade more commuters to leave their cars at home and ride the bus instead. The number of passengers on the buses during rush hours more than doubled, to some 6.000, in slightly over two years. The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, the agency coordinating actual operation of the buses, reported that as a result of the project the Shirley Highway experienced a decline of almost 33 percent in rush-hour traffic.

The Highway Commission, pleased with those results, turned its attention to other projects which would enhance the mobility and public service of urban buses, recognizing that in most urban areas buses represented the only likely form of mass transit in the foreseeable future. And it concluded that such projects should be included in its planning for the years ahead.

Perhaps the most evident illustration of changing public preferences in the latter years of the '60s was the greater concern focused on protection of man's environment. Few if any disputed the objectives of this worthy movement. The Commission interpreted this new public priority as an expression of public willingness to pay the extra costs of higher levels of environmental protection.

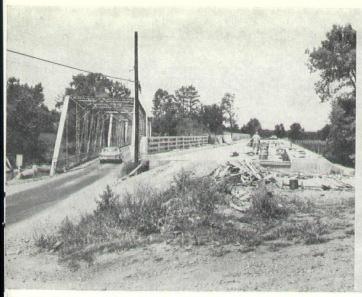
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Road Program envisions replacement or major improvement for 2,080 obsolete bridges (left photo) on the vast secondary system. The new Program also provides more funds for urban transportation needs, and (at right) allocates funds for aid to mass transit projects similar to Shirley Highway bus lane experiment shown here.

road-building contractors, and this was reflected in higher bid prices and, consequently, in substantially increased overall costs.

The Commission said that in 1966-67, about 91 cents of every dollar available for highway construction was spent for basic construction to meet increased traffic requirements — grading, drainage, surfacing, and bridges. With effects of inflation and the higher standards for safety and environmental protection, this figure dropped to 56 cents in 1971.

All of this reduced the miles of improvements which could be financed with existing revenue. And yet urgent needs remained unmet.

"In every county, city and town, there are substandard facilities. Throughout Virginia, there remain thousands of miles of roads and hundreds of bridges constructed more than 40 years ago. They were satisfactory for the uses they were built to serve; they are far from satisfactory for demands of the 1970s, and for those of the years beyond," the Commission said.

And it was against this sort of background that the Commission and members of the Department of Highways's staff worked through much of 1971 assessing the highway program, and reviewing again the needs for improvements left undone. Needs were balanced against anticipated revenue, and from this process the \$650 million, 10-year gap between requirements and prospective funds became evident.

Out of the months-long study, too, came the full 1972-82 improvement program. The Commission described it is "a very minimum development plan, that is considered absolutely essential to meet basic demands." It was the difficult process of separating the desirable from the genuinely needed which the VALC had in mind when it said the proposed plan "has been cut to the bone."

And it was this program that drew broad public support and which, in the end, drew the approval of the General Assembly.

Most of the additional revenue will be provided by a two-cents-a-gallon increase in the motor fuel tax, raising this levy from 7 to 9 cents for automobiles and small trucks and from 9 to 11 cents for large trucks. This will produce an average of \$63 million annually during the 10 years.

The balance of the new financing will be derived from a \$25 fee for the reinstatement of revoked driver's licenses. It costs the Division of Motor Vehicles about that much to process each reinstatement, and until now there has been no fee for this service. By levying a charge in the future, the license reinstatements will be on a self-supporting basis, freeing for road improvements the highway-user tax revenue formerly required for that purpose. This fee is expected to produce about \$2 million annually.

Traditionally, the motor fuel tax

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First imposed at $4\frac{1}{2}$ cents a gallon in 1926, the tax was raised to 5 cents in 1928, 6 cents in 1946, and 7 cents in 1960. It remained at that level until this year.

Meanwhile, however, a number of other states had found it necessary to impose higher gasoline taxes. When the General Assembly acted to increase the Virginia tax this year, 22 other states already had set levies higher than Virginia's 7 cents and one state, Connecticut, had imposed a tax of 10 cents a gallon. However, the Old Dominion's state highway system exceeds all but one of the 22 other state systems in length.

In all states, of course, there is 4-cent federal tax on motor fuels, in addition to the state levy. Proceeds from the federal tax also have been earmarked for road purposes, and are distributed to the states through the Highway Trust Fund. Within days after Virginia's General Assembly adjourned in March, the national administration proposed to Congress that a substantial portion of Trust Fund revenues be diverted from roads and streets to provide further aid for urban transit operations, and the Highway Commission pointed out that this proposal, if accepted by Congress would sidetrack Virginia's 10-year road program almost before it began since the program was based in part on full use of normal federal funds. There is at present no assurance that Congress will, in fact, approve the administration proposal.

Under the state's new road program some of the objectives remain those of long-standing — interstate and arterial completion, basic upgrading on the regular primary, urban and secondary systems. On the 42,300-mile secondary system alone, the program provides for replacement or major improvement for 2,080 obsolete bridges.

The total secondary system, consisting of the "road in front of my house" for many thousands of rural and suburban Virginians, will receive substantially more funds. In the first year of the 1972-82 program, for example secondly allocations will increase 20 percent to \$95 million. And this will increase gradually each year, averaging an estimated \$117.5 million per year and totaling almost \$1.2 billion over the 10-year period.

In developing the program, the Highway Commission sought also to meet the basic needs in the cities and towns. Aside from the additional construction funds, which will benefit all road systems, the 10-year plan includes two principal means of providing such aid.

One is in the form of increased annual state payments for local street maintenance. In Virginia, cities and towns of over 3,500 population maintain their own streets, with financial assistance from state highway user tax funds. In the past, the localities have been paid \$10,000 a mile for streets which are extensions of primary routes and \$1,100 a mile for other streets neeting surface and width requirements.

The payments formerly were made on a lineal-mile basis, without regard to the number of lanes on a street. Thus, a city received \$10,000 a mile or any primary extension, regardless of whether it was two lanes or six lanes wide.

The 10-year program recognizes the obviously differing maintenance costs, and provides for the payments to be nade in the future on a lane-mile basis. Payments will be \$2,500 a lane-mile or the primary extensions and \$1,500 t lane-mile for the other streets.

This change will give approximately 310 million more annually to the cities and towns.

The largest urban areas also will benefit from mass transit aid under the new road and street improvement program, with \$91 million earmarked over the 10-year period for this purpose.

Specifically, the Commission has in nind projects to improve the mobility of urban buses, and to provide better access to transit lines. The experience and results of the Shirley Highway lemonstration project in Northern Virinia will serve as a guide for tackling the problem elsewhere.

Such projects as bus lanes, fringe parking lots in suburban communities, off-street parking lots downtown to ree street space for bus movement, assenger shelters, and access roads to ransit facilities will be studied for mancing with the mass transit funds.

The mass transit allocations are proided for the Richmond, Hampton Roads, Roanoke and Northern Virginia egions. In Northern Virginia, plans re being made to utilize a portion of he funds for construction of parking ots needed in connection with the rea's commuter rail system.

The General Assembly session which pproved the 1972-82 road and street rogram, and provided the additional nancing, adjourned in the early morning hours of Sunday, March 12, its

members justifiably weary after 60 gruelling days at the Capitol.

At 8:30 a.m. on the morning of Monday, March 13, Highway Commissioner Douglas B. Fugate gathered his staff together in a conference room. He told them the just-concluded session of the Legislature would be remembered as one which made important contributions to safer and more modern highways.

Then he directed staff members to begin immediately to complete plans and make other necessary preparations for the individual improvement projects to be financed with the additional funds.

This was essential, he said, "so that the people of Virginia may begin realizing benefits from this further investment in the highway system at the earliest possible time. There must be no delays in converting these funds into urgently needed improvements."

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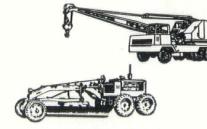
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This view of US 360 east of Richmond, four-laned under the arterial network program, demonstrates several new safety features. Bridge at left was built in 1956, and approach roadways were left largely unchanged. Bridge and roadway at right were constructed in 1970. It the newer facility, both the bridge and road shoulders are substantially wider and, in the background, the slope is flatter.

SAFETY

A Wise Investment



■ Highway engineers have undertaken a two-pronged campaign to provide increased safety along Virginia's roads.

They are (1) including newly found safety features in the design and construction of new highway facilities and (2) waging a continuing attack on hazards which have developed over the years on older roads.

The new safety improvements represent a major financial investment, increasing the cost of highway construction substantially. But the State High-



New Guardrail (left) Has Ends Slated to Ground, More Supporting Posts

ye undergn to pro-Virginia's And the added cost of providing

And the added cost of providing greater levels of safety in highwas engineering was one of the major considerations before the 1972 General Assembly when it approved an increase in motor fuel taxes.

The additional safety being but into new highway facilities is evider in such things as wider bridges an shoulders, flatter slopes, breakawa sign supports, and major changes i guardrail design.

They are aimed at eliminating road side objects that sometimes contributo severity of accidents for vehicle inadvertently leaving the roadway.

They also are seen by highway eng neers as an added aid to help drive bring out-of-control vehicles safely a halt and, frequently, to return the vehicles safely to the road.

Cost of such improvements in ne highway facilities will amount to a estimated \$25 million or more annually.

Under the Commission's new safe standards, for example, shoulder are are to be as wide on bridges as on the rest of the roadway, adding 25 to 3 percent to bridge construction cost. Former standards permitted much more narrow shoulders on bridges.

The new standards also provide f

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flatter slopes, requiring additional right-of-way and increasing grading costs by approximately 20 percent.

Sign supports, formerly bolted firmly in concrete, now are designed in many instances to break loose easily if struck by an out-of-control vehicle, virtually eliminating the danger of injury to occupants and of heavy damage to vehicles from such impacts.

Several modifications have been made in the design of guardrail, and guardrail itself is being installed far more extensively than in the past.

The ends of the rail now are being slanted toward the ground, to avoid the risk of an abrupt impact or "spearing" effect. In addition, more frequent supporting posts provide greater strength for the guardrail, and small blocks placed between posts and rails give a cushioning effect and aid in guiding vehicles back into the proper direction of travel.

New design provides, in addition, for guardrail to connect directly with bridge walls, so that no gap remains between the guardrail and wall. This helps to shield the end of the wall and prevent it from becoming a point of impact. The tie-in between guardrail and bridge wall, along with modifications in the design of the wall itself, also helps to return out-of-control vehicles safely to the roadway.

Meanwhile, highway engineers are continuing a concentrated program to rid older roads of safety hazards. Generally, these roads were built years ago and were adequate for the traffic they were designed to serve. Increased traffic volumes and speeds have led to in-

This program ranges from such comparatively small steps as installation of guardrail and eliminating or moving median crossovers on four-lane divided highways to larger projects providing for replacement of substandard bridges, roadway widening, elimination of curves, and construction of turning lanes at intersections.

J. P. Mills, Jr., the department's traffic and safety engineer, reported recently on accident experience at 382 locations where such improvements had been made along older roads. Mills' study dealt with improvements completed in 1968, and compared ac-

cident experience two years before and two years after the work was done.

Altogether, 1,590 accidents occurred before the improvements were made, with 19 resulting in fatalities and 435 resulting in injuries. Of the total, 1,136 of the accidents caused property damage estimated at a combined \$882,940.

In the two years following completion of the projects, 1,041 accidents occurred, one resulting in a fatality and 256 resulting in injuries. The later total included 784 accidents in which property damage amounting to an estimated \$495,532 was involved.

This meant reductions of 35 percent in total accidents, 95 percent in fatal accidents, 41 percent in injury accidents, 31 percent in property damage accidents, and 44 percent in damage losses.

Mills pointed out that one major expenditure under the safety improvement program, \$5,032,606, went to eliminate 131 obsolete bridges, most of them on the 42,300-mile secondary system. These were replaced with new bridges or, in many instances, with modern culverts. The number of accidents at these locations dropped 80 percent, and the number of injury accidents was down 89 percent.

Altogether, the improvements at the 382 locations cost \$29,835,616. Similar projects are being undertaken on a continuing basis as funds become available

"Projects such as these have become a major and an integral part of our efforts to provide the highest possible levels of roadway safety, and it seems apparent that they contribute significantly to the success of these efforts," Mills says.

Sign supports (top photo), formerly bolted firmly in concrete, now are being designed to break away easily if struck by an out-of-control vehicle, virtually eliminating the danger of heavy damage to vehicles and injury to occupants. Additional sign cost: approximately 35 percent.

Drop inlets for drainage formerly were installed as raised structures (center), but making them flush with the ground (bottom) contributes to increased safety in the median for vehicles which may inadvertently leave the roadway. This new design costs approximately 15 percent more.





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VIRGINIA BRANCH AGC 8th Annual Legislative Luncheon

■ The Virginia Branch AGC held its annual Legislative Luncheon on April 20, 1972 at the Rayburn Office Building in Washington, D.C. Approximately 70 Virginia Branch Members entertained the Virginia Congressional Delegation and had the opportunity to talk with them face to face.

The Virginia Branch Legislative Chairman, Robert Dunville of Robert M. Dunville & Bros., Inc., Richmond, presided. He introduced each of the Legislators and their Administrative Assistants.

He also introduced two special guests, Don Giampaoli, Director of Legislative Services for the National AGC, and James Davis, Jr., Associate Editor of Constructor Magazine.

President Aubrey S. Bass, Jr. of Bass Construction Company, Richmond, spoke for the Association. His remarks were brief but to the point and outlined many of the concerns of the construction industry.

The following is the text of President Bass' remarks . . .

"On behalf of the Virginia Branch AGC I would like to welcome our Honorable Senators, Representatives, guests, fellow contractors and AGC staff to the Virginia Branch 8th Congressional Luncheon. This is certainly the highlight of the Virginia Branch's activities for the year. I cannot begin



Legislative Chairman Robert M. Dunville of Robert M. Dunville & Bros., Inc.. Richmond, discusses seating arrangements with Representative David E. Satterfield, III, who served as host for the Congressional Delegation. In the background are James F. Duckhardt, Executive Director, Virginia Branch AGC and Aubrey S. Bass, Jr. of Bass Construction Company, Richmond.

Shown on the facing page (left to right) are: Top row—Representative David E. Satterfield, III: Roger Willis, The Travelers Indemnity Company, Annandale; R. F. Wingo, Jr., Massey Concrete Company, Richmond. Back to camera, Gordon Maynard, Jr., Chairman of Associate Division of Virginia Branch AGC, Massey Concrete Company, Richmond. And, John O. Gregory, Gregory Construction Co., Inc., Manassas; Milton L. Hammond, Milton L. Hammond, Inc., Tappahannock; Frank Hundley, Milton L. Hammond, Inc., Tappahannock; Representative William L. Scott; and Carroll Barton, Milton L. Hammond, Inc., Tappahannock, William Ball (partially hidden) Milton L. Hammond, Inc., Tappahannock, 2nd row—R. E. Lee, R. E. Lee & Son, Inc., Charlottesville (back to camera); R. E. Lee, Ir., R. E. Lee & Son, Inc., Charlottesville: and Representative I. Kenneth Robinson. And, J. R. Dobyns, Dobyns, Incorporated, Dublin; Donald Giampaoli. Legislative Director for the National AGC, Washington, D. C.: Robert M. Dunville, Robert M. Dunville & Bros., Inc. Richmond; William King, Jr., Virginia Branch AGC Legal Counsel, McGuire, Woods & Battle, Richmond; and Representative William C. Wampler.

3rd row—Representative W. C. Daniel; Bobby M. Barnes, Steel of Virginia, Inc., Martinsville; and Barry Bowles, Stanley W. Bowles Corp., Martinsville. And, Aaron J. Connor,

tinsville; and Barry Bowles, Stanley W. Bowles Corp., Martinsville. And, Aaron J. Connor, Aaron J. Conner General Contractor, Inc., Roanoke: S. L. Lionberger, Jr., S. Lewis Lionberger Company. Roanoke; Sam R. Graves, Graves Construction Co., Inc., Blacksburg; and Rebresentative Richard H. Poff.

Representative Richard H. Poff.

And, bottom row—Virginia Branch AGC President Aubrey S. Bass, Ir., Bass Construction Company, Richmond, outlines the Association's position on various national issues. (Copy of President Bass' remarks is featured in this issue). And, Robert M. Dunville of Robert M. Dunville & Bros., Inc., Richmond, welcomes Virginia Congressional Delegates and Virginia Branch members to the annual Virginia Branch AGC Legislative Luncheon. Seated in foreground are Donald Giampaoli, Legislative Director for the National AGC, and I. R. Dobyns of Dobyns, Incorporated, Dublin, and to the right, Representative William C. Wampler.

















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"I would like to discuss with you a few of the problems which we are experiencing in our industry. I sincerely feel that it is not an overstatement to say that, if certain trends continue, the construction industry may soon reach the point where it will be impossible for the normal size contractor to continue effective operation. Specifically, the Occupational Safety and Health Act passed by Congress in 1970, when implemented to its fullest extent, will in all probability deal a fatal blow to a large number of our contractors. Only the large and fully financed will be able to survive. Although in Virginia our State Safety Code is bridging the gap for the time being, it will have to meet the requirements of the O.S.H.A. Code in a very short time. If properly enforced, the harshness with which O.S.H.A. will operate will work an immediate and severe hardship. For example, isn't there some way fines issued by the O.S.H.A. can be preceded by a warning or a contractor be given at least one courtesy inspection? There also should be some service available for interpretation of the law before fines are set. We would certainly hope that you, our representatives from Virginia, would help us secure in the law a permanent arrangement for our revised State Code, with state inspections, to be the controlling and enforcing body.

"Further, some arrangements need to be made so that a special variance can be permitted within a reasonable length of time. Present estimates on time required for variance approval is approximately nine (9) months. This would be totally unworkable, since most customers expect their job finished in twelve (12) months or less.

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"Another great concern to the Virginia Branch membership is the administration of Phase II in Construction. Prices on materials are somewhat of a problem, but our real dilemma is in wages. With the Pay Board dictating a maximum increase of 5.5% on wages for the open-shop contractors and the Construction Industry Stabilization Committee operating on their own higher set of standards, the wage differential between open shop and union employees is ever increasing. This places the union oriented contractor at a bidding disadvantage and the open shop contractor at a labor disadvantage. Now, don't get me wrong, we would like to see the C.I.S.C. remain in their present responsibility, but just adhere to the 5.5% including fringe benefits.

"Although ecology laws are increasing construction cost, we recognize the need. There are still a lot of standards to be set by proposed laws and it is my concern that these standards be set at a realistic level. The Water Pollution Control bills are under consideration. Senate and House Bill S-2770 is one of these. We would hope that a two (2) year study by the National Academy of Science be made before the requirement of a zero pollution discharge be made law.

"The Virginia Branch solicits your support for repeal of the Davis Bacon Act and your wholehearted support of the Right to Work Law for all states.

On behalf of the Virginia Branch AGC I would like to thank our 3rd District Representative, the Honorable Dave Satterfield, and his staff, for making the arrangements for this most enjoyable luncheon.

"Again, we appreciate your consideration in allowing us the privilege to meet with you and present our views. We stand ready to assist you with any background or technical information or advice you need, all you have to do is call upon us."

This type of meeting is greatly appreciated by the Legislators. It is held in the Rayburn Building at the lunch hour which is convenient for them in both location and time. The remarks by the Virginia Branch President are always brief and written copies are distributed to both those present and mailed to those unable at attend.



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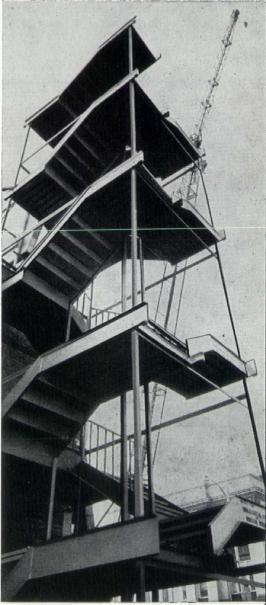
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AGC NATIONAL OFFICERS installed are from left: William E. Naumann, Tucson, Ariz. treasurer; James D. McClary, Boise, Idaho, president; Nello L. Teer Jr., Durham, N. C., senior vice president; and Saul Horowitz Jr., New York City, vice president. Nello L. Teer, Jr., is President of Nello L. Teer Company, and his firm is a member of the Virginia Branch, AGC.

THE National AGC held its annual convention in Houston, Texas, March 3-8, 1972. Anyone who doubts the value of their AGC membership at the National level should attend the next National convention. The real strength of this organization is vividly demonstrated in the caliber of the speakers, and the interest and attendance at the committee meetings and business sessions.

The speakers included: Art Buchwald, Syndicated Columnist; James A. Lovell, Astronaut; Honorable Preston Smith, Governor of Texas; James J. Kilpatrick, Syndicated Columnist; J. C. Dingwall, President, AASHO; Honorable John C. Kluczynski, U.S. House of Representatives; Honorable William H. Harsha, U.S. House of Representatives; Honorable James C. Wright, U.S. House of Representatives; A. E. Johnson, Executive Director, AASHO; Honorable Edward J. Sheridan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense; Major General F. P. Koisch, Director of Civil Works Office, Chief of Engineers U.S. Army; Rear Admiral Walter M. Enger, Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command; Honorable John G. Tower, U.S. Senate: and, Honorable Jennings Randolph, Chairman Public Works Committee U.S. Senate.

Approximately 4,500 AGC members, wives and guests attended the event in

Houston. An air of optimism prevailed. Perhaps it was due to the dynamic and inspiring leadership of John Healy as President for the last year. Mr. Healy feels that the Construction Industry is at a critical cross-roads, that others (the public, Government and Labor) are beginning to recognize the Construction Industry as an important factor in the economic well being of this country. He feels that perhaps labor has gone too far in its demands and has changed the attitude of many people including the general public. Mr. Healy says that now is the time to take postive action, to unite our industry and make our voice heard throughout the Nation.

Mr. Healy's enthusiasm and zeal has spilled over to the entire leadership of the National AGC. You can expect a more effective and stronger voice at the National level and an expanded program of Services to Chapters and local members.

Highlights of the Convention and Board Meetings include: the installation of new officers; the adoption of new goals and objectives; and the revision of the national dues structure. The association took a position on a wide range of subjects by the adoption of nine resolutions.

In his opening remarks as AGC's 53rd national president, James D. Mc-Clary of Boise, Idaho appealed to all

contractors to take an active part in the work of their association. "Let's resolve to get back our right to manage, give the client his money's worth, keep watch on productivity, and have pride in our work and work together," he told the more than 4500 contractors and wives attending the opening general session.

"Let's never forget that contractors are probably the only remaining representatives of the free enterprise system which builds the greatest civilization and provides the highest living standard the world has ever known."

AGC National Officers installed were: James D. McClary, Boise, Idaho, president; Nello L. Teer Jr., Durham, N.C., senior vice president; Saul Horowitz Jr., N. Y., N. Y., vice president; and, William E. Naumann, Tucson, Ariz., treasurer.

President McClary, with the unanimous consent of the Board of Directors, named William E. Dunn to the newly created position of Executive Vice President of the association. In this capacity Mr. Dunn will continue as the chief executive officer of the association but will concentrate his efforts on implementing the expanded programs of the association, particularly the recommendations of the Goals and Objectives Committee. James M. Sprouse, Assistant Executive Director since 1967, was named to succeed Mr. Dunn as Executive Director.

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James Lovell, Astronaut, was featured speaker at the Ladies Luncheon. He charmed and thrilled the ladies with his personality, good looks and stories of space exploration.

The Convention approved several important resolutions on subjects such as: Control of Inflation; Construction Safety; Use of Highway Trust Monies and, Establishment of a Mass Transit Trust Fund. These are detailed in the National Newsletter, Vol. 24, No. 10 which was published March 14, 1972.

In other action, the Labor Committee recommended:

- development of a nationwide fringe benefit program for open shop contractors
 - · development of a training pro-

gram for management negotiators to improve collective bargaining

- establishment of a separate AGC committee on equal employment
- study of existing open shop apprenticeship and training programs
- development of an agreement with the international unions to resolve disputes without strikes or lockouts

 development of a joint labormanagement program to improve productivity.

The Board of Directors at their preconvention meeting adopted a recommendation of the Special Committee on National Financing, headed by Past President James W. Cawdrey. The es-



Nationally known humor Columnist, Art Buchwald, kept the action lively at the AGC Safety Awards Breakfast when he told the Contractors about "Getting High in Government Circles."

sential provisions of the recommendations as adopted by the board are as follows:

• Reaffirmation of the action taken at the Atlanta Board Meeting to increase the national dues to a rate of \$250 starting January 1973.

• Beginning January 1974, the natonal dues would go on a volume basis at the rate of 1/300 of 1% of a member firm's volume with a minimum of \$250 and a maximum of \$3000.

• Effective January 1975, this rate would increase to 1/200 of 1%, and by January 1, 1976 the rate would increase to 1/100 of 1%.

• Before the last increase would go into effect in 1976, there would be a review to determine whether the increase to 1/100 of 1% was necessary.

• Duplicate national dues and the national membership classification would be eliminated by January 1, 1974.

Chapters will be furnished complete details of the action taken in Houston. The subject will be thoroughly discussed at the chapter executives' meeting in June. Commenting on the action taken by the board, Immediate Past President John E. Healy II said "this is one of the most significant actions taken by this association since it was founded 53 years ago. History will show that we were not too late with too little when opportunity knocked."



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In the Fall of this year the AGC Jet Set will leave for nine (9) days in London, England. The group will make their headquarters at the Churchill Hote in the fashionable Mayfair Section, the heart of all that's happening in London

There will be a business session each morning consisting of lectures and talk on the methods used in Britain for bidding and construction. There will also be tours of various construction sites.

While the men attend the business sessions, there will be special events for the ladies. Also, tours of historical sites have been arranged as well as special partie and receptions.

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are stuffy"...Londoners are friendly"...

All of the above statements have some truth in them and that is some indication of the enormous variety to be found in London today. London is, indeed the swingingest, quietest, stuffiest, friendliest, most conservative, least inhibited city in the world. The knack to enjoying it is to find the London you want when you want it. How do you begin to go about it? Well, assuming you've rested from your flight, we can think of no better way to start than to take a coach tour Any number are available and they range from a couple of hours to a full dain length. The coaches are superbly comfortable, the guides knowledgeable and

articulate, and you'll find you'll see much more than if you set off by yourself When you've gotten an overall picture of London, it's time to strike out of your own. See the Changing of the Guard. No one handles pomp and circum stance quite as well as the British—they've had so much practice. Be sure that arrive early, though. This applies to all the traditional London sights, particularly during the summer months.

At the other end of the spectrum, a Saturday afternoon stroll along the King Road is a must. There you'll find young London on parade. Note: Leave you seersucker jacket unpacked and pick up a crushed velvet one—being seen into a spain.

just as important as seeing.

Boutiques by the score line the King's Road and the bargains are considerable (Carnaby Street, by the way, is still worth seeing). And where do the King Road types go after dark? To the discotheques! Very loud, very fast, very groov Don't forget your passport, you'll need it to get in. There are, of course, alway new "in" places opening up. Taxi drivers are often quite knowledgeable in the area.

On this page, we can do no more than the merest skimming of London surface. A comprehensive guide book is a helpful investment.

It must be mentioned, at this point, that The Churchill is quite incredible convenient to just about everything worth seeing and doing in London.

Run Off at 13, Now the Boss

(Reprinted from the Richmond News Leader 4/3/72)

by Tyler Whitley
News Leader Business Editor



■ ■ Aubrey Sidney Bass Jr. has come a long way from the time when he was run off his first construction job.

He was 13 years old at the time and wearing short pants when he reported or work at his uncle's business on Bainbridge Street. The construction grew thought he was too young.

So, not to be discouraged, Bass just 'came up to the yard and worked up nere."

Bass has continued this enthusiasm or the construction business and tolay—35 years later—heads the state's argest contractor group, the Virginia Branch of the Associated General Conractors of America.

NEW OFFICE BUILDING

The yard Bass was talking about is at Eighth and Bainbridge Streets where Bass Construction Co. and Bass Steel Building Corp. have headquarters in a new, modern office building completed ast year.

Bass is president of Bass Construcion Co. His younger brother, Robert s president of the steel buildings corporation, which is the area representaive for Armco Steel Co.'s steel build-

The two have equal interest in the irms. The construction company traces ts history back to 1911 when their

three uncles established E. L. Bass & Brothers in what was then the separate city of Manchester.

The firm moved to its existing location a year later.

ROBERT JOINS LATER

Aubrey Bass took over the direction of the concern in 1951 when his father died and Robert joined five years later after getting out of college.

A sturdily built, lifelong "Dogtowner" of medium height, Bass has dark hair, graying slightly at the temples, and a quiet, serious manner. While talking, he sits stiffly at his desk, fidgeting with various objects on the desk.

He said he became involved with the Associated General Contractors about 15 years ago because, "I recognized the role of a trade association as an opportunity for people in the same business to get together."

He started out in various positions with the Richmond district, then was elected to the state board and moved through a succession of offices to the presidency.

Bass said one of the major tasks this year will be educating fellow contractors and subcontractors on the effects of the new Occupational Health and Safety Act.

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Richmond, Va. Call 649-2075 many states in construction safety because it has had its own safety code and inspection service that operates under the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, he observed.

Another area of concern for the contractors' group is problems raised by Phase II wage controls, Bass said.

Most of the members are open-shop contractors who come under the Pay Board, which allows wage increases of 5.5 percent, he said. But, he said, the Construction Industry Stabilization panel has allowed construction unions to go far beyond the 5.5 percent, he

"Government just doesn't control labor," he said. "They still are doing what they want to do."

'COST NOT HELD'

Thus construction costs are not being curtailed significantly, he said.

Bass was born and grew up in "Dogtown"-"I'm South Richmond all the way." He had his prep schooling at Fork Union Military Academy and then went to Virginia Polytechnic Institute, where he studied for two years before transferring to the University of

Virginia. He was graduated from the university with a degree in civil engi-

In the meantime, from the age of 13, he spent his summers working for his uncle's company. The firm did a lot of work erecting tobacco warehouses and usually hired work crews of 20 to 25 high school boys to carry lumber and put up sheeting, Bass said.

"We probably weren't too productive but we worked at it," he said.

WAS A SEABEE

He was graduated from college during World War II and spent a yearand-a-half overseas with the Navy Seabees. The 105th Naval Construction Battalion served first in the Phillippines where it erected a tank farm to support the invasion of Japan. It was never used. Bass later served in occupied Japan.

Bass started working full-time for

E. L. Bass in 1946.

The firm continues to specialize in building tobacco warehouses. Formerly frame buildings, they now mainly are steel buildings. Bass said the Armco Steel Building franchise has been very successful.

Bass classified Bass Construction Co. as being in the "upper medium" range in volume. Two of the largest contracts are the mall for the Cloverleaf Mall Shopping Center and the University of Richmond's Fine Arts Build-

ing.
"That's our monument, so to speak,"

Bass said.

A good part of Bass Construction's work is done on a negotiated basis rather than a bid basis, according to the contractor.

"We feel that we can protect the owner on the total cost better through a negotiated job working with an

architect," he explained.

Negotiated work requires a good deal of personal contact with the owners of buildings being erected so Bass said he and his brother spend considerable time at the construction sites

The construction business has been very good in the Richmond area during the past six or seven years, Bass

said.

DELAY OF PROJECTS

He added that many projects are late because the winter weather, while warmer than usual, was unusually rainy.

Bass is married and has two sons and a daughter. The older son is studying civil engineering at the University o Virginia while the younger son, a student at Christchurch School, wants to be an architect. Both want to go into the family business, Bass said.

The family lives at 4617 Menoking

Road in Stratford Hills.

Bass has been active in the Rec Cross and the Rotary Club and wa president of the South Richmond Ro tary Club last year. He also serves or the board of the Builders' Exchang of Richmond.

He likes boating and recently too up farming with his brother. The own a farm in Nelson County and have a small cattle operation there.

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EROSION OF WORK ETHICS IS LAMENTED BY BUILDER

(The following editorial by nationally syndicated columnist James J. Kilpatrick has appeared in more than 250 newsipers throughout the country. Mr. Kilpatrick addressed the Opening General Session of the AGC Convention in Houston.)

HOUSTON—John E. Healy II ooke at more than 200 meetings last ar — industry meetings, committee eetings — and at many of them he ld the story of the Empire State uilding. The story takes only a few aragraphs, but it packs a wallop.

Healy is the handsome, hefty, thirdneration builder from Wilmington, el., who is the outgoing president of c Associated General Contractors of merica. The association met here last eek in its fifty-third annual convenon. The 5,000 delegates went home th a renewed determination to repre some sense to their deeply publed industry and they took with em the story of the Empire State nilding.

The world's greatest skyscraper broke ound on Jan. 22, 1930. A peak emperor, 3,400 men were working to ect 60,000 tons of steel, to lay 10 ellion bricks, to install 70 miles of ater piping, and to connect 3,500 eles of telephone cable. The 102 pries went up at an average of fourd a half stories per week. On May 1931, just one year and 98 days er, President Hoover dedicated the ilding and tenants moved in.

The same structure today, says

Healy, would require three to threeand-a-half stories per week. On May the Empire State Building lacked air conditioning, which a contemporary building would demand, but the manhours required to install air conditioning have been more than offset by the new tools and new techniques of the past 40 years. The grim truth, in Healy's view, is that productivity in the building industry today is less than half what it was then. And why? "The work ethic has been lost."

It has been lost, he believes, through the power of avaricious trade unions, and through the weakness of contractors willing to buy labor peace at any price. The process has grossly inflated building costs, and it has sadly diminished the dignity of working men. Members of the AGC are eager to have their troubles known. Day in and day out, their experience confirms the picture painted in a hard-hitting report last month by Engineering News-Record. In 1928, a Chicago mason laid 600 blocks a day; today two masons are required for the same work, and they lay 100 blocks a day. In the days when concrete was finished by hand, a contractor figured on 2,000 square feet of finished concrete per man per day; today, with all kinds of power tools, the rate is 600 square feet.

The magazine cited the sorry example of a power plant job that required several small gasoline-powered generators. The union successfully demanded that each generator be watched by an operating engineer, an

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electrician, and a pipefitter. The operating engineer got \$300 to \$400 week "for starting once or twice a date a gas engine smaller than those of many home lawn mowers." Each electrician received the same kind of mone "for pushing the wire plugs into the sockets of the machines whenever the were moved." The contractor said henever did discover what the pipefitted did.

Such examples are legion. A billion dollar project in Albany has suffere repeated delays because of a disput between teamsters and operating engineers: Who is to hold the nozzle of fuel truck? On a motel construction job in Philadelphia, electricians an carpenters quarreled over the installation of a chain-hung ceiling lamp.

Many labor leaders privately agree that this nonsense has to stop. Unique members themselves are suffering, a many contractors turn to the operation. Jobs are vanishing.

The contractors who met here Houston gave Healy an ovation who he insisted that with the unions' helfor without it," productivity an morale must be restored. If the builders will match their convention ze with hometown determination, the oconcept of a fair day's work for a faday's pay may yet be revived. It what the unions have been asking a along.

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AGC President McClary Speaks To International Union of Operating Engineers



April 25, 1972

ENTLEMEN: I am indebted to General President Hunter Wharm for the opportunity to be here day. Indebted, because it is a privige to be asked to speak to you at our annual conclave, and because it fords me the chance to say to you me things which I believe must be id between us. Things which we, repsenting labor and management must ce and resolve if we are to continue a viable industry—and in fact, if it way of life, as we know and love is to survive.

Hunter and I have known each her for a number of years. In that ne we have discussed many mutual oblems and while we certainly have to agreed on a lot, we have agreed on any. I honestly believe we would both concerned if we agreed on everying. Our roles in life necessarily cast as protagonists for our respective uses. I say this because, although and you may not agree with what say, he knows that I believe in what say and that I will say what I believe to the say and that I will say what I believe to the say and that I will say what I believe to the say and that I will say what I believe to the say and that I will say what I believe to the say and that I will say what I believe to the say and that I will say what I believe to the say the say and that I will say what I believe to the say that I believe to the say that I will say what I believe to the say that I will say what I believe to the say that I will say what I believe to the say that I will say what I believe to the say that I will say what I believe to the say that I will say what I will say what

I have a feeling of being closer to ur craft than I do to the others beuse in my own early days I learned

to do those things you do and, of course, my company has always done work that requires operating engineers. When I was sixteen I had a job that was a combination of timekeeper, aspaymaster, warehouseman. candy wagon driver, and fuel truck driver. Since the job was in a remote corner of Yellowstone Park, where outside diversions were not just uncommon-they didn't exist-I had some spare time on my hands during the long summer evenings — after 6:00 o'clock, that is-and I didn't have to go to work until 6:00 in the morning. So I hung around the shop and finally talked someone into teaching me how to weld-both electric and oxyacetylene. I had already had to learn to run a 30 cat in order to get fuel deliveries through the mud - so I was really on my way to learning your trade. A couple of years later, however, I fell in with evil companions and went on to school and became a civil engineer.

My interest in equipment has never waned. I learned to repair, operate and maintain it through the years and up until the time I finally got chained to a desk I could operate in a better than passable way every piece of equipment we owned.

I am telling you this not to try to make you feel that I am one of you—because I am not—but to let you realize that in learning the things I learned I had to work closely with a lot of your people for a lot of time—and in so doing I developed a tremendous regard for the abilities of a good operator and a good mechanic. You can't lay on your back in the mud under a piece of equipment with a guy for very long without having a pretty good idea of what makes him tick.

Last December I was awarded my forty year service pin with M-K, so despite my apparent youthfulness and obvious good looks, I have been around and through a lot of mills. I have seen, known, worked, worked for, and worked with a lot of your brothers. I can also say without fear of competent contradiction that I know a good workman when I see him. I know a bum when I see him, too.

Now, with that bit of background I'll get down to saying what I have to say.

Our industry is in trouble. It is in serious trouble and it could get a lot worse before it gets better. If it gets better, it will only be because you and I and a lot of people like us quit fooling around, quit playing games and go back to work.

We are accused—as an industry—of leading the inflationary spiral that is rapidly driving this country to economic ruin. And we are guilty. No economy can long survive continued increases in wages without corresponding and overriding increases in production. You, particularly, have benefitted by increases in the technology of our industry and have been able to conceal your own decreasing productivity behind a screen of bigger and better machines. But it is all catching up with us-because we have in many instances reached a practical limit to the size of machines we can build.

Instead of using the advance in technology to allow us to do more at less cost, while paying higher wages for operating more complicated machinery, you have so loaded the work force with non-essential non-producers that the economic benefit of the technical advance is lost — overwhelmed — drowned out.

Any machine is productive only when it is working. When it's not, it's just a pile of iron. It is not producing, if you show up late or are out drinking coffee or just plain goofing off, or quit early.

I have no quarrel with anyone about

paying a good wage for whatever task I ask a man to do. But I do quarrel if I am forced to pay a man a good wage and then he doesn't live up to his side of the bargain by honestly giving me my money's worth.

I have no quarrel with paying a good operator more than I pay a bad operator, but you have become so twisted up in your own regulations and rules that that is no longer possible.

Remember when there were three pay scales for three classes of operators, or mechanics, or compressormen? The average guy got the scale, the guy who was a better operator and worked harder got above scale, and the bum got run off and got nothing. Now all three are on the job getting whatever scale is. There is no reward or incentive to do a better job.

While our technology has been making great strides, so has education. But have you used those advances to speed up the time it takes to train a journeyman? If you have, it has been sparingly used.

By this time, I suppose I'm about as popular here as a skunk at a lawn

Well, I have told you some of your faults, but I haven't mentioned ours, as if we don't have any. We do-a lot of them.

In the first place, we have let you get away with many of those things I have mentioned. We have not said "no—no more." I blame us both for

In some parts of the country we have turned over virtual management of our jobs to your people. That's our fault, because you may be good opera tors, but you haven't been trained t manage.

We have become just as lazy an non-productive as you have become That's our fault. If the boss isn't then he doesn't know if you sneak off earl or go for a quick beer.

We don't always plan our work a well as we should. This leads to a pay

out of non-productive wages.

While you have let a lot of malcon tents and, in some cases, bums an crooks take over your locals, we have allowed the "Broker" to become re spectable-and he doesn't give a dam about you or me or our industry.

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age—and believe me when we don't manage our work—you don't have a good, safe place to work or even a good job.

Now, earlier, I mentioned that our way of life is in danger. What do I mean by that? Simply this, I don't care how much my salary is-if we don't find someone to work for we don't eat. If we price ourselves out of business, we're just as hungry as if there were no work going on. If construcion wages pull up other wages, then our bread, your meat, your car, your v., your house are going to cost you nore. So you need a wage boost to just tay even. If you go on a prolonged trike to get it, you need from seven o ten years of the higher wage just to et back what you didn't earn during he strike.

When you get in your German car, sten to your Japanese radio, watch our Japanese television, use your lashlight made in Singapore, do you ver wonder about the workers that nade them and how come you can buy hem for so much less? Every one of hose items that is sold in this country vas made by some funny looking charcter in a town with a strange soundng name-and most importantly it as not made by an American in Anyown, U. S. A. That American counerpart is not working. Why isn't he? ecause his wages have gone so high nd he has such ridiculous work rules, nd he so under-produces that his emloyer cannot put out a competitively riced product that will sell.

Well, you say,—they can't come over ere and do our work. You're probably ght. But if the work force outside our idustry doesn't have anything to do—ecause the funny little guys go on at-producing and underselling — that roup of Americans may be forced into ying to do your work here and cometing with you for your job. And on't kid yourself—someone will trained employ them!

To what do you attribute the very pid growth of the open shop moveent in the United States? Do you elieve that it is caused by contractors ho hate unions and want to work ave labor? Again, don't kid yourself. has been made possible, in my judgeent, by two things. Unions and union intractors are pricing themselves out the market, and, laugh if you want at this, but there are still a lot of ople in this country who have ough pride in their craft and in emselves, that they want to work nere their skill is recognized and here they can take their pay check the end of the week and look the

paymaster in the eye. They want to work where their income is steady, where they are not off on wildcat strikes or honoring a picket line for someone else's stupidity, or becoming embroiled in a useless jurisdictional dispute—in many instances not even involving their own craft.

I have always believed in the guild principle—in the right of men to associate for their own protection, benefit and well-being. The principle of the trade union is good—but like any good association, to survive and to justify its existence, a union must have something to offer its members for the

dues they pay. Who wants to shell out good money for the privilege of getting a black eye, a bloody nose and an empty pay envelope?

You have a good product, but like any product, it has to be sold. Historically, Americans have rejected the idea of paying tribute. When you bargain for a check-off, are you just asking for accounting help or are you really admitting you haven't much to sell and you need someone to collect your dues for you?

If you would sell unionism solely on its merits, you would, like the proverbial inventor of the better mousetrap,

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I was once given a very basic lesson in economy. I asked how a construction company could go broke and I was told it was easy—a contractor simply runs out of money. Gentlemen, a nation goes broke the same way.

What is a dollar? What does it represent? It is a medium of exchange. It measures the productivity of the people of this country. The dollar has been devalued because as a nation our productivity has fallen off and fallen off badly. What does this mean to you, wherever your home is? The dollar was devalued 8½%. You probably didn't notice it—or pay any attention, if you did. But, if you had \$1,000 in your savings account and tomorrow morning you got a letter from your bank saying they had charged your ac-

count with \$85 and your new balance was \$915, you'd damn well notice it. And you'd be right down at that bank with a writ, a lawyer and a cop.

That happened to you, to me, to all of us, on the day our dollar was devalued. Everything you or I have went down in real value by that $8\frac{1}{2}\%$.

When ours was a nation of producers—of workers—the dollar was the most desired currency in the world. Now, it isn't. But the Japanese yen, the German mark, the Swiss franc all went up $8\frac{1}{2}\%$ —those people haven't forgotten how to work!

Now I am not one of those who says "Stop the World I want to get off." So I am not suggesting we sell out and go somewhere else. In the first place we wouldn't want to and where would we go in the second place?

What I am suggesting is that it is long past time for us to go back to

work. Let's begin by me expecting and you giving a fair day's work for a fair day's pay.

Let's work together to figure out some way to settle our differences without crippling and devastating strikes, which, really no one wins.

Let's come up with a workable, fair and equitable solution to settling jurisdictional disputes. I swear you lose more than you gain—and whatever you gain, you gain at the expense of members of another union.

How about you taking a fresh, sincere look at what kind of craftsmer you really want to be? Do you want to be involved completely in the most exciting business in the world or do you really like pitting your skill and talent against those of some first class windmill man. In short, cut out this stupic obsession with featherbedding.

Let's get over the idea that every operator or mechanic is equally skilled. We may be all equal under the Constitution and in the equal opportunity sense, but I'll be damned if we're all equal in talents or skills!

Let's try to go more than six month or a year without a raise in pay—a least until we are out of our curren mess and until productivity justifies an increase.

In short, let's quit playing kid game and let's at least try to look like con struction stiffs that know how to ac and work like men.

Earlier, I told you about the kin of men with whom I was raised. think their kind is still with us—her in this hall. I just wonder what mad them give up and quit trying.

Now that is pretty straight talk. But I have a very good personal reason for saying what I have said. If you donget on the ball and get your part of this mess straightened out, then I've going to go down with you—and don't want to do that.

Someday maybe we'll all be sma enough or wise to realize that it tak both of us to make thing go. I certain can't run a very successful job if yo won't work for me, and you don't ha much of a job unless I have work f you.

Let's stop — once and for all — or ceaseless bickering and go down the same path together. Life will be whole lot easier. We can again har pride in our work, pride in our coutry, the where-with-all to provide better for our families and maybe a littime—and money—for some fun. Is that what it is all about? I think so

But first, let's go to work. I'm reac whenever you are.

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he walkways in the front of the offices.

The interior is exquisitely decorated and paneled. The offices and corridors are fully carpeted. Maintenance is made asier by the installation of a central vacuum system. This is one of the few commercial buildings in the Roanoke area o have this modern convenience. The entire structure is fully air conditioned with individual office controls for most enants. A convenient snack bar is also provided. Parking is plentiful, and the location is convenient to all parts of the

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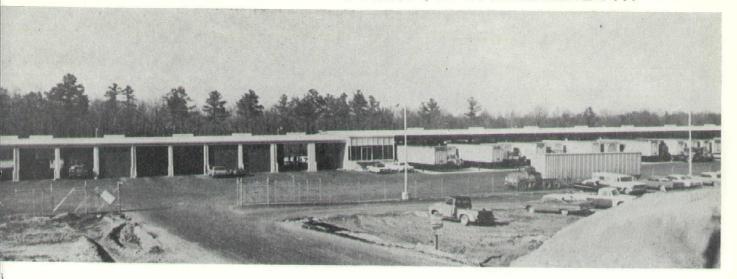


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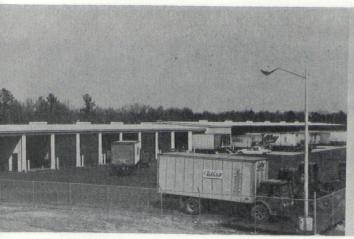
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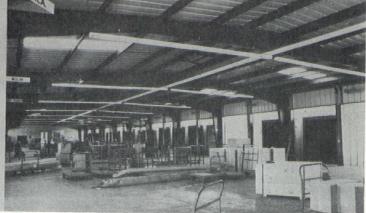
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Phase II of Stonewall Jackson Junior High School was begun in December of 1970 and completed in March of 1972.

The Phase I academic building consists of two stories and contains the basic classroom units. The Phase II building contains the administrative offices, guidance offices and clinic; home economics facilities, science labs and health rooms.

Locker and shower facilities are included in the gymnasium area. The main gymnasium itself is a large space, the roof of which is spanned wth longspan steel truss with an acoustical ceiling installed on the bottom cord of the truss to damper the sounds of sports activities and spectators. Provisions have been made for a future divider curtain to divide the main gymnasium into two teaching stations. Bleacher seats have been provided on one side of the contest court. Across the contest court is the stage and auxilliary gymnasium which provides space for stage activities and a large exercise area, making the space a dual purpose area.

In another area separated by a long corridor is the Vo-Ag Shop with classrooms, welding shop, and material storage. In the space adjacent to this area is a large Industrial Arts shop for carpentry, woodworking, sheetmetal, graphic arts study and office and conference rooms.

The library and reading room, and corridors open into a landscaped court which can be used as an outdoor room and exhibit area.

The Cafeteria-Dining Room, that seats 430 is separated from a corridor by satin finished aluminum railings and precast benches, opens for a view of the enclosed outdoor court seen through floor to ceiling window walls and double glass doors.

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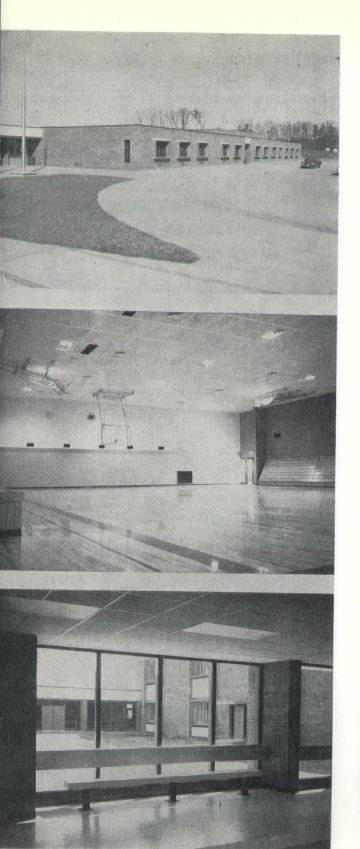
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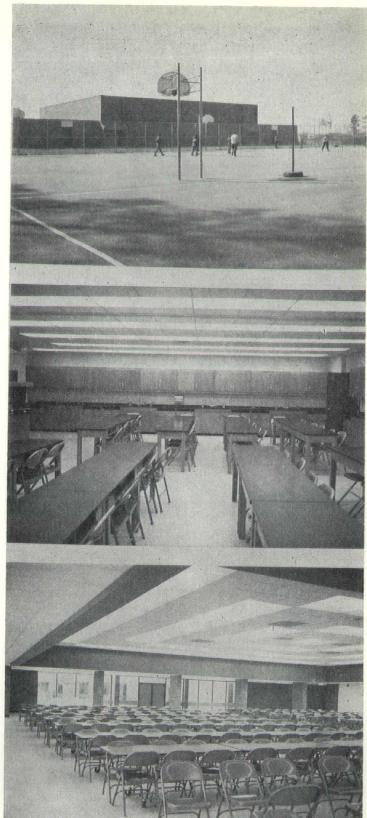
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CENTER: LEFT, INTERIOR OF GYM; RIGHT, SCIENCE LAB.

BOTTOM: LEFT, LOOKING TO ENCLOSED OUTDOOR COURT FROM THE CAFETERIA-DINING AREA; AND RIGHT, CAFETERIA DINING AREA.

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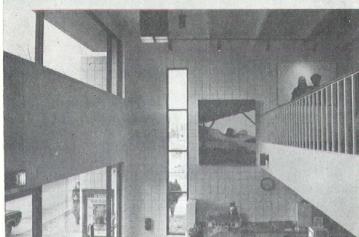
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A 1942 civil engineering graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Clir entered the consultant field after a 2 year career as a Naval Civil Engineer Corps Officer. His work in the Nav was primarily concerned with the planning, design, construction and maintenance of Navy shore facilities and as an officer in the Seabees.

At the time of his retirement as Captain. Civil Engineer Corps, U. S. Navy, Cline was commanding office of the U. S. Navy Public Works Certer, Guam. During his service care he completed requirements for a Mater of Civil Engineering degree a Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Cline entered an engineering corsultant partnership in Waynesboro i 1965. He is a part vice president of the Professional Engineers in Prival section of VSPE, and has been active in the Skyline Chapter of VSPE. He also a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He is registered as a PE in Virginia, New You and New Jersey and as a Communi Planner in West Virginia.

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The theme of the 1972 convention vill be "SPECIFICATIONS: RES-ONDING TO CHANGE." The proram will highlight the changes that re occurring — or can be reasonably redicted—in construction, and invesgates the specifier's expanding role a role demanding greater responsiilities and capabilities in research, valuation, analyzing - and rational becifying. Discourses at the convention ill cover aspects of performance speifying and analyzing, performance onstruction and testing, educational nd technical programs, interaction nd coordination of the elements of ne construction industry and other spects of changing construction con-

Always noted for its down to earth usiness like atmosphere CSI's 1972 convention again will emphasize the working and learning experiences" in ne convention technical program, ince its founding as a technical solety in 1948, The Construction Specications Institute has addressed its ctivities towards improving the technical quality, organization and enorcement of the various procedures wolved with the documents concerning specifying.

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Vepco was getting ready to begin construction on the \$360 million Sur Power Station on Gravel Neck Surry County. That meant an eno mous volume of excavation, and the need for a place to put the excavate

The Commission's Hog Island Gan

reserve, at the tip of Gravel Neck nd adjacent to the construction site, vas having a problem periodically ith salt water washing through the harshes and destroying much of the ood available for migratory waterowl. The dikes needed to be built up hold back the salt water and roads eeded improvements.

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Dr. G. Neil Harper, president of CLM/Systems, Inc., Cambridge Mass., has been named AIA's comput er consultant, and may be retaine to assist individual firms in becomin familiar with the system, installing in a local service bureau, customizin the system as required, and for con tinuing consultation once the system operating.

A complete description of the capability of the system is given in "F nanical Management for Architectura Firms—A Manual for Computer Us ers." Copies are available from AL for \$8 to members, and \$10 to nor members.

Abrash Appointed To History Commission

 Robert I. Abrash, partner in th Reston architectural firm of Kamstra Abrash, Dickerson and Associates ha been appointed to the Fairfax Count History Commission it was announce by William F. Hoofnagle, Chairma of the Fairfax Board of Supervisors.

"Mr. Abrash was the choice of Mar tha V. Pennino, member of the Boar of Supervisors from the Centrevill District, and will make a dynamic cor tribution to the Commission," Hool nagle said.

"It is the role of the Commission t advise the Board of Supervisors o matters of historic significance withi Fairfax County, a role I consider in creasingly important to the 20th Cer tury building of this rapidly expand ing county."

In cooperation with the Count Planning Division, the Commission

naking a listing and description of istoric sites, some of which may evenually be made a part of the Fairfax

County Park System.

Under the leadership of Dr. John Bloom, a resident of Reston's Vantage Hill section, the Commission has been astrumental in the establishment of aree historic districts—Sully Planta-on (near Dulles Airport), Pohick hurch and Woodlawn Plantation. All construction in these districts must be pproved by the County Architectural eview Board, according to Abrash. Otential new historic districts include tolvin Mill and Dranesville Tavern—oth on Route 7 near Reston.

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The Environment— Risks vs Values

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The new regulations represent the reult of much study and research, and he remaining uses they allow include ally those applications which are conidered essential to agriculture, nurerymen and homeowners, and for which there are no suitable substitutes to the present time. We believe that hese regulations present positive acion to manage the use of pesticides, and at the same time permit sufficient ses for adequate production.

As you may know, the department as been called upon by the Governor agriculture in its effort to initiate and accelerate practices which minimize the appact of agricultural operations upon the quality of the environment. The cope of these concerns includes pescide control, agricultural waste mangement, and other related areas.

Only in the case of pesticides does ne department have specific statutory uthority for regulatory action prorams. As there is no authority or gislation governing the waste management practices of the various production and processing segments of the industry of agriculture, our department, with the cooperation of VPI and SU and the assistance of the industry of agriculture, is developing an Agricultural Waste Management Program for Virginia. This program will be the answer to the critics of agriculture as an environmental polluter.

The projected plan calls for a series of seminars and workshops in preparation for a statewide conference on agricultural waste management to be held in 1972, with a continuing educational program of regional-local problem solving conferences to follow. It is envisioned that seminars and workshops will be held to provide input for this statewide conference, and that the primary output will be to organize industry and production groups and others to project the information derived from the conference to all concerned for implementation into an ongoing positive agricultural waste management program.

The Department's Environmental Planning Committee, which was established late in 1970, has been instrumental in developing basic data and plans for coping with problems

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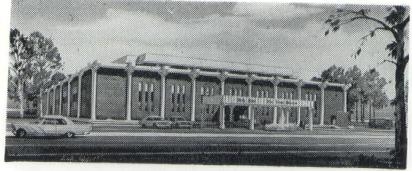
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such as pesticide disposal and agricultural waste management. The committee is coordinating its efforts with the policies and approaches being made by the Governor's Council on the Environment. The committee has conducted a series of surveys to obtain information for use in various problem areas. Data obtained from these surveys involving agricultural wastes will be used in part to identify and definithe problems to be solved or prevented by the agricultural waste management program.

The preliminary results of thes waste surveys conducted by the committee indicate that on-farm animal and poultry wastes do not represent serious threat to the Virginia environment, although they pose a potential problem which will require continuous attention due to increased production needed to meet dietary demands for meat and poultry products. The surveys indicate that in excess of 95 pecent of these wastes are returned to the land: however, it is felt that the methods and timing of distribution need to the improved.

It cannot be overemphasized that long-range, carefully considered plan that weigh the risks against the value are the only practical approach to environmental problems. I believe that the general public is beginning to realize this, and am pleased to note the many individuals have already change their viewpoints as they gain facts an a better understanding of the situation.

Everyone should also realize that the restoration of our environment not a job that can be ordered and accomplished by the government, or a tacked singly by any sector of our ecoromy. The blame for our present problems should not be placed on any or group, nor should any one group see to abrogate their responsibilities an point the finger at others.

A cooperative approach on the pa of government, industry, agricultur and our society in general is needed lick this problem, and it will take total commitment on the part of each and every one of us. I am confider that we will eventually succeed-a though the costs will be high-and a pleased with the progress that has a ready been made. Our industry of agr culture has much at stake, and mu assume an increasingly important re of leadership in preserving and pr tecting the quality of our environment and at the same time produce suffice ent food and fiber for our ever i creasing population.

Analytical Testing

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lower range, in samples of food, ed, water, and other commodities to etermine if they contain pesticide resiues in excess of established tolerances. This laboratory, in cooperation with e Environmental Evaluation Enterrises Incorporated, provided informaon needed for the pesticide study thorized by the 1971 General Asmbly. To do this, they expanded their ogram to include analysis on water, uatic life, wildlife, air and soil. The formation obtained from these anyses allows Virginia to monitor the nount of pesticide residues present our natural resources and to ascerin their affect on our animal and ant life.

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Although the major function of the uman Drug Laboratory has been to alyze drugs and cosmetics in accornce with the Pharmacy and Drug to fithe Commonwealth of Virginia, e increased assaying of drug abuse mples signifies a major accomplishent in the responsibility of the Virgia Department of Agriculture and ommerce to protect the health and fety of the total citizenry of Virgia.

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A New Age of Hate?

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public display of symbols of one phase of this heritage. But in the reasons given, youth's spokesmen denied the minority of the old the tolerance demanded for the minority of the blacks, and displayed to all traditionalists the very intolerance which they were beseeched to forsake. Typical of today's polarities, the sensibilities of one segment were defended by offending the sensibilities of another segment, in this case by attacking their heritage. In the whole nation, it seems never enough to appeal in the name of common humanity to what is best for all: one segment must be put in the wrong, stigmatized, villified. So here in Virginia this is illustrated in an editorial in the Commonwealth Times, published by the state supported VCU.

In referring to the "flying of the

rebel flag" (no capital letter on Rebel) at the University of Virginia, the editorialist wrote, "That flag is more than a colorful spirit banner; it is a symbol of centuries of oppression, and it is deeply insulting to many of UVa's black students."

By "centuries of oppression," one can only assume that the editorialist is indulging in hyperbolical reference to the existence of slavery in the Confederacy; but it is difficult to comprehend how the four years of the poor Confederacy's life could make its flag a symbol of the oppression of slavery which has existed through all recorded history. The Egyptian flag, of an ancient slaveholding nation still surviving, would more accurately symbolize "centuries of oppression."

In America, slavery existed under the British flag from 1619 until the Revolution, during which period the British government consistently overrode the efforts of Virginia's General Assembly to curtail the importation of slaves. That's one-and-one-half centuries of slavery in America under the British flag and, with Great Britain's terrible record of colonializing "native peoples, that flag might be made to serve locally as a symbol of "centuries of oppression."

Then, from the formation of the Republic until 1865, slavery existed under the United States flag. During the Civil War, Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation in October 1862, as punitive war measure, threatened to "free the slaves" in Confederate area which resisted the Federal invasions—that is, as British newspapers pointed out, areas where the Federal government had at that time no authority Slavery remained legal in the parts of the Confederacy under Federal subjugation (under the U.S. flag) and in those parts of the United States for at war with the Federal government

To Virginians, the flag used to b a symbol of the heroism of our peop who fought, sacrificed and died, lo and were persecuted, for their convitions. These convictions were person fied by Virginia leaders such as Le Stonewall Jackson, Joseph E. Johnsto Jeb Stuart, A. P. Hill who were pe sonally opposed to the institution slavery, and the majority of who soldiers were not slaveholders. No the VCU editorial informs us, th some white students display the fla "because they are proud of their a cestors and their gallant hopeless fig to split the Union."

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Youth's capacity for simplifying the omplex is epitomized in that phrase, to split the Union." For more than a entury historians have speculated over e multiple causes, and all the nunces, which resulted in the Civil War, nd just in the past 25 years in more an 100 books reputable scholars of at war have brought new research nd new reflection to the speculations ver what, after 40 years of sectional visiveness, actually brought on the ternecine war. In the most recent iblication, the last of eight volumes the late Allan Nevins' massive nartive, the distinguished historian buld not even commit himself to yes no on the statement of Lincoln's cretary of state that the war was the sult of "an irrepressible conflict." evins evaded by saying that the med conflict "should have been oidable." But, with the aforemenned tendency of today's youth to ace blame as well as to simplify the ost complex social movements in the bness of a current superficiality, the dergraduate editorial writer sumarizes it all by our ancestors' "fight split the Union." This kind of simistic interpretation is typical of those dgments which, exacerbating the esent divisiveness, wrench the experice of the past out of the context of time in order to fit an attitude rmed without historical basis. Hisrical records, which are open to any ident, reveal that our Virginia anstors (and to some of us these "anstors" were grandparents) fought be-

cause their state was invaded. In 1861 a Virginian's allegiance was to his native state, the homeland he would give his life to defend. At that time, when the republic was only seventy years old, Virginia had existed for two-and-one-half centuries, after nearly two centuries of which the precedent for secession had been established in the Revolution, a war of self-determination fought by the parents of such leaders as Lee.

However, though the principle of self-determination had been established in a Revolution which was very close in time to and in the minds of Virginia's leaders, Lee, as a representative, disbelieved in secession as a remedy for all the sectional grievances—the divisivenesses of that day—which he strongly felt were deepened and embittered by the intolerance of the extremists of both sides. However, as a man advanced far beyond the thinking of his time about war, he dis-

believed even more in armed force as a resolution. As the crisis approached, his letters (available now to anyone) are filled with grief at the dissolution of the Union and his "concern for mankind" aroused by Lincoln's choice of war as a means of returning to the Union the seven states of the Lower South which had then seceded. But Lee's state only seceded (shortly following a 2 to 1 vote against secession) after Lincoln called on Virginia to furnish troops to make war on sister states. When Virginia refused-Governor Letcher wiring Lincoln, "You have chosen to inaugurate civil war"then Lee offered his services "in defense of my native state." The majority of his fellows volunteered in the Virginia State Forces with the same mo-

Of course, this type of state identification is difficult to comprehend in today's values, in which even "the Union" doesn't seem to inspire too

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Telephone 824-4611 NEW CHURCH, VA. 23415 much allegiance. Yet, since there is this tendency to refract experiences of the past through today's viewpoints, why isolate the Confederate experience? With the present feelings about the atrocities of war and the miseries brought to the Vietnamese, how does one judge Lincoln?-who introduced modern total war in unleashing killing and destruction among a whole people, of supposedly fellow-citizens, leaving a blight of poverty and differentiation which required three generations to recover from. In "saving the Union," what did this armed aggression do to the nation? Has it ever really been the same?

In the Civil Rights movement which began in the fifties, did not the North exhibit the same moral superiority of the ante-bellum abolitionists and the same vindictiveness of the Reconstruction radicals in denouncing all Southerners for resisting integrative engineering — until integration moved North, when it became a closed subject. Were not the Negroes themselves the first to recognize that they were being used as pawns by hypocritical Northern liberals, who, as ante-bellum abolitionists and Reconstruction radicals, hated the Southern white far more than they loved the Negro?

Indeed, the false assumptions of moral righteousness which were given support by the physical defeat of the Southern states in a needless war are central to the racial divisiveness in non-Southern parts of the United States today. The reality of their own racism, in contrast to the long enduring myth of their moral superiority to the "white supremacist Southerners," resulted in a mass flight to the suburbs -creating yet another divisiveness and eroding the character of communities with which individuals might establish an identification. And everybody, North and South, black and white, has suffered dislocations and endured awkward makeshifts in arbitrary ratioplacements as a result of the airy promises made by liberals without responsibility and by politicians who attempted to legislate the interplay of social forces without regard for the element of time.

The VCU editorialist ends with a plea: "Tolerance for all is in order; and let us finally strike the colors of the Old South and turn to the building of the New." The only way to extend tolerance to all evidently is for Virginians to deny their heritage, forget they have a past and, in this vacuum, "turn to the building of the New."

Now, in every conceivable statisticpopulation growth, industrial growth (in volume of dollars, plants and em ployees), per capita income growth growth in monies spent in public edu cation and health care, to list only few-Virginia has made in the pas 25 years a calculable advance in "th building of the New." For the first tim since the early 19th century we attract more out-of-state residents than w lose of the native born. Our cities ar actually vying with New York in th rapidity with which old landmarks ar destroyed and anonymous new build ings erected; speedways for commuter in construction or in projection ar hastening the transformation of ou cities into minor replicas of Los Ar geles; the phenomenal growth of th editorialist's own state-supported in stitution is a product of those 25 year

It happens that during that time th state staged a Civil War Centennia and a 250th anniversary of the found ing of Jamestown, with a permaner exhibition area established there. No only did neither the celebration of th Civil War nor Jamestown in any wa impede our turning to the New but, i the crassest values of the most moder materialism, they brought tourists an their cash into the state. And though the late Mr. Rockefeller is responsible for the re-creation of Williamsburg this visualization of Virginia's Colonia past is one of Virginia's finest assets, i prestige and in the tourist attraction that is very much a part of the Ne for any forward-looking state.

Even the remnants of Civil War battlefields attract non-Southern tourist continuously, and the large, prestigion New York Civil War Round Tabwould be very put out if its member discovered in their three-day tour of the Richmond battlefields, planned for May, that Virginia had decided eliminate the Civil War. For the New Yorkers, along with the members

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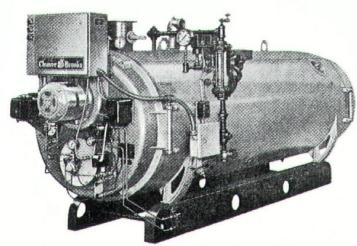
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f the large Chicago Round Table who isit Virginia's battlefields periodically, eem to experience no difficulty in exending tolerance to all while sharing Virginia's Confederate heritage. (In oint of fact, Confederate-centered ooks sell more outside the South, inluding Great Britain, than in the outhern states). And, with this heriage, Virginia has made incomparably nore solid progress in the school inegration of the races than those states ithout Dixie or the Rebel flag.

In this plea for tolerance, the ediorialist has fallen into the politician's liché of equating the New with the enial of the past. While this might e expected from politicians, it is larming when a student who presumes perform guidance for his peers from ne editorial page not only holds that he past must be obliterated in order build the New but represents the ally means of practicing tolerance to l. For here is the crux of our diviseness today: tolerance has come to ean sympathetic support (at least erbal) of one faction rather than a mpathetic understanding of all facons. As said earlier, one must be in e wrong. The VCU editorialist is an teresting case in point because of his treme suggestion for the wrong facon: they are simply to clear their inds of their pasts, erase their reonal memories, and turn to the New if there were no yesterdays.

Unfortunately for this simple remly, a people cannot just decide to rget their heritage. It was a Negro, mes Baldwin, who said that whites whites: he never knew any Conderate whites—were trapped in their eritage. It is true that historically nglish-speaking peoples have held a rejudice to all people of Color, as te their earliest relationship with the merican Indians. However, until this esent period, right now, the people the non-Southern parts of the nited States have managed to evade nfronting this reality about them-

ves. But the South, as was said by ann Woodward, the Southern-born ale historian, cannot be thought of thout thinking of whites and blacks: in no other part of the country, the ciety of the South is composed of the o races inseparably associated, each th its problems.

Since thoughtful Negroes are now nvinced that workable relations will established between the races in the uth sooner than anywhere else, a illy advanced attitude in building New would promote the easement the polarity syndrome in Virginia. vocacy of the Negro's position does

not guarantee total rightness to the advocate or even to the Negro, nor does the fact of this advocacy place the "others" entirely in the wrong. Members of each race should try to understand one another, and both should try to understand the whole of which they are inextricable parts. Toward that end the practice of a tolerance truly for "all" would be "tolerance" in the dictionary meaning: "the capacity for . . . respecting the nature, beliefs, or behavior of others" - all others.

Before the old are deprived of the wan comfort of their memories, and the past is obliterated from the regional consciousness (as in those thought-controlled societies predicted in Huxley's futuristic novels), the young who truly wish to address themselves to the nation's inequities might contribute enormously by recognizing that our present divisivenesses are no simpler of solution than they were 110 years ago-when, as very little history reading will make clear, some forty vears of efforts and failures to reconcile divisivenesses resulted in the ultimate divisiveness of war. What is open to the really forward-looking young today is the discovery of a fresh approach to, what Leslie Fielder describes as, America's "encounter of the dream of innocence and the fact of guilt." That is the underlying theme of the current national nightmare, which seems to be troubling those parts of America without Confederate grandparents more than it troubles Vir-

Since Virginia is, in fact, doing so well in comparison with those sections which are uncontaminated by Confederate ancestors, it seems that the young could now, without fear of being attitudinally unfashionable, enlarge their own humanity by asking some tolerance of the Negroes while asking tolerance of the whites. Actually, it seems to belittle Negro college students to protect their sensitivities by perpetuating false history, myths of innocence and guilt, and demanding nothing of the tolerance of understanding from them. For a certainty, such a one-way street can only confirm the polarities.

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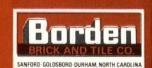
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