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Return to Faith of Forefathers' Asks Legion Adjutant

Speech Follows Flag Presentations To Local Schools

"To keep this nation strong we must return to the faith of our forefathers, reaffirm our moral code and dedicate ourselves to the service of our nation and our fellowmen," Charles L. Kessler, adjutant of the Virginia Division American Legion, told an audience at the closing session of "I Am An American" day on Wednesday night.

Beginning with 1776, he traced the development of the American nation, praised the constitution, which was an inspired document composed by free men for their own protection. He warned, however, of the growth of central government and cited three invasions of states rights. First, when the thirteen American colonies were oppressed by the misrule of the British government, resulting in the Declaration of Independence, the Revolutionary War, the Constitution of the United States, and the formation of a republic. Second, the decision of the Federal Government to compel the Confederate States to remain in the Union, resulting in a strong central government. Third, the decision of the Supreme Court on Monday abolishing segregation in public schools.

Essentially the Same

He said he had found people essentially the same in every country he had visited and believes them to remain basically the same through the generations, from the time of Christ to this good day. They had the sense of patriotism, of hospitality, and of idealism. The principal difference between the United States and other countries is that most of them have a state religion or one religious belief, whereas America, though predominantly Christian, has religious freedom identified with no one particular religion.

The main danger in the United States is not economic, as the Communists hope, but a weakening of the moral fiber of the American people. Citing from his experience as an American Marine, he said that "I am an American" had definite meaning in every nation in which he was stationed, and he implied that this condition must be reinstated through a revival of the sense of civic duty and patriotism.

General Dean Shocked

"I heard General Dean, speak the other day," Kessler said, "and he said he was shocked when he returned to the United States after six years absence, two spent in Communist prison camps in Korea, to find the fifth pouring into the minds of adults and children through billboards, magazines, television and other media." The corruption found in many places of trust is not as serious as this weakening of the moral fiber of the nation, Dean stated.

Mr. Kessler closed with a fervent appeal for the rebirth of religious faith, a rededication to moral codes and patriotism.

Adjutant Kessler's stirring appeal was the climax of a day devoted to what J. Barry Wall, Jr., Bicentennial chairman, who gave the welcome, called the "best mix of the many isms of our time—patriotism."

The patriotic organizations in Farmville participated in two events—one the evening session at the Farmville High School with the talk by Mr. Kessler and a brief historical review of National Guard Company G of Virginia by Col. D. W. Paulette, past commander; and the other which took place earlier at the two Farmville schools with the presentation of flags and flagstaffs.

Flag Presentation

At 2 p. m., Company G Honor Guard, the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts led by the Farmville High School Band, paraded down High Street to the Elementary School, where Miss Lucy Adams received the flag outfit from State Hill Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Shelton Whitaker, being chairman of that group's Patriotic Committee.

Following a march back to the High School, another flag and staff was presented to Stuart Beville from the Jack Garland Post American Legion and Auxiliary.

Speaking on behalf of the Legion Post, R. B. Crawford, Past Commander American Legion Department of Virginia, said that education and patriotism "depend on one another for strength, and each is profoundly influenced by the other."

Education without patriotism, he said, is "an untrained giant," and patriotism without education "is a listless, a futile, yes, even a terrible thing."

The evening event, presided over by Mrs. Grace C. Gordon, chairman of "I Am An American Day," included the presentation of the

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Main participants in the evening event of the "I Am An American Day" celebration await the program's beginning. Left to right are Waverly Putney, Jr., who introduced the speaker; Charles Kessler, main speaker; Mrs. Grace C. Gordon, general chairman; J. Barry Wall, Jr., Bicentennial chairman; Col. D. W. Paulette, who gave the history of Company G; Captain Julian Bradshaw of Company G; W. J. Gills, Jr., Jack Garland Post American Legion commander.

FHS Concert Sunday

The annual band and glee club concert will be presented by the Farmville Public Music Department on Sunday, May 23, at 3:30 p. m., in the High School auditorium.

Under the direction of Russell Hoier, the three groups taking part will be the 30-piece senior band, the 48-piece junior band, and the 40-member glee club.

Tickets may be obtained from any of the band or glee club members.

Colleges' Cultural Series Now Ended

Dr. Shryock Speaks At Final Hill Event

Another school year is just about over, and with it the Richmond Area University Center Series at Hampden-Sydney and the Longwood Artists Series at the Farmville College. The latter ended with the presentation in April of "Musical Americana," a new type of folk concert, while the Hill College was host to the last of its speakers, Dr. Richard H. Shryock, on May 14.

An authority on the history of medicine, Dr. Shryock, professor at Johns Hopkins University, devoted his talk to "Changing Concepts in American Medicine Over Three Centuries."

As examples of the three centuries, he took a key figure in each of the eras, the Eighteenth, Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries, and told how the three individuals exemplified his particular times.

Cotton Mather

The Rev. Cotton Mather, a Nineteenth Century Bostonian, went contrary to the prevailing medical idea that disease was a general condition of the body, and stoutly advanced the theory that there were a lot of different diseases in the world with distinct causes and cures. It was he, in the United States, who initiated inoculation against smallpox—beginning a practice on which all modern procedures are based.

The second example, Dr. Benjamin Rush, believed that most diseases were caused by certain poisons—in air, food, blood stream, etc.—and that diseases could only be differed by the symptoms. The result of his first conclusion was sanitary reform throughout the country. The second theory led him to treat for general bodily conditions, such as bleeding a patient profusely to relieve tension, the so-called cuplet.

The Twentieth Century is exemplified by Dr. William Osler, who believed that diseases could be distinguished not only by symptoms, but also by lesions or injuries to organs. Thus for the next fifty years, there was a great deal of study from cadavers with the result that a new picture of disease has arisen.

Seems Appropriate

It seems appropriate that the cultural series at the two colleges should end on a light, musical note as well as on a more serious vein. Both institutions have offered to their student bodies and the public at large diverse and illuminating events.

Longwood College during the school year presented Sir Hubert Wilkins, a noted explorer; a duet piano team; Jerome Hines, Metropolitan opera star; a piano concert by Roy Jenson, young composer and performer who teaches at the college; the National Symphony Orchestra; and Musical Americana. Added to this was a long list of presentations, given without charge, that included Dr. John Temple Graves, preachers, student recitals and concerts.

The Richmond Area Series brought to Hampden-Sydney, three other renowned lecturers in

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Shades of 1 000,000 B. C.



Resembling something definitely 'out of this world,' (left to right), Bill Orange, Charles Anderson and Billy Jones, murder the sweet tones of "Swing Low Sweet Chariot," during initiations to Farmville High's Monogram Club, Monday.

Library Workshop Slated July 5-23

A three-week workshop for school librarians will be held at Longwood College under the direction of Mrs. Jane Baker Hobson July 5-23. The 1954 workshop will emphasize cooperation among school officials, classroom teachers, and school librarians.

Each participant in the workshop will have an opportunity to work on problems peculiar to his or her own situation. The 1954 Southside Virginia Children's Book Exhibit on display in the college library during the period will present an opportunity for the examination of new books.

Mrs. Hobson, is the state consultant for school and young people libraries for the New Jersey Department of Education. She received an A. B. degree from Mt. Holyoke College and B. S. in library science from Columbia University. She has also done extensive graduate work in library science and literature at both Columbia University and the University of Maryland.

Lutheran Church Begins Anniversary Events Tonight

St. John's Lutheran Church in Farmville begins the celebration of its Golden Anniversary tonight, Thursday, with the showing of a Christian film entitled "Tammie" at 8 p. m., in the Church.

Following events include an anniversary service, Friday, May 21, at 8 p. m., with the Rev. Herbert Heidenreich, of Sturges, Mich., returning to his 1932-33 pastorate to speak.

Sunday morning services will feature the Rev. Richard C. Frazer, of Pittsburgh, Pa., who served in Farmville from 1904 to 1911. Following church that day, there will be picnic dinner, served by the congregation, on the Dickhoff farm, 5 miles south of Farmville on U. S. Highway 15. Then at 3 p. m., an open-air service will be held with special music provided by Richmond soloists.

Members and friends of the church are invited to attend any of these exercises.

Mrs. Pritchett Joins County Agent's Staff

Mrs. H. D. Pritchett, who has been assistant to Town Clerk-Treasurer William J. Gills for the past three years, tendered her resignation last Monday, in order to accept a position as clerk-secretary to County Agent E. F. Striplin.

She will assume her new duties on June 1.

Hospital Unit To Hold Bake Sale For Nursery Needs

Visitors Are Invited Tuesday to Inspect Nurses' Home

True to the aims of most auxiliaries the women affiliated with the Southside Community Hospital have been doing a silent but what hospital officials term "a wonderful" job.

Formed in the late 1920's, the organization has devoted itself to doing in as far as the regular hospital operating expenses do not cover.

A continuing and vital project has been the beautification of the hospital grounds, for which the women spent about \$190 last year—funds coming from the Community Chest, tag days in surrounding counties, membership dues to the units of the auxiliary, and from special projects.

Another most important function the ladies have been performing for the past two years has been the hosting on Sundays. This year Mrs. S. C. Bliss and a roster of volunteer workers are devoting the Sunday rush hours to regulating the crowds of visitors who wish to see friends and relatives who are patients.

Nurses' Home

Just completed has been the redecoration of the Nurse's Home. The halls, living room, and kitchenette have been redone, and new slip covers, draperies, a rug and chairs purchased. The entire project has been handled through a special committee composed of chairman, Mrs. C. F. Wilson, and Mrs. E. S. Shields, and Mrs. A. M. DeMuth.

Anxious to have visitors inspect the redecoration of the Nurse's Home, the Auxiliary announces that it will be open to the public on Tuesday, May 25, from 3 to 5 p. m. Says Mrs. W. W. McClintic, chairman of the Hospital Auxiliary, "Members of the Auxiliary and anyone interested are invited to come and see what has been done."

The redecoration of the nursery is the next area of concern for the women. They have learned that Mrs. V. A. Harrington, nurse in charge of the nursery, needs new cabinets, a metal top table and new bassinets, as well as several other smaller items.

Bake Sale

Taking the nursery as its particular project, the Gills Unit will hold a Bake Sale on Friday and Saturday, May 21 and 22, at the empty store next to Peoples Bank, beginning at 10 a. m., both mornings. Proceeds from the two sales will be handed over to the hospital to purchase the needed articles.

Pleased as she is over the proposed plans, Mrs. Harrington's next wish is going to be for a baby islette—a big, modern incubator. "It is the most important thing that we need. We have had it here on trial, but it was not purchased because of insufficient funds."

Members who are responsible for the Bake Sale are Mrs. R. D. Wilson and Mrs. W. B. Bruce, Jr., co-chairmen, and the committee composed of Mrs. J. C. Bondurant, Mrs. R. B. Crawford, Mrs. S. P. Glover, Mrs. W. J. Snyder, Mrs. C. W. Harris, and Mrs. Wiley Putney.

The Auxiliary roll call lists approximately 180 members of which the current officers are chairman, Mrs. W. W. McClintic; vice chairman, Mrs. Cleveland Jones; secretary, Mrs. Grace C. Gordon; treasurer, Mrs. W. K. Carter.

The organization is divided into four units—Holiday, Gills, Anderson White, and Barnett units with respective chairmen, Mrs. Charles Baird, Mrs. Marshall Watkins, Mrs. C. F. Wilson, and Mrs. Charles McKnight.



Proceeds from a bake sale to be held May 21 and 22 will be donated by the Gills Unit of the Southside Hospital Auxiliary to purchase needed items in the nursery. Shown above is a portion of the redecoration room with Mrs. V. A. Harrington, left, and Mrs. Thelma Powers checking babies in the well-worn bassinets, which are to be replaced.

County Leaders Ask Fair, Calm Approach To Problems Created By Supreme Court School Decision

WFLO Presented with Safety Award



John Wilson, (center) station manager, of Radio Station WFLO accepts the National Safety Council's Public Interest Award from S. L. Campbell, field representative for the Governors Highway Safety Committee. The proud onlooker is Farmville's Mayor, W. C. Fitzpatrick. The award was presented to the station Monday afternoon. Mr. Wilson said, "I am proud to accept the award, and we are looking forward to doing an even better job this year."

Longwood Biologist Is Named To State Science Academy Committee

Dr. Robert T. Brumfield, professor of biology at Longwood College, has been appointed to the Research Committee of the Virginia Academy of Sciences for a four-year term.

He will replace Dr. Walter Flory, of Boyce whose terms expired. Dr. Flory is the vice-director of the Blandy Experimental Farm of the University of Virginia.

Representing the biological sciences on the committee, Dr. Brumfield is heading a research project on the protection of living cells from the effects of radiation, which was established at Longwood College under a grant from the Atomic Energy Commission.

For the past four summers he has been studying the effects of radiations and chemicals on the cells of timothy roots at Oak Ridge, Tenn., through a photographic process which he developed.

U. B. Morris Heads Presbyterian Men

U. B. Morris will lead the men's group of the Farmville Presbyterian Church next year. He was elected chairman at the final supper meeting of the season Wednesday night.

Serving with him will be John Steck, vice chairman, and Oscar McIntosh, secretary - treasurer. The men turned about Wednesday night to serve the ladies of the church who have provided the meals through the year—and to do the banquet dishes afterward.

Aid to Victims of War

Mrs. Bruce Heads Volunteer Group For Legion Auxiliary's Poppy Day

Approximately 150,000 women and girls, all unpaid volunteers are being recruited by the American Legion Auxiliary to distribute memorial poppies throughout America on Poppy Day, May 29, according to Mrs. J. G. Bruce, the Auxiliary's local Poppy Chairman.

"We expect to distribute fully 25,000,000 poppies on Poppy Day this year," said Mrs. Bruce, "and we are gratified by the way in which our members and other women and girls are volunteering to help carry out this huge project. We need the help of everyone who can give a part of the day to this work of patriotic remembrance."

"The poppies have been made by disabled veterans of the two World Wars and the Korean War, working in hospitals and workrooms in every part of the country. The flowers are crepe-paper replicas of the little wild poppies which grew between the crosses, row on row, in the war cemeteries in France and Belgium, and wearing one is the individual way to show that we remember and honor those who gave their lives for America."

"The Poppy Day volunteers will receive contributions for the welfare of disabled veterans and needy children of veterans, those contributions being the principal

State Commission Will Soon Begin Studying Issues

School Superintendent T. J. McIlwaine today said that he expects to start consultations with the Prince Edward county school board but that specific decisions by that body on the Supreme Court's segregation decision can unfold only as instructions are received here from the State Board of Education.

"In the light of what we know now, based on announcements from state leaders, our schools will probably operate through next year on the present basis," the superintendent said.

"This will provide time to make necessary adjustments," he added, pointing out that many decisions must await the final decrees of the Supreme Court after consultations in Washington next fall on how the court's decision is to be implemented and how soon.

Call for Reason

"Meanwhile our hope is that all of our people will wait quietly until we can find out more specifically how the order is to be carried out. All of us desire earnestly that an atmosphere of calm reasonableness and a spirit of justice prevail here as we seek to work out our problems as directed in the state and national capitals."

Edward A. Carter, chairman of the county board of supervisors expressed the view that formation of a Virginia commission to study the problem—as already suggested by Governor Stanley—is the best approach to the new issue.

He said he sees no reason for a special meeting of the board of supervisors, but that the body as the county's governing group, would probably discuss the broad aspects of the question as it may affect Prince Edward county.

"The issue is now before us and if all of us deal reasonably, talk sensibly and act fairly we will work out the problem in fairness to all after the Supreme Court's final decrees are made known next fall," he said.

Virginia's determination to translate the United States Supreme Court's ruling outlawing public school segregation of the races into workable plans in an attitude of fairness and justice to all has become apparent.

With calls for careful deliberations, restraint in public pronouncements and continued amicable relations, Governor Stanley and highest state leaders in government and education have begun preliminary discussions.

The Virginia chief executive announced Wednesday he expects to appoint early in the summer a special commission to study the problem precipitated by Monday's historic decision in Washington.

Lengthy Study

The commission is to be appointed after Governor Stanley has conferred next month with State and local government officials. It would chart a general course for the state for the time being, then move on to specifics after the Supreme Court holds further hearings next fall.

In its decision, the Supreme Court acknowledged difficulties thrust upon southern states by the verdict, and called for further hearings to determine by what means the decision is to be implemented into actually, and how soon.

Based on this last phase of the decision, Virginia school authorities have assumed that present school systems will remain as they are at least for next year, while deliberations are underway.

Legislators Meet

Fourth District legislators, including State Senators Charles T. Moses, of Appomattox, and George W. Palmer, of Green Bay, met Wednesday in Richmond with Congressman Watkins M. Abbott to confer relative to the problem. They met briefly with Governor Stanley after a preliminary session together.

No specific solutions were proposed by the group, it is understood, the meeting being more of a discussion conference in nature. Meanwhile, time and opportunity have permitted a full reading of the Supreme Court decision text.

It reveals, in essence, the court's view that segregation, despite equal facilities, is inequitable. That view was stated tersely: "We come then to the question presented: does segregation of children in public schools solely on the basis of race, even though the physical facilities and other 'tangible' factors may be equal, deprive the children of the minority group of equal educational opportunities? We believe that it does. Thus wrote the court."

14th Amendment

The Rev. Otis Pruden, the pastor, delivered the sermon. The worship service was held in the newly-completed sanctuary.

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