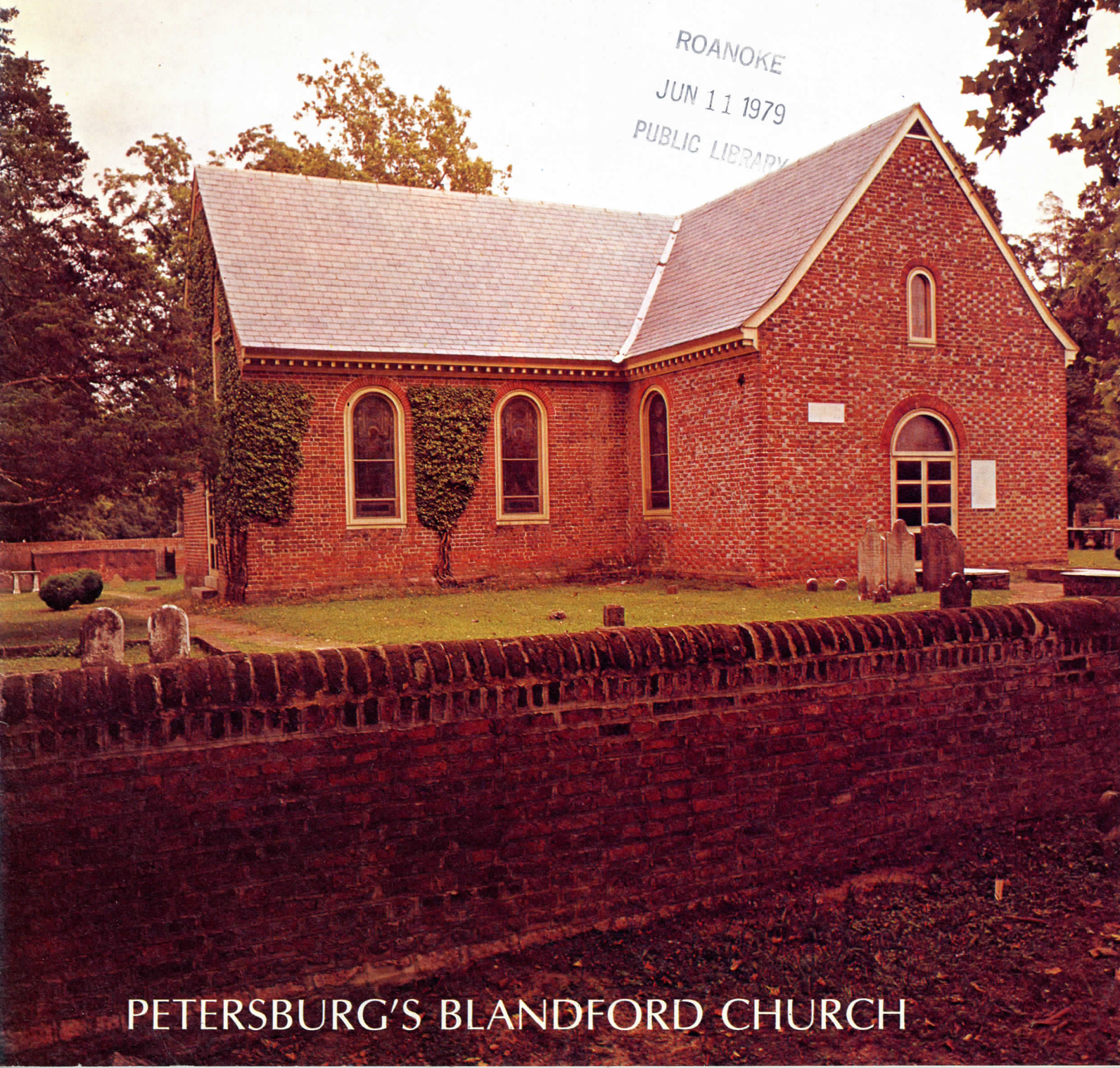


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Editorial



THE TRIBLE HOMEMAKER RETIREMENT BILL

Marilyn Mannisto, 25, is a homemaker in Newport News. She and her husband, Jason, have three children. Jason, a business manager for a local bakery, earns \$14,782 per year. When he retires in 35 years at the age of 65, Jason will receive a monthly pension payment of \$573, or \$6,876 a year. He will also receive Social Security benefits.

Marilyn's prospects for retirement are not as rosy. If Jason dies or their marriage is dissolved, Marilyn will face retirement with very little money, if any. Marilyn Mannisto, like other homemakers, needs help.

A few years ago, Congress faced a similar problem with millions of Americans who were earning wages but were not eligible to participate in a company, union or government pension plan. Fortunately, these people can now prepare for their retirement years through investing in IRA's.

IRA is financial shorthand for "Individual Retirement Account." An IRA is just like any other private savings or investment plan with one major exception—the earnings from the investment are not taxed every year. Instead, IRA earnings are taxed only when the investor retires and withdraws money from the account. In the long run, not paying annual taxes on the earnings from the investment can increase annual, after-tax income by 60 to 100 percent, or as much as \$19,000 a year.

For example, if Marilyn Mannisto invests \$750 a year for 40 years in certificates of deposit earning a quarterly interest rate of 7¼ percent, she will have invested a total of \$30,000 and will have earned \$88,936. From this investment and interest, she can expect an annual, after-tax retirement income of \$9,560. However, if Marilyn could use an IRA to defer paying taxes on the earnings until she retires, her \$30,000 investment would earn \$172,719 and her annual, after-tax retirement income would jump to \$18,482 or 93 percent more than she could get today.

Unfortunately, very few homemakers can now invest in an IRA. In 1976, Congress passed a law permitting some homemakers with earned income to own an IRA, but the overwhelming majority of America's 46 million homemakers still cannot take advantage of this opportunity. The reason is quite simple: the law defines their labor as being economically worthless, despite the valuable contributions they make to our society.

Relatively minor changes in the law would allow all homemakers to have an IRA. By amending the present law to allow homemakers to count as their own income the compensation of their spouses, all homemakers would have a chance to insure financial security in their retirement age.

Permitting homemakers to invest in an IRA is basically a question of fairness. It's not fair that the largest group of workers in America should be deprived of the opportunity to prepare for their retirement, just because they earn little or no income. They should be given the same treatment as all other self-employed workers.

I have introduced a bill to allow homemakers to open their own Individual Retirement Account. The bill has already drawn 106 cosponsors in the House and 13 in the Senate. The legislation is necessary because the cost of depending on the government to provide retirement income for all homemakers is prohibitive and could bankrupt the Social Security System. The situation can only get worse as a greater percentage of our population reach retirement age.

Furthermore, government social programs are traditionally more expensive, less efficient and more impersonal than comparable private programs. Permitting homemakers to invest in IRA's would avoid the impersonality of a mountain of red tape while keeping the cost of administration down and the benefits up.

Investments in the IRA's should increase the aggregate level of savings in America. From those increased savings, we can expect more capital investment which, in turn, could reduce unemployment, produce real economic growth, lower interest rates and ultimately raise government revenues.

The time to act is now, before many homemakers get too close to retirement age to help themselves, thus shifting the cost of retirement to their children. Future generations will be taxed to the breaking point, just to provide today's homemakers with a minimum level of retirement income. We should accept the responsibility now.

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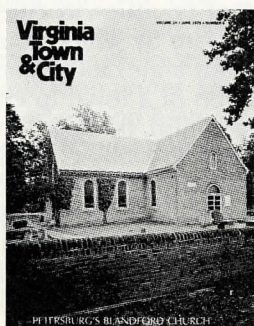
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General Assembly Actions Benefit Localities

The 1979 session of the Virginia General Assembly was undoubtedly one of the most productive in many years from the perspective of local government. The focal point of the Assembly's actions was the passage of three bills concerning annexation and State aid to localities, commonly referred to as the "Michie package." Delegate Thomas Michie and others tried unsuccessfully to have the legislation enacted during the 1978 Session. In the interim several legislative groups studied the proposals, including the Commission on State Aid to Localities, the Joint Subcommittee on Annexation, the joint VML/VACO Annexation Task Force, and a special subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee. It was the latter subcommittee that developed a simplified proposal for distributing an additional \$150 million in State aid to localities that was acceptable to a majority of the legislators.

