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SHOE PRICES Have Advanced

From 25 to 40 Per Cent
In the Last Few Weeks

We expected this advance, and last spring bought a big stock of all grades and styles, holding them until now. As long as they last we will sell them at the old prices. If you buy from us at once you will find that

Our Shoe Prices Are Lower

Than anywhere else. But you'll have to hurry, because every shoe in our stock is now a big bargain at the price and will soon be gone. Endicott-Johnson, Kushion Kumfort, Brown's Hambro, Pilot Boy, Carroll, Adams Co., Selz, and a dozen other popular brands of men's, women's and boys' footwear.

Come in and look at the goods and prices. We have your style and your fit at the price you want to pay. Don't wait until our prices have advanced, but

Shoe Your Family For Winter Now

And we'll sell you three pairs for no more, and probably less, than you'll have to pay for two pairs next month. Don't delay, because we shall have to advance prices very soon.

EUBANK & BRO.
KILMARNOCK.

Why Wander FROM Store to Store

Trying to find what you want—often not getting it—sometimes having to take something else, when you can get just what you want in our store.

Our trade is so big that we don't have old or shop worn goods. Everything here is new, fresh, in latest styles.

MILLINERY

This department is now in full swing. Our line of pattern hats is unusually fine. This stock throughout is well selected and down-to-the-minute. Don't buy your fall and winter hats until you have seen the splendid values here. In charge of Miss Dunn, whose work is too favorably known here to need further comment.

WINTER WRAPS

You'll enjoy looking over our Women's and Misses Winter Coats. Comfortable, fashionable, pretty and durable fabrics, fast colors. Splendid values. Variety and prices make it certain you'll find just what you want.

J. J. CROWDER & SON REEDVILLE

You will find what you want here. Whatever you want we have it. Compare our prices.

27-inch Tulle du Nord Gingham, regular value 15¢, our price

Just in—a fine lot of Bonfret Gingham, 32-inches wide. Per yard 12 1/2¢ to

Brown and Blue Worsted, 34 inches, always were 50 cents. Now

Androsoggin and Fruit of the Loom Muslin, yard wide, only

36-inch Messaline and Taffeta Silks, all colors, \$1.25 value. Now

All wool Worsted, blue, garnet, brown, green. Our regular price \$1.25. Now 85¢ down to

Colors in all of above guaranteed. Samples of any of our Dress Goods sent free on request.

SHOES

Here again we excel. We have your fit. We can match the price you want to pay.

La France Shoe for Ladies. Stylish, long-wearing and comfortable

Crossett Walk-Easy Shoes for Men. You all know them. Price, from \$5.00 down to

Buster Brown Shoes for Tots. Boys and Misses. Price, from \$3.00 down to

Many other brands in stock.

MEN'S CLOTHING

Hopkins made-to-order Men's and Boy's clothing. The work is up-to-date. A big line of fabrics, patterns and styles to choose from. Cut and fit guaranteed. Prices lowest consistent with quality.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

We call attention to our other departments to emphasize our assertion that we have what you want. R. & G. Corsets, McCall Patterns, Notions, Rugs, Carpets, Matting, Linoleum, Hats and Caps, Bedding, Chairs, Mattresses, Cut Glass, Cutlery, Hardware, Stoves and Ranges, Farm Implements and Buggies, Harness (in sets and pieces), Patton's "Sun-Proof" and other Paints, Groceries, Flour and Feed—these are only part of our goods.

The Biggest Store in the Northern Neck.

THREE FLOORS—SIX SHOW ROOMS

MRS. A. E. DOUGHERTY

Cleaning, pressing and repairing both men's and women's clothes. Either dry cleaned or sponged. If it can't be done, I can do it; if it can't be done, I'll tell you so. Quick work at reasonable prices.

WAVERLY AVE near BROADWAY, Kilmarnock

Bell's Auto Garage

Repairs of all sorts to cars of all kinds made quickly and at reasonable prices. Bicycles repaired. Blacksmith and Wagon Shop in connection.

Between Bank and Livery Stable KILMARNOCK

Many Thanks for Past Favors

FRESH MEAT AND FANCY GROCERIES

BOOTS AND SHOES, NOTIONS

MEN'S AND BOY'S CLOTHING

All sold at lowest prices in the little shack on the upper end of Broadway, Kilmarnock.

L. L. Yerby & Son

Commonwealth vs. Howard Monroe, colored, charged with breaking into P. H. Boone's store at Molok. Plead guilty; 18 months in the pen.

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GITTIN UP ER PAPE.

If yer want ter find excitement, Ter say nothin uv yer wurk, If yer want ter think yer tollin, An forgit ther name uv shirk, Just let ther lites microbe Of ther writin bug take shape, An' bust out in ambition, fer Gittin

up Er Pape.

Yer go fer ther stock-holders An yer open up yer plan, He rules yer free advisement Or he doesn't give er (pinyune) He'll tell yer uv sum feller Way up in Buzzards Cape Ther'll spend er thousand dollars, fer Gittin

up Er Pape.

Then wen yer meet ther chappie Thets really got ther plunks, He wants ter know what Sam Jones Is thinkin' in his thunks, He sees, "If Sam will chivy in I'll be ole Sammy's ape, An' strangle out er dollar," fer Gittin

up Er Pape.

An' then yer talk subseripshuns, Yer paint with iodine, An' wen yer read ther Record Usin' forceps, pulling fine, An' after ther extravasun, From ther cavity escape Yer git anuther dollar, fer Gittin

up Er Pape.

Then comes ther "ads an' rite-ups" Yeuve got ter see ez how Er fifty cent inserhun Kin sell er horse an' cow An' swap er hen fer ostreches, Or git it in ther tape, Misrepresentin valyews, in Gittin

up Er Pape.

Yer start in with er flourish Fer ter rile er burnin' seed, Wen er man outside canas knees, An' ses he must be seed He's hungry fer yer warner, An' he going ter hang up craps On ther man who is responsible, fer Gittin

up Er Pape.

Now, while I am a talkin' I'll drop this little hint Yer can't keep mailin' riners Where yer niver git er cent, So wen yer read ther Record Don't wait upon red tape Send in yer good ole dollar, fer Gittin

up Er Pape.

Well, wurk is wurk, fer certain, An' wen yer read ther Record If we never yarned er little We'd never git no fun So here's ter them good fellers What helped us rit in shape, An' chipped in good samolians, fer Gittin

up Er Pape.

F. C. S.

LANCASTER COURT

The September term of the circuit court, at Lancaster, lasted just one week. It was a busy week. Except a few routine matters, no attention was given to any of the civil cases docketed, all of which were put off until the next term, when Judge Chinn promises to do all he can to clear up everything, then pending.

Following, in order, are the matters and cases disposed of at this term.

The will of J. Thomas Rice, Irvington, admitted to probate, his widow executrix.

William Wright of Tappahannock qualified to practice law. Mr. Wright, son of the late T. R. B. Wright, who was judge of this circuit for many years, just opened an office at Tappahannock. Positions were granted Mrs. Anna M. Trinkle of Irvington and John S. Chowning of Merry Point. Mr. Chowning was a particularly brave member of Stuart's cavalry.

The following reports and settlements were presented and confirmed by the court: H. S. Gresham, committee of Isaac Harcum, non compos; H. S. Gresham, guardian for Lena Johnson, minor; Olive White, administrator of Noah White; W. E. Coppedge, administrator for L. A. Coppedge; W. E. Hathaway and R. O. Morris, Jr., trustees in the G. O. Howett trust; withdrawn.

The special grand jury was composed of C. L. Shackelford, Ottomani; R. A. Trinkle, White Stone; James K. Ball, Boer; L. O. Cox, Molok; James O. Harding, White Stone; Ed. Coppedge, Kilmarnock; L. B. Cottingham, Ottomani; E. E. Lawson, White Stone; F. S. Chase, White Stone. They brought in several of the indictments in the cases outlined below.

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LATEST NEWS OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD

WAR NEWS SUMMARIZED

In a three days battle, troops of the Central Powers under command of General von Falkenhayn, former chief of the German General Staff, gained a decisive victory over the Rumanian invaders of Central Transylvania, the invaders being caught and crushed between two forces.

Heavy losses are reported, and they are fleeing in disorder to the mountains. This defeat was accomplished by a strategic move virtually impossible on the western battle front.

The Germans and Austro-Hungarians were divided by their commander, while one body engaged the invaders around Hermannstadt, the other encircled the Rumanians, and seized Rothenthurm Pass, in the mountains 15 miles southeast of Hermannstadt, and one of the first points gained by the Rumanians in their advance. Both forces then pressed in upon the Rumanians, composed of sections of the First Rumanian Army. Bavarian troops holding Rothenthurm checked an advance by the Second Rumanian Army, which attempted to come to the aid of its surrounded compatriots. Berlin reports that a large amount of booty was taken as well as prisoners.

In Eastern Transylvania the Rumanians also suffered a repulse. Their attack in the region of Szekely Udvarhely was checked and a German attack in the same section resulted in the capture of 600 prisoners. On the Somme front there is little or no change in position. Counter attacks around Thiepval are being pressed by the Germans, while further south the French have made an advance north of Hamcourt, making a wedge in the German lines there. Berlin reports that the attacks by the British on this front have been repulsed. The Overseas News Agency, a semi-official bureau

in Berlin, announces that it is stated on "Competent Authority" that Germany has reached no decision concerning submarine warfare.

British losses in September were at the rate of more than 3,800 a day. The casualties on all fronts reported in this month were: Officers, 5,439; men, 114,110.

Heavy as were the British losses in September they were lighter than those of August, which were 127,945, a daily average of 4,127. In July, the first month of the Somme offensive, the losses were about half those of August or September, notwithstanding the fact that in July the British stormed the first line German defenses. The casualties in that month were 59,675, so that the total for the three months of the Somme drive in 1916, was 1,000,000.

French and English press dispatches report that, considering the character of the fighting, the losses of the Allies on the Somme are low. An official British statement of Thursday said the British losses in the preceding few days had been small, not only relatively to the importance of the gains, but absolutely. This is attributed largely to the increased effectiveness of the artillery. German reports dwell on the large losses with which it is said the Allies are meeting, which are declared to be out of all proportion to the ground gained. The Overseas News Agency estimates that the combined French and British losses in the Somme battle up to September 15 amounted to about 600,000.

Since January 28 the British government has issued no figures of total losses. Up to that time the daily average of losses from the beginning of the war was slightly more than 1,000. Although the casualties at present are about four times those of the first 16 months of the war

this increase is due not only to the offensive operations now in progress, but to the fact that Great Britain's forces in the field are far larger than in the earlier period of the war.

The first contingent of Greek troops which has been sent to Germany to remain during the war is reported. It comprised 60 officers, 900 men, and 15 carloads of baggage, and was accompanied by several women and children. Headed by one band of German and two bands of Greek musicians, the Greek troops, with full equipment and arms, marched to the new barracks which had been provided for them and fitted with all modern conveniences.

SUBMARINES AGAIN ACTIVE

Information supplemented by Lord Robert Cecil's statement in London shows that between June 1 and September 24 no less than 262 vessels of all nationalities have been sunk by submarines, while 15 more were reported sunk without warning with loss of 84 lives. A total of 66 neutral vessels were destroyed during this period. Submarine activity has practically doubled during the last two months.

During June after delivery of the American note on the Sussex accepting Germany's agreement not to sink vessels without proper safeguard to lives on board, 57 vessels were sunk, of which five were neutral and six, including three neutrals, were sunk without warning with the loss of 25 lives.

In July the total sunk fell off to 42, including nine neutrals and two British sunk without warning with the loss of 41 lives.

In August the total sunk rose to 103, including 26 neutral vessels. Two allied boats were sunk without warning with the loss of three lives. The figures up to September 24 show a

continuing high rate of destruction in the month with a total of 75 vessels sunk, including 26 neutrals with five allied boats sunk without warning with the loss of 15 lives.

The list of vessels sunk without warning with the lives lost is given as follows:

BRITISH—Golconda, June 3, in North Sea, 19 lives lost; Morris, June 30, Mediterranean, 3 lives lost; Calypso, July 10, in North Sea, 30 lives lost; Euphorbia, July 16, in Mediterranean, 11 lives lost; Aaro, August 1, in North Sea, 3 lives lost; Swift Wings, September 1, in Mediterranean, 3 lives lost; Leangor, September 8, Mediterranean, no lives lost; Inverberrie, September 14, in Mediterranean, 6 lives lost; Dwa, September 17, in Mediterranean, 3 lives lost; Lord Tredegar, September 17, in Mediterranean, 4 lives lost.

ALLIES—Ville de Rouen (French), June 18, in Mediterranean, 2 lives lost; Socca (French), August 25, in Mediterranean, no information.

NEUTRALS—Excellenz Mehnert (Norwegian), June 1, North Sea, no lives lost; Orkedi (Norwegian), June 9, North Sea, no lives lost; Bure (Norwegian), June 9, North Sea, one life lost.

The information as given above corresponds almost exactly with that in the State Department files and will be the preliminary basis on which American consideration of the submarine question as it now stands is laid out. No action has been taken by the State Department on any of the foregoing cases, nor on Germany's general submarine policy, since the Sussex note, on the ground that in no case as yet has it been proved that American lives were endangered. The submarine campaign is being watched very carefully, especially in view of the increased agitation in Germany for the resumption of unrestrained activity.

GOOD ROADS ASSURED

Automobile Fund Soon Available for Maintenance—State Supervision.

The vexatious and all important question of road maintenance seems in a fair way to be properly taken care of, and the first real steps toward that end were taken recently at a meeting in Lancaster, at which our county board of supervisors were met and addressed by Z. G. Durfee, division superintendent of State highways, and C. L. Scott, State maintenance engineer.

It was agreed to appoint a county superintendent of roads, in charge of all roads in the county, both in construction of new roads and maintenance. The appointment must be one acceptable to both the board of supervisors and State Highway Commissioner George P. Coleman. His salary would not exceed \$1,200 a year, and he would be required to give bond for the proper performance of his work.

After January 1st the automobile tax funds accumulated since the twentieth of last June will become available and will be distributed by the State to the various counties, in which they are to be expended for maintenance only. No county will be allowed its share of the maintenance funds, however, until it has put up an equal amount; and no county shall be entitled to any of

the road building money until it has taken up its maintenance money.

Diverting the automobile money to maintenance, will not be any handicap, however, as a greater part of the necessary road building has been done.

V. R. Chowning, superintendent of State road building, informs the Record that while about 65 miles have been built, only about 31 miles remains to be built. This latter comprises about 7 miles, between Molok and Litwalton; 5 miles, from McNeil's corner to the Northumberland county line; 7 miles, from Chinn's lane, Nuttsville, to Lark; Small sections between Lively and Monascon and about 9 miles between White Stone and Westland.

Undoubtedly the road corps will be enlarged, and split into three or more crews. With only one crew as at present, as much or more time would be lost in moving from one section to another as would be required in fixing the road on arrival. The three-runner steel drags—an improvement on the split log variety—will likely be used, and probably will be pulled by Bull tractors.

With the adoption of a proper maintenance system, under expert State supervision, Lancaster county will soon have a far better and more economical road service.

The good roads will not be limited to those freshly built, but to old roads as well. The county is singularly blessed with an ample supply of the ingredients necessary in the

most economical kind of roads—sand and clay. Intelligently blended and applied, we can have splendid roads.

Best of all, we have the right man for county superintendent in V. R. Chowning, who is not only fully qualified as a road engineer, but is an aggressive, energetic hustler.

CHEERFUL CHIRPS.

The live ones are taking a lively interest in the first issue. Be alive.

Everyone who subscribes a dollar for the R. R. RECORD makes a record purchase.

No, we can't use newsboys over twenty-one years of age—prohibition laws won't permit it.

The sooner you send in your money the sooner you begin to get more than your money's worth.

"Don't borrow your neighbor's copy—get one yourself and read it in comfort. You'll feel better, and so will we."

If you want to see your name in the personals, DO SOMETHING. We don't advocate murder, but don't live just to kill time.

All the real nice girls who want advice on matrimony, may write in confidence, or call personally, we'll do our best, tho' inexperienced.

On visiting days, children in arms must be accompanied by a parent.

The fighting Editor will only be at his sanctum twice a week, as in justice to himself and the paper he

must have a little time to recuperate between scraps.

Parents. No, we thought of it, but you'll have to bring your own peanuts.

Something just naturally happens to everyone twice in their lives—Birth and death. Don't take a chance on your obituary—it's worth living and working for.

Because of the high cost of living, the high cost of paper and the high cost of hired cars, we are willing to take a few new Ford cars for yearly subscriptions to the RAPPANNOCK RECORD. This offer is for a limited period only.

Everybody with ideas about running a newspaper, will kindly forward them in large pink envelopes so that they can be easily distinguished from the average communication. Enclose 10c in stamps for our immediate return of thankful acknowledgment.

Strength Test.

A party of English officers serving at the Dardanelles made a wager one day as to which animal the leader, a post or a Turk. To settle the wager a goat was brought into the colonel's tent, and the colonel fainting. When the colonel was revived they brought a Turk into the tent, and the goat fainted.

First Colonization of Gallipoli.

Athena, colonized the peninsula of Gallipoli more than 2,500 years ago. Its inhabitants, the Dolokian Thracians, asked Athenian aid against savage neighbors, and Miltiades sailed off the isthmus near Bulair to keep the enemy in check.

Come to Kilmarnock to Shop

No Matter What You Need in Your Home, or on Your Farm, You Can Get It in Kilmarnock

We can clothe you, feed you, shave and shoe you, make your parlor more beautiful, your kitchen more convenient, your live stock fatter and healthier, your auto run better, your bank deposit safe.

Anything under the sun that any body of merchants can do, we can do, and more—we'll jinke your money go farther and bring you more real value.

Kilmarnock is the big—biggest—trading center in the Northern Neck.

Our streets and shops are filled with buyers every day. Some of them come many miles, past other stores, to spend their money here. Why? p'y!

Because they have learned that

here is where they get biggest values, lowest prices, most accommodation, widest range and variety of stores and stocks; that this is a town that the mail order houses can't compete with, a town where standard goods of proven worth are sold as cheaply as by Montgomery Ward or any of that ilk, and where you have the additional conveniences of being able to see the goods themselves and not the pictures—before you buy, without having to wait from two to four weeks after you pay your money before you get your stuff. And there is no freight to

bring it to you. Men's, women's and children's come, for sociability's sake, also.

Yours to Serve,

The Business Men of Kilmarnock

The front page of the first issue of the Rappahannock Record, published October 4, 1916.



This photo of Kilmarnock's Main Street and the Rappahannock Record building (right) is believed to have been taken in 1920. The upstairs was used for apartments or rented rooms and the office on the left front corner was also rented out for many years. The separate door on the left was removed and the large street-front windows downsized in a later remodeling. Two additions were added later to the rear of the building.

Celebrating the 100th

Welcome to this special section marking the 100th anniversary of the Rappahannock Record.

Since the first paper appeared on October 4, 1916, we have published over 5,000 issues informing the public about goings on in the lower Northern Neck of Virginia. As noted on the front page of that first issue, it continues to be “Published in the Interest of People and Things Worth While.”

At the outset, may we say thanks to all who have, in turn, considered our weekly paper to also be “worthwhile” over the years. Without the support of subscribers and readers everywhere, advertisers, printing customers, and contributors, the paper would have disappeared years ago.

From the current generation, with all our modern conveniences, we say thanks also to those ink-stained forerunners who labored long and hard in the Record’s “industrial age” to begin it and keep it going despite many challenges. Frankly, I can’t imagine how they did it.

Many of us, I’m sure, wish now we could go back and ask our parents or grandparents a few questions about circumstances in their lives, their work, or the world in which they lived. I would love to ask the founders of the Record to explain how they produced a newspaper using the thousands of individual pieces of type needed to fill a page. Who among them had any experience in such an undertaking? Was there a trained journalist in the group?

I would also have a few questions for my reserved father-in-law, Emory Currell, who ran the paper for nearly 66 years until his death in 1993. For instance, I read in his notes for a Rotary Club speech that when he became editor in 1927, “Four pages were ready print furnished in Baltimore and four pages were printed here, two pages at a time on a press operated by a gasoline engine with the exhaust pipe sticking through the back wall.” Can you picture that?

Looking through the pages from that era it’s difficult to determine the Baltimore ready print, which presumably arrived by steamboat. Some pages include national news items and generic items known as “boilerplate,” but those pages also included local advertising. Either the Baltimore items arrived already cast in lead, as molded cardboard stereotype mats from which they could be cast into lead here, or the ads were sent to Baltimore to be printed. Knowing about how paper can react after being exposed to temperature extremes and moisture, say during a trip down the

Chesapeake Bay, I like the first version.

However it was done, the Record apparently started out in a nice, new building...and it has never moved. In recent decades as we’ve dealt with moisture problems, falling plaster, etc., we’ve talked about moving or building anew, but on this occasion I’m glad we’re still at 27 North Main Street. It adds a bit more permanence to a business that has steadfastly served the local community for 100 years.

On these pages you’ll find more about the history of the Record as we know it, more about J. Emory Currell who was in charge for most of our years, more about what our area was like in 1916 and how it has evolved, and a few comments from readers and others associated with the paper over the years. We’ve also reproduced several pages related to historic events in our area, the nation and the world.

We also announce in this section the new availability of early copies of the Record through virginiachronicle.com, a program provided by the Virginia State Library. Take a look at the style of the Record in the 20s and 30s when social reports from virtually every community filled the paper, sometimes even on the front page. Set aside some time; it can be addictive.

What about the next century? Is this 100-year-old community newspaper here to stay?

Given the changes in technology during the past 20 years, the future is hard to predict, but the need for an unbiased source of community news in some form will continue. Other than the newspaper, there is no other local entity with trained reporters to gather and report local news affecting our citizens and serve as a watchdog over local government. Notice the emphasis on “local;” there are lots of national news sources but they don’t cover the lower Northern Neck of Virginia.

I am a bit concerned that a new generation will perceive social media, such as Facebook, as a legitimate local news source. A truly informed society can’t depend on tweets and posts that may contain bits of news but without any depth or background, not to mention accuracy. That is a challenge we must face.

In the meantime, “People and Things Worth While” remain in our area, and we pledge that the Rappahannock Record will keep on serving them in print, online, or whatever it takes!

Fred Gaskins
Publisher

Telling the news never gets old

by John C. Wilson

A century ago

One hundred years and two days ago, on Wednesday, October 4, 1916, Volume 1, Number 1 of the Rappahannock Record rolled off the press as “An Independent Democratic Weekly,” according to the front page flag, “Published in the Interest of People and Things Worth While” in one corner and “It Reaches the Readers and Is Read Where It Reaches” in the other.

The front page of the four-page broadsheet is a mix of news and advertising. Eubank & Bro. of Kilmarnock suggests to “Shoe Your Family for Winter Now” and J.J. Crowder & Son of Reedville, a veritable department store selling clothing, fabrics, patterns, notions, rugs, carpets, matting, linoleum, hats, caps, bedding, chairs, mattresses, cut glass, cutlery, hardware, stoves, ranges, farm implements, buggies, paints, flour and feed wonders, “Why Wander from Store to Store”?

The primary stories were “Latest News of the Outside World,” which in this issue was entirely on the war in Europe (in the lead sentence, the Central Powers crushed the Romanian invaders from Central Transylvania); Lancaster Court news (placed below a colloquial ditty); “Good Roads Assured,” and a “Cheerful Chirps” column primarily promoting the paper. Local businessmen advertised editorially that no matter what you need for your home “You Can Get It in Kilmarnock.”

“We have just received a copy of the new paper, the ‘Rappahannock Record,’ published at Kilmarnock, Lancaster County, Virginia” reported the Peninsula Enterprise, an Eastern Shore newspaper, in its November 25, 1916, issue. “The general appearance of the paper is good and it is newsy. It is a Democratic weekly but in the recent campaign was very strong for Wilson. We congratulate our ‘brothers of the quill’ and wish them a very prosperous career. It gives us pleasure

to put the ‘Record’ on our exchange list.”

The “brothers of the quill” who began the Record did so in unsettling times. The Great War, the War to End All Wars, what became the First World War, had been raging in Europe since 1914 and the United States was drifting at least partly against its will into it. Woodrow Wilson was elected to his second term a month after the Record’s first issue, and within a year, after the sinking of American ships, he committed the U.S. to the conflict. Hundreds from Lancaster County would join up and serve, including one who would steer the new newspaper for most of its 100-year existence, and another – Rob Adams, his best friend – who became one of four county casualties in the conflict.

Locally in 1916, Kilmarnock already had experienced two fires, one in 1909 and a second just a year earlier, in 1915. The times were defined by fires; another in 1917 destroyed part of Irvington, including the offices of an earlier local paper of the day, the Virginia Citizen. On the water, steamboats plied Northern Neck waters to and from Baltimore, Fredericksburg, Norfolk, and points up and down the rivers and Bay. Land transportation was beginning to emerge, with new-fangled automobiles careening down rough-hewn roads. Employment centered on farming, canning, menhaden and seafood industries.

Only an image of the first page of that first Rappahannock Record remains, along with very few copies over the next decade. In the June 18, 1919, issue, in any case, the Kilmarnock social column notes that “Emory Currell of Weems, who has been in France, returned home Sunday night.” The paper at the time was in its third year, and Currell was returning because the Great War was over. The column didn’t elaborate, but later in the year, while he was heading up a membership drive for the American Legion, as reported in a front page editorial in the November 19 issue, the newspaper also announced that



In 1955, the Record invested in a 16-page Duplex press and this scene marked the first paper printed on it in Kilmarnock. The staff includes, from left, (kneeling) Gordon D. George, Gilliam S. Lewis, and W. H. “Shorty” McCrobie; (standing) Robert M. Lee, Edgar McCrobie, Emory Currell, Jean Dize and Ellen Lee.

“in order to increase our news space... Mr. J. Emory Currell of Weems will have charge of our subscription campaign, and we beg for him your cooperation.”

His personal association with the Record began 97 years ago and continued for three-quarters of a century. His family’s association continues today.

In May of 1919, David A. Strang was listed as the Editor and Business Manager of the Record but by August, Cyrus H. Chilton had moved into the job “and under his guidance,” a writer

for the paper predicted, “the paper will, no doubt, become one of the foremost sheets of the country.” Officers for the Rappahannock Record Publishing Corporation in 1919 were W.A. Eubank, president; R.O. Norris Jr., vice president; and J.B. Cralle, secretary-treasurer. Directors were Robert H. Chilton of Kilmarnock, Wilbur T. James of White Stone, and Dr. F.W. Lewis of Morattico. Norris, Professor F.P. Brent and T.J. Downing were later listed as contributing editors.

As it had when it first started in

1916, display advertising dominated the front page of the paper as often as not; columns in its four pages were otherwise given over to local, state and national news items, social announcements, editorials with a generally local flavor, syndicated stories printed weekly in serial form, personal columns from area correspondents, and the ‘Cheerful Chirps’ column which appeared most weeks (“If you want to see your name in the personals,” touted the very first

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of these columns, in October, 1916, "DO SOMETHING. We don't advocate murder, but don't live just to kill time").

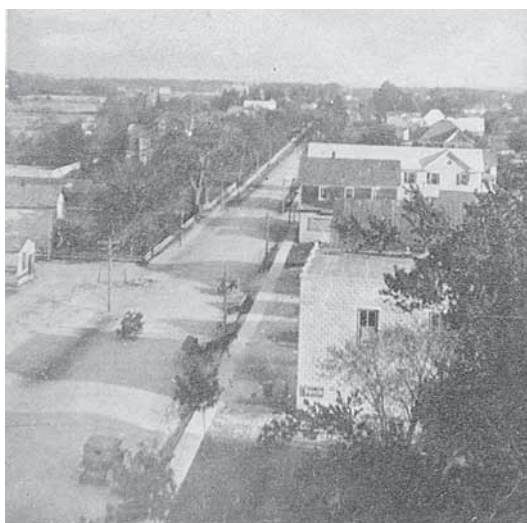
Court news was always important. So too was the condition of country roads. Poems, sayings, and humorous occurrences were dropped in liberally. News type could change size in the middle of a story or from page to page, growing smaller to squeeze the words in; as a rule, the only pictures in the paper were those used in advertising, although line drawings at least seemed to make their appearance on the pages whenever they became available.

In 1919, Currell was reconnecting in the community as well as establishing a relationship at the Record. He was a charter member of the American Legion Post when it was established in Lancaster County, and in November of 1919 was elected its Secretary-Treasurer, a position he held for many years; later he served as Commander of the Legion's Adams Post No. 86. He also was a charter member of the Kilmarnock-Irvington-White Stone Rotary Club, and was honored by the organization more than 52 years down

the road, designated a Paul Harris Fellow in 1982 along with the only other surviving charter member, W. T. James Jr. Currell also served as secretary, treasurer and president of Rotary over the years, and he remained a member in good standing of both Rotary and American Legion, his attendance at their meetings as regular as clockwork.

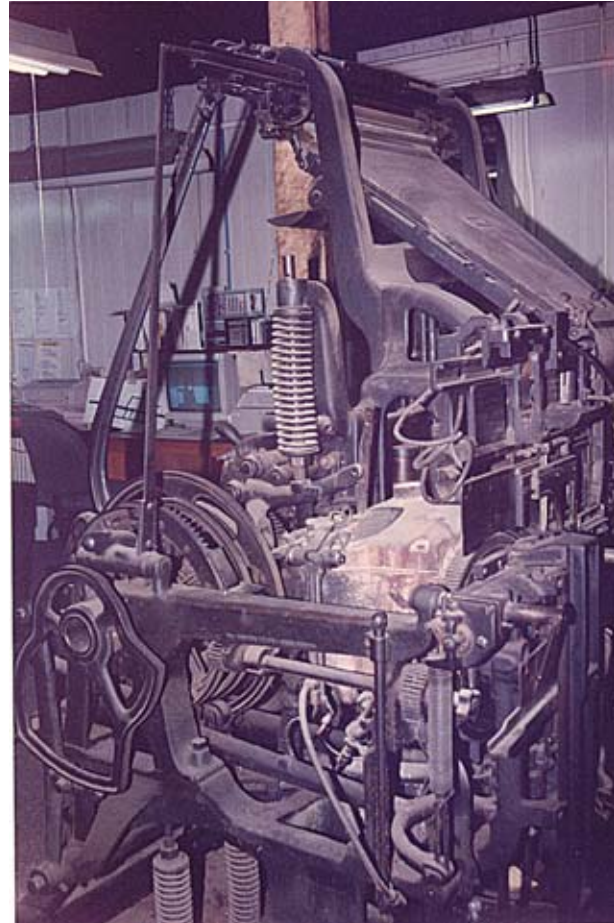
1927: A transitional year

In the fall of 1927, the lifelines of the Northern Neck were still on the water, still tied to the steamboats and to Baltimore. But times were changing. Roads were better, cars were more prevalent, trucks were taking over some of the shipping, a train was chatted up, and earlier that year the first Downing Bridge was completed across the Rappahannock between Warsaw and Tappahannock. Rivers, once the carriers, were becoming barriers. The Northern Neck's orientation began going off in all directions, and the Virginia State Fair in 1927 was



A view of Main Street in Kilmarnock from a postcard mailed in 1922. The Record office is at the lower right and several horse and buggy teams can be seen on the street.

The Record's first Linotype, this Model I, was obtained in 1925. The mass of gears and cams revolutionized the printing world, taking over where only hand type existed for centuries. The Record purchased other Linotype models in later years. This machine was donated in 1996 to the Newseum when it was established in Arlington (see the story on page 22).



There Are Hundreds of Reasons Why You Should Buy Your CAR From Us

Most of these reasons have to do with the superiority of the cars themselves. But here is another one—a dandy: No matter where you live in the Northern Neck, whenever anything goes wrong we have a big machine shop handy by and a big stock of all parts—NO DELAY! Can any other car than the Ford and the Buick offer such service? Think what this means to you in saving time, worry and expense. Break down this morning; this afternoon all O. K. Think this over before you buy that new car.

<p>REEDVILLE</p> <p>Anything and everything you may need for either</p> <p>FORD or BUICK</p> <p>Big Machine Shop in Connection</p> <p>Marion Engines and Supplies</p>	<p>NEW BRANCHES</p> <p>New Stores Building at</p> <p>WARSAW and KINSALE</p> <p>For Ford and Buick Service</p> <p>B. B. GRIFFITH Manager at Warsaw</p> <p>HENRY ATWELL Manager at Kinsale</p>	<p>KILMARNOCK</p> <p>All Parts and Accessories for Your Car. Full line of</p> <p>Auto Paints, Oils and Hardware</p> <p>GORDON EUBANK Manager</p>
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IRVINGTON BRANCH

If you travel this way—the modern way—"the gasoline way"—sooner or later you'll land up at Irvington. If you are in trouble, we will make it all right. If you anticipate it, we will chase your car away. No matter what it is, we have it; no matter what you want done, we can do it. We carry everything in the way of gas, steam and electrical supplies, and have the facilities and skilled help to install them. We call your special attention to our marine engines, among them the Royal, the Palmer and the Bridgeport.

KIRKMYER BROS., MANAGERS

PALMER & MOORE COM'Y, Now at REEDVILLE, KILMARNOCK and IRVINGTON

I Am the Lumber Man

I buy cord wood, piling, wier-poles, and lumber of all kinds. If you have a tract of timber, let me know and give me a chance to make you an offer for it.

R. B. HOWLETT
Kilmarnock

25c FOR YOUR OLD RUBBER BOOTS

Say, Mr. Man!

How about those leaky, worn-out old rubber boots of yours? Bring them to me and I'll allow you 25 cents for them in trade for a new pair of the celebrated

Buddy Rubber Boots

Sell elsewhere for \$3.75; my price \$3.45. If you trade in your old pair they'll cost you only \$3.20—a saving altogether of 65 cents—and they'll outwear any other rubber boot you can get.

Tubman's Ladies Shoes

Society King Men's Shoes and many other brands. Men's and boy's clothing. Dry goods, dress goods, notions and groceries.

DAVIS & BRO., Ocran
At the Head of Poplar Neck

Reedville House

First-class service—all modern conveniences—hot and cold running water—city-like lights. Automobile and team livery. Parties met and conveyed to any point in the Northern Neck. Whether you come from nearby or a distance, you are always welcome and will be made to feel at home here.

J. H. SHAKELFORD, Prop'r
REEDVILLE, VA.

H. W. BRENT
The MAGAZINE MAN
Post Office - Kilmarnock

Whether it is a new subscription or a renewal, I can save you time, money and trouble. Single or club subscriptions to any magazine published. Also Baltimore-American and Richmond Times-Dispatch.

BARBARIANS DON'T NEED A BARBER

They're Barbarous Enough. Wild and Woolly. Don't let a Barbarous Barber Pull the wool over your eyes. Be shaved, Hair trimmed, and Have the Wrinkles Rubbed Out Of your visage by a

REAL BARBER

Who knows all the WINKLES of the Tonsorial Art.

H. C. DOHRMAN, Kilmarnock
The Real Artist.

B. B. Edmunds
DENTIST
Office Over Bank
Kilmarnock

Dr. J. T. Wayman
DENTIST
Office in residence
Kilmarnock

Atlantic Life Insurance Company

Old-Line Southern Company
(Non Industrial)

Offers
Every Approved Form of Insurance

"HONESTLY, IT'S THE BEST POLICY"

A. O. SWINK, Manager for Virginia
Richmond, Va.

J. T. PAYNE, District Agent
Farmham, Va.

R. A. TREAKLE, Special Agent
White Stone, Va.

It's Almost Gift Time

Almost before you know it Christmas will be here. When you put off buying gifts until the last minute you are almost sure not to get just what you want or not at the price you want to pay.

Let Me Help You Select Your Gifts Now

I have very beautiful cut glass and china, high-class musical instruments, a wide variety of toilet necessities and luxuries, and many other things especially suitable. Besides, I can give you experienced advice in selecting wants from my catalogue.

Ellis C. Richardson
Druggist and Prescription
KILMARNOCK

FOR SALE

Sears, Roebuck & Co. Imperial Hot Air Incubator. Holds 400 Eggs. Only used three times and good as new. Complete with turning racks, thermometers, etc. Cost, including freight, \$27.50. Will sell for \$15.

DAVID STRANG
MONASKON

Moving Pictures

FRIDAY and SATURDAY NIGHTS OCTOBER 13-14

A splendid entertainment, interesting, clean, instructive, both serious and funny. The handsome new Auditorium is roomy, clean and comfortable. Come out and have a good time. Admission, 10 Cents.

A. E. BRENT, Proprietor
BURDETTE E. SIMMONS, Manager

Don't Buy Your MILLINERY Fall and Winter

Until you see my big, new stock. The latest styles, the fairest prices, the most tasteful and careful work. Thoroughly equipped dress making department in connection. My pleased customers are my best advertisement.

COME RIDE IN MY AUTO

I'll carry you anywhere you want to go, anytime you want to go. My charges are just high enough to pay for the gasoline used and leave a little for me.

MISS Z. M. WILLIAMS, White Stone

SOME THINGS WE NEED.

Openings Good Here For Men of the Right Kind.

There are several fine business openings here for good, live, business men. None others should apply; they won't match up with the business men now located here.

Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac R.R.

WANTED

Married man to live on farm and work by the month. C. D. DILLON, Monaskon, Lancaster Co., Va.

Easy Box

Notice in a factory: "No lost or soiled employees."

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RAPPAHANNOCK RECORD, KILMARNOCK, VIRGINIA, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1916

MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND VIRGINIA RAILWAY COMPANY

Kilmarnock River Route.

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White Stone

Rev. A. C. WALKER

Ottoman

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Norwood

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Kilmarnock

White Chapel

Rev. L. R. MORRIS

COUNTY OFFICIALS

Judge of Circuit Court, 12th Judicial District.

Joseph W. Chinn, Warsaw

Court Comm.

Lancaster county, 1st Monday in January and alternate months.

Northumberland county, 2nd Monday in February and alternate months.

Westmoreland county, 4th Monday in February and alternate months.

Essex county, 3rd Monday in February and alternate months.

Richmond county, 1st Monday in January and alternate months.

Congressman from 1st Congressional District, W. A. Jones, Warsaw.

Member of House of Delegates for Lancaster and Richmond counties, R. O. Norris, Jr., Lively.

State Senator from 26th Senatorial District, C. Harding Walker, Heathsville.

Board of Supervisors, White Stone district, J. Wm. Channing, Bertrand.

Manassas, L. O. Towles, Merry Paget.

White Stone, W. M. Cumlin, White Stone.

County Officers.

Clerk of Circuit Court, Wm. Chilling, Lancaster.

Commonwealth Attorney, P. G. Newhall, Lively.

Treasurer, R. R. Dunaway, White Stone.

Sheriff, John A. McKenney, White Stone.

Supervisor of Schools, Dr. Frank W. Lewis, Moratico.

Commissioners of Revenue, E. J. Williams, Kilmarnock; Deputies, R. C. Brent, Mohawk; R. B. Mitchell, Lancaster.

Surveyor, H. P. Hall, Brookvale.

Superior of Poor, C. L. Dugan, Lancaster.

District Officers.

White Stone district: Magistrate—E. M. Chase, Kilmarnock; J. W. Cumlin, White Stone; P. E. Brown, Weems.

Constable—B. Trunkle, Kilmarnock.

Manassas district: Magistrate—C. E. Thomas, Merry Paget; J. C. Dugan, Lancaster; J. C. McKenney, Brookvale.

Constable—M. W. M. Fickard, Lancaster.

White Chapel district: Magistrate—L. R. Fleming, Mohawk; Geo. E. Lewis, Millbrook; E. H. Baker, Ottoman.

Constable—R. W. Duggett, Millbrook.

Oyster Inspectors.

Districts, No. 20—James Gresham, White Stone; No. 21—John C. Browning, Irvington; No. 22—James A. Channing, Millbrook; No. 22-1/2—E. M. Lewis, Moratico.

Raleigh Carter, Mr. Fickard was defended by T. J. Downing and R. O. Norris, Jr., Jury disagreed.

The trial jury was as follows: C. P. Palmer, Merry Paget; James H. McKenney, Lancaster; T. M. Fitchett, Fisherman; John Byrd, Kilmarnock; Wm. Mason, Jr., Irvington; R. L. Longworth, Lively; T. G. Foster, Lively; P. D. Barrack, Monaskon; W. W. Hutchings, Boer; L. C. Thrift, Moratico; H. C. Boon, Nuttville; J. D. Davis, Millbrook; L. B. Beckard, Merry Paget; E. J. Davis, Lively; W. G. Webb, Lancaster; George Harper, White Stone; Charles Harper, George Meekins, Fisherman; Lloyd Squires, Ocran; R. E. Hink, Alfonso; H. L. Beane, Lancaster; L. W. Shelton, Westland; Ryland H. Norris, Kilmarnock; Ernest McKenney, Lancaster; C. L. Dugan, Lancaster; L. B. Cuttingham, Ottoman; W. S. Siler, Merry Paget; Charles L. West, Rehoboth Ch.

AT THE McCrobie Optical Parlor

J. W. McCrobie - - Manager

YOU CAN GET VERIFICATION OF These Facts FROM ANY OF These Folks

THIS IS A PARTIAL LIST OF OVERLAND OWNERS IN THE Northern Neck

When you buy an Overland you get more car for your money than when you buy any other kind.

You get a car that looks like it costs twice as much.

A car that is more fully equipped than any other costing the same.

A car that rides as easy as any car at any price, and far more easily than most of them.

A car that burns less gas and uses less oil for its weight than any other.

A car that will out-run, out-climb, out-look and out-last any other at anything like its price.

A car that will jointly wade through mud, and lightly hustle through sand on high wheels, more easily than most of them.

A car that has more tire, more wheel-base, more ease in starting, less noise in running, less jolting on rough roads, more beauty of outline and finish, greater luxuriousness of upholstery, greater smoothness in action and strength in every part than you can get for the money elsewhere.

The Overland is the poor man's car because it is the greatest value and gives greater service in proportion to cost than any other car.

It is the rich man's car because both in riding comfort and looks it fulfills his every car desire.

That's why these people you know swear by the Overland. Don't take my word for it—ask them.

The Overland is the absolutely complete, class Two-unit steering and lighting system, Connecticut automatic ignition, cantilever rear spring, full floating rear axle and removable shaft, Timken roller bearings in wheels, transmission runs on New Departure Annular ball bearings, Huffy-quiet bearings in differential, "Over-Drive" three-speed choice of either 55 or 60-mph road ahead, speedometer, speed v. p. meter, Starnward Vacuum System and everything any car ought to have and more than most of them do have.

Come in and let us show you the different models. You're under no obligations to buy. If you already own a car and are in trouble, run it into our machine shop and we'll fix it up at a saving of your time and money.

R. H. Chilton & Co.
Kilmarn



Emory Currell burning the midnight oil at his cluttered desk.

aware of it, setting aside a “Northern Neck Day” in Richmond to recognize the area’s contributions.

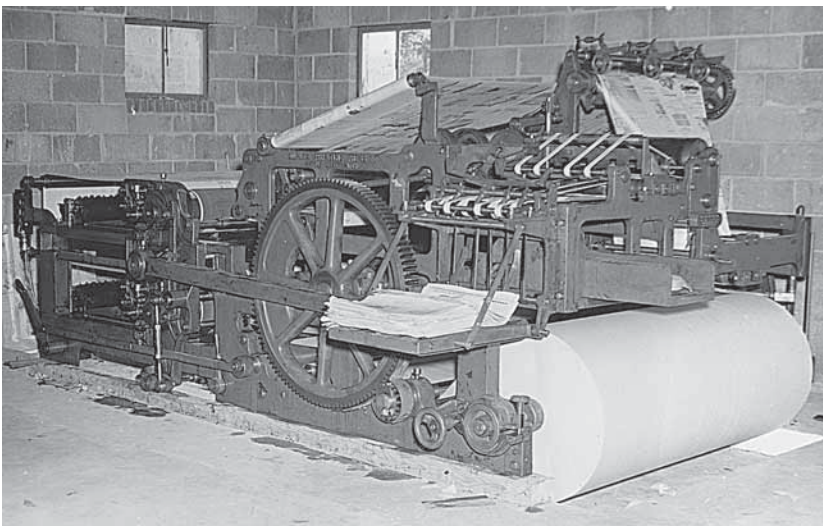
Camp meetings at Wharton Grove — near Currell’s birthplace at Weems — had been in full swing for 35 seasons until this year of 1927, when the camp’s founder, Dr. H.M. Wharton, died. Only two years earlier, another nearby part of King Carter’s once-grand estate at Weems had been broken up into 144 lots and sold at public auction. On water, the all-important menhaden industry was in its coal-burning days, and watermen were otherwise making their living on crabs, oysters and fish, including pound netting and shad and herring runs. On land, tomatoes were a predominant crop and canneries were prevalent. And in the air, from various local airstrips came the airships, objects of novelty and fascination.

Kilmarnock’s last fire was a dozen years in the past, the Depression two years in the future.

On September 29, 1927 – the last issue of the Rappahannock Record’s 11th year – J. Emory Currell is listed on the masthead as editor for the first time. From Thomas J. Keane, who had been editor since 1925 and who went from here to the old Potomac Interest in Colonial Beach, Currell had bought, he thought, whatever was owed to the paper in his name. Keane also had been secretary-treasurer of the Rappahannock Record Publishing Corporation, and by 1927 A. A. Cralle was its president and principal stockholder. When it came time the following month for the corporation’s Board of Directors to appoint Currell as editor, Cralle asked whether he was interested in buying his shares. Currell said that he was interested, and

on that basis “I bought it but I didn’t know it.” The casual, offhanded offer was instead a firm deal, and with no money down Currell became editor, owner and publisher. He bought out Cralle’s shares and those of others over the years, except for one woman who held on to one share of Rappahannock Record Publishing Corporation stock until the 1980s.

In 1925, Keane paid \$1,100 for what he called in the paper a “mechanical marvel” – a 2,300-pound Model 1 Linotype. The line casting machine had quickly become the industry standard after Otto Mergenthaler invented it in 1883, as it enabled typesetting to be done line by line rather than letter by letter. “When employed in the composing of advertisements, newspaper headings, booklets, catalogues and various other kinds of printed matter,” Keane wrote,



The large Duplex press obtained in 1955 required large rolls of paper and a pit beneath it was required for threading the web and maintenance. If the web feeding off the roll of paper happened to break during a press run, no one was happy. But it replaced a press that produced just eight pages, created when four pages were printed on one side of a large sheet of paper and another four on the reverse side after it was flipped over. Then the large sheet had to be folded to the traditional newspaper size in another machine. To produce 16 pages prior to 1955 required four press runs, two folding runs, and inserting the two sections by hand before the papers were addressed and mailed.

“our new machine enables one operator to set in the same time more type than ordinarily could be produced by five or six men or women doing the work by hand – and the composition is incomparably better.”

The mechanical marvel (the “eighth wonder of the world, according to Thomas Edison) is a rhythmic

mass of intricately moving parts – a collection of moving gears and levers that pick up, transport and drop brass matrices and spacers into place with an almost musical quality, all at the command of a 90-character keyboard few people would recognize; once

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Newspaper Pioneers:

The Record began in 1916 with 32 investors

by Fred Gaskins

Until we began researching in preparation for the Rappahannock Record’s 100th anniversary, little was known about the original owners or how the paper began. That’s probably because in 1927, eleven years after the first issue, J. Emory Currell took over as editor and soon became the sole owner.

When Currell arrived, other early investors seem to step back from their involvement and eventually sold their stock to him. But, who were they? A small clue was an advertisement in the first issue noting that “the Rappahannock Record is owned and published by forty leading citizens of Lancaster County.” Their names were not listed, however.

The search was on. Boxes long in storage were unpacked and, among some family papers, a stock certificate book with receipts and original stock certificates obtained by Currell when he bought the outstanding shares, was discovered in July by Currell’s daughter, Bettie Lee Gaskins.

She found 32 names instead of 40. Perhaps some potential investors had a change of heart.

The death on December 8, 1925, of J.B. Cralle, a leader in organizing the old Rappahannock Record Publishing Company in 1916, may have been a deciding factor in the coming change in ownership. From bits of 1918 and 1919 issues of the Record we have found, Cralle was then listed as the company’s secretary-treasurer. At the time of his death he was listed as president.

A local entrepreneur who was described in his obituary as being a “pioneer merchant of Kilmarnock,” Cralle is likely the person who constructed the original concrete block building housing the



J.B. Cralle

Rappahannock Record (his name and the year 1917 is etched in the sidewalk in front of the office).

Cralle’s obituary notes that he owned five mercantile stores in various sections of Lancaster and Northumberland counties, had acquired large tracts of timber from which his sawmills produced materials for his building contracting business, and held an interest in numerous other businesses. He served two terms as Lancaster County’s Commissioner of Revenue.

Cralle made the Record office his headquarters and when needed “has rolled up his sleeves and helped to do the mechanical work incident to getting out the paper, emerging from the press room more than once showing signs of printer’s ink,” stated his obituary. He was 79 when he died at his desk there.

Among other early leaders and stockholders of the Record, David A. Strang was listed as the editor and business manager in 1918 and 1919.

A bit of a mystery surrounds the Strang name. An obituary for

Laura Margaret Strang of Milton, Mass., appeared in the September 12, 1957, issue of the Record. It noted she had spent a number of years in Lancaster County and stated: “While here she assisted in the organization of the Rappahannock Record and for a year or more edited this paper before this responsibility was assumed by Cyrus H. Chilton.” Later, the obituary mentions her sadness at the “passing of her two beloved sons, David and Laurie, in their early childhood.”

Mrs. Strang left Lancaster for a job in her native Boston, where she worked until retirement. She was buried in a family plot in Belmont, Mass.

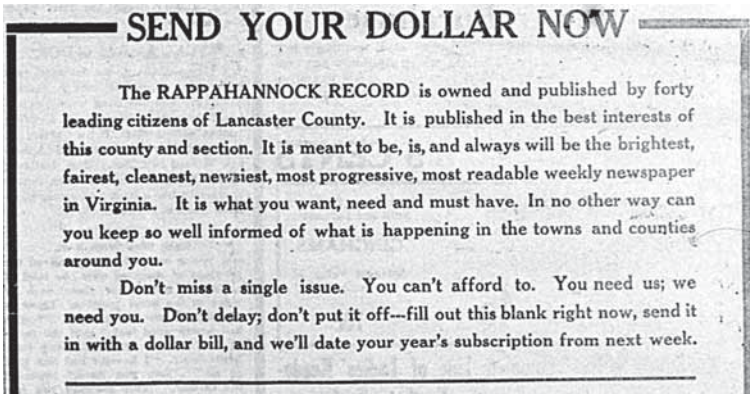
The officers of the Rappahannock Record Publishing Company in 1918, all stockholders, were W. A. Eubank of Kilmarnock, president; R.O. Norris Jr. of Lively, vice-president; J.B. Cralle of Kilmarnock, treasurer; and David Strang of Kilmarnock, secretary.

Directors listed, also all stockholders, were Walter E. Hathaway of White Stone, Robert H. Chilton of Kilmarnock, and Dr. C.T. Peirce of Nuttsville.

The original Rappahannock Record Publishing Company stock was issued in 1916 on September 17 and 19, October 15, and on December 9.

Other stockholders were Eubank and Brother, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Gordon Eubank, H.W. Brent, Ellis C. Richardson, Bonner Brothers, F.M. Armsworthy, T.J. Downing, C.T. Myers, R.O. Norris Sr., Dr. Frank W. Lewis, S.H. Coulbourn, Lacey Kirkmyer, H.E. Dunaway, Fred C. Smith, H.H. Rudy, J.R. Sullivan, A.E. Brent, John Dempsey, F.P. McGinnes, Joseph Peirce, G.H. Smith, H.U. Dunaway, G.H. Talley, J.B. Stakes, and W.E. Brent.

Readers who may have some knowledge or photos of these individuals are invited to share them with us so they can be added to our historical archives. Call 804-435-1701, email fred@rapprecord.com or bring them to the Record office at 27 N. Main Street.



This item in the first paper indicated there were 40 owners.



Frank M. Armsworthy



Robert Hunton Chilton Sr.



Gordon Eubank



From left are William Samuel (Mr. Willie) Eubank and Warner Augustus (Mr. Gus) Eubank.



Walter E. Hathaway



F.P. McGinnis Sr. holding F. P. McGinnis III



R.O. Norris Jr.



Ellis Richardson in front of his drug store



Doctor C.T. Peirce



Joseph Peirce



George Henry Smith



J.R. Sullivan

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the line of type was pressed against melted lead to create a mold, the gears and levers returned the matrices to their places to be used again. From the linotype the lead molds of type, headlines and photo engravings were locked in place, making a single page weigh up to 100 pounds. The page was then hauled to the press, and after paper was pressed against it to create the printed version, the lead was melted down to be used again.

Winter H. "Shorty" McCrobie, who began at the paper about 20 years after the linotype purchase, recalled being told that this particular Model 1, built in 1893, was shipped by steamboat from Baltimore to Kilmarnock Wharf — as reflected in an expense receipt of \$65 for freight and to "haul Lino. from Whf." The linotype, printing press, and other equipment were powered by a gasoline engine, by way of a huge belt-and-pulley system hung from the ceiling and connected to other belts and pulleys distributed to the machinery. While an electric motor later replaced the gas engine, the belts and pulleys remained in use for years.

The 1930s and 1940s

During his first few years at the Record, Currell boarded at the Kilmarnock hotel. He had one employee, Hugh Norris, who had succeeded Meredith M. "Tap" Northern in operating the linotype, but within Currell's first year Norris's father died and Hugh left to take over his business. "I thought of the pupils I'd had" [during an earlier teaching career], Currell said, and he thought of Gilliam Lewis, freshly graduated and working in a canning factory. He visited and offered him the job, and while Lewis said he had never seen a linotype before, he also said that he bet he could operate it. He did, and would for 60 years; at the time of his death in 1989 he was among the last nationwide to be practicing the trade. Lewis, whose pipe smoke mixed with the aroma of molten lead, liked to spin yarns while reading type backwards and directing the machine's music.

He knew the machine well, both



A gathering of the Record production crew in the 1960s. From left are printer Shorty McCrobie, ad salesman and photographer Bill Haislip, and linotype operator Gilliam Lewis.

the Model 1, which had only one type style, and its successor, the Model 8, which handled several typefaces with more ease. He said in the 1980s that if a problem surfaced somewhere in the equipment he could recall that "years ago that happened, and this is what we did..." His troubleshooting paid

off. Over the six decades, the Record spent a total of \$53 on machine maintenance.

During those early years at the Rappahannock Record — and for the most part extending beyond the time of the Second World War — there was a sort of flavor about the place that the paper

was existing by the seat of its pants... and was the richer for it. The building was about half its present size, and of that the upstairs was apartments and one of the rooms downstairs was given over to W.F. Booth's used clothes business (until about the time of the 1952 fire, when Stokely Wingar relocated his shoe repair shop there, briefly). Journeymen printers passed through for employment, and for some years that meant the workforce at the Record would swell 50 percent or more. Before oil heat there were two wood stoves, and the first job on winter mornings was to load and fire up the one in the boss's room; frequently, the rollers on the presses had to be taken off and carried to the stove to be warmed up enough to hold the ink. There was newspaper work, job work, and two grades of beans from the family farm stacked up on one of the inside walls and sold from the office. Relics from the First World War — guns, swords — hung about the walls and floor in the front room, and were constantly picked up by customers. By 1937 there were two full-time employees, and on days when Emory Currell was out selling ads they could

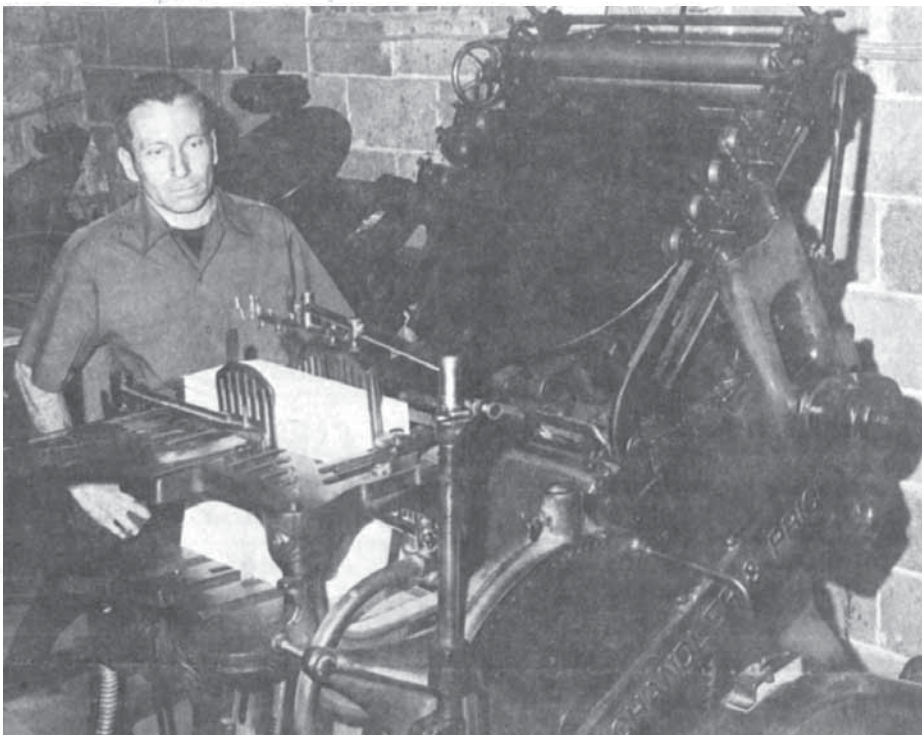
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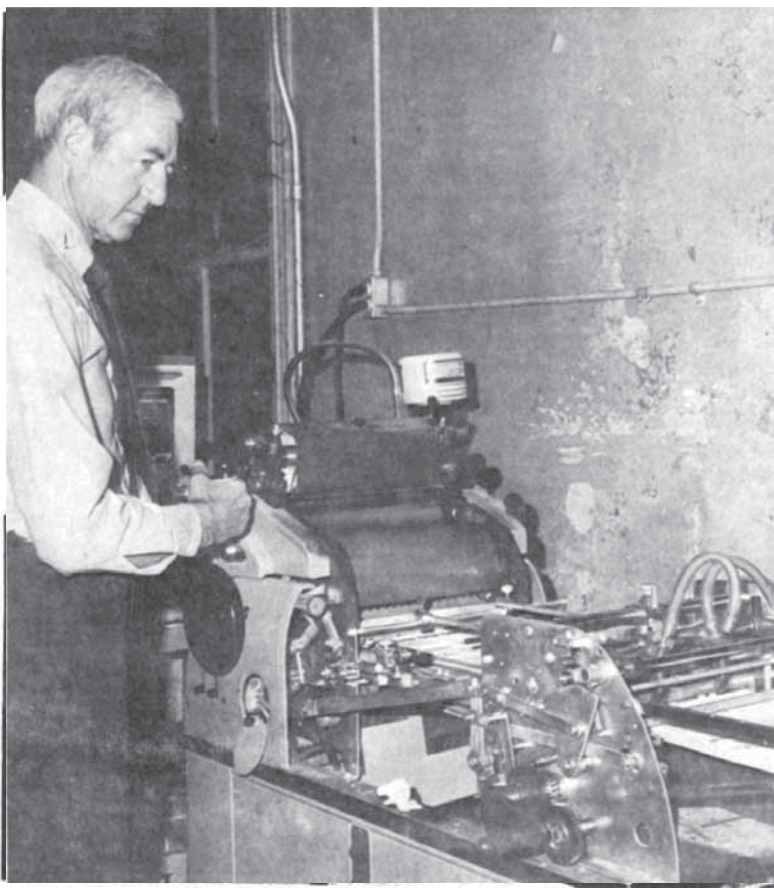
A Word From The Men In The Back Room of The Rappahannock Record . . .

MANY OF YOU who read the Rappahannock Record may be unaware that when the newspaper is published on Wednesdays our work is NOT finished for the week. Because at this time we four men in the back room turn our energies to job printing.

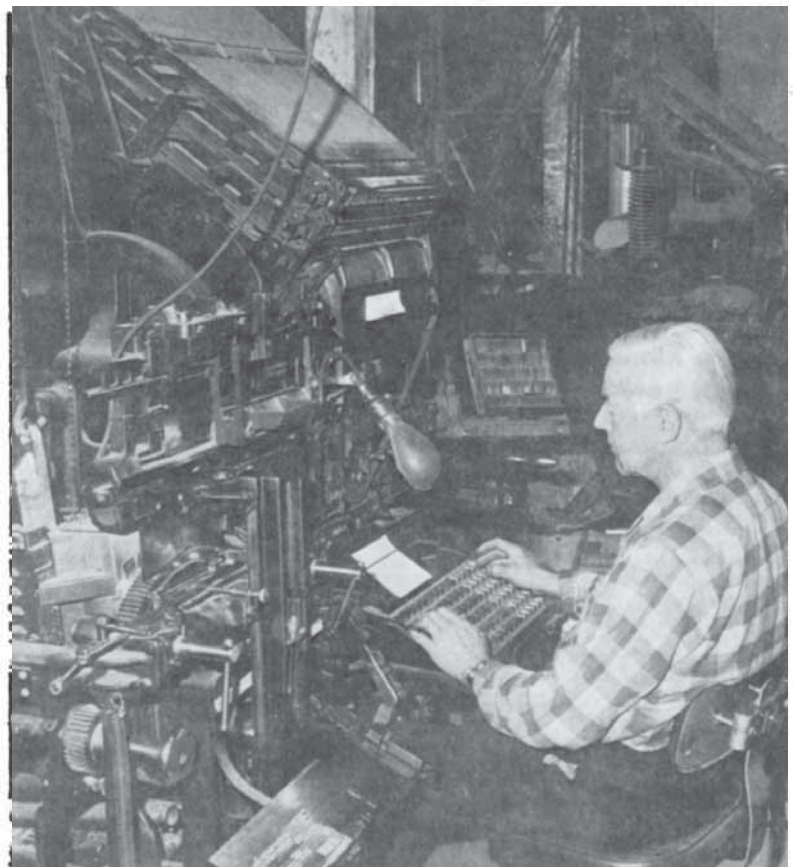


Shorty McCrobie, with 28 years of experience, operates an automatic job press.

We are equipped to do any type of job printing in either hot or cold types. Next time you need printed material we would appreciate your consideration.



Robert M. Lee, Jr. has 37 years to his credit. He is printing a brochure on the offset press.



Gilliam Lewis has been with the Rappahannock Record for 45 years. In this photo he is setting a job on the Linotype machine.

127 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

All of our work time put together would add up to 127 years, more than a normal life span. For us, this represents a lot of experience. The years have made us fast, efficient and neat, which means you get quality work in less time. We take pride in our work and our aim is your satisfaction.



Sonny McCarty has been employed here for 18 years. In photo he is laying out an offset job.

WE SPECIALIZE IN: Letterheads, envelopes, statements, bulletins, invitations, announcements, stub or plain tickets, circulars, salesbooks, tags, professional cards and thousands of other printed materials to suit your every need.

If you haven't tried us before, why not come in today. Tell the boss that the boys in the back room sent you.

be called on to set type, lay out some ads, keep the books, sell produce, or engage in a sword duel with a visitor passing through the front.

That second employee was Robert M. Lee Jr., who — with the exception of four years with the Navy during the Second World War — worked at the Record from 1937 until his sudden death in 1985. His position was untitled (most at the paper were) but among many things he was an exceptional printer, production manager and master mechanic. He and Gilliam were there when the motor that ran the linotype and presses broke down, and a system of pulleys and belts was concocted, connected (through a hole in the back wall) to a tractor engine behind the building. They were there when a man in one of the upstairs apartments committed suicide, his blood dripping down on huge stacks of paper awaiting press work. They and others were there on those late Wednesday afternoons, readying the presses and awaiting the paper, while Emory Currell laid out the front page. He'd fill all but a part of one column in the corner, stop, put on his coat, and walk across the street to Rob Sherman's store — the general merchandise, local gathering place — for that last bit of news for the week's issue. Often, employees took the opportunity to slip down the street for a Pabst Blue Ribbon break.



On July 20, 1972, the final issue of the Record to come from the old Duplex press was published. The paper switched to a new offset printing process the next week and the paper began to be printed off-site. The presses of the Free-Lance Star in Fredericksburg were used then, and are used now, but the paper has also been printed in Gloucester, Williamsburg and Newport News over the years. Posing with the old press, since removed and sold as scrap metal, are (from left) Chris Brown, Robert M. Lee, W. H. “Shorty” McCrobie, Gilliam S. Lewis, Ovid R. “Sonny” McCarty Jr. and Bill Haislip.

Over The Years . . .

In 1931 Currell was married to Harriet Cobrun Broun, and for the next 14 years the couple lived in Irvington. In 1944 they purchased a home on Kilmarnock's Church Street for \$3,500 (had he bought more property then “I'd be a rich man now,” he said in 1985). Life took a rough turn shortly after remodeling and moving in, however, when his wife died in 1947, leaving two children, Clara Hayward, 6, and Elizabeth (Bettie) Lee, 3. His half-sister and her husband, Emma and Bill Haislip, moved in to help out.

Even as the Record environment began to change, certain rituals of his continued unabated. As he would for years, he carried around a bag of green apples, and until he stopped smoking, took a 9 a.m. trek to the tobacco shop, returning to pack down the Old Gold and light up. Meanwhile, as the Record grew larger the old four-page press grew only more inadequate, requiring several late night press runs to get all the pages printed. For a time the press runs were split, half the paper printed Wednesday night and the other half early Thursday morning. Printing commercial job work for local customers followed the press run. Especially during and a little after the Second World War — when Robert M. was in the Navy and when Gordon D. George Jr. with Gilliam and, in 1945, Shorty McCrobie were the employees — Currell doubled up his duties, helping with the mechanical aspects while also selling ads, writing, and gathering the news. He operated the mailer and the folder, a machine used to pull paper through to crease it; more than once, it pulled his necktie through too, yanking him



When the Record shut down its press and switched to offset printing, news and advertising items were produced on photographic paper instead of lead. The paper items were then trimmed with scissors, coated on the back with wax, and pasted up on layout sheets the full size of a newspaper page. Shorty McCrobie (foreground), who spent his earlier career using a lot of hand type (individual metal letters) to create printed items, never missed a beat. Sonny McCarty is pictured in the background of the Record layout room.

with it, and an employee had to cut the machine off and untangle him. A “Tuck your tie in, Mr. Currell” reminder often preceded his stepping up to the machine. And, McCrobie noted, no matter what he was doing “you'd have to shake him down for the news, ads and mats” because he had them stuffed all which-a-way in his various pockets. Even in the 1980s, from time to time he'd pull from somewhere in his clothing an obituary or news item needing to be set in type, often just before press-time on Wednesday.

When the Record's first computer-printer was purchased in 1983 (for the mailing list), his first question of the salesman was how to cut off the machinery if someone's necktie got caught in the printer. “You cut it off over here,” the salesman said, pointing to the computer. “How do you cut it off over there if you're caught over here?” he asked a little testily, pointing to the printer. The salesman, bewildered with the line of questioning, had no answer.

On the old four-page press itself, sheets were laid flat on it, printed on one side and then flipped over en masse; one employee remembered trying to print and then flip too many at once (to save time), and instead tumbled — paper and all — through a nearby window. But for years, Robert M. kept the press rolling along, joining in the clickity-clack of the linotype, the mechanical hand presses, and the thunks and thuds of the huge paper cutter. At length, after the building housing the Record had been added to twice, a new, 16-page Duplex flatbed press was installed in the very back of the building, and from October, 1955, until July, 1972 (when the paper moved to a new offset printing process and began to be printed at a central plant) employees wrestled and sweated with the paper, the printing and the press itself. All of them were glad to see it dismantled, especially glad to end the once-a-month delivery of four to six rolls of paper, each weighing a thousand pounds or

more. All employees turned out for the deliveries, usually joined by a few on the street, to maneuver the rolls off Eddie Coppedge's truck and into the building; and all of them at one time or another narrowly escaped serious injury doing it.

For moving other equipment into the building — including the 16-page press from Charles Town, West Virginia — Currell relied on his right-hand man, Lacy Bush, a farmer near Brown's Store who had a truck big enough to haul it. If he had to have something shipped, he'd take care to order enough (even if there was no intention of ever using it) to avoid freight charges, as the company would usually pay the freight if the order was big enough. He paid his bills in cash to get a discount, and on the 5th of each month, without fail and with no interruption from his staff, he paid his monthly bills for the same reason. And, when he made up his mind on a major decision, it was invariably on a Tuesday, in the thick of getting the paper ready for press.

Currell bought the paper in the Roaring 20s and managed it through the Depression, the end of the steamboat age, World War Two, the Cold War Era, the Civil Rights Movement, and the dawn of new technologies. From the paper's start, columns written by correspondents in specific locales were spread throughout the pages. The columns chronicled who's in town, who's sick, who's visiting whom and especially in the early years more communally newsworthy events — what fish are running, who's catching them, where crops are thriving, what roads are impassable, where storm damage occurred. Occasionally opinionated, they generally affirmed community pride. Over the years, as travel and communication became simpler and more effortless, the columns grew fewer and more social in nature, continuing into the 1970s and 1980s; a similar weekly column titled “Colored News” ran under that heading well past the days of desegregation.

While the columns evolved with the times, in some ways the more things changed in the outside world the more they stayed the same at the Record. For six decades, Currell went

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Excerpts:
Educational and
entertaining

For a third of a century, Henry Lane Hull (above) has supplied a weekly column to the Record. From barnyard tales to Russian history, travelogues, frequent eulogies, and adventures with his Good Wife and the BEs, he keeps his contributions interesting and meaningful.



Tanyua Dickenson, center, was an adventurous reporter/photographer for the Record from 1985 until her death from cancer in 2000. Above, she is preparing to join area emergency personnel and enter a burning building during a training session. She wrote a first-person report about the experience that appeared in the Record. Dickenson was an active volunteer with many local organizations and the community raised funds to help with some experimental treatments for her esophageal cancer. She lost the battle, however, a little more than a month after her diagnosis.



What were we thinking?! For Lancaster County's 350th birthday in 2001, the Record staff entered the parade in Lancaster and decided to hand out balloons to those lining the street. In a high school classroom assembly area are, from left, K.C. Troise, John Wilson (mostly hidden), Linda Troise, Bettie Lee Gaskins, Fred Gaskins, and Robb Hoff. By parade's end, most of the strings were in such a tangle we were handing out balloons by the dozen.

Thanks to all who have shared photos and memories for this publication. Special thanks to Carroll Ashburn and the Kilmarnock Museum for assistance and the loan of several items.



The Record staff in December 2004 included, from left (front row), Robert Mason Jr., Joseph Gaskins, Fred Gaskins, Bettie Lee Gaskins, Susan Simmons and son, Chas; (middle row) Brenda Burtner, Kathy Shrader, Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi, Gladys Larson, Reid Armstrong, Anna Ticer, Ann Shelton, Gloria Bosher, and Chris McClintock; (back row) Robb Hoff, Wayne Smith, K.C. Troise, Rachael Gano, Bill Fix and Sharon Daniel. Not pictured are Marilyn Bryant and Kate Oliver.

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through copy at an old roll-top desk that’s “older than I am, anyway,” he said in 1985. At that time he was 89 and embarking on his 59th year as the editor, owner and publisher. He still edited copy and read it over before and after it was set in type; still wrote headlines, decided on story and photo placement, proof-read job work, established advertising rates, kept track of expenses, opened the mail, answered the phone, dealt with the public, and passed out the paychecks each Friday. His duration at the paper borders on a record for Virginia journalism, almost matched by William Younger Morgan, who in 1879, at the age of 13, became associated with the Northern Neck News when it was founded in Warsaw. Morgan was editor and publisher there by 1889 and remained so for 60 more years, stepping down in 1949 when he turned the paper over to his grandson, Marshall Coggin. By that time Currell had been associated with the Record for 30 years, the last 22 as editor and owner.

Longevity at the paper was pervasive. Well before the new press arrived in 1955 (making up his mind to buy it was one of those Tuesday decisions), he had gathered together staff members who remained with him for decades. Gilliam Lewis began in 1928, Robert M. Lee in 1937, and Shorty McCrobie – hired while still in high school to lay out the pages, help with the press run, deliver the paper, and operate the hand presses for job work – in 1945; all three continued working until at or near the times of their deaths in 1989, 1985, and 1999 respectively. Currell’s sister, Emma Haislip, was a mainstay at the office towards the end of his long tenure. Her husband, Bill Haislip, succeeded Brainard Edmonds (who’d been hired shortly after World War II as the paper’s first ad man), working as a salesman, pressman and later the staff photographer. Jean Dize, who compiled the popular Local News column every week, was the face of the front office from 1955 to 1994, along with Ellen Lee who served from 1954 to 1982. Artist and compositor Ovid R. “Sonny” McCarty was well on his way to a similarly long career when his life was cut short in 1983. Even so he spent 27 of his 49 years at the Record. Several of them were offered better jobs, sometimes repeatedly; none left. Currell believed in his employees, and as long as work was caught up and done right he gave them free reign, allowing them to set their own patterns within deadlines and to find the best ways to do their jobs.

They often had other matters to tend. Gilliam played and coached in the old Chesapeake League in the 1930s, later was second baseman with a semi-pro Kilmarnock team, raised Britney spaniels, and created, participated in and publicized the Lancaster County Field Trial Association. Shorty, a 40-year active member of the Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department, helped launch the Little League in 1953 and, after the demise of the Chesapeake League, put together a softball team in 1957 that four years later became the well-known, well-traveled and highly touted Texacos. Robert M., another lifetime KVFD member since 1948 with stints as fire chief and president, spent 14 years on the Town Council and served on the Lancaster Wetlands Board.

Currell recruited most if not all of his co-workers into indulging in one of



The editor ready for action. A secretary, Ellen Lee, for many years would compose news stories at the nearby typewriter while he dictated.

Early 20th-century living: Life before the newspaper

by John C. Wilson

Emory Currell was born on February 27, 1896 (had it been two days later it’d have been on Leap Day) in an old farm house on Indiantown Farm in Weems, situated on 600 acres that had once been a part of King Carter’s estate. His brother Clifford was born two years later, but two years after that, in 1900, their father Elzye died of tuberculosis. Again two years later, their mother, Emma Hayward Currell, married Collin B. Smither. By then Emory was attending the Weems Graded School, a place he’d return to in not too many years to become its principal. When he was ready for high school (which he completed in three years since he’d received credit for some of the work done at Weems), he was obliged to travel to the distant village of White Stone.

White Stone High School, itself begun only since 1909, had grown from nothing to being fully accredited by the time of Currell’s 1914 graduation, the building enlarging from three rooms to six in which all grade and high school work was done. His class of 1914 produced the school’s first annual, the Cat’s Paw, and since there were only five seniors that year, they each received a fair amount of attention. The producers of the Cat’s Paw poked gentle fun at themselves.

The annual recounted Currell’s first year at White Stone (1911-12): “Weems had learned of the school, and sent one bashful boy here. You would scarcely recognize him now, but he gave his name as Emory Currell. He... came only for the day’s session, and could scarcely be persuaded to even stay for a drama or entertainment given by the school...” Getting there, and back, may have been one of the reasons. During his first year, he and a friend, Milton Cross, rode bikes and rowed boats to do it, cycling a couple of miles, taking their bikes with them in a boat up Carters Creek to Capt. Dump James’ landing near White Stone, and pedaling the rest of the way to classes. It was either that or walk, and they did it year ‘round.

During his second and third years he went by himself, and in good weather rode one or another of the colts on the farm to get to school and back. “I rode one until it was good and broken in, then rode another,” he said. “I’ve had them throw me in every conceivable way, kick me, bite me...” He’s also told the story of falling asleep while returning home at night, waking up to find himself still on the horse and safe in his barn. In bad weather he boarded with Mrs. Fanny Adams in White Stone, whose son, Rob, was Emory’s best friend through high school. The two of them were inseparable, and the Cat’s Paw notes it a couple of times. During Lancaster County’s second annual School Fair, held on October 31, 1913, in Kilmarnock, White Stone High School took the grand prize in competition with schools at Irvington, Lancaster and Kilmarnock, most notably through the efforts of the senior class of Adams, Currell, Ida F. Tapscott, Isla B. Thompson, and Frances C. Treacle. “Shortly after this,” the annual notes, “the school decided to present a drama, and some of the principal actors had to come from the Senior Class, and the inseparable pair, Emory and Rob, ‘did the school proud’ with their histrionic ability.” Later, for another drama, “the inseparables... Rob and Emory, a second time ably showed their ability as players.” Currell, meanwhile, played on the basketball and tennis teams, was a star at pole vaulting during the school’s annual Field Day, and was president of the Athletic Department in his senior year. He had by now become “so enraptured with the school that it was very difficult for him to tear himself away even for the weekend.” And he’d become enraptured of a “Junior lass” (when he was a senior), Lucy Treacle. “Her steps he blushing pursues,” it states under his graduation picture, and the matter is alluded to, tongue in cheek, throughout the yearbook.

But education was taken seriously too, and the school’s motto – “In ourselves our futures lie” – reflects it. Currell’s welcoming address at graduation noted that he and his classmates were now “on the road to being prepared to cope with the dangers and difficulties which beset every path of life.”

Currell and Adams, the inseparables, soon separated. One of them lived about 80 years more, working in his chosen path; the other, tragically, lost his life in a few short years. Rob Adams was one of four Lancaster County casualties in the First World War, and Adams Post 86 of the American Legion is named in his honor.

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Two long-time Record employees, W. H. “Shorty” McCrobie and Jean Dize, were present when the old Model I Linotype bought in 1925 was removed and donated to the Newseum in 1996.

his great affections, an 18-foot inboard bought for \$1,000 from then-Commonwealth’s Attorney Garnett Mercer. It was “a nice, nice boat,” he said. “People on the water admired it when it went by.” He liked to run it full throttle. If he wasn’t “just running around doing nothing” in it, other than eating green apples, the boat was used for fishing and employees were more than once pulled from their jobs to fish with him (only to return that night to complete the work they’d missed as a result). When a former salesman paid a visit in the 1980s, he recalled the time Currell had taken him out and the motor had stopped, far from land. “But what he marveled at was I had gotten it started again,” Currell said, adding with a chuckle and a hint of sarcasm. “I was such a mechanic. I changed the spark plug. But yes, I gained quite a reputation.”

His “greatest scare” came in the middle of the Chesapeake Bay one afternoon, when the engine began to knock and grew worse until he finally elected to cut it off. The knocking continued — from a helicopter overhead. It was a sweet sound to the boater, who returned home relieved. He eventually sold the boat for \$100 to someone who said he could repair and take care of it, but the boat had rotted out underneath the engine, couldn’t be repaired, and was burned. “It’s a damn good thing I sold it when I did,” he said.

1985...

“What happened now, Shorty?”

“Everything quiet, Mr. Currell.”

For decades it was a twice-a-day dialogue, the greeting each morning and each afternoon after his lunch and nap at home, as he walked the length of the building from the parking lot in back, past the presses and linotypes to his roll-top in the front office. That was when he was driven to work (he still renewed his driver’s license but didn’t use it). Otherwise he walked, and was a familiar sight along Kilmarnock’s Main and Church streets. So was his light at the Record office each night – although he took care to turn the rest of the lights off, sometimes when they were still needed. His presence in town was an institution, not just at the Record but at Rotary meetings and his twice-a-week bridge games, another of his passions. So too was his poker-faced humor. When a paycheck for one of his 13 employees was inadvertently written for a sum in the thousands one week, instead of the hundreds as it should have been, he asked blandly, “Were they all that way?”

Every Tuesday night, after all the copy was set, proofed and corrected and the page lay-out process was well under way, he moved from his cluttered roll-top, piled high with stacks of incoming copy, mail, newspapers, periodicals and crossword puzzles, to the production room. There, as he’d done for years, and as the layout continued, he read the new issue of the paper, page by mocked-up page. He favored one-column, two-line headlines, in the same font and of similar sizes, shorter articles beneath longer ones, lines along the columns and at the end of each news story – stylistic hangovers from the old hot-type printing techniques and limitations. As the layout loosened up and varied a bit – larger headlines spread across more columns more often, for example – he’d comment



A young Emory Currell with a Scout troop in Kilmarnock.

on it but begrudgingly let it pass. Usually.

Writer and historian James Wharton — who, much to Currell’s chagrin, many years earlier had once rewritten a wedding announcement into a poem while filling in one week (the bride was flattered) — dropped by one afternoon to see about having something he’d written printed at the Record. Both men were in their 80s and hard of hearing at that point, with strong personalities and unique brands of persistence. Gruff, prodding and stubborn come to mind. They sparred loudly for about 20 minutes over costs and timeframes, sometimes on entirely different pages from one another (a reporter at the time turned on a tape recorder and then left the room), ending matters unresolved but energized. The meeting was just round one.

Currell left his mark beyond the Northern Neck. A charter and long-time member of both Rotary and American Legion, he was secretary of the county Democratic committee for many years, a past-president of the Kilmarnock Chamber of Commerce, and a charter member and past Director of the Virginia State Printers Association. In 1953 (the Record won a Virginia Press award that year for excellence of display advertising), he was elected President of the Virginia Press Association, where he had already served as an officer and member of VPA’s Executive Committee. The major achievement during his term as President was the establishment of Virginia Press Services — a profit-making subsidiary of VPA. “It was quite an accomplishment,” noted Ray Carlsen, VPA’s executive manager at the time.

His life was one of accomplishment too — of an unruffled perseverance day to day and year to year, always tempered with his wit. When a former business associate dropped by one 1985 morning he greeted Currell warmly on his arrival at work, talking to him while shaking his hand. He drew him a bit closer and spoke a bit louder while Currell eyed him a little blankly.

“Do you know who I am?” he asked at length.

“You mean you don’t know?” he

A 50-year partnership

Because of family relationships and some shared ownership, the Record and the Southside Sentinel in Urbanna have been partners since 1966. We call ourselves “sister” papers. The Record and Sentinel share news items of interest from both sides of the Rappahannock River and offer a discount to businesses that advertise in both papers.

In the 1970s and continuing into the early 1990s, the papers jointly published an insert in their Labor Day weekend issues titled “Summertime!” It promoted area boatbuilders, campgrounds and local activities designed for visitors. Today, several other supplements to the papers continue to be produced jointly. In 1993, as more and more visitors arrived and



tourism became a major player in the local economy, the two papers launched a separate, seasonal publication and named it “The Rivah Visitor’s Guide.” The news and advertising staff at each paper pitched in to create a unique guide to the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula and a new issue appeared in June, July and August. It was, and remains, free to all.

The popular guide is now published monthly, May through October, and is distributed to over 500 locations from the York to the Potomac.



yielded to accommodate advertising, production and circulation needs. The original 2,300-pound Model 1 linotype — in service at the Record from 1925 to 1966 — rested next to the still operable Model 8 for another 30 years until finding a lasting home in 1996, when the Record donated it to the new Newseum in Arlington (now in Washington, DC). A dominating geodesic sphere at the original Newseum displayed the names of all daily newspapers in the world and one weekly, the Rappahannock Record, due to the linotype donation.

J. Emory Currell’s daughter, Bettie Lee, and her husband, Fred Gaskins, began more hands-on management of the Record in the late 1980s as Mr. Currell’s health began to decline. They saw through the renovations and have managed the paper since then, formally turning it over to their daughters, Susan Simmons and Kate Oliver, earlier this year. The Gaskinses also own the Southside Sentinel in Urbanna, where son Joseph works with a well-seasoned team of staff members, not unlike the Record over the past century.

In other words, longevity has continued, by and large. I was an anomaly, editor for a mere 14 of my 20 years at the Record, and Bob Mason who followed is at the 14-year mark already and going strong. Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi, the Record’s senior reporter today, was there for my whole tenure, and Audrey Thomasson’s about 10 years in. Henry Lane Hull has been writing his Excerpts column 51 weeks a year for the past 32 years, since March of 1984. In production and advertising, Gloria Boshier, KC Troise and Marilyn Bryant all have three decades or more behind them. So did Anna Harrison and Wayne Smith before retiring earlier this year.

Ink gets into veins. Employees and employers tend to stay.

A hundred years in, the trend continues.

Former editor and author John C. Wilson wrote much of this article in 1985 recounting J. E. Currell’s then 59 years at the helm of the Record, and much of the paper’s history. He graciously agreed to update that story for inclusion in this 100th anniversary issue. Wilson is the author of “Virginia’s Northern Neck, A Pictorial History,” now in its seventh printing.

responded.

Within a few minutes he was seated in front of his cluttered roll-top, at work on another day in his 59th year at the paper, and the 89th year in his life. At the Rappahannock Record, it was business as usual, business as it always had been. It was business that continued on up to the time of his death, on August 1, 1993, at the age of 97.

... To the present

The growing size of the Record, the limitations of its 16-page press, and economics led to the end of in-house newspaper press runs in 1972. Even so, all of the inserting still had to be done by hand, and each Wednesday when the thousands of papers returned from the printing press in Fredericksburg, a half-dozen souls stationed themselves to package up the paper sections and inserts for mailing; another half dozen addressed, bundled, wrapped and put the papers in postal bags; others ferried the papers from truck to inserting to mailing, and

still others loaded up trucks and vans to deliver to stores and post offices. The hand-inserting lasted into the late 1980s, when the printing plant took it over, but still papers are addressed and mailed out of the Record’s back room.

The Record’s grown up with the community, from four pages and then 16 to usually 30 or more each week, evolving as the area became more discovered for its beauty, waters, lifestyles, tourist attractions, and idyllic locale for second homes and summer homes. It has the highest circulation in the Northern Neck (the press run is 7,000), and is dominated by local issues and advertising. In an era when nearly all newspapers, daily and weekly, are corporation owned, the Rappahannock Record has been in the same family for the past 89 years, reporting on living in the lower Northern Neck, reflecting the community, and weathering the changes.

As printing moved from molten-lead hot type and letterpress to offset and later to digital (though all forms, for a time, existed simultaneously), the Record stayed put, making additions and renovations to the building to accommodate the new technologies.

During most of those changes, nonetheless, toward the close of the 20th century much remained at the Record as it had been years earlier. Gilliam Lewis, who’d begun on the Mergenthaler Model 1 linotype in 1928, was still setting his “lin ‘o type” on the Model 8 until his death in 1989; the room-sized machine clicked and clacked along all through the printing industry’s letterpress and offset eras. While the Record entered the computer age and digital world, Shorty McCrobie, until his death in 1999, continued feeding the mechanical hand presses that lined one wall of the building, rolling out printed material one sheet at a time. Time-worn techniques for printing, proofreading and publishing were as much in evidence as more modern methods. Walls and files were filled with memorabilia of the newspaper’s past.

Significant renovations came in the late 1980s and into the 1990s. An upstairs that had been apartments and then storage was transformed into offices, a darkroom, bathrooms and a kitchen, and downstairs the spaces that housed hand presses and linotypes

The War Years *continued from page 8*

In 1914 Emory Currell left Weems for Charlottesville. He had been among the first in Lancaster County called up for the draft, but because of poor eyesight was classified 4-F. During his fourth year at the University of Virginia, though, having heard of an opening in UVA’s Base Hospital Unit No. 41, he found a way to skirt the obstacle that prevented his entering the war. He applied for the hospital unit position, and the night before the eye test obtained a copy of the eye chart, memorizing the sequence of letters. He rattled them off the next morning (his vision now perfect), much as he rattled them off nearly seven decades later in recounting the story.

So in February of 1918, a few months shy of being awarded a diploma but armed nonetheless with a certificate of graduation, Currell left UVA with the hospital unit. After a brief training period in South Carolina he was soon aboard a convoy of 14 boats for a two-week journey across the Atlantic. His ship bore off to the north, above Ireland, and landed in northern England; a train whisked them south, and another boat took them across the channel to France.

His unit was stationed in Paris, where he spent most of the next year, during the waning of the war. Base Unit No. 41 was encamped on the grounds of a girls’ school that had been transformed into a wartime hospital. Each ward consisted of several tents, and each of the tents held 50 patients or so. He was trained to be a ward master, but for a period of time assisted a doctor in holding patients while the wounds were dressed. When a position opened up he was transferred to it, only to have the doctor he had been assisting put in for his transfer back to him.

But in time they ran out of nurses and then doctors, and Currell was made one — “surgeon-in-chief of the ward,” he said dryly. “I dressed a wound a minute... more wounds than all the doctors in Lancaster County put together, I suppose. I never did see a doctor in that ward.” The wards continued to grow; more tents were added; some patients came in with a half dozen or more wounds each, and in assembly line fashion they were treated and dressed; cases he couldn’t handle were sent to the hospital; for assistants he used other patients who were able and who also were only too happy to help, since “if they helped me they didn’t have to go back to their duties,” he said. He never lost a patient, and was among the first to have an appendicitis victim up and walking within a couple of days. As a rule, he slept in the ward’s tents. He could hear the blows of war at night, the sounds of Big Bertha in the distance. For time off, his \$30 per month pay (plus \$3 for foreign duty) did not go far, often no further than a small French restaurant where he had spent nearly all of his first paycheck on a dinner, and where the owner had two daughters, 16 and 18, who were interested in learning English.

As he lived in Paris at the end of the war to end all wars, he was in the middle of the Armistice announcement at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, and the celebrations that followed. The memories flowed freely on each anniversary of the event, for with the Armistice came a lifting, world-wide, of a great and heavy weight. He’d known about it a day early, having run into a Frenchman on his way to report that the Armistice was to be signed the next day; he celebrated quietly that night and was confined to quarters the day of the signing, as were all enlisted men. But he got into Paris anyway, and on seeing his commanding officer on the streets he knew the quarantine had been lifted. “There were a few million other people” there too, he said. Crowds flooded the city, that day and on following weekends, and waves of exuberance flooded the crowds. On one Sunday, he and two others jammed through the crowds about the Arch de Triumph, got to the outskirts and found themselves in the middle of a ring of women who surrounded soldiers and demanded kisses before letting them out of the circle. In Paris, where had beat the

heart of the war, these were boundlessly festive times.

Because he remained in France for a few months after the signing — he couldn’t leave until all his patients could — he was there when President Wilson visited, and with friends scaled the side of a building to a third floor balcony to watch the event. “A couple of million people were waiting,” he said. “They all applauded us. We bowed.”

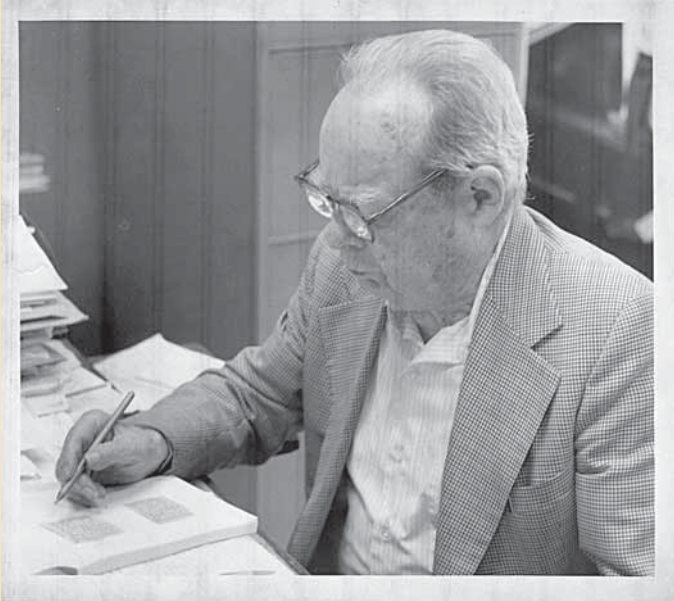
Leaving France proved more difficult than getting there. While waiting to return home he had enlisted in the American University there with the understanding that when the orders came to sail he was to return to his company. When the orders did come, he missed a train connection, arriving at port just in time to miss his boat. Assigned to another unit, he was to wait indefinitely. Meanwhile, he lost his baggage, and on finally returning home “all I had I had on my back.” Nor did he get directly home: he’d put in for transportation back to Weems, but as he had enlisted in Charlottesville, Charlottesville was where he was sent.

“That was an accident,” he said of returning directly to UVA, but he used it to his advantage. It was early June, 1919, when he reached Charlottesville and ran into someone who’d been in his unit in Paris and had returned a few weeks earlier, on the right boat. He had also enrolled back into school, and suggested Currell do the same, although final examinations were imminent. UVA allowed him back in; essentially, the school was permitting him to walk rather blindly into the final exams. For one class, which he never attended, he couldn’t find a textbook until borrowing one from the professor the night before exams. He read the text and took the test, recalling one question which asked for the cause and effects of a war he had never heard of; but the questions were listed chronologically, and as he knew the general cause and effects of war during that time “I told him all about it,” whatever it was. He passed, received his diploma, and graduated in full before taking the last leg of his trip home.

At the time, automobiles — which were heavily advertised — had been around just long enough to create serious needs for a better road system, if for no other reason than to better accommodate buggies and cars on the same roadway. Currell had gotten his first car in 1914, just out of high school, and remembers well that the horse end of the horse and buggy was easily frightened. “When you met a buggy you didn’t know what was going to happen,” he said. He also recalls having to turn the car around in order to get up a hill, and back it up, since reverse offered more power. And, given what cars do to dirt roads (and, what the weather does to them after that), paving the highways and byways became increasingly important.

Roads weren’t the only big issue. Still, a considerable amount of news in the Rappahannock Record each week came from local correspondents writing about their neighborhoods, along the lines of this December 10, 1919 item: “We understand that a good friend of Emory Currell mistook his muscovy duck for a wild one during the past week and as a result crept down on him as it was swimming in the creek and wounded the bird severely.”

For a couple of years after his return home, Currell was the principal of the school at Weems which he had attended as a boy. Following that he moved ‘up the county’ and for a few more years was principal of Litwalton High School. Later, in 1928, a year after he had left the educational field, he served as acting superintendent of schools from before graduation that spring until school commenced again in the fall. One of the certificates of graduation he signed in that position was for a young man who had also been one of his pupils. Gilliam Lewis would share much of Emory Currell’s next six decades, back home at the Record.



Emory Currell continued to edit news copy well into his 90s.



Fellow newspaper owner and U.S. Senator Harry F. Byrd greets Mr. Currell during a visit to Kilmarnock.

Through highs and lows, time and the Record travel on

by Audrey Thomasson

Information in the following article was gathered from John Wilson’s book, *Virginia’s Northern Neck: A Pictorial History*; Carolyn Jett’s history book, *Lancaster County Virginia: Where the River meets the Bay*; James E.C. Norris, M.D.’s book, *Fight on My Soul*; the *Rappahannock Record*, museum records and the long memories of residents whose families settled here generations ago.

Over a century, the Rappahannock Record and the Northern Neck have gone through some significant changes. Technology has changed the face of the newspaper and added many conveniences to our lives. Virginia’s segregation laws were struck down, the economy began to rely more on tourism than agriculture and seafood and the automobile opened doors to the world.

At the same time, some of the charm of living in a rural community faded over the years.

“There used to be a lot more for kids to do around here like movie theaters, drive-in theater and skating rinks,” said Robert Booth, whose family has operated W.F. Booth and Son on Main Street in Kilmarnock for four generations. Of course, there used to be a lot more children around, too, he added.

The Record made its debut in the romantic era of steamboats running up and down our rivers. The nation was on the cusp of an industry that would transform our way of living—the automobile—with Henry Ford introducing the Model T just eight years earlier. But on the Northern Neck, most folks still traveled by steamboat to places like Baltimore for shopping. There were floating banks and a floating theater. Residents used the family skiff to cross the creek to visit friends or go on dates.

In a 2007 interview with a former Kilmarnock mayor and onetime ad salesman for the Record, the late Brainard Edmonds reminisced about the floating theater.

“My parents took me aboard Capt. Jim Adams’ Floating Theater...to see the play ‘The Sweetest Girl in Dixie’,” he said. He recalled that Edna Ferber spent a week researching her book, *Show Boat*, on board the theatrical barge in 1926.

The steamboats brought vacationers who discovered the area’s natural beauty along miles of shoreline. They stayed at beachfront accommodations and enjoyed the many activities of small town living, much as they do today.

In 1916, William and Grace Culver purchased the site of an abandoned menhaden factory and steamboat wharf on White Stone Beach. They converted it into a dance pavilion, built a restaurant and added a number of cottages for summer guests. They revived the old hotel on the hill overlooking the beach and booked big-named bands for the dance pavilion, making White Stone Beach the focal point of seasonal recreational activities for the area through the 1960s.

“I went every Saturday night,” said Booth of his young adult life in the 60s. “The restau-

rant had the best seafood. The dance pavilion started up about 8 o’clock to midnight. Then we’d go to (William) Crosbys (on Route 3 between White Stone and Kilmarnock) for fried chicken. He didn’t open until 9 p.m. and stayed open ‘till sunrise.”

A bit down river on Mosquito Point, another popular dance hall was rocking well into the early morning hours for young black couples, according to Frank and Geraldine Galloway. On the same cove of the Rappahannock River as the pavilion, that little corner of the Northern Neck was filled with loud and lively music.

In 1916, the Rappahannock Record started up in the same building it is in today—27 North Main Street, Kilmarnock.

“The Record production was in the back on the first floor and there were apartments above,” Booth recalled of the 1950s. “Mr. Currell’s office was in the front, right room. He was often asleep with his back to the door. He didn’t like anyone waking him up.”

Booth’s grandfather rented a space in the building. “My grandparents didn’t get along. So my grandfather (W.F. Booth) rented space across from Mr. Currell’s office for a second-hand mercantile shop, while my grandmother (Cloe) ran the furniture store across the street.”

Fire of ’17

Eight months into the Record’s production, events played out that may have changed the course of history, not just for the newspaper, but for the lower Northern Neck’s commercial center as well.

In those days, Irvington was the center of commerce. There was an ice cream parlor, roller-skating rink, opera house, power plant and canning, bottling, fish and shirt factories.

Irvington wharf was a primary stop for steamboats, making it the logical spot for agriculture and seafood products going out and supplies coming in. The area’s abundant crops of fresh and canned tomatoes as well as local oysters, crabs and other seafood were shipped from the wharf to markets all along the eastern seaboard.

On Monday, June 18, 1917, all of that changed.

A fire broke out in the untended engine room of the power plant on Steamboat Road. In just two hours the flames took down the offices of the Record’s competitor and the state’s largest newspaper, the *Virginia Citizen*, along with eight other businesses close to the wharf. Lost to the flames were Lancaster National Bank, several medical offices, Gunby’s store, the Opera House and the post office. Since men were at work, it was the women who formed the bucket brigade and eventually put out the fire, saving several businesses and homes.

But the *Citizen* stopped publishing and the commercial center shifted to Kilmarnock.

1920s prosperity

In 1920, passage of the 19th amendment gave women the right to vote. The automobile was bringing new freedom as well, and women shed their corsets, raised their hemlines and bobbed their hair. They began moving into business, not just as secretaries, but opening shops such as Mary Kirson with Kirson’s



Young boys race a steamboat on the river. Courtesy of the Steamboat Era Museum



The James Adams Floating Theater, launched in 1914, brought stage productions to communities around the bay. Courtesy of the Steamboat Era Museum

Department Store in Kilmarnock and Heaths-ville. Bold women like Helen Flowers Davis took over her family’s business, The Planing Mill, while Bertha Norris Bonner opened the first florist shop in Kilmarnock.

In the decade before the stock market crash, the local economy thrived. Some 30 local corporations were chartered, including five automobile companies, several new banks, the Kilmarnock Candy Company, Kilmarnock Theatre Corporation, several construction companies, a variety of seafood, general merchandise, retail and clothing stores as well as an entertainment business that provided movies, vaudeville, poolroom, bowling alleys and soda fountains.

Ferry service was the only way across the lower Rappahannock River. If you missed the last ferry of the evening, you had to drive to Tappahannock/Warsaw to cross on a two-vehicle platform towed by a boat before the Downing Bridge was built in 1927.

While big cities were glowing from Thomas Edison’s invention of the incandescent light bulb and power utilities, electricity was slow to come to the Northern Neck. Without power, there was no air conditioning or fans. People headed to the beach for relief.

Camp meetings were popular, like the 10-day religious revival camp on the beach at Wharton Grove in Weems. Wharton’s camps ended in 1927, after the death of H. M. Wharton. Camp meetings also fell victim to better transportation and bigger churches with more church sponsored events, eliminating the need for revival-type meetings.

Storm of ’33

The 1930s provided a great many changes

for the Northern Neck. The hurricane that hit in August 1933 was called the Storm of ’33. It destroyed all of the wharfs and put the steamboats out of business. Automobiles and trucking evolved as the main form of transporting people and goods.

New federal programs designed to end the Depression brought some positive changes. The first electrical lines for rural areas were approved in 1935 under President Franklin Roosevelt, and by spring of 1938, 140 miles of power lines began lighting up the Northern Neck.

If you weren’t a waterman, and even if you were, farming seemed to be a part of most people’s lives.

Dr. Morgan E. Norris was the area’s only black doctor. He was also into farming, according to his son, Dr. James E.C. Norris.

“My dad believed that boys should work. He had a farm and he also farmed other people’s land,” said Dr. James Norris, who was out there farming with his dad.

It was a time when farm families pulled together to help each other out. Men went from farm to farm to help each other harvest the crop. Corn-husking parties were one way everyone celebrated a good crop.

By the 1930s, citizens recognized the value of tourism to the economy and increased events and accommodations to attract visitors. Irvington Beach Hotel and White Stone Beach hotel accommodated 105 and 80, respectively, while Wharton Grove Hotel took in another 50 guests. The overflow found rooms in private residences.

A popular attraction for residents was Kilmarnock’s Fairfax Theatre (now the Sports Centre) where folks could enjoy a movie or the



Depending on the size of the vessel, steamboats could have 12 to 50 crew members. Jobs included captain, clerks, pilots, engineers, boatswain mates, stewards, cooks, barkeepers, barbers, waiters, firemen and deckhands. Courtesy of the Steamboat Era Museum

Wharton Grove

Among the favorite events in Lancaster County of 100 years ago or so, were the annual Wharton Grove camp revival meetings. Begun in 1893 and continuing until 1927, they attracted people to Weems from all over the Chesapeake Bay area. Some came for religious purposes, others for social ones. The founder’s son, James Wharton, wrote years after Wharton Grove’s closing that “It was carnival time laced with sermons, hymns and good old time gospel fellowship.” As many as 10,000 people attended the meetings each year, many arriving by water to tie up at Wharton Grove’s quarter-mile pier on the Rappahannock River.



The tree-shaded cottages at Wharton Grove.9



Gathering for the Wharton Grove Camp Meeting, pictured from the steamer Mobjack.

occasional live performance up until it closed in 1989. African-Americans were not admitted until the 1960s, so many went to White Stone’s movie house where they could watch from the balcony.

“Movies ran two nights,” said Booth of Fairfax. “If you paid for the first night, you got in free the second night.” There was also a drawing for a cash prize. But you had to be there if your name was drawn. Otherwise, you couldn’t collect. Several local businessmen contributed to the theater to keep it open for the community, he added.

1940s

World War II dominated much of the 1940s, with young adults going off to war while those at home dealt with food rationing. But they also became part of the effort to salvage things that could be used to make explosives. A grease collecting can became a staple in

every kitchen. Also collected, tin cans, aluminum foil—anything metal was flattened and saved for the metal collector. In July 1942, the Record reported that local citizens had collected 63 tons of rubber.

Prior to the war, the Northern Neck had begun to decline as a farming community. In 1940, farming was no longer the principal occupation of local citizens. There were only 700 farm dwellings in Lancaster and 1,183 in Northumberland. About 80% lacked running water while 86% had no bathtub or shower; 90% had no telephone; 43% no radio or automobile; and 74% were still without electricity.

The area had fallen behind the rest of the country in terms of progress and conveniences. There were pockets of extreme poverty. The area had one of the highest infant mortality rates in the state. In Lancaster, the number of tomato canneries went from over 50 prior to the war, down to 15 soon after, with only three remaining by the 1970s as the industry shifted to California’s fertile soil.

One bright spot of the decade was the addition of The Tides Inn resort on Carters Creek, which brought fame and more vacationers to the area, creating some much needed jobs.

Fire of ‘52

At about 2 a.m. on Saint Patrick’s Day, 1952, the Hazel Building on Main Street caught fire. Gale-force winds raging outside fanned the flames which jumped the street when one side of the building fell away onto Main Street, igniting several shops across the way.

“The buildings on the east side shared one common attic and roof,” said Booth. All the buildings on the east side of the street from Church Street north caught fire. “All the way to the grocery store next to our shop,” he added.

Lester Brent Jr., of Lester’s Barbershop in Kilmarnock, said he was a boy at the time and could see the fire from his bedroom window. “Guys played poker upstairs in the old hotel till late at night.” While the cause was never determined, Brent speculated it could have been started by a cigar left behind by one of the players.

Eleven businesses were destroyed. Flames were visible in Reedville and the fire’s glow could be seen from the Downing Bridge in Tappahannock. Volunteer fire departments all the way to Callao responded.

“We didn’t have a bridge then, so Middlesex couldn’t respond,” said Booth. After the fire, town officials decided to move all the burnt-out buildings on the east side of North Main Street 15 feet back, which was easy to do since most shops were destroyed. However, W.F. Booth’s furniture store had survived the fire.

“They used convicts to remove the front 15 feet of the store...and build another 15 feet onto the back,” said Booth.

The move not only straightened out Main Street, it also widened the roadway. With the town rebuilding, the Record, which was not damaged in the fire, added a brick facade to the building.

Another big event of the 50s, was the opening of the Robert O. Norris Jr. Memorial Bridge in 1957, linking Middlesex and Lancaster counties and further opening the door to new opportunities.

After-school job at the Record



Lester Brent chats with customer Peter Epp. Photo by Audrey Thomasson

At 12-years-old, Lester Brent Jr. was delivering newspapers. In high school, “Mr. Currell gave me a job at the Rappahannock Record. I worked after school. I ran the presses. Well, all but the linotype. Mr. Lewis wouldn’t let me run that.”

From 1951-54, Brent worked two hours in the afternoon on Mondays and eight and a half hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, staying until 11 p.m. to get the paper printed. “Thursday and Friday, we ran stationery and on Saturday we cleaned up,” he said.

“I was hired by Mr. Currell at \$15 a week. But during the summer I worked full time for the same amount as some of the others, \$35 a week.” He guesstimated circulation in those days at about 2,000. Brent’s other after-school jobs included lawn mowing, working at his father’s pool hall next door to the Record office, and at the gas station on weekends.

Civil rights and social changes

World War II, which had blacks and whites sacrificing their lives on the battlefields, brought an awareness to the injustice of segregation.

However, when the troops returned, segregation laws were still in effect, including separate schools for white and black children.

At one point, A.T. Wright High School for black students (1919-1959) was the only accredited high school in Lancaster County. Morgan E. Norris Graded School (1933-66) was built under the leadership of Dr. Morgan E. Norris, who also took out a personal loan to complete the school after the county school board refused to contribute the needed funding. The Record’s front page headline for September 13, 1928, read: “\$5000 drive now on for colored school.”

The late J. Allen Ball began his career in 1952 as teacher/principal of the two-room Merry Point School for African-American children. When asked in an interview if the school had running water, he replied, “Oh, yes. Every day I ran outside to the pump in the yard and then ran back in with the pail of water.”

While black schools may not have had running water, in many cases their teachers were more qualified than at white schools.

Dr. James Norris verified that during his school years, all the teachers at A.T. Wright and Norris elementary had college degrees.

Current Lancaster County supervisor Wally Beauchamp grew up at the same time in Callao. “My mother taught in Northumberland County schools for 41 years, but didn’t gradu-

ate from college. She did have a teaching certificate,” he explained. “None of my teachers from first through the seventh grade were college graduates.”

Once formed as one school division, Lancaster and Northumberland split during desegregation. They were the last two districts to integrate in Virginia, becoming fully integrated in January 1970.

Current Lancaster County supervisor and board chairman William Lee remembers attending Lancaster High in 1968 and 1969 under partial integration, when only a few black students were allowed to enroll. After attending Norris Elementary and Brookvale High School, he was one of the students assigned to Lancaster High for his junior and senior years.

“Nobody gave me any trouble. There weren’t that many black students at Lancaster under that system,” Lee noted.

Prosperity returns

The 1970s and 1980s brought prosperity back to the area when waterfront property prices began escalating. Land valued at \$360 in 1956 jumped to \$40,200 in 1983 and \$130,200 by the year 2000. The population grew and so did income, with Lancaster County ranked the 11th highest county in the nation in terms of dividend income in 1999.

Facilities for an aging community began cropping up. The addition of Bon Secours/Rappahannock General Hospital in the mid-1970s and several retirement facilities, established the area as the place for retirees to live out their golden years.

About the same time, tourism was growing and retirees were moving in; the dance halls, movie theaters, drive-ins and skating rinks vanished.

Those features have been replaced with all the amenities that Belle Isle State Park has to offer, plus area festivals, parades, farmers’ markets, and a variety of entertainment venues. The annual Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department’s Firemen’s Festival continues to draw folks for 9 days every summer.

While area museums satisfy visitors’ nostalgia for the good ol’ days, evolving tourism trails focus on wine, oysters, cycling, boating, antiques and shopping.

The newspaper industry has seen many publications fold since the emergence of the internet and social media. But through all the changes, good and bad, linotype to digital, newsprint to smart phone, citizens have continued to rely on the Rappahannock Record for accurate reporting of community news, in print and on the web.

“I love the paper, the staff,” said Beauchamp. “It’s great to walk in the office and hear ‘Hey, Wally, how are you?’ I send the paper to friends and potential property buyers and they all say, ‘This is a wonderful, rural, hometown paper.’”

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2 cans Just Suits Wisconsin Peas	23c
Pounda Coffee 19c	Gunston Hall Coffee 32c
3 cans PHILLIPS MARYLAND Peas	25c
3 Just Suits Lima Beans	25c
RED SEAL LYE	10c
Crystal Wedding Oatmeal	23c
FAIRFAX HALL 220-oz pkgs 15c	55-oz pkg 15c
Rapahanoc Flour 12-lb 27c	Self-Rising Flour 31c

Sugar 5 lb 23c

2 lb Compound LARD	15c
2 lb White Beans	10c
2 8-oz jars F. H. Mayonnaise	23c
Just Suits Sausage Meat lge can	19c
Just Suits Cal. Peaches lge can	15c
3 cans Tall Brand Corn	23c
3 cans Mixed Veg. for Soup	25c
SLICED or CRUSHED Pineapple	2 No. 2 cans for 25c 1 No. 2 1/2 can for 15c
3 cans Kingan's Vienna Sausage	25c
3 pkg Fairfax Hall Salt	10c

R. M. SANDERS, White Stone
A. NOBLETT, Kilmarnock
A. E. HAYDON, Irvington
G. E. DUNTON, Jr., White Stone
PEARSON & BITTNER, Weems.

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H. E. DUNAWAY, Ottoman
C. H. DOGGETT, Nuttville
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Grocery shopping ad from the April 14, 1932, Rappahannock Record:
Ads for groceries included the following items for the nine Nation-Wide stores operated by R.M. Sanders and G.R. Dunton Jr., White Stone; A.E. Haydon, Irvington; A. Noblett, Kilmarnock; H.U. Dunaway, Lively; H.E. Dunaway, Ottoman; C. H. Doggett, Nuttville; J.L. Cornwell, Lancaster; and Pearson & Bittner, Weems.

The Afro-American Fair

After the Virginia General Assembly passed the Massenberg Act in March, 1926, “requiring the separation of the white and colored persons at...places of public entertainment and public assemblages,” local physician, Dr. Morgan Norris, gathered a group of black leaders and organized the Afro-American Fair on property at Route 3 and Pinckardsville Road.

The fair continued for three days every fall from 1927-59. People filled the grandstand to watch harness racing, pig chases, foot races, potato races, shooting matches, mule races, merchant exhibits, crafts, cooking and canning with awards for all the winners. There was also an education day.

“I remember it was always really crowded,” said Dr. Norris’s son, Dr. James E.C. Norris. Young Norris especially enjoyed the merry-go-round and other rides. “It was a marvelous event. We looked forward to it every year.”

Joe Curry remembered the year the elder Dr. Norris was upset with the condition of the track for harness racing. “No one had dragged the track,” said Curry. “We got a hold of Sweet Potato Butler, who worked for the highway department, and he dragged that track with highway equipment. We’d probably go to jail if we did that today.”



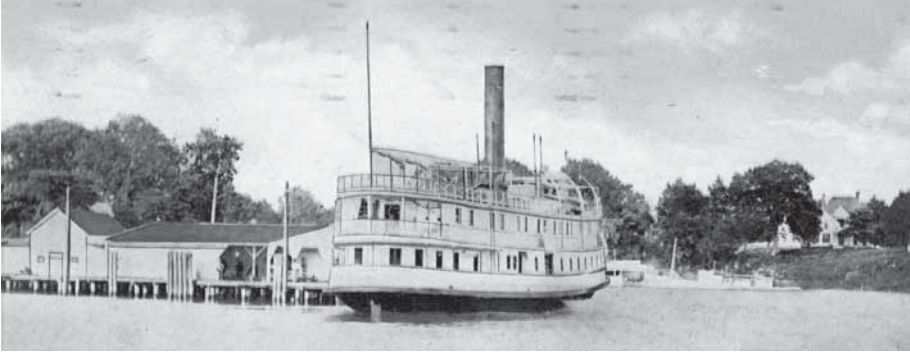
This Afro-American Fair advertisement appeared in a 1959 edition of the Rappahannock Record.



Lou Baker, a familiar sight in Kilmarnock until he was struck by a car and killed in 1980.



Ferry boats in Irvington, circa 1930.



Steamboat Potomac at Irvington dock.



James Wharton, son of the Wharton Grove founder, entertains on the piano.



The R.H. Chilton car dealership on Main Street, Kilmarnock, ca 1910.

Seafood and agriculture make the news

by Madison White Franks

The Rappahannock Record debuted in 1916 during the pinnacle point of the seafood and agriculture industry.

Throughout the years, the seafood and agriculture industries have changed due to modern advancements, but sadly, the industries are not as popular as they once were; new jobs came into town and interest went elsewhere.

However, like the Record, many seafood houses and farms have passed through the family from generation to generation.

People of the Northern Neck have also seen a great deal of change with the area's infrastructure and daily living in the time span of a century.

Seafood

The seafood industry has always been a significant contributor to the economy in the Northern Neck.

Former editor of the Rappahannock Record John Wilson wrote in his book Virginia's Northern Neck: A Pictorial History, that "the age-old oystering, crabbing, and fishing industries are as vital now as they have been for centuries."

Reedville became the center for the menhaden industry. The Morris Fish Factory was one of the first in the area to process the small bony

fish into fertilizer, oil, and meal for poultry.

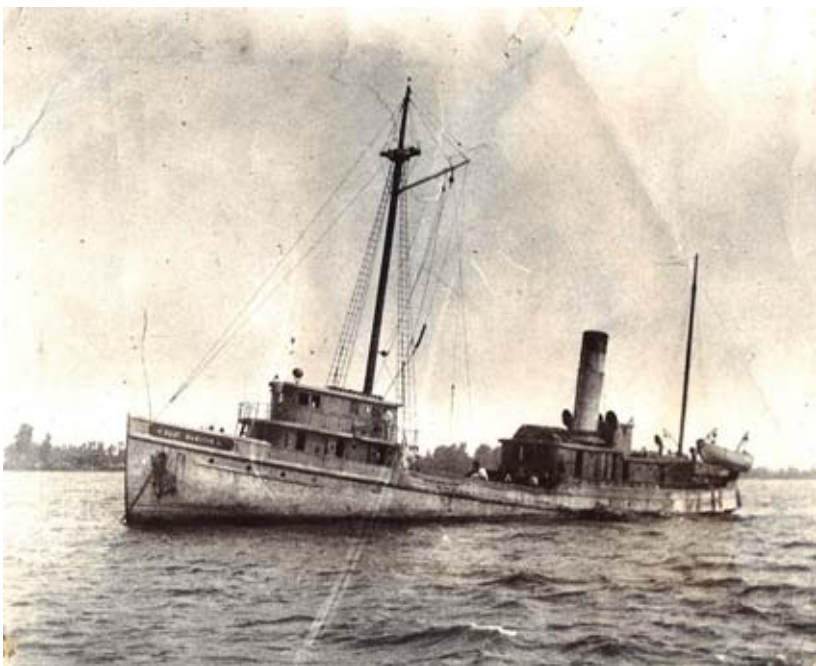
"The way of catching the menhaden has changed, improved, and has been modified. It is more efficient now," said Wendell Haynie who was in the industry for 18 years. "The most innovative invention in the industry was the spotter planes. The nets have changed, the purse boats changed, everything has gotten bigger and better. It has been a big change but it was sort of a gradual change than what it was one-hundred years ago and the scope of the industry has changed. It used to be thousands of people working with menhaden but now it's only a few hundred."

"There is only one fish factory in existence now and that is 103 years old and that's Omega right here," said Donald George.

"I think 1912 was the heyday for menhaden fishing — big houses, big boats, and automobiles being bought. At one time there were 18 factories on this creek [in Reedville]," said George.

Haynie indicated the industry now is more environmentally friendly than it used to be due to the modern advancement in technology.

"There's always someone making money from working on the water but it's not as many as it used to be,"



The East Hampton was part of the local menhaden fleet in the 1920s. Courtesy of the Reedville Fishermen's Museum

said Haynie.

The oystering industry has not been as successful as it seems to be today. As indicated in Carolyn Jett's book Lancaster County Virginia: Where the River meets the Bay, in the 20th century, oyster populations varied from decade to decade.

In 1959, more than a million bushels of Chesapeake Bay oysters died within a few months time due to a parasite-borne disease known as MSX.

"Oystermen were hard-hit by this disaster. Throughout the Chesapeake Bay area, the catch in 1960 was nine million pounds less than the average catch in the previous 10 years, and totaled only 41% of the catch in 1908," Jett wrote.

Tommy Kellum of W.E. Kellum Seafood in Weems indicated that when his grandfather, Ellery, and his uncle Joe ventured into the oyster business, they collected scrap iron from menhaden boats and took it to Richmond to get it turned into materials for the new oyster plant.

"My grandmother RubINETTE also deserves a lot of credit for being right

with them when they began the business on the administrative and financial side of things," said T. Kellum.

He also indicated that the regulatory side of the industry is the most difficult hurdle.

"In the 1990s, the Northern Neck oyster industry was decimated, leaving only a few plants," said T. Kellum.

In a Rappahannock Record article dated January 22, 1925, "one oyster in a shipment from Irvington to Baltimore caught the attention of the one who received it. The oyster measured eight inches in length, and was six inches wide. It weighed over four pounds, and when shucked, the meat weighed more than a pound."

In November 2015, VAOyster-Country.com conducted a contest to find the region's largest oyster. Commercial waterman John Balderson of Mathews brought in a 11.25-inch oyster.

Within the crabbing industry, the way crabs are caught has changed. Before crabpots were invented in Northumberland by Benjamin Franklin Lewis in 1928, shellfish trotlines were used. Wilson writes "today's

designs vary with people who make them but they all look the same, made and braced with wire and preserved from rusting with the placement of zinc bar inside them. Crabs today are harvested either by pots, by crab pound nets, by hand or dipnet and by toothless, lightweight scrapes in some areas."

Agriculture

During the decade that the Record was established, the industry was viewed as the golden age for American agriculture. With more money in their pockets, farmers were able to purchase farm equipment, making their farms more productive and efficient.

The Northern Neck had many farms in the early 1900s. Statistics show that in Lancaster there were an estimated 700 farms in 1940 and in 2007, it had dwindled to only 64 farms. Also, in Northumberland there were an estimated 1,183 farms in 1940 and in 2007, there were only 129.

Around the 1950s, the prominent agricultural crops were corn, wheat, and tomatoes. Today, corn, wheat, and soybeans are the prominent crops. Farmers in the area have also experimented with cotton and canola.

"Farming has changed since I was a little girl and it has changed since my daddy. My daddy raised tomatoes in the fields where I raised my children. It has come a long way. My dad used horse and buggy and had an old tractor," said the late Luther Welch's wife, Margaret Welch.

Mrs. Welch indicated that she doesn't care for the modern advancements in farming because it's too scientific.

"There are many more governmental regulations than there were in the past. My dad farmed for the love of the land," said Luther Welch's daughter, Sylvia Saunders.

Luther Welch seemed to welcome changes in the agriculture world.

"Too many people have the idea that they should follow the way their father and grandfather farmed, but we are living in a changing world," Welch said in an article by Mark Moore in the No-Till publication.



This circa 1959 photo shows a Northumberland County harvest operation. Photo from the Rappahannock Record files

Norris Bridge helps pave way to prosperity

by Madison White Franks

Perhaps the greatest contributor to the economy of the lower Northern Neck over the past 100 years is the Robert O. Norris Jr. Memorial Bridge.

When the Record began, the modern convenience of a bridge across the lower Rappahannock River did not exist. Steamboat ferry service linked Lancaster and Middlesex counties.

According to an article by Ammon Dunton Jr. that was featured in the Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Society Magazine in 2007, ferry service continued until a storm demolished steamboat wharves in 1933, which led to the end of the steamboat era on the Rappahannock.

Before the collapse of the steamboat industry, a private ferry system was established by Harry L. Garrett between Irvington and Locklies Creek. In a history compiled by his great-grandsons, Garrett said the service was initially offered three times daily (8 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 4 p.m.) and took an hour each way. The ferry had a maximum capacity of eight cars or four trucks.

Garrett later operated a ferry from Irvington to Urbanna in addition to his Locklies Creek run.

By the mid 1930s, the Virginia highway department began planning a new crossing from Grey's Point to White Stone and two smaller ferries were replaced by larger ferries, the Virginia and the York. The Virginia had a capacity of 30 cars, and the York, which was a backup ferry, could carry 24.

In the 1940s, Floyd E. Milby of Saluda was an engineer for the state. "I remember that daddy would get a call about the ferry telling him that it could no longer run because of dangerous weather conditions. He would have to go put signs up notify-

ing the public that it wasn't in operation due to weather. I even remember riding with him," said Milby's daughter, Joyce Green Reisinger of Tappahannock.

As the ferry service came to an end, the vessels carried an average of 827 cars per day. In 1957, the Robert O. Norris Jr. Memorial Bridge opened. The bridge was a product of much determination with the formation of the Lower Rappahannock Bridge Association, organized in 1938. The Association was sponsored by the Town Council of Kilmarnock, the White Stone Businessmen's Association, the Kilmarnock Chamber of Commerce, and the Kilmarnock/Irvington/White Stone Rotary Club as well as prominent citizens of Lancaster and Northumberland counties.

The bridge's namesake, Senator Robert O. Norris Jr., resided in Lively and played a monumental role in the effort to plan and construct the bridge.

The day after its grand opening on August 30, 1957, a toll of 75 cents per car (one way) was put into place, the equivalent of \$8 today.

Approximately 1,000 cars crossed the bridge daily in 1957 but traffic has since increased to over 11,000 vehicles per day.

James Raynor Dunton, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. G.R. Dunton III of Wilmington, Delaware, and grandson of Mrs. Dunton and the late G. Raynor Dunton of White Stone, gets set to cut the ribbon on the Lancaster County side of the new Rappahannock River bridge. Held by his father, the young child is being closely watched by his mother and Governor Thomas B. Stanley. Photo by Bill Haislip



The ferry Virginia makes a Rappahannock River run prior to the opening of the Robert O. Norris Jr. Memorial Bridge.



This recent photo shows a workboat heading under the Robert O. Norris Jr. Memorial Bridge. Photo by Lisa Carol Rose

Record archives back to 1925 are now online

The Rappahannock Record has a lot for which to be thankful after surviving for 100 years, but one of the most exciting milestones is this: In 2016, every copy of the newspaper printed since 1925 is now accessible to anyone with an internet connection*.

Researchers have been coming to the Rappahannock Record office for years to pour through the bound volumes of our weekly paper. Many of the papers were getting brittle, so we searched and found a source several years ago where we could purchase some of the past issues on microfilm. Along with the annual bound volumes, we began ordering a microfilm version each year.

For the very oldest issues, however, microfilm was not available.

Enter the Virginia Newspaper Project at the Library of Virginia in Richmond, described below by its director, Errol Somay. In the 1990s, the library began searching throughout the state for old newspapers to be microfilmed, and found the Record's.

Our old, fragile bound volumes from 1925 to 1949 were

sent to Richmond, the binding cut off, and each page scanned to be put on microfilm. When that project was completed we, and the state library, held a complete microfilm version of the paper from 1925 to the present.

We bought a cantankerous microfilm viewer that never was suitable, and kept searching for a viewer/printer that was affordable for very infrequent use.

Now, the library has once again come to our aid by digitizing all that microfilm into online images available through a database known as the Virginia Chronicle. The Record and many other Virginia newspapers, including our sister paper, the Southside Sentinel in Urbanna, can be found there. Go to virginiachronicle.com, click on Titles to see the papers available, and thank Errol Somay, the Library of Virginia, and those who provided grants to preserve the unique historical perspective found in community newspapers.

* The Virginia Chronicle displays black and white images of the Record from 1925 to 2007. Through the Record's e-Edition, which requires a subscription, full color pdf pages from October 2003 to the present are available.



Fred Gaskins (right), publisher of the Rappahannock Record, thanks Errol Somay, director of the Virginia Newspaper Project at the Virginia State Library, for his efforts to get microfilm copies of the Record back to 1925 digitized for online viewing. All of the Record's bound volumes visible in the background can now be viewed on computers and devices such as the iPad Gaskins is holding.

Virginia Newspaper Project: Preserving our weekly history

by Errol Somay

Since 1736, with the publication of the first Virginia newspaper, the Virginia Gazette, newspapers have recorded both the dramatic and mundane events of everyday life.

Newspapers have served as windows for citizens to bear witness to personal tragedies, far flung wars, and innumerable events that contribute to the larger story that shapes a community, a state, a nation.

In order to preserve and ensure free access to the invaluable legacy of the printed medium, the Virginia Newspaper Project (VNP) formally began in late 1993 as a cataloging and micro-filming project. Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Virginia, the Project over the years visited every county and independent city in search of newspapers.

After cataloging over 7,000 U.S titles, including about 3,800 Virginia titles, and after microfilming over 1.5 million pages, the Project moved toward digitizing newspapers. This important initiative began in 2005 and the Library of Virginia was one of the six original participants in the National Digital Newspaper

Program, also funded by NEH. The project focused attention on historical newspapers, titles published before 1923.

In recent years, the Library of Virginia developed Virginia Chronicle (<http://virginiachronicle.com>), a database of Virginia - and some West Virginia - imprint newspapers. To-date, the database holds over 800,000 pages and 102,500 issues.

With funding from LSTA (Library Services and Technical Act, a federal program that supports libraries), and continued support from the Library of Virginia, the Newspaper Project has worked to digitize current newspapers such as the Rappahannock Record, the Southside Sentinel, the Recorder (Monterey), and the Virginia Farm Bureau News. This is an exciting development as it has allowed the Newspaper Project to add issues that reach into the new millennium!

We plan on adding more current newspapers in the next few months, so stay tuned.

A rewarding consequence of working on Virginia Newspaper Project initiatives is that newspapers are easily accessed.

Patrons visit the Library to look at original and microfilmed newspapers and, of course, they use Virginia Chronicle, which receives over 650 visits a day.

With a few taps of the computer keyboard, Virginia Chronicle offers over 800,000 pages of a wide array of newspapers. Along with the classic "papers of record," such as the Richmond Dispatch and the Alexandria Gazette, you can also search a varied list of titles including The Jewish South, the Labor Herald, and the Soldier's Journal, which was published by a woman, Amy Bradley, during the Civil War. There are titles with intriguing names such as the Christian Observer, the Genius of Liberty and the Richmond Planet, an African American newspaper published in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, whose publisher, John Mitchell Jr., was so daring, dynamic and forward thinking that he seems to be a work of fiction.

The Library of Virginia and the Newspaper Project invite you to read all about it by visiting Virginia Chronicle.

Errol Somay is director of the Virginia Newspaper Project at the Library of Virginia in Richmond.

Mailing your paper: Wednesday night teamwork is important



Whether the presses are running smoothly or suffer a major breakdown that pushes their work hours late into the evening, this Wednesday night mailroom crew is an important part of the Rappahannock Record. Clockwise from left they are Sylvia Jones, Robert Pittman, Diane Owens, Rodney Ball, Carl Lapasky, Mark Wiseman, Avis Ball and Elsie Ball. The papers normally arrive between 6 and 8 p.m. on a truck from Fredericksburg and the crew spends the next three hours addressing about 4,000 of them for post offices near and far and delivering another 2,000 to area stores and other newsstands. Through rain, snow and extreme dark of night they have never missed having your paper at the post office by Thursday morning.



Mailroom foreman Mark Wiseman, a veteran of 10 years at the Record, uses a tying machine to secure a bundle of papers for mailing. The mail bag era ended a few years ago and now the papers are mailed in plastic tubs on which the lids are also secured with the tying machine.



Circulation manager Michelle Smith checks delivery labels on the newspaper mailing tubs. Last year she succeeded Anna Ticer, who handled subscriptions and mailing at the Record for 26 years.

Photos by Robert Mason Jr.

Carl Laspasky (right) unloads a pallet of papers destined for area newsstands. He and Rodney Ball move the first papers out of the truck into their vans for delivery to local stores as soon as possible. Later, Ball takes all of the papers for our Northumberland County subscribers to the Warsaw post office in order to meet an eastbound mail truck Thursday morning. Lapasky also delivers The Rivah Visitor's Guide throughout most of the Northern Neck.



Notable pages through the years, and community memories

November 4, 1926

Local Mention

Cold weather is upon us; have you laid in your supply of warm clothes? Don't wait until the last minute, make your selection now while there is plenty of time and before our large stock has been picked over. HAZEL DEPARTMENT STORE.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Chilton, Jr., and the lady's mother, Mrs. J. B. Cralle have returned from a ten-day trip through West Virginia at which time the visited Dr. and Mrs. Henderson at Montgomery, W. Va.

Mr. T. G. Foster, progressive business man of Millenbeck, has purchased from the Pruet Motor Co., a Studebaker sedan.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Keane are now making their home with his mother, Mrs. C. L. Keane, at Ditchley.

Col. T. J. Downing was in town Tuesday morning.

Ladies of the Kilmarnock School League are very busy making arrangements for the supper and bazaar that will take place in the school auditorium on Thursday, November 18. See ad next week and be sure to keep this date open.

Large selection 54 inch Flannel, Casha, Broadcloth and Pique, in the latest shades. Prices \$2.95 to \$3.45 per yard.—FEDDER DEPARTMENT STORE.

Miss Fannie Robinson, Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society, M. E. Church, of the Rappahannock District, will speak at a meeting to be held here the third Sunday in November. Public is cordially invited.

The Record is going to press a day earlier than usual this week in order to permit the Record force to attend the fair on Thursday which is our regular press day.

Mr. C. T. Slaughter of Moratice was a very pleasant caller at the Record office Monday.

County Agents Chase and Hubbard were pleasant callers at the Record office Monday.

The Kilmarnock Gun Club held a shoot at the Fair Grounds Monday.

County Clerk O. B. Chilton was in town today.

We are sorry to report the following Kilmarnock folks on the sick list at this time: Mrs. W. E. Smith, Mrs. Ernest McKenney and Mr. C. F. Carter.

Mr. W. C. Thompson was a pleasant caller at the Record office Wednesday. Randolph-Macon Glee Club will be at White Stone, M. E. Church on November 12. Admission 50 and 35 cents. Public cordially invited.

White Stone M. E. Church services Sunday November 7, at 3:00 o'clock. The pastor will preach from the text "The One Thing I Do."

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White Stone Theatre, Nov. 5-6—Corinne Griffith in "Love's Wilderness." Nov. 12-13, Rex Bench's Klondyke thriller, "The Winds of Chance" with Anna Q. Nilsson, Ben Lyon and Viola Dana.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Cockrell and Mrs. N. L. Bonner spent Sunday with Mrs. W. E. Smith.

Several from here attended the Ministers' and Laymen's Meeting at Lebanon Baptist Church Sunday.

Mrs. R. O. Norris, Jr., spent Saturday night with Mrs. L. D. Cottingham.

Rev. and Mrs. Owen and family left Friday for their new home near Suffolk.

Mrs. Sargeant Brent entertained Rev. and Mrs. Liedfort Friday and Saturday.

Mr. James Wharton of Baltimore is visiting friends here.

Mrs. R. O. Norris, Jr., was guest Sunday of Mrs. Garnett Claybrook.

Miss Flora Etta Norris motored from Fredericksburg Saturday and spent the week-end at her parental home here.

Miss Josephine Smith spent the week-end with Miss Elora Haymie.

Mrs. T. W. Bonner has entered the Vance contest. Mr. Vance has offered to the one who sells the largest number of books by December 15 a Chevrolet coach. Books on sale at the Record office. Mrs. Bonner is working hard to win the car and we hope she will be liberally patronized when seeking buyers for the books.

Supper and Bazaar

The Parsonage Aid Society of White Stone M. E. Church, will give a supper and bazaar on Friday and Saturday, November 12-13. Supper served both nights. Entertainment Friday night in high school building. Nov-11-x

LANCASTER CHAPTER, U. D. C.

Our local chapter of the U. D. C. will send to the general convention at Richmond (November 16th to 20th) the following delegates: Mrs. Poole, Mrs. F. B. Beane and Mrs. L. B. Cottingham. Alternates: Mrs. V. R. Chowning, Mrs. R. H. Chilton and Mrs. J. O. Dameron.

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PALMER

Mid-autumn and the sombre, melancholic days still linger with us. Yet, whose spirit is so thoroughly pervaded with the disconsolate emotions of gloom as to be able to find any interest in the wondrous mutations and transmutations that have eventuated over hill and dale, and especially the beautiful and incomparable changes that have been magically wrought by the mystic and unerring hand of inextinguishable nature upon the lovely foliage which adorns the various species of trees of our woodlands? Dame nature has about put the finishing touches upon our sylvan hills by majestically coloring the leaves with most every color and tint imaginable, from deep royal purple to the most delicate hue of finest spun gold. It's a joyous feast to our optics and assuasive balm to our wearied spirits to leisurely saunter through our beautiful woodlands and peacefully commune with enchanting nature so ravishly arrayed in her gown of lovely, inimitable hues, the beauty of which no artist's brush can portray on canvas.

Mrs. Johanna James was a pleasant caller, one day recently, on sister Carolina Treake.

Sister Bessie Thome of Akron, Ohio, who has been hunting big game in Africa, informs us that it requires three days and nights (steady bill) to make a pot of "Rhincerosus Tail" soup! Ole Bill Harrigan, who has to be everlastingly sticking his lip in everything he hears about, made the following comment: "Dod-gast me ole flickerin' snail, I wonder just why they promanaded to the posterior or rear-end of that pesky varmit to slice off something to make a pot o' soup out of?" Bill's locuquacity is his strong point.

Mrs. A. L. Treake has been quite sick the past week in the absence of Dr. Hubbard, Dr. H. Jeter Edmonds of Kilmarnock was in attendance.

About ten days ago Miss Adele James, while standing upon a machine rearranging a window curtain, had the misfortune to lose her equilibrium, resulting in her falling to the floor in a manner too precipitate to allow her adequate time to catch herself, in a way to partially break the force of her inevitable contact with the floor. Not experiencing much pain or trouble at the time of the occurrence, she paid little heed to the fall. But some days later she began to experience lacerating pains and subsequently her suffering became so intense that she was forced to call a doctor to mitigate her distress. Due to Dr. Hubbard being off viewing the "Sesqui" and talking politics on the side, Dr. Edmonds was in attendance. It causes our petto to become egregiously urgent with indignation to be able to announce that the young lady above alluded to is ameliorating quite expeditiously. Barring a setback, she'll be able to tackle that curtain again by Wednesday 9:45 antemeridian.

Mrs. Miller, super-excellent housekeeper extraordinary of Brother T. Arthur Treake, corner Wesley and Chesapeake avenue, made a flying trip to Norfolk the past week in the interest of business.

At Wichita, Kan., the school board ruled that the girls must either let down their skirts or roll up their stockings. All that school boards are good for is to meddle in matters that aren't any of their darn business, anyway. At Genoa, Neb., the school board posted a ruling in the high schools that all girls from the sixth grade up must wear skirts long enough to cover their pretty, cimplea knees, when walking or sitting. These school boards are getting rather uppish and a dafish. What's the use of a saccharine little piece of art, of a ravishing sweet maidenhood being the proud possessor of a beautiful pair of pink, dimpled knees, and then be deprived of her perfect right to put them on exhibition and display them in the most attractive manner to all those of the onery, low-down, masculine sex, who care to gaze and stare in ardent, fond and admiring admiration at same. What are pretty knees for, anyway, if not to attract and hold the courted attention of masterly masculinity? I pause for response! No, sirree! to hades with the school boards and morepower to pretty patellas of our lovable, lovely lasses. Of course, there are some knee-joints that the more they are draped and kept in perdu, the better for all concerned. In fact, anyone of feminine extraction caught openly displaying a hideous looking knee-joint, should be sentenced to a life-term in prison for insulting those who are ardent admirers of the aesthetic. It is to be borne in mind that the pretty, pink, dimpled knee of a real pretty, pink, dimpled dame, is a "Thing of Beauty and Joy Forever" to both the owner and those who fervently behold its magic and marvelous powers. It's a wonderful and important piece of necessary of the complex and exquisite feminine anatomy. We hope that the school board in this part of the jungle won't display their fatuity and extreme ineptitude by passing any drastic or insane rules prohibiting the attractive display and free show of those lower anatomical hinge joints, which so beautifully and dutifully perform their varied functions throughout all stages of existence here below. Now, little sweet things, if anything occurs that gives evidence of being disastrous to further display of your pretty, pink, dimpled whirl-bones, just call on your cousin Hezekiah, I'll defend you gratis and see that your inalienable rights are not usurped by any human hobo that pedestrians upon this terrane sphere.

On last Thursday afternoon, Sister Mary Buchan came down for a concise visitation and felicitous confabulation with Sister Carolina Treake, who was very much indisposed. Sister Treake's five-year-old grandson, Master Garner Schillenberg, being potentially obsessed with the inept idea that it was up to him to help entertain and furnish an unusual "thrill," went about it in a very energetic and unusual manner. The great, world-renowned Houdini, king of prestidigitation, Hegerdemain, thaumaturgy (accept either of those jaw twisters you may deem expedient) has nothing on little Garner. Sister Buchan had scarcely removed her new hat, and taken the second view of herself in the wee mirror of her vanity case, when Garner requested that she behold a lead balance-weight that he longed to Sister Treake's scales. The two ladies above-mentioned were ecstatically enjoying the usual gossip customarily indulged in by those of the

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fair sex and paid little heed to his puerile prattle. But Garner quickly and firmly decided that he would compel them to take notice. This, he accomplished by swallowing the balance-weight which, in circumference, was about the size of a quarter and four or five times its thickness. With his eyes bulging and watery and his Adam's apple appearing very pertuberant, he serenely informed them that he had swallowed something. To be brief, the Doctor was sent for but said nothing could be done for him; would have to wait further developments. That was last Thursday p. m.; it is now Monday p. m. and we are still awaiting development. The balance-weight still remains within his viscera, also three big bottles of that well-known physic, castor oil! As we previously stated, we are still awaiting results.

Amount expended the past year by simple James in "Kiss Proof Lipsicks," over eight million bucks. And, yet, we are still talking of how badly so many foreign countries are in exigent need of missionaries and the christian (?) enlightenment they can impart. Next week we'll give amount expended in other cussed cosmetics.

WHITE STONE

Mrs. W. L. Brent returned home Thursday from a week's visit with relatives at Charles Town, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Keefauver and little son of Norfolk spent the past week at the lady's parental home here.

Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Cruickshank, who have been spending a month or so at their son's home in Bristol, Tenn., returned home Monday night to the delight of their many friends.

Mr. B. H. Reeves has moved into his new barber shop and is ready to serve his former patrons.

Dr. and Mrs. B. H. B. Hubbard are spending the week in Baltimore and the Sesqui-Centennial before returning.

Dr. and Mrs. L. F. Carroll returned home Friday after a brief stay with Dr. Carroll's parents at Rocky Mt., N.C.

Mr. R. M. Sanders has purchased a sedan of Haynie Motor Co.

We are glad to see Mrs. J. W. Rew out again, after her previous illness.

Mr. Charles T. Miller was accidentally burned with acid Thursday while employed at Taft Fish Factory.

The White Stone baseball and basket ball teams played the Litwalton teams on the latter's diamond Friday; score in favor of Litwalton teams.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rew, Mrs. Chas. Miller and son and daughter, Charles and Delia, motored to Downings Bridge and Wakefield Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Self and children of Simonsons spent Sunday with the latter's brother, Mr. James H. Jenkins of this place.

Little Virginia Gregg is indisposed at this writing.

The ladies of the M. E. Church will hold their annual supper and bazaar on Friday and Saturday evenings, November 12 and 13, at the school auditorium.

PEGGY.

CORROTOMAN

Mr. Robert Keyser of Senora left for Baltimore, where he will be treated at one of the hospitals.

Mrs. Cornellee of Senora has returned to her home at Bertrand, after having spent a number of years at Williamsburg. Mrs. Cornellee has improved very much and is talking of going housekeeping.

The Ottoman school had a Halloween party Monday night.

Mr. Wilbur Davis has returned to his home at Ottoman after spending the past season in California playing ball.

A large number of friends and relatives gave Mrs. Burkett of Bertrand a surprise party Friday night.

Miss Mae Picklin of Millenbeck spent the past week-end with Miss Louise Walker of Bertrand.

Mrs. Susie Pittman of Baltimore and Miss Sadie Emerton of Washington are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stevens.

A large number of members of Corrotoman Church attended the meeting at Lebanon Sunday.

Communication

Editor Record—

Sir: Your Lancaster correspondent in his or her account of the auto accident I was in on the 26th of October has either ignorantly or wilfully misrepresented the facts.

It was stated that it was a head-on collision on a curve in the road, which is not true; it was not a head-on collision and neither is there a curve where the accident happened.

I left Lancaster for my home between 12 and 1 o'clock, and was travelling at a moderate speed on the right hand side of the State highway, when suddenly the Lynch car shot out from the abandoned road just this side of the village and struck my car almost at right angle against the hood and right front wheel.

This abandoned road, which for some time has been used by Mr. Lynch only, at the time of the accident was obscured from view to any one going out of Lancaster, by a thick hedge of aspens and wild honeysuckle, and I did not see the Lynch car until it was right on me. I shut off my car and put on my brakes, and when struck had nearly stopped. Had I not done so I would have been struck further back, and probably with worse results.

It has been said that it was an unavoidable accident, but it could easily have been avoided if the law had been carried out. It has also been stated that the young man blew his horn; but he should have stopped instead of blowing his horn.

Had he shut off the gas, put on his brakes and turned his car to the right, he would not have struck me. The law requires a person entering the state highway from a lane or by-road, to slack up at the entrance and be certain that there is no traffic near before entering the highway. Young Lynch should have been instructed in regard to this before being intrusted with driving a car.

The road is straight and smooth where the accident happened, and where three, or four cars can run abreast, and to say that a person had a head-on collision on such a road would indicate that he was either drunk or utterly reckless.

Your correspondent further seems to try to minimize the damage done by stating that I was slightly cut on one leg.

My leg was severely bruised and lacerated, and at this time, a week later, I am unable to walk on it and still confined to my room.

H. S. GRESHAM

PITTS' MOVING PICTURES

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Friday, November 5—William Fox presents "HAVOC," the great international stage success, with George O'Brien and a brilliant supporting cast. This is a stirring tale of warriors and women, but it is not entirely a war play. It's the love-torn souls of war-dazed women that cause havoc in the hearts of brave men. Short subjects added.

Saturday, November 6—Carl Laemmle presents Reginald Denny in "WHERE WAS I?"—a William Seitzer Production. From the story by Edgar Franklin. A Bachelor's Comedy of Terrors, with a Great Cast and a Thousand Laughs. Serial and Comedy added.

Thursday, November 11—"FIFTH AVENUE," with Margurite De LaMotte and Allan Forrest. Added comedy.

Friday, November 12—"THE CLASH OF WOLVES," with Rin-Tin-Tin and June Marlowe. The story of Lobo, the Wolf, who spread terror throughout the Southwest, and of the lovers who befriended him. A dramatic romance that will tear its way into every heart. Comedy added.

Saturday, November 13—Carl Lemmler presents a King Baggot Production, "THE HOME MAKER," with Alice Joyce and Clive Brook. From story by Dorothy Canfield. Serial and usual short subjects added.

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NORTHERN NECK FARMERS PICNIC

Hear Talk About Wheat Control Plan And Visit Lapedeza Fields; Lunch Is Served

On Thursday, August 17th, a hundred or more Northern Neck Farmers and their wives met at Mountain View Farm, the home of Mr. S. H. Robertson of Sampson's Wharf. The purpose of the meeting was to enjoy a picnic, listen to addresses on agricultural subjects, and to visit the Lapedeza fields of Mr. Robertson, which purpose was amply fulfilled.

Mr. Jas. H. Quisenberry, District Agent of Extension Work, told the farmers of the significance and importance of the Wheat Control Program now being put on by the Government. Mr. Quisenberry showed by charts how this country faces a mounting surplus of wheat which can neither be consumed in this country nor shipped abroad and which can only be reduced by curtailing the acreage planted to wheat. This Wheat Control Program therefore is put on to restore pre-war buying power to farmers and with it prosperity to the country.

C. W. Hubbard, County Agent of Sussex County and formerly County Agent of Northumberland County, told of the success of the Cotton Campaign in Sussex County and what it had meant to the cotton growers.

After an ample lunch, featured by the cutting of many large watermelons grown by W. H. Walker and others the crowd again heard Mr. Quisenberry on the value of Lapedeza as a hay, pasture and soil improving crop. Words however fail to convey the value of this crop as did the visit to the fields where Mr. Robertson is growing over forty acres in this crop. Mr. Robertson has fields of Korean, Kobe and Sericea, all of which show an excellent growth and which at the present would cut from one to three tons of excellent hay per acre. The only way to appreciate the value of this crop is to see it, and it is suggested that any who doubt its value, visit Mr. Robertson's farm and give themselves a chance to see it.

In addition to its value as a hay and pasture crop Lapedeza is a crop that more than any other will protect our soils from wasteful erosion and if used by our farmers will lift from our generation the stigma of the following parody:

Hordes of gullies now remind us We should build our lands to stay, And departing leave behind us Fields that have not washed away; When our boys assume the mortgage On the land that has had our toil, They'll not have to ask the question— Here's the farm, but where's the soil?

THOMAS' HAISLIP

Thomas Haislip, age 34, died at his home at Senora Thursday of last week following an illness of several months.

Mr. Haislip is survived by his widow and three children. His father, Clarence Haislip of Fredericksburg; a sister, Mrs. Viola Van Enburg of New York and a brother, Julian Haislip of Senora, also survive.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon from the Corroton Baptist Church at Ottoman followed by interment in the church cemetery. The Rev. George T. Schools conducted the services.

Active pallbearers were T. D. McGinnis, M. C. Winstead, J. C. Saunders, E. H. Hayden, Lester Scott and Calvin Oliver.

The deceased was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He had been employed by the Bertrand Packing Co. since its organization until he was stricken about six months ago.

CATCHES 900 BU. OF HARD HEADS

Older Fishermen Say Wm. H. Hinson Set Record For Trap In This Section

A record breaking catch of hard heads was made last week by William H. Hinson of Foxwell when he took 800 bushels of fish out of one trap. The older fishermen in that section say that they do not remember ever having heard of a catch the size of this one in this section.

Mr. Hinson went out to his trap Saturday a week ago and was very pleasantly surprised when he found that it was literally running over with fish. The fish formed almost a solid mass.

Mr. Hinson did not finish getting the fish out of the trap until Monday of this week. He tied up the net and took the hard heads out as the buyers wanted them. He brought about 200 bushels of them ashore and penned them up in a net in the creek.

The catch consisted of nothing except hard heads and most of these were very large. Twenty-nine or thirty of them would fill a bushel.

SQUIRES HEADS LEGION POST

Officers And Delegates To Convention Elected At Meeting In Town Hall Friday Night

Lloyd F. Squires was elected commander of the Adams Post of the American Legion at a meeting held in the town hall Friday night. T. D. McGinnis has served as commander of the post for the past two years.

Alfred Toleman was elected vice-commander and S. N. Dameron second vice-commander. J. E. Coppedge and Lloyd George were elected sergeants-at-arms.

Post officers re-elected for the coming year were C. A. Dillin adjutant, J. E. Currell service officer, Chas. N. Lawson treasurer, and C. Carter Chase chaplain.

Lloyd Squires and Carl Dillin were elected delegates to the department convention held in Bristol Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Lloyd Squires and Alfred Toleman left Monday to attend the convention. The Misses Gertrude and Virginia Conley and Marion Sisson put on a very enjoyable musical program for the entertainment of the members of the post present at the meeting.

W. O. N. P. R. NOT TO HAVE ANY MEETING IN AUGUST

The Northern Neck Branch of the Woman's Organization for National Prohibition Reform will not meet on Thursday afternoon, August 24th, at Heathsville, as Miss Alice Wilson of the state headquarters in Warrenton has requested that there be no meeting in August.

The next meeting will be in September at Heathsville. The date will be announced later.

MRS. R. S. SCHOOLS

Funeral services for Mrs. Elmira Hayden Schools, wife of Mr. R. S. Schools, of Saluda, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the family burying ground near Saluda by the Rev. O. S. Goode in the absence of her pastor, Rev. A. M. Padgett, who is away on his vacation. Mrs. Schools was 75 years old, and she and her husband celebrated their golden wedding anniversary about two years ago.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. G. E. Lewis, of Millenbeck, and Miss Etta Schools, of Saluda; one son, Mr. Edward Schools of Irvington, and an adopted daughter, Mrs. Charles W. Hayden, of Irvington. —Southside Sentinel.

BEAUTY CONTEST NEXT THURSDAY

First, Second And Third Prizes To Be Given To The Winning Young Ladies

The Beauty Contest for Lancaster County and Wicomico District will be held Thursday, August 31 at the Fairfax Theatre. Much interest has been displayed throughout the county in this contest, the first to be held in the Northern Neck.

First, second and third prizes will be given to the winning young ladies. The judges will be from out of the county, probably from Richmond. The contestants are to wear evening dress, but costumes will not be considered in the judging.

The following young ladies' names have been entered:

Margery Dameron, Myrtle Dawson, Katherine Chilton, Miriam Booth, Bettie Smither, Audrey Davis, Beth Noblett, Dolly Hawthorne, Margaret Ives, Esther Lee Keane, Susie Russell, Cora Payne, Mary Whaley, Elinor Hall, Katherine Blake, Margaret Palmer, Winifred Hall, Virginia Dix, Elizabeth Rice, Elizabeth Acree, Louise Simmons, Louise Cockerell, Temple Dow, Gwendolyn Henderson, Mary James, Laura Lankford, Virginia Bailey, Velma Lewis, Beatrice Brown, Virginia Johnson, Muriel Haynie, Thelma Mason, Maxwell Broadbent, Margaret Haynie.

Names of firms sponsoring the ladies are:

Sanitary Store, A. and P., East Coast Utilities, Kilmarneck Drug Co., Whippet-Knight Motors, Professional Building, Bank of Lancaster, Young Men's Shop, R. H. Norris' Sons, A. Noblett, Sargents Dept. Store, The Soda Shop, R. M. Shearman, W. E. Smither, Kilmarneck Furniture Co., J. B. Stokes, Dunaway Supply Co., The Modern Store, Hazel Hotel, Peoples Drug Store, Amoco Station, T. D. McGinnis, Inc., Chas. Rackley, W. A. Cox, Betty Lou Beauty Shop, Sax-See Beauty Shop Kilmarneck Planting Mill, A. R. Beane, Elmore's Funeral Home, N. and P., Rappahannock Record, New York Life Insurance Co., R. M. Sanders, G. R. Duntion, J. M. Adams, White Stone Motor Co., Fleets Bay Filling Station, Kilmarneck Packing Co., Charlie's Service Station, E. H. Hall, Northern Neck Life Ins. Co., L. A. Jones, A. Dize, W. T. Richardson, Beale Marston, W. S. Hale and Son, H. E. Dunaway, Dee Bee Filling Station, H. U. Dunaway, Sinclair Refining Co., Super-Service Station, Palmer Bros. Gasoline and Retail Engines.

There will be other names added next week. All contestants are requested to meet at the Fairfax Theatre Wednesday evening, August 30th, for rehearsal. The prizes will be announced in the next issue of the Record.

TO ORGANIZE WOMAN'S CLUB NEXT WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Blair Buck and Miss Lucille Bland of West Point will organize the Lancaster County Woman's Club on Wednesday, August 30th, promptly at 3:00 p. m. at Lancaster C. H. Representatives from the Essex, King and Queen, Middlesex, and probably Ginter Park Club of Richmond will be present. Ladies are requested to be prompt, and to bring pencil and paper.

MR. KINDLESS—LUNSFORD

Miss Esther Lunsford and A. Derlin McKindless were married in Baltimore on Monday, August 14, at the home of Rev. Charles B. Robert. Mrs. McKindless is the daughter of Mrs. Charles R. Lunsford and the late Mr. Lunsford. She is a graduate of the Wicomico High School and for a number of years has been living in Baltimore.

Mr. McKindless is a native of Baltimore and is an attorney in that city. He is a graduate of the Baltimore City College and the University of Maryland.

NEWS ITEMS SHOULD BE SENT IN EARLIER

All correspondents and others having news items to be published in the Record are requested to send them in as early in the week as possible. This cooperation will help to distribute our work evenly over the days before publication. For the past several weeks we have had plenty of time on Monday but have been rushed on Wednesday and have had to work considerably overtime Wednesday night. All church items and other articles sent in by others should reach us by Tuesday of each week, and earlier when possible. It is necessary that more of our news items should reach us earlier in the week so that we may adjust our working hours to meet present conditions.

TOMATO GROWERS WILL MAKE TOUR

Fertilizer And Strain Tests Will Be Observed On County Farms Next Thursday

For the second successive year tomato growers of the Northern Neck will make a tour of the farms in Lancaster and Westmoreland Counties. The tour in Westmoreland County will take place on Wednesday, August 30, and in Lancaster County on Thursday, August 31.

Information about the tours may be secured from County Agents Dawson at Montross and Chase at White Stone.

The program for the Lancaster County tour is as follows:

9:00 Assemble at Lively, Visit R. H. Haynie's and other tomato growers.

10:30 Ray P. Carter's farm, Kilmarneck.

11:00 W. E. Currell's farm, comparison of Stone and Marglobe varieties.

12:00 Seed Source Demonstration on farm of Carter Chase, White Stone.

1:00 Lunch—Kilmarneck.

2:00 Speaking—Dr. H. H. Zimmerley, Director Virginia Truck Experiment Station, and others.

3:30 Adjournment.

Farmers on the tour will visit seed source, fertilizer and other demonstrations. These demonstrations are conducted by the farmers under the supervision of the county agent.

Dr. H. H. Zimmerley, director Virginia truck experiment station, Norfolk, and L. B. Dietrick, extension specialist in vegetable gardening, will accompany the farmers on the tour and will give talks about the various demonstrations visited.

Last year a large interested group of farmers went on the tour in the counties. Seedmen showed considerable interest in the tests and were represented on the tour.

On this tour farmers will have the opportunity of observing how tomatoes, the principal cash crop of the county, are grown by others in this section. Much information of value to them in the growing of their own crop may thus be secured.

U. D. C. TO ELECT OFFICERS AT ANNUAL MEETING SEPT. 7

The present year of the Lancaster County Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, will close on Thursday, the 31st day of August, 1933.

The annual meeting and election of officers, which follows the close of each year, will be held on Thursday, the 7th of September, at Merattico (with Mesdames Glenn, Hale and Hammel hostesses. All members of the chapter are requested to attend and pay chapter dues that the vote may be a heavy one.

Mrs. L. D. Cottingham, Rec. Sec.

Wharves And Factories Lashed By Tides And Gales For Two Days; White Stone Beach Demolished

NO KNOWN DEATHS

Damage To Crops, Buildings, Boats, Wires, Bridges At Present Incalculable

The Northern Neck together with the rest of the Chesapeake Bay area was hit Wednesday with the most disastrous northeast storm on record here. Tides on the water front rose four feet higher than ever in memory of the oldest inhabitants with damage running into the tens of thousands of dollars.

The resort and the steamboat wharf at White Stone Beach were totally destroyed, fish factories were damaged, boats washed ashore or broke loose were battered to pieces, power and telephone lines were down in very bad condition, all water front property was hard hit when flooded with water lashed by the terrific storm, tomatoes and corn and other crops suffered, trees were down, roads were blocked, and many homes were damaged.

Due to the fact that all telephone service except in town was disrupted and traffic over some of the roads impossible only meager details of the storm damage in some sections is available.

At White Stone Beach the cottages, new dining room, dancing pavilion, wharves and all were totally destroyed. Wreckage from the cottages is strewn for half a mile around the shore and few of the boards are still together. One part of the cottages is still standing as are the pavilion and kitchen but the loss is probably beyond repair.

Twenty-eight guests in the cottages were served breakfast Wednesday morning before the tide came in. They moved to the hotel on the hill later in the morning. Cars left in the garage back of the pavilion were blocked in by a 28-foot gasoline boat left directly across the front of the garage when the waters subsided.

Every plank was taken away from the steamboat wharf and the houses on the pier were wrecked. Other wharves along the river and creeks were also damaged, some of them being totally destroyed. Westland and Ocean wharves were wrecked and the wharf at Wharton Grove was left without a plank in it.

At the fish factory at Taft 6000 gallons of oil were lost when the high tide and waves floated a storage tank and broke the bottom connection. A scow loaded with 100 tons of coal broke loose and tore away a part of the factory. Another hundred tons of coal on the dock was also lost. Fifty tons of scrap were damaged. Damage is estimated by W. A. Mercer, manager of the plant at \$5,000.

Other factories on the bay were also damaged when the water rose above the docks and flowed into the houses. At Kilmarneck wharf the water was four and a half feet deep in the chum shed of the factory. It also rose over the steamboat wharf but did not take it away. The tomato factory was inundated with tomatoes, cans and other things floating about.

At the emergency power plant at Irvington water was almost four feet deep on the floor. It covered the

generator which will have to be taken down before it is used again. The steamboat wharf was covered and the water up to the door knob at the Sinclair building.

W. A. Dameron at Weems has been in business there 44 years and says he has never seen anything like this storm. Water has never risen in his store before but this time it covered the floor almost three feet deep and rose so rapidly that they were not able to move goods in the store, to keep them out of the water. The front of Thomas' store was broken in and the building flooded.

At Bertrand and Corroton section, on the Island, in Bluff Point, and, in fact, in every section damage running into thousands of dollars was done by the high tide and storm.

The power lines went out of commission early Wednesday morning and it is not known when the heavy damage can be repaired. The chief telephone linesmen said he had never seen as much damage to the telephone system. He estimated that one hundred poles were down between Kilmarneck and Warsaw.

The roads suffered and late Wednesday afternoon the dam at Chin's Mill became impassable and traffic was routed around it. Traffic between White Stone and Irvington was halted at noon when the approaches to the bridge became dangerous. Many trees were down but most of them were removed by late afternoon.

On the land, corn and other crops suffered severe loss when the winds and heavy driving rains leveled the fields. Many buildings were damaged and trees were blown down in every section. Hardly a house in the section failed to leak when battered by the driving rain Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

The Record office, with all current off, pressed into service an old gasoline engine, and the force by working all night brought the Record out on time Thursday morning.

A. B. MALLORY, SR.

Alexander Baylor, Mallory 63, merchant and member of the board of supervisors of Richmond county, died at his home at Warsaw at 9 o'clock Sunday night after a short illness. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Henrietta Hall Mallory; two sons, Alexander B. Mallory, Jr. and Robert Mallory; three daughters, Mrs. Joseph V. Clarke, Misses Henrietta and Hannah Mallory, and by three sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at the home followed by interment in the cemetery of the St. John's Episcopal Church at Warsaw. Bishop F. W. Goodwin conducted the services.

Active pallbearers were W. H. Gallagher, F. J. Garland, William Taylor, Richard Baylor, Allen Tamm and J. R. Saunders.

Tangier sports report

Back when the Texacos softball team was in its prime, I would always bring the results of weekend games to the Record office and give them to Mr. Currell to be published.

Mr. Currell would always ask, "What's new?" and on this particular occasion I replied, "The Texacos are going to Tangier Island Saturday for a double-header. You are invited to go with us."

I also told him where to meet the team for the trip to Reedville to board the boat that the Islanders had sent for us. There was no ferry or cruise boat to the island at the time.

Much to my surprise, at the agreed time, here was Mr. Currell dressed in his suit, as always, and tennis shoes. He made the trip, thoroughly enjoyed it, and wrote an editorial the following week.

Carroll Ashburn, Kilmarneck



Reflection from Irvington

"It is nice that our newspaper reflects an interest in God and His people and coordinates church activities," said the Rev. John Farmer. Rev. Farmer, pastor of Irvington Baptist Church, has contributed his Reflections column to the Rappahannock Record since 1993.

Carrier photo prompts family memory

The Rappahannock Record pictured on October 1, 1970, the largest vessel ever to enter the Rappahannock, the USS Leyte, anchored about 300 yards from White Stone Beach to have turrets and overhanging areas cut off for scrap. Further, the article mentioned that Leyte's sister ship, the USS Franklin, was sold for scrap in 1967.

My late father-in-law, James M. Shoemaker (Rear Admiral, USN, Retired), was the Franklin's first skipper and sailed her into Pacific combat. She was kamikazed in October 1944. Following extensive repairs, she returned and was again hit near Japan in March 1945. Casualties for both encounters totaled over 900, the worst for any surviving U.S. warship and second only to that of the Battleship USS Arizona.

Ironically, Captain Shoemaker commanded the Ford Island Naval Air Station, Pearl Harbor, on December 7, 1941, and lived only about 400 yards from the stricken Arizona.

Two Medal of Honor recipients served on the Franklin. One was a Catholic chaplain, Lieutenant Commander Joseph T. O'Callahan. He administered last rites, and directed firefighting and rescue parties. The Record reported on May 23, 1946, that Chaplain O'Callahan, the only Navy chaplain to be awarded the Medal of Honor, celebrated mass at St. Francis Church in Kilmarneck on Sunday, May 19.

Bill Spicuzza, Charlottesville

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Storm Oddities

Collin Chilton had 30 tons of salt stored at his factory at the wharf. After the storm he bawled out some of the men for leaving a pile of empty bags in the storage house. He was rather chagrined when he found this to be the remains of the salt.

An 18-ft. Renneburg press at the old Ditchley factory was moved ten feet by the water. It weighs 6 or 8 tons.

Too wet for ducks. 1700 ducks on Fisher's Duck Farm were drowned in the storm.

An out-house at the home of Ben Hurst was washed away and after the storm was found serenely reposing on the stern of Carter Keane's boat.

At Colonial Beach a piano was washed out of a house and found three blocks away.

Near Glebe Point an automobile driver came across a hog pen in the road. Two hogs were still in it.

All fruits and vegetables now look alike. The labels were washed off the cans in Dameron's storage house.

A man on the water front had been planning for two years to replace two sills under his porch. Going out after the storm he found two sills the right size and length on his porch. The next day he had carpenters come and put them in place.

The fishing steamer Wilcomico ran through Frank Rice's store at Fairport.

Franklin Harding, after he and his family had been forced to leave home, returned to find a crab (buster) shedding in his barn.

Hop Hammell during the storm sat on his porch enjoying watermelons from a nearby farm which he caught with a crabbing net as they floated by.

The gasoline engine used by the Record force in getting out the paper Wednesday night. Every few minutes it would start to stop but when one of the boys would run over and kick it, it would start to run again. (Explanation: The trip would hang and could be loosened with a kick.)

The freight boat Colonna in a field over a mile from deep water.

A 150-ft. section of Wharton Grove wharf drifting up the river weaving with the waves like a huge serpent.

BEER LEGAL IN STATE MONDAY

Virginia To Hold Referendum On State And National Prohibition On October 3

Beer will be legal in Virginia on Labor day.

Both the House and the Senate Tuesday afternoon approved a conference report on the much-amended legalization bill and the Governor signed the measure that night. Having received the four-fifths necessary for emergency legislation, the measure becomes effective next Monday.

The Governor also affixed his signature to the Staples-Eggleston bill providing for a referendum on State prohibition to be held simultaneously with the referendum on the Eighteenth Amendment October 3. The Governor signed the bill despite the fact that it was stripped of his proposal for a third referendum on a method of liquor control. The bill provides that Virginia voters shall vote as to whether they would repeal the Layman act—the Virginia prohibition law—on a ballot entirely separate from that to be cast expressing their view on the eighteenth Amendment but available in the same voting booths.

The Staples-Eggleston bill provides also for a commission to study the various liquor control plans and report its findings to the regular session of the General Assembly next January.

The conference committee held three lengthy sessions before arriving.

PREPARE TO AID STRICKEN AREA

Red Cross Aid Is Asked For Following Meeting Of Chapter At Lancaster Wednesday

R. Hill Fleet in a long distance call late Wednesday evening said that he had been appointed by Governor Pollard to represent the Northern Neck making a survey of needed relief following the storm of last week.

He had just been in conference with the governor and tomorrow he will go to Norfolk to confer with other representatives appointed by the governor. From there he will return to the county with the report.

Mrs. W. T. James, Jr., Red Cross Chairman for Lancaster County, Wednesday night sent a message to National Red Cross headquarters asking for relief for the county. She requested that at least a thousand dollars be allotted to the county and that a representative be sent here immediately to investigate the situation.

A meeting of the Red Cross chapter was held at Lancaster Wednesday afternoon and men from various sections of the county were invited to be present and to give a report of conditions in their localities.

Commonwealth's Attorney W. B. Sanders Saturday in reply to a request from Hon. S. O. Bland, congressman from this district, asking for a report on conditions in this county following the disastrous storm.

REHABILITATION WORK UNDER WAY

Power, Telephone And Transportation Facilities Struggling To Overcome Handicap Of Storm

Rehabilitation work following the most disastrous storm and high tide in the history of the Northern Neck is now well under way. No lives were lost although many were forced to flee from their homes but the property damage will run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars and danger of an epidemic of disease is still great.

All of the fish factories continued to operate and immediately began to clear away the debris and make repairs. Boats are being gotten off shore and trap stakes collected and returned to the water. Much water front property was destroyed beyond repair.

Farm crops and gardens suffered great losses and many fowls and some livestock were drowned.

Transportation for a while was greatly handicapped. Detours are still being made by way of Lara around China's Mill on the main highway and by way of Horse Head around a bridge this side of Heathsville. The ferries at Tipton, Irvington and Colonial Beach are still out of commission.

Power and telephone services on the main trunk lines were put in Thursday and Friday but much work yet remains to be done before the lines are completely restored to normal service.

The boats on the Rappahannock are landing freight at Irvington, Weems, Urbanna, Sharps and Tappanock with stops at Callis Wharf and Reedville and supplying other points by truck service. North End, Mill Creek, Burhams, Remile, Monaskon, Waterview, White Stone and Westland wharves were damaged greatly, some of them beyond repair.

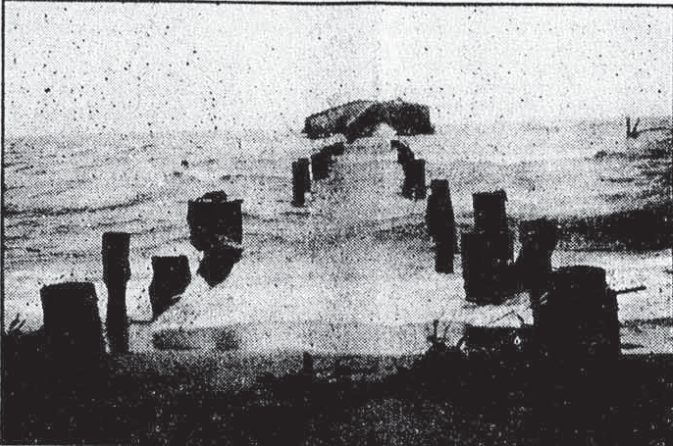
Many of the wharves on the other route are also damaged. Mila was particularly hard hit, everything being swept away.

DANCES AT CHESAPEAKE BEACH NOT INTERRUPTED

The regular weekly dances at Chesapeake Beach were not interrupted by the storm of last week. While the property damage there was heavy all the buildings stood the storm.

The bank was washed about 30 feet and the tea room was wrecked by a falling tree. The tea room will not be replaced until next year. All buildings at the beach will be moved back several feet at the end of the season.

AFTER THE SQUALL WAS OVER



The derided pilings and wrecked pierhead of White Stone steamboat wharf are typical of many of the river steamer landings after the northeast of Wednesday a week ago

WRECKAGE AT BEACH RESORT



Another aspect of the river's worst storm. Remains of some of the White Stone Beach Cottages were strewn along the shore for the distance of half a mile.

WOMAN'S CLUB IS ORGANIZED

Committees Appointed To Draw Up Constitution And Nominate Club Officers

On Wednesday, August 30th, a group of women representing all sections of Lancaster County met at the Court House at Lancaster and organized a Woman's Club for the county.

Mrs. R. Hill Fleet opened the meeting and stated the purpose of it. Then she introduced Mrs. Henry Taylor of the King and Queen Woman's Club. Mrs. Taylor told of the work her club was doing and outlined the work of the various departments. She also mentioned the work the Junior club was doing.

Miss Lucille Bland, at one time chairman of the fifth district and for the past two years corresponding Secretary of the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs, was the next speaker. Miss Bland outlined the work of the Virginia Federation of women's clubs and the General Federation.

After Miss Bland's talk there was a general discussion in regard to the club organization and work.

Mrs. Fleet and Miss Garland Stoneham were elected temporary chairman and secretary, respectively, until a constitution is drawn up and officers elected under the new constitution.

A committee composed of Mrs. C. T. Peirce, Miss Frances Treanle, Mrs. Oscar Dameron, Miss Garland Stoneham and Mrs. Hill Fleet was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws.

A nominating committee composed of Mesdames R. O. Norris, Vivian Chowning and Irene Davenport was also appointed.

The next meeting will be held at Lancaster Court House on September 27th at 3:15 o'clock.

NOTICE TO FARMERS

Any farmer in Lancaster County who wishes to join the Wheat Control Association should see C. Carter Chase by Saturday, September 2, and secure the necessary papers in order to become a member.

WHARF PROPERTY IS SACRIFICED

Several M. And V. Steamboat Wharves Being From \$5.00 To \$10.00 Each; One Bridge \$1.00

Wharf properties owned by the Maryland and Virginia Steamboat Company on several rivers in this locality were sold at Tappahannock Friday under bankruptcy proceedings.

Some of the property was knocked down at ridiculously low prices that ranged downward from \$2,750 for the Fredericksburg wharf property which was purchased by John Bowles, to \$2 paid for the North End wharf property.

Severe damage to the property by the recent storm brought the prices down.

Other sales were:

Port Royal wharf property, \$200; wharf property at Leddstown in Westmoreland County, \$75; Blands' in Gloucester County, \$30; Little Bay wharf property in Lancaster County, \$55; Ware's Creek wharf on the Piankatank River, \$10; Johnson's Creek wharf in Middlesex County and Mill Creek in the same county, \$10 and \$7.50, respectively; Stammers' wharf in Middlesex County, \$37.50; Blackwell's wharf in Northumberland County on the Great Wicomico River, \$5; Tina's wharf property in Northumberland County, \$5; Reedville wharf property, \$500; property at Port Royal, \$200.

LEGISLATORS STAND FIRM AGAINST ANY PAY CUT

The Virginia Senate on Friday passed the special session \$90,000 expense appropriation bill—with no provision for pay or mileage cuts—over Governor Pollard's veto, making the bill a law.

The House passed the bill over the executive veto the day before with a unanimous vote. The Senate vote was 35 to 3.

The vote was taken without discussion after the veto from the governor was read.

LANCASTER NATIONAL BANK TO OPEN TUESDAY SEPT. 5

K.H.S. OPENS ON TUESDAY

Mr. Eugene Hall Will Again Head The Same Faculty For The Fourth Year

The Kilmarnock High School will begin its fourth regular nine month's session on Tuesday, September 5th.

The school as a private institution, was started in 1930 and each year its enrollment has shown a substantial and increasing gain. In 1933 it graduated twenty students. Students from the surrounding towns and communities are welcomed and no tuition is charged. The faculty of 1932-1933 has been retained for 1933-1934. The league believes that the coming session will prove the best in the history of the school. In order that no time be lost in making correct and proper assignments and classifications students are urged to be present the first day of school, even though it be necessary to be absent a few days later.

Parents are cordially invited to attend the opening exercises on Tuesday morning at nine o'clock.

TYPHOID DANGER HERE NOW GREAT

Doctors Of County Cooperate To Give Free Vaccination To Those In Stricken Area

Dr. E. L. Stebbins of the State Health Department was in the county Tuesday and Wednesday inspecting sanitary conditions following the severe storm of last week. The department is most seriously concerned with the possibility of an epidemic of typhoid fever and has sent field workers into all of the counties affected.

Dr. Stebbins said there was serious possibility of typhoid developing in the county in the flooded areas and spreading out to other sections. As an emergency measure he strongly advised all persons in the county who have not had the typhoid serum within the past two or three years to be vaccinated immediately.

He emphasized the importance of vaccination to all of the people because of the danger of the spread of the disease once it started in the flooded area.

Dr. Stebbins contacted all of the doctors in the county and they, in an effort to prevent an epidemic, have offered to give their services without charge to those of the stricken areas who will come to their office for the vaccination. The department will furnish the serum without cost to all people of the county.

Where wells have been flooded, Dr. Stebbins said, they should be treated with chloride of lime. Directions for this treatment are: dissolve in water one ounce of the material for each barrel of water in the well and pour this solution in the well. After three or four hours bail out the well until there is no longer any odor or (Continued on Page 4)

MRS. CRAWFORD INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Mrs. W. B. Crawford was seriously injured and her sister, Mrs. Wood, was slightly injured in an automobile accident Wednesday evening. Mrs. Crawford suffered a cracked skull and a badly cut right eye. Mrs. Wood was cut over the nose but will probably leave the hospital today. Mrs. Crawford was conscious.

A truck belonging to E. C. Longest of Bliscoe struck a mule crossing the road at the Island Farm between Tappahannock and Warsaw and was thrown to the left side of the road in front of the car of Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Wood, who were returning home.

Elmore's ambulance was summoned but the ladies were taken to St. Lukes Hospital by the bus before the ambulance arrived. Two men in the truck were taken to Memorial hospital by the ambulance in serious condition.

The car and truck were both badly wrecked.

Conservator Authorized By Comptroller To Turn Affairs Of Bank Over To The Directors

Plans for the re-organization of the Lancaster National Bank have been completed and the bank will open on a 100% basis Tuesday, September 5, 1933.

The directors, officers and others interested in the bank regret that some time has been taken to re-open. However there was no way in which matters could have been speeded up as most of the delay was caused from not being able to obtain quick action from the government on matters placed before them.

Messrs. W. R. Rowe, R. Hill Fleet and W. J. Haynie, a committee of three appointed by the stockholders, have just returned from Washington after conferences with Federal authorities and the conservator has been authorized by the Comptroller to return the affairs of the bank to the directors of the same. The bank is re-opening with a new paid-in capital and surplus account of \$31,250.00, of which \$25,000.00 is capital and \$6,250.00 surplus. The assets taken over by the new bank have been thoroughly checked and examined and all assets accepted will be 100% good.

Mr. John F. Gouldman, Jr., Chairman of the Committee on Reorganization, has been of considerable assistance to the parties interested in the re-organization of the bank and has personally examined the assets taken over by same. He has authorized them to state, that, in his judgement, all assets taken over by bank are good for their face value.

The following persons have been unanimously agreed upon by the stockholders and directors of the bank and approved by the chief Bank Examiners for this district as a list from which the new officers and directors will be chosen:

W. R. Rowe, R. Hill Fleet, and Bernard Willing, of Irvington; Francis B. Gouldman, Attorney at Law, Fredericksburg; R. H. Humphreys and W. L. Bellows, of Ocean; L. D. Stoneham, of Mollusk; and A. E. Segar, of Lockleys.

The Lancaster National Bank was closed along with all other banks in this country by proclamation of the President on March 5. William J. Haynie has been acting as conservator while the bank was closed.

Of the 1500 National Banks which remained closed at the end of the banking holiday less than 700 have been opened at this time.

BEAUTY CONTEST WAS POSTPONED

Additional Names Of Entries Added To Long List Published Last Week

The Beauty Contest for Lancaster County and Wicomico District sponsored by the Fairfax Theatre has been postponed until Wednesday and Thursday of next week. This contest is creating considerable interest and promises to be one of the largest events of the season.

On Wednesday night an elimination contest will be held and on Thursday night a final selection of the winners will be made. Prizes of fifteen, ten and five dollars in gold will be awarded to the three winners on the second night. Judges for the contest will come from Richmond.

Special music will be rendered during both evenings of the contest. "Tonight is Ours" is the title of the picture. Claudette Colbert and Fredric March are featured in the picture. A comedy and screen song will also be on the program.

The following young ladies have been entered in the contest since last week:

Adelaide, Noblett, Jean Price, Mae Carlson, Anne Bellows, Mary Miller Noblett, Elizabeth Holbrook, Lucile Hurst, Mary Meade Dameron and Mary Gresham.

Additional sponsors are: Kilmarnock Grist Mill, Pinkard's Funeral Home, Morgan Davenport, Farmers Feed Service and Dr. H. J. Edmonds.

Rehearsal will be held Tuesday night at 7 o'clock promptly before the beginning of the show.

Researching at the Record

For me, the Rappahannock Record is a treasure trove of information on our local history. For this reason, on a number of occasions over the years, I have gone into the Record office to look through old bound copies of the paper. I have gleaned much information from my searches.

The bound copies used to be stored in the back room downstairs. At that time, I would usually go in the back door where the copies were kept. One evening, probably between 4:30 and 5 p.m., I remember Shorty McCrobie telling me as he was leaving to, "Let the cat out and shut the door."

On another occasion, also in the evening, I walked through the downstairs offices to let someone know I was leaving, but I didn't see anyone. It appeared they had left me there alone.

I have appreciated the friendliness and courtesy that the staff have shown me. Among them were Shorty McCrobie, Jean Dize and Ann Shelton. A thanks goes to all the staff I have met over the years.

Most assuredly, I will be back in the Record office in the future to continue my searches.

Gary Jenkins, Kilmarnock

Lee family memories

Some of my earliest memories are of the Rappahannock Record where, almost daily, I got to see the process of printing the paper and knowing the staff. Gilliam Lewis was always at the linotype producing sentences on metal slugs that were used on the press. Lester "PoGo," Brent fed single sheets of paper into the press that produced four of the normally 16-page paper. W. H. "Shorty" McCrobie coaxed those single sheets into the folding machine that turned them into a four-page section. At the end of the press run everyone gathered around and inserted the sections together to produce a newspaper.

Others who passed through the shop over the years were Sonny McCarty, Gordon George, Edgar McCrobie, Ray Godwin, Gene Wilson and Nicky Treakle. My father, Robert M. Lee Jr., was production manager and worked at the Record from 1937 until his death in 1985. My mother, Ellen Smoot Lee, worked in the front office for 28 years starting in 1954. Others in the front office included Bill Haislip, Brainard Edmonds, Jean Dize and of course Emory Currell, owner and editor who sat at his desk just inside the front door. I think I heard Mr. Currell say at least 10 words over the 30+ years that I was in and out of the building.

Times have certainly changed from a shop that smelled of ink, hot metal and raw paper that frequently worked late into Wednesday night and sometimes Thursday morning to get the paper out, to today where everything is done via computer, the paper is printed at a remote location and I get mine Wednesday afternoon on my iPhone.

Charlie Lee

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WAR LOAN DRIVE TO BEGIN MAY 14

Incomplete List Of County Workers And Quotas Announced By Chairman

The 7th War Loan Drive officially opens on May 14 with Ammon G. Duntun as chairman and Mrs. W. B. Crawford as co-chairman. The campaign is being supported by energetic and conscientious workers from all over the county. The following is an incomplete list of county workers:

Kilmarnock—E. Walter Harvey and Walter L. Ashburn, chairmen; Mrs. W. H. Lowe and Mrs. Earl Simmons, co-chairmen; workers, Mrs. Victor Richardson, Mrs. Essie Craig, Mrs. Leon Rice, Mrs. J. H. Wayman, Mrs. Hurst Harvey, Mrs. C. W. Hubbard, Jr., and Mrs. Margaret Currell.

Irrington—V. O. Willey, chairman; Mrs. Charles Mitchell, co-chairman; workers, Mrs. James Turlington, Mrs. Franklin Southworth, and Mrs. John C. Bellows, Jr.

Weems—Mrs. Albert Daniel and Mrs. Carroll Davis, co-chairmen; workers, Mrs. C. H. Currell, Mrs. Willard Davis, Mrs. Winter Davis, Mrs. Margaret Clingan, Mrs. Margaret Bullis, Mrs. Leona Diller and Mrs. Annie Headley.

Lancaster—O. B. Chilton, chairman; Mrs. James Ball, Jr. and Miss Bertha Giese, co-chairmen.

Lively—F. V. Watkins, chairman; Mrs. Emory Haynie, co-chairman; workers, Miss Helen Clark and Mr. P. A. Thomas.

Morattico—C. T. Slaughter, chairman, and Mrs. J. Frank Hale, co-chairman.

Senora—V. R. Chowning, chairman, and Mrs. V. R. Chowning, co-chairman. Somers—John G. Pollard, Jr., chairman, and Mrs. J. G. Pollard, co-chairman.

Litwalton—Harry Lee Towles, chairman, and Mrs. Jennifer Bromley, co-chairman.

Nuttsville—C. H. Doggett, chairman, and Mrs. James Meador, co-chairman.

Palmer—R. R. Raub, chairman, and Mrs. Edna Starr Chilton, co-chairman; workers, Mrs. E. O. Fitchett and Mrs. Milton Nuckels.

Foxwells—H. Philip Somers, chairman, and Mrs. B. A. Crossdale, co-chairman.

White Stone—Harman C. Treakle, chairman, and Mrs. G. R. Duntun, Jr., co-chairman.

Ocran—Ocran Tadlock, chairman, and Mrs. Lorenzo Humphreys and Mrs. Melvin Moss, co-chairmen.

Millenbeck—G. Emlaw Lewis, chairman, and Mrs. G. Emlaw Lewis, co-chairman.

Monaskon—E. F. Dohyns, chairman, and Mrs. E. F. Dohyns, co-chairman.

Mollusk—Leo Cooper, chairman, and Mrs. Leo Cooper, co-chairman.

Merry Point—John D. Smith, chairman, and Miss Marian Farley, co-chairman.

Brookvale—Robert Brent, chairman, and Mrs. J. B. Cockrell, co-chairman.

Ottoman—Earl Saunders, chairman, and Mrs. Margaret E. Smith, co-chairman.

Colored—Prof. W. H. Dudley, chairman. Those working in the booths in Kilmarnock are as follows: Mrs. Sadie Edmunds, Mrs. Jack Venable, Mrs. Hurst Harvey, Mrs. P. E. Lilly, Mrs. W. A. Cox and Mrs. Albert Canavea.

The overall quota for Lancaster County is \$245,000.00, this quota being separated into three parts, \$160,000.00 in E Bonds, \$65,000.00 in other bonds to individuals, and \$20,000.00 to corporations. Each community has been assigned their portion of the entire quota. They are as follows:

Kilmarnock	\$45,000.00
Irrington	16,000.00
Weems	12,000.00
Lancaster	4,000.00
Lively	8,000.00
Morattico	6,000.00
Senora	4,000.00
Somers	4,000.00
Litwalton	4,000.00
Nuttsville	4,000.00
Palmer	8,000.00
Foxwells	6,000.00
White Stone	18,000.00
Ocran	5,500.00
Millenbeck	4,000.00
Monaskon	4,000.00
Mollusk	4,000.00
Merry Point	2,000.00
Brookvale	1,500.00
Ottoman	5,000.00
Colored	30,000.00

65 Blood Donors Sought By Red Cross Chapter

The Red Cross Blood Mobile Unit will be at Tappahannock, Beale Memorial Baptist Church, on Monday, May 28th.

The quota for Lancaster County is 65 donors. The time reserved for Lancaster is from 9:45 to 10:45 a. m.

It is indeed urgent that we not forget our wounded boys and those who are still fighting a grim war in the Pacific. It is reported that blood donors have fallen off since peace has come to Europe. Blood is still urgently needed. Lancaster County has made the highest quota of any of the Counties in the Northern Neck. Let's keep it up.

Please register with any of the following: Mrs. Helen F. Davis, Chairman for the County; Kilmarnock—Miss Eleonora Haynie, White Stone—Mrs. R. A. Treakle, Jr., Irvington—Mrs. V. O. Willey, Weems—Miss Margery Dameron, Lancaster—Mrs. Elizabeth Hammack, Lively—Mrs. Emory Haynie, Nuttsville, Litwalton and Somers—Mrs. C. T. Pelree, Sr., Millenbeck—Mrs. J. R. Stevens, Ottoman—Mrs. Lewson Ficklin, Mollusk Lynn Cooper, Morattico—Mrs. J. H. Hammell.

TREAKLE ELECTED HEAD OF ROTARY

Local Club Has Largest Membership Since Organization Sixteen Years Ago

R. A. Treakle, Jr. was elected president of the Kilmarnock-Irrington-White Stone Rotary Club by the board of directors at the regular weekly meeting at Irvington Friday night.

Mr. Treakle who has been serving as chairman of the program committee for the past year will assume his duties as club president on July 1 succeeding G. Raynor Duntun, Jr.

Other officers elected at the meeting were G. Raynor Duntun, vice-president; Melvin Aycock, secretary; John Garland Pollard, Jr., treasurer; and W. A. Cox, sergeant-at-arms.

John Ennis has been serving as secretary of the club, Harman Treakle as treasurer and Hurst Harvey as sergeant-at-arms for this year.

Members of the board of directors elected by the club for the coming year are Raynor Duntun, Melvin Aycock, John Garland Pollard, Jr., Dr. W. H. Lowe, Bob Treakle, Melvin Moss, E. Walter Harvey, Rev. John Leslie Hart and John Ennis.

The club now has a membership of 38 of whom five are on active duty with the Armed Forces. This membership is the largest the club has had since it was organized sixteen years ago.

State Milk Commission To Hold Hearing Here

The State Milk Commission will conduct a public hearing at the Fire House in Kilmarnock on Thursday, May 17, at 1 p. m. to determine the advisability of promulgating rules and regulations for the supervision and control of the milk market in Lancaster and Northumberland Counties, according to a legal notice published this week.

At the hearing producers of milk, distributors of milk, cream and other fluid milk products, and consumers will have an opportunity to present to the commission information pertinent to the production, marketing and consumption of milk, cream and other fluid milk products.

DISTINGUISHED STUDENT

Franklin Pierce McGines, Navy R.O.T.C., first year student in the pre-engineering course at the University of Virginia, is on the dean's list of distinguished students for the second semester. He was also on the dean's list for the first semester.

McGines, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. McGines, is a graduate of Christchurch School.

AMER. LEGION TO MEET

The Adams Post and Auxiliary Unit of the American Legion will meet Monday night at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Lowe at Kilmarnock.

HARMAN TREAKLE ON SCHOOL BOARD

L. R. Payne To Retire From Board After Sixteen Years Of Continuous Service

Harman C. Treakle of White Stone was elected as a member of the Lancaster County School Board by the School Trustee Electoral Board meeting at Lancaster Tuesday.

Mr. Treakle was elected to the place on the School Board held since 1929 by L. B. Payne who will retire on June 30 after 16 years of continuous service.

The appointment of Mr. Treakle is for a four-year term. Under the present law one member of the School Board is elected each year for a term of four years.

After graduating from White Stone high school Mr. Treakle attended V. P. I.

At present he is engaged in business at White Stone where he is president of the Irvington Packing Company, Inc. and owner and operator of the Chesapeake Oil Company. He is also engaged in the automobile business, is a director of the Peoples Bank of Whitestone and is interested in farming and other business.

Parole Officer Palmer Changed To 5th District

Barton Palmer, who has been serving as Probation and Parole Officer for the Parole Board of Virginia, in the 19th District, with headquarters at Williamsburg, has been appointed to the same position in the 5th Parole District, effective May 1. This latter district embraces the judicial circuit of Judge J. Douglas Mitchell, Judge E. Hugh Smith and Judge Leon Bazille.

The central office for the 5th District is located in Tappahannock and is the largest district in the State from a geographical standpoint, taking in fifteen counties. Alfred Turner, of Ashland, is also assigned to this district and follows more closely the counties under Judge Bazille, leaving the Northern Neck and Southside counties to Mr. Palmer.

Bonds For Babies In Lancaster County

Seven new entries have been made to the candidates being voted upon in the Bonds for Babies campaign. Mrs. Edward Bryant of Weems has been added to the workers in this cause. Mrs. Bryant has already been working for several weeks and it was due to an oversight that her name was omitted. The children that have been added to the list are Nancy Lee Shelton, Edward Lee Bryant, Robert Donald Whittaker, Jr., Donald Douglas, Thomas M. Haydon, Norma Carale Dodson and Martin Stone.

The complete list as it stands now is: James Stuart Ball, Jr., Brenda Beagle, Judith Mae Beane, Katherine Wray Bellows, Thomas Welby Bonner, III, Edwary Lee Bryant, Judy Lee Burton, Rose Carlson, Nancy James Clark, John Robert Cockrell, Jr., Charlotte Anne Collier, Pamela Cooke, Norma Carale Dodson, Donald Douglas, Barbara Dunaway, Edward Howard George, Tim Giese, Louis Gresham Hammack, Thomas M. Haydon, Donald Melvin Headley, Beverly Harris Hudnall, Maurice Kent Jones, Shirley Davis Jones, Richard Howarth Joyner, Melvin D. Lokey, Eleanor Frances Long, James Meredith McFenney, Jane Marsh, John Cleveland Marsh, III, Sally Noblett, Hugh Jones Norris, Jr., Chichester Barham Pelree, Dorothy E. Pitman, William F. Redd, Lee Rice, Judy Lee Sanders, Mary Carroll Senell, Nancy Lee Shelton, Shirley Slate, William Smith, Martin Stone, William G. Taylor, III, Harman Chilton Treakle, Robert Donald Whittaker, Jr., and Marjorie Kathryn Woodson.

INDUCTED INTO ARMY

Four Lancaster County men have been inducted into the Army. They are Franklin Yoss, Weems, Daniel Edward Benson, Weems, Romie Davis, Jr. (Colored), Weems, Elton Smith, Jr. (Colored), White Stone.

School Consolidation Topic For Third Forum

J. H. Chiles, for 28 years superintendent of schools in Spotsylvania County, who is retiring this year, and C. Melvin Snow, superintendent-elect, who has served as principal of the consolidated high school in the county for five years, as speakers at the third forum sponsored by the local Rotary Club at Kilmarnock school Friday night spoke on the subject of consolidated high schools.

Mr. Chiles said that he favors consolidation wherever practical and that he believes it practical in many places where it is not thought so.

In tracing the history of schools in Spotsylvania County he said there were 50 schools 28 years ago. Later they built five high schools which five years ago were consolidated into one high school.

He said that the consolidated school proved a benefit in many ways. It provides a larger and better faculty with a variety of vocational and other subjects for the pupils. The citizens instead of being district minded became county minded after the pupils got together.

He advised all to think the matter over, talk to people who know and decide on consolidation. He said that a consolidated high school should be located where it was most convenient to the majority of the children but that the location should not be thought about until after it had been decided to consolidate.

He invited all to visit the school in his county and talk to the children and the people.

C. Melvin Snow who taught in Mathews and Caroline Counties before going to Spotsylvania also stressed the advantages of the consolidated high school.

He told of the bitter fights in Mathews against consolidation but said the people there would not now go back to several schools. He also discussed the schools in Caroline and Spotsylvania Counties.

Several questions were asked and discussed in the open forum following the addresses.

G. Raynor Duntun, club president, presided at the meeting. The speakers were introduced by John Garland Pollard, Jr., committee chairman.

John Robert Cockrell Buys Pitman's Store

John Robert Cockrell has purchased the stock and fixtures of Earl Pitman here and the store after being closed for inventory since Saturday will be opened to the public today.

Mr. Cockrell has been employed as clerk in local grocery stores since 1928. For four years he was clerk in the store of A. Noblett here. Later he was employed by Safeway Stores for eleven years. For the past several years he has been manager of the meat department of the Safeway store here.

Mr. Cockrell states that for the present he will operate the store along the same lines employed by Mr. Pitman.

Gasoline Rations To Be Mailed From Richmond

The Local Board wishes to advise that all applicants for gasoline rations should get their applications in to the Board at least a week in advance of the expiration date of their current rations, since all gasoline coupons are now issued from the Mailing Center in Richmond. However, applications for all types of gasoline rations will still be accepted and approved by the Local Board.

It is very important that all applicants for supplemental rations attach their Milage Rationing Records to their applications as these Records have to be sent to the Mailing Center.

Furlough rations is the only type of gasoline that will continue to be issued by the Local Board.

WOUNDED IN GERMANY

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cornwell of Lancaster have received a telegram stating that their son, Pfc. John R. Cornwell, has been slightly wounded on April 9 in Germany. They also received the Purple Heart awarded to him.

VICTORY OVER NAZIS CELEBRATED QUIETLY

Zoning Commission To Hold Hearing May 15

A public hearing of the citizens of the town of Kilmarnock in the matter of zoning business and residential districts will be held on Tuesday, May 15, at 8 o'clock in the trial justice court room, according to an announcement this week by the Zoning Commission.

John Garland Pollard, Jr., chairman, H. R. Humphreys, and G. W. Cutler, Sr., recently appointed by Judge E. Hugh Smith as zoning commissioners for the town of Kilmarnock, met Friday at Kilmarnock in their first meeting.

At the meeting they elected G. W. Cutler, Sr. as secretary and set the date for the public hearing.

MARVIN RANSONE KILLED IN ITALY

Lancaster County Man Had Been Overseas With Army More Than Two Years

Cpl. Marvin L. Ransone was killed in Italy on April 30, according to a telegram from the War Department received Wednesday morning by his wife.

Cpl. Ransone entered the Army on May 12, 1942 and after training in camps in North Carolina, Fort Lewis, Washington and other places went overseas two years ago. He landed in Africa and then went on into Italy where he was serving with the 979th Ordnance Depot Company with the Fifth Army.

Cpl. Ransone was born in Ottoman on March 27, 1909. He was engaged in the insurance business before entering the Army.

He is survived by his widow, Charlotte Messick Ransone, of Irvington; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ransone, of Ottoman; and seven brothers, Curtis of Baltimore, Weston and Randolph of Dahlgren, Melvin of Lively, and Meade, Francis and Ralph, now serving overseas with the U. S. Army.

Amended Constitution Provides Soldier Vote

(By SCN)—Virginians have a new Article in their Constitution—number seventeen—and under its provision no members of the armed forces in time of war will be required to register or pay poll taxes in order to vote.

This new article, approved last week by the unanimous vote of the delegates to Virginia's Constitutional Convention and proclaimed and signed on the morning of May 3rd by J. Sinclair Bowen of Salem, the Convention's president, and E. Griffith Dodson of Norfolk, its secretary, is now law and refers alike not only to World War II but also to all subsequent wars.

Article Seventeen reads as follows:

Section One.—Certain members of armed forces exempt from payment of poll tax and from registering as condition of right to vote. No member of the armed forces of the United States, while in active service in time of war, shall be required to pay a poll tax or to register as a prerequisite to the right to vote in any and all elections, including legalized primary elections.

Section Two.—Relief from the assessment and payment of poll taxes as affecting the armed forces in certain cases. All poll taxes for the years 1942, 1943, and 1944, assessed or assessable against any person who is, or who at any time during the existing World War II has been, a member of the armed forces of the United States in active service, are hereby canceled and annulled.

And also, all poll taxes assessed or otherwise assessable for every year during any part of which such person is a member of said forces in active service during said war or any future war, and, also, for the three years next preceding such person's discharge (Continued on page 4)

Schools And Churches Hold Services In Quiet Calm Of Thankfulness

News of the end of the war in Europe was received here this week with outward calm but great inward relief. There was no great jubilant demonstration in public places, just a quiet calm of thankfulness that it was all over over there.

The news of victory over the Nazis had been expected for days. However, when the news did come in Monday morning there was doubt as to its accuracy and everyone awaited the official word of President Truman which came at 9:00 a. m. Tuesday morning.

The schools of the division on Tuesday afternoon held exercises planned several days in advance and that night many of the churches of the county held services for prayers of thanksgiving in accordance with the suggestion of President Truman.

On Tuesday a number of the business places in town were closed for the day but there was little gayety or boisterousness in the celebration. In the words of President Truman it was "A solemn but glorious hour."

On Sunday, Mother's Day, many of the churches are planning services, as suggested by President Truman, where all may offer their joyful thanks to God and pray for complete peace.

The lighting brownout which had been in effect was lifted Tuesday and many other war restrictions are expected to be removed or lessened in the near future.

School Children Now Collecting Waste Paper

During the month of May waste paper will be collected in the county by the school children. Each child who contributes to the paper drive will become a Paper Trooper. There are over 2,000,000 Paper Troopers in the country.

Each week the name of the child and the name of the teacher whose room turns in the most waste paper will be published.

At the close of the school session a certificate of merit will be awarded to the child in each school of the county who turns in the greatest number of pounds of paper.

Another certificate of merit will be awarded the school which turns in the greatest number of pounds of paper. These certificates are very pretty and are signed by Donald M. Nelson, WPB Chairman.

In April the Rotary Club sponsored the tin drive. In May the tin drive is sponsored by The Lancaster County Woman's Club, The White Stone Woman's Club and the Lancaster County Junior Woman's Club. Please save and prepare tin cans. They are vitally needed and our largest source of tin is still in Japan held territory. Take your tin cans to the collector station in your community.

Please take waste fats to the Safeway Store in Kilmarnock. Waste fats cannot be collected through the county but if you can't get it to the Safeway take or send it to the Home Demonstration meeting in your community. Miss Amelia Lankford, our County Demonstration Agent, has volunteered to collect this at her meetings and carry it to the Safeway. This is another great service which Miss Lankford will render our county.

Salvage report for April:

Waste paper—	
Amer. Legion Auxiliary	2840
White Stone School	5,700
	8,540
Tin	450 lbs.
Waste Fats	270 lbs.

ON HONOR ROLL

Miss Virginia Dix McGines, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. McGines, second year student at St. Margaret's School, Tappahannock, is on the honor roll of the school for the third period. She also received this honor for the second period.

Steady after-school job

I was 15 years of age, and had just finished delivering the Richmond Times-Dispatch with Shorty McCrobie when I was told the Rappahannock Record needed a school boy to work afternoons at the Record.

Shorty told me to ask Mr. Currell about the job, and I did just that. Mr. Currell asked me if I wanted to work and I said "yes." Then he said, "today?" And I said, "yes." Then he took me in the back so the staff could show me what to do.

My first job was melting down the lead used for the linotype machine. I helped Mr. Lewis with the linotype on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 11 p.m., to have the Record published and ready to distribute Thursday morning.

Stationery and envelopes were printed on an automated machine on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and sometimes on Fridays. Saturdays were clean-up days, to prepare for a fresh start again on Monday.

I worked at the Record every afternoon after school, and then full time during the summer, until I finished high school three years later. Shorty took my job at the Record when I went into the Air Force.

Lester Brent, Kilmarnock

Happy 40th birthday!

For many years it was not uncommon to see Mr. Currell sitting by the front window of the Record office at night proofreading the news for the next issue of his paper.

The LOCAL NEWS was filled with timely items of interest concerning people we all knew: their goings and comings and illnesses, etc. It was never a gossip column. Those items never made print.

The "Do You Remember" column for five, ten, fifteen, and thirty years ago always had interesting tidbits of nostalgia. Most significant for me was the "Do You Remember Thirty Years Ago" that announced "little Nancy Hubbard" celebrated her tenth birthday. It was upsetting to me that this milestone was being announced to the world. I felt the milestone of 40 had clearly just ended my youth.

The news coverage with photos of the town fire of 1952 captured the horror of that long March night when I was at home from college on spring break. It was truly an awful and unforgettable event.

I have fond memories of several people at the Record office: Winter Harold (as we call him) McCrobie was a jolly fellow, always ready to help with any type-set request of special notices. He would often take you in the back room for your approval of same.

Jean Dize was a gentle, sweet and lovely lady who was always accommodating with any news items you submitted.

Bill Haislip was a genial fellow who went about wisely and expertly photographing local sites and buildings which now offer us a look back into town history.

Nancy Hubbard Clark, Kilmarnock

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Japs Surrender Unconditionally Democracy Triumphant In Mightiest Struggle In Human History

MILLION POUNDS BLUE-BERRIES TO BE FROZEN

Irrington Fish & Oyster Company
Receive Large Shipment
From Canada

Work was started yesterday on the packaging and freezing of 1,000,000 pounds of blue berries at the Irrington plant of the Irrington Fish and Oyster Company, Inc.

The berries are being shipped by train in 22-pound wooden boxes in refrigerated cars from the fields in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland to Richmond where they are transferred to trucks to be brought to Irrington.

The berries are inspected by U. S. inspectors at the border as they are brought in from Canada and again in Richmond before they are unloaded from the trains. It will take 35 cars to bring one million pounds of the berries from Canada to Richmond.

The berries upon arrival at the Irrington plant are washed and cleaned after which they are packed in 15-pound tin containers. Four cans are placed in a wood export box with a wire strapping after which they are ready for freezing.

The packaged berries are placed in the freezer where they remain for 3½ hours at a temperature of 40 degrees below zero.

After being frozen the berries are placed on trucks and taken to Richmond where they are put in refrigerated cars for shipment to ports of embarkation. Trucks after bringing in the fresh berries from Richmond and unloading are immediately loaded with the frozen berries for the return trip to Richmond.

Two inspectors of the War Food Administration arrived at Irrington the first of the week and set up a laboratory in the kitchen of the plant. Each package must be inspected and approved by the inspectors for army consumption.

This order is the largest single order for any one item of frozen fruits or vegetables ever given to any one company for army use.

It is expected that the order for packaging and freezing the million pounds of berries will be completed within 20 days. The plant has taken on extra help and work will be continued on a 24-hour schedule until completed.

Shipments from the fields are so arranged that a continuous flow of berries will be on the way in and out of the Irrington plant all times.

Blue berries are grown in large quantities in the eastern provinces of Canada. In harvesting the berries are shaken from the bushes and raked up after which they are washed and placed in wooden boxes for shipment.

The Irrington Fish and Oyster Company ended their fish season last week and will complete the freezing of the berries before the beginning of the oyster season in September.

CANNERY AT LIVELY OPEN 3 DAYS A WEEK

Because of large patronage the Lively cannery will be open on Wednesdays as well as Tuesdays and Fridays. All citizens are invited, both white and colored.

Cans are being put up at the rate of about 1000 a day.

SELLS DRUG STORE

Announcement was made in Tappahannock last week that Dr. D. A. Lassiter had purchased the Peoples Drug Store there from Dr. J. E. Layman of Kilmarnock who had owned the store for a number of years.

Dr. Lassiter had managed the store for Dr. Layman for some time until a year ago.



CHARLES R. FENWICK

MRS. W. H. WALKER, SR.

Mrs. Olivia Jane Walker, 72, wife of W. H. Walker, died at 7:30 o'clock Thursday morning at her home, "White Hall Farm", near Senora after a long illness.

Mrs. Walker was born at Warsaw in Richmond county but came to reside in Lancaster county when a young girl and had lived here since.

Mrs. Walker was a member of Corrothoman Baptist Church and until recent years took an active part in her church and social affairs.

She is survived by her husband; four daughters, Mrs. Clyde Hayden of Senora, Mrs. Dewey Lewis and Mrs. Noless Courtney of Ottoman and Mrs. Howard Norris of Lively; and a step-daughter, Mrs. W. E. Calhoun of Fredericksburg; five sons, Fuller Walker, W. H. Walker, Jr., and Otis Walker of Ottoman, Carlton Walker of Senora and Clifton Walker of Washington; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; also six sisters, Mrs. W. H. Smith, Mrs. George Smith and Mrs. William Smith of Ottoman, Mrs. J. C. Saunders, Mrs. Chester Hazzard and Mrs. Walter Smith of Millenbeck and three brothers, Philmore Bartlett of Lively, Eli Bartlett of Mollusk and George Bartlett of Millenbeck.

The funeral services were conducted from Corrothoman Baptist Church Sunday by her pastor, Rev. Waldrep, followed by interment in the cemetery there.

Miss Helen Thomas sang "Evening Prayer" and the choir sang "Rock of Ages" in church with "Sweet Bye and Bye" at the grave.

Active pallbearers were Lewson Ficklin, Lee Keyser, Jessie Oliver, Earl Saunders, Brodus Thomas and Octavious Keyser.

Honorary pallbearers were Kendrick Walker, Irving Lewis, Edward Norris, Collin Norris, Jennings Courtney, Nathan Courtney, Henry, Gene and Francis Walker, Downing and James McCarty, John Alford, Emulaw Lewis, Emmett Hayden, Julian Haislip, T. D. McGlimes, Ferd Walker, Renda Dodson, R. W. Clark, Hunter McCarty, V. R. Chowning, John Ransome, Howard Courtney, Gilliam Lewis, Creston Saunders, Vivian Hayden, Evans Saunders, Lloyd Jenkins, Shelton Lewis, Weymouth Bryant, Henry Smith, Creston Smith and James Oliver.

YACHT CLUB MEMBERS

Members recently elected to Rappahannock Yacht Club are:

Charles C. Lincoln, Marlon; John D. Lincoln, Marlon; Lt. Thomas P. Willing, Irvington; L. D. Kirkmyer, Richmond; Randolph Smith, White Stone; Rodger R. Rinehart, Charlottesville; Vernon Hawthorne, Kilmarnock; and C. A. G. Dawe, Richmond.

FENWICK WINS OVER COLLINS

Contest For Lieutenant - Governor
Is Decided By Margin Of
572 Votes

Charles R. Fenwick became the official Democratic nominee for Lieutenant-Governor Tuesday when the State Board of Canvassers confirmed the narrow margin of lead unofficial returns had given him over L. Preston Collins.

The official count gave Fenwick 572 more votes than those credited to his fellow member of the Virginia House of Delegates. The former's vote was 51,922, and Collins, 51,350, while Leonard A. Muse, State Senator and third man in the three-cornered race, received 32,426.

William M. Tuck, present Lieutenant-Governor, was credited as nominee for Governor with a total of 97,304 votes as against 41,484 cast for his opponent, Moss A. Plunkett, campaigner for poll tax repeal.

Fenwick, member of the House of Delegates from Arlington, is a lieutenant colonel in the Army. In private life he is a patent attorney and in the Army has been assigned to a special board at Wright Field, Dayton, which passes on airplane patents in wartime production. He was an outstanding athlete at the University of Virginia where he was on the football and boxing teams. He was assistant coach of football there at one time. He continues an active interest in athletics and is a member of the Virginia boxing and wrestling commission.

Charles R. Fenwick, winner in the three-way race for the Democratic nomination as Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia in last Tuesday's primary election, issued a brief statement expressing his thanks and appreciation for the efforts of his friends and workers in the campaign.

His statement follows: "From the unofficial tabulation it appears that I have been nominated by the Democratic party of Virginia for the office of Lieutenant-Governor. It has been a strenuous campaign against worthy opponents. Due to my army duties, I was unable to make an active campaign until the closing weeks of the contest.

"To my friends and many supporters throughout the Commonwealth must be given credit for whatever success has resulted. The loyalty of my friends made it possible and it always will be remembered and cherished by me."

Refusing to concede the nomination of Fenwick as the Democratic candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, L. Preston Collins, of Marlon, runner-up in perhaps the closest political contest in the history of Virginia, issued a statement thanking the voters who supported him.

"I wish publicly to express my thanks and appreciation," Mr. Collins said in a formal statement, "to the thousands of my friends who have voted for and assisted me in the campaign. Their accomplishment was magnificent in the light of the imposing opposition arrayed against us.

"When it becomes appropriate to do so I shall accord the proper amenities to my two worthy opponents."

SELLS PHARMACY

Dr. John C. Blake, who for the past eleven years has successfully operated Blake's Pharmacy at Warsaw, to the regret of his many friends has sold his business to J. L. Clanton of Tappahannock and has returned to Kilmarnock.—N. N. News.

ASSUMES DUTIES

Miss Frances S. Booth of Reedville on Monday assumed her duties as superintendent of Public Welfare for Orange County.

KEANE RESIGNS UTILITIES POST

Local Manager Had Served With
Va. East Coast Utilities
Since 1927

J. G. McClellan, Vice-President and General Manager of Virginia East Coast Utilities, Inc., today announced the resignation of Carter M. Keane, as manager of the Kilmarnock Division. Mr. Keane's health has not been so good for the past year and upon his doctor's advice he has decided to curtail his business activity.

Born at Wiconico Church, Northumberland County, Keane spent the first twenty years of his life in Washington, D. C. where he attended George Washington University and Columbia School of Drafting. After working for the George Fuller Construction Company, he entered the contracting and building business himself during the early part of 1919.

He entered the employ of the Virginia East Coast Utilities, July 3, 1927 as Superintendent of Construction. While serving in this capacity the Diesel plants at Irvington and West Point were constructed under his supervision. Mr. Keane designed and supervised the construction of a group of buildings at Dover, Delaware which housed the East Coast office, cold storage plant, Diesel plant and a 60-ton ice plant. He also designed and built the electric generating plant at Tasley, Virginia.

Mr. Keane returned to Virginia as Superintendent of the Virginia properties February 1, 1930 and was appointed Division Manager of the Irvington Division in March, 1932. He married Emily Detrick of Mount Holly, Westmoreland County, in 1929 and has one son, Paul, who is now in training at Parris Island as a U. S. Marine.

Always having the interest of the Northern Neck in mind, Keane has taken a prominent part in all civic affairs. He is a director in the Bank of Lancaster, member of the Chamber of Commerce of Kilmarnock, member of the Board of Trustees of the Rappahannock River Yacht Club, of which organization he is also a past Commodore. Mr. Keane is Senior Steward of Grace Episcopal Church of Kilmarnock, he is past president of the Kilmarnock-Irvington-White Stone Rotary Club and has also served as Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge. He is at this time President of the Rappahannock River Ferry Association and Commander of the Northern Neck Flotilla of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary as well as being Vice-Captain of the same organization for Virginia.

Mr. Keane played an important part in locating the Kilmarnock Frozen Foods Lockers here. He is at this time President and General Manager of the Ditchley-Packing Company.

Mrs. Bland Christens New Ship At Norfolk

The 24,000-ton welded tanker launched Saturday at the Sewells Point yard of Welding Shipyards, Inc. was christened the Hampton Roads by Mrs. S. Otis Bland, of Newport News, wife of Rep. S. Otis Bland, chairman of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee.

Mrs. Bland had as her matron of honor her sister, Mrs. Holmes McMurran, and others in her party were Mrs. J. W. Ayler, Lieut. Comdr. James Bland Martin, and Mrs. Martin, and Lieut. Blake Newton, Jr., and Mrs. Newton, all of Newport News.

NOTICE TO NORTHD. FARMERS

Having been authorized by the State AAA Committee, the Northumberland County AAA Office at Heathsville will be closed every Saturday afternoon at 1:00 p. m., beginning August 18, 1945.

Final Announcement Received With Jubilation And Thanksgiving Mingled With Feelings of Sorrow



CARTER M. KEANE

Cpl. J. A. Toleman Marries Miss Harwood In England

The wedding took place on Wednesday, June 20, at Highfield Congregational Church, of Miss Edith Harwood, of 30 Highfield-road, Darwen, England, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Harwood; and Cpl. John A. Toleman, U. S. Army, of White Stone, Virginia, U.S.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Toleman.

The bride who was given away by her father, was attired in a dress of white satin, cut on classical lines, with a Brussels net veil held in place by a headress of white gardenias, and carried a sheaf of pink roses. She was attended as bridesmaids by Miss Peggy Harwood, her sister, and Miss Amy Isherwood, her friend. Miss Harwood wore a dress of eun-de-nill crepe, and Miss Isherwood, one of a pale turquoise material. Both wore cut in Perle style, with headresses of tulle and flowers, and both wearers carried sheaves of pink roses. The best man was Flight Sergeant Herbert Wood, brother-in-law of the bride, and the groomsmen Lieut. S. Southworth, friend of the bride, Mr. Duxbury, uncle of the bride, was the usher. During the service, at which the Rev. George Shaw officiated, the hymns, "O Perfect Love" and "O Love Divine," were sung. Mr. Jack Kershaw was the organist. After the reception, at High Lawn Hotel, the happy couple departed for their honeymoon on the North-West Coast.

Dr. G. J. Oliver Wins Phi Delta Kappa Award

Dr. George J. Oliver, director of instruction in the Virginia Department of Education, was awarded the annual Service Key, given by the Alpha Beta chapter of Phi Delta Kappa education fraternity, at a ceremony held Friday night at Charlottesville.

The Service Key is given to the Virginia member of Phi Delta Kappa who has been outstanding in educational leadership, research and service. The runnerup for the 1945 award was Dr. John Alexander Rorer, assistant professor of extension at the University, who presented the key.

In his acceptance speech, Dr. Oliver discussed "The Implications of Wartime Experience for Peacetime Education." Education leaders can profit largely from the facts revealed by the war, he stated. The program for American schools must be taken seriously, he declared, in order to acquire the knowledge and to develop the skills necessary for successful living.

In anticipation of the news that had been awaited for several hours most citizens were at their radios at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening to hear that President Truman had announced the unconditional surrender of Japan, thus ending the most destructive war in world history.

Within a few seconds automobile horns began to blow, followed a few minutes later by the ringing of church bells and the blowing of whistles.

Within a short time a string of automobiles headed by the fire engine left town to visit many of the nearby communities, gathering other cars in line as they went along with siren and horns blowing.

People along the roads smiled and waved. Most of them cheered but for some the smile concealed a sad heart. Flags were brought out and displayed at many homes and business places.

For the most part the news was received calmly. It had been expected for days and did not come as a surprise.

During the evening services were held in many of the churches of the county to which the people went to give thanks. Other churches held services on Wednesday.

Wednesday practically all of the stores and business places in Kilmarnock and many other communities were closed for the day. Many of these places will remain closed today also.

Early Tuesday evening President Truman proclaimed Wednesday and Thursday as legal holidays so that Federal employees in Washington and throughout the nation could celebrate the victory.

Governor Darden also declared Wednesday a legal holiday in Virginia and stated that State employees would also be given a holiday on Thursday.

President Truman said Tuesday night that he expected that 5,000,000 to 5,500,000 men now in the armed forces may be returned to civilian life within the next 12 to 18 months.

He recommended that inductions into the army be reduced from 80,000 to 50,000 a month and indicated that only those under 26 may be called.

The OPA announced yesterday the immediate termination of the rationing of gasoline, canned fruits and vegetables, fuel oil and oil stoves.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles said that meats, fats and oils, butter, sugar, shoes and tires will stay on the ration list "until military cutbacks and increased production bring civilian supplies more nearly in balance with civilian demands."

The OPA Chief said that right now it is impossible to say when other commodities can be removed from rationing.

Dr. Lowe Again Heads American Legion Post

Dr. W. H. Lowe was again elected commander of the Adams Post No. 86 of the American Legion at the regular monthly meeting Monday night.

Other officers elected were Edward Lawson, Jr., vice commander; Charles N. Lawson, adjutant and finance officer; J. E. Currell, service officer; Dr. Lee S. Liggan, chaplain, and T. D. McGlimes, sergeant-at-arms.

At the meeting plans for increasing the membership of the Post during the coming year were discussed.

A picnic supper was enjoyed by the members of the Post and Auxiliary Unit preceding the meeting at the summer home of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Lowe at Ocean.

A Record family

To me, the Rappahannock Record has always meant family. My earliest memories of the Record were of visiting my grandfather, J. Emory Currell, my great aunt, Emma Haislip, and her husband, Bill.

The Record has been blessed with many loyal employees who take pride in this newspaper just as the three generations of my family have. Many of the people who have worked at the Record I consider part of my family. Jean Dize, Linda Troise and Ann Shelton were longtime employees who took me under their wings when I first came to the Record to work in the summer months during high school and college. Not only did they indoctrinate me into the newspaper business, they taught me a little about life as well.

But, the person who has taught me the most about the newspaper business, and life, is Fred Gaskins, my father. My Dad has been guiding and steering the Record since the 1980s when he took over publishing duties from my grandfather. You won't read much in this special section about his contribution to this paper and that is a reflection of his humble character.

He is a reserved, and highly-respected leader that has guided this newspaper through significant changes. He is a big thinker, creative and even-tempered. Making the huge change from pasting up the paper to computer layout was not only a daunting task, but one of excitement for him. As technology has quickly changed through the years, he has made sure this small community newspaper has kept pace. Although my Dad is moving toward semi-retirement, he continues to demand a quality newspaper each week for our community.

My sister, Kate Oliver, also works at the Record. My mother, Bettie Lee Gaskins, and brother, Joe Gaskins, both work at the Southside Sentinel (our sister paper) in Urbanna. A fourth generation of our family can occasionally be seen around the office. The past couple of summers my son, Chas, has helped with deliveries and office organization.

The long Tuesday nights laying out the paper, deadlines, planning and day-to-day work are obviously significant parts of life for me at the Record. But, what motivates me is the pride I have for this newspaper and its history, our community, and most of all the honor I feel to have worked alongside my family.

Susan Simmons

Distinctive smells

I was a little girl when my father, Brainard Edmonds Jr., worked for the Record. I remember going into the Record office and being both scared and excited by the noisy machinery in the back. Some of the people who "put out the paper" then were Gilliam Lewis, Shorty McCrobie, Gordon D. George Jr., Robert M. Lee, and of course, Mr. Currell.

I remember Mrs. [Jean] Dize, of course, but I'm not sure if she went back that far or not. I'm probably forgetting others. I would usually say hi to Stokely Winegar too, in the shoe-repair shop next door. I can still evoke the distinctive smells of both shops.

Susan Edmonds Whitlow

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KILMARNOCK HIT HARD BY FIRE

An Appreciation

On behalf of the Town of Kilmarnock we want to express our heartfelt appreciation for the timely and effective assistance given to the town during the fire this past Monday morning by the various organizations and individuals.

Especially do we want to thank the fire companies of the various communities, the Virginia Electric and Power Company, the Tidewater Telephone Company, and the State Highway Department because their assistance enabled us to save the larger part of our business section. We are deeply indebted to all of them as the safety of our town rested on their efforts. Their help in our time of need will always be remembered.

E. Walter Harvey, Mayor

Free Blood Tests Now Being Made Throughout County

The Lancaster County Health Department has made available free blood tests for every citizen of the county and a team from the State Department of Health, Venereal Disease Control Bureau, is now at work in the county.

The blood testing schedule began Wednesday and will continue until Friday, March 28.

The remaining part of the schedule is as follows:

Friday, March 21

8:15-10:15 a. m.—Morgan E. Norris School, Kilmarnock; 1:30-2:30 p. m.—Little Bay Packing Co., Ocean; 3:00-4:00 p. m.—Irvington Fish & Oyster Co., Irvington; 4:30-5:00 p. m.—Simon Conquest Restaurant, Kilmarnock.

Saturday, March 22

1:00-5:00 p. m.—Virginia Electric & Power Co., Kilmarnock.

Tuesday, March 25

10:00-12 noon—Calvert Bee's Store, Ditchley; 10:00-12:00 noon—Ditchley Packing Company, Ditchley; 2:00-3:00 p. m.—Rappahannock Oyster Company, Rydton; 4:00-5:00 p. m.—Midway Inn, Lankford's Corner.

Wednesday, March 26

9:30-10:30 a. m.—Merry Point School, Merry Point; 10:45-11:45 a. m.—Holmes' Store, Merry Point; 12:00-1:00 p. m.—I. V. Farley Oyster House, Merry Point; 1:15-1:45 p. m.—Alex Leland Oyster House, Mollusk; 2:00-2:30 p. m.—W. R. Pittman Oyster House, Somers; 4:00-5:00 p. m.—"Club 48" (Harcum's Store), Kilmarnock.

Thursday, March 27

9:15-10:15 a. m.—New Mollusk School, Mollusk; 10:30-10:45 a. m.—J. R. Stevens Store, Millenbeck; 11:00-12:00 noon—Mollusk Post Office, Mollusk; 1:00-2:00 p. m.—New Lancaster School, Lancaster; 2:00-3:00 p. m.—J. C. Williams Store, Lively.

Friday, March 28

9:30-10:30 a. m.—Nuttville School, Nuttville; 10:45-12:00 noon—Nuttville Post Office, Nuttville; 1:15-2:30 p. m.—Lancaster Sengfoods, Inc., Mottelle.

For the entertainment and education of the citizens free movies, "Scrub Me Mama With The Boogie Beat", Jackie Robinson in "Batter Up", "Feeling All Right" and health slides are being shown in various sections of the county.

The remainder of the schedule, beginning at 7:30 each night, is as follows:

Thursday, March 20—Dell Theatre, Kilmarnock.

Friday, March 21—New Mollusk School, Mollusk.

Monday, March 24—"Club 48" (Harcum's Store), Kilmarnock.

Tuesday, March 25—Merry Point School, Merry Point.

Wednesday, March 26—New Lancaster School, Lancaster.

Thursday, March 27—Oak Grove Hall, Nuttville.

Veterans List Next Week

A roll of World War II veterans will appear in next week's Record.



Spectator gazes at ruins of Hazel Building and Amoco Service Station as workmen engage in repairing power and telephone lines and clearing Main Street. Not pictured is the block of buildings across Main Street to the left which were also destroyed in the early Monday morning fire.

Yorktown Bridge To Open On May 7

May 7 was set for the official opening of the huge George P. Coleman Memorial Bridge at a meeting at Yorktown Thursday of the Yorktown Bridge Dedication Commission.

Members of the commission, appointed by Governor Battle, informed the Governor the formal dedication exercises would be held that day.

Committees were appointed to obtain speakers for the rites which will open the bridge, "largest swing-span type in the world, to the traveling public.

The bridge from Yorktown to Gloucester Point, is on U. S. Route 17 and will be on the developing "Ocean Highway" along the Atlantic Seaboard.

The commission indicated Governors of eight Coastal States on the highway would be invited to attend.

Raymond B. Bottom, of Newport News, was elected chairman of the commission. Others elected were State Senator W. Marvin Minter, of Mathews, vice-chairman, and Colonel Joseph E. Healey, of Hampton, treasurer. Louis Purdy, of Newport News, secretary of the Peninsula Industrial Commission, served as secretary.

Burton Mayre, representing General James A. Anderson, State Highway Commissioner, reported on land-sealing of approaches to the bridge.

After the meeting, commission members viewed the structure, which is the State Highway Department's biggest current project.

Man Critically Burned As Fire Destroys Home

Eugene Waters, an elderly colored man, of Somers was critically burned at noon Tuesday in a fire which destroyed the home in which he lived and all of its contents.

When Waters poured oil on a fire he was starting in a stove in his room an explosion set fire to his clothing and to the building. He was badly burned from the waist down on both legs.

As caretaker of the Edgehill Farm, Waters lived alone in a one-room cinder block home on the farm.

He was taken to a Richmond hospital after receiving first aid.

Dump On Yetter Farm Now Closed To Public

The public dump on the farm of W. R. Yetter which has been used by the town and individuals in recent years has been closed, according to an announcement this week by the owner.

The ravine has now been filled and no more dumping of trash by the town or private citizens will be allowed on this property.

The town has arranged for a dump at the end of the road off Church Street between the properties of Richard Hinton and W. V. Jenkins.

Charlie Sanders Going To India

William V. Saville has been appointed county agent for Northumberland County, effective April 1, to succeed Charles N. Sanders who has resigned to enter the service of the Foreign Agricultural Relations Branch of the government's Point 4 Program.

Saville, a native of West Virginia and a graduate of V.P.I., has been assistant county agent for Madison County. During World War II he had two years service with the Armed Forces. He is married and has two small children.

Sanders will go to India, where he will be assigned to serve as "general extension advisor to agricultural officials of one of the State Governments" of the country and will have the "specific responsibility for advising on the establishment and operation of the extension agricultural training phases of the rural-urban development centers, with each center including some 300 villages and 200,000 people."

After an indoctrination program and final instructions in Washington Sanders, accompanied by Mrs. Sanders and their two small sons, Dixon and Newell, will travel by plane to New Delhi, India.

Sanders came to Northumberland County in 1946 as assistant to the late Clifford W. Hubbard and has been serving as county agent since Hubbard's retirement.

District P. T. A. Meeting At Farnham Next Thursday

The Rappahannock Valley District P. T. A. will hold its annual meeting at Farnham on Thursday, March 27. Every P. T. A. in this district is requested to have a representative at this meeting. Registration will start at 9:30 a. m. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a. m.

The program will be interesting as Mrs. Hunter Borrow, state president, and Robert Williams, secretary of the Virginia Education Association, will be the speakers.

Mrs. Charles Mitchell Heads V. F. W. Auxiliary

At the March meeting of the V. F. W. Auxiliary, which was held in the home of Mrs. Fitzhugh Harding, officers for the coming year were elected. Mrs. Charles Mitchell was elected president; Mrs. T. W. Bonner, Jr., senior vice president; Mrs. Fitzhugh Harding, junior vice president; Mrs. Edward J. Davis, treasurer; Mrs. M. J. Donahue, chaplain; and Mrs. Dean Chambers, Conductress.

Largest Advertisement

This week's Record is publishing the largest ad it has ever had in its 36-year history. The ad for Sullivan's, Inc. Liquidation Sale is on pages 17, 18, 19 and 20.

Essay Contest On Citizenship

The Youth Conservation Department of the Woman's Club of Lancaster County with Mrs. Frank Hale as chairman is again offering prizes in the White Stone, Kilmarnock, Lively and Ottoman schools for papers written on the subject, "What Is A Good Citizen?"

The entries will be confined to students in the fifth and sixth grades of these schools. There will be a prize of \$5.00 for the best composition in the 5th grade, and another for the best in the 6th grade. The closing date for handing in the papers to the teacher will be April 15.

Grandjury On Monday Returns Two Indictments

The grandjury in session Monday at the opening of the March term of the Lancaster Circuit Court brought in two indictments.

James Thomas White (Colored) was indicted on a charge of manslaughter. The charge grew out of an automobile collision on December 8, 1951 in which Mrs. Zetta Webb was killed.

William F. Morris (Colored) was indicted on a charge of passing a bad check.

The White case was continued to the May term of the court. The Morris case was set for trial on April 1.

The members of the grandjury were C. H. Dunaway, Charles Morris, E. T. Hutchison, J. H. Giese and Joshua Roane.

Dr. Rives To Conduct Revival At Local Methodist Church

According to announcement by the Rev. LeRoy Davis, pastor of the Kilmarnock Methodist Church, Dr. J. J. Rives, an outstanding evangelist of the Virginia Conference, will be guest minister for the local Methodist revival commencing March 30 and continuing nightly through April 4 at 8 o'clock.

Frank Longino, supervisor of music for Lancaster County Schools, has arranged special music each night.

Texas And Oklahoma Dust Covers Local Automobiles

Automobile owners who had their cars out during the rain and hale storm in this section Thursday night were in for a surprise the next morning.

A representative of the Motor Vehicle Division was in town Monday and furnished Lewis with a new supply of tabs and other supplies to replace those burned in the fire.

Postmasters Confirmed

The United States Senate last week confirmed the nomination of two Northern Neck postmasters, Marian Irene Davenport of Lancaster and Robert H. Booker, Jr. of Lottsburg.

The nominations were made by President Truman on February 29.

Chowning Re-appointed

Judge E. Hugh Smith on March 15 re-appointed V. R. Chowning as a member of the Electoral Board for Lancaster County for a term of three years.

Howard Smith Out For Re-Election

Representative Howard W. Smith, who is serving his 11th term in Congress from the Eighth District, today announced that he would be a candidate for reelection in the new Eighth District created by the recent act of the Virginia Legislature redistricting the state.

Representative Smith expressed his sincere appreciation to the people of the old Eighth District who have shown their confidence in him by electing him to Congress for eleven consecutive terms by large majorities, and he expressed regrets that he can no longer serve the thousands of friends in the new 10th which has been carved out of the old 8th.

He likewise welcomed the new areas that have been added to the Eighth District, and assured them of his purpose to serve them to the best of his ability and experience, if reelected.

Representative Smith is one of the consistent conservative members of the House and parted with the New Deal administration early in the second Roosevelt term.

He is the author of the Alien Registration Act, known as the "Smith Act," under which the eleven communists were convicted in New York for conspiring to overthrow the government.

He is the co-author of the Smith-Connolly labor act, and one of the sponsors of the Committee to Investigate Un-American Activities.

He was floor manager for the bloc of Southern congressmen in their successful fight to defeat the Truman F.E.P.C. bill.

The new 8th District will consist of the counties of Albemarle, Greene, Loudoun, Prince William, Fauquier, Stafford, King George, Culpeper, Orange, Goochland, Fluvanna, Louisa, King William, Hanover, Caroline, Spotsylvania, Westmoreland, Richmond, Lancaster and Northumberland; and the cities of Fredericksburg and Charlottesville.

Lewis To Sell Auto Tags In Dew & Henderson Store

M. A. Lewis, local agent for the Motor Vehicle Division, on Monday opened his office for the sale of automobile and truck tags in the store of Dew and Henderson across the street from his store which was destroyed by fire earlier in the morning.

A representative of the Motor Vehicle Division was in town Monday and furnished Lewis with a new supply of tabs and other supplies to replace those burned in the fire.

Call For Four Men

The Selective Service Board has received a call for four men to be inducted into the Armed Forces on April 17. The four men must be at least 20 years of age on the date of induction.

8 Buildings In Business Area Destroyed

The winds howled in gale force and the siren wailed its somber notes around 2:00 a. m. Monday and before sunrise a major portion of the business section of the town of Kilmarnock lay in smoldering ruins.

Completely destroyed with all of their contents, except for a very few minor items, were:

The Kilmarnock Hotel (Hazel Building) owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Nick Kokolis.

Lawrence Sparholt, Kilmarnock Television located in the Hazel Building.

The Amoco Service Station and restaurant operated by Billy Covington in the old bank building leased from Mrs. Edith Turner.

Sargent's Department Store.

Stokley Winegar's shoe repair shop located in Sargent's building.

Rice's owned and operated by Leon H. Rice in the building leased from R. M. Shearman.

R. M. Shearman's hardware store.

The Western Auto Associate Store, owned by C. C. McMillan of Fredericksburg and managed by Stanley Slate, in the building owned by Mrs. John Henry Wayman and Mrs. E. Garnett Mercer, Jr.

The Kilmarnock Furniture Store owned and operated by R. A. Dawley.

The M. A. Lewis grocery store owned and operated by M. A. Lewis.

The Harry W. Ball Insurance Agency located in the Lewis building.

The Bunker Hill Dairy, in the building behind the Western Auto Associate Store owned by Mrs. J. H. Wagman and Mrs. E. Garnett Mercer, Jr.

The fire was discovered by Charles Sakelakos of Newark, N. J., who awakened his room mate, James Demos, and then went down the hall to the room of Mr. and Mrs. Kokolis. All four occupants of the hotel escaped by getting out of the second floor windows.

Sakelakos said the smoke was most intense and that the whole building appeared to be on fire. After getting out he went to the fire house but could not get in. He soon saw the red light on the street corner and turned in the fire alarm.

When the first firemen arrived the whole Hazel Building seemed to be on fire and before they could put out a hose line the fire, driven by the high wind, had leaped across the street and set fire to Sargent's Department Store.

The firemen directed a stream of water on the department store for a short time but were forced to retreat by the intense heat. Before the fire died down enough for the firemen to get near enough to get water to it the section of buildings on the block adjoining Sargent's was doomed to destruction.

Plate glass windows in the People's Drug Store, the Colonial 5c to \$5 Store, and Dew and Henderson store were broken or cracked by the heat.

Among the dozen or more other places catching fire one or more times from the heat or sparks were Peoples Drug Store, Eubank's Store, the Post Office building, Central Lunch, Hotel Richard Lee, Eubank Apartments, Fire House, Walter Harvey's office, Colonial 5c to \$5 Store, the Eubank home, W. A. Ball's fire recapping shop, the storage building of the Kilmarnock (Continued on page 8)

Teachers' Reading Course Examination On April 19

The State Board of Education has fixed Saturday, April 19, as the date on which the Teachers' Reading Course examination for the renewal of certificates shall be offered in the various school divisions of the state.

For Lancaster and Northumberland Counties the examination will be given at the school board office at Heathsville.

Waiting for 'paper day'

This coming December 4 I'll reach my 96th birthday, just short of the first edition of the paper 100 years ago. Paper day, as I call it, has brought much pleasure to me.

A most special time when I was 16 years old and I was hospitalized in St. Lukes in Richmond. While there, I received my very own copy of the Record from Mr. Emory Currell, the editor.

I enjoyed reading the clippings about me and it felt so special coming from family, friends and the editor from my town of Kilmarnock.

I continue to receive this delightful publication and look forward to Thursdays when it arrives.

Antoinette (Toi) Beane

Addictive local news

At the Lancaster Community Library, volunteers and staff alike perk up on Thursday morning when the Rappahannock Record is delivered. I'm not sure much work gets done for the next 30 minutes or so because desks are covered with our local newspaper. The copy of the Rappahannock Record designated for the public to read has become a bit of a wandering soul. During the week, we may find the Record sitting in any section of the library — proof that folks enjoy reading the local happenings and community reporting.

But the Rappahannock Record is more than just another item in our library collection, the paper is an important ally and community partner. On Thursday, November 6, 1986, Lancaster Community Library presented Emory Currell of the Record with a resolution of appreciation for 25 years of support. Another 30 years have passed and the folks at the Record continue to herald the work of the library, as well as many other non-profits, in an effort to inform and motivate. I am so proud to live in an area with such an outstanding local newspaper — a newspaper that really cares about community. Congratulations on 100 years!

Lindsay Gardner

Setting type by hand

I still remember the stories my father, Gordon D. George Jr., told about working at the Rappahannock Record. He worked during the early to mid 1950s and set type by hand for the letterpress.

Dad worked with great people who remained his lifetime friends long after he left the Record. Some of these special people were Shorty McCrobie, Robert M. Lee, Gilliam Lewis, Jean Dize and, of course, the boss, Mr. Currell.

Dad is gone now but I believe these years with his friends were some of the best of his life.

Doug George, Madison

EIGHT

RAPPAHANNOCK RECORD, KILMARNOCK, VIRGINIA

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1952

Kilmarnock Hit Hard By Fire Early Monday

(Continued from page 1)
Furniture Company and a pick-up parked on Waverly Avenue.

Large pieces of blazing wood and roofing material were carried by the high wind over a large section of town. Many field and grass fires were started in sections as far away as Cedar Lane.

The surface of the road between the burning buildings burned with flames several feet high as the high wind whipped the flames across the street.

The sidewalk next to the Hazel Building of the new building being built by Herbert Pileh was knocked over.

Stokely Winegar salvaged all of the machinery and shoes in his shoe-repair shop. The contents of the room, with solid brick walls on all four sides, were damaged by water which flooded the room.

Postmaster Garnett Claybrook moved out all of the mail, stamps, money, bonds and some equipment and stood by ready to move other items. The building caught fire three or four times.

Summie Booth moved all of the furniture from his store as the fire approached his building.

The firemen after arriving on the scene and finding out how serious the situation was called the Warsaw operator and asked her to summon all available fire fighting equipment in the Northern Neck.

Responding promptly to the alarm were the fire departments from White Stone, Lively, Reedville (with two trucks), Warsaw, Tappahannock, Montross, Colonial Beach and Kinsale. The Callao firemen failed to receive the alarm.

Many of the citizens of the town together with other people who came in stood by on guard in the endangered area.

Dozens of fires which started in the grass, on roofs, window sills, cornices, awnings and other exposed places over a large area were wiped in the bud. Many of these fires could have proven most serious but for the prompt and efficient action of the many firemen and others here on guard.

Electricity in the area was cut off soon after the fire was discovered and the fire soon burned the telephone cable connecting this section to the Warsaw exchange.

With the pumps at the well out of commission and so many hose lines drawing water from the tank it was feared for a time that all the water in the tank might be used up.

J. J. Mercer, Jr., local manager of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, with telephone lines out of commission, made good use of the radio-telephone equipped cars and trucks of the company.

All available men from the local and Warsaw divisions were summoned to duty. Concentrating on getting current to the water pumps they soon made emergency connections and had the water flowing at capacity. Within a few more minutes the tank would have been empty. Shortly thereafter electricity was restored to all sections not endangered by the fire.

One of the two-way radio-telephone equipped trucks was loaned to the telephone company and stood by to relay emergency messages between the Kilmarnock and Warsaw exchanges.

One fireman, Bob Powell, of Tappahannock was overcome by smoke and put to bed on some blankets in George Noblett's store under the doctor's care. He soon recovered. No one else was reported injured.

As the fire ate its way up the line of buildings the firemen concentrated on stopping it at M. A. Lewis' store. The sidewalk of his store protected by tons of water stood and blocked the spread of the flames.

With the fire practically under control the ladies of Grace Church assisted by other ladies of the town prepared coffee and sandwiches at Grace House which they served there and at the scene of the fire.

Rodney M. Coggin, president, and W. G. Robertson, general manager, of the Tidewater Telephone Company came to Kilmarnock, and, assisted by Lloyd Pulley, Jr., general commercial manager, at Warsaw, made plans for restoring telephone service as soon as possible. A large force was on the job before breakfast making an emergency hook-up on the trunk line while others worked to install a new cable and restore local connections.

H. P. Cecil, resident engineer, of Warsaw was here during the fire making plans to restore traffic on the main highway. Early that morning a force of men from the road camp with trucks was on the job clearing the debris from the road.

Tuesday and Wednesday they worked in clearing up the sidewalks. Tons upon tons of bricks, cement blocks and other debris which had fallen into the streets and sidewalks when the walls collapsed were hauled to the dump heap.

Early that morning workmen of VEPSCO were on the job replacing poles and wires that had been damaged by the fire. Their work was completed in record time.

The firemen of the Northern Neck and Tappahannock, the power and telephone companies and the highway department as well as many individual citizens exhibited a most commendable spirit of cooperation in coming to the assistance of the town.

While no accurate estimate of the damage has been made it is believed that the loss will exceed \$400,000.00. Replacement costs will probably exceed half a million dollars.

While definite plans have not been made it is believed that the business places on the block will be replaced in the near future.

One of the Reedville firemen reported that when he was awakened by the alarm he could actually see the flames and thought that a boat in the nearby harbor was on fire. The glow from the flames could be seen down the river from the Downing Bridge.

Guards have been standing by the smoldering ruins day and night until tonight. Most of the buildings burned so rapidly and with such an intense heat that little debris was left.

Kilmarnock on previous occasions has been visited by two disastrous fires.

On November 13, 1909 fire destroyed the Eubank store, the hotel, livery stable, Denby's shop and other places to wipe out a major business block of the town.

On July 4, 1915, the same area of the town as the one hit by fire this week and an additional section nearby were burned.

Among the buildings burned at that time were the Bonner home, Town Hall, Yerby's store, Club House, Ben Harmon's harness shop, Sargent's, Richardson's drug store, R. H. Child's automobile place, T. O. Snidder's store, J. B. Cralle's store, J. B. Stokes' store, the Glazer Furniture Store, the bowling alley, Masonic Hall, post office, Craig's beef shop and Walter Waddy's oyster house.

Work on the construction of the Hazel Building in which the fire originated from an unknown cause, was begun in 1919 by the late A. E. Brent. At that time it was considered the largest building in the Northern Neck.

Baseball Banquet Postponed

The Wilcombe Baseball Club banquet scheduled for March 20 has been postponed. A future date for the banquet will be announced later.

C Battery Officers Answer Questions

"The young man of today stands a better chance of surviving an all-out war if he has had some type of military training before he actually enters upon active duty with the Armed Forces," was the opinion expressed this week by officers of C Battery, 150th Anti-Aircraft Battalion of the U. S. Army Reserve, now located in Tappahannock.

"We do not mean by this that if the young man joins the Reserve unit in Tappahannock he will survive enemy action any better than the other fellow who never heard of the Reserve," they continued. "But we do mean that some type of military training is an advantage to the boy 17, and older, whether he gets it in the Reserve, ROTC in college, universal military training, or wherever, before he enters active service, very likely as a draftee."

Officers here answered other questions pertaining to the unit in Tappahannock:

Question: Who is eligible to join?

Answer: Boys 18 to 35, 17 with both parent's consent, veterans or non-veterans, who have not had any pre-induction physical from the draft board.

Question: Do I get paid?

Answer: You do. One day's pay in the grade held is allowed for each two-hour drill period twice a month. You also get full clothing, 15 days pay for attending summer camp, and a retirement plan.

Question: Tell us more about retirement.

Answer: Under present law, 50 retirement points a year are needed to obtain for the reservist one retirement year, after 20 of which he is retired with pay at the rank he last held. You get 15 points for being in the reserve, 15 for attending summer camp, and one point for each meeting you attend.

Question: Is the unit here now, C Battery, anything like the Engineer unit we had here about two years ago?

Answer: The only similarity between the two units is that C Battery, the one we have here now, is an active paid unit of the reserve with a definite program and a definite place to meet. The Engineer unit was an inactive unit, non-paid, mainly because it was before the Korean War and the Army had no funds for the many units it has now.

Question: What are the chances of my being called to active duty if I join C Battery?

Answer: If you are called to active duty as a reserve, you will be called with the rest of the unit, all of whom are boys you know and grew up with. Although policies change, the Army is not now calling to duty individuals from active reserve units such as this one.

Question: What happens if I am in C Battery and the draft board calls me?

Answer: The current policy of the Army Selective Service System is to call men 20 and older. Thus, 17 year-olds to 20 can join the unit here, get valuable training here and at summer camp, and attain considerable rank before the draft board begins calling people in his age group. In addition, if the board calls him, he can volunteer for extended active duty with the reserve, as a reserve, and enter the army in the branch of service he has been trained in—anti-aircraft artillery. In the rank he is at the time of his call, this is the biggest advantage to being in the reserve, we think. It lets a man know where he is going and what he is doing at all times, so far as is possible.

Question: Where are meetings held?

Answer: They are held every Friday night at the room back of Lowery's Restaurant in Tappahannock at 8 p. m. This is our permanent meeting place which the army has leased.

Mrs. J. R. Southworth

Mrs. Maria Catherine Southworth, 84, widow of James Robert Southworth, died Friday, March 14, at 1:20 a. m. at her home in Irvington after a long illness.

Mrs. Southworth was a member of the Irvington Baptist Church.

Mrs. Southworth is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Essie Jensen of Providence Forge, Mrs. Ruby Dillon of Washington and Miss Gay Southworth of Oakland, Calif.; two sons, William and Franklin Southworth of Irvington; three granddaughters, Mrs. Ann Langillotti and Misses Jane and Jackie Southworth; three great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Another daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Yarbrough, preceded her in death. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. W. W. Wright Sunday afternoon at the Irvington Baptist Church followed by interment in the church cemetery. Active pallbearers were her nephews and honorary pallbearers were members of her Missionary Society.

Trenton, capital of New Jersey, is named after William Trent, who bought the city's site in 1714.

N. N. Fair Set For September 8-13

The Northern Neck Agricultural Fair Association has selected September 8 to 13 as the dates for the 1952 Fair.

Many changes have been made in the new catalog that is expected for distribution around the first of June. A number of new classes has been added and the premium list increased.

An entirely new type of grandstand show has been obtained. The midway promises entertainment for young and old during the entire week.

The harness racing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday is expected to surpass any in this section. With the addition of a starting gate and the promise of a number of nimble trotters and pacers the racing fans are in for a real treat.

Exhibitors are asked to start planning their exhibits early.

Basketball Tournament Finals Here Friday Night

The Gold Medal Basketball Tournament moves into the final stage this coming Friday night, March 21, at Kilmarnock High School gym.

In the preliminaries last week Kilmarnock defeated Heathsville, Reedville beat Wilcombe, Callao knocked off Hacks Neck and Remo eliminated Lively.

In the finals this week these four winners will square off in a three-game series. Numbers will be drawn to see who plays who. The winners of this series will be declared the grand tournament winner and will receive a beautiful bronze trophy. This trophy and all the many other awards are now being shown around the communities involved in the tournament.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this event. Game time is 7:00 p. m.

Little Damage By Fire To Ocean Home Monday Night

The Kilmarnock Fire Department was called out Monday night to the home of John Towles at Ocean where the floor around the chimney had caught fire.

The firemen had to tear out some of the underpinning to get to the fire under the house. Little damage was done to the home.

HOW DO ANIMALS FIND THEIR WAY HOME?

How do animals find their way back home although thousands of miles from home? Noted psychologist seeks the answer in experiments to solve the mysteries of animal mind. Enjoy this absorbing article in the March 30th issue of

The American Weekly
Nation's Popular Magazine With The
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FAIRFAX THEATRE

Kilmarnock, Virginia

Doors Open 6:30 p. m.
Show Starts 7:00 p. m.
TWO SHOWS EACH NIGHT

THURSDAY, MARCH 20
The Unknown Man
(Interesting Drama)
Walter Pidgeon, Ann Harding
Barry Sullivan
Comedy, Everything's Ducky
Also Selected Short Subjects

FRI., SAT., MARCH 21, 22
Take Care Of My Little Girl
(Comedy Drama In Technicolor)
Jeanne Crain, Dale Robertson
Mitzi Gaynor
Comedy, Bugs Bunny In
Ballot Box Bunny
Also News Of The Day

SUN., MON., TUES., MAR. 23, 24, 25
Steel Town
(Excellent Melodrama In Technicolor)
Ann Sheridan, Howard Duff
John Lund
Fox Movietone News
Also Comedy, Cartoon

WED., THURS., MARCH 26, 27
The Girl On The Bridge
(Very Good Drama)
Beverly Michaels, Robert Dane
Hugo Haas

COMING
SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY
MARCH 30, 31, APRIL 1
The Wild Blue Yonder
(Excellent Drama)
Wendell Corey, Vera Ralston
Forest Tucker

Scouts To Observe Conservation Week

Wildlife Conservation Week will be observed Saturday afternoon, March 22, when the Boy Scout Troop 235 will plant a wildlife demonstration strip around the border of the woods adjoining "Camp Altomac", their Cartera Creek campsite. This wildlife planting is to be made part of the Boy Scout Conservation Program to benefit wildlife. Bicolor lespedeza plants and game birds mixture are the plants and seeds which will be used in this planting. The Scoutmaster and H. H. Pittman, representing the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, will provide the necessary supervision and encouragement for this project.

The area for these strips is on the property of T. D. McGinnis, who offers his wholehearted backing to the troop projects and programs. The troop also extends thanks to Walter Dunaway who is preparing the soil plots for the project and Harold A. Little for his planning and guidance.

A cordial invitation is extended to all friends of the troop interested in wildlife conservation, as well as the Girl Scouts and 4-H Club members.

The Troop Charter Review will be held on Thursday at 8:00 p. m. at Scout Hall to embark the troop upon its fourth year of good Scouting. Any interested adults who would care to donate their services in furthering the Scout program will be more than welcome.

Carver-Washington Half-Dollars On Sale

Availability of the Carver-Washington commemorative half dollars in this area was announced this week with the arrival of a quantity of the coins to go on sale this week.

Mayor E. Walter Harvey of Kilmarnock immediately added his endorsement to the steadily growing list of outstanding Virginians who recognize the worthy efforts of the Carver-Washington Americanism Commission.

These coins are on sale at the Bank of Lancaster and proceeds will be used to "oppose the spread of Communism among Negroes in the interest of the national defense," as directed by act of Congress authorizing their minting.

The sale price of the memorial coins is \$2 each.

Dr. Law Returns Home

Dr. Lovick P. Law returned home last week from the General Assembly of Virginia where he was Sergeant-at-Arms for the session. He says it was the hardest working session he has ever been connected with and the membership was more serious. Many of his helpers were sick with flu and the work was difficult.

LEE THEATRE

White Stone, Virginia

TWO SHOWS NIGHTLY
7 and 9 p. m.
3 SHOWS SUNDAY
5:15 p. m., 7:00 p. m. and 9:00 p. m.
BALCONY OPEN FOR COLORED PATRONS

THURSDAY, MARCH 20
Robert Cummings, Terry Moore
Jerome Courtland, Superintendant
The Barefoot Mailman
Comedy, romance, action and color, at the turn of the century in Florida—You'll enjoy this.
Cartoon, Selected Shorts

FRI., SAT., MARCH 21, 22
Robert Preston, Robert Sterling
Chill Wills and Technicolor
The Sundowners
Western action and adventure, as a Texas range war erupts with violence. Color, drama, thrills.
Cartoon News Reel
Pirates Of The High Seas, Chapt. 6

SUN., MON., MARCH 23, 24
Burt Lancaster, Jody Lawrence
Gilbert Roland and Technicolor
Ten Tall Men
Romantic adventure and action in the desert with the Foreign Legion—Drama and Technicolor.
News Reel

TUES., WED., MARCH 25, 26
William Holden, Johnny Stewart
Stanley Clements, Basil Ruysdael
Boots Malone
An exciting story of horse racing, with the bad side balanced against the clean and fair side.
Cartoon News Reel

THURSDAY, MARCH 27
Bill Edwards
Fighting Stallion
James Dunn
Golden Gloves Story

Kathryn Waldrep Joyce Passes State Bar Examination

Mrs. Kathryn Waldrep Joyce, of Providence Forge, passed the State Bar Examination given in December on her first try, and is receiving many congratulations.

She studied at the night school of Smithdeal Massey College of Law in Richmond.

A native of Georgia, Mrs. Joyce has been residing in Virginia since 1923, and came to New Kent in 1938. She is the daughter of Mrs. Pearl P. Waldrep and the late Rev. J. L. Waldrep.

Mrs. Joyce was graduated from Charles City High School in 1928. She attended Westhampton College and also Richmond Business College. She has been clerk of the trial justice court of New Kent and Charles City Counties since 1938. The owns her own home, and has a son, Jack, age 18, who is a senior at New Kent High School. She also conducts her own insurance agency.

Wardley Theatre CALLAO, VIRGINIA

7:15 and 9:00 P. M.

THURS., FRI., MARCH 20, 21
Robert Alda, The Hoosier Hot Shots
Hollywood Varieties
Plus the Outstanding
Walt Disney subject
NATURE'S HALF ACRE

SATURDAY, MARCH 22
Gene Autry and Champion with
Pat Buttram and Gail Davis
Valley Of Fire
Cartoon—Cat Tumble
Comedy—Fast and Foolish

SUN., MON., MARCH 23, 24
Mitzi Gaynor, Dennis Day, Dale Robertson, James Barton in the
Technicolor Hit
Golden Girl
20th Century-Fox News

TUES., WED., MARCH 25, 26
Sterling Hayden, Vivera Lindfors
Thomas Mitchell
Journey Into Light
Cartoon—Sno Fun

THURS., FRI., MARCH 27, 28
Gorgeous Technicolor Re-Release
Henry Fonda, Gene Tierney
Jackie Cooper, Henry Hull
The Return Of Frank James
Cartoon—Audrey, The Rainmaker

"A THEATRE WITH PRIDE"

DAW

TAPPANNOCK, VA.

Continues Sat. & Sun. 3:30 to 11
Other Nights 7:30 and 9:15

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IN ANSWER TO MANY REQUESTS WE WILL PLAY SAME PICTURE ON SUNDAYS AND MONDAYS

TONITE, THURSDAY
Donald O'Connor in
"DOUBLE CROSSBONES"
In Technicolor

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
Jack Holt and Gordon McRae in
"RETURN OF THE FRONTIERSMAN"
Big Technicolor Western

Sunday and Monday

POUNDING HOOPS match POUNDING HEARTS!

WARNER BROS. PRESENT
THE STORY OF SEABISCUIT
TECHNICOLOR
STARRING SHIRLEY TEMPLE, BARRY FITZGERALD
ALSO STARRING LON McCALLISTER
DIRECTED BY DAVID BUTLER
WRITTEN BY JOHN TANTON FOOTE
Greatest Race Horse In History

Next Tuesday — One Day
"I WAS A COMMUNIST FOR THE F. I. I."
Very Interesting Picture

Next Wednesday, Thursday
Big Technicolor Outdoor
"CAVE OF THE OUTLAWS"
Alexis Smith and McDonald Carey
The Mystery Of The Great Wells Fargo Robbery

Thanks for Ty's Friends support

Thanks to the Record for featuring our son, Tyrell Nickens, in your newspaper for his non-profit group Ty's Friends during the Christmas holiday season. This December will be the group's 22nd holiday gift giving and Christmas party.

Tyrell started Ty's Friends Group by writing a letter to the Record at age 9, asking for community help to get needed holiday gifts for his disabled friends in the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck.

The Record first featured Tyrell, at age 2, along with his parents for attending a Black History program in 1987. He has since been featured in the newspaper numerous times until last year at age 30. He has been recognized for local, regional, state, national and international volunteer awards and honors related to his assistance to the disabled. He has been in the Record for meeting and talking to retired basketball star Magic Johnson, four visits to the White House, and being featured in Black Enterprise and JET JR magazines.

The Record did an article on his graduation day featuring him and his father, LHS track coach Irvin Nickens. He was featured for his internship with former Commonwealth's Attorney Jeff Schmidt, and his engagement to his love of his life, Tychier Young, was announced in this fine newspaper.

The Record has been a true asset to Tyrell Nickens and his volunteer efforts. Thank you for always being there for Ty's Friends Group And Fund. Happy 100th anniversary, Rappahannock Record, and God bless you for another 100 years.

Coach Irvin (Nick) and Phyllis D. Nickens

A beehive of activity

My recollections of the Rappahannock Record were mainly during my sophomore to senior years at Lancaster High School from 1966 to 1969.

I would occasionally stay after school either to run some errands for my mother or after-school activities. I would get a ride home from my uncle, Sonny McCarty, who worked at the Record along with Shorty McCrobie, Gilliam Lewis, and Robert M. Lee. Sometimes, I would see Bill Haislip, Mrs. Dize, and Mr. Currell.

I remember the newspaper printing press in the very back of the building along with the smell of oil and the huge rolls of paper. The previous week's edition was threaded throughout the machine. There was an area near the press where archived copies of the paper were kept. I would sometimes browse through one while I was waiting.

The rooms where the employees worked were a beehive of activity. I remember the linotype machine, the smaller presses and all of the typesetting supplies.

I enjoyed reading the columns with regards to the weekly happenings in the towns and villages of Lancaster and Northumberland counties in the Record. Miss Elizabeth Thomas reported what went on in Ottoman, my hometown.

Happy 100 years to the Rappahannock Record.

Rennie Berry,
Richmond

Rappahannock Record

FORTY-FIRST YEAR

KILMARNOCK, VIRGINIA, THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 1957

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Rappahannock River Bridge To Be Opened Friday

Bridge Association May Be Disbanded After 19 Years

The Lower Rappahannock River Bridge Association, now that the bridge is being completed, is ready to go out of business after 19 years but it has \$43,000 in the bank to be disposed of before it can do so.

George W. Cutler of Kilmarnock, treasurer of the association, wants to dispose of this money before the bridge opens so that the books of the association can be permanently closed at the conclusion of a successful effort.

Cutler, now 76, was a member of the Kilmarnock Town Council when he first suggested that the council get back of a movement to promote a bridge across the lower Rappahannock River. Cutler was named to head such a committee.

The Lower Rappahannock Bridge Association was organized at a meeting at Kilmarnock on November 16, 1938 according to an item in the Rappahannock Record. The object of the new organization was to promote the building of a bridge across the Rappahannock River to John Lancaster and Middlesex Counties.

Frank C. Hatch of Cutler was elected president of the association and George W. Cutler of Kilmarnock was elected secretary and treasurer.

Among the vice-presidents named for the association were R. O. Norris, Jr., R. Hill Fleet, Daniel Weymouth, W. H. Sanders, Judge J. Hugh Smith, Dr. B. H. B. Hubbard, Dr. Lee S. Ligeon, Dr. W. H. Lowe, Charles N. Lawson, G. N. Reed and George Hinton.

R. Hill Fleet, Dr. Lowe and George W. Cutler were named as members of the publicity committee.

The sum of \$1,000 was set aside for membership in the association and the vice-presidents were named as a committee to receive fees from those persons who desired to become members. The association members had already paid their dues.

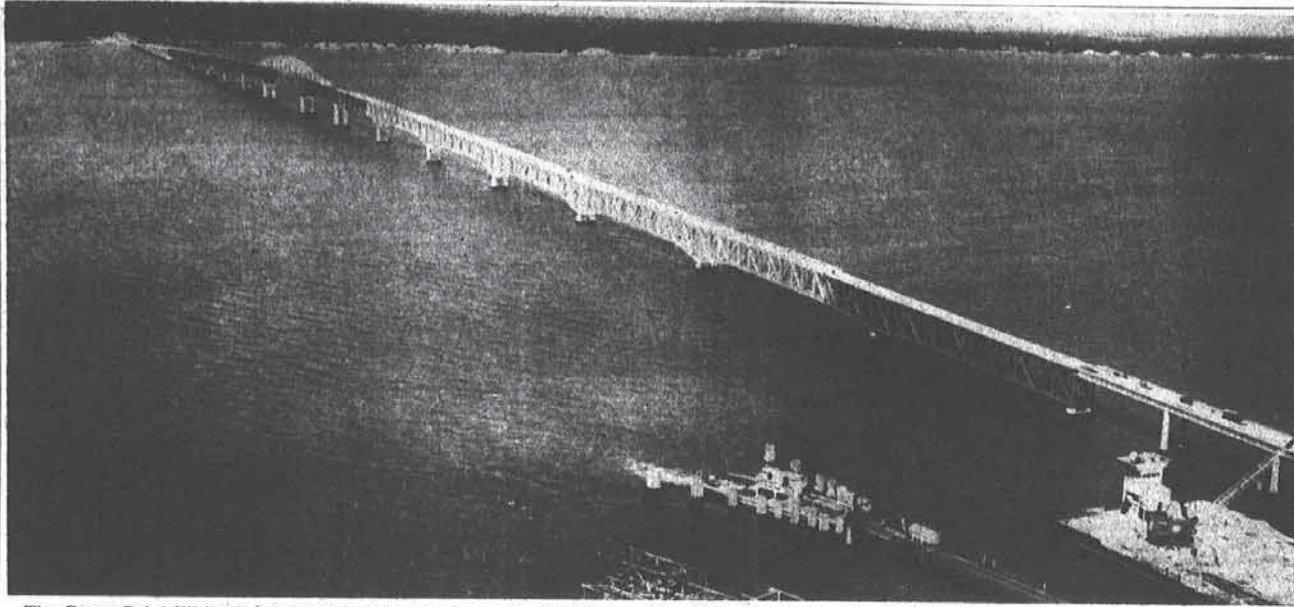
It was planned that the Lower Rappahannock Bridge Association be the parent organization and that organizers go to the counties and cities south of the Rappahannock and create interest and organize affiliate associations so that there might be concerted action in the cause.

Present at the meeting were R. O. Norris, Jr., R. Hill Fleet, Daniel Weymouth, Dr. B. H. B. Hubbard, Dr. Lee S. Ligeon, Dr. W. H. Lowe, Charles N. Lawson, Frank C. Hatch and G. W. Cutler.

The meeting was called to order by G. W. Cutler who explained the aims and objects as well as the need for such an organization. All of those present engaged in the discussion and expressed the full support for the project in the communities represented.

A steering committee to perfect the organization of the association had been named at a meeting of the Kilmarnock-Irvington-White Stone Rotary Club two weeks previously at which time Cutler had been elected acting chairman and secretary.

At the Rotary Club meeting Dr. W. H. Lowe, mayor of Kilmarnock, and several members of the town council were present and they together with the members of the club entered into a general discussion of the proposed bridge and (Continued on page 4)



The Greys Point-White Stone ferry boat in the slip on the Middlesex side of the river seems dwarfed in size when compared to the new bridge across the Rappahannock. In the distance are the shores of Lancaster County.

Barrack Appointed Toll Supervisor

Raymond Barrack of Irvington has been appointed by the highway department as supervisor of toll collections for the new Rappahannock River bridge on which toll will be collected beginning at 6 a. m. on Saturday, August 31.

Assisting Barrack as toll collectors will be William Hall of Irvington, James H. Smith of Kilmarnock, Walter P. Dunaway of Irvington, William L. Landon of Foxwell and Ernest J. Williams of Stormont.

All of these men have been working on the ferry which is to be replaced by the bridge. They were selected for their new jobs on the basis of seniority and dependability on the job.

Barrack has been working on the ferry since 1934 and has been in charge of all ferry operations since 1937.

The toll collectors on the bridge will work in eight-hour shifts. Two men will be on duty during rush hours in the daytime. Only one man will be stationed at the toll house at other times.

The normal crew on the ferry consisted of 21 men in three shifts of seven men each.

Barrack said that since he had been on the ferry he had met a lot of people and had enjoyed the work. In his new job on the bridge he will not have the opportunity to meet and talk to many of the people who are driving by the toll gate.

Beef Cattle Association To Meet At Stratford

The annual round-up and barbecue of the Tidewater Beef Cattle Association has been scheduled for Stratford Hall on Saturday, September 7.

The barbecue is scheduled for 12:30 p. m. sharp and an all-star lineup of speakers will be heard at 1:30. A tour of the farm facilities is planned to begin at 2:30 p. m.

Division Schools To Open Sept. 4

The annual pre-school conference of Lancaster and Northumberland County teachers will be held on Tuesday, September 3.

The colored teachers will meet at the Anna T. Jones School at 10:30 a. m. and the white teachers will meet at the Wiennia Elementary School at 1:30 p. m. Alfred S. Curtis, state supervisor of secondary education, will be the guest speaker.

Teachers and principals are at their respective schools this week preparing for the opening of schools on September 4. Registration of pupils will begin at 9:30 a. m. on this date and continue until noon. Beginning Thursday the schools of this division will be in regular full-time session.

The teachers for the division are:

Lancaster County (white)

E. E. Brown, E. M. Miller, Margaret Ramsey, Ellen Diaz, Donzella Harper, Frances N. Ashburn, David L. Kessler, Ada Hubbard, Mary Lee Johnson, Louise A. Hall, Anne Brent, Claudette Brownley, Elizabeth Spores, Grace Grayville, Elizabeth Hancock, Mary Louise Michel, Audrey Smith, Chester Z. Gates, H. E. Layell, Louise T. Dobyns, Anne Brouley, Mary Lee Barrack, Elizabeth Brown, Gazyelle Shelton, Catherine Stevens, Gladys Forester, Mary Nancy Jacobsen, Mildred Dockett, Gladys Moore, T. Benjamin Hall, Nellie G. Chase, Lillian R. Dix, Eleanor Porter, Emma Hicks, Katherine H. Chase, Lela T. Bailey, Elizabeth D. Greig, Evelyn Winstead, Margaret P. Sanders, Catherine D. Bellows, Winterford Dawson, Julia W. Powell, Helen R. Ponder, Hilda T. Russell, Ruth Capodice, Evelyn Jennings, Frances T. Whaley, Supervisor.

Lancaster County (colored)

Paul C. Lewis, W. H. Dudley, Viola W. Taylor, Ernestine T. Boyd, Theodosia Queen, Martham Grier, Sadie B. Wilby, Thomas M. Jones, Jr., Blanche V. Dudley, Robert King, Martha Dixon, Allen Ball, Alma R. Butler, Georgia B. McGehee (Continued on page 8)

Schedule of Events

Rappahannock River Bridge Dedication

11:00 a. m. Governor's Party assemblies in front of Post Office in White Stone

11:30 a. m. Call to order by Thomas D. McGinnes, General Chairman

National Anthem by U. S. Navy Band

Invocation by Dr. E. V. Peyton, pastor of Harmony Grove Baptist Church, Middlesex County

Presentation of Ammon G. Danton to introduce Master of Ceremonies

Hon. William A. Wright, Master of Ceremonies, presents Hon. R. O. Norris, Jr. to introduce governor

Address by Hon. Thomas B. Stanley, Governor of Virginia

Music by U. S. Navy Band

Presentation of Hon. John Warren Cooke, House of Delegates, Mathews, to introduce next speaker

Address by General James A. Anderson, State Highway Commissioner

Recognition of Dedication Committee Members

Presentation of Distinguished Guests

Presentation of James Raynor Danton, White Stone, and Jack Warren Hurd, Delatville, to cut ribbons to officially open the bridge

1:00 p. m. Cutting of ribbon (In event of rain exercises will be held in White Stone School Auditorium)

McKeldin Pledges To Prohibit Piers

Governor McKeldin of Maryland on Monday promised Virginia legislators that, if the Maryland Legislature Council fails to do so, he will sponsor legislation to prohibit gambling and drinking piers on the Virginia side of the Potomac River.

Governor Stanley, who accompanied the Virginia delegation to the meeting, supported McKeldin's views. "Virginia," he said, "would be most grateful if Maryland would prohibit such places."

The conference ended without any action being taken on any specific issue. The legislators agreed to study the problems further in their respective states and each side file a report with the legislative council of the other state.

Virginia stood pat on its policy of permitting unlicensed catches of sponge crabs throughout the year, big fish nets and number of crab pots. Maryland prohibits the catching of sponge crabs and limits the number of fish nets and crab pots.

Scientists from both sides reported that they had no evidence yet that limiting the crab catch would increase the future supply.

Delegate W. Taylor Murphy of Warsaw summed up Virginia's attitude by declaring that it is up to the scientists to make recommendations on any restrictions and until they do "we are only pulling answers out of the air."

Weems Soldier Promoted

The Robert L. Abbott of Weems has been promoted to Specialist Third Class in Korea. He is the son of Luther E. Abbott.

Measures Planned To Improve Dump

The Kilmarnock town council since hearing a delegation of citizens of Church Street area protest about the odors, smoke and rats from the town dump has decided upon three measures to better the situation.

In the future the dump is to be bulldozed every two weeks instead of monthly as has been the practice in the past.

The dump area is to be sprayed during the summer months as needed.

A fence is to be built and a gate placed across the road leading to the dump. The dump will be open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. each day and closed at all other times.

E. Walter Harvey, town mayor, said that he hopes these measures will alleviate conditions about which complaints were made. He says it is the firm intention of the town to handle this matter in a way satisfactory to all concerned.

Seaman Harcum Completes His Recruit Training

Arthur Leran Harcum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elsie L. Harcum, of Weems has completed nine weeks of recruit training at the United States Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Md. The local sailor, a former student at Lancaster High School, will spend a 14-day leave with his parents before reporting to Yorktown for Albatross School.

Seaman Harcum successfully completed the transition from civilian to military life which included instruction in seamanship, ordnance and gunnery, freighting, military bearing, military drill, shipboard drill, and citizenship.

The Weems Bluejacket enlisted in Richmond for four years, and was sworn in at Richmond. He is a member of the Morantia Baptist Church.

Governor Stanley Among Speakers On Day's Program

New River Bridge To Replace Ferry

Ferries have been in use in Lancaster County since early colonial days. After Friday the county will be left with only one ferry at this time, the one running between Merry Point and Ottomann on the Corrobran River.

One of the larger ferries of colonial times was in operation for many years between Chowan's Ferry near Senora in Lancaster County and Middlesex County across the Rappahannock River.

While Abbott received the first franchise to operate a ferry between Irvington and Urbanna which was a forerunner of the ferry service to be supplanted by the new bridge, Abbott, who moved to Irvington in 1923, operated the passenger service for about 18 months before that time while he was living in Urbanna.

In an interview this week Abbott said that to the best of his recollection Garrett's Ferry received a franchise to carry motor vehicles and passengers between Irvington and Lockles in 1922. The two franchises were combined the following year and Garrett's Ferry operated between Irvington and Urbanna for a number of years.

Garrett's Ferry was later sold to John Q. Adams who continued operating between Irvington and Urbanna for a time. He later changed the Middlesex terminal to Grey's Point.

The State Highway Department took over the operation of the ferry on March 15, 1941, according to Raymond Barrack, who has been in charge of ferry operations since 1937. The state operated the ferry from Irvington to Grey's Point for about two years before moving to the new dock at White Stone.

The "Miss Constance" which was in use when the state first took over the operation had a capacity of 11 cars. About two and a half years later the "Miss Washington," with a capacity of 11 cars, was brought from Gloucester Point as a relief boat. The "City of Hampton" was in relief for one month while the "Virginia" was undergoing repairs.

In April of this year the "York" was taken to Jamestown where the "Virginia" will also be taken immediately following the opening of the bridge.

Following dedication ceremonies until 6 a. m. Saturday, August 31, the bridge will be toll free. After 6 a. m. Saturday, tolls will be the same as those charged on the Coleman bridge over the York River—75 cents for a vehicle and operator, with no charge for additional passengers. Books of 10 commuter tickets will be sold for five dollars.

The department said arrangements have been made for necessary signs to be placed at the intersection of Route 3 and 390 and 7 and 21 notifying traffic of the curtailed ferry service.

The Rappahannock River Bridge, (Continued on page 8)

Special Feature Announced By Fair

Superman will be featured in a special grandstand show at the Northern Neck Agricultural Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 7:30 p. m.

This course is an added last minute attraction in addition to the many others previously announced.

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One of the biggest events in the history of this area is scheduled to take place tomorrow when the new bridge linking Lancaster and Middlesex Counties is dedicated at ceremonies around the toll house.

Among the speakers on the program scheduled to begin at 11:30 a. m. are Governor Thomas B. Stanley, Lieutenant Governor A. E. Stephens and General James A. Anderson, highway commissioner.

At 1:00 p. m. the program calls for the cutting of the ribbons on the Lancaster end of the bridge by James Raynor Danton, two-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Danton, III, of Wilmington, Del. and grandson of Mrs. Danton and the late G. Raynor Danton, in token of the efforts made by his grandfather over several years to obtain the bridge, and on the Middlesex side by James Warren Hurd, four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Norton W. Hurd of Delatville.

Scheduled to be present for the dedication exercises are one of the U. S. Navy's latest destroyers, a brand from Headquarters of the U. S. Atlantic Fleet of Norfolk under the direction of Mr. Lowe, a Color Guard from Ft. Eustis to be flown in by helicopter and a platoon of Marines and Color Guard from the Naval Mine Depot at Yorktown.

The U. S. S. Du Pont (DD691), a 1,000-ton ship of the Forrest Sherman Class, will arrive at 9 a. m. Friday and anchor between White Stone Beach and the bridge. This destroyer, named for Admiral Du Pont and commanded by Commander W. J. Muldoon, is scheduled to arrive at Norfolk after a trip to White Stone preparatory to making her shake-down cruise.

Box lunches, sandwiches, hot beverages, hot dogs, cakes, iced tea, coffee, and soft drinks will be served by several church groups and other organizations at lunch time at White Stone and at the bridge.

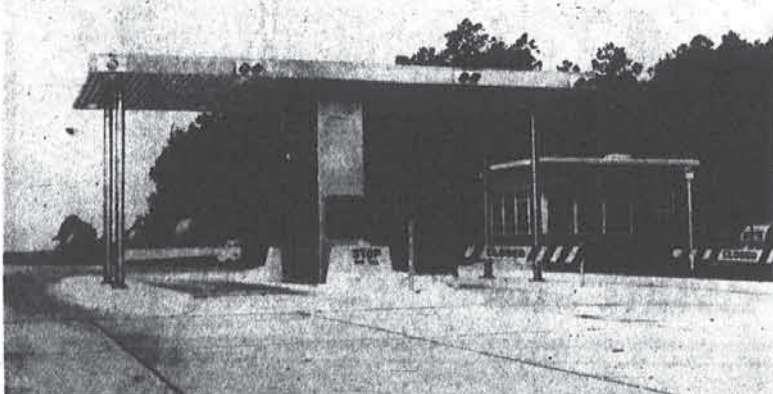
Changes in ferry service between White Stone and Greys Point on August 30, when the Rappahannock River bridge is dedicated, were announced this week by the State Highway Department.

A spokesman for the agency said the last regularly scheduled trip from Greys Point on Route 3 in Middlesex County will be at 8:30 a. m. and from White Stone, across the river in Lancaster County, at 9:20 a. m. After that time ferry service will be limited to foot passengers and out-of-state vehicles whose operators may have no advance knowledge of the bridge-opening ceremonies. There will be no charge for this traffic.

Following dedication ceremonies until 6 a. m. Saturday, August 31, the bridge will be toll free. After 6 a. m. Saturday, tolls will be the same as those charged on the Coleman bridge over the York River—75 cents for a vehicle and operator, with no charge for additional passengers. Books of 10 commuter tickets will be sold for five dollars.

The department said arrangements have been made for necessary signs to be placed at the intersection of Route 3 and 390 and 7 and 21 notifying traffic of the curtailed ferry service.

The Rappahannock River Bridge, (Continued on page 8)



The closed signs will come down tomorrow as the new Rappahannock River bridge is opened to traffic. Dedication exercises will take place around the toll gate preceding the cutting of the ribbons.

Along the 'ducklings' trail

I don't remember when I first visited the Rappahannock Record, but retired employee Ann Shelton used to tell me that as a child I would walk through the office in a line that reminded her of a mama duck and her ducklings. My mother, Bettie Lee Gaskins, would lead my older sister, me, and my younger brother through the office.

My first memory is of just passing through the office. We three ducklings were wandering around the building, free of our mama. I remember when the middle room, that is now two rooms, was one large room, with support beams throughout and it was a maze of desks. It must have been after hours, because I don't remember any people being there. I found a Magic 8 Ball on someone's desk and played with it for a while. I must have been 8 years old, or so.

I do remember on multiple occasions my grandfather, Emory Currell, sitting at his roll top desk in the front room and can still hear the envelopes rip as he opened them with one long swoop of the letter opener.

I also remember what I refer to as the "bathroom situation." The bathroom on the first floor had holes in the walls and offered no privacy. So my mother sent us to what was, in my memory, one of the scariest bathrooms I have ever been in. We had to climb the tall, intimidating wooden steps up to the second floor, which at that time was just used for storage. We had to pass various rooms filled with dusty junk and spider webs while the floor creaked beneath our feet. Once we made it to the bathroom door, the room was so long that walking to the toilet was like walking down another hallway. The ceilings were unfinished and very high. It wasn't the clean-

est of bathrooms, either. I was certain I was in some kind of dungeon.

Now that I am a mother, I can see that my mother probably enjoyed sending us to that bathroom, as we were sure to take care of business quickly and return to the first floor. My "bathroom situation" memory probably doesn't match the memories that the employees had of that bathroom, but it sure did make a lasting impression on me!

There is a gap in my memories of the Record office until, as a teenager, I had a summer job there helping Jean Dize and Ann Shelton in the front office. Those two ladies made working fun and always had words of wisdom for me.

It was at this age that I was shown my uncle's finger by employee and resident jokester K.C. Troise. Part of my uncle Bill's finger was chopped off in the printing press and it was preserved in a jar of formaldehyde and stored in an office cabinet. K.C. brings it out every now and then for show and tell. Stories like this made me understand that this business had been a family business long before I arrived. My grandfather bought the newspaper. His sister and her husband, Emma and Bill Haislip, worked there. My mother worked there. My father works there. I work there. This summer my daughter worked there. We have employees that are like family as well. Twenty and 30-some years together makes you family.

As an adult, I began to work at the Record office in 2003. I am a CPA and worked part time there paying the bills and doing the payroll. Over the past 13 years my duties and work hours increased and I am now a full time employee, managing a myriad of things from accounting procedures to flooding toilets.

The best part of my days are when I stop to notice the familiar faces, some of whom have been there since I trailed through as a child, the well lived in building, and the scents of ink and chemicals that linger from the long gone printing presses.

Ten or 20 years from now, I wonder what I'll remember from now. The Bob groaning loudly in frustration in the room next door? Tuesday lunch out with my dad and sister? Calling my mom to tell her my newest idea? The employees that have come and gone? Computer server or internet problems at the worst times possible? Trying to write a restaurant review which only reaffirmed my place as an accountant? It's hard to think of any of this as a "memory" when I've been immersed in it my entire life.

My two little duckling buddies from my childhood also work at the newspaper. My sister, Susan, works at the Record office and my brother, Joseph, works at the Southside Sentinel (the weekly newspaper in Urbanna that my parents own). How many people are fortunate enough to say their whole family works together? Or that their grandfather and father have both been the president of the Virginia Press Association?

Our parents are trying to semi-retire but somehow they still have full schedules at both newspapers. We are blessed to be involved in this family business. The newspaper industry is changing so fast we can hardly keep up, but we intend to try. There is no dollar value you could put on my memories of growing up in a newspaper family business. Although we sometimes try to get ahead of mama and papa duck, we three ducklings are still learning, observing, soaking it all in, and we have our own little ducklings that trail behind us.

Kate Gaskins Oliver

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Museum piece leaves the Record

by Fred Gaskins

Thomas Edison called the machine "The Eighth Wonder of the World."

Those who operated the Rappahannock Record's old Model 1 Linotype, when hot metal was molded in order to print the paper, probably had a few more choice names for it.

The 2,300-pound maze of gears, cams and levers, with a keyboard layout that would baffle any normal typist, did its job here for over 40 years, however.

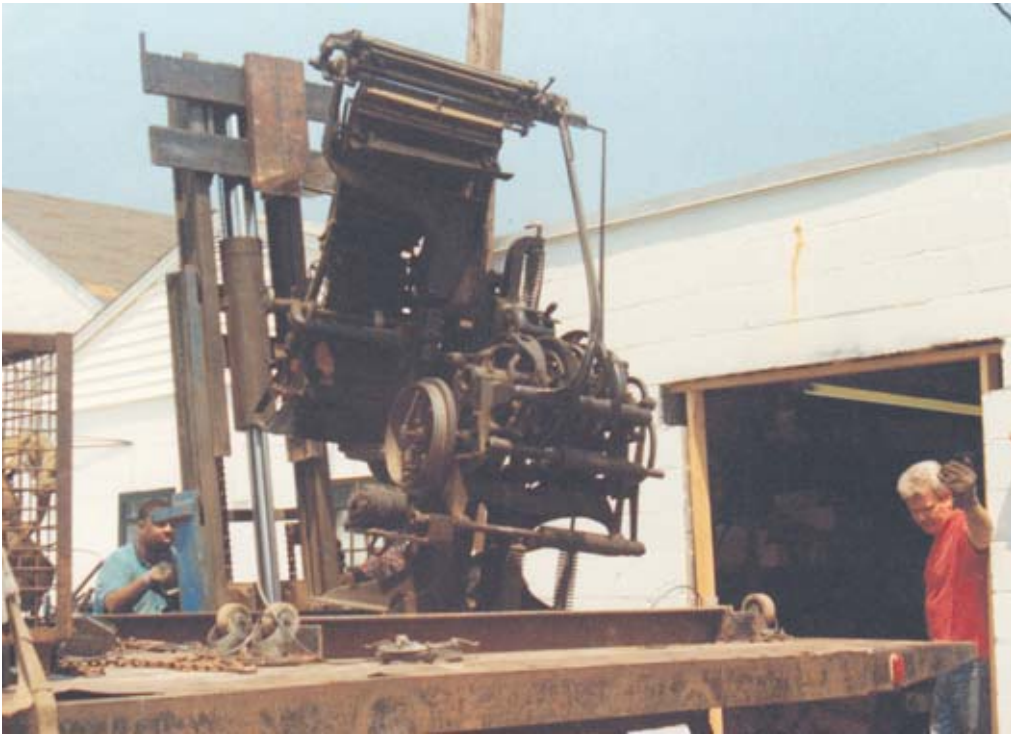
It's been "resting" at the Record since its retirement in 1966, and now it's going to a museum.

The Record, through the estate of the late owner and editor J. E. Currell, has donated the machine to The Freedom Forum's "Newseum," a \$38 million project to open in Arlington next spring. There, along with many other exhibits related to journalism and the dissemination of news, it will be viewed by millions of people each year (see related article on page A16).

Based on research by Arlyn Gill, collections manager for the Newseum, the Record's Model 1 Linotype was built between January and June of 1893. The Linotype had been invented by Otto Mergenthaler only seven years earlier, in 1886.

Prior to this invention, type to produce books and newspapers was set by hand, one letter at a time. The Linotype speeded up the process by being able to produce an entire line of type.

The machine used an alphabet of brass matrices and space bands, each of which fell into place with a touch of the mysterious keyboard. When the line of words and spaces



Linotype gets a lift

The Rappahannock Record's 103-year-old Linotype is lifted onto a truck by workers from United Rigging in Beltsville, Md. Visitors from around the world will soon be able to see it in a museum.

was complete, melted lead was forced against them, the lead instantly hardened, and a mold was created of the letters. The matrices and spaces ingeniously returned to their proper places to be used again and again.

When all the heavy lead lines, headlines and photo engravings were locked together to form a typical newspaper page, it weighed up to 100 pounds.

The page was lugged to the press, ink was applied, and paper was pressed against the form to create the printed page. For the next edition, the lead was melted down and the

process begun again.

Most newspapers today are assembled via computer using laser and photographic technology.

According to company records and a February 26, 1925, edition of the paper, the Linotype was acquired by the Record earlier that year at a cost of \$1,100. Nothing is known of its prior owner or where it was acquired.

The front page of the 1925 paper included a line drawing of the Linotype with the announcement of its arrival. The article began:

"With a great deal of satis-

faction the editor of the Rappahannock Record [then Thomas J. Keane] announces the installation of a new Linotype. This mechanical marvel qualifies us to serve efficiently the large number of persons who look to our publication for enlightenment and entertainment, and who patronize our job-printing department.

".....Our new Linotype enables us to set by machine many forms of composition that previously necessitated tedious work by hand....This installation is a testimonial to the prosperity of Kilmarnock and the vicinity," the article

continued.

"....When employed in the composing of advertisements, newspaper headings, booklets, catalogues and various other kinds of printed matter, our new machine enables one operator to set in the same time more type than ordinarily could be produced by five or six men or women doing the work by hand—and the composition is incomparably better."

The article noted that the new machine would be operated by Meredith Northern, "who has been with the Record for many years, serving us faithfully in practically every branch of the business. Our friends are cordially invited to visit us and see this remarkable machine in operation."

W. H. "Shorty" McCrobie, the Record's senior employee, said the machine was already here when he joined the company over 50 years ago. He was told that it was shipped in via steamboat from Baltimore.

Indeed, other company records from 1925 include an expenditure of \$65 for freight on a press and to "haul Lino. from Whf."

Many parts for the Linotype were also ordered that year, including type, metal, rules, border slides and a gas burner which was used to keep the lead melted until the machine was retired.

Power to operate the Linotype, presses and folding machines in the building was provided by a gasoline engine, McCrobie said. It was attached to a large belt and pulley system in the ceiling from which other belts and pulleys radiated to the various pieces of equipment. An electric motor later replaced the gasoline engine, but the pulley system remained in use for many years.

McCrobie said M. M. "Tap" Northern apparently left the business shortly thereafter to join the government printing office in Washington, D.C. He later operated a real estate business in that area. Northern was succeeded by Hugh Norris, who operated the Linotype until his father died in 1928, and he left to take over a grocery business.

Emory Currell, a former teacher and school principal, had taken over as editor in 1927. When Norris left, Currell recruited one of his former students, Gilliam Lewis, to operate the Linotype.

Lewis, and Currell, stayed on the job for over 60 years.

Lewis operated the Model 1 and later a Model 8 Linotype until his death in 1989, and some of the "lines 'o type" he created are still used in the Record's job printing department.

The Model 1, limited to the use of only one type style, was retired in 1966 in favor of the newer Model 8 which could handle several typefaces with more ease.

Other fancier Linotypes were used in later years, including one that could operate from a punched paper tape created on a more sensible typewriter keyboard, requiring less training.

Ann Farrington, a Newseum project manager planning the exhibits, and riggers from a Maryland firm were in Kilmarnock Friday to remove both the Model 1 and the Model 8 Linotypes. Two additions to the building and a new interior wall had been constructed since the machines were installed, so a partition had to be removed and the back door enlarged in order to accommodate the move.



Farewell scene

The Rappahannock Record's youngest employee, Kate Gaskins, records the departure on video as an over 100-year-old Linotype is trucked away Friday. The company's oldest employee, Shorty McCrobie, watches from the back door (right). McCrobie has worked at the Record for 51 years; the Linotype was installed there 71 years ago. The machine is headed for a museum in Arlington.



See the Record Linotype and more at the Newseum

When the Newseum is completed next year, its lobby will be dominated by a geodesic sphere displaying the names of every daily newspaper in the world . . . and one U.S. weekly newspaper, the Rappahannock Record.

The Record is being so honored because it donated a major artifact — its original Model 1 Linotype — to the museum's "news history walk," an exhibition on the museum's top floor.

You can see the Record Linotype and lots more in the 72,000-square-foot facility under construction at the Freedom Forum World Center in Rosslyn, a cluster of office towers in Arlington.

The Newseum will be a one-of-a-kind educational facility, the world's only major museum dedicated exclusively to telling the story of the past, present and future of news, and the influence of the First Amendment. It will feature state-of-the-art multimedia presentations and exhibits designed to appeal to every kind of news consumer.

The "news history walk" begins with ancient, pre-print traditions of spoken news and then traces the evolution of print news with artifacts such as the Linotype, an 18th century press from Williamsburg, TV cameras from Walter

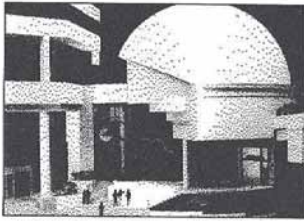
Cronkite's studio, satellites from the Smithsonian Museum and several historic newspapers. Digital video presentations will accompany many of the exhibits.

Another major feature of the Newseum will be a "news wall" as long as a city block, displaying more real-time news feeds than any other place in the world, including daily front pages from every state and broadcast news as it happens via satellite and fiber optics.

In another area, visitors can create and print their own news through role-playing as reporters, editors, broadcasters or TV weather persons. They can conduct interviews with news professionals and participate in TV or radio broadcasts originating from the Newseum's glass-encased studio.

Also included will be a theater featuring a signature film about news, shown on the largest high-definition screen in the Washington, D.C. area.

Already open adjacent to the museum is Freedom Park, a 68,000-square-foot space featuring outdoor performance and dining areas, memorials honoring news pioneers and journalists killed in the line of duty, and several "icons of freedom."



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Among the icons are sections of the Berlin wall and the Checkpoint Charlie guard tower, a Lenin statue toppled in St. Petersburg during the fall of communism, a replica of the statue destroyed in Tiananmen Square, the door of Martin Luther King's jail cell, a South African ballot box cast in bronze, and a small boat used by fleeing Cuban refugees.

Freedom Park overlooks Washington's monumental mall across the river and offers views of the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument and the U.S. Capitol dome.

A Washington Metro subway station is just one block away from the Newseum.

The Freedom Forum, with assets of more

than \$700 million, is the largest foundation in the country devoted to media and First Amendment issues. It was created by Allen Neuharth, founder of USA Today and former chairman and CEO of the Gannett Company, as a "non-partisan, international organization dedicated to free press, free speech and free spirit for all people."

The Freedom Forum sponsors several programs related to journalism education and the professional development of journalists, as well as international press freedom programs. The Newseum, when it opens next April, will be the foundation's most publicly visible enterprise, however.

NOTE: The Newseum has moved to new quarters in Washington, D.C. since this article was written and, at last check, the old Linotype donated by the Record was no longer on display.

Rappahannock Record: A family tradition

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

It's not unusual to hear the sounds of children's laughter and chatter at the Rappahannock Record office. After all it's a family-owned business where J. Emory Currell's family grew up.

It was fairly common to see Currell with one or both of his daughters sitting by his side as he read copy and edited stories back in the 1950s.

Over the past half century, Currell's grandchildren and great-grandchildren have also grown up at the Record office, spending days there while their parents worked and sometimes helping out where needed in the front office or on deliveries. That began when Currell's wife, Harriet, died in 1947, leaving him to raise two little girls on his own. Elizabeth "Bettie" Lee Gaskins was only 3 years old and Clara Hayward Christopher, 6, when their mother passed away in 1947. Currell's half sister, Emma Haislip, became a "surrogate" mother to the girls and she and her husband, Bill, who both went on to work at the Record, moved into the Currell home on Church Street in Kilmarnock along with the mother of Currell and Emma.

"I remember the story about Daddy carrying me on his hip around the office and sitting me on the edge of one of the back tables. I fell off and Gilliam [Lewis] caught me," said Bettie Lee.

Growing up the daughters of a newspaper owner and publisher, Bettie Lee and Clara came to realize the odd work hours and the time demands of the profession.

"You could probably set the clock by him," said Clara, who said on a typical work day her father would awake at 8 a.m., eat and walk around the block to the Record office on Main Street. At noon, he'd walk back home for a sandwich, then head upstairs to



From left, Clara Christopher and Bettie Lee Gaskins have been involved with the Rappahannock Record for over 70 years. Their father, J. Emory Currell, owned the paper for 66 years. The two sisters are now co-owners. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

catch a quick nap.

"He'd say wake me in 10 minutes if I don't wake up," said Bettie Lee.

He'd return to the Record until dinnertime and the 6 p.m. news. He'd head back to the office until 11 p.m. when he came home to watch the late news and go to bed.

The next day was a duplicate, said his daughters.

"I know after our mother died, he said that's how he coped. He threw himself into work," said Bettie Lee.

The Currells' Kilmarnock home was truly a family home with six people living there, including Currell, his daughters, the Haislips and

the girls' grandmother.

"Everyone helped to raise us," said Clara.

"The first thing I really remember is Daddy bringing work home," said Bettie Lee, who was 4 or 5 years old. "Clara and I were helping stuff envelopes and were putting the stamps on. Back then, it was two cents for in town mail and three cents for out of town. Well, I put three cents on everything. He told me I had done it wrong and I said, 'All right, I'll fix them.' Then I just put a two-cent stamp on them over top of the three-cent stamp."

"So there was five cents on each!" added Clara.

The girls both worked in the front office as teenagers, not writing copy but helping customers and recording checks. Currell did all of the writing and dictated the stories to typist Ellen Lee. Clara and Bettie Lee often helped clip obituaries out of the Richmond paper for a rewrite by Currell.

"I still remember the bags of beans and produce from our family farm that Daddy would sell in the front office," said Bettie Lee.

The Record also served as an outlet for the local schools' "distributive education" classes, a program that allowed high school students to work for course credits.

"Daddy would always take a student," said Bettie Lee.

Usually, it was a junior or senior boy, and that prompted afternoon visits by Clara, who was a little younger than most of the hires.

"There was always an older boy that worked here and I would stop by after school to see them," she said.

After graduating from Westhampton College of the University of Richmond with a math degree, Bettie Lee married Fred Gaskins of Irvington. Clara went to Ran-

dolph-Macon Woman's College and married Gus Christopher of Wicomico Church.

Bettie Lee and Clara assumed ownership of the paper after Currell's death in 1993. Although Clara acts as more of a silent partner, Bettie Lee and Fred assumed management of the Record in the late 1980s. Currell would still spend a few hours at the paper almost daily until 1990. Fred served as the editor and Bettie Lee, the business manager. They served as the general managers of the paper through nearly three decades until recently when they turned over management to their two daughters, Susan Simmons and Kate Oliver.

The Gaskinses were there through the renovation of the building when former apartments upstairs were converted into offices, a kitchen, dark room and bathrooms. They were also there when the Record came into the computer age. The paper, which stopped being printed in house in 1972, was then pasted up by hand Tuesday afternoons and evenings before being hand delivered to the printers.

Now it's sent to the printers with the click of a button. But for about 15 years from the late 1980s until 2000, on Tuesday evenings, Bettie Lee would stop crunching numbers to wander to the back room, much like her father did every week. Just like Currell had done for years, she would read and re-read nearly every inch of paper in search of errors. And although she's stepped away from her general manager duties at the Record, she can still be found proofreading copy weekly at the Southside Sentinel in Urbanna and monthly during the spring, summer and fall when the Record and Sentinel publish The Rivah Visitor's Guide.

Old habits are hard to break.

Fiction or Fact from Bob's Almanac

by Robert Mason Jr.

Pardon the cliché, "the more things change, the more they stay the same."

Over the course of 100 years, the newspaper industry has experienced many changes. But, you'll have to take my word for it.

I may be old-school by today's standards, I'm not a dinosaur; I have no firsthand knowledge of linotype machines and hot type. But I do have a new iPhone.

I barely recall photo composition machines and if I did, I wouldn't know enough about them to bore you.

Never the techno type, I switch on the computer, replace the batteries in my mouse, boot up the software I use on a daily basis and access the internet for research. It's all Macintosh to me.

Of course, it wasn't always like that. When I began my journalism career 40 years ago, it was all legal pads and ballpoint pens.

As a reporter covering meetings, interviewing feature subjects and such, I'd take sloppy notes on one pad, go back to my desk and write out a story longhand on another and turn it in to the editor.

He'd mark it up, hand it off to a typesetter and I'd see it again in column format—like magic—when we pasted it up on a page a few days later. From there, the pages were delivered to a printer where there was some photo work, platemaking and offset presswork and I'd read it next on newsprint—like magic—a newspaper.

There were variations: On fieldwork like sports assignments and parade coverage, I'd use a pocket size notebook instead of a legal pad.

Over the years, I experimented with tape recording devices but they never replaced the pen and pad. Eventually I got a manual typewriter, primarily because of my penmanship. Along came the electric typewriter, the Mac Plus, the first generation iMac, the Cube, the Mac mini and now this big screen iMac, wireless key board and mouse.

I joined the Rappahannock Record 25 years ago, sometime in the Mac Plus era. As editor now, you will still find a legal pad and pens on my desk. On the occasional field assignment, you'll see a reporter's notebook in my hand. I even mark up the random piece of copy that comes along once or twice a week and hand it off to a typesetter.

The majority of the news items submitted from the community for publication these days, 99.9% of it, comes by email. Reporters enter their stories into our system from their desktop computers, their laptops or by email. I retrieve the item from our server, edit it, refile it for the proofreader, only to retrieve it on Tuesday evening to put it on a page right at my computer. No more trucking pasteup pages to the printer. It's all digital to me.

We send it by ftp at noon Wednesdays straight to the



Robert Mason Jr., with a reporter's notebook in his pocket. He has been the Record's editor for 14 years and began writing the Fiction or Fact from Bob's Almanac column 24 years ago on the anniversary of his first year of working at the Rappahannock Record.

press 80 miles away. Around 7 p.m., a deliveryman drops the entire press run at the back door where a crew is waiting to deliver bundles to newsstands or address single issues for delivery to the post office. Like magic, we've got a hard copy on newsprint.

Meanwhile, back in computer land, an information technology crew has posted a web version at RRecord.com and the entire paper in an electronic e-Edition format for internet subscribers. It's all digital. Any related inquiries, I

forward to them.

On the reporting side, things really haven't changed that much. We're still covering meetings, ball games and parades. We're still interviewing folks. We're people watching and recording it to share with others.

The tools have changed, the processes have changed, but the story is the same.

The rotary dial phone has been replaced by an iPhone. But, I still prefer to interview folks face to face. Body language says a lot. I can use FaceTime, but it's not quite the same.

The biggest changes—the most time-saving measures—have come in the area of photography.

On my first day as a reporter at our sister publication in Urbanna—the Southside Sentinel—editor Fred Gaskins showed me how to load film into a 35mm Nikkormat, how to release the shutter, how to activate the flash, how to develop black and white film and how to make a print.

Following that introduction to photography, he sent me off to get a "grip and grin" pic at a Middlesex County Lions Club meeting. My first assignment as a general assignment reporter/photographer was successful and I'm still learning how to take better pictures. Along the way I earned a journalism degree, took a few photo courses, even taught a few.

We shot all black and white, developed all the film, made all the prints. We spent hours in the darkroom. When the option of color came along, we depended on outside labs to develop the film and make the prints.

As digital photography evolved, we no longer needed a darkroom. A reporter's work station now occupies the space where the enlarger was.

I can even take a photo using my iPhone. It's almost scary to think I hold the future of newspapers in my hand. On that one handheld device, I can take notes, record meetings, interview folks, write a story, edit copy, shoot video, take photos, access the internet, and read the Record.

Wait! Nothing has really changed. We're still processing news and reading the paper at our fingertips.

Change is relative. Change brings challenges. Challenges bring learning experiences. That's what makes community journalism a rewarding career.

Every day I learn something new about the community. People make the community. Until that changes, there will always be a community newspaper. We're in the people business.

The tools may change, the processes may change, the medium may change, but the story never does. It's all about the people.

And until cameras and cell phones are readily accepted in the courtroom, there's still hope for legal pads, pens and reporter's notebooks.

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Thank you!

On behalf of those who've gone before us, the current staff of the Rappahannock Record expresses thanks to all readers, advertisers, contributors and friends for making our newspaper a part of this community's life for the past century.

Here's to the next 100!



From left, seated: Robert Mason Jr., Susan G. Simmons, Bettie Lee Gaskins, Fred Gaskins, Kate G. Oliver, and Gloria Bosher. Standing: Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi, Doreen Hamblet, Madison White Franks, Lindsay Bishoff, Sara Amiss, Jessica Michels-Mancini, Stephanie Feria, K.C. Troise, Marilyn Bryant, Michelle Smith, Mike Antonio, and Susan Robertson. Not pictured: Audrey Thomasson.