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Photo by Oakie Asbury
Sen. Buckley (center) shakes hands with City Councilman
David Lisk as Rep. Scott (right) beams

Valley Political Roundup

Agnew May Visit Roanoke To Boost Scott And Nixon

Vice President Spiro Agnew is expected to come to either Roanoke or Richmond Friday to campaign for the re-election of President Nixon and get in some plugs for Rep. William L. Scott.

Scott is opposing U. S. Sen. William B. Spong Jr. as the Republican's candidate.

Scott's candidacy was given a financial boost last night when about 150 persons turned out for a \$50-a-plate dinner at Hotel Roanoke.

Sen. James Buckley of New York, a spokesman for the conservative viewpoint, said that President Nixon's re-election has "the potential of a landslide" but that Republicans should not be lulled into a false sense of security.

He said that Sen. George McGovern has mobilized forces in this country that "need to be defeated decisively."

The dinner was sponsored by the Doctors and Dentists for Scott in the 6th District, headed by Dr. Charles Young of Roanoke.

peared before the Roanoke Valley Association of Life Underwriters. White's proposal to nationalize medical care drew some dissent from the insurance agents who peppered him with questions.

White said he embraces the concepts of the pending Kennedy-Griffin bill that would provide national health care. White told a group of supporters at a picnic last night in Longwood Park in Salem that his position in the three-way race is steadily improving.

Spong Jr. and act as master of ceremonies for the dinner.

Caldwell Butler, candidate for Congress in the 6th District, and Richard Obenshain, state GOP chairman, will attend.

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Staunton, Va., Leader, Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1972

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Butler visits expo, addresses area builders

Republican Congressional Candidate Caldwell Butler was back in Staunton Monday.

After meeting with U.S. Sen. Hugh Scott and U.S. Rep. Gerald Ford, the Republican leaders in Washington, Mr. Butler flew into Staunton where he had a picture taking session with Jeannie C. Riley.

He spent three hours at Augusta Expo where he met people and was introduced to the crowd. Later in the evening, he spoke to the Shenandoah Valley Builders Association. He discussed the provisions of the

omnibus housing bill, now under consideration by Congress.

After the talk, he exchanged ideas informally with members of the association concerning various provisions of the bill.

Based on his conversations with members of Congress that afternoon, Mr. Butler said chances for passage of the legislation before adjournment are very strong.

Butler's Office Space Request Approved

Caldwell Butler today said his request for office space in the federal building for continued use of the 6th District representative has been granted.

Butler, Republican candidate for Congress in the 6th, released a letter from the General Services Administration indicating steps will be taken to assure that space is available for the victorious congressional candidate.

The question had come up

some time ago whether space would be available. It had been occupied by former Rep. Richard Poff.

Butler termed the GSA reply gratifying. He said he now can assure people of the 6th that there will be a congressional office in all parts of the district if he is elected.

The GSA letter, signed by acting Director Arthur F. Sampson, said the old Poff office space will be held for the

November winner.

"Please feel free to advise the other two candidates of our intentions to freeze this space prior to its reassignment," Sampson wrote.

City's Vice Mayor Joins Butler's Campaign Staff

David K. Lisk, Roanoke vice mayor, has been named field coordinator and advance man on the campaign staff of M. Caldwell Butler, Republican candidate for Congress in the 6th District.

Lisk has resigned as associate director of the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults, and will be working fulltime in the Butler campaign.

He said Wednesday he left his position with the Easter Seal Society for personal reasons.

Lisk said he's working in the Butler campaign because he feels it's essential that Republican Congressmen be

elected so they can support the programs of President Nixon.

The appointment of Lisk as a campaign worker was announced by Butler in an appearance at Roanoke College.

"We are extremely happy to have a man of Dave's proven quality and popularity on board," said Butler. "I feel our staff will be greatly complemented by his addition."

Lisk said he hopes to get back into work connected with the handicapped after the election. He indicated that he may work with the Governors' Committee for the Handicapped.

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Buena Vista

9/7/72

Butler To Support Environmental Dept.

Republican Caldwell Butler pledged again this week that if elected to Congress he will push for adoption of President Nixon's proposed Department of Natural Resources.

Butler made the pledge at the opening of the GOP Headquarters in Staunton and renewed it over the weekend.

Butler said that those who are about to inherit the earth "are right in inquiring about the condition it is in." He said that with the support and advice of his constituents he would go to Washington and accomplish the objective of responsible stewardship of the earth and its natural

Hamner says. "The Japanese put out a beautiful book, and Czechoslovakia illustrated theirs with woodblock prints."

resources.

But the Republican put most emphasis on the fact that he will be a strong supporter of the President—"the first President in history to make environmental concern a matter of high national policy."

The candidate for the Congressional seat of the Sixth District praised the President for creating the Council on Environmental Quality and Environmental Protective Agency.

Butler noted that the people of this district have a special stake in the President's quest for a more livable earth. He cited the beautiful mountains and valleys as legacies to be protected.

Butler called the energy crisis as one which is coming closer and closer to all Americans

Godwin's Act Termed Move to Governorship

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Cheers for Henry Howell

I WOULD LIKE to salute Henry Howell for his recent enlightening statement about former Gov. Mills Godwin.

Other Democrats have wondered why Godwin turned to Nixon this year. It seems quite clear. Being one of the "Big Boys," as Howell so aptly calls them, Godwin must be scared that McGovern will win.

"Big Boys" would be taxed as well as the middle class . . . also country club memberships and manicures, which the governor exempted, while pushing taxes on food and non-prescription drugs.

I am grateful that the Democrats for Nixon are out in the open where we can see them.

Three cheers for Mr. Howell! Keep up the good work.

Roanoke

ROBERT E. GREGORY

Bacon Assails Godwin Stand

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BULLETIN - DEMOCRAT

Peaks of Otter Bedford Co. Va.

Some Painful Choices

How many in this Bedford community will vote a straight Democratic ticket in November? Certainly the percentage of the total vote going straight Democratic will be the lowest in memory, probably for a century or more. This is Bedford, rock-ribbed Democratic from Civil War times down to the Eisenhower-Poff era, which began twenty years ago. This is Bedford, where for most of a century the citizen hardly bothered to cast his ratification vote in November, all having been settled more or less to his satisfaction in the Democratic primary of August or July.

But this November the straight-ticket Democrat must vote for George McGovern for president, a distasteful choice for a high percentage of the faithful, for William B. Spong, Jr., for the Senate, a far more welcome prospect, and for William M. Anderson, who has disavowed allegiance to the national ticket, for the Sixth District seat in the House of Representatives. He could salve his Democratic conscience somewhat, perhaps, by voting for Roy White for Congress, and probably quite a few will. But Professor White is only an Independent Democrat, not the party's nominee.

The flight of candidates and party leaders from any involvement with the McGovern ticket resembles a stampede. Within the last fortnight in this Sixth Congressional District the Democratic nominee has declared he can not support the McGovern program. The flight includes office

holders who are not running this year but must face the voters next year.

The hegira of former Governor Godwin and his non-Republican associates to Washington August 7 and the exchange of good will with the Republican President intensifies the spotlight focused on the uncomfortable situation of tens of thousands of Virginians who have never voted any ticket but the Democrat. This is especially true in this section of the Commonwealth. Both the men this district sent to the House of Delegates last November were in Mr. Godwin's party of former Democrats, or at least non-Republicans.

So where does this leave the longtime Bedford Democrat, loyal for almost a century to his party one thousand per cent—to borrow one of the McGovern mathematical impossibilities? We have a Republican in the Governor's Mansion in Richmond. We have been sending a Republican to Congress for twenty years and may continue to do so. Only one of our United States senators is a Democrat, and his tenure is gravely challenged in this election. Most of us have been voting for a Republican or other non-Democrat for president for two decades. Perhaps the splintering process can be halted eventually by the new broad-based Democratic organization, with its insistence on representation of many diverse elements. We hope this will come about, for the sake of good, responsible two-party government in state and nation—eventually, but not this year.

Now About Next Year

Lieutenant-Governor Howell's declaration of full support of the national Democratic ticket of McGovern and Shriver appears to complete the splintering of the Democratic Party of Virginia which provided the Commonwealth with its government for two generations or more. It surprised no one who has followed Mr. Howell's career, his bitter fight against the party organization in the 1969 gubernatorial race, his election as lieutenant-governor as an independent, his avowed purpose of using that office as a stepping stone to the governorship. In pursuit of that purpose there was nowhere else for him to turn. He makes no secret of his motives, declaring "I am going to need some help from the Democratic party" in his effort "to keep the big boys honest and make the system work in Virginia."

So Mr. Howell obviously must become a Democrat again, count on the full backing of the element which took charge in the state convention in Roanoke in June, seek to broaden this base and hope thereby to get himself elected governor next year. If this plan of battle works out Candidate Howell should fall heir to the party name, since the Democratic organization now is dominated by the liberal—some would say radical—coalition which shut out the old time regulars at the Roanoke convention.

Next year's race for the Governor's mansion, which already is in full swing, poses difficult decisions for

others who have won high office as Democrats. It is quite possible that the main contest will be between Mr. Howell and his cohorts and those lifelong Democrats who can not stomach Senator McGovern's brand of democracy or populism and find the lieutenant-governor's leftward swing equally distasteful. As this is written it is noteworthy that other statewide officers, elected as Democrats, maintain a silence as golden as that of the late Senator Byrd, senior. Some brand new party labels may appear in 1973.

For while Virginia Republicans can look forward with confidence to a sweep of the state for President Nixon in November and possibly retention of the Republican majority in the Virginia delegation in Congress⁶, next year will be another story. Already there are indications this year's party unity will begin to dissolve as soon as the presidential race is over. Governor Holton's leadership already is seriously challenged by those who consider him too liberal. There is also the fear that leadership of the conservative cause in 1973 will be taken out of Republican hands by the influential Democrats who have associated themselves with former Governor Godwin in working for reelection of the President. The 1973 race very well might be Howell against Godwin—or perhaps Attorney-General Miller—with the Republicans, with no candidate of real stature yet in sight, running a bad third.

Lyn. News
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Gun Control Laws Opposed By GOP House Candidate

By JAYNE QUINN
News Staff Writer

The Republican candidate for Congress from the Sixth District Thursday came out against certain forms of gun control legislation saying such legislation would only affect the law abiding citizen.

M. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke made his comments at the opening of the Lynchburg Republican Headquarters located at 1001 Main Street. Approximately 75 persons attended the noontime ceremonies.

Following the ribbon cutting ceremony, the GOP hopeful told the gathering that "if elected to the Congress of the United States, I will oppose any laws which would require registration, licensing or confiscation of

firearms by the Federal government."

"The law abiding citizen would comply with such laws, but the criminal will not," continued Butler. "Such legislation would only result in senseless harassment of the law abiding gun user or collector."

Pointing out the misdirection of such legislation Butler said that to be effective in reducing crime, it should be directed at the criminal rather than at the gun.

Butler added that "if elected to the Congress of the United States, I will support legislation imposing mandatory additional penalties for the use of firearm in the commission of a crime. If the criminal knows he will face a prison sentence which cannot be reduced or suspended,

he is less likely to commit the crime. Hopefully, he will not again be preying on innocent citizens as soon as he might otherwise have done."

Addressing himself to the Gun Control Act of 1968, which outlaws the importation of inexpensive and small hand guns, Butler said that "unfortunately this law has been circumvented by persons importing the parts and assembling them in this county."

"The infamous Saturday Night Specials are assembled in the United States from these imported parts. In my judgment, this Act should be extended to
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prohibit the manufacture and sale of the Saturday Night Special in this country. I would insist, however, that appropriate safeguards be retained in such legislation to protect the right to purchase safe and reliable weapons by those people who would use such weapons for self-defense, for protection of their home and family, and for sporting purposes."

Following his appearance in Lynchburg, Butler returned to Roanoke where he continued on the campaign trail.

Several weeks ago, at a reception given in his honor in Lynchburg, Willis M. Anderson, Butler's opponent, said he was also against gun control legislation.

Much has been made of the similarities between the Butler and Anderson campaign and when asked the difference last week, Butler commented, "He's a Democrat and I'm a Republican."

The Lynchburg Republican Headquarters opened Thursday will serve as headquarters for the candidacies of Butler, William L. Scott, GOP candidate for the U. S. Senate and of course President Nixon.

Covington
9/7/72

Del. Butler Is GOP Hope To Succeed Poff

By BILL LUMPKIN

Del. Caldwell Butler, who is quick to note he is supporting the national Nixon-Agnew presidential-vice presidential ticket and that he is running with the endorsement of former Sixth District Rep. Richard H. Poff, is the Republicans official nominee to succeed Poff as Sixth District Congressman.

Butler, who has represented the City of Roanoke in the Virginia House of Delegates for several years and has been minority leader of House Republicans, was interviewed during a Labor Day campaign trip to Covington Tuesday. Roanoke, like Covington, Clifton Forge, and Alleghany County is part of the Sixth District. (Poff resigned last month, after nearly 20 years in Congress, to become a Virginia Supreme Court Justice).

Although engaged in a 3-way race against Willis Anderson, the official Democratic party nominee, and Roy White, independent Democrat, Butler said: "I'm optimistic. I haven't thrown in the towel. I'm encouraged by what I find on the campaign trail, and I enjoy campaigning."

Asked about issues, he commented: "I think its important that the president be re-elected and have a Republican Congress. He needs better support than he has had in the past. I plan to serve the district in the

Poff tradition, if elected, and he has endorsed me." (He pointed to a campaign brochure quoting Poff as saying: "M. Caldwell Butler is the man I would be proudest to see sit in the seat. I have been privileged to occupy so long.")

Butler noted: "I have been Poff's campaign manager in this district and am not unfamiliar with it. The people in this area know me to some extent."

