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# Proposals Given For Economy

By BILL CLINE  
News Staff Writer

NATURAL BRIDGE — Nine recommendations for improving the economy were offered to Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler by residents of Lynchburg and Amherst and Bedford counties during a conference here Wednesday.

Butler had called the economic conference in order to

determine the feelings of Sixth District residents to help guide him in considering economic legislation in Congress.

"What I want to know is what you think your congressman should know about the basic state of the economy in the Sixth Congressional District," Butler told the some 160 participants in the day-long session at Natural Bridge Hotel.

In its report to Butler, the group from Lynchburg and the two adjoining counties said it was offering him the theme "the less government, the better government" to be used in considering legislation. When legislation is proposed, the group suggested it be exposed to the following three-point test: "Is this really necessary or can local communities devise their own solutions? Does this extend federal entry into local life in yet more ways? Will it increase the total expenditures in our economy that are under direct or indirect federal control?"

For the purpose of the conference, the Sixth District was divided into four areas. They were Lynchburg and Amherst and Bedford counties, the Roanoke Valley and Botetourt County, the Shenandoah Valley, and Alleghany and Bath counties.

Following opening remarks in the morning, residents from the four areas spent more than two hours in groups discussing problems and recommending solutions for their respective areas.

There were about 25 participants from the Lynchburg area. This group was chaired by James V. Shircliff, chairman of the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce's Congressional Action Task Force.

In the afternoon, a report of discussions from each of the four areas was presented to Butler.

Shircliff told Butler the Lynchburg-Amherst-Bedford group had agreed upon nine recommendations it wanted him to consider in his deliberations on economic legislation. The recommendations are:

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Roanoke, Virginia, Thursday, February 13, 1975

# Contrasting Economic Views Given at Butler's Conference

By **GEORGE KEGLEY**  
Times Business Editor

**NATURAL BRIDGE** — Two contrasting pictures of economic conditions in the Roanoke - Lynchburg - Staunton triangle were drawn here Wednesday—one of layoffs, rising prices and unnecessary costs of government regulations; another, of declining interest rates, pent-up housing demand and a growing outlook of confidence.

Republican Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, who heard the views of more than 150 constituents at an economic conference at the Natural Bridge Hotel, said his 6th Congressional District has been "more concerned with inflation than recession."

But while "we've been quite well treated" in the early stages of the nationwide recession, Butler said, unemployment in the district now "is reaching proportions it should not and it hasn't leveled off yet."

Butler said there is "no crisis or panic." However, "we will have to see what can be done" about 20 per cent unemploy-

ment in Buena Vista and 7 per cent joblessness in Staunton, he warned.

Businessmen and industrialists spoke out for President Ford's investment tax credit and income tax rebate but they came down hard against wage or price controls and government regulations.

Warner Dalhouse, Roanoke banker and chairman of the Roanoke regional session, said he heard "a general tone of optimism, tempered with a realization that we do have problems."

In his summary, Dalhouse said the 40 speakers in the Roanoke meeting want to "avoid overregulation of government with its onerous expenses, which creates the need to spend money uselessly."

Significant economic statements from the day-long conference:

- Local health care costs are expected to increase 12 to 14 per cent this year, said W. R. Reid, administrator of Roanoke's Community Hospital.

- An increase of \$12 to \$20 in hospital admission costs

could result from a new requirement of the federal government effective in April that a patient's admission be reviewed the first day, according to Paul Bridge, associate director of Roanoke Memorial Hospitals.

- Home building is currently operating at 30 per cent of the capacity of 1972 in the Roanoke Valley, said Maury Strauss, a home builder.

- The pent-up demand for housing is "second to no time since World War II," said W. B. Baird, president of First Federal Savings and Loan Association.

- The Salem General Electric plant has a capacity employment of 3,900, a "very high backlog of work" and no layoffs, said James Olin, a GE department manager. The plant is "moderately assured" of work this year, he said, because of its production of controls for the mining, metals, gas pipeline and power peaking segment of electric utilities.

About one-fourth of its production is exported, accounting for 1,000 jobs, he said, but an-

other 1,000 depend on GE's sales of controls to smaller manufacturers and "if the recession continues at its present rate, we will be at some risk in six months or more. The investment tax credit would help, he said.

Olin also asked Congress to remove restrictions on the Export-Import Bank which provides financing for a billion-dollar shipment from GE to Brazil.

At Covington, the big Westvaco paperboard plant is spending 50 per cent of all capital expenditures for environmental controls, said Carl Jentzen, plant manager.

"We can't neglect the environment," he said, "but the question is how fast you proceed." He asked for "a more realistic balance between the environment and the economy."

Jentzen said heavy environmental costs are holding up consideration of a plant expansion.

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## Views on Economy

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ment and an "overall shrinkage" in business, he said, have kept the plant from selling more than 85 per cent of its production for the past two months.

Another Covington plant manager, D. R. Barineau of the Hercules fiber and film operation, said, "The problem is finding out what they (the Environmental Protection Agency) want."

His plant is "thinking of spending a half-million dollars for water treatment but it is a matter of the left hand knowing what the right hand is doing and 97 forms to fill out."

The supply of gasoline will be adequate through summer, assuming the "continued availability of crude oil," said John Sarber, Exxon district manager in Roanoke.

With the United States importing 6 million barrels of oil a day, "we need a national energy policy to conserve energy and increase the domestic supply."

Sarber said the Roanoke standard metropolitan statistical area has 275 service stations which sold 85 million gallons of gas last year—a decline of 4.7 per cent—and employing 1,500.

Jack Butler, president of Andrews-Pitzer-Butler Fuel Oil Corp., said 20 dealers sold an estimated 43 to 45 million gallons of fuel oil for \$15 million last year, up from \$7.5 million paid for oil 2 1/2 years earlier.

In that period, the markup by dealers has gone from 6 1/2 to 7 cents a gallon and the Cost of Living Council said they could charge 8 but Butler doubted if any distributor is asking that much.

The consumer, he said, is "in a desperate situation and we can't pass it past the consumer."

W. A. McClung, public affairs director of Appalachian Power Co., said the utility is "caught in the middle of a definite fuel supply problem. . . In 1974, it would have been nice if we could have kept the 56 per cent of revenue we spent for fuel."

McClung told of a coal company which raised its third quarter earnings 1,115 per cent and he asked for support of opening up federal lands in the West to stripmining operations to meet the coal demand.

"If this could be opened up, we might see our way clear to lower electric bills."

A. W. Buckley, president of Roanoke Gas Co., said the natural gas industry "desperately needs" approval of an Alaskan pipeline for gas, opening of the Atlantic continental shelf for exploration and deregulation of new gas supplies.

Gas sold within a state does not have the interstate ceiling so it is going for the higher price rather than into a pipeline to the East, he said.

Clyde Eyler of the Roanoke-Southwest Virginia Central Labor Council recalled the "terrible fight" in Congress over the Blue Ridge Project and said energy and jobs are needed. Labor supported Appalachian Power Co.'s application for the project because of the jobs involved.

Harry Layman, another Labor Council spokesman, said the investment tax credit will create jobs.

"There is nobody in the Roa-

noke Valley," said Layman, "who can't work if he wants to. He may not get what he wants but he can feed his family."

Bob Justice of the Highway Users Federation said automobile pollution controls are "eating up 600,000 barrels of crude oil a day, over half of what the President wants us to conserve. With laws like that (legislation for the controls), we don't need the Arabs."

Richard Lynn of Heironimus said department stores "appear to be down" because disposable income of the consumer also is down. Warner Dalhouse said he hears that impulse buying has "almost vanished."

Ray Dobbins, Lincoln-Mercury dealer described as a "resident optimist" by Dalhouse, said his auto sales have improved immensely since radio, television and newspapers have reported more "optimistic" news.

His January sales were the second highest in history, Dobbins said, and he's added 16 or 17 people. "I'm waiting for things to settle down to double" his plant.

Dobbins was followed by Carole Evitts of the Virginia Citizens Consumer Council who said that Roanoke grocery prices were higher than those in Richmond, Virginia Beach, Houston and New York City in November.

Consumers, she said, will buy if products and services are sensibly priced, "but we are being urged to buy in the name of buying, as though not to buy were as sinful as hoarding sugar."

Jack Rader, a vice president of Wheat, First Securities, said the investment tax credit will help Appalachian, coal, steel or any capital intensive industry. To encourage investors in stocks and bonds, he said, "they should ease the capital gains treatment."

Kenneth Wilkey, Hotel Roanoke manager, said attendance at conventions is "off 25 to 30 per cent," based on an annual number of 90,000.

This, he said, "obviously has an effect on retail sales."

Lawrence Hamlar, Roanoke funeral director, said his business is not in a recession—it's "better than ever."

Harry Scott, recently retired United Papermakers official at Covington, said the country is in a depression, not a recession, and it will deepen "unless we can provide a substantial increase in manpower."

"We have fought inflation so long that it drove us to depression," Scott said. He told Butler the investment tax credit can be "very good but it has got to be used on a selective basis. What good will it be if a corporation puts in modern machinery and reduces its work force?"

Lovitt Henderson, a Westinghouse official and chairman of the Staunton sectional meeting, said the consumer and the manufacturer are not spending money "because they don't know what Congress will do."

The "overriding tendency of Congress," he said, "is to go 500 ways simultaneously. The only thing is to quit talking about how bad things are and how bad the other party is and get to work."

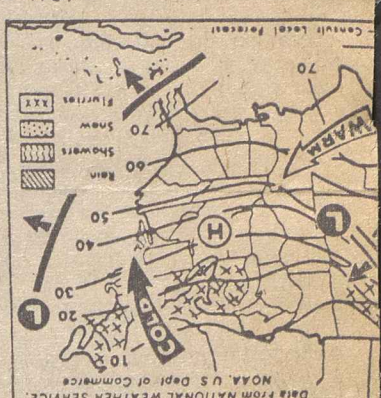
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# Economic gain seen possible during spring

*The Daily Advance - 2/13/75*

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PAGE 12 THE RECORDER, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1975

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Page 10 Buena Vista News, Thursday, February 20, 1975

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## Economic Needs Get Airing

# Butler Parley Raps Federal Indecision



**ECONOMIC INQUIRY** — Rep. M. Caldwell Butler (left) questions Lovitt Henderson of Staunton about economic conditions in the Augusta-Rockbridge area during a Sixth

District conference yesterday at Natural Bridge. Mr. Henderson was one of four chairmen who summarized regional discussions for the Congressman.

(N-V Photo by Berlin)

By ED BERLIN  
N-V Staff Writer

**NATURAL BRIDGE** — Rep. M. Caldwell Butler heard a lot of words and asked a lot of questions at his Sixth District Economic Conference here yesterday.

At the end of it all, he told the nearly 200 business and government leaders who attended:

"The conclusion I have reached is not to state any conclusions at this point. My solution is that we should all take a bus over to The Homestead at Hot Springs, which would lick their tourism problem and our fuel problem, and discuss the whole thing."

But the Congressman's frivolity was brief. Mostly he listened seriously and somberly as spokesmen from the four regions of his district spelled out a pattern of discontent with federal policy, deep concern for mounting unemployment, and growing impatience with government inaction on energy and the economy.

After individual morning sessions, the four regions spread their sentiments before Mr. Butler at a combined meeting later in the day. Staunton industrialist Lovitt Henderson, reporting for the northern area embracing Augusta and Rockbridge Counties, relayed more than a dozen "messages" to Mr. Butler from the 40 or so delegates representing that sector. Among them were these:

- Strong opposition to gasoline rationing.
- A relaxation of environmental regulations affecting industry.
- A "demand" for improved administration and control of welfare programs.
- An increase in the investment tax credit.
- A "freeze" on salaries of federal employees and a "ceiling" on fringe benefits for members of Congress.
- A reduction in government regulations which contribute neither to jobs nor productivity.
- Reduced spending for defense, foreign aid and the CIA.
- Support for the President's energy production program, but a clearer short-range and long-range policy on fuel conservation.
- Retention of Taft-Hartley Section 14(b), the so-called right-to-work law.
- A slow approach to rebating 1974 taxes because of the likelihood such action would bring higher interest rates.

Finally, Mr. Henderson said, "Congress must quit its eternal bickering and get on with its business. We are deeply worried because we don't know what Congress is going to do. There seems a tendency for it to go off in 500 different directions simultaneously."

Summarizing for Mr. Butler the state of the economy in the northern region, Mr. Henderson pointed to unemployment rates of 5 per cent or more in Waynesboro, 7 per cent in Staunton and 13.9 per cent in the Buena Vista area, with increases an-

ticipated. He said retail trade is down slightly "but could drop drastically" if there is no economic upturn in the near future. People in his area, he added, are concerned about the price of electricity and petroleum products, about the possibility of wage and price controls, about the time lag of up to eight weeks in obtaining unemployment checks, and about negative outlooks in the fields of tourism and agriculture.

Reports from the other three regions — Lynchburg, Roanoke and Covington-Clifton Forge — largely echoed the problems and recommendations cited by Mr. Henderson.

Terming the reports "tremendously helpful to me," Mr. Butler conceded that "your criticism of Congress is generally justified." He noted that much of the problem appears to be "housing-related," but he expressed the thought, borrowed from Franklin Roosevelt, that "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

Although the four area reports were predominately on the gloomy side, the chairmen told Mr. Butler they noted a general tone of optimism.

At the morning session of the Augusta-Rockbridge group, at least two statements suggested by Mr. Henderson won unanimous approval: 1.) that people and business are afraid of government because they don't know what it will do next; and 2.) it would be helpful if Congress and the President could agree on a single course of action, "whether we like that course or not."

Commenting on governmental indecision, Ray White of Waynesboro, a director of both the city and state Retail Merchants Associations, said that wavering federal policies have created a "hill and dale effect" on retail business. "Indecision is scaring our people," he said. "We've got to get somebody on the horse and get going."

The brightest note of the morning conference was sounded by Warren F. Kindt, a Waynesboro General Electric Co. executive, who said his firm not only is maintaining a high employment level of about 2,500 people, but will occupy 70,000 additional square feet of floor space in April. There is "high probability," he said, for increased employment in the second half of the year.

Because of the large number of workers who commute, he told the regional session, gas rationing should be avoided. If the choice must be made, he said, a more favorable plan would be higher gas prices "with some type of rebate to lower-income people." Mr. Kindt also stated that federal regulations of various kinds have become an administrative burden and that the proposed boost in investment tax credit would be desirable.

Edward M. Eakin, executive director of the Waynesboro-East Augusta Chamber of Commerce, reported that the Virginia Employment Commission office in his city has processed about 2,000 applicants for jobless benefits. Of these, he said, about 1,500 represent "outright layoffs."

By far the hardest-hit locality in the northern region is the industrial city of Buena Vista, where the unemployment rate hovers between 12 and 14 per cent, according to several who spoke yesterday. "We have got to get people back to work," said one city official. "We need more work programs and less handouts."



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## Congressional Candidates Report \$1,397,333 Spent

RICHMOND (AP)—Reports filed with the State Board of Elections show Virginia candidates for Congress spent a grand total of \$1,397,333 in last year's election — with one candidate yet to be heard from.

The latest reports, covering campaign contributions and spending from Oct. 25 through Dec. 31, show the biggest spender was one of the losers — Republican Rep. Joel T. Broyhill of the 10th District.

Broyhill, who was beaten by Democrat Joseph L. Fisher, spent \$242,586 to Fisher's \$142,604.

The second-biggest spender also was a loser — 9th District Democrat Charles J. Horne of Abingdon, who reported campaign expenditures of \$195,640.

Horne was narrowly defeated by Republican Rep. William Wampler, whose spending total was not available. The elections board said Wampler hadn't filed it yet, although the deadline was Jan. 31.

Federal law requires the reports to be filed with the clerk of the U. S. House of Representatives and state agencies. Wampler also failed to file on time twice during the campaign.

His spending, when the report comes in, is expected to raise

the total amount expended by the congressional candidates to more than \$1.4 million.

Other reports of spending by candidates as reported to the elections board, with the winners listed first, included:

—2nd District: Republican Rep. G. William Whitehurst, \$83,350; Democrat Robert R. Richards, \$38,449.

—3rd District: Democratic Rep. David E. Satterfield III, \$5,640. His opponent, Alan R. Ogden of the U. S. Labor party, received so little in contributions that he wasn't required to make a report.

—4th District: Republican Rep. Robert Daniel Jr., \$77,727;

Democrat Lester Schlitz, \$83,691; independent Curtis W. Harris, \$16,817.

—6th District: Republican Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, \$55,082; Democrat Paul Puckett, \$26,121; independent Warren D. Saunders, \$57,819.

—7th District: Republican Rep. J. Kenneth Robinson, \$95,092; Democrat George Giliham, \$53,812.

—8th District—Democrat Herbert E. Harris II, \$80,932; Republican Rep. Stanford Parris, \$141,971.

Democratic Reps. Thomas N. Downing of the 1st District and W. C. "Dan" Daniel of the 5th were not opposed.

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# Saunders' campaign most costly

By OZZIE OSBORNE  
Political Writer

RICHMOND — Warren Saunders, the American party candidate, was the top spender in the 6th District congressional race last year, records filed with the State Board of Elections show.

Saunders, a Bedford County businessman, spent \$57,819.

He was followed in spending by Rep. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke, who reported spending \$55,082. Butler, a Republican, won the race.

Roanoke City Sheriff Paul Puckett, Roanoke Democrat, reported spending \$26,121.

It could not be immediately discerned from the records he filed how much the fourth candidate, Timothy McGay of Augusta County, spent.

However, McGay, who ran a low-key, soft-sell campaign, said he planned to spend less than \$500.

In winning, Butler got 45,805 votes.

The vote for the other candi-

dates was as follows:

Puckett, 27,350; Saunders, 26,466; McGay, 1,832.

Saunders and his family put \$24,600 into the campaign.

Large contributors were Ronald Lee Barbour of Chatham, \$10,000; Macon C. Putney, Bedford, \$500; T. Glynn Bradley, Bedford, \$300; John T. Hardy, Danville, \$1,500; and Harold Hancock and James Sours, both of Chatham, \$500 each. Bill Triplett of Vinton, chairman of the American party in Virginia, gave \$300 and loaned the campaign \$6,000.

Butler's major contributors included:

D. L. Jordan, Roanoke, \$500; R. R. Smith, Staunton, \$500; J. W. Hancock Jr., Roanoke, \$500; William B. Poff, Roanoke, \$400; R. W. Burruss Jr., Lynchburg, \$500; A. O. Kirsch, Roanoke, \$333; Joel Kirsch, Roanoke, \$333; Sydney Shaftman, Roanoke, \$334; Mrs. Evelyn F. James, Roanoke, \$500; O. A. Templeton, Lynchburg,

\$500; F. S. Williams, Roanoke, \$500; Virgil Frantz, Salem, \$500; Leigh B. Hanes Jr., Roanoke, \$200.

The Butler campaign benefited from several party functions and also got donations from various Republican organizations.

The National Republican Congressional Committee chipped in with \$4,000.

Others who gave included:

The 6th District GOP Committee, \$1,000; the Bath County Republican party, \$600; the Botetourt County Republican Committee, \$700; and the Waynesboro City Republican Committee, \$500.

A Butler appreciation dinner raised \$2,976 and a fund-raising reception, attended by then-Vice President Ford, raised \$3,159.

Major contributors to the Puckett campaign included:

W. B. Adams, \$500; William B. Hopkins, \$1,000; A. Victor Thomas, