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THE GEORGE C. MARSHALL Research Library was dedicated Saturday at the Virginia Military Institute where he was once a cadet. President Johnson, former President Eisenhower and many other notables came to pay tribute to the man who served as army chief of staff during World War II and was later Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense and author of the Marshall Plan, which put Western Europe back on its feet after the war. For this, he was awarded a Nobel peace prize. Former President Truman, who sent his regrets at being unable to attend the ceremonies because of a stomach ailment, likened Marshall to George Washington by "being first in war, first in peace, and first in his role of helping to rebuild and reshape the post-war free world."

PRESIDENT Johnson, speaking at the dedication of the Marshall Research Library, pledged the U. S. to further the Marshall Plan's goal of a Europe joined in peace by building "bridges across the Gulf which has divided us from Eastern Europe." "They will be bridges of increased trade, of ideas, of visitors and of humanitarian aid," the President said.

MORTIMER CAPLIN, who was appointed Commissioner of Internal Revenue by the late President Kennedy, will leave his post July 19. It was announced last week. There was no official word of his future plans, but it was understood the 47-year-old former law professor at the University of Virginia intends to return to Charlottesville and join the law firm headed by former Gov. John S. Battle. During his tenure, Caplin tried to simplify (Continued on Page 7)

Editorial Stand Steady!

The U. S. Supreme Court, according to brief news dispatches, ordered Prince Edward County public schools to be opened in September 1964.

The decision possibly raises more questions than it decides. A careful reading of the text and a study of the legal implications must be made by competent authorities prior to any action by the county board.

The public hearing on Prince Edward County's informational budget is scheduled to be held on Friday, June 5. The budget must be approved by June 30, 1964.

We feel sure that the issues will be met by the official bodies of Prince Edward County in the same calm, precise manner which has characterized their actions during the past ten years.

May we urge the people of Prince Edward County to maintain their composure, use their heads not their tongues and to approach the problem cautiously with due regard for further just and legal solutions.

Prince Edward Stand Steady!

Facilities Enlarged

Area State Lakes, Park Beaches, Camp Sites Will Open Saturday

The area's three state lakes and one state park will open Saturday, Memorial Day, with expanded and improved camping facilities at each one.

The state's Division of Parks has announced a tentative uniform schedule of opening and closing hours for the beaches and concession facilities of 10 a. m. to 6 p. m., daylight saving time.

David N. Rock, assistant superintendent of state parks, told The Herald Monday that he would meet with concession and park managers this week to finalize the schedule.

As in the past, picnickers will be permitted to use the lake and park facilities in the evenings after the beaches are closed for the day.

Concession Managers Rock listed the following concessionaires who manage the beaches and concession facilities at each lake: Goodwin Lake, C. H. Dowdy, Jr.; Holiday Lake, H. B. Smith, and Bear Creek Lake, J. Abner Seay, all retained from former years.

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Supreme Court Orders Reopening Of County Public Schools In September



RETIREMENT GIFT OPENING. H. E. Lacy, second from right, who retired last week as Prince Edward County Conservationist, opens a gift presented by associates during a testimonial banquet in his honor Friday.

H. E. Lacy Retires

Conservationist's Long Service, Help Commended

H. E. Lacy, Prince Edward County's conservationist who never cared much for fanfare and the limelight, couldn't avoid it Friday night.

It was the day of his retirement after 30 years of public service in soil and water conservation, and 60 Soil Conservation Service associates, state officials, representatives of other agricultural agencies and friends gathered to honor him.

There was a banquet at Hotel Weyanoke, words of official and private commendation, the presentation of a state citation and letter of appreciation, and the giving of a gift by his immediate associates.

There was also a response from the man honored. It was typically modest, genuine and straightforward. Surveying his years of public service in a vast and challenging field, he told his associates and friends:

Thanks Expressed "Even after all these years, I feel like I haven't done all that I should have." Then, moving forward to this particular occasion he added, "I'm pleased and happy that my friends have come out in this way tonight."

Hubert M. Colling, of Chase City, area conservationist for the 12-county Area 5 of the Soil Conservation District in Virginia, presided as banquet toastmaster.

T. M. Dean, conservationist in Mecklenburg County and formerly a conservationist here, summarized the highlights of Lacy's service, following his graduation at VPI and the acquiring of a master's degree in agricultural engineering at the University of Georgia. Of this 30 years' service, since 1934, all but six were served in Prince Edward County.

He began work in Georgia where he remained from 1934 until coming to Virginia and Prince Edward County in 1940.

John Abernathy, assistant (Continued on Page 7)

day. Mrs. Lacy observes, while H. M. Collins, right, area conservationist, and David S. Farmer, Lacy's successor, assist in unwrapping a traveling bag.

Awards Program Held; Yearbook H-SC Dedicated

Dr. Charles Ferguson McRae, Professor of Bible at Hampden-Sydney College, received the highest award the student body can confer upon a member of the faculty at the College's annual awards assembly Thursday morning.

Dave Addison, editor of the 1964 Kaleidoscope, presented Dr. McRae with the first copy of the college yearbook. The dedication of the annual read:

"For his many years of service to Hampden-Sydney College, to his fellow man, and to God, the staff of the 1964 Kaleidoscope proudly dedicates this book to Dr. Charles Ferguson McRae."

Crawley Award

Other awards presented at the assembly program were: The Camilla Virginia Taylor Crawley Music Memorial went to Allen Elliott, and the Kearfott Stone Music Memorial was awarded to John Alexander. The Anna Carrington Harrison Award for "that student who shows for the year the most constructive leadership" went to Charles Synnott, of Richmond.

Rosewell Page Prize

Jim Edge, a freshman from Norfolk, was presented with the Rosewell Page prize, awarded annually by Dr. and Mrs. Frank S. Johns, of Richmond, to that student who has "made the greatest improvement in public speaking during the session." The award is in memory of the Hon. Rosewell Page, of Hanover, former U. S. ambassador to (Continued on Page 7)

LC Exercises Sunday

Largest Class In History

The largest degree class in the history of Longwood College will receive diplomas at Commencement exercises Sunday, May 31, at 3 p. m. in Jarman Auditorium. There is a total of 243 degree candidates for Longwood's eightieth graduation: 240 undergraduate, and three graduate.

Dr. Edgar F. Shannon, Jr., president of the University of Virginia, will deliver the commencement address. The Rev. Dr. Joseph S. Johnston, superintendent, Norfolk District of the Methodist Church, will give the baccalaureate sermon at 11 a. m. on Sunday in Jarman Auditorium.

Class Day

Senior Class Day exercises will be held Saturday, May 30, at 3 p. m. in Jarman Hall. These exercises will start with the official welcome to faculty members and parents and friends by the Senior Class president, Joan Perry. The president's welcome will be followed by the class song, the class history, and the presentation of the symbol of office.

Senior Gift

The Senior Class gift to the college will be presented by Barbara Hewitt. This year's Senior Class has presented the college with a check for \$500. The cash will be used, in part, by the direction of the Senior Class, to erect an architectural marker at the corner of High and Ely streets. The historical marker, identifying Longwood College, will be of a special design, and will not be erected until the buildings presently located on the corner are razed by the college.

Class Day exercises will close with the farewell song, and the traditional Daisy Chain.

President and Mrs. Francis G. Langford, Jr., will entertain the members of the graduating class with a reception in their home at 8:30 p. m. Saturday evening.

Lantern Parade

Perhaps the most impressive event surrounding Longwood's graduation is the annual Lantern Parade. Each member of the graduating class and her "little sister" will parade from North Street up High Street Saturday night at 10:30 p. m. Each senior (Continued on Page 7)

UDC Observes

Memorial Day

Memorial exercises will be held at the Confederate Cemetery just across the Cumberland bridge in Cumberland County on Friday, May 29, at 10 a. m. The observance will be under the sponsorship of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Pupils in the fourth and fifth grades at Prince Edward Lower School will take part in the exercises.

Court Can Order Board To Levy School Taxes

Case Returns To District Court To Enter Decree

The United States Supreme Court Monday ordered the reopening of public schools in Prince Edward County on a desegregated basis by September. The majority decision was announced by Justice Hugo Black, with Justices Tom C. Clark and John M. Harlan agreeing with the major reasoning, but disagreeing with the holding that the federal courts have the power to order reopening of county schools.

Justice Black said the Prince Edward case will now be returned to the Federal District Court with directions to that court to enter "a decree which will guarantee that these petitioners (Negro complainants) will get the kind of education given in the state's public schools."

Judge Lewis Upheld

In the decision, the justices said "the judgment of the Fourth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals is reversed, and the opinion of the Federal District Court at Richmond is upheld."

The ruling in Justice Black's words held that the "time for mere deliberation speed has run out." That procedural note in the original 1964 decision, he said, "can no longer be used to deny the petitioners an education equal to that afforded by other public schools in Virginia."

By way of implementation, the Court held that the "Federal District Court has the power to order public schools opened if such an order be required to assure the petitioners that their constitutional rights will no longer be denied them. We have no doubt of the District court's authority to end this discrimination."

The Court also ruled that the District Court of Judge Oren R. Lewis is empowered to add new parties to the litigation if that is required to make the forthcoming implementing order effective.

Supervisors Cited

Justice Black said that the county board of supervisors "has the special responsibility to levy local taxes to operate public schools." "The district court may, if necessary to prevent further discrimination, require the supervisors to exercise the power that is theirs, to levy taxes, to raise funds adequate to reopen, operate and maintain without discrimination a public school system in Prince Edward County like that operated in other counties of Virginia," Justice Black said.

The opinion called for "quick and effective relief," even to the extent of telling Virginia it might have to move in to reopen the county schools.

The Court also held: "Virginia law unquestionably treats the Prince Edward school children (Continued on Page 7)



Longwood senior Betty Ann Rex (left) and her sister, Carol Rex, are shown above making the lantern which Betty Ann will use in the traditional Lantern Parade Saturday night. Carol will also serve as her sister's "little sister." Betty Ann and Carol are the granddaughters of Mrs. George Rex, and Mrs. H. E. Button, both of Farmville.

For School Operation

Powhatan, Buckingham Receive Additional Funds From State Board

Two area counties were granted additional state funds for the operation of public schools for the current school year. The State Board of Education gave from its discretionary fund, \$11,000 to Powhatan County and \$5,000 to Buckingham County.

Eight other counties throughout the state received similar financial help, with the largest amount going to King and Queen counties in the sum of \$15,000.

A drain of pupils from the public schools to private schools in Powhatan and King and Queen counties was the apparent reason for the request for additional financial aid, although not the sole reason.

In Buckingham County, School Superintendent Irving S. Driscoll said this morning that the request for additional funds was a routine request to help with general operational expenses. He pointed out that Buckingham operates its schools with a budget

of about \$800,000 and there is little room for increased costs and unforeseen expenses.

The action by the state board came at its meeting in Richmond Friday. In all ten cases involved, the localities were given amounts representing one-half of their anticipated deficits, with the understanding that the localities will have to obtain the other one-half from within the county.

In Powhatan and King and Queen counties a number of the white pupils who, in the past, attended public school, moved to private schools this year, contributing to the financial difficulties.

J. G. Blount, fiscal director of the State Department of Education, told the board, in reply to a question, that similar financial problems "conceivably" could occur in other localities where private schools drain students from the public school system. He said the private schools were a factor — but not the only factor — in the problems of Powhatan and King and Queen.

The financial problems arise (Continued on Page 7)

E-Pennant Raised

Abbutt Commends Virginia And Laminating Company On Growth

The Virginia Laminating Company at Amelia raised their E-Pennant on Saturday afternoon in a celebration attended by approximately 100 persons, eight of them from overseas. The award was made for excellence in export expansion in accordance with the plans of the late President John F. Kennedy, to use this as one of the means to help alleviate the alarming outflow of gold.

"Only six of these awards have been earned by manufacturers in Virginia," according to F. J. Rudershausen, president of the company, which is an affiliate of the General Binding Company with outlets all over the world.

Get E-Pins

In March of this year, at the occasion of the World Trade Conference in Chicago, William Lane, of the GBC, was presented with this award and as the Amelia company was responsible for a good part of the exports, the banner was extended to it. Each employee of the company was presented with an E-award pin handed to them by the Honorable Watkins M. Abbutt, representing the Fourth District in Congress.

The pennant was raised on the flagpole in front of the building shansen's right hand man, and two Amelia World War II veterans, Howard Arrington and Glen Wilkins.

Abbutt Speaks Abbutt, guest speaker for the celebration, said that Virginia on Rt. 360, just east of Amelia, by John McLaughlin, Rudershausen, grew faster than all but seven states in the Union between 1960 and 1963. Virginia's rate of growth was second only to Florida in states east of the Mississippi River. He urged Virginia (Continued on Page 7)



The Battle Of Flat Creek Bridge, May 14, 1864 Re-enacted

In a re-enactment of the battle, members of the then (1864) 17th Virginia Infantry Regiment moved to the vicinity of the Richmond and Danville Railroad trestle (now the Southern Railway) over Flat Creek. Sentries were left to guard the north side of the bridge. Taking the part of the 17th in the re-enactment in Amelia County on Saturday were Company E (Emerald Guards) 33rd Virginia Volunteer Infantry; Co. I (Conrad Store Vols.) 10th Va. Inf.; Co. K (Warrenton Rifles)

17th Va. Inf. Regt. and the 17th Virginia Infantry (Alexandria). Taking the part of the Union troops were Co. C, 2nd Maryland Inf. Regt., U. S. Volunteers; Co. D, 6th Penna. Reserves; C Battery, (Old German Artillery), 2nd Maryland Light Artillery, and the 22nd Penna. Cavalry (Ringgold Cavalry). 1964 Union troops in the battle were the 3rd New York Volunteer Cavalry and the 8th Battery, Light Artillery, also, the 11th Penna. Volunteer Cavalry.