Commenting on the situation created by the 3-way race with White and Anderson, Butler said: "A 3-way race is sometimes complicated, but I feel like White and Anderson are both Democrats, and I think the choice is clear between myself, the man who supports the President, and the other two candidates, who don't. We don't know whether Anderson will vote for McGovern or not, but I suspect he is going to, you can't equivocate the way Anderson has on McGovern without giving aid and support to McGovern."

No Influence

"I don't think Anderson will get a significant Republican vote at my expense — I think he has created for himself an untenable position. If he can't acknowledge how he's going to vote now, he's put himself in a position where he'll have no influence in Congress, even if elected. The National Democratic party is built on the philosophy that you've got to go along to get along."

Asked if he had encountered much criticism of the President and the administration for their conduct of the Vietnam war, Butler replied: "I think the President's conduct of the war is one of the principle issues, and I do support him on that. Some people are dissatisfied with the fact that the war isn't over, but very few are critical of the way in which he has conducted the war he inherited."

On the question of amnesty for draft evaders, Butler said: "Like the President, I feel any discussion of amnesty is premature while we're still trying to get our P.O.W.'s back, and I am not committed to any kind of amnesty."

Critical of Spending

As for inflation as an issue, Butler says: "I feel like federal spending is one of the major problems with inflation. We must discipline ourselves in this regard. I thought the President was a little slow in slapping a ceiling on spending, but I support him in this request. Congress should, adopt, as a matter of policy, a ceiling on spending at the start of each session and adhere to it, as we do in Virginia."

Asked about issues affecting the Sixth District only, Butler talked of maintaining the continuity of Poff's office. He said: "From my point of view, I stress that I will maintain the continuing of representation that Poff has given the district and hope to retain as much of his staff as possible. I expect to continue the newsletter and opinion poll he used. I am already committed to regular visitations to all portions of the district."

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Sen. Scott, ^{WN}
Rep. Ford
Back Butler

Caldwell Butler, Republican candidate for Congress in the 6th District, has been strongly endorsed by Rep. Gerald Ford and U.S. Sen. Hugh Scott.

Ford is minority leader of the House of Representatives and Scott is minority leader of the Senate.

Ford said he endorsed Butler not only for his record in the House, but also because he has been endorsed by Rep. Kenneth Robinson of the 7th District and Richard H. Poff, retiring congressman from the 6th.

Ford said he knows and respects both these men and their endorsement of Butler is a factor in his also doing so.

"Caldwell Butler will be an excellent successor to Poff," said Scott. He said he based this opinion on Butler's record as minority leader of the Virginia House of Delegates.

Butler was in Washington for the endorsements.

Roanoke

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Candidate Butler Raps McGovern's Proposals

Caldwell Butler, Republican congressional candidate, today called for rejection of the defense budget proposed by Sen. George McGovern, Democratic presidential nominee.

Speaking at a breakfast meeting of Salem businessmen, Butler said that President Nixon is getting troops out of Southeast Asia in a way that "will avoid other Vietnams."

Butler said the Nixon administration is establishing new relationships with former

adversaries at the same time it is "accomplishing the sharpest defense reductions ever."

Butler cited a 10 per cent reduction of defense installations in foreign countries, a \$24 million cut in defense spending in dollars of constant purchasing power and a reduction of the defense budget from 43 to 30 per cent compared to the total budget during the Nixon administration.

The McGovern proposals, Butler said, "would signal to the world the drastic decline in America's will and ability to protect our interests in the international arena."

If the McGovern proposals were approved, Butler said, "we would move to manpower levels and investment levels lower than any time since the Korean War, the NATO commitment and the Soviet possession of nuclear weapons."

The candidate said it is not possible to reconcile the proposed \$3 to \$4 billion slash and still maintain the U.S. technological lead.

Butler said cutting of fat from the defense budget is worthwhile, but warned against weakening the nation's defense posture. He said the McGovern proposal would "place in jeopardy the carefully fashioned Nixon program for peace."

Butler later campaigned in downtown Salem with State Sen. David Thornton and attended a luncheon with Young Republicans at Roanoke College.

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TV Audience Puts Heat on Candidates

By MARVILLE CARICO
Times Political Writer

The three candidates for Congress in the 6th District answered questions on educational TV Saturday night and partisans who were watching turned the hour-and-a-half program into a political shooting gallery.

Democrat Willis M. Anderson heard himself accused of breaking his word by not supporting Sen. George McGovern for president; Independent Roy White of dividing the Democratic party; Republican Caldwell Butler of being a "rubber stamp" for President Nixon and now "shun-

ning" his former law partner, Gov. Linwood Holton.

They denied the accusations, of course, and in doing so put their best foot forward with answers to questions that are beginning to have familiar rings with election day Nov. 7 a long time off.

At one point Butler suggested moderator Forrest Landon had been "needling" him and at another got twisted up on names in promising that "if Congressman Butler is elected — or Mr. Butler is elected — and becomes Congressman Poff you will hear from him . . ."

The battery of telephones in

the WBRA-TV studio kept ringing during the entire program and at the end with sports fans waiting for a 11 p.m. replay of the VPI-U.Va. football game Landon was left with what he described as a "lap full" of questions still to be asked.

Anderson seemed to get the most politically pointed questions in becoming the target not only of Republicans in the audience but also liberal Democrats annoyed at him for repudiating McGovern's bid for president.

At one point Anderson refused to say whether he is going to vote for McGovern or President Nixon.

"I intend to exercise the privilege that I have as an American citizen to cast my ballot in secret — the ballot box is still inviolate," Anderson replied, adding:

"No one, even a candidate for office, is compelled to divulge the choice he intends to make. I have stated I cannot support Sen. McGovern and I intend to rest upon that statement. It is not important to this campaign whom I vote for as one individual American. It is very important how I stand on every issue that is likely to come before Congress. . . ."

At another point Butler said he is going to vote for GOP Senate candidate William L. Scott. Anderson said he supports the re-election of U.S. Sen. William B. Spong Jr. because of his six-year record in Washington. Spong got White's support too because, as he put it, "philosophically and because of party . . ."

Anderson denied an accusation that in campaigning for the Democratic convention nomination for Congress he promised to back Sen. McGovern if McGovern won the presidential nomination at Miami Beach.

"I said I'd always supported the Democratic nominee and it was my plan to do so this year and if I was unable to do so I would so state that fact," Anderson related, adding:

"At no time would I ever make a statement which, in effect, would be the issuance of a 'blank check' and I could not conceive of an instance in which I would endorse an unnamed or unknown candidate prior to his nomination."

Anderson has the endorsement of the Virginia AFL-CIO and someone asked White why he did not get organized labor's backing. He had it in '70 when he was the Democratic nominee for Congress.

White suggested spokesmen for the AFL-CIO's committee might be able to answer that

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question; that he can't, because "I'm for the working man and everybody knows it."

Butler injected the assertion it was "unfair" to single White out for the question since he didn't get the AFL-CIO's backing either, then added:

"I don't know why I don't get the endorsement of everybody . . . I was interviewed by the representatives of labor . . . They asked me to talk to them . . . I guess I didn't give them the right answers to the questions they asked me . . . We got along famously, I thought. We had a good time."

"My difference is that I didn't meet with labor," White replied.

Viewers wanted to know why White is running as an independent and why, in doing so, he thinks he will unite the Democratic party.

White said after he won the Democratic nomination for Congress in '70 "the Democratic leadership chose not to support me" and that months ago he "sensed" that Democrats in this state, in this dis-

trict and opponent (Anderson) were very unlikely to support the national candidates."

"I am a national Democrat — much more of a Democrat than anyone who is challenging me here today — and as a result I feel fully qualified to run for the office as an independent," White emphasized, adding:

"This Democratic party will never amount to anything as long as it remains a Virginia Democratic party; a 6th District Democratic party; a City of Roanoke Democratic party. Until it can align itself with the national party and until it can support candidates that are within the Democratic party it can't amount to anything, anyway."

Butler, who was the GOP's minority leader during his tenure in the General Assembly, was asked if he is a "rubber stamp" for the Nixon administration.

"If anybody who has known me over the years thinks I'm a rubber stamp there is nothing that I can say or do to disclaim that, although I'm not," Butler replied.

As an example Butler said he disagrees with President Nixon on the guaranteed income aspect of his welfare reform package and would oppose the President if he asks Congress to enact a "value added" tax because, in effect, it would be a national sales tax.

Anderson and White took a strong stand too against any type of national sales tax.

Anderson agreed with Butler that a guaranteed income for welfare clients would be too costly and wrong in theory while White supported the concept.

Back in the political vein the three candidates were asked about their contributions and how much they are budgeting.

Anderson revealed he has gotten one contribution of \$1,000; White said he has received one \$100 contribution — both added that the others have been much smaller — and Butler replied that he will have to check with his campaign treasurer because he does not know. None of the three would put a figure on how much they intend to spend but White, trying to preserve the image of the poor man's candidate, said he would be "happy" if he can raise \$10,000 — a drop in the bucket in a modern congressional campaign. New federal laws, Butler said, will make this information a public record.

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Butler tours WW Birthplace

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Republican candidate Caldwell Butler was back in Staunton today and his campaigning was highlighted by a tour of the Woodrow Wilson Birthplace and conversation with police chief J. M. Boyers.

Mr. Butler, who is seeking election to the House from the 6th District, said the two discussed the crime situation in general and said the prevention should be a non-partisan effort.

Mr. Butler had kind words for the Nixon administration concerning its work in the crime prevention field. "The crime rate fell an unbelievable 52 per cent in Washington, where the federal government has control of crime prevention, under the Nixon administration which has beefed up police protection, prosecution of criminals and sponsored increased street lighting. He is living up to his pledge to fight for law and order." Mr. Butler predicted "continued vigilance".

He had strong words of praise for the President in the administration's efforts in drug treatment. "I concur with the President that the drug problem is 'public enemy number one'".

Mr. Butler said he discussed his stand on gun control, part of which calls for laws which make the use of a firearm in the commission of a crime subject to a mandatory jail sentence.

with the Westinghouse employees as they left the plant in the afternoon.

The candidate said that President Nixon's appointments to the Supreme Court have been a big reason that local police departments are becoming more effective. The trend of "hand-cuffing the officers seems to be over, thanks to the new makeup of the court".

Mr. Butler was accompanied to Staunton by his wife June Nolde and his mother, Sarah Caldwell Butler, an alumna of Mary Baldwin College.

The four toured the Birthplace this morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Butler said he joins all Virginians in "their pride for our heritage. The Birthplace is something of which Staunton, the district and the state can be very proud".

After meeting the local business leaders downtown, Mr. Butler and his group ate lunch at Mary Baldwin College and in the afternoon campaigned in the area. The day was capped off by his meeting and shaking hands

Butler Raps Gun Law

Republican Congressional candidate Caldwell Butler today told a group at the opening of the Lynchburg GOP headquarters that gun laws should not infringe on the individual's right to bear arms and that such laws should be directed at the criminal instead of the gun.

"If elected to congress of the United States, I will oppose any laws which would require registration, licensing of or confiscation of firearms by the Federal government," Butler said.

Butler explained that the law abiding citizen will comply with such laws but criminals will not. Butler said that this would only result in senseless harassment of the law abiding gun user or collector.

Butler said he would support legislation imposing mandatory additional penalties for the use of a firearm in the commission of a crime.

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"If the criminal knows he will face a prison sentence which cannot be reduced or suspended," Butler asserted, "he is less likely to commit the crime. Hopefully, he will not again be preying on innocent citizens as soon as he might otherwise have done."

Butler pointed out that the 1968 Gun Control Act outlaws the importation of cheap, inexpensive handguns but that the law has been circumvented by persons importing the parts and assembling them in this country.

"The infamous Saturday Night Specials are assembled in the United States in this manner," Butler said.

Butler said the law should be extended to prohibit the manufacture and sale of the Saturday Night Special in this country but with the appropriate safeguards being retained in such legislation to protect the right to purchase safe and reliable weapons by those people who would use such weapons for self-defense, for protection of their home and family, and for sporting purposes.

Lisk Plans To Campaign For Butler

Roanoke City Councilman David K. Lisk has joined the campaign staff of Caldwell Butler, Republican candidate for Congress in the 6th District.

Lisk formerly was associate director of the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults. He left that position Aug. 31.

"We are extremely happy to have a man of Dave's proven quality and popularity on board," said Butler.

"I feel our staff will be greatly complemented by his addition. Everyone who knows Dave will agree with me on this."

Lisk will do advance work throughout the district. His title will be district field coordinator.



—Jimmy Ripley Photo

HEADQUARTERS OPENED — M. Caldwell Butler, right, Republican candidate for Congress from Sixth District, cuts ribbon at opening of GOP headquarters Thursday. With Butler at

headquarters, located at 1001 Main St., are Ed Lovern, left, headquarters chairman, and George Fralin, chairman of Lynchburg campaign for Butler.

Republican House candidate opposes firearms controls

M. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke, the Republican candidate for the Sixth District seat in the House of Representatives, told those attending the opening of GOP headquarters in Lynchburg today he would oppose any laws requiring registration, licensing or confiscation of firearms by the Federal government.

Grand opening of the new headquarters at 1001 Main St. was held at noon.

Butler said "the law-abiding citizen will comply with such laws, but the criminal will not. Such legislation would only result in senseless harassment of the law-abiding gun user or collector."

The GOP candidate said further that "If gun laws are to be effective in reducing crime, they should be directed at the criminal rather than at the gun."

"If elected to the Congress of the United States," Butler said, "I will support legislation imposing mandatory additional penalties for the use of a firearm in the commission of a crime. If the criminal knows he will face a prison sentence which cannot be reduced or suspended, he is less likely to

commit the crime. Hopefully, he will not again be preying on innocent citizens as soon as he might otherwise have done."

The candidate, who noted that the Gun Control Act of 1968 outlaws the importation of inexpensive small hand guns, said that "unfortunately, this law has been circumvented by persons importing the parts and assembling them in the country." He said the "infamous Saturday Night Specials are assembled in the United States

from these imported parts. In my judgment, this Act should be extended to prohibit the manufacture and sale of the Saturday Night Special in this country.

"I would insist, however, that appropriate safeguards be retained in such legislation to protect the right to purchase safe and reliable weapons by those people who would use such weapons for self-defense, for protection of their home and

family, and for sporting purposes."

Also on hand for the grand opening of the headquarters in the old Joe Oppleman Jewelry Store building were members of the City Republican Committee and other officials. Edward Lovern, a member of the City GOP Committee, is chairman of the headquarters. Mrs. Eloise Fancher, also a member of the committee, heads up the volunteer workers who will man the new headquarters.

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Butler Learns During Campaign Listening Phase

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Butler, who was the centerpiece of a triple opening of President Nixon, Scott and Butler Headquarters in Roanoke asserted that "learning

does not always produce headlines—but I wouldn't trade what I have learned while visiting the Foundry at Lynchburg, talking to youth at a youth rally at Buena Vista, sitting down with farmers and their representatives at Steeles Tavern, discussing the troubles with the meat packers in Bedford, meeting with men and women from all over the district."

Butler, who was emphasizing that until the

traditional opening last Wednesday night, he and his campaign had been in full gear criss-crossing the district with the sole aim of listening and learning to the citizens and seeing how they will wish to be represented.

Also on the program were Senator David Thornton, speaking on behalf of the committee to Re-elect the President, and Delegate Ray Robrecht, speaking on behalf of Scott

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for Senate.

But, it was Butler who brought the crowd to its feet on two different occasions with remarks like, "most importantly I have assured the people of the district that I am the only Congressional candidate who is on the Nixon team and who can assure the President that he will have the Republican controlled Congress for which he yearns."

Butler is running for the seat of newly sworn in Virginia Supreme Court Justice Richard Poff, the

former Congressman since 1952 of the Sixth District, and an endorser of Butler.

Butler assured the crowd that he will be following the Poff tradition and that by possibly inheriting part of Poff Congressional staff much of the continuity can be accomplished.

Campaigns in full swing

With Labor Day behind, there will be intensification of the fall political campaign. The Democrats' bidder for the presidency, Sen. George McGovern, didn't wait and has been campaigning hard. President Nixon hasn't pitched in with full force yet, but appeared in San Francisco yesterday for a "non-political" visit incident to a conference of his Citizens' Advisory Committee on Environmental Quality.

In Virginia, on Labor Day, Sen. William B. Spong Jr. formally opened his campaign for re-election as the Democrats' nominee. Speaking at Chincoteague, he reviewed his promises when he first ran for the Senate in 1968. He reminded his audience that he had promised to be attentive to duties, to keep in touch with constituents, to make full disclosures of his finances, and to concentrate on providing "effective, contemporary problems affecting the everyday lives of all Virginians".

Sen. Spong has made good on the first three of these promises. How well has he done on the fourth?

His Republican opponent for the Senate seat, Rep. William L. Scott, 8th Dist., promptly attacked him on his voting record as one against rather than for the interests of Virginians. He pointed out that Spong votes on the liberal side, and has cancelled the conservative votes of Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr., Virginia's independent senior senator, "more than 4000 times".

This, asserted Rep. Scott, has eroded Virginia's influence in the Senate and many of the Spong votes not only have been against the best interests of Virginians but of the country as a whole.

Sen. Spong also came in for some knocks on what former Del. William M. Anderson, of Roanoke, who is running for the House, on what he called his (Spong's) "chicken position on the (presidential) candidate of his party, McGovern". Sen. Spong had announced earlier that he would not support either Nixon or McGovern, a position which some voters of both parties are calling a weak one.

Sen. Spong justifiably called attention in his campaign opener to his 95 per cent attendance record for Senate votes, to his assignments to committees handling legislation directly involving the interests of Virginians, and "participation in the drafting and management of a broad range of legislation . . . such matters as transportation, consumer affairs, disaster relief, fisheries and maritime, air and water pollution and the war powers of the president and Congress".

The junior Senator has undeniably been a hard worker and an effective committeeman. His numerous votes opposite to those of Sen. Byrd, however, will weigh heavily with Virginians on Nov. 7, and Rep. Scott is probably politically wise in making his frequent splits with Byrd his principal point of attack.



WILLIS M. ANDERSON, (center), Democratic Candidate for the Sixth District Congressional seat, discusses the upcoming election with **W. I. Ramsey**, (left), president

of the Sherando-Lyndhurst Ruritan Club. Beside Mr. Anderson is **Max Quillen**, who introduced the candidate at the meeting.

(N-V Photo by Critzer)

Anderson Outlines Stand on Welfare

By N-V Staff Writer

SHERANDO — "If elected I will concern myself with the problems of Augusta County and its people. I plan to put the individual citizen in touch with the government," said Willis M. Anderson, Congressional candidate for the Sixth District, addressing the Sherando-Lyndhurst Ruritan Club last night.

Mr. Anderson also talked about the problems of high taxes and welfare. He said that inflation takes the money out of all the peoples' pocket and, if elected, he would work to reduce federal government spending. "Either federal taxes must go up or spending must go down. I will do everything I can to reduce spending and reduce taxes," he said.

The Sixth District Democrat told the Ruritans that the problems of welfare spending have, in the last three years, created a "welfare crisis." Mr. Anderson cited his opposition to

both the presidential candidates welfare plans and argued that the idea of a guaranteed income is wrong because "this would double the welfare rolls immediately," he said.

He suggested as an alternative a one year residency requirement before welfare benefits could be obtained. He also stated that if welfare benefits are as high as low paying jobs there is no incentive to work. Everyone should work for his welfare benefits because "work relief is better than relief without work," Mr. Anderson said.

He further outlined his welfare stance by stating that he supports making it a federal offense if fathers deserted their families. By compelling fathers to support their children, much of the aid to dependent families welfare support could be eliminated, he said.

"I will not be obligated to support any administration. My platform reflects my views and the views of the people in this district," Mr. Anderson said in closing.



DEMOCRATS GATHERED Friday at a fund-raising dinner at Natural Bridge included Rockbridge Democratic Committee Chairman E. Bolivar Huffman, Sen. William B. Spong Jr., House of Representatives candidate Willis M. Anderson and Rockbridge Del. Charles W. (Bunny) Gunn Jr.

staff photo by Walsh

Democrats Turn Out LNG

Overflow Crowd Attends Spong - Anderson Dinner

Bedford was well represented at the ten-dollars-a-plate dinner Friday night, Sept. 1, at Natural Bridge, where Democrats of the Sixth Congressional District gathered to boost the Spong and Anderson election campaigns.

The dinner attracted a surprisingly large attendance. Reservations had been made for 225 persons; actually about 475 showed up and food and drink ran short. Democratic leaders were much encouraged by this show of support for their party's congressional candidates, while speakers were careful to avoid endorsing Senator McGovern for President.

The Bedford Group

Those from Bedford included W. H. Walton, Jr., and Robert B. Lambeth, Jr., chairmen of the county and city Democratic committees, respectively; Bolling Lambeth, Mrs. Hannah [unclear], Mrs. Archie S. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Harvey; Miss Elizabeth English and Jan Wright, the last two representing the Bedford Teen-Dems, and Red Ringo, organist from the Elks National Home, who played during the program.

U. S. Senator William B. Spong, Jr., who is seeking reelection to the Senate, said

during his six years in Washington he has considered service to the people of Virginia his first responsibility. "Where there has been a problem I have gone there and tried to do something about it," the senator said. (Monday he went to Buena Vista to speak on his efforts to push an \$11,500,000 flood control project for Buena Vista through Congress. Buena Vista was hard hit by the aftermath of Hurricane Camille in 1969.)

Spong Scott Race

Mr. Spong is opposed in the senate race by Congressman William L. Scott of the Eighth District and some of his supporters fear the senator may be a victim of the strong anti-McGovern tide in Virginia.

The Natural Bridge dinner was considered a morale booster also for Willis M. (Wick) Anderson, the Democratic nominee for the House of Representatives, whom some political writers consider an underdog in his race for the Sixth District seat vacated by Republican Richard H. Poff, named to the Virginia Supreme Court after ten terms in Washington. Mr. Anderson is opposed by M. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke, the

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Republican nominee, and by Roy C. White, running as an independent Democrat, who may get some votes which otherwise would go for Mr. Anderson.

A Contrast

Bedford Democrats who made the trip to Natural Bridge remarked on a contrast between that gathering and the unruly state Democratic Convention in Roanoke in June. The gathering at Natural Bridge was made up mostly of moderate to conservative and responsible Democrats, giving hope that in the Sixth District, at least, the party can be unified against the divisive forces plaguing it elsewhere.

Both Mr. Spong and Mr. Anderson have taken pains to disassociate themselves from the Democratic presidential race and the McGovern-Shriver ticket.

Mr. Anderson said that although he feels Virginia has not passed enough progressive legislation in the past, he also believes the federal government "has tried to do too much."

Mr. Anderson added that "we have oversimplified our problems and oversold the prospect of quick solutions with ineffective programs, wasted money and squandered public confidence."

Huge National Debt

He noted that with the exception of a few years since World War Two the federal government has struggled to finance an increasingly large national debt, with the cost of servicing this debt going up each year.

"We have come to expect an annual ritual in which the President asks Congress to raise the debt ceiling, and Congress reluctantly agrees, with each blaming the other for the result," Mr. Anderson said.

He went on to say that he believes these deficits to be the chief cause of inflation and the chief reason why wage and price controls are necessary to curb inflation.

How to Balance It

"As one soaring deficit follows another, we must face the harsh reality that the budget can be brought into balance in one of two ways — by raising taxes or by reducing spending," he added.

But, he cautioned, raising taxes is the wrong way to balance the budget and reducing expenditures is the right way. Mr. Anderson said this was the course he will follow if elected.

Mr. Anderson also said he could not agree with the Nixon Family Assistance Plan, with its guaranteed annual income of \$2,400 for a family of four.

He quoted various statements from the Republican candidate to the amused audience as "pearls of wisdom from the man who called me a wet noodle."

The Democratic candidate reviewed his stand on various issues. Mr. Anderson said he believes that reducing federal expenditures is necessary for balancing the budget and curbing inflation "and that is the course I would follow if elected to Congress."

He noted that he had recently discussed the railroad retirement system and the welfare system. Mr. Anderson disagrees with the Nixon Family Assistance Plan. His program for welfare reform would include, he said, "federal incentives for improved administration of welfare programs at the state level," a review of benefit levels and reinstatement of the one-year residency rule to qualify for welfare benefits.

Mr. Anderson also proposed that nonsupport of a family by a father be made a federal offense in order to curb the problem which he believes "is at the heart of the welfare crisis."

"I think I can guarantee passage of a flood control program for Buena Vista and other cities in the Sixth District affected by flooding by the next session of Congress," said the Senator. He officially opened his campaign in the western part of the state in Buena Vista Monday to dramatize the city's need.

In his speech Mr. Anderson said the campaign "must be conducted in an atmosphere of reasoned debate and intelligent discussion."

Mr. Anderson, a Roanoke lawyer and W&L law alumnus, indicated he had accepted a challenge from Mr. Butler to debate in July and had accepted every invitation to joint appearances of the congressional candidates. He told the crowd that Mr. Butler had failed to accept such invitations for more than five weeks although "it seems that now at last the debates will be held, and I, for one, am looking forward to them."

The size of the crowd at Natural Bridge was more than double the number expected for the dinner by Sixth District Chairman John A. Clem of Staunton. An additional section of the ballroom had to be opened and more food prepared for the long lines at the buffet table.

At the dinner it was announced that Dr. Robins Gates, head of the political

science department at Mary Baldwin College and a W&L alumnus, will be chairman of Senator George McGovern's presidential campaign in the district.

Senator Spong spoke first at the dinner and assured the assembled Democrats that "any report of the death of the Democratic party in the Sixth District is mistaken." He referred to the unexpectedly large crowd.

In reviewing the record of his present term, Senator Spong remarked that he has "tried to work on the problems that affect all of you." He noted his success in separating Buena Vista from the James River Basin study as a whole so a flood control program for the city could be expedited.

by Winifred B. Walsh

Rockbridge area residents were among the crowd of nearly 500 Sixth District Democrats which turned out Friday at Natural Bridge to help launch the congressional campaigns of Sen. William B. Spong Jr. and Willis M. Anderson.

Senator Spong who is seeking re-election received an enthusiastic response from the packed hall at

Natural Bridge when he announced his determination to obtain congressional approval of a flood control plan for Buena Vista.

Mr. Anderson, seeking the Sixth District seat in the House of Representatives, briefed the crowd on his recent campaign statements and accused his Republican opponent, M. Caldwell Butler, of avoiding discussion of issues and dragging his feet on joint appearances.

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Butler Speaks At Campaign Headquarters Opening

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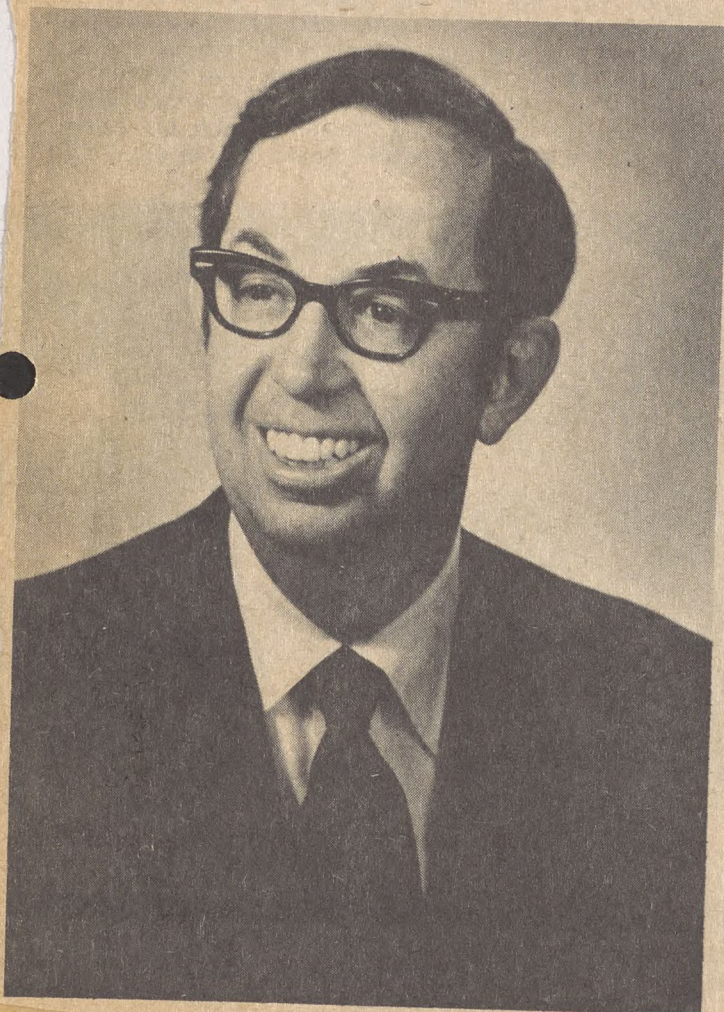
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Caldwell Butler, left, spoke...

...at campaign headquarters opening.



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OPENING GOP HEADQUARTERS — Edward Lovern, on ladder, member of the city Republican Committee and chairman of the new headquarters in the old Joe Oppleman Jewelry Store building at 1001 Main St., and Sandra Marsh, a

committee member, put up new sign just prior to grand opening of headquarters at noon today. Main speaker was M. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke, GOP candidate for the Sixth District seat in the House of Representatives. (Jimmy Ripley Photo)

Roanoke Times 9/8/72

Candidates Divided, 2-1, On Gun Control Laws

By MELVILLE CARICO

Times Political Writer

Caldwell Butler, the Republican candidate for Congress in the 6th District, injected gun control legislation into

the campaign Thursday and found that it is no issue with his Democratic opponent but that the Independent candidate is on the other side of the fence.

Butler said in a prepared statement he would oppose any legislation requiring the registration, licensing or confiscation of firearms because "the law abiding citizens will comply with the law, the criminals will not."

Willis M. Anderson, the Democratic candidate, said he will have a detailed statement on gun legislation later but he has been telling voters he is opposed to either registration or licensing because it could lead to confiscation of firearms.

Roy White, the independent candidate, said that Congress should require the registration of firearms. He said there is no legislation providing for confiscation of firearms. He called Butler's opposition to confiscation "scare tactics" and said he will not comment

on confiscation because it is not an issue in gun control legislation.

White agreed with Butler that there should be legislation providing a separate, mandatory penalty for the use of firearms in the commission of a crime. White, added, however, he would not expect any "great results" because the principal problem "is dealing with criminal justice."

Butler feels it would reduce crime, however.

"If a criminal knows he will face a prison sentence which cannot be reduced or suspended he will be less likely to commit the crime," Butler said.

Butler and White agreed the sale of cheap hand guns commonly called "Saturday Night Specials" should be banned.

Butler noted that the 1968 Gun Control Act banned the import of cheap hand guns but the law is being circumvented by importing their parts and assembling them in this country. Banning the manufacture and sale of the

"Saturday Night Specials," White said, would be "a classic example of lowering the number of guns."

Butler said further legislation requiring the registration or licensing of firearms would not reduce crime because criminals would not obey the law. It would, the GOP candidate contended, lead only to the senseless harassment of law abiding gun users and collectors.

White disagreed with Butler on this point.

"In the nations where registration is practiced—which is most of them—they have a lower crime rate than we have, certainly less crime committed with hand guns," White said.

White contended requiring the registration or licensing of firearms would be "nothing unusual" since a precedent has been set for what he called "social controls." He pointed to the registration of automobiles and requiring couples to get a marriage license before the wedding as examples.

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Candidate Opposes Gun Control Laws

M. Caldwell Butler, Republican candidate for the 6th District House seat, said Thursday at the GOP's headquarters opening in Lynchburg that if elected he will oppose gun-control legislation requiring registration, licensing or confiscation of firearms.

"The law abiding citizen will comply with such laws, but the criminal will not," Butler said. "If gun laws are to be effective in reducing crime, they should be directed at the criminal" rather than at the gun.

Butler said he would support legislation imposing mandatory additional penalties for the use of firearms in committing crimes.

Meanwhile, in the 7th District race, Murat Williams,

the Democratic candidate, told a group of Fredericksburg Young Democrats Thursday night at Mary Washington College that his opponent, Republican Rep. J. Kenneth Robinson, has voted against proposals the incumbent supported when running for election.

Discussing the revenue-sharing bill sponsored by President Nixon and passed by the House of Representatives June 22, Williams said that Robinson voted against the bill which would provide \$115.8 million for Virginia over the next five years.

"Despite campaign promises two years ago to support this bill, Robinson voted 'no' to President Nixon's request for revenue sharing," Williams said.

Debate May Enliven Sixth District Race

By OZZIE OSBORNE
World-News Political Writer

Interest in a 6th District congressional race that has stirred up no really controversial issues so far is expected to pick up this week when the three candidates appear together for the first time.

A major appearance of the candidates, Caldwell Butler, Republican; Willis M. Anderson, Democrat; and Roy

White, independent, will come Saturday night.

The three will appear at 9:30 p.m. on an hour and a half program on WBRA-TV.

The moderator will be Forrest Landon, associate editor of The World-News and The Roanoke Times.

The candidates will give opening and closing remarks and the time in between will be spent in answering ques-

tions from the audience and Landon.

Other joint appearances this week will be before the Roanoke Rotary Club and the Life Underwriters Association of the Roanoke Valley.

The underwriters have asked the candidates to speak on health insurance as it relates to the various proposals under study in Congress.

The meeting will be at noon Friday at Hotel Patrick Henry.

The Rotary appearance will be Thursday at 6:15 p.m. at Hotel Roanoke.

Meanwhile, the candidates, although not making too much news, are conducting the most extensive campaigns the 6th has seen in many years.

Anderson's schedule this week is typical: tonight he will speak to the Williamson Road Kiwanis Club; tomorrow he will campaign in Vinton; tomorrow night he will be at the Augusta County Expo; Wednesday he will campaign in Waynesboro; and Saturday morning he will speak to employees of Sears.

Butler and White are holding to equally taxing schedules.

Even with their strenuous campaigning, the candidates haven't yet come up with any issues that have stirred up many voters in a district expected to cast more than 125,000 votes in the Nov. 7 election.

The only two issues that have gotten much press space concern the repeal of federal legislation that, among other things, lets states enact right-to-work laws, and proposals to enact gun control legislation.

Butler and Anderson, whose records were fairly similar in the General Assembly, favor the federal work law legislation and don't want gun control legislation enacted. White differs with them on both issues.

The campaign sees Democrat Anderson refusing to support U. S. Sen. George McGovern, his party's nominee for president, and White, a Democrat running as an independent, backing McGovern.

Butler appears in the most envious position of all since he has said that he generally supports Nixon, who is popular in Virginia, but feels free to disagree with him when he wishes.

Gun Control Is Opposed By Anderson

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Willis M. Anderson says he is against gun control legislation, taking a position similar to that of Caldwell Butler.

Butler, Republican candidate for Congress in the 6th District, gave his views yesterday in Lynchburg. Anderson, the Democratic candidate, gave his stand when queried by reporters and said he'll have a detailed statement on the matter later.

The third congressional candidate, Roy White, independent, said he thinks Congress should require the registration of firearms.

He said there is no legislation providing for confiscation of firearms. He called Butler's opposition to confiscation "scare tactics" and said he won't comment on this because it is not an issue in gun control legislation.

Candidates Plan Labor Day Visit

At least two of the candidates for the United States Senate and all three candidates for the Sixth District seat in Congress are scheduled to be at a hospitality room in the Town House Motel, from 10 a.m. to noon on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 4, for the purpose of meeting the public.

The candidates expected are: U. S. Sen. William B. Spong Jr., incumbent Democrat; Rep. William Scott, a Republican seeking Spong's seat; Del. Caldwell Butler, Republican candidate for the Sixth District house seat; Willis Anderson, Democratic candidate for the same position; and Roy White, an independent

running against Butler and Anderson. Horace E. Henderson, independent candidate for the U. S. Senate is not scheduled to come to Covington.

The candidates are scheduled to ride in cars in the Labor Day Parade beginning at 1 p.m. Monday and will be at Casey Field for sometime afterwards to shake hands and talk to the voters.

Sen. Spong will be flying in from White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. Butler, Anderson, and White all live in the Roanoke area and will drive to Covington. Rep. Scott will reportedly make the trip to Covington in his camper.

Candidates for House campaign over state

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

While several candidates for Congress were out beating the bushes for votes Friday, "Hardtimes" Hunt announced he's decided to give up the idea of running for lieutenant governor next year.

Hunt made his announcement from the Eastern Shore community of Oyster while campaigning was going on in the 4th, 6th and 7th District congressional races.

"Although I announced in early 1971 intent to run for the lieutenant governorship in 1973, saying it would take me two years to accumulate the almost 20,000 names required for a statewide candidate's petition," said Hunt, "I now reluctantly abandon the thought."

Hunt said he carried blank petitions with him constantly, but after a year's effort "I have less than 5,000 to date."

He added he felt the law "which requires an extreme number of petitioners was aimed directly at me—or other do-it-yourself candidates, if any exist."

John G. Vonetes of Petersburg, an independent candidate in the 4th District, where Democratic Rep. Watkins M. Abbitt is retiring, said Friday that if elected in November, he will work to repeal the "right-to-work" section of the Taft-Hartley Act.

"If I am elected, I will be at the forefront pushing to do away with this unfair, unfriendly and no longer needed measure," Vonetes said in Petersburg. He said he took the position after talking with hun-

dreds of both union and nonunion workers.

Two of the three candidates seeking to succeed Republican Rep. Richard H. Poff in the 6th District—Democrat Willis M. Anderson and Republican M. Caldwell Butler, both of Roanoke—were active.

Butler, speaking in Staunton, attacked the Democratic-controlled Congress for not giving President Nixon the power to establish a department of natural resources.

The former minority leader of the House of Delegates said his own election would be one step in the creation of a GOP-controlled Congress, which would give the President some legislative "muscle."

Republican Rep. J. Kenneth Robinson, seeking re-election in the 7th, said top priority when Congress returns from recess Tuesday should be establishment of a "ceiling on spending in this fiscal year."

Robinson, speaking in Fredericksburg, saw little prospect, however, "the present congressional leadership will move promptly to schedule action on President Nixon's request for a \$250 billion limit."

Spong, Anderson Supporters Turn Out At Natural Bridge

Nearly 500 6th District Democrats turned out to support U.S. Sen. William B. Spong Jr., and House candidate Willis M. Anderson at a campaign kickoff dinner at Hotel Natural Bridge last night.

The size of the crowd seemed to be a morale raiser certain to help Spong and Anderson, who have been feeling the drag of Sen. George McGovern's presidential campaign.

John A. Clem, 6th District chairman, had expected about 225 and the hotel had to open up another section of its ballroom and bring in more food to take care of the long line facing its buffet table.

During the dinner Clem announced that Dr. Bovins Robins Gates, head of the political science department at Mary Baldwin College, will head up McGovern's presidential campaign in the district and that two other cochairmen

will be appointed later. Otherwise the spotlight was kept on Spong and Anderson and away from the Democratic presidential nominee.

Spong, who will open his campaign Monday with a series of stops, including Buena Vista, told the Democrats he came asking their support in his campaign for re-election. Spong is opposed by Rep. William L. Scott, one of the six Republicans in the Virginia delegation in Washington.

Anderson regaled the crowd by reading excerpts from newspaper accounts of campaign speeches by his Republican opponent, M. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke.

Anderson said: "I pass along these pearls of wisdom from the man who calls me a wet noodle." He accused Butler of dragging his feet in accepting invitations to a campaign debate after (Butler) proposed them "with great fanfare."

Meanwhile, Butler opened his headquarters in Staunton Friday with a talk emphasizing natural resources and environment.

Butler said he is the only candidate who is on the Nixon team and who can assure a Republican controlled Congress which is vital if "we can break that logjam plaguing the President and give him the muscle to get congressional action on his programs."

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Spong Will Push BV Flood Control Project

City officials of Buena Vista were pleased to hear Sen. William B. Spong Jr. announce his intention last week to obtain passage of a flood control project for Buena Vista.

Senator Spong made the announcement at a Sixth

District Democratic dinner Friday at Natural Bridge.

Buena Vista Mayor Shuler A. Kizer pointed out that the \$11.5 million project constitutes "a task of some magnitude and will require considerable effort by the city."

Wilford P. Ramsey, who has been chairman of the city's flood control committee since Hurricane Camille hit Buena Vista in 1969, said he was pleased to hear that Senator Spong had taken the project under his wing.

The project, which would not be completed until 1977, represents a "sizeable undertaking," said Mr. Ramsey, "but I think we can do it."

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, which would handle construction, has estimated that Buena Vista will have to spend about \$480,000 to obtain the necessary land and easements for the project. The city will be required to move roads, bridges and utilities which might interfere with the project.

Mr. Ramsey told City Council last April that he

believed many property owners would donate land and easements to the city, thus lowering the local cost of the project.

Mr. Ramsey said Friday that "a good many" of the local industries have helped the project along, and he had received informal assurance from some that necessary easements would be donated.

Mayor Kizer said Buena Vista was hopeful that much of the land would be donated, as the project is "primarily for the protection of those who are closest to the river."

Senator Spong's announcement was not a sur-

prise to most people in Buena Vista, as many officials and interested citizens have visited or contacted all of Virginia's congressmen and senators during the past month.

Mr. Ramsey and Councilman Frank W. Person, along with other persons, have also visited state officials in Richmond, as the project must still obtain state approval.

The flood control committee chairman said he anticipated pretty quick action by the State of Virginia, as he has received promises of action within a

week from the governor's office.

He said Virginia officials began their work on the project several weeks ago, so as to be ready to act when the project cleared the Corps of Engineers Board of Rivers and Harbors as it did last week.

Buena Vista Council passed a formal resolution on July 10, requesting congressional action on their project.

Mr. Ramsey said that several of the local industries with offices in other states had asked those offices to contact other congressmen concerning the Buena Vista

project.

Mr. Kizer said that the city was very fortunate to have gotten this far, as Congress usually acts on this type of project only on even years, in an omnibus rivers and harbors bill.

Buena Vista has been working to obtain a federal flood control project on the Maury River since it overflowed its banks during the sudden rains of Hurricane Camille, causing serious damage in the city.

Damage to city property alone totaled over \$117,000 in 1969, and the city had to borrow money to make repairs.

Federal disaster relief funds to cover the 1969 damage were received only a few weeks ago.

Councilman Person, however, has cautioned against undue optimism over prospects for the bill's passage. During the Aug. 10 council meeting he said he was encouraged by the bill's progress at that time, but that "it's not all cut and dried."

Getting the bill passed during this session of Congress, Mr. Person said, could involve very close timing, as Congress can be expected to adjourn early because of the November elections.

Anderson Says Dinner Shows District Support ^{VM}

Sixth District Democrat Congressional candidate, Willis Anderson said this week that he believed area party members put on a show of support Friday night for himself and U. S. Sen. William B. Spong Jr.

Between 475 and 500 turned out for the campaign kickoff dinner at Hotel Natural Bridge and Democrats left talking about the size of the crowd, a morale raiser certain to help Spong and Anderson.

The response surprised District Chairman John A. Clem who had made reservations for only 225, and the hotel had to open up another section of its ballroom and bring in more food to take care of the long line facing its buffet table.

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Anderson said he is looking forward to the coming campaign debates.

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SHERANDO — Willis M. Anderson, Democratic candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in the 6th Congressional District, voiced his opposition to the concept of a guaranteed annual income during an address to Sherando Ruritans Tuesday night.

"The premise that the government ought to guarantee anyone an annual income is wrong," Mr. Anderson said.

He pointed out that the programs of both President Nixon and U.S. Sen. George McGovern call for a guaranteed annual income — \$2,400 in the Nixon plan and \$4,000 in the most recent McGovern proposal. Mr. Anderson stated that he opposes both plans.

Mr. Anderson explained that his welfare reform program is based on the premise

that all on welfare who are capable of working should work.

Mr. Anderson again stressed that he is opposed to increased federal spending and would oppose any move to increase taxes.

He issued a challenge to his principle opponent, Republican M. Caldwell Butler, to outline what he has called the "Nixon program" which Mr. Butler has stated that he backs. Mr. Anderson added that he would then say which of the Nixon programs he favors and which he opposes.

Mr. Anderson pointed out that he does not endorse either the President or Sen. McGovern, adding: "I will be glad to support the Nixon programs which I think are right."

"I will not oppose Nixon programs simply because he is a Republican and I

am a Democrat," he said, adding that he feels no obligation to support programs of the President which he does not feel that he can support in good conscience.

He stressed that his own platform was not written in Miami Beach. "I wrote my own platform to reflect my own individual views which I believe reflect the views of the people of this district," he stated.

Mr. Anderson promised to be in the area regularly during his term of service and again promised to open offices in Staunton, Lynchburg and Roanoke which he plans to staff several days a week, if elected. A Congressman should make government more accessible in an age of impersonal bureaucracy, he said.

Sherando Ruritans heard reports that more than \$100 had been made in their corn sale project and that planting has already taken place for a sorghum project this fall.



Willis M. Anderson, Democratic candidate for the 6th District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, is greeted by T. O. Tinch, Sherando Ruritan Club program chairman. Mr. Anderson spoke during a meeting of Sherando Ruritans Tuesday night.

Butler Speaks At Campaign Headquarters Opening

Caldwell Butler, Sixth District Republican candidate for Congress, told a large crowd at the official opening of GOP Headquarters that what he has learned during the "listening phase of his campaign" would not be traded for all the "headlines from May to September."

Butler, who was the centerpiece of a triple opening of President Nixon, Scott and Butler Headquarters in Roanoke asserted that "learning does not always produce headlines--but I wouldn't trade what I have learned while visiting the Foundry at Lynchburg, talking to youth at a youth rally at Buena Vista, going down with farmers and their representatives at Steeles Tavern, discussing the troubles with the meat packers in Bedford, meeting with men and women from all over the district."

Butler, emphasized that until the traditional opening last week, he and his campaign had been in full gear criss-crossing the district with the sole aim of listening and learning to the citizens and seeing how they will wish to be represented.

Also on the program were Senator David Thornton, speaking on behalf of the committee to Re-elect the President, and Delegate Ray Robrecht, speaking on behalf of Scott for Senate.

"Most importantly I have assured the people of the district that I am the only Congressional candidate who is on the Nixon team and who can assure the President that he will have the Republican controlled Congress for which he yearns," Butler said.

Butler is running for the seat of newly sworn-in Virginia Supreme Court Justice Richard Poff, the former Congressman since 1952 of the Sixth District, and an endorser of Butler.

Butler assured the crowd that he will be following the Poff tradition and that by possibly inheriting part of Poff Congressional staff much of the continuity can be accomplished.

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Spong More Confident This Go-Round

By DON HILL

World-News Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Six years ago in Chincoteague's Channel Bass Hotel, when William B. Spong Jr. announced his decision to run for the U.S. Senate, the event drew 14 people. Four of them were campaign workers.

"I was trembling so bad, Spong recalled yesterday, "that I didn't even know what I was saying. I just wanted to get it over with."

One of the workers was a wild-haired, high-priced photographer from Chicago, brought in to record the moment for campaign publicity. "He felt so sorry for me, he charged me a fraction of his usual \$500 a day," Spong said.

Spong confidante William Battle stepped out of the room to call a political associate. In a quiet moment, the little band with Spong heard Battle's voice boom out—obviously in response to a question—"He's through before he starts if he doesn't get rid of

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some of these kooks."

Spong, who by then had recovered some of his aplomb, turned to a conservatively-dressed prep school-university chum and said, "He's talking about you."

The atmosphere was different yesterday as Spong made a flying Labor Day swing from the Eastern Shore to the western mountains to begin his first campaign for re-election.

In Chincoteague, more than 100 people pressed into a banner-bedecked meeting room in the Mariner Motel. The greeters included the mayor, the vice mayor, the district supervisor from the Accomack County Board of Supervisors, the state senator for the district, and even retired Judge Charles Lankford of Northampton, a Spong political foe in '66.

A gaggle of newsmen, including TV crews and four writers who flew down with Spong from Washington, covered the occasion.

At the other side of the state and the other end of the day, Spong attended a community picnic in Buena Vista. No longer the rubber-kneed tyro who faced 14 people in Chincoteague in the '60s, Spong had the acumen to scrap even his brief prepared speech.

He found himself sandwiched between a beautiful baby contest and a scheduled performance by a rock band from Washington and Lee University. "You didn't come here to listen to long speeches," he told the crowd of proud mamas and jean-clad teens sprawled on a hillside. They cheered.

But both in Chincoteague and in Buena Vista, the candidate took full advantage of his incumbent's edge. He reminded the Chincoteaguers of his work in preserving their

access to Assateague Island from an Interior Department threat and of his efforts toward winning them a channel-dredging project.

He announced to the Buena Vista crowd a recent step forward in their hopes for a \$11.5-million flood control project. Indeed, he reminded them, the spot on which he stood had been inundated by Hurricane Camille's floods.

It was a low-key day and Spong evidently had planned it that way. Noted in both his Labor Day speeches was the plaint that "we have suffered years of overpromise in America."

He seemed to try to set the tone for his independent campaign in the weeks ahead with another line. He said he would seek to give "effective, contemporary representation" to Virginia.

That was no doubt an oblique reference to the conservatism of his Republican opponent, Rep. William Scott of

Fairfax. But Spong never referred directly to Scott, nor to independent Horace E. Henderson of Virginia Beach.

The nearest thing to drama in the swing occurred in Covington, where Spong and Scott rode in separate cars in a union-sponsored parade. They came just after the antique cars and just before the sober-faced representatives of the Covington Ministerial Association.

At the parade's end, it appeared as though Spong and Scott would confront each other and newsmen pressed close to witness the historic event.

"Hi, Bill, how are you?" Spong said cheerfully, extending his hand.

Scott, who by this time had acquired a paper cup of cola in each hand, was unable to take the proffered handclasp. He smiled in response and strode on.

"That," quipped one bemused newsmen, "may have been the climactic moment of this entire campaign."

PEACE CANDIDATE

Scott Steps Up Attack

ROANOKE (AP) — U. S. Senate candidate William L. Scott told the Republican wellwishers Labor Day at Woodrum Airport that Sen. William B. Spong Jr., his Democratic opponent, keeps canceling out the conservative vote of Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr. and, as a result Virginia is losing its influence on vital legislation.

They voted differently over 100 times, Scott, who has been a member of the House from the 8th district for six years, emphasized.

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"If you like Byrd, you'll love Scott!," one banner read.

Scott was en route to Covington for the union sponsored Labor Day celebration with plans to return to Roanoke for some handshaking at the fair.

The turnout indicated the GOP leadership is taking a new interest in Scott's campaign. Before the national convention at Miami Beach there appeared to be a feeling within the party to write it off as a lost cause.

"Frankly, I'm overwhelmed

with such enthusiasm—it looks very good for us," Scott told his well wishers.

With the Republicans gathered in close around him on the airport concourse, Scott said he is pleased to be running on the GOP's ticket with House candidate M. Caldwell Butler, whose home is in Roanoke, and that both of them are working for the reelection of President Nixon.

Both Sen. Spong and Willis M. Anderson, the Democrat's candidates for the House in the 6th District of which Roanoke and the Covington area are a part, have said they cannot support presidential candidate George McGovern because of differences in political philosophies.

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He said Spong voted for the unilateral withdrawal of American troops from Vietnam and for the cutoff of funds for Vietnam, calling them "The McGovern vote . . . that is against the American people."

Scott said President Nixon is "our peace candidate."

Ray L. Robrecht, member of the House of Delegates from Roanoke county, was master of ceremonies at the airport. Party officials at the turnout included District GOP Chairman Poff.

Butler Asks RIAP Money

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., said Monday he has written a letter to the Secretary of Agriculture urging that the recently discontinued Rural Environmental Assistance Program (RIAP) be funded by expenditures taken from other programs of the department.

Rep. Butler of the 6th District told Earl Butz that he feels "the benefits derived from the conservation practices far exceed its cost, as the problems of pollution and erosion are far more costly to correct than prevent."

He added that "the economic situation of the small farmer simply has not improved to the extent that he can bear the entire burden of carrying out conservation measures that benefit everyone, and there is no reason that he should have to."

Butler noted that "every federal dollar spent on the program was at least matched by the farmer."

"It has been my observation that the department's action is aimed in the wrong direction.

Spong Afraid McGovern Is 'Loser,' Scott Says *RT*

Landmark News Service
PORTSMOUTH—Rep. William L. Scott, Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate, has accused his Democratic opponent of disassociating himself with his party's national ticket "because he knew McGovern was a loser."

The 8th Congressional District representative made the point in speaking to 26 persons attending a Republican luncheon for him after pointing out close voting ties between U.S. Sen. William B. Spong Jr. and Sen. George McGovern.

Scott said the senator from Portsmouth made a "politically calculated decision" to run for re-election independent of the Democratic national ticket because he had learned that McGovern would not do well in the state and not because of policy disagreements.

The Republican candidate then detailed situations where the Virginia junior senator and McGovern had voted together—especially on troop withdrawal and fund cutoff from Vietnam.

Scott said that President Nixon if re-elected "will need a sympathetic Congress—I have supported the president 75 per cent of the time and my opponent has been with him only 45 per cent of the time."

"I have supported him on every veto . . . my opponent voted to override every veto the president made," the Republican candidate added.

If McGovern is elected, Scott said, Virginia will need people in the Senate "who can put the brakes" on the Democrats' proposals, some of which—the guaranteed annual income—he described as "un-American."

The Republican devoted a major part of his talk to attacking policies promoted by

the Democratic presidential candidate. Scott concentrated on McGovern's proposed defense cuts which he said would "jeopardize our defense" and harm the Tidewater defense establishment.

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Roanoke Included In Tour By American Party Candidate

NORFOLK (AP) — Rep. John Schmitz, the American party candidate for president, said today he has qualified for the November ballot in 26 states and hopes to be on a total of 43 to 45 state ballots by election day.

Schmitz told a news conference here he considers himself a serious candidate for the presidency and that he hopes to show that the American party will be on the ballot nationally as "a permanent fixture."

The stop in Norfolk was the first of four the California congressman was scheduled to make today in Virginia. Later appearances were planned in Richmond, Lynchburg and Roanoke.

(Schmitz will hold a news conference after he lands at Woodrum Airport at 5:50 p.m. He will attend a 7 p.m. dinner at Hotel Roanoke and have another news conference afterwards.)

Asked whether he thought he could win in November, Schmitz said he thought he was more likely to succeed than Democratic candidate George McGovern.

"Anyone who is running on a busing and amnesty platform can't be a serious candidate," Schmitz said of McGovern.

In fact, he said, the only choice being given the American people by the two major parties is "a choice between a man they're afraid of and one they can't stand."

He said President Nixon's dealings with the Soviet Union have led to the use of American and North Atlantic Treaty Organization technology to bolster the "North Vietnamese war machine."

Schmitz said he wants "to get us out of North Vietnam," contending that American technology supplies the war material and machinery being used by the enemy.

The candidate said he could see little difference between the President and McGovern on the Vietnam issue. He said McGovern "wants to surrender now and Nixon wants to surrender on the installment plan."

If elected president, Schmitz said, he would halt all aid and trade with the Soviet Union, which he said would "make the pipeline to North Vietnam run dry."

Schmitz called the American party the only party "against forced busing and against forced integration of schools." "If 51 per cent of the American people want integration, you don't need a law," he said.

If elected, he said, he would carry out the laws made by Congress, but would tell the Supreme Court not to try to "legislate."

"Let them try to usurp the legislative powers," he said of the court, "but they're going to fight me if they try."

He said the American party is gathering support from all segments of society but is not seeking ethnic or racial bloc votes.

The two major parties are trying to buy votes by telling minorities they don't have to work for a living, Schmitz said, but "they can vote for a living instead."

Anderson outlines welfare reform

NATURAL BRIDGE — The 6th District Democratic candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives, Willis M. Anderson, outlined his program of welfare reform and offered a solution to what he believes to be the heart of the "welfare crisis" — the problem of the runaway father — here Friday night.

Speaking during a dinner kicking off Democratic campaigns in the district, Mr. Anderson proposed "that non-support be made a federal offense".

He pointed out that absent or runaway fathers frequently escape across state lines, that enforcement of support efforts on the part of the states is poor and that billions in federal funds are involved.

"This I believe could result in the apprehension of thousands of runaway fathers now at large and would deter many others in the future from abandoning their families," he said.

He added this would mean that the absent fathers would be compelled to support their families, not that they would be brought home in handcuffs.

"We must break the cycle of dependency" in welfare, Mr. Anderson urged. "Welfare reform must rest upon the premise that every able-bodied adult should work."

Mr. Anderson recommended job training and day care centers in an effort to get welfare mothers into the labor market and advocated "sheltered"

workshops for those unable to compete in the open market for jobs and unable to benefit by training.

"Of course, the latter is a form of work relief," he admitted, "but work relief is better than relief without work."

He also advocated improved administration of welfare programs at state level and reinstatement of the one-year residency rule to curb large-scale migrations of welfare workers.

Mr. Anderson spoke out against increased federal spending. "We must face the harsh reality that the budget can be brought closer into balance in one of two ways: by raising taxes or by reducing spending.

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Mr. Anderson branded federal deficits as "the chief cause of inflation and the chief reason we must have wage and price controls".

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The candidate for the 6th District U.S. House of Representatives seat left the Virginia House of Delegates, where he served as minority leader, to run for the seat vacated by U.S. Rep. Richard Poff. With J. Marshall Coleman, candidate for the House of Delegates seat vacated by O. B. Roller, Mr. Butler officially opened the campaign headquarters and signaled the start of an active campaign for the November elections.

The open house, which continued well after the speech-making was over, attracted many young voters, many of them members of the newly-created Young Republican group.

Speaking to the young people, Mr. Butler said he shared their deep concern for protection of their environment and promised to "go to Washington and ac-

complish the objective of responsible stewardship of the earth and its resources".

He said he was "proud to be the supporter of the first President in this country's history to make environmental concern a matter of high national policy". He expressed support for President Nixon's proposal to create a Department of National Resources, an agency which would develop and implement national energy policies.

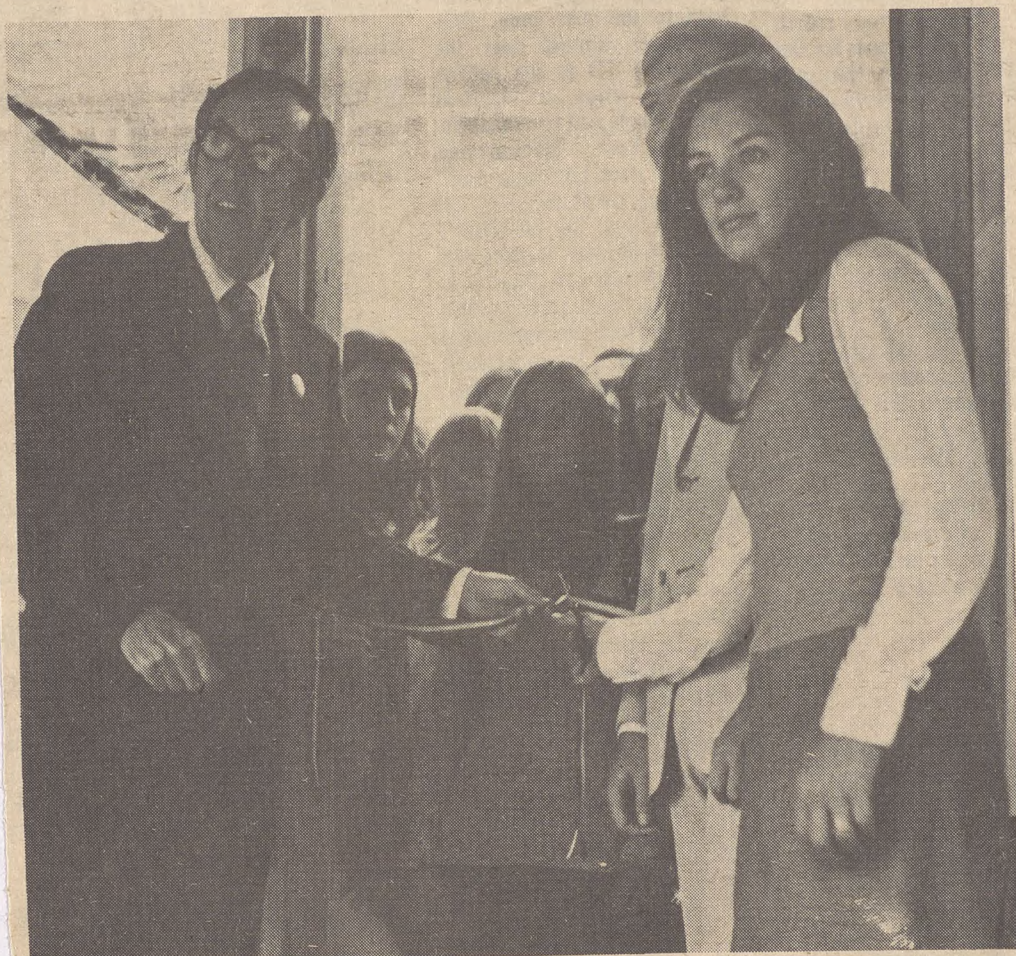
"The people of the 6th Congressional District have a special stake in the President's quest for a more liveable earth," Mr. Butler commented. "We live much closer to nature here than is true in the vast spoiled urban areas of the east and west coasts."

"Looking at these areas we can see the advantages of protecting the precious scenic resources we enjoy in the Shenandoah and Roanoke valleys," he said.

He added Valley residents must avoid the mistakes of those "who have abused, wasted and spoiled their environmental legacies".

Mr. Butler promised to discuss in detail during his campaign the causes and implications of the national energy crisis which "experts are predicting will be brought home to Americans in the next half-year".

He said there are 61 federal agencies currently involved with the regulation of energy, and they frequently work at cross purposes.



FLANKED by youthful supporters, 6th District candidate for the U.S. House of Representative M. Caldwell Butler, left, participates in the formal opening of Staunton-Augusta County Republican headquarters. Cutting the ribbon is Mrs. J. Marshall Coleman, wife of the Republican candidate for the House of Delegates.

Spong Seeking Votes During Holiday

By MELVILLE CARICO
Times Political Writer

RICHMOND — Pressures of the presidential campaign bear heavily on U.S. Sen. William B. Spong Jr. this Labor Day weekend, with Rep. William L. Scott, his Republican opponent, hoping to ride President Nixon's coattails to victory and a political upset in Virginia as dramatic as Spong's own victory in the Democratic primary six years ago.

Polls being taken by various groups, admittedly unscientific, show one thing; a big, undecided vote.

Ordinarily, in the context of the past, Scott would have very little chance and, indeed, in the early summer when he went unopposed for the nomination his own GOP figured there was no use taking on Spong.

And, on top of that, there was backwash from the '70 and '71 campaigns in which moderates who followed Gov. Linwood Holton took an awful beating. Scott was aligned with the conservative wing, so some felt deep in their hearts, let them take a beating.

Somehow, somewhere, change within the GOP started—perhaps with some direction from the White House—and now there is being organized a big effort for Scott. It remains to be seen whether it will fire up rank-and-file Republicans, however.

On the other side Spong is having his troubles.

His agonizing decision that he cannot support Presidential nominee George McGovern—a statement in which he stopped short of outright repudiation of the ticket—soured hundreds of young people in the party. But it was not strong enough to galvanize older voters, including Democrats who are going to vote for President Nixon. He is caught in a cross fire.

By the end of last week there appeared to be no significant loss for Spong among young McGovern enthusiasts because, for one reason, they feel they have no where to go.

Possibility of wholesale withholding of votes in the Senate race had not materialized, as some anticipated, because not to vote for Spong would, in effect, be a half vote for Scott and in this group anything that would help Nixon is out.

Spong now faces the job of holding Scott's vote to the day in and day out Republican vote, which is not enough to win, as shown in the past two

dean of the GOP delegation in Washington from the Northern Virginia 10th; and Rep. William C. Wampler from the Southwest's 9th, all won that year on Eisenhowers' coattail, marking the beginning of the present GOP in Virginia. Give Ike a friendly Congress—that was their battle cry then and it caught on in a solidly Democratic state in the 11th hour of the campaigns.

Things could change for Scott.

Before the Miami Beach convention where the White House let the Virginians know they want Scott if for no other reason than the numbers game of who controls the Senate, confidential polls showed

Scott did not have the support he should among rank-and-file Republicans. One party explanation, of course, is that as a Republican from Northern Virginia tied up in Congress he had not had sufficient time to become a statewide figure.

Spong goes into the campaign with the endorsement of the Virginia AFL-CIO. But a poll being taken by COPE (the AFL-CIO's Committee for Political Education) just union members shows a big undecided vote for Spong. They are being asked if the election were today would they vote for Spong. They are not being asked if they would vote for Scott.

Scott's campaign will be based on his conservative voting record in Washington and, in some instances, it will stand in marked contrast to Spong's votes—including overriding presidential vetoes. He will campaign as a supporter of the President, picture Spong as a partisan obstructionist.

Spongs' campaign workers will emphasize the Senators' independence but, as one said, this can be hard to put across sometimes. He is too liberal for hard nose conservatives; too conservative for liberals

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GOP defeats, and keep the moderate Democrat and Independent vote.

If Spong can do this, he is home free, of course, but the GOP high command from the White House down to state GOP headquarters in Richmond hopes to build up enough pressure among President Nixon's following to get thousands to vote for Scott—a part of a mounting campaign to win control of Congress.

Significantly this approach worked in '52.

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who think like George McGovern.

Spong is expected to emphasize his own independence.

"I am proud to be a Democrat," he told a dinner of Democrats Friday night at Natural Bridge, but added, quickly:

"I've got my own ideas about things and about issues and if there is anything I've been criticized for it is being too independent."

"But what is the Virginia tradition through the years if it hasn't been independence—if it hasn't been a man voting for what he thinks is right?" Spong asked.

Spong pulled one of Virginia's biggest political upsets in '66 when, in a bitter Democratic primary, he ousted U.S.

A. Willis Robertson, a ranking Senator in Washington and one of the pillars of the old conservative Democratic organization.

Spong won by a bare 611 votes, getting a big mail ballot vote in the far southwest.

But until the import of this year's presidential race raised its head Spong seemed to be winning acceptance within the business-banking-industrial complex which for years relied on Sen. Robertson in Washington.

So on this Labor Day weekend Spong is prepared for another tough fight, taking the underdog role he took for years ago, emphasizing his own independence.

He goes back to tiny Chincoteague Island in the Chesapeake Bay—the spot where he began his seemingly hopeless campaign six years ago. A dozen islanders were on hand to listen.

Butler Opens Staunton Office

By LARRY SHEFFER
Times Shenandoah Bureau

STAUNTON — With emphasis on natural resources and the environment, M. Caldwell Butler asked for support at the opening of the Staunton Republican headquarters Friday night.

Butler, the former House Minority Leader who is seeking election to the U.S. House in the 6th District, said he is the only candidate who is on the Nixon team and who can assure that Republican controlled Congress which is vital if "we can break that logjam plaguing the President and give him the muscle to get congressional action on his programs."

Butler said that since May he has been traveling through the district listening to the people and that one of the most disturbing things to young people is the degradation of the environment.

"Those who are about to inherit the earth have every right to inquire about the con-

dition it is in," he said.

He said he was proud to be a supporter of the first President in history to make environmental concern a matter of high national policy.

Butler said the people in the 6th District have a special stake in the quest for a more livable earth. "We live much closer to nature here than is true in the vast spoiled urban areas of the east and west coasts. We can still see the advantages of protecting the precious scenic resources we enjoy in the Shenandoah Valley and in the mountain countries to the west and the Piedmont countries to the east."

Butler said the country has been given a rich environmental legacy for careful use. "The world is watching what America does with what it has. It is imperative that we achieve the goal of economic prosperity with a responsible use of our natural resources."

He said that one of the most important of our resources is energy and the nation has watched with alarm what experts have been saying about energy reserves. "They are dwindling. Supplies of gasoline and heating oils are running out, and some cities have already begun limiting the use of natural gas," he said.

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U.S. Sen. William B. Spong of Virginia, on hand for the dinner, spoke briefly.



BEGINS CAMPAIGN—Attending a dinner kicking off the campaign of Democrat Willis M. Anderson for the Sixth District seat in the House of Representatives Friday night at Natural Bridge were, left to right: Mrs. William M. Dudley of

Lynchburg, U. S. Sen. William B. Spong Jr. (D-Va.), Anderson and Del. Charles W. Gunn Jr. of Lexington. Anderson is opposing Republican M. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke in the Nov. 7 election. (George Smith Photo)

Spong Pledges To Expedite City Flood Control Project

By N-V Staff Writer

NATURAL BRIDGE — Sen. William B. Spong Jr., speaking three days before the official opening of his campaign for reelection, pledged here last night to expedite a flood control project for Waynesboro.

He addressed more than 450 Sixth District Democrats — just about double the number predicted earlier in the week — at the Natural Bridge Hotel.

"If we keep our fingers crossed," Sen. Spong said, "I believe I can get passed through the Senate a flood control project for Buena Vista.

"And I am going to work just as hard to get the same thing for Waynesboro."

The Senator, who has been actively seeking flood studies in the Shenandoah Valley by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will fly Monday to Buena Vista for a tour of the area inundated by Tropical Storm Agnes in late June. Earlier the same day, he will formally launch his campaign at Chincoteague on the Eastern Shore.

Last night's banquet marked the kickoff of the Sixth District's effort on behalf of Sen. Spong and congressional candidate Willis M. "Wick" Anderson of Roanoke.

Although new to the Sixth, the northern section of the district played a major role in the affair. John A. Clem III of Staunton, the party's district chairman, presided and introduced Dr.



DR. R. L. GATES of Waynesboro, who will head the Sixth District Democratic campaign for presidential candidate George McGovern.

Robbins L. Gates of Waynesboro as the man who will direct the Sixth's campaign for presidential candidate George McGovern. Dr. Gates is a faculty member at Mary Baldwin College in Staunton and is vice chairman of the

Waynesboro Democratic Committee.

Also at the head table was Harry Nash of Waynesboro, a recently-named member of the district committee. Many others from the Waynesboro-Staunton-Augusta area sat in the audience.

Noting that only about 200 originally had been expected to attend the kickoff, Mr. Clem gazed over the packed banquet hall and asked:

"Where did you all come from? I really didn't know there were this many of us left here in the Valley. But I am grateful to know that there are so many. . . . Any report of the death of the Democratic Party in the Sixth District is greatly exaggerated."

Urging support for his candidacy, Sen. Spong said, "Wherever there has been a problem affecting the interests of Virginia, I've gone there and tried to do something about it." This type of service is necessary, he suggested, "because in that Disneyland we work in up there, you can lose the feel of what the people want."

Reiterating earlier-stated (Turn to Page 12, Col. 5)

positions on welfare reform and economic stability, Mr. Anderson told the audience, "Our side has done a better job than the other side in examining programs and priorities."

The Roanoke attorney chided his Republican opponent, M. Caldwell Butler, for being indefinite in certain published policy statements, and added, "I pass on these pearls of wisdom from a man who called me a wet noodle."

On welfare reform, Mr. Anderson again urged that non-support by run-away fathers be made a federal offense and that efforts to get welfare people into the labor market be intensified through job training and day care centers.

"Work relief is better than relief without work," he asserted.

The candidate also repeated his belief that the federal budget can better be balanced by cutting expenditures than by raising taxes.



VIRGINIA SENATOR William B. Spong Jr., addressing the Sixth District Democratic campaign kickoff dinner last night at Natural Bridge, draws a chuckle from District Chairman

John A. Clem III (center) of Staunton and congressional candidate **Willis M. Anderson** of Roanoke. Behind the Senator is a giant-sized photograph of Mr. Anderson.

(N-V Photo by Berlin)

Candidates Make Bids For Virginians' Votes

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Virginia politicians were out in force Monday—Labor Day—praising themselves and generally telling voters why they should be elected and their opponents shouldn't.

Democratic U.S. Sen. William Spong Jr. kicked off his bid for a second term with an appearance in Chincoteague, where he opened his campaign in 1966.

Spong said he made and kept "four promises to the people of Virginia."

These were, he said, to be attentive to his duties in Washington, to "stay in touch with his constituents, to make an annual financial disclosure and to provide effective, contemporary representation" seeking to solve problems faced by Virginians.

Meanwhile, Spong's independent opponent in the November election, Horace Henderson of Virginia Beach, said neither Spong nor the Republican candidate—Rep. William L. Scott—has accepted his challenge to

publicly debate the important issues in the campaign.

Henderson, in Hopewell for Labor Day festivities, criticized Spong for waiting until Monday to begin his campaign which was "obviously delayed to try to soften the impact of his chicken position on the candidate of his party—Sen. McGovern."

Henderson said he has requested civic organizations and the media to invite all three candidates to appear publicly and discuss the issues.

"I will go anywhere, any time and any place to meet either candidate to discuss the issues," Henderson said. The former chairman of the Virginia Republican party added that "it appears they have been avoiding me which indicates their lack of confidence in their public speaking ability and their mediocre records in Congress."

Scott, in a Labor Day speech in Covington, said "the energies and skills of American labor are combining with management in bringing us a widely shared economic advance."

Scott said "the nation is attempting to blunt inflationary pressures and hold down massive federal spending while making substantial progress in increasing wages and finding more jobs for Americans."

Former Gov. Mills E. Godwin Jr., speaking in Hopewell, sharply criticized the "New Left" in American society for trying to "alter the role of corporate management and business" in this country.

American business "is being bombarded by those identified as the 'New Left' and by the radical views they espouse," the former Democratic governor said.

Rep. Scott Brings Campaign To City

Rep. William L. Scott stopped off at Woodrum Airport yesterday during a campaign swing around the state and charged that Virginia is losing influence on vital legislation because Sen. William B. Spong keeps canceling out the conservative vote of Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr.

Scott, 8th District Republican, is opposing Spong for the U.S. Senate seat to which Spong was elected in 1966.

About 100 officeholders, party officials and pretty girls waving banners greeted Scott at his airport stop. He went from here to Covington to participate in a Labor Day celebration.

"Frankly, I'm overwhelmed with such enthusiasm," said Scott of his campaign. "It looks very good to us."

Scott called Spong a liberal. Of himself, he said he does his own thinking, but his voting record proves his political

philosophy is closer to that of Byrd than is Spong's.

He said he was pleased to be running on the same ticket with Del. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke, Republican nominee for Congress in the 6th District.

One of Butler's opponents, former Democratic Del. William M. Anderson of Roanoke, has said—like Spong—that he cannot support the Democratic presidential ticket.

"We (Republicans) can run together as a team and this is something our opposition may have some difficulty doing," said Scott.

"I encourage people to look at the voting record because as he (Spong) tries to disassociate himself from the McGovern faction, we can look at their votes and see how they parallel one another," said the 8th District congressman.

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Rally Turnout in 6th Pleases Democrats

By MELVILLE CARICO
Times Political Writer

NATURAL BRIDGE—Democrats in the 6th District put on a show of support Friday night for U. S. Sen. William B. Spong Jr. and House candidate Willis M. Anderson while keeping the spotlight off presidential candidate George McGovern.

Between 475 and 500 turned out for the campaign kickoff dinner at Hotel Natural Bridge and Democrats left talking about the size of the crowd, a morale raiser certain to help Spong and Anderson, who have been feeling the drag of McGovern's presidential campaign.

The response surprised District Chairman John A. Clem who had made reservations for only 225, and the hotel had to open up another section of its ballroom and bring in more food to take care of the long line facing its buffet table.

During the dinner Clem announced that Dr. Robins Gates, head of the political science department at Mary Baldwin College, will head up McGovern's presidential campaign in the district and that two other cochairmen will be appointed later. Otherwise the spotlight was on Spong and Anderson and it was in these races that Democrats in the district staked their hopes this fall.

Spong, who will open his campaign Monday with a series of stops, including Buena Vista, told the Democrats he came asking their help in his campaign for re-election.

Spong said that during his nearly six years in Washington he has considered service to the people of Virginia his first responsibility.

"Where there has been a problem I have gone there and tried to do something about it," Spong said.

His return to Buena Vista Monday is to dramatize his efforts for disaster legislation in the wake of Hurricane Camille.

Spong is opposed by Rep. William L. Scott, one of the six Republicans in the Virginia delegation in Washington.

At one point Spong said that he is not going to campaign in any way that divides the people.

The turnout was a real morale booster for Anderson who is seen by many as the underdog in the three-way race for the district House seat.

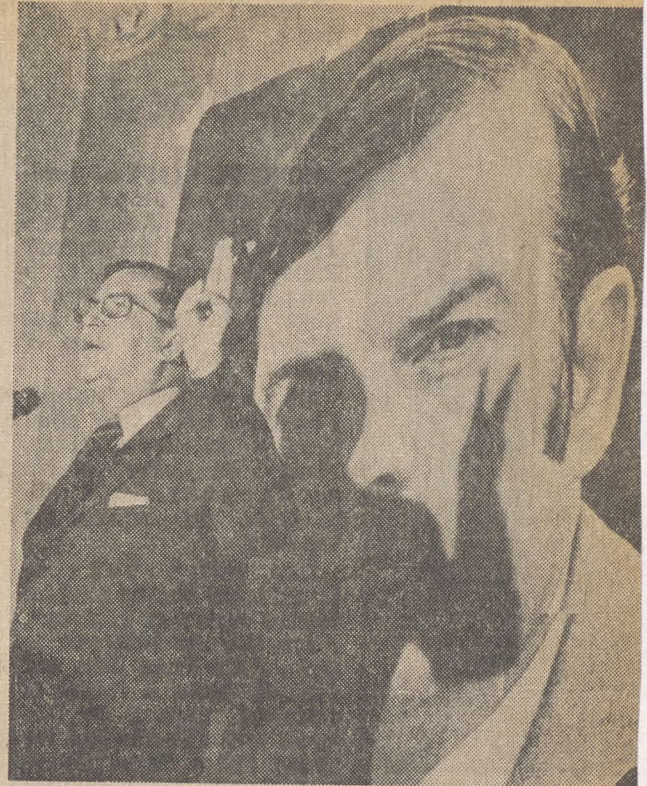
Anderson regaled the crowd by reading excerpts from newspaper accounts of Butler's campaign speeches and interviews, closing with the observation:

"I pass along these pearls of wisdom from the man who calls me a wet noodle."

Anderson said he is looking forward to the coming campaign debates and accused Butler of dragging his feet in accepting invitations after proposing them "with great fanfare."

Most of Anderson's talk was to brief the party leaders on what he has said so far in the campaign.

Sen. Spong, who spoke first because he had to catch a 9:50 plane back to Washington, was introduced by Dudley Einick of Botetourt County. Anderson was introduced by Clifton A. Woodrum III of Roanoke.



Spong Speaks at Natural Bridge

Senator Stands Before Large Photo of Anderson

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Reservations Made for 225, but Hotel Had To Accommodate More Than 475 Friday Night

Howell launches his gubernatorial campaign

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His speech blasted Godwin. He laid the responsibility for the state sales tax on food and nonprescription drugs to Godwin and his supporters.

He said in prepared remarks that taxes will be one of the key issues during the campaign. He said he would force Godwin to run on his record.

"It is time now for the Howell people to hold Mills Godwin accountable," the lieutenant governor said. "Mills Godwin has never had to run on his record. Nobody knows what his record is. There are a lot of people who don't know it was Mills Godwin who put the tax on their meat and potatoes and their Anacin and aspirin."

Howell already has a campaign war chest filled with more than \$100,000 in pledges. The sum was pledged to Howell for his gubernatorial campaign last month by the Virginia AFL-CIO.

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Democrats Set

Natural Bridge

Fund Raiser

In an effort to raise funds for the re-election of Senator William Spong, and to assist Willis M. Anderson to successfully gain the Congressional seat in the Sixth District, a "dutch treat" dinner will be held at Hotel Natural Bridge, Friday evening at 6:30. Both candidates and featured speakers will be there.

Tickets for the occasion are available from Wilford P. Ramsey at the Buena Vista Insurance Agency at \$10 each through Friday noon, at which time he must advise the committee of a "head count" from Buena Vista or those from the county who might not be aware of the dinner program.

Mr. Anderson is well known and has visited here a number of times. Yet, it has been impossible for him to meet and know all of the area voters. Mr. Anderson has represented Roanoke and that area, in the General Assembly for quite some time.

Mr. Spong has been in Washington as the United States Senator since 1966. He has helped immensely with Buena Vista's flood problems and has successfully guided the City's Flood Control Committee to where their Flood Prevention Program is at a point for Congressional action this year.

Those desiring to see these two individuals representing the area and State in Washington are urged to attend the dinner. They will be joined by other friends of the two men from within the entire Sixth District, who are sponsoring the dinner meeting.

Robinson Says Women Should Become Involved

Rep. J. Kenneth Robinson said Saturday in Charlottesville that "the political process in the United States will gain in its responsiveness to human needs if equal opportunity for women is followed by equal involvement of women in politics and government."

"The Nixon Administration, and the Republican Party certainly have expanded opportunities for women at decision-making levels - the problem now is to convince more women of talent and energy that the welcome mat is genuine, and that government service and political activity can be stimulating and productive," he said.

The Seventh District Congressman, campaigning for re-election during the current recess of Congress, spoke informally at a "Kick-Off Koffee for Kit's Kaboodle" at the Mount Vernon Motel.

"Kit's Kaboodle" is a small, colorfully-decorated bus which Mrs. Robinson will be using, as she did in the 1970 campaign, on Seventh District tours in behalf of her husband's candidacy.

"The women's effort was invaluable in 1970, and I want to extend a general invitation to Seventh

District women to accept active roles in the campaign this year," Robinson said.

"Women have long been perceptive observers of the political process, and it now is refreshing to find increasing numbers willing to participate in refining that process in the interest of improving the quality of life for all Americans," he commented.

Mrs. J. Logan Livers, chairman of Seventh District Women for Robinson, and Mrs. Dorothy Ringland, president of the Charlottesville Area Republican Women's Club, joined in heading up planning for today's event.

Anderson Kicks Off Campaign

NATURAL BRIDGE — Willis M. Anderson, Democratic candidate for the Sixth District congressional seat, said at an overflow campaign kickoff dinner here Friday night, although he feels Virginia has not passed enough progressive legislation in the past, he also believes the federal government "has tried to do too much."

Anderson added that "we have oversimplified our problems and oversold the prospect of quick solutions with ineffective programs, wasted money and squandered public confidence."

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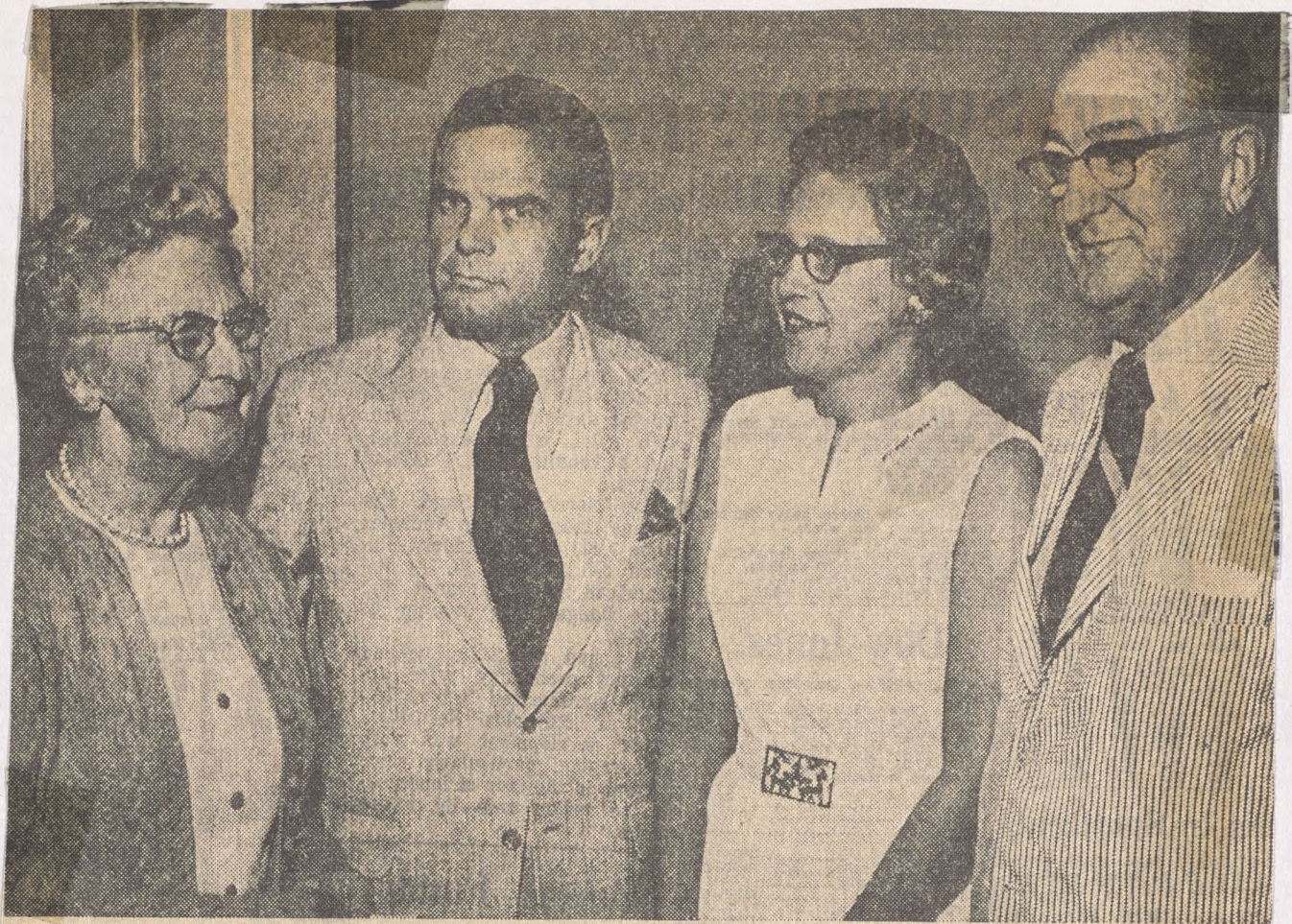
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AT ANDERSON DINNER—Attending campaign kickoff dinner Friday night in Natural Bridge for Willis M. Anderson, Democratic candidate for Sixth District seat in Congress were, from left, Mrs. A. F. Robertson of Bedford City,

Anderson, Mrs. Lloyd Page of Buena Vista and William Sandidge of Amherst. Anderson is opposing Republican M. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke in November 7 elections.

—George Smith Photo

Rep. Robinson Lauds Butler At McCormick Farm Rally

Rep. J. Kenneth Robinson said Friday at Steeles Tavern that, "while there have been encouraging trends in the agricultural economy, farmers still are largely dependent on success of the overall anti-inflation effort for a long-term favorable income prospect".

"Being at the mercy of market uncertainties -- and the fickleness of Nature -- for his gross income, the farmer must hope for stabilization of his operating costs if he is to improve his net income position," Robinson noted.

The Seventh District Congressman, a Winchester area orchardist in private life, spoke informally at a "Farm Families for Butler Day" at the McCormick Farm, held to boost the Sixth District Congressional candidacy of M. Caldwell Butler, Republican candidate to succeed Richard H. Poff, who is leaving Congress to become a judge of the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals.

Robinson expressed regret at losing Augusta County to the Sixth District under Congressional redistricting, but commend the Butler candidacy to the assembled farm families.

"Caldwell Butler may not be a farmer, but he will listen to farmers," Robinson said, adding: "He understands the importance of a healthy agricultural economy, and he will work for further simplification of federal farm programs, and for



Representative Kenneth Robinson and congressional candidate Caldwell Butler at the Farm Families For Butler Day held last Friday at the McCormick Farm in Steele's Tavern. Robinson, who loses Augusta and Rockbridge County, assured citizens it would be in good hands with Butler.

fair treatment of the diversified agricultural interests of this area.

"Caldwell Butler will make a fine Congressman, and I know his ability and energy will gain him prompt acceptance and respect in the House of Representatives."

In speaking of farm

earnings, Robinson said that "the disposable income of farmers still is not what it should be, averaging only 80 percent of the average for nonfarm residents, but even that is higher than it ever has been in the past."

"The increased efficiency of farm families

has contributed to this improvement in their spendable income situation," he said, "as well as the greater planting flexibility encouraged by the Agriculture Act of 1970, and the progress which has been registered in reducing the inflationary momentum in the economy as a whole."

Hull, Richardson to Work For President's Re-election

Two Staunton businessmen will coordinate the efforts of the Virginia Committee for the Re-Election of the President in Augusta, Rockbridge, Bath and Highland Counties including Staunton and Waynesboro in the Sixth District. The appointments of Cecil T. Richardson and A.R. Hull were announced today by former State Senator FitzGerald Bemiss, Committee Chairman.

Emphasizing the bipartisan nature of the campaign, Bemiss said that he is "greatly pleased at the acceptance of this important assignment by Hull and Richardson."

In his letter to Bemiss in which he accepted the position, Hull, a graduate of Dunsmore Business College and owner of A.R. Hull Motor's in Staunton, said "I am looking forward to working with you in this campaign." Hull has been

active in the Augusta County Republican Committee since 1947 and is currently serving on the Republican State Central Committee.

Cecil T. Richardson has, prior to accepting Bemiss' offer to help with the re-election of President Nixon, been active in what Richardson called "the conservative element of the Democratic party", and is a former Chairman of the Staunton Democratic Party. Richardson is a former member of the Staunton School Board and is an active layman in the United Methodist Church.

After announcing the appointments of Hull and Richardson, State Chairman Bemiss said that the campaign for the re-election of the President is being waged in two ways.

"First we are endeavoring to have every eligible voter in Virginia register to vote in the

November election." Bemiss noted that this includes an estimated 500,000 or more unregistered voters between the ages of 18 and 25.

"At the same time," he said, "the Committee will encourage all registered voters -- Democratic, Republican and Independent -- to support the re-election of President Nixon."

"If ever there has been a choice between fundamental values, we have one in this election. We believe that the convictions espoused by the President are more in agreement with those of most Virginians than are those voiced by Senator McGovern."

"The Virginia Committee for the Re-Election of the President embraces Democrats, Independents and Republicans across the State," the Chairman stated.

Spong says SBA flouts Congress

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. William B. Spong Jr., D-Va., said Wednesday he was distressed to learn that the Small Business Administration is "not following congressional intent" on low interest loans to victims of hurricanes Camille and Agnes.

Under the old disaster relief plan a borrower repaid the first \$500 of an SBA loan; the next \$2,500 was "forgiven" and wiped out; and a 5½ per cent interest rate was charged on the balance.

Spong said the intent of Congress in the Agnes Disaster Relief Act was to forgive the first \$5,000 and to charge 1 per cent interest on the balance.

The senator wrote in a letter to Thomas S. Kleppe, SBA administrator:

"It was my clear understanding from your testimony before the Small Business Subcommittee of the Senate Banking Committee, and from the Senate debate on the bill, that a person having an outstanding loan from Camille, and needing another disaster loan as a result of Agnes, could consolidate his obligations and receive the benefit of the 1 per cent interest rate established under the new law...

"I am at a loss to understand why the SBA has informed my office that persons having disaster loans outstanding from Camille, and who suffered damage from Agnes, cannot consolidate their old loan with a new loan and receive the benefit of an interest rate of 1 per cent."

Godwin Assailed by Howell

YORKTOWN (AP)—Lt. Gov. Henry E. Howell Jr., continuing his political tradition of declaring himself early, has launched his campaign for governor in 1973.

Howell, a Democrat-turned-independent, speaking here Wednesday night, attacked an almost certain opponent, former Gov. Mills E. Godwin Jr., also a Democrat-turned-independent.

The populist-style lieutenant governor said his early announcement as a candidate was spurred by Godwin's efforts to build up a campaign organization.

He said Godwin is taking a leadership role in the Virginia Republican campaign to re-elect President Nixon so the former governor can forge a political machine of conservative leaning Virginians of both parties.

He accused Godwin of trying to "revive the Byrd machine." Howell said followers of the late Sen. Harry F. Byrd Sr. will form the nucleus of "the Godwin machine," but a broader following will be needed to maintain it.

Howell said he still hasn't made up his mind whether to return to the Democratic party or continue along the independent route. "It may turn out to be a detriment to run as a candidate of either party," Howell said at a Norfolk news conference preceding his campaign speech here.

His speech blasted Godwin. He laid the responsibility for the state sales tax on food and nonprescription drugs to Godwin and his supporters.

He said in prepared remarks that taxes will be one of the key issues during the campaign. He said he would force Godwin to run on his record.

"It is time now for the Howell people to hold Mills Godwin accountable," the lieutenant governor said. "Mills Godwin has never had to run on his record. Nobody knows what his record is. There are a lot of people who don't know it was Mills Godwin who put the tax on their meat and potatoes and their Anacin and aspirin."

Mr. Justice Poff

There are many tests of a man, and one of the best is how he stands with friends and neighbors. The gathering around State Supreme Court Justice Richard H. Poff Wednesday when he was sworn in was itself a testimonial to the man. As our news story summarized the happy event: "The crowd . . . was family, friends, congressmen, at least one teacher, former congressmen, and about as many former governors as one sees in one place these days."

Mr. Justice Poff has been a pioneer. He broke the Democratic hold on the Sixth District, gained national respect for his work in the House of Representatives and was quite seriously considered for a place on the U.S. Supreme Court. He will find his seat on the Virginia Supreme Court just as comfortable and there will be plenty of opportunities to contribute to the public welfare by wise decisions. Besides all that, he will be closer to the friends who have helped him along the way. The Roanoke Valley area is especially proud of the first Republican to make his way to the high court in Richmond.

Spong Requesting U.S. Flood Control For Buena Vista

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WASHINGTON — Sen. William B. Spong Jr. has initiated a push to win approval this year of a \$11.5 million flood control project for Buena Vista.

The city and its environs were devastated by Hurricane Camille flood waters in 1969 and flooded again last June by Agnes.

The Army Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors today announced approval of the flood control project, which would involve 11,700 feet of earth levee and flood wall along the Maury River.

The board, final approving authority prior to Congress for engineers public works projects, said in its report:

"It was the view of the board that the recommended plan of improvement will have minimal impact on the scenic and recreational qualities of the river surrounding areas."

Sen. Spong today wrote to Sen. B. Everett Jordan, D-N.C., chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee on Rivers and Harbors-Flood Con-

trol, asking that the Buena Vista project be included in the 1972 Omnibus Rivers and Harbors Bill.

The project remains subject to clearance by the secretary of the Army and the Office of Management and Budget.

If the project were not included in this year's bill, it would be delayed until at least 1974.

Omnibus rivers and harbors legislation traditionally is considered biannually in even-numbered years.

In addition to the levee and flood wall, the engineers would maintain a 200-foot wide channel for a length of 2,800 feet and an "interior drainage canal" 5,700 feet long.

The board also considered alternative proposals. One was a 300-foot wide channel improvement and another would have an upstream reservoir at Kerr Creek.

Local interests will be required to pay \$480,000 of the construction costs, provide all land necessary, provide for any needed relocation of public facilities and pass and enforce ordinances to limit use of flood endangered areas.