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Lancaster Will Cancel With Firm

By Nicholas Brown
Times-Dispatch State Writer

LANCASTER — In a special meeting here Friday, the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors voted, 2 to 0, with Chairman H. R. Humphreys Jr. abstaining, to remove part of county's insurance business from the American Standard Insurance Co., in which Humphreys has a majority interest.

The vote was taken after the supervisors heard statements by Lancaster Commonwealth's Atty. E. Garnette Mercer Jr. and Humphreys.

Mercer told the three-man board that it had been "brought to my attention by other people" that Humphreys had a conflict of interest under Virginia law.

Stating that it was his opinion that Humphreys did have a conflict of interest, Mercer added, "In 1972 when Mr. Humphreys took office, he should have, pursuant to the conflict of interest act, made a disclosure of his material financial interest in the American Standard Insurance agency, but no such disclosure had been made."

In prepared remarks, Humphreys said, "I was not aware of the provision of the conflict of interest act until Tuesday of last week, and was under the impression that continuing the business already being written by this board prior to my becoming a member was permissible."

Mercer noted that for about 15 years the county has been dividing its fire insurance business among several county agencies, including American Standard. In addition, Mercer said, the county contracted with American Standard "at some date prior to 1972, and before Mr. Humphreys became a member of the board," to write the county's workmen's compensation insurance.

Insurance Commissions

Mercer calculated that American Standard has earned $834.95 in commissions from insurance written for the county's protection during the time Humphreys has served as a supervisor.

Mercer said further, "Mr. Humphreys may not have known about it [conflict of interest law] but other people know about it. I submit that Mr. Humphreys is as knowledgeable a person as anyone else sitting in this room."

Mercer, who said he has "approached this matter reluctantly," also informed the board that someone found in a conflict of interest is subject to "certain penalties."

He said he and Humphreys' lawyer, Walther B. Fidler of Sharpe, would be discussing the matter soon.

"State of Flux"

Following the meeting, Mercer said he has not decided whether to prosecute since the situation "is in a state of flux." He would not say when he would decide what to do.

Violation of the Virginia conflict of interest act is a misdemeanor, and a conviction could mean a maximum fine of $1,000 and up to 12 months in jail. In addition, a con-

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Crush Starts For Opening Of Busch Park

Times-Dispatch State Staff

WILLIAMSBURG — Heavy traffic in the Williamsburg area was reported Friday by city and state police and few motel rooms are available, apparently because of the opening today of the Old Country at Busch Gardens here.

If the weather is good, park officials said, they expect as many as 25,000 visitors at the opening day of the $30 million family-entertainment park.

The State Department of Highways and Transportation has opened the State Rt. 199 overpass at Black's Crossing and U.S. 60 east of Williamsburg to help with the heavy traffic.

The park will open at 10 a.m. today.

The formal opening ceremonies will be held privately Friday when August Busch Jr., chairman of the board of Anheuser-Busch, Inc., and his son, August Busch III, president and chief executive manager, will attend. Gov. Mills E. Godwin Jr. has been invited to help open the park.

Staff Photo

Be Warned

With all the other instructions that school buses are required to carry on their rear ends, it is likely that many motorists might have missed the message scratched on the window by a youngish finger.

AAUP Challenges Hamel, State Board

By Charles Cox
Times-Dispatch Education Writer

Chancellor Dana B. Hamel and the State Board for Community Colleges "furtively" killed tenure and cast a shadow across academic freedom for 2,000 teachers and their 65,000 students, the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) charged on the steps of the State Capitol yesterday.

Nationwide censure of this state's two-year colleges by AAUP, with 72,000 members, is expected to follow in June.

Hamel, who sent an observer to the news conference, declined to comment yesterday but promised a statement next week. Censure will mean that teachers across the country will be told academic freedom is not available to those who teach and study in Virginia community colleges.

Due Process

AAUP believes the "renewable contract" system that replaced tenure unconstitutionally deprives community college teachers of due process and will argue the case in court if that becomes necessary, Alfred D. Sumberg told reporters. Sumberg is AAUP's associate secretary in Washington.

As The Times-Dispatch reported Thursday, William P. Phillips, recently fired by Lynchburg's Central Virginia Community College, and Kenneth L. Evans, facing discharge in June from Northern Virginia Community College, say they expect to file federal damage suits, with AAUP assistance, against the Virginia Community College System.

Censure will come to a vote when AAUP holds its national convention in Washington in early June, but that action is considered an automatic sequel to publication of a report on the Virginia community college situation in AAUP's Spring Bulletin.

Of 2,400 U.S. colleges, 40 are already under censure bans, including Cornell and Ohio State.

More than two years' efforts "to reverse the unilateral actions" taken by Hamel and his board in September 1972 "have obviously failed," Sumberg noted yesterday.

In an eight-page review of how the system wiped out tenure for all who did not already have it, AAUP challenged Hamel's 1972 statements saying that faculties were consulted before the step was taken. Earlier, AAUP notes, three top morning newspapers in the state and several college faculties condemned the secrecy surrounding the move.

Tenure is awarded college teachers in most U.S. and Virginia colleges (besides its junior colleges) after a stated probationary period of up to seven years. Those with tenure can be dismissed only for good cause and thus feel a freedom to speak out. AAUP and most professors have long maintained that academic freedom hinges on tenure.

3-Step Contracts

Under the community college renewable contract system, teachers can get contracts of one, three and five years, and are subject to evaluation and discharge at each step.

The new contract system has heightened "a sense of fear" in

Staff Photo

Alfred D. Sumberg
Sees Colleges Hurt

the two-year schools, and "some sense of insecurity about tenure and academic freedom" is spreading through faculties of all 15 senior state schools, Sumberg said.

In part because of the action taken by the community college board, the General Assembly has called on the State Council of Higher Education to study the uses and abuses of tenure, to review faculty work loads, and to report back to the legislature in November 1976. Many lawmakers regard tenure as a shield for the incompetent in faculty ranks. A measure was killed in an assembly committee that would have directed restoration of tenure rights for all.

Sumberg reported that perhaps half of all the states are reviewing tenure now. He added that Virginia's legislatively ordered study is regarded as a "threat in senior college faculties."

AAUP noted that teachers up for contract renewals must be judged, among other things, by their "ability to establish and maintain positive relationships with colleagues, supervisors, students and the community." This makes continuing community college employment "a perpetual popularity contest," AAUP has said.

AAUP's long report challenges Hamel's statement that the system secretly debated scrapping tenure for two years before making the decision to do so behind closed doors.

When AAUP first asked more than two years ago why he axed tenure, AAUP says that Hamel "... referred to the need to guide the Virginia ... system into the 21st century rather than depend upon the traditions of the past, and he [Hamel] questioned the ability of people in Washington ... to understand the particular problems of Virginia's community colleges."

Hamel has said that his renewable contract system meets requirements of law and protects academic freedom. AAUP reported he said that "... to revert to the old policy would mean removing rights which formerly were extended only to some but which now are enjoyed by all."

Hamel reported that as of Nov. 1, the system employed 1,-601 faculty members; 395 (21 per cent) had faculty rank; 1,-120 held one-year contracts; 376 had three-year contracts, and none had five-year contracts.

Spong's Comment On W&M Post Is Noncommital

Times-Dispatch State Staff

WILLIAMSBURG — Former U.S. Sen. William B. Spong Jr. took a "noncommital" position Friday regarding the suggestion by some members of the College of William and Mary law school faculty that he is a candidate to succeed law dean James P. Whyte Jr.

Spong said he "had not discussed the deanship" with either William and Mary President Thomas A. Graves Jr. or Whyte.

"The deanship offers a challenging opportunity," Spong said, "particularly at this time" when the school is expanding.

However, he said, "I do not know that I am in a position to accept the post if it is offered."

Whyte announced last week that he would not continue as dean beyond the end of the coming academic year.

Spong, did not indicate that he would dissuade faculty members from putting his name before the search committee as a possible candidate when Graves forms the panel later this month.

"Broad, Intensive"

Graves, in a letter Friday to law school faculty, students and alumni, said the search for a new dean "shall be national, broad and intensive in its scope and attention, which of course does not preclude consideration of possible candidates from within the college."

He said when the committee is named he will ask that the names of no less than three and no more than five "interested candidates" be submitted to him for consideration and recommendation to the college's board of visitors.

He asked that Whyte continue as dean "until his successor's appointment becomes effective," not later than June 30, 1976.

In January, Spong returned to the Portsmouth law firm he founded, and he recently purchased an old home in the city's downtown area.

Spong is president-elect of the Virginia Bar Association and will assume the post in January.

He said he was "thoroughly enjoyed" his teaching experience this year as Cutler lecturer in law at William and Mary and said that "college-officials have asked me to return next year." He taught at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law in 1945-50 prior to being elected to the Virginia State Senate from Portsmouth.

Candidate Pledges Sought on Reforms

Common Cause of Virginia announced yesterday the start of an "accountability campaign" to get commitments from General Assembly candidates for substantive changes in Virginia's campaign finance, conflict-of-interest, lobbying disclosure and antisecrecy laws.

Tim Barrow of Virginia Beach, state chairman of the citizens' lobbying group, said at a news conference that Virginia's laws in these areas are inadequate and citizen confidence in government is at an all-time low.

Barrow said that the General Assembly has been hostile toward campaign reform and through inaction has effectively "turned its back on the issue of reducing the impact of money and secrecy on the political process."

June 10 Primary

He said that Common Cause has mailed questionnaires to each candidate in the June 10 primary asking his position on basic money and secrecy issues.

The questionnaires contained 15 specific "open government" questions that have been raised during the past two sessions of the General Assembly, he said.

He said that the results of the questionnaires will be released a week before the primary and will be followed up by Common Cause members throughout the state, interviewing the candidates on various issues.

Barrow said that the initial effort directed toward the primary will be followed by a full-scale statewide effort oriented toward the November general election, when candidates will be asked an expanded list of questions relating to next year's legislative session.

In addition to questions about "open government," candidates have been asked to disclose voluntarily to the press a more detailed breakdown of campaign contributions and expenditures, as well as a statement of substantial economic interest, Barrow said.

Candidates will be on record concerning open government issues, and the public will have the benefit of knowing the candidate's views before going to the polls, he said.

"We feel that it is vital for the public to have a knowledge of the candidate's campaign contributions and expenditures and personal financial interests prior to voting," Barrow said.

The 7,600 members of Common Cause hope to make an issue of reform in political campaigning and transform the commitments from the candidates into positive action during the 1976 session of the General Assembly, he said.

W&M Freshman Drowns During Annual 'Break Out'

Times-Dispatch State Staff

WILLIAMSBURG — End-of-school festivities at the College of William and Mary ended with the death early Friday of a 19-year-old freshman coed who drowned in the swimming pool at the Williamsburg Inn.

She was identified by Williamsburg police and the college security office as Miss Dierdre Gerda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Gerda of Staten Island, N.Y.

The accident occurred during the annual spring romp through the town called "break out," a college tradition that takes place the night before the final day of classes.

Harvey Gunson, director of security and safety at the college, said an unidentified William and Mary male student diving into the pool in search of his glasses found the girl at the bottom at 12:39 a.m. He pulled her from the water and began mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Members of the Williamsburg Emergency Unit continued rescue efforts at the pool until about 12:55 a.m. when she was taken to the emergency room of Williamsburg Community Hospital. She was pronounced dead at 2:05 a.m.

The accident is believed to be the first serious mishap since the "break out" activity began about eight years ago. Originally the festivity protested the college's women's curfew, but in recent years it has continued as part of Senior Day activities, even though curfews have been abolished.

Dr. Thomas A. Graves Jr., William and Mary president, said Friday morning, "No words can adequately express my shock and sadness at this tragedy. My heart goes out to her family and friends."

He said Williamsburg police are investigating the accident in conjunction with the dean of students' office, the office of safety and security, and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, which owns the inn.

Campus and city police speculated that Miss Gerda was tossed into the swimming pool along with several hundred other students during the 40-minute impromptu swim and apparently was hit by another student being tossed into the pool.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Hemophiliacs Get Home Care Tips

By Beverly Orndorff
Times-Dispatch Science Writer

Patients and families of patients with hemophilia are learning to treat themselves at home when an episode of bleeding occurs, thus cutting down on the time and money they would have to spend at a hospital as well as possible later complications.

Such home care programs for hemophiliacs and their families, it was brought out at a workshop here yesterday, have been initiated within the past year by physicians connected with the Medical College of Virginia's hemophilia treatment program.

And the MCV home care program, in turn, has been modeled after the program established at Tufts University medical school under the direction of Dr. Peter H. Levine, who was one of yesterday's workshop speakers.

THE WORKSHOP, attended by hemophiliacs and their family members and by physicians, was sponsored by the newly formed United Virginia chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation and by the departments of pediatrics, medicine and pedodontics at MCV.

The thing that has helped make home care programs possible is medical science's ability to prepare concentrates of the blood clotting factors that hemophiliacs lack. Those concentrates are prepared from the blood plasma of healthy donors, and when administered via a vein, they essentially allow the normal chain of blood clotting events to occur in hemophiliacs.

Bleeding episodes among hemophiliacs may arise from a variety of causes such as bumps or blows; one of the more com-

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Editor, Two Students Win Area Journalists' Awards

The executive editor of The Times-Dispatch and The News Leader and two Virginia college students will receive awards tonight from the Richmond chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi.

John E. Leard, who became executive editor and vice president of Richmond Newspapers, Inc., in 1969, will receive the George Mason Award, which recognizes significant contributions to journalism by a Virginian. The award has been given annually since 1964.

The two students will receive $500 scholarships. They are:

— Constance E. Ober, 22, a third-year student studying broadcast journalism at Virginia Commonwealth University. Miss Ober, a native of Norfolk, works part-time as an announcer at Radio Station WRVA in Richmond.

— Aubrey F. Jones, 26, of Richmond, a student at Virginia Union University, who will enter his final term this fall. He has worked for the VU student newspaper and will work this summer as an intern at WTVR-TV in Richmond.

Leard joined The News Leader in 1939 as an editorial assistant to Douglas Southall Freeman, then editor. Leard had received a graduate degree from the School of Journalism of Columbia University.

He was an assistant editor of the Atlantic Monthly and telegraph editor of The New Haven Register. He was named city editor of The News Leader in 1951. Leard became managing editor of The Times-Dispatch in 1963.

He is a committee chairman of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, secretary of the Associated Press Managing Editors, secretary of the Virginia Press Association, and a member of the Associated Press Newspapers of Virginia, the American Newspaper Publishers Association and the Virginia Press-Bar Committee. He was the first editor on the ANPA production management committee.

William J. Small, senior vice president and director of CBS News and national president of Sigma Delta Chi, will speak at the awards dinner tonight at Gunston Hall near Lorton.

State Choice Of Judges Held Biased

The state branch of the NAACP filed a complaint with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission yesterday, alleging racial and sex discrimination in the appointment of judges in Virginia.

The complaint, made public by W. Lester Banks, the state branch executive director, charges that the selection process for the appointment of judges in Virginia "is discriminatory in that women and blacks do not get a fair share of the jobs."

It points out that "Virginia has 335 judges in the district and circuit courts and approximately 225 substitute judges" and that "none of these are female and only approximately eight are black and six of them are substitutes."

The complaint charges further that "the judicial system of Virginia employs thousands of people but only about 3 to 4 per cent of them are black."

Banks said, "We seek a quick investigation and resolution of this matter. We are also prepared to seek relief in federal District Court if necessary."

He said the complaint is waged against both Gov. Mills E. Godwin Jr. and the General Assembly.

The General Assembly appoints judges, but if it is not in session when a vacancy occurs, the governor makes an interim appointment.

25 Years Given In Robbery Here

A Henrico County Circuit Court jury found Gregory C. Crawley guilty Thursday of robbing a service station and sentenced him to 25 years in the State Penitentiary.

Crawley, 19, of the 3300 block Jowin Lane, was found guilty of robbing Crown Service, 2707 Williamsburg Road, of $200 Sept. 15.

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Obituaries

Area

Wesley L. **Bowles**, 81, of Richmond, a retired employe of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Co.

Kenneth W. **Brownley** Jr., 19, of 17 N. Boulevard, an employe of Philip Morris Inc.

Mrs. Ada H. **Childress**, 87, of R12, LaFrance Road, Sandston, widow of Ray J. Childress.

Mrs. Mary Ann **Elliott**, 63, of 3506 Ammons Ave., wife of Bernie L. Elliott.

Clifton L. **Jones**, 59, of 741 Okuma Drive, **Chester**, retired plant manager for the agricultural division of Allied Chemical Corp.

Mrs. Iverson Ely **Manieri**, 62, of Richmond, widow of Dante L. Manieri.

Mrs. Ruth Ella **Patterson** of 3106 Fendall Ave., wife of James O. Patterson.

Ernest A. **Peck** of 3741 Cotrell Road.

Waddell **Powell** of 1413 N. 20th St.

Mrs. Harriet Sim **Showard** of Mechanicsville, widow of Littleton Terrell Showard.

Miss Susie Lee **Smith**, 71, of 1449 Oakhurst Lane, a retired employe of Westab Company.

Benjamin **Turner** of 2409 X St.

State

CHANCE — Mrs. Judith Sale **Shaw**, 87.

HOPEWELL — Leamon C. **Frink**, 59, a retired auto salesman.

LIGHTFOOT —Miss Cheryl Elizabeth **Drake**, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Drake.

ORANGE — Mrs. Minnie Marsh **Cromer**, 78, widow of Everette I. Cromer.

PETERSBURG — John Early **McDonald**, 70, former Petersburg vice mayor.

PORTSMOUTH— — Mrs. Gladys Gertrude Robinson **Chenoweth**, 60, wife of Joseph Chenoweth.

POWHATAN — Spencer **Finney**.

SCOTTSBURG—Mrs. Livian Wimbish **Newbill**, 68, a schoolteacher, wife of Hampton H. Newbill.

SUFFOLK — Mrs. Evelyn Hurff **Cross**, 81, widow of Marion Austin Cross, Sr.

WEST POINT — Mrs. Ella H. **Shepherd**, widow of Thomas C. Shepherd.

Death Notice

WEST

Mrs. Fannie Reaves West of 3855 Wagstaff Circle, widow of Henry Mosley West, died May 7, 1975. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Rena West Wright of Richmond, Mrs. Ruby West Martin of Chesapeake, Va.; five sons, C. Odell of Baltimore, J. Allen of Chesapeake, Jasper E. of Richmond, Jesse J. of Plattsburg, N.Y., and Richard H. West of New London, Conn.; 23 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren. Her remains rest at the Joseph W. Bliley Funeral Home's Chippenham Chapel, 6000 Hull St. Rd., until Noon Saturday, then at Conrad Baptist Church, Chesterfield Co., where services will be held at 2 P.M. Interment church cemetery. Contributions may be made to Central Baptist Church.

Card of Thanks

TIMMONS — The family of the late Gladys Versselle Hull Timmons wish to express our deepest gratitude and sincere thanks to Fatersity Order Ladies Auxiliary, Post 8240 of the VFW and the officers and comrades of Post 8240, The Wellington Chapter of the BPO Order of Reindeers and all the department of the BPO Order of Reindeers, Richmond Lodge No. 12, The East End Tribute of Eastern Star and all the DAV members and friends for their acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy during our recent bereavement.

Frank and Gladys Hull and Family

In Memoriam

ARCHER — In loving memory of my wife and our mother Mrs. Ewell Archer, who passed away May 10, 1970.

We miss you now, our hearts are sore
As time goes by, we miss you more
Your loving smile, your gentle face
No one can fill your vacant place.
Husband and children

BILLIARD — In loving memories of my beloved sister, Deaconess Mary M. Billiard, who passed away 2 years ago today May 10th, 1973.

I grieve alone, Mary,
In the darkness of the night.
Since two years ago,
Nothing seems right.
I go on missing you more and more,
Tears still fall,
My heart still sore.
In beautiful memories I picture you here,
They are all I had left of a sister so dear.
Dearest Sister, How I wish you were here.
Sister Cora E. Rudrick

PARRISH — In loving memory of my sister, Mrs. Marian B. Parrish, who passed away May 10th, 1972.

I dream of you dear loved one,
And see your smiling face,
And know that you are happy,
In our Father's chosen place.
Sister Flora

POLLARD — In sad, but loving remembrance of my wife, Mrs. Ida Branch Pollard, who passed away 3 years ago today, May 10, 1972.

Gone but not forgotten, and never will.
Husband, Aubrey

POLLARD — In loving remembrance of a dear sister, sister-in-law and our aunt, Mrs. Ida Branch Pollard, who passed away 3 years ago today, May 10, 1972.

Without farewell you fell asleep,
With only memories for us to keep,
A pleasant smile, a heart of gold,
Neither person this world could hold
James, Beulah and children

J.E. McDonald, 70, Dies in Petersburg

PETERSBURG—John Early McDonald, a former Petersburg vice mayor and civic leader, died Friday at the age of 70.

At the time of his death, he was a member of the Petersburg General Hospital Authority, of which he was a former chairman. He had served as president of the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and was on the steering committee which helped establish John Tyler Community College.

He served two years as vice mayor of Petersburg during a four-year term as councilman. Previously he had served on the city planning commission.

The first president of the Petersburg Historic Foundation, Mr. McDonald was a past president of the Petersburg Lions Club, president of the Virginia Consumer Finance Association and president of the Country Club of Petersburg, of which he was also a director.

He had served on the boards of the Petersburg United Fund, Red Cross, Salvation Army, National Conference of Christians and Jews, Bolling Brook Day School, Downtown Petersburg, and Petersburg Lodge Elk.

A graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1927, he served in World War II, attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel.

He was a former member of the board of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia, and a former vestryman, senior warden and trustee of St. Paul's Episcopal Church here.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Pattie Barclift McDonald; a daughter, Mrs. Mollie McDonald Brasfield, and a son, John E. McDonald Jr., both of Richmond, and a sister, Mrs. Annie Virginia Williams of Milboro.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church here with burial in Blanford Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the St. Paul's Episcopal Church Endowment Fund.

Board Asks Beer Vote Legislation

Times-Dispatch State Staff

HEATHSVILLE — The Northumberland County Supervisors have agreed to ask the General Assembly to pass special legislation to permit a county referendum on the Sunday sale of full-strength beer.

Such referendums are not permitted by the State Code. Merchants in Callao requested last month that the supervisors permit the Sunday sale of beer.

James V. Garland Jr., Supervisors Chairman, who abstained from voting, said that strong opposition to the change in county law had been expressed by his constituents.

The county is the only one in Virginia which restricts the Sunday sale of beer to that with a 3.2 per cent alcoholic content, but breweries no longer produce that kind of beer since the age for drinking beer was lowered from 21 to 18.

The vote to seek the legislation was 2 to 1, with Driscoll Pittman opposing the motion because, he said, voters could defeat him when he stood for reelection if they did not like his vote on the issue.

Garland Urges Probe of Delays In Jobless Aid

ROANOKE (AP) — Del. Ray L. Garland, R-Roanoke, is seeking an investigation of the Virginia Employment Commission because of complaints about long delays in the payment of unemployment benefits.

Garland said Friday he has asked Del. Archibald A. Campbell, D-Wythe, chairman of the House Finance Committee, to name a subcommittee to undertake such a probe and report to the 1976 General Assembly.

Garland said the assembly "should not launch a witch hunt."

But he said he felt it "entirely fitting and proper that an inquiry into the operation of the VEC be launched now . . . to examine the scope of the problem while it is still very much a problem."

Before the present widespread unemployment, Garland said, he received only one complaint about the VEC.

But since Jan. 2, he said, he has received a number of complaints from persons who say they are getting their jobless benefits only after long delays.

Portsmouth Bank Robbed by Four

PORTSMOUTH (AP) — Four bandits held up a downtown branch of the United Virginia Bank Friday and fled with an undetermined amount of money, police said.

No one was injured in the robbery, which occurred shortly before 9:45 a.m.

No arrests have been made.

Lodge Notice

A Call Communication of Commonwealth Lodge No. 61, AM&AM, will be held at 2pm and Leigh Street on Saturday May 10, 1975 at 10 A.M. to pay the last tribute of respect to our late brother, James Smith. Members of sister lodges are fraternally invited. By Order of

Marvin D. Rhem, WM
Harold Taylor, Secretary

The following lodges will unite with Friendship No. 38 F. and A.M. Masons, King Solomon No. 29, Lexington No. 80 and Carey Wheaton No. 90. To work in the Third Degree, Saturday, May 10th, beginning at 8 P.M., 25th and Leigh Sts. Sister lodges are fraternally invited. By order of

W. D. Brown, W. M.
W. W. Manning, Secretary

ONE★ Virginia News Briefs

Times-Dispatch State Staff

CRAIGSVILLE — David S. Showker Jr. announced here Friday that he will be a candidate for a fifth term on the Augusta County Board of Supervisors from Pastures District, subject to his nomination by the Democratic party.

Showker, 55, is the owner of a grocery store and has served on the board since 1959.

He probably will be opposed in the November election by Stephen K. Burns Jr., of Buffalo Gap, who is seeking the Republican nomination from Pastures District.

With Showker's announcement, all members of the Augusta Board are seeking reelection.

Fairfax to Weigh Closing School

FAIRFAX (AP) — The Fairfax County School Board has authorized a study of five elementary schools to determine if declining enrollments warrant closing one of them.

In another action at the Thursday night meeting, the board postponed for two weeks a decision to start a similar study of six other elementary schools.

School Supt. S. John Davis said at an earlier meeting that the schools most likely to be closed were Devonshire and Dunn Loring.

Nathaniel J. Orleans, assistant superintendent of planning services, said the 11 schools on the list were selected because of their declining enrollments.

Rate Increase Is Sought

NEW YORK (UPI) — The Potomac Edison Co., which supplies electricity to about 40,000 persons in northwestern Virginia, will need a 15 per cent rate increase this year and comparable hikes in each of the next five years, an official of its parent company said Friday.

Charles Finch, president of Allegheny Power Co., which owns Potomac Edison, outlined Potomac Edison's situation at a stockholders' meeting here. The utility also serves parts of Maryland.

He said the utility would have to get rate increases of 10 to 15 per cent annually to provide capacity to meet customer electricity needs in 1979 and 1980.

Beach Banana Bonanza

VIRGINIA BEACH (AP) — Thousands of green bananas littered two miles of Dam Neck Beach south of Virginia Beach to Sandbridge.

They apparently washed ashore Thursday, dotting the shoreline like beached green fish, but no one knows what produced the banana bonanza.

"The only reason anyone would discharge a salable cargo from a ship would be if they were in distress," a Coast Guard spokesman said Friday. The Coast Guard had received no reports of a banana boat in distress.

Meanwhile, sailors helped themselves to the yet-unripened fruit, hauling it off by hand, in plastic bags and, in one case, a pickup truck.

"Got me some nice ones here," said one sailor. "There must be 10,000 of them out there. They go as far as the eye can see. There've been 20 or 30 guys out there picking them up. We'll just take them home and wait until they ripen."

Musketry Match Is Prelude

NEW MARKET — Seven eight-man teams, firing Civil War style muskets will compete for trophies in the New Market Battlefield Park at 2 p.m. today.

The competition is a prelude to Sunday's eighth annual reenactment of the Battle of New Market, involving 300 participants in Civil War uniforms. The reenactment will be held at the park beginning at 2 p.m.

Escapees Caught After 3½ Hours

Times Dispatch State Staff

LUNENBURG — Two prisoners who escaped from Lunenburg County Jail Friday morning were recaptured later in the day in Chesterfield County with the help of police dogs and a helicopter.

Tony Curtis Glasgow and Otis Lee Wainwright, both 18, overpowered jailer R.W. Stephenson when he went back to let prisoners out of their cells and into the jail corridor. Stephenson was locked in the cell and a trusty was put in a closet by the two prisoners.

Glasgow, of Baltimore, and Wainright, of Lunenburg County, then found the keys to the jailer's car and a .38-caliber pistol in a desk drawer and left about 6:15 a.m.

The car was wrecked in Chesterfield, and the two were fled on foot. They were captured at Pocoshock Boulevard and U.S. 360 at 7:47 a.m.

The trusty, who stayed in the closet until the inmates left, telephoned Sheriff E.C. Hardy to tell him of the escape. Hardy came to the jail and with another set of keys released the jailer. He had not been harmed. Two other prisoners in the same block did not escape.

Glasgow has been in Lunenburg jail since February waiting for the state to pick him up and take him to prison to serve a nine-year sentence for breaking and entering.

Wainwright was waiting for preliminary hearing on a charge or rape.

Fairfax Board Cuts Tax Rate' On Real Estate

FAIRFAX (AP)—The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors cut the real estate tax rate by 25 cents per $100 of assessed valuation in this Northern Virginia county Friday.

This was one of a number of changes made in the budget proposed for fiscal 1976 by County Executive Robert W. Wilson. Altogether the board reduced his $443.5 million combined school and government budget by about $8.9 million.

The real estate tax rate was cut from $4.10 per $100 of assessed valuation.

Architect Named For Proposed Nottoway School

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NOTTOWAY — The Nottoway County School Board has selected the architectural firm of Cress and Rhodes and Associates of Lynchburg to plan a proposed consolidated high school.

The school board Thursday night also asked for a meeting with the Board of Supervisors to determine if the Supervisors will allow it to tell the architect to proceed with plans.

School Supt. Thomas Stafford said he would like to have a committee of faculty members and parents recommend features for the building.

The architectural firm designed the addition to the high school in 1971.

Methodists Give To Aid India

United Methodist churches in Virginia have raised $65,433.80 so far in the Virginia Conference's appeal for funds to establish a fertilizer bank in India.

According to conference officials, a bargeload of fertilizer is being towed to New Orleans, where it will be placed abroad the SS Stonewall Jackson and shipped to India.

Mrs. J.B. Staton Succumbs at 83

Mrs. Jeannett B. Staton, for many years a mathematics teacher at John Marshall High School, died Friday at her home. She was 83 years old.

Mrs. Staton, widow of Dr. Lewis B. Staton, lived at 202 N. Granby St.

She attended Westhampton College and earned a graduate degree in mathematics from Columbia University.

There are no immediate survivors.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at Hollywood Cemetery.

Fairfax Worker Fatally Shot

FAIRFAX (UPI) — An employe of the Fairfax County sanitation department was killed early Friday after an apparent argument at another man's home, county police said.

Police said James P. Wright, 38, of Fairfax County, was charged with murdering Freddie Lester Jackson with a single blast from a 12-gauge shotgun.

Jackson, 40, had worked for the county for 10 years.

Lancaster Will Cancel Firm's Policy

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stitutionally elected officer found guilty would be forced to leave office.

Humphreys has announced he will not seek reelection as a county supervisor when his term ends Dec. 30. He is the Democratic nominee for the Northern Neck House of Delegates seat. Del Calvin G. Sanford, R-Westmoreland, has also announced he will seek reelection.

Humphreys, 57, is president of Standard Products, Inc., a large menhaden fishing company. American Standard is an operating affiliate of Standard Products.

Action Questione

J. David Brothers, chairman of the Lancaster County subdivision committee, asked Mercer during the meeting Friday why he was suddenly bringing up a conflict of interest charge against Humphreys. Brothers said another executive of a local insurance agency serves on his committee "and you never called that to my attention."

Humphreys requested and recommended to the board that each local commission or committee be informed by Mercer of its obligations under the conflict of interest Act and Mercer agreed to send the various bodies a copy of the law.

Fidler said on behalf of Humphreys, "There's no question about this being in violation of the statute," but he added that the penalty portions of the conflict of interest law "are not real clear." Fidler said he interpreted the penalty section as "you shall not in any way profit" from a violation of the law.

Job Responsibility

Fidler said it was also Mercer's responsibility as commonwealth's attorney "to resist bills" the county pays that might result in a conflict of interest. Fidler said Mercer knew American Standard had been writing insurance for the county for 10 years.

The conflict of interest charge against Humphreys is the second in about six months discussed by the board. The supervisors led by Humphreys, wrote a letter to the Circuit Court judge charging Mercer with conflict of interest in November.

The board contended that Mercer refused to take to court Hawthorne Farms, Inc., which had been developing a 27-lot subdivision near Kilmarnock. The firm had built roads in the subdivision, allegedly without first obtaining county permits.

Mercer, a director and vice president of Hawthorne, said prosecution of the company was not in the best interests of the county and refused to charge the county with. To date, no suit has been filed by the supervisors against Hawthorne.

However, on April 29, the supervisors directed County Atty. J. Clifton Nelson to seek an injunction from the Circuit Court to prevent Hawthorne Farms from restarting the subdivision.

Charges Dismissed

Charges of rape and robbery against Lynn Foster Lee, 28, of the 2000 block Beau Lane, were dismissed yesterday in Richmond Circuit Court when the alleged victim failed to appear to testify.

Hemophiliacs Learn Home Care Lesson

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mon problems is bleeding within joints, particularly the knees, that can lead in time to joint damage.

The home care program described by Dr. Levine yesterday involves teaching hemophiliacs, or their family members, about the nature of the disorder, symptoms they should watch for, and how to give intravenous injections of the concentrates. The patients have supplies of the concentrate, clinic physicians or other personnel always available for specific queries, and every patient is given a thorough medical examination periodically.

EXPERIENCE FROM the Tufts program has shown, Dr. Levins said, that days lost from work or school have been reduced for hemophiliacs from 26 days a year per patient to about seven — for all illnesses, including common colds and similar maladies.

Hospitalization has been reduced from nearly 10 days to less than one day per year for the average patient, and the average cost of treatments has been reduced by around 40 per cent per patient per year — from nearly $5,800 a year for hospital emergency room treatments to about $3,500 a year for the average non-e-care patient's treatment, he said.

He also indicated that patients are not as likely to delay treatment of what they consider "mild bleeds" when they or a family member can treat the condition at home. And, he suggested, prompt treatment may help reduce the occurrence of the joint damage that can result from repeated episodes of bleeding in the joint structures.

MCV'S HOME treatment program for youngsters, said Dr. Nancy B. McWilliams, associate professor of pediatrics, began in July, and 16 children are now on home care. Also within the past year, the same sort of program was begun from MCV for adults; there are seven adults on home care programs, according to Dr. Lyman Fisher, professor of clinical pathology.

Hemophilia, more generally, is an inherited disease that has been recognized since ancient times. Queen Victoria of England was a carrier of hemophilia; one of her sons had the disorder, and some of her daughters, who married into royal families throughout Europe, were carriers. The disorder is transmitted from mother to son, one of two of a carrier's sons, on the average, will have the disorder.

UPI Telephoto

'Now, on Three'

Workers tugged on a rope in an attempt to right a plane that crashed at Patrick Henry International Airport yesterday. The plane crashed during takeoff at the Newport News airport. The pilot, Glenn Carter, 64, suffered a fractured shoulder and multiple cuts and was admitted to Riverside Hospital.

Crash Kills Woman On Eve of Wedding

An 18-year-old Williamsburg woman was killed on the eve of her wedding when the car she was driving went out of control and crashed into a tree late Thursday, state police said.

Cheryl Elizabeth Drake was killed shortly before midnight when her car went off State Rt. 646, about 3 miles west of Williamsburg in York County, police said. She was to have been married last night, they said.

Her death and those of four other persons raised the state's 1975 highway toll to 320, or more than had been reported a year ago.

The other victims were:

Anne Carter Ferguson, 10, of Emporia.

Tony Ricardo Witcher, 18, of Martinsville.

Jacob Andrew Huffman, 53, of Monterey.

Donald Wayne Lambert, 27, of Lynchburg.

LYNCHBURG— Lambert was killed at 10:49 a.m. Thursday in a two-car collision at a city intersection here, police reported.

from injuries suffered in a two-vehicle collision Thursday afternoon, police said. She had been a passenger in a car that was in collision with a tractor-trailer on U.S. 58, less than a mile east of here in Greensville County, they said.

MARTINSVILLE—Witcher died about 1:15 a.m. yesterday when the car he was driving went out of control and struck a tree off the side of State Rt. 40, about 2 miles east of Rocky Mount in Franklin County, police said.

MONTEREY— Huffman died at 4:40 p.m. Thursday at the University of Virginia hospital from injuries received April 28 in a two-truck collision, police said. The accident occurred on State Rt. 600 about 20 miles south of here in Highland County, they said.

ENPORIA—The Ferguson girl died at 5:50 a.m. yesterday at the Medical College of Virginia Hospital in Richmond

Retired Researcher Honored by Academy

Edward S. Harlow, a retired research scientist and executive of the American Tobacco Co. here, has been awarded the Ivey F. Lewis Distinguished Service Award of the Virginia Academy of Science.

At the time of his retirement in 1972, Harlow was vice president in charge of quality control at American Tobacco, and during his 42-year career with the company, he served in positions ranging from laboratory division head to managing director of research and development.

The award, the academy's highest honor, was presented to Harlow during the organization's annual meeting at Madison College in Harrisonburg this week.

In other matters, seven Virginia scientists were named as fellows of the academy.

They are: Dr. William E. Trout Jr., professor emeritus of chemistry at the University of Richmond; Vera B. Remsburg, chairman of the science department at Herndon High School; Edward F. Turner Jr., chairman of the physics department at Washington and Lee University; W. Peter Trower, associate professor of physics at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; Franklin Ford Flint, chairman of the biology department at Randolph-Macon Woman's College; Horton H. Hobbs Jr. of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum, and Michael Koszatarab, professor of entomology at VPI.

Also, Dr. A.B. Massey, professor emeritus of biology at VPI, was awarded an honorary life membership in the academy.

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