The "**Michie package**" was composed of three pieces of legislation: HB 599, HB 602, and HB 603. The first, HB 599, provides for an additional \$150 million in State aid to localities in the 1980-82 biennium. This increased aid is in four major areas: law enforcement, circuit court judges' salaries, commonwealth attorneys' salaries and the State and local hospitalization program. The legislation avoids complex formulas by calling for the State to fully fund the salaries of sheriffs, commonwealth attorneys' and circuit court judges. In addition, the State share of the primarily urban hospitalization program increased from 50 percent to 75 percent.

The **law enforcement** segment of the package provides for the full funding of sheriff's departments and also, for the first time, provides State aid for the operation of police departments. In areas without police departments, the sheriff is responsible for law enforcement activities. Under the provisions of HB 599, all sheriff's departments will be funded 100 percent by the State, according to standards established by the compensation board. Currently two-thirds of the cost of the sheriff's department is borne by the State. The per capita amount of funding for sheriff's departments providing law enforcement services will provide the basis for determining State aid available to localities with police departments. The total population of all areas served by police departments will be multiplied by the per capita amount to establish an urban law enforcement fund. This fund will then be distributed to cities and counties with a police de-

partment on a formula basis using an adjusted crime index based on population density and welfare case-load. Towns, however, will receive funding under a formula based on their population and a factor derived from the lowest predicted crime rates for cities. This was necessary due to a lack of statistical information on towns.

The second major piece of legislation in the annexation package was the **highway maintenance funding** provisions that will go into effect July 1, 1979. This bill, HB 602, does not provide new money but redistributes existing highway funds, taking away from the primary, secondary and urban construction funds to provide an increase in maintenance payments for municipalities. Maintenance funding for streets in the primary systems was increased from \$2,500 to \$3,850 annually per moving lane mile available to peak hour traffic. Maintenance funding for streets not in the primary system was increased from \$1,500 to \$2,200 per moving lane mile available to peak hour traffic. Equally significant is a provision that requires the Department of Highways and Transportation to adjust maintenance payments to correspond with the percentage of increase or decrease in maintenance cost of primary streets and highways.

In addition, as part of the compromise, 3.75 percent of the total funds available for highway construction will be allocated for the paving of non-surface treated secondary roads which carry 50 vehicles or more per day. This resulted in a \$14 million increase in maintenance funding, a \$11.4 million increase in funding for the paving of non-surface treated secondary roads and resulting decreases in the primary, secondary and urban construction funds.

The final bill in the triad was HB 603, the **annexation legislation**. This bill established the Commission on Local Government. The Commission will be made up of five members appointed by the Governor for five year terms. They will take office on January 1, 1980 and they must have knowledge and experience in local government but they cannot hold another elective or appointed public office. However, they can be employed by the U.S. government or an institution of higher education. This Commission will have the responsibility for mediating between local governments and to investigate, analyze and make findings of fact regarding annexation, immunity from annexation, town or independent city establishment, boundary disputes among local governments, transitions from county to city status and economic growth sharing among localities. The bill spells out procedures for annexation; provides a mechanism for transition of counties to cities; establishes criteria and a mechanism by which counties can be granted immunity from annexation; and provides a mechanism for transition of a town to city status.

In addition, the bill provides for minor adjustments of boundary lines, termination of the annexation moratorium, annexation by petition, the setting up of an annexation court, reimbursement for town annexation, town renunciation of certain rights, consolidation of local governments and economic growth sharing. This detailed but workable mechanism for resolution of these various boundary and juris-

dictional related matters was overwhelmingly endorsed by the General Assembly.

While the State aid that was a part of the annexation package remained on center stage throughout the session, two other important items should not go unnoticed. In the Governor's budget statement \$16.2 million was proposed to implement the quarterly payment of **ABC profits to localities**. Enabling legislation had been adopted several years ago but had never been implemented. This amounts to a windfall in the coming year because the quarterly payments for October, January and April had not been anticipated by localities. Additional aid for schools was made available by shifting certain funds to allow an increase in per pupil state aid from \$936 to \$960.

The General Assembly should also be commended for their recognition of the problem of mandating costs to local government. Throughout the entire session the legislators made a genuine effort to ensure that none of the programs which they enacted would mandate additional costs on local government. Related to this, legislation was passed which requires Legislative Services to refer any bills which may have an economic impact on local government to the newly established Commission on Local Government and requiring that the Commission on Local Government develop a fiscal impact statement for that legislation. This is indicative of great strides in the awareness of local government problems on the part of the Virginia General Assembly.

Another substantive issue during the session affecting localities was the series of nine bills introduced by Delegate Cleaves Manning concerning **forms of local government**. These bills had been known as House Document 17, HB 63 and most recently as a series of bills often referred to as the "1300 series". The intent of these bills was to revise Title 15.1 of the *Code of Virginia* in its entirety. The bulk of this revision was contained in HB 1300 which was approximately 100 pages in length and was subjected to continual amendment until it was voted down on the House floor. Contributing to the defeat of this bill was its length and complexity and the fact that it was amended substantially prior to a floor vote. Very few delegates or observers were able to grasp the impact of this key piece of legislation in such a short time frame. However, four measures out of the "1300 series" passed. They were HB 1303, which amended sections related to the granting or amending of municipal charters; HB 1305, which expanded localities authority in the area of extraterritorial police powers, providing that counties and towns in addition to cities may exercise police powers on facilities which they own outside their jurisdiction; HB 1306, which provides for uniform fiscal reporting and also provides for uniform fiscal years for all local governments except towns with population under 3,500 (the fiscal year must begin July 1 and end on June 30); and HB 1307, which requires the compensation Board to take into consideration constitutional offices which are shared between local governments when setting salaries. It is almost certain, however, that another bill or package of bills incorporating most of the provisions of HB 1300 will be reintroduced during the 1980 Session.

The General Assembly in its collective wisdom chose to study the various **tax and expenditure limitation proposals** before imposing legislation with such far reaching implications. Two identical resolutions passed both houses requiring a study of tax and expenditure limitation proposals and, in addition, a resolution passed requiring a study of the initiative effort and referendum issue which was the means by which Proposition 13 was placed on the California ballot. One measure relating to tax and expenditure limitations that passed was HJR 323 which, if reenacted next year and passed by voter referendum, would amend the Constitution to change the local debt limit from 18 percent to 10 percent of the assessed value of real property. Another measure was HB 1547 which requires a 1/8 page advertisement and a public hearing whenever total property tax revenues increase by more than 1 percent from the previous year. For most localities this will require advertising, a public hearing and the passing of an ordinance each year because the increase in assessment will inevitably be greater than 1 percent.

Although there was a great deal of legislative impact upon local government by the 1979 session, a VML staff analysis has shown that the total number of bills of concern to localities decreased by approximately 300 over previous years. In many respects there were fewer "nuisance" bills for local officials to deal with. This positive note combined with the additional state aid and the adoption of the annexation legislation give evidence to the claim of a productive session for local government. For a more detailed analysis of the activities of the 1979 Session of the General Assembly please consult the recent VML publication *Legislation Affecting Local Government*.



VML STAFF ATTORNEY

Bragdon R. Bowling, Jr. was appointed to the newly created position of Staff Attorney. Prior to joining the League, he was a staff attorney with the Division of Legislative Services, an agency of the Virginia General Assembly. His responsibilities included drafting legislation and staffing House and Senate Committees. Bowling was also a law clerk in a Richmond firm. He is a graduate of the University of Richmond and received his J.D. degree from The T. C. Williams School of Law of the University of Richmond. His position was effective April 2, 1979.

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People

Cook Takes Post

Petersburg city manager **WILLIAM R. COOK** accepted the position of city manager of Kingsport, Tennessee. His resignation was effective April 30. Cook was town manager of Blacksburg prior to his employment in Petersburg.

Former Mayor Retires

W. STIRLING KING, former mayor of Richmond, retired from Whittet & Shepperson, the former printer of *VIRGINIA TOWN & CITY* magazine. King was instrumental in the formation of this publication in 1966 and his guidance helped his firm to receive the "Fine Printing Award" for the League magazine after its first year of publication. King began working with Whittet & Shepperson in 1926 and retired in April after serving 53 years. King is also a past president of the Virginia Municipal League. The League expresses appreciation to Stirling King for his advice and continuing interest in the VML and its publication.

Rattley Invited

Newport News Councilwoman and VML President **JESSIE M. RATTLEY** has been invited to participate as a delegate in a five-nation tour of Europe as part of a Conference on "Urban Transport and the Environment." The invitation was extended by the Administrator for the Urban Mass Transit Administration of the United States Department of Transportation. Included in the delegation will be a number of transportation specialists and mayors from six U.S. cities.

Sponsored by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the Conference will include visits to France, Germany, Sweden, England and Holland from July 6-July 21, 1979. Objectives of the Conference are to continue the efforts of international cooperation to solve the problems of noise, air pollution, danger and difficulties usually associated with travel and transportation. The tour will focus on cities which have instituted innovative techniques to raise the quality of urban life.

Vernon Appointed

A native of Culpeper, **CLAUDE M. VERNON, JR.** was named Abingdon's

director of public works, succeeding Kyle Roop. Vernon is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute with a degree in civil engineering and also has served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. His municipal experience includes employment with the County of Contra Costa, California and the Cities of Vacaville and Fairfield, California. Vernon assumed his new position on March 12.

Ford Selected

The International City Management Association selected Arlington county manager **W. VERNON FORD** to be a member of its European Task Force. In its fourth year, the Task Force will study public/private cooperation for urban management. Most of the cost for the study trip will be borne by the German Marshall Fund of the U.S. and the Charles F. Kettering Foundation.

Roach Resigns

FRANKLIN R. ROACH, assistant director of the Hampton Coliseum, has resigned his post to accept a position as assistant director of tours for the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Combined Shows, Inc. Roach was named Outstanding City Employee of the Year last year and holds an undergraduate degree from the College of William and Mary and a masters degree from Golden Gate University.

Lucy Dies

WILLIAM WAYNE LUCY, a member of the Lawrenceville Town Council, died March 22. Lucy had served on the Town Council since September, 1972 and was a member of the Brunswick County Planning Commission. He was the owner and operator of the W. Wayne Lucy Plumbing and Heating Company. The Virginia Municipal League extends sincere sympathy to William Lucy's family and the Town of Lawrenceville.

Elliott Resigns

JOHN R. ELLIOTT, director of tourism for the City of Petersburg, left his position on March 23. He became vice president of marketing and promotion for a Missouri tourist firm. Elliott will be replaced temporarily by Wellington Winston, curator and superintendent of the Siege Museum.

Former Mayor Dies

JACK EDWIN GUYNN, former mayor of Galax, died March 19. Guynn served as mayor from 1968 to 1974 and was president of Guynn Enterprises. He was a graduate of Fork Union Military Academy and Virginia Polytechnic Institute. The Virginia Municipal League extends sincere sympathy to Jack Guynn's family and the City of Galax.

Jones Appointed

WESLEY D. JONES is the new county engineer of Gloucester County. He had previously been with the Virginia State Water Control Board.

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Places

DANVILLE—The City recently celebrated its 149th birthday and marked the beginning of Danville's 150th year as a city. The General Assembly chartered it on November 23, 1783.

HENRICO COUNTY—The County of Henrico Public Library has announced an art competition believed to be the first of its kind in public service in Virginia. The library Board of Trustees approved plans to set aside one percent of the building cost of the new Sandston branch library to commission an artist to produce original art for the branch. Instead of purchasing art currently available, the Board has decided to offer to all artists living in Virginia the opportunity of creating art for the library.

CHARLOTTESVILLE—City officials marked the opening of four new tennis courts, a gift of the Perry Foundation, with a ceremonial match between Mayor

Laurence Brunton and former Mayor Francis H. Fife. The donor is a locally-based philanthropic organization which limits its financial aid primarily to organizations and projects in the Charlottesville area. The organization was founded by Hunter S. Perry.

WAVERLY—The Town marked the beginning of its 100th anniversary on February 26. According to Mayor William R. Hartz, special events in 1979 will incorporate "the centennial theme" and civic and social events will include a large number of Waverly's citizens. The main celebration will be held on Labor Day.

WARRENTON—The Town Council authorized the manager to acquire the old Warrenton Transfer and Storage Company building. Purchase of the building was made possible by a contribution from a Fauquier County resident, Edward L. Stephenson. Stephen-

son contributed \$130,000 for renovating the building and landscaping the property to "make it an attractive part of the Town." Stephenson also bought the Town its present municipal building.

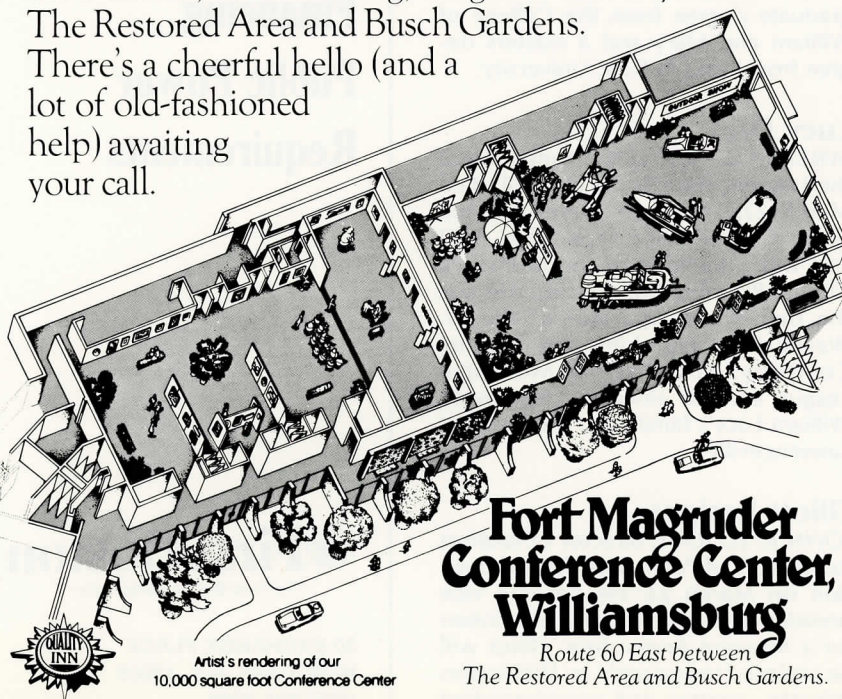
AMHERST—Town Council approved an expenditure for a mini-park in the downtown area. Money for the park will come from unallocated federal revenue sharing funds. Plans include a bicycle rack, a flower garden and a steel casing to support the Town's Christmas tree.

COLONIAL BEACH—Governor John N. Dalton pledged to help the Town in correcting a serious erosion problem which is washing away the beach and threatening the tourist trade. Dalton met with Mayor Eugene Wicker, Town Manager Josef Dunn, State Senator John H. Chichester, Delegate Calvin G. Sanford and department heads from several State agencies. Although the Governor did not pledge any money for the Town, Chichester and Sanford plan to ask for funds in the next session of the General Assembly.

BEDFORD—Citizens have responded to Mayor Russell Otey's office hours. He holds open house from 9:00 a.m. to noon on the first Saturday of each month. Comments and complaints of the citizens are recorded and given to members of Council and department heads for action where possible. Otey says he appreciates the visits that have been made by the citizens.

CHARLOTTESVILLE—More than 100 new housing units, including the renovation of the landmark Albemarle Hotel, are in store for the Starr Hill neighborhood. Fifty apartment units for elderly and handicapped persons would result from the renovation of the former hotel and the additional 50 units would be included in three separate buildings. The cost of the entire project would be more than \$1 million but the development will hinge on the willingness of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to underwrite the project. The project is being coordinated with the City's revitalization program aimed at the surrounding Starr Hill area.

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TWO CITIES NAMED

The National Municipal League announced that Charlottesville and Roanoke Valley, Virginia have been designated as All-American Cities for 1978-1979. The national awards program encourages citizen initiated community goal setting and problem solving. Charlottesville established a comprehensive system of child care, revitalized downtown residential and commercial areas and created a cooperative housing program.

The Roanoke Valley, consisting of the cities of Roanoke and Salem, the Town of Vinton and the County of Roanoke, constructed an 800-space municipal garage. The Valley also established an emergency medical service which concentrates on services for the retarded, handicapped and abused children and senior citizens. Other activities of the Roanoke Valley include the State's first free dental clinic and an educational program established for heart attack victims.

Both winners were highlighted by VIRGINIA TOWN & CITY magazine (February, 1979) when they were named semi-finalists. The Virginia Municipal League congratulates the City of Charlottesville and the Roanoke Valley.

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Norfolk My City



NORFOLK IN CARTOON

How do you tell students about city government and keep their attention? The City of Norfolk kept their attention with a cartoon booklet for students. The booklet, "Norfolk, My City," now being used to supplement social studies courses, recently won a "Addy Award" from the Advertising Club of Tidewater. The booklet was chosen above public service brochures and radio and television spots produced by advertising agencies throughout the Tidewater area.

Written and designed by the public communications staff of the Norfolk Conventions and Marketing Department, the 16-page, 8½" × 11" booklet uses bright colors and cartoon characters to graphically depict the history and services of the City and the council/manager form of government. The introduction explains the effect of local government on citizens by answering the question "Who Needs City Government?" The booklet also deals with city revenues, expenditures, all elected and appointed city officials, the School Board and other boards and commissions.

"Norfolk, My City" is the first phase of the three-part student relations program designed to help teachers explain city government. The second phase is an audio/visual presentation, which will elaborate on the material covered in the booklet. This presentation will be made available for duplication by the Norfolk Public School system and will also be used during student tours of Norfolk's Civic Center Complex, which make up the third part of the program.

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At the national level of fire service, former Seattle Fire Chief Gordon Vickery was appointed Administrator of the United States Fire Administration (USFA). The administration has also signed a contract to purchase St. Joseph College in Emmitsburg, Maryland as the site of the National Fire Academy; the target date for on-site course offering is January 1980.

The Virginia Fire Services Commission held public hearings across the State in April. The hearings were conducted to receive comments from firefighters and the general public concerning the adequacy of fire services in the State and the need for changes in present manpower, equipment or performance. The Commission is responsible for making recommendations to the legislature regarding fire service.

The 49th SFCAV Annual Conference will be held July 12-14, 1979 at the Sheraton Inn, Fredericksburg.

VACP

Twenty-five participants attended the VACP/VML Law Enforcement In-service Management Development program held in Williamsburg, April 1-6, 1979.

Chief Larry Vardell and the Williamsburg Police Department provided equipment and firing range instructors. Management topics such as leadership development, supervision of police personnel, stress, police and media relations and handling hostage situations were presented by instructors from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, local law enforcement, the Peninsula Academy of Criminal Justice and the *Daily Press*, a local newspaper. Glen Murphy of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, a recognized speaker in law enforcement circles, spoke on civil liability, and handling and investigation of discipline cases. The next training program will be scheduled for October-November, 1979.

The VACP Annual Conference will be held August 26-29, 1979 at the OMNI International Hotel in Norfolk. Program plans are presently being made by the VACP/VML staff and the staff of the Norfolk Police Department.

The Virginia Crime Prevention Association and the American Association of Retired Persons are sponsoring three regional crime prevention programs. The first program is scheduled for the Northern Virginia Police Acad-

emy on June 5-6, 1979. The program is directed towards common level personnel in non-crime prevention functions. Details on the other regional programs have not been completed; however, the Lynchburg area may host one of the summer seminars and the Richmond area may host the fall session. There will be no charge for the seminars. For further information contact Harold A. Wright, Division of Justice and Crime Prevention, 8501 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23229, (804) 281-9276.

VBOA

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Virginia Building Officials Association. A Program Committee was appointed by the Board of Directors to plan activities and recommend areas of interest to the building officials at the 1979 Annual School and Conference to be held at the Cavalier Hotel, located in Virginia Beach. The Program Committee is composed of D. Bain Reed, Building Commissioner, Roanoke, Chairman; W. C. "Bill" Light, Zoning Administrator, Roanoke; Frank B. Kaye, Chief Fire Marshal, Arlington County; Bernard Poole, Building Official, Sussex County; and Edward Williams, Building Official, Virginia Beach.

Also, at the Board meeting, a legislative committee was established to represent the VBOA during the 1980 General Assembly. The committee is composed of Joe Bartell, Chief, Building Construction and Inspections, Henrico County, Chairman; R. A. Ledbetter, Jr., Building Official, Norfolk; Frank B. Kaye, Chief Fire Marshal, Arlington County; and James B. Jones, Building Official, Martinsville.

MEPAV

The 1979 Annual Conference of the Municipal Electric Power Association of Virginia was held April 11-13 at the Marriott Inn in Blacksburg, Virginia. President Robert I. Corekin, Electric Utility Director, Martinsville, presided over the conference. William Willis, Superintendent of the Electric Department, Radford, was elected President for 1979-80 and D. Keith Cook, City Manager, Bedford, was elected Vice President. Members of the Executive Committee are Eldred Yerks, Superintendent of the Electric Department, Danville; Walter Duncan, Town Manager of Front Royal; and Joseph S. Kearns, Councilman of Culpeper.

During the Closing Business Session a dues increase was announced for both regular and associate members.

A workshop on joint action will be scheduled for early June and experts in the field will be asked to speak. The membership also adopted resolutions in appreciation of the following persons for their assistance in the passage of Senate Bill 163: State Senator Charles J. Colgan, Delegate David D. Brickley, Manassas City Attorney Turner T. Smith, Virginia Association of Electric Cooperatives Executive Manager Charles C. Jones, Jr., MEPAV Executive Secretary R. L. DeCair, Wheat, First Securities Executive Vice President Walter W. Craigie, Jr., Attorney Samuel I. Hellman and MEPAV President Robert I. Corekin.

W & M

The 44th Annual School and Conference of the Virginia Weights and Measures Association will be held at the Sheraton-Fredericksburg Motor Inn, August 5-7, 1979. Oscar Armadore, program chairman, and the staff are planning some interesting work sessions and exciting social activities for the delegates and guests.

During the Conference representatives from industry will have display booths introducing new innovations and technology in scales and other devices of interest to Weights and Measures officials. This year at the business session the members will vote on the revised Constitution and By-Laws of the Association.

VA. SECTION, ICMA

The Section held its Annual Conference on April 26-28, 1979 at the Marriott Inn in Blacksburg. President Hugh G. Cooper presided over the 3-day event.

The managers and their spouses attended a personal financial management seminar by Douglas Kahle, Coopers & Lybrand, Norfolk. Other speakers included Richmond's Finance Director, H. Jack Lissenden and Conway Rees, Director of the Office of Local Government Relations.

Officers for 1979-80 are C. M. Moyer, Manassas, President; Frank Force, Williamsburg, First Vice President; and William J. Paxton, Salem, Second Vice President. The Executive Committee is comprised of James W. Lord, Danville, Ronald Miller, Vinton, William B. Fletcher, Waynesboro and Hugh G. Cooper, Bristol.

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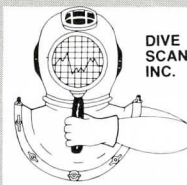
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