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OFTEN in the letter columns of the newspapers one finds letters of aroused
dog-owners defending their pets against some protest made by non-dog-
owning citizens. These letters suggest that dog-owners and dog-lovers, while tra­
ditionally fiercely protective about the objects of their attachments — the old
"love me, love my dog" syndrome—have become unyieldingly intolerant of those
individuals who place human rights on an equal (or almost equal) basis with
canine rights.

For instance, if a person says of another person, "he kicked my dog," the kick­
er is not only beyond the pale of decency (a special kind of perverted monster)
but his act is enough to justify a private war. Now this is certainly not to con­
done dog-kicking, any more than cat-kicking or people-kicking, but it is to
point out that dog-lovers deny human beings their rights of protest against anti­
social behavior of dogs. It is considered somehow unworthy of a human being to
express his grievance against acts of dogs which would be intolerable if com­
mitted by human beings. Not meant in any way to be an attack on dogs or dog-
owners (I was once a dog-owner myself), it is only a plea for tolerance from
dog-owners to non-dog-owners—a plea to include the non-dog-owners in the
equal rights guaranteed by the constitution.

This is a particularly difficult time in which to ask for tolerance because, as
we all know, we are in an age of bitter polarities, of being passionately for or
passionately against. Labels are attached to people who do not agree with us:
they don't have to disagree; it is enough that they don't share our position
completely. "Liberal" and "conservative" are thrown around in the pejorative
sense with little relation to the current political connotations of either word.
Years ago the definition of "Yankee" in relation to the Southern states was,
"anybody who was agin us." Now it seems that everything is reduced to, "if
you're not for me, you're agin me."

Even with this unfavorable background, I want to take the strongest possible
stand that I am not against dogs, dog-owners or dog-lovers. In my childhood,
there were always a couple of dog-owners and their familiar pets in our neigh­
borhood. There were not as many dogs then as now—at least, in our neighbor­
hood—and the attitude of their owners was profoundly different; they did accept
the rights of human beings.

We did not keep a dog because my father, who had spent considerable time
in the country during his young years (and was very knowledgeable about
things of the land), believed that the city was not the place for dogs. This was
no strong point with him: he just preferred dogs in the country where they
could hunt and/or run free, and when we went visiting to the country we ex­
pected to be greeted by all sorts of hounds. I particularly remember a beautiful
Irish setter named Jeff (for Jefferson Davis whose limpid eyes would melt a
heart of stone.

The two dogs I remember best from our neighborhood were the proverbial
"Spot," a black and white of indeterminate origin and lively disposition, and
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The editors of The Virginia Record Magazine have devoted the major portion of this issue to an exploration of his career, his accomplishments, his philosophy and his hopes for Virginia's future. We commend him to our readers, not for what he has done, impressive as his record is, but for what he can do for our state: Mills Godwin, "The Man for Virginia."

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In the vast tangle of political party lines in Virginia today, one gubernatorial candidate stands on a proven record of sound management of the state’s fiscal affairs while promoting progress and controlled change in the face of the current situations as they evolve.

Mills E. Godwin, Jr., who served as governor of Virginia from 1966 until 1970, has a long history of service to the state, first in the House of Delegates of the Virginia General Assembly beginning in 1948, then in the state Senate.

His political philosophy is simple. His philosophy of government is basically conservative in fiscal affairs, and moderate in relation to services of government for the people.

He clearly demonstrated during his tenure in office that he is in favor of controlled progress in adapting to ever changing situations. He firmly believes that the momentum of progress must be maintained and that change must be responsible and carefully planned, and that fiscal integrity must be a part of the package.

How did an old-line Democrat drop his party label and announce his candidacy for the governor’s seat as an independent, offering to accept, and on June 9, 1973, accepting the nomination of the Republican Party in Virginia?

Godwin’s Philosophy Unchanged

The answer lies not in any change in Godwin’s philosophy. He has remained steadfast in the principles and the integrity that have been his guides in political life.

The answer lies rather in the drastic changes that have occurred within the Virginia Democratic party, changes that have been cataclysmic in their effect on the Virginia political scene.

Godwin points out that he did not leave the Democratic party. Rather, the Democratic party left him.

The party-line tangle had its roots deep in President Roosevelt’s New Deal Days in the early 1930’s, when both Senators Carter Glass and Harry Byrd, Sr., broke with the national leadership of the Democratic Party.
The coolness toward the national party intensified until the final freeze-out in the 1972 presidential campaign, when the radical and ultra liberal element seized control of the Virginia Democrats through adherence to the McGovern inspired quota system of representation at the State and National Conventions.

"I was unable to support the leadership of the State Democrats after the liberal and radical takeover," Godwin said recently. "Their party philosophy was entirely unlike that of the Virginia Democratic party I had known. The state party is now tied so closely to the national party that it is alien to the Virginia philosophy."

"The party left the moderately conservative philosophy that has distinguished Virginia's government," he said. As a parting gesture to Godwin, with the George Rawlings-Henry Howell faction assuming complete state control, the Democratic party slammed the door on the former governor's bid to become a delegate to the 1972 convention in Roanoke. Thus was lost whatever chance he might have had to become a delegate to the 1972 convention.

Economy Expands

During the Godwin years, the industrial economy became stronger than ever before, enabling the state to do many things for its citizens which could not have been done in a less favorable business climate. The right-to-work law, which Godwin strongly supported, has been extremely attractive to industries from other states, and has helped bring many plants to the state. Existing industry expanded soundly and rapidly to contribute greatly to the economy.

Godwin believes the progress achieved by his administration has been maintained by Governor Linwood Holton. The momentum in educational expansion, industrial growth and the general economy of the state has continued, according to Godwin, who, in 1965, defeated Holton in a three-way race to gain the governorship.

There was much similarity in the programs offered by the two candidates even in 1965, and party labels were seriously eroding even then. Although the Republican party was unable to successfully field a gubernatorial winner until 1969, it has now become a dominant factor in Virginia politics, and the party which seems to embrace the philosophy of the majority of Virginians.

Many lifelong Democrats are unable to accept the traumatic experience of calling themselves Republicans, yet they find the present trend of their party unacceptable and repulsive. There have been many defections of former Democrats who have switched party labels, and many who maintain the party label but defy the organization.

Accepts Nomination

Godwin chose to begin his secondquest for the governor's chair as an independent, with the strong support of Republicans. He let it be known that he would accept the Republican nomination and run as a Republican, but he made it plain that he could not oppose certain Democrats standing for re-election whose political philosophy closely parallels his own.

Support for Godwin is widespread in both parties, from the moderates and conservatives.

In speaking of his campaign, Godwin points out that Virginia has never had a more conservative delegation in the Senate and House of Representatives in Washington than there is today, "which I feel reflects the views of Virginians as a whole," he said.

There are at present seven Republican congressmen representing Virginia, all elected with the help of Democrat Ken Robinson was mentioned as an obvious example. Bill Whitehurst, the Second Congressional District, won overwhelmingly against a moderate Democrat. The Fourth District elected Bob Daniel, a Republican.

According to the most educated appraisals, 28-30 percent of the electorate identify with the Republican party, although in the last few months that percentage has probably increased considerably. The Democratic party has dropped from 60 percent to 38 percent. This leaves some 80 percent to remain as independents, and who vote for the candidate of their choice regardless of party label. Godwin, confident of winning sufficient support from the independents, moderates, Democrats and Republicans, who share his concern for the continuation of the moderate, progressive state government and wish to see Virginia maintain momentum.

The issues of the campaign clearly defined, Godwin believes wherein he represents the moderate and conservative elements of state's voters, while Henry Howell, the only opponent, represents the liberal radical element.

"The outcome of this election will determine the direction for Virginia for the next 15 or 20 years," he said.

Education Ranks High

On specific issues, Godwin strongly that education must continue to be upgraded, that there must be added emphasis on mental health, particularly on community health centers.

"We must improve public health programs, and place renewed emphasis on rehabilitation efforts, with the problems of the elderly."

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The Nominee!

Mr. Godwin with 4th District Congressman Robert W. Daniel, Jr.

Governor Holton with Mrs. Godwin and the new Republican Nominee.

Mr. Godwin with 4th District Congressman Robert W. Daniel, Jr.

Mr. Godwin with 4th District Congressman Robert W. Daniel, Jr.
"We must work strongly toward environmental control, and push ahead with proper regard for the interests affected thereby. We must make reasonable regulations, which will not put industry out of business, if we can avoid it."

There have been many highlights in the career of Mills Godwin. There will be other high accomplishments, we feel certain, in the career of the man who is known as the most progressive governor Virginia has had in a century.

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Godwin From "Education Family"
Mills Edwin Godwin, Jr., was born November 19th, 1914, at Holladay's Point Farm on the north bank of the Nansemond River near its confluence with the James River and Hampton Roads.

The farm is three miles from the tiny town of Chuckatuck. Mills' father had come here as an orphan at age 14, to live with an uncle. Farming had been a part of the Godwin tradition for generations. Mills Sr., soon took over management of the farm, and served as father to four younger sisters. He saw to it that they received the schooling he longed for but never acquired formally.

Mills, Sr., met Otelia Darden, a native of Nansemond, who had attended Farmville State Teachers College. He soon married her, ending her teaching career but not her interest in education. To the Mills Godwin, Sr. family were born two daughters, Mary Lee and Mildred Elizabeth, then Mills, Jr., and a third daughter, Leah Otelia. The girls all attended Farmville College and all three graduated to become teachers. Mills Godwin, Jr., greatly influenced by his mother's concern for excellence in public schools was to become known as "Virginia's Education Governor."

Mills Jr., had the typical farm boyhood of the day. He learned to hunt from his father, loved fishing and trapping for oysters, and had as playmates the children of the 10 black families living and working on the farm. There were chores to be performed, harvests to be done and, in season, trips with his father to take produce to markets in Suffolk, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News. Mills’ early schooling required a daily surrey trip over dirt roads to the consolidated school in Chuckatuck with his sister.

In 1926, with the purchase of the second family car, Mills, Sr., turned the Model-T Ford over to the children for their daily trips to school, with Mary Lee proudly driving the group.

Mills Godwin, Sr., was prominent in the affairs of Nansemond County. He served on the school board for several years, then was elected and served on the Board of Supervisors until he was forced to retire because of ill health.

Mills, Sr., was a lifelong Democrat and when Harry Flood Byrd became governor in 1926, the elder Godwin was one of his staunchest supporters. He was also one of the founders of the Ruritan National in 1930.

In 1927, the Godwin family moved into Chuckatuck from the farm. The school was nearby, the church was just at the edge of town, and accommodations were generally better in the village. Their dwelling was the home of a relative, Charles B. Godwin, Jr., cousin who had just been elected Commonwealth's Attorney of Nansemond, and his position demanded that he live close to his office in Suffolk.

Speaking Ability Encouraged
Mills, Jr., at 13 was just entering high school. He was a sports enthusiast...
t, with baseball being his favorite, he also engaged in school debate and public speaking, at which he excelled. As school progressed, young Mills developed into a polished speaker urged on by Will N. Rippey, who urged him to Chuckatuck in 1929 as a teacher of vocational agriculture. During this period, too, young Mills began a lifelong association with the Oakwood Christian Church, which, through series of mergers, became the United Church of Christ of the present.

Young Mills was graduated from Chuckatuck High School in June 31, in the depths of the great depression. He had hoped to be able to enroll at the College of William and Mary, but the effects of the depression were being severely felt on the farm. The family's financial crisis was partially alleviated, and young Mills could begin his college work, through the help of an aunt, Mrs. Alice Godwin Barnum, in Norfolk. Young Godwin lived with his aunt, enrolled in the Norfolk Division of William and Mary, (later become Old Dominion College) and earned what he could at odd jobs.

When the family finances had improved a year later, He enrolled at William and Mary in Williamsburg, majoring in government and history. He continued his interest in debating and public speaking. He joined the Philomathean Literary Society, which had its beginnings in the early part of the nineteenth century. His interest in sports continued, and he also continued his interest in debating and public speaking. He joined the Philomathean Literary Society, which had its beginnings in the early part of the nineteenth century. His interest in sports continued, and he

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA CAPITAL CLUB MEETING

Top photo: (l-r) Mr. Godwin, Congressmen Sanford Parris and Robert J. Murrin, Executive Director Capitol Club of Fairfax County.

Center: Olympic Gold Medalist Melissa Otto greets Mr. Godwin. They were each awarded a Distinguished Service Certificate for Devoted Service to Fairfax County, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States of America, at this meeting.

Bottom: Mr. Godwin and Mr. Echols greet campaign workers.

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made the baseball team. Godwin de-
states today that he was "only an
average student," although he did
manage to make the dean's list in his
senior year.

In 1934, Godwin transferred to the
University of Virginia School of Law.
He lost most of a year of his school-
ing when his appendix ruptured and
surgery was required, but he went on
to earn his Law Degree in 1938. The
degree was not necessary, in those
times, to take the state bar examina-
tion. Godwin passed the exam in 1937,
and was ready to hang out his shingle
when he was graduated the following
year. Young Godwin joined his cou-
n, Charles B., Jr., in Suffolk. It was
who had encouraged Mills to study
law. Soon Mills was a partner in the
firm, and an assistant common-
wealth's attorney. He lived at home
with his parents and drove the 10
miles to his office each day.

Romance Enters Picture

In September 1937, young Mills
had been introduced by his old teach-
ern, Will Rippey, to a young
teacher in Chuckatuck, Mrs.
Beale. Young Mills
what he saw in the pretty, fiv-
et-four girl with brown wavy hair
and flashing blue eyes. He became a
persistent suitor.

Katherine and Mills were married
October 26, 1940. A new two-story
ise of brick was started by his fath-
while the couple were on their
ymoon. The young couple moved
their new home in January 1941,
what would be a brief occupancy.

December, that year, the Japanese
acked Pearl Harbor.

In 1942, Mills Godwin, Jr., applied
ultaneously for a Navy commission
for appointment as a special agent
the Federal Bureau of Investigation,
er young attorneys were needed for
ntelligence work.

The Navy physical examination dis-
ed a sinus cyst, which was re-
ed surgically in Suffolk. While he
 recuperating, the chief agent of
FBI in Norfolk showed up and ask
 to report at once. He accepted
was sent to Quantico for training,
week later the Navy offered a com-
mission, too late. After training at
quantico and the FBI Academy in
ashington, Godwin was assigned to
Louis. Mrs. Godwin joined him
, but, because of his mother's ill-
s, Godwin was soon reassigned to
folk. Following his mother's death
1945, Godwin was transferred to
mond where he remained until

Godwin is a popular choice as speaker for commencement exercises. Here he is shown with
former State Senator Edw. E. Breeden, at one such event.

separation from the service in Decem-
ber of that year.

FBI Service Commended

During his service with the Bureau,
Godwin received two commendations
signed by J. Edgar Hoover for es-
pecially meritorious work, of which he
is justly proud, although he disclaims
any very exciting incidents during his
service. The work with the Bureau did
serve to strengthen his respect for
authority of the law and the necessity
for its fair and impartial enforce-
ment.

The Godwins returned home to
Chuckatuck, where Mills resumed his
law practice in association with his
cousin. He became active in civic af-
airs—at various times chairman of
the Suffolk-Nansemond County Red
Cross Chapter, the American Cancer
Society, the March of Dimes and the
Tuberculosis Association and the
Community Fund. He joined his father's Ruritan Club, second in the country, and rose to the Presidency of Ruritan National in 1952.

He became a teacher of an adult bible class of his church, a post he held for 25 years, and found himself on the board of the Bank of Whaleyville. He was twice named “First Citizen” of Suffolk and Nansemond, and it was logical that friends would urge him into politics.

Chances for election to the House of Delegates seemed slim at the time. Willis E. Cohoon of Suffolk, a strong man in the Byrd Organization and popular in the capital, held the Nansemond-Suffolk seat.

Godwin assessed his popularity and decided to make the try. The campaign developed into a contest of personalities, since political philosophies were similar. Godwin, the polished speaker, carried every precinct in the county, and carried the election by more than 1200 votes.

Regarded as an upstart by the powers of the House of Delegates because he had defeated one of their favorites, Godwin found himself with minor and onerous committee assignments at the opening of the 1948 session of the General Assembly. As a freshman member, Mills had the good sense to be seen little and heard less. However, his eloquent support of administration bills of Governor W. M. Tuck earned the governor's gratitude, but it was not until the 1952 session that his committee appointments improved. He was becoming popular in the House of Delegates, and his talents for speaking and soothing opposing factions were being recognized. Fate, however, was to play a role in his political career.

Lt. Governor L. Preston Collins, of Marion, was fatally stricken while addressing an Adlai Stevenson rally in southwest Virginia. A special session of the General Assembly was impending to redistrict legislative seats and it was necessary for authorities to move in haste.

The Democratic State Central Committee met and endorsed Sen. A. E. S. Stephens, of Smithfield, to succeed Collins. Godwin announced almost simultaneously for Stephen's seat in the Senate. The 5th District consisted of Nansemond, Isle of Wight, Southampton, and Suffolk and Franklin.

Godwin Wins Special Election

Governor John Battle summoned a special election for a date which proved advantageous to young Godwin. No opposition developed, and Godwin was elected.

The year 1952 saw Mills Godwin achieve the distinction of serving both houses of the General Assembly. He served in the House of Delegates during the regular session, and began his service as a state Senator in the special session called to handle emergency reapportionment.

Sen. Charles T. Moses of Appomattox was a power in the Byrd Organization, and, coincidentally, was Mill Godwin's uncle by marriage. He took the young Godwin under his wing and arranged better committee assignments.

During the closing session of the house, Senator Moses started a one-man filibuster, since his feelings were plain that rural votes were worth more than city votes, and he did not care to have to cultivate urban areas which would be included in his district under the redistricting measure passed.

Christmas was approaching and the filibuster effort was holding up adjournment. Senator Godwin asked Senator Moses to yield, and requested the Senator to join him in the clerk's office. There, Godwin convinced Moses that passage of the measure was
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PAGE TWENTY VIRGINIA RECORD
The Lieutenant Governor was a popular figure as he presided over the Senate during the sessions of 1962 and 1964. His popularity increased throughout the Commonwealth, and invitations to speak at schools throughout the state were countless. Godwin's interest and education in history served him well at these affairs.

Godwin's decision to run for the governorship was not a difficult one. He was extremely well accepted by members of both houses of the General Assembly, and when Senator Harry Byrd, Jr., chose not to run for the governor's office, no serious opposition developed within the party. For the first time in 54 years, there was no statewide Democratic primary.

The campaign was to develop into a three-way race however—Godwin, Linwood Holton as the Republican Party nominee, and William J. Story, as nominee of a group of arch-conservatives and massive resisters known as the Virginia Conservative Party.

Campaign Stresses "Progress"

Campaigning on the need to put Virginia on the high road to progress, with emphasis on schools, colleges and mental hospitals, Godwin garnered a plurality of 57,000 votes. Many planks in his and Holton's platform had been somewhat similar, only the approach to them was different. Both recognized the need to move Virginia ahead, but Holton did not indicate how he would finance his proposals. Godwin declared he would not hesitate to ask for new revenue when needed, and carefully avoided opposition to a sales tax.

The sales tax was, in fact, to be the key to the new governor's plan of progress for Virginia. The governor had to be at his persuasive best, and maneuverings were intense within the legislature to get passage of the state sales tax. It was to be the first broad-based tax increase in more than a century, but the revenue was sorely needed. The escalator clause, which would increase the tax rate two years later, was unique.

The "massive infusion" of revenue provided by the sales tax measure and the two percent auto titling tax, was the basis, the foundation, on which was built the state's community college system, the improvement of highways, new park and recreational facilities, and the move toward upgrading the state's mental hospitals.

The road to progress had been rocky, but Governor Godwin could take pride in negotiating that particular stretch. In the Virginia tradition, he was a hardworking chief executive. Perhaps no other governor could rival his "attendance" record—he did not miss a day due to sickness in his four-year tenure in the governor's chair.

Godwin's inspired leadership and tireless work on behalf of education for Virginia are well known, one would need a book to record in detail his successful efforts to create grass roots support for his programs and for the legislators who had helped put them across. He called a statewide conference on education, which was to include legislators, city, county and town officials, educators, industrialists, bankers, businessmen, professional people and concerned parents.
Education Conferences

The success of the conference prompted those attending to adopt a resolution urging the governor to hold regional conferences in all areas of the state. The governor had marshaled his forces and gotten his programs underway.

During Godwin’s administration historic concept known as “pay-as-you-go” which had been the byword of the Byrd Organization came to an end, with the approval of the legislature and the Virginia electorate of an 81 million dollar bond issue for education and mental hospitals.

Following the death of the Godwin adopted daughter, Becky, when she was tragically struck by lightning near Virginia Beach, Godwin sought to smother his grief with work. He concentrated on the bond campaign, which had the support of virtually every prominent Democrat and of the Republican’s Linwood Holton, House Leader M. Caldwell Butch, Senator H. D. “Buzz” Dawbarn and other leading Republicans. Godwin built his organization for the bond campaign with great care, and with the skilled help of those assisting the effort, achieved impressive success as the bonds carried by a two to one margin.

Community Colleges Spread

The winds of change in the Dominion had increased in tempo to hurricane force. By the end of Godwin’s term, the Virginia Community College System had achieved distinction, and more than a dozen of projected 23 colleges were functioning. Plans for the remainder were on schedule, and Godwin could look on the system with justified pride as one of his greatest achievements.

The momentum gained during administration, and carried on by Holton term, must be maintained as the state heads toward the 21st century, Godwin believes. There are still many problems yet to be solved, in areas where conflict arises, such as in the environment, reason must stall any precipitate action. Mills Godwin, who entered office with only plurality, proved he was a wise leader for all of Virginia and her people. He has been, and will continue to be, responsive to the needs of the time. Whatever the banner beneath which he runs, Mills Godwin is the man for Virginia.
THE GODWIN YEARS

Virginia's progress during the 1966-70 "Godwin Years" embraced advances on a number of fronts. Among the state's achievements during Mills Godwin's administration were these:

* First updating of state Constitution in 40 years
* Creation of Virginia Community College System
* Expansion of baccalaureate and graduate offerings at four-year colleges and universities, creation of Virginia Commonwealth University, and four-year status for George Mason and Clinch Valley Colleges
* Funding of first statewide kindergarten system
* Upgrading of public school education, with new aid for summer school, vocational education, special education, library and educational television programs
* Modernization of mental hospital system and treatment and training programs for mentally ill and mentally retarded
* Establishment of diagnostic and treatment centers to aid in rehabilitation of juvenile and first-time offenders
* Additions to Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center, employment of more vocational rehabilitation counselors and dramatic increases in handicapped persons receiving training and counseling
* Cost of living increases to welfare recipients and establishment of day care centers for children of working welfare mothers
* Creation of the Virginia Highway Safety Commission
* Expansion of state highway system, with emphasis on arterial highways linking all towns of 3,500 and over.
* State aid for ports, including more facilities for making Hampton Roads leading containerized port on the East Coast after New York
* Budgeting of a million dollars a year for travel promotion and advertising
* Implementation of Commission on Industry of Agriculture to promote agriculture and related industries
* Emphasis on industrial development, with two foreign trade missions and other efforts bringing to Virginia new or expanded plants with thousands of new jobs
* Increase in Workmen's Compensation benefits
* Creation of Virginia Air Pollution Control Board
* Strengthening of State Water Control Board
* Acquisition of more than 16,000 acres in new park lands, increasing parks acreage nearly 70 percent
* Appointment of Virginia Independence Bicentennial Commission
* Authorization for 140 new trooper and investigator positions for the State Police
* Appointment of Virginia Crime Study Commission
* Establishment of the Commission on Arts and Humanities
* Appointment of Metropolitan Areas Study Commission and enabling legislation for local cooperative service efforts
* Increases in salaries and other benefits for all state employees with special raises for teachers, nurses and state troopers, and an upgrading to the national average of faculty salaries at state colleges
* Streamlining of state government, with establishment of Department of Administration, Division of Planning and computer center to serve all agencies
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Open Up! Parks Are For People

Virginia's State Parks, which comprise 16 recreational areas and four historical sites, began operating on a full-time schedule Saturday, May 26, announced Ben H. Bolen, Parks Commissioner. Outdoor excursionists, regardless of age or race, will find almost every kind of wholesome, leisure activity available within these open spaces, all easily accessible from any point in the Old Dominion.

Summer-oriented facilities opened the weekend prior to Memorial Day and will remain in operation through Labor Day. These recreational activities include swimming, boating, horseback riding, and the operation of yachts and restaurants by park concessionaires.

Last year the Division launched a person-to-person awareness program entitled "Open Up." The theme, designed to convey environmental concepts and techniques to park visitors, received tremendous response, and will again be in our format this year," Bolen said.

Accompanying the summer program will be many innovations and publicly provided conveniences, some of which have already been incorporated into the Division's maintenance and operations section.

The face-lifting began last August when the state park service activated a computerized reservation process. The system, which will receive its main use this summer, gives a camper a chance to advance reserve a campsite in 13 state parks 90 days prior to his anticipated visit.

To complete a reservation, a prospective camper may visit any ticketing terminal operated for the Division of State Parks, or he may mail a request to the Virginia State Parks Reservation System, Box 3181, Norfolk, Virginia 23510.

The Virginia reservation system, rated primarily on the East Coast Ticketron, Inc., is similar to the 13-year old California system. Hopefully, future interstate agreements will enable a camper on the West Coast the same opportunity to advance reserve campsites for Douthat State Park near Clifton Forge as a camper in New York.

The reason for adopting the reservation process is plain and simple.
pie. State Park camping has grown so much in the last two years that turn-aways became our most important problem." For example, last summer, Seashore State Park in the city of Virginia Beach recorded over 20,000 turn-aways.

Other public agencies have experienced the same situation and as a result, are also studying the feasibility of initiating a similar reservation system. This summer, the National Park Service and several State Park bureaus on the East Coast will offer some form of reserved camping.

In addition to reserving State Park campsites, persons desiring to rent vacation cottages this summer may do so through a similar procedure.

Vacation cabins are located in eight of Virginia's State Parks: Claytor Lake, Douthat, Fairy Stone, Hungry Mother, Prince Edward, Seashore, Staunton River and Westmoreland. The cabins, which are equipped for housekeeping with fireplaces and rustic furniture, are of concrete, frame or log construction, and vary in size to accommodate a minimum of two to eight adult persons.

The cabin rental period is from the first week in May until Monday, October 1 on a weekly basis, and when space is available, for a maximum period of two weeks. Reservations may be made by submitting a request for the proper forms with a check to reservation headquarters in Norfolk, or by an in-person request to any terminal operated for the State Park Service.

The Division is also planning to expand its summer interpretive service which are offered free by Park Naturalists. These activities include conducted hikes and water tours, evening programs and maintaining visitors centers and museums. This summer similar facilities will begin for the first time in many of the state's Piedmont parks: Holliday Lake (Appomattox), Goodwin Lake and Prince Edward (Burkeville), Staunton River (South Boston), and Bear Creek Lake (Cumberland). In addition, bicycle trails will open at Seashore (Virginia Beach), Pocahontas (Chesapeake) and Fairy Stone (Bassett) State Parks.

One new offering, which will be operational in late June, is a Handicapped Trail for the disabled. The trail, located at Pocahontas, consists of guide ropes, ramps, "Hands-On" play areas, and asphalted walks.

The Division is planning to execute other changes within many parks, these will be "unnoticeable to the public." Such items include road improvements, new beds for 151 cabins, water and electrical additions and new contact stations at park entrances.

Another new camping concept this summer will be a 30-site campground at Natural Tunnel State Park near Clinchport. The facility, which is expected to be completed in July, will have pull-through sites, modern rooms and other camping conveniences.

Although most parks do not charge entrance fees, parking rates will be effect, beginning the Memorial Day weekend for Westmoreland, Pocahontas, Staunton River, Fairy Stone, Douthat, Claytor Lake and Hungry Mother State Parks. The fees are 40 cents per car, $1 for a truck and $3 per bus. Three historical State Parks, (Geo Washington's Grist Mill, Natural Tunnel and Chippokes Plantation) have an admission fee (50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children, 6-10).

In addition, no fishing fee, except for a pay-by-the-day trout plan Douthat State Park is charged, valid fishing licenses are required all parks, except Seashore at Virginia Beach, Westmoreland near Monticello and Chippokes Plantation near Smithfield, Founded 1880
Locations and descriptions of Virginia's state parks are listed below:

BEAR CREEK LAKE, located east of Cumberland, off U.S. 60, has 57 campsites, fishing, a bathhouse and sandy beach, lakeside tables for picnics, and nature trails and programs.

CLAYTOR LAKE, just off I-81 (Exit 33) near Dublin, is popular for motor boats, with boating supplies, fuel and refreshments available at the marina. Wooded hills and clear water offer visitors many opportunities for enjoyment—swimming, sunbathing, 400-boat safety boats, a lakeside picnic area with shelters, riding horses and bridle paths, 144 campsites and a nature center with exhibits on natural and aquatic life.

OUTHAT State Park, high in the Allegheny Mountains, has 4,493 acres of outdoor recreation. A 70-acre lake stocked twice a week with trout for fishing, while visitors may also swim, rent boats, ride horses, hike or camp one of the park's 137 sites. A restaurant and nature museum are also open during the summer months.

FAIRY STONE, near Bassett in the Blue Ridge Mountains, has its own 8-acre lake adjoining the popular Smith River Reservoir. Facilities offered include a restaurant and nature center, 79 campsites, picnic area with shelters, pleasure boats, scenic overlooks, and horses.

GOODWIN LAKE, near Burkeville off U.S. 360, has 41 campsites in a quiet wooded area. Water sports are popular with fishing and swimming heading the activities. Parking is free as well as picnicking.

HOLLIDAY LAKE, near Appomattox off U.S. 60, has spacious swimming and beach areas in addition to campsites, picnic areas and shelters, hiking trails and fishing.

HUNGRY MOTHER, near Martinsville off I-81 (Exit 16 or 17), has six miles of shoreline for visitor enjoyment. Other recreational facilities offered include 113 campsites, pleasure boats, a bathhouse, restaurant, and nature center, hiking trails, and horse trails.

OCOAHONTAS, near Richmond I-95 (Exit 6), features 72 campsites, a bicycle and handicapped-trail, swimming, boating, fishing, and picnicking. A nature center, horse trails, and free tidal salt water rules apply.

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R. Cliff Poole has been appointed financial vice president of Century Construction Company, Incorporated. A graduate of the Citadel with an S. Degree, the University of South Carolina with the MBA Degree, and candidate for the Ph.D in finance, Poole has served as assistant professor of finance at Voorhees College, University of South Carolina and, most recently, Virginia Commonwealth University. Poole, a Fellow of Life Management Institute, has previous industry experience as president of Investors National Insurance Company and as consultant to manufacturing firms, banks, and the Department of Energy. In addition to normal financial and administrative duties, Poole will be responsible for providing project feasibility studies and investment analysis and where requested, to arrange for project financing.

T & A Trucking Awarded Certificate of Commendation

T & A Trucking Company of Benson, North Carolina has been awarded a Certificate of Commendation from the National Safety Council for an outstanding safety record. The award was on the basis of T & A's record from October 12, 1970 to September 30, 1972: an accident frequency rate of 0 and a severity rate of 0 for 657,203 manhours of work. These rates are compared to an 8.75 frequency rate and a severity rate of 9 for all industry for the years 1969-71. During the period October 12, 1970 through June 9, 1973 T & A Trucking Company has worked 973 days, 757,120 hours and driven 8,417,180 miles without a disabling injury. The Certificate of Commendation is one of the highest awards given by National Safety Council and is the seventh National Safety Council award received by the T & A Trucking Company.

Garden Club Resolution Honors James M. Parrish

The Garden Club of Virginia wished to show appreciation to Mr. James McCaw Parrish for his work at the Kent-Valentine House, 12 East Franklin Street, Richmond, the new headquarters of the organization. The Board of Directors approved the resolution below at their meeting in Lynchburg, May 15, 1973. This was read at the Annual Meeting, May 16, 1973 in Lynchburg.

Resolution

WHEREAS, James McCaw Parrish has contributed his considerable talents and time to the renovation and preservation of the Kent-Valentine House, an Historic Landmark of the State of Virginia, at 12 East Franklin Street, headquarters of The Garden Club of Virginia, and

WHEREAS, the work that was done by his firm of Taylor & Parrish, Inc. has added immeasurably to the beauty of downtown Richmond, and

WHEREAS, the Kent-Valentine House is now a source of pride to its members throughout the state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 15th day of May, 1973, that the Board of Directors of The Garden Club of Virginia in behalf of its members, expresses to James McCaw Parrish sincere appreciation for his valuable contributions and advice in the completion of this worthwhile project.

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Smithfield Foods Completes Purchase Of Mr. Frosty Seafoods

Smithfield Foods, Inc., has completed the purchase of Mr. Frosty Seafoods, Inc., a privately-owned Newport News seafood processor, and Frosty Cold Storage, Inc., a related company, for cash and notes.

Lattie M. Upchurch, Jr., President of Smithfield Foods, said the sellers of the Frosty Companies, Joseph O. Saunders, George A. Kahle and Alfred W. Soter, will remain in management positions.

Upchurch said that the Frosty Companies will complement Smithfield Foods' existing seafood operations, and that he expects to expand Mr. Frosty sales in part by utilizing the market resources of Smithfield Foods' major subsidiary, Smithfield Packing Co., Smithfield Foods, which has annual sales of about $98 million, also operates Fass Bros., a wholesale seafood division, a chain of 12 Fass Bros. Fass House restaurants, and a lamp manufacturing concern, Lampcraft Industries.

The Frosty Companies, which have annual sales of about $4 million, process a variety of seafood products for institutional and consumer use.
On March 7, the Life Insurance Company of Virginia and its parent company, Richmond Corporation, announced their intention to locate their national headquarters building at Brookfield in the west end suburbs of Richmond.

Warren M. Pace, president of both companies, said that plans for the building are in the preliminary stage. The present national headquarters buildings, adjacent to Capitol Square, to be acquired by the Commonwealth of Virginia. Also included is the Seventh and Marshall parking lot owned by Life of Virginia. The $1.1 million transaction was announced by Governor Linwood Holton at a press conference on Oct. 25.

The state will take possession of the Life of Virginia properties upon completion of the new headquarters building. No date was announced, but the company has agreed to expedite transfer of the buildings, and construction under way is expected to last less than four years after Governor Holton's October announcement.

Pace said that final plans for the new headquarters building will be determined by a study now underway of present and future space requirements.

Brookfield is a 70-acre tract at the intersection of Broad Street Road and Interstate 64 across from the Reynolds Metals Company's headquarters. It is being developed into a living-working community by Richmond Equivest, Inc., another Richmond Corporation affiliate.

An initial office building on the site, a five story structure completed last year, is one of suburban Richmond's largest in terms of leased floor space.

Concurrent with the announcement of Richmond Corporation and Life of Virginia's headquarters plans, it was reported that plans have also been developed to construct a second office building of eight stories and the first of several planned parking decks. This first parking facility, a concrete and brick structure compatible in design and color with surrounding buildings, will have a capacity for 1,000 cars and will be connected to the planned eight story office building. This 173,000 square foot building is to be available for leasing to tenants by Morton G. Thalhimer, Inc. It is scheduled for completion in the summer of 1974.

Hardwicke & Associates, Inc., are the architects for the second office building and parking deck.

Under construction at Brookfield is the Richmond Hyatt House, a 275-room motor hotel to be managed by Hyatt Corporation, the international hotel chain. Expandable to 500 rooms, the motor hotel is scheduled for completion in early 1974.

Features of the motor hotel include meeting rooms and a ballroom for business conferences, club meetings and sales exhibits, designed with the flexibility to accommodate groups from 15 to 600 people. Plans also include a triple-level restaurant to accommodate 265 people. Boutiques and other shops will also be included.

Construction and development will be under the direction of DANAC Real Estate Investment Corporation, a Richmond affiliate with headquarters in Rockville, Md., which is engaged in land acquisition and development.

It was also announced, in April, that construction will begin later this year on an initial 150-unit eight-story condominium building at Brookfield.

The building will be the first of three planned condominium buildings...
with up to 450 units on about 23 acres of the 70-acre Brookfield tract. Construction cost of the first building is expected to be $1.5 million. It was designed by Hardwicke Associates, Inc., a Richmond architectural firm.

Morton G. Thalhimer, Inc., leasing agents for the entire Brookfield development, will sell the condominium units through its Grove Avenue residential sales office.

About 60 percent of the units in the first building will have two bedrooms, 30 percent will be three bedroom units and ten percent will be one bedroom condominiums. The two and three bedroom units will offer the option of converting one bedroom to a den. Up to three full baths will be offered in some of the units.

The 257,400-square-foot building will be all electric and will feature security and emergency systems, including television monitoring of hallways, entrances and the lobby. There will be one covered parking space and one open parking space per unit.

The luxury condominiums themselves will range in size from 1,050 to 1,700 square feet of floor space. Formal dining rooms, large balconies, eat-in kitchens, full laundries, storage rooms and walk-in closets will be among the features of the units.

The eight-story building will have an exterior of brick and concrete. There will be a single lobby and a meeting room with kitchen available. Occupancy is expected by the end of 1974.

State Agencies Meet To Ponder Fish Kill Efforts

- A joint meeting of the various Virginia State Agencies involved in the current James River fish kill was held at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science on June 1. Its purpose was to correlate and coordinate information compiled to this date by the various organizations, and to determine future avenues of investigation.

Because of the persistence of the fish kill, there is a concerted effort among the agencies to continue and expand their joint work and ascertain the probable cause.

The specific area of trouble appears to be on the north side of the James River channel five miles above the James River Bridge.

Analyses performed by the involved agencies have included: water quality samples, pesticide screening, tests for heavy metal, and radioactivity screening. The application of the principles of epidemiology suggests that the cause is not an infectious agent.

However, since the health significance has not been determined, caution and prudence are recommended in the consumption of fish and other marine organisms taken from that area of the James River between Hog Island and James River Bridge. The suitability of water contact sports is also questionable.

Surveillance of the area will continue to be maintained by the agencies. Caged fish will be placed in the river at various stations to pinpoint the causative agent.

This will be followed by chemical and biological investigations, including samples from the water column, sediments and marine animals. These samples will be analyzed by the state agencies and by private and federal laboratories, including the Environmental Protection Agency.

Some thirty officials were on hand representing the Virginia State Health Department, the State Water Control Board, the Marine Resources Commission, the Newport News Health Department, the Hampton Roads Sanitation District, the Colonial National Park Health District, the Division of Consolidated Laboratories and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

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itals and evening programs are also available.

PRINCE EDWARD, near Burke-le, off U.S. 360, has plenty of area for picnicking and day-offerings—hiking, swimming, boating, and fishing. Camping at one of the park's 21 sites is also available.

SEASHORE, near Virginia Beach, U.S. 60, offers day-use visitors spectacular flora and fauna exhibits in the nature area. Designated as a National Historic Landmark, the park has 310 campsites, hiking and bicycle trails, boat launching ramps, and a cery and snack concession.

STAUNTON RIVER, near Scottsboro on the Buggs Island Lake, is an idyllic open space pleasureland. Ten miles of nature trails surround the park, which has 34 campsites, one of the largest outdoor swimming pools in the state, boat launching and docking facilities, a snack concession, visitor center, and picnic tables and shelters.

WESTMORELAND, near Montross, off Rt. 3, has facilities for swimming, hiking, and picnicking. A nature center and evening programs along with 159 campsites are also available. Fishing on the Potomac River is accessible from the park's launching ramp.

HISTORICAL SITES include the Southwest Museum, in Big Stone Gap with exhibits from early Indian and pioneer artifacts, George Washington's Grist Mill, near Mount Vernon on Rt. 235, which is a reconstructed mill on the original foundation, Sayler's Creek Battlefield, near Burkeville off U.S. 360, the site of the last major battle of the Civil War, and the Shot Tower, near Jackson's Ferry, off Rt. 52, the early site of manufacturing ammunition for settlers of the area.

AREAS UNDER DEVELOPMENT: Chippokes Plantation in Surry has only day-use facilities for sight-seeing, and hiking. The Park is known for its formal gardens and colonial historic significance, Grayson Highlands, formerly (Mount Rogers) in Grayson County, has rugged peaks overlooking scenic views. Visitors to the park may enjoy picnicking, hiking and seeing craft exhibits in a reconstructed log cabin. Natural Tunnel, near Clinchport, presently has picnic and exhibit facilities, with camping expected in July. The park is characterized by its tunnel, which is 850 feet long and is as high as a ten-story building. Occoneechee, near Clarksville, has 143 campsites overlooking Buggs Island Lake. Picnic and boat launching facilities are presently available.

Last year set an attendance record in Virginia's State Parks, with almost 2.6 million visits, and according to park officials, another record breaking season is expected. "By opening up to natural surroundings, by becoming involved in open spaces, we can develop more sensitivity to the world around us," Bolen said.

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AUGUST


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3-5. Norfolk. 12th Annual Outdoor Art Show, Sarah Constant Shrine, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.


11-12. Colonial Beach. 7th Annual Boardwalk Art & Craft Festival.


**STORY**

AUGUST

4-5. Virginia Beach. Flounder Fishing Tournament.
was always a part of any group of us and when we played baseball, football or street "bandy," he sedately watched without ever inappropriately joining in or barking. In fact, I never remember hearing Rover bark. But if he'd had a tendency to bark at all hours of the day and night, Mr. Bagley would no more have permitted it than he would have permitted his children to yell and scream at all hours of the day and night. Thus, my early memory of dogs was pleasant, although they intruded little into my consciousness.

In those days of neighborhoods, people were essentially considerate of their neighbors. While kicking or mistreating a dog would have been frowned upon as it is today, human beings felt no guilt at protesting being attacked by dogs, disturbed by dogs or having their property damaged by dogs.

My warmest memory of dogs occurred, oddly enough, in New York. When I went to live in New York, I seldom saw a dog, and never a Spot or Rover. There were practical reasons for this, having no relation to peoples feelings about canine pets. Nearly every one lived in apartments and mostly in large apartment-houses, and most of the large apartment-houses forbade dogs and all apartmented dwellings forbade barking that could disturb other tenants. Also, city ordinances were strictly enforced to keep dogs leashed and to have dogs perform their business in the gutters —"dogs must be curbed," read the ordinance. Evidently I missed the presence of dogs in my environment and when I moved into a type of neighborhood where life was informal, I acquired a West Highland Scottie named Bridget.

The neighborhood was on West Tenth Street, near the corner of Waverly, at the heart of the old, pre-Hippie Greenwich Village. Most of the Villagers in those days were youngish (mid-twenties to late thirties) and either gainfully employed at such jobs as editors, professors at New York University, in show business and the like, or struggling to support themselves as writers, painters or in various artistic aspirations. In the upper floor dining-room of Joe di Pauli's famous Waverly Place speakeasy, our neighborhood was given a certain class by the presence of Edna St. Vincent Millay, Theodore Dreiser, the beautiful Elinor Wylie and other luminaries less well known today.

Bridge's address was in one of the converted old residences from whose rear windows in the Civil War era one could view the Hudson River. We occupied an apartment on the rear ground floor of a two-story and basement house, whose windows in the living room at the rear looked out on walled garden shared by two other houses. The good-sized living room had a fireplace and, as the new way was then being constructed, unscrews from west of Seventh Avenue collected abandoned wooden boxes which they sold, as excellent fires for about a dime. It was always quiet. While the no barking rule was enforced, we were not evicted in the laissez-faire neighborhood if you could tamed Bridget's occasional yips before she reached full voice.

Every person who has ever owned a dog has a similar experience to the one late to Bridge's uncanny time-sense. Every afternoon at four, on the hour while I was working at the typewriter she would come over quietly and press her nose against my leg. Out we went rain or shine, for the mile or so to the Hudson River, with Bridge, leased from her leash at each street crossing, where she would wait on curb until I reached the other side and then, at a hand signal, come darting madly across. At the river, where I sat on the dock and watched ships, Bridget used the wharf as a between the water's edge and street as a running ground until we turned to Tenth Street.

After two years, I spent a summer in an experimental development in the recently cleared wooded area at Lost Lake in the Berkshires, within walk distance of the Connecticut border. There were six cabins, each out sight of all the others, and truly idyllic environment. (The experiment failed, and when I saw Lost Lake it was so crowded with small huts and ramshackle cabins that I could hardly recognize it.) In that open space, Bridge's style changed. She roamed the fields and woods constantly, although we lost our 4 o'clock habit of walking ten yards or more before she proudly led the way, a little Natty Bumpo of a trail-blower.

When I returned to New York after the fall, and moved into a less informal neighborhood, immediately it...
ne apparent that apartment life is too restrictive for Bridget after the summer in the wilds. Agreeing with my father about dogs in the city (certainly a city such as New York), gave her to friends who lived in tiny New Jersey suburbs where she could recapture a semblance of her inner of glory.

But, then, having grown accustomed to a pet in the long, lonely hours of working at home, I tried a cat. From the start it was obvious that cats were ideally suited to apartment life and, after several experiments, I formed an abiding attachment for the Siamese ked. When my two daughters were wing up, we all loved a Siamese ked Kemo, who lived to a good age. Kemo was extraordinarily et natured and, though not too bright, had beautiful manners, wasply ritualistic and loved to talk. He always answered politely when ken to. My youngest daughter had memory of life without that lovable and, when he recently died, neither nor I could make it with two other mese we tried as his successors and m for the moment cat-less and pet-

There is a point in all this. Having ked dog and cats, I discovered that cat-owners or cat-lovers are something of a persecuted minority. They do not expect to receive either for themselves or their pets the respect that automatically is given, as if by some natural law in the United States, to dogs and dog-lovers. No one would think of taking a stand on, "love me, love my cat."

There are certain individuals who take great satisfaction in pronouncing, "I hate cats." This seems to give them some sense of superiority, though why I've never figured out. I've tried telling them that all tyrants from Caesar to Hitler hated cats—indeed, Hitler had a maudlin sentimentality about dogs—and suggested they analyze why they hate cats. It has never worked.

On the other hand, I can't imagine any one being proud of hating dogs. This would all too clearly imply that something was wrong with him. From this it follows that one who complains of any activities of any dog has something wrong with him, as it indicates that he really hates dogs. If a human being commits a crime against our property, we not only complain but we want him arrested. This doesn't imply that we hate human beings, or even hate that criminal.

When I first came back to Rich-
Our block has seen a significant transformation, with about 90% of the owner-occupied houses having been recently converted into porch-less facades. In an effort to maintain a certain level of elegance, we have undertaken considerable expense and effort to give our block a consistent and attractive appearance. However, the presence of large and small dogs running loose and causing disturbances has become a significant issue.

For even the most casual of dog-owners, the noise and chaos they create can be extremely distressing. loud televisions, radios, and other noises, especially if they are allowed to continue uninterrupted, can lead to significant stress and discomfort. In some cases, this behavior may warrant intervention from the authorities.

In conclusion, the problem of uncontrolled dogs is one that requires attention and action. It is important for dog-owners to be responsible for their pets and take necessary steps to ensure that they do not become a disturbance to their neighbors. The well-being of both the dog-owners and the community as a whole should be a priority.
The phenomenon nearest me has a sharp, loud, ordinary bark, which ends a growl; the one furthest up has a pipping, squeaky, without much volume, but a roughly unpleasant sound; and the one up has one of those shrill, pent-up barks. The loudest of theIdent dogs to build into their chorus.

On Sunday mornings, only those days, when I lie down for a nap, he starts up the moment my head hits the pillow. This is a signal for the other dogs to join in their chorus.

Now, I am not blaming these dogs their (to them) innocent pleasures; after all, they are acting according to their natures. But I do think the owners are deeply reproachable for their callous indifference to, or insensitivity of, the rights of their neighbors. This is that lack of consideration for human beings which instinctively is acceptable in deference to rights of dogs.

In the older, more innocent days, (the householders who comprise our captive audience) would think of appealing to our local or state government authorities for relief. But recently naive about political bodies has replaced by a cynicism which, in turn, has been based on a conscious misinterpretation of what we form of idealism. Isn't the "cynic" supposed to be a disappointed "romantic"?

Now, if you complained about the behavior of cats, or goldfish or canaries, no one would mind being labeled a cat-hater or a goldfisher-hater or a canary-hater. Maybe in New York, which is a great place for cats, some social doors would be closed to one who is a canary-hater. 

However, I cannot really believe in the puissance of lobbies of barking dogs and owners of unleashed dogs and owners of dogs who ruin shrubs. I believe rather that the tradition of the rights of dog-owners, the prevailing attitudes in the United States and especially in the Southern states, forms a sort of political atmosphere, an ethos, which causes our politicians to be evasive about human rights as equated with canine rights.

The problem of doing anything about this, such as forming a lobby of Rights for People, is that you would be stigmatized as a hater of dogs—per se dogs. You would be given no chance to explain that you merely complained about the acts of some in the city, and the real objects of your complaint were inconsiderate dog-owners. No one, of course, in Virginia wants to be damned publicly as a hater of dogs. People in the country with fine hunting dogs who disturbed nobody would, not knowing the real nature of your complaint, say, "What can you expect from somebody who lives in the city?"

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who was publicly smeared as a cat-hater, but in Virginia the cat-haters would probably have as good a chance to influence legislation as the dog-lovers.

Owners of esoteric pets seem to cause no sharp polarities of for and against. I knew a man in New York who kept a black snake in his room in college and George Moore, the Edwardian novelist, kept a pet python. I knew a couple in Hollywood who kept a mouse, which they called "a watch-mouse," and I've read of various people who kept lions and gorillas until they grew too big. I knew a man in Arizona who kept a wildcat in a homemade cage: I can't say that was too much of a "pet," as he hissed and spat, but his owner seemed to have a fondness for him. I doubt, however, that he would ever have said, "Love me, love my wildcat."

No, no one would be so foolish as to ask the same reverence for their pets as do dog-owners for theirs. Nor could one expect, with this existing reverence, to make an impression on the invisible dog bloc in the General Assembly. But is it fantastic to ask the city, who needs our taxes, to give home-owners the same consideration as that given dog-owners?

The result of our improvements to our block was to have our taxes doubled and more. An absentee owner on one building on the block has made improvements; in fact, his property steadily runs down; his reward for this neglect has been to have no increase in his taxes. As governments necessarily, this is reasonable. But is it unreasonable for us to get some reward for the improvements that have caused property values to be tripled in our immediate area?

All we would ask, for the protection of our property, is to have ordinances enforced that would force dogs to be leashed and curbed. For the protection of our sanity, we would ask that barking, howling, and baying of dogs be restricted to certain hours, be restricted in volume and in duration no more than is asked of people.

For the practical objections to such suggestions invariably aroused, we would recommend that employable people be taken off welfare to get "tickets" to people not curbing their dogs, the pay to the ticket-givers coming from the fines. Dogs running wild would be captured by others, impounded, and stiff fines given to owners who came to reclaim them. The city, of course, would share in all such fines. For the owners the canine chorus, we recommend that they be forced to spend a week in one of the rooms facing the alley of our houses—beginning the day with a dog reveille, ending the day with dog taps, having all their waking hours punctuated by various dog cries.

If none of these suggestions were acted upon, may we petition to change the name of our street to Kennel Road? Then, selling our houses to owners not barking dogs, we'll begin a white-flight to the suburbs.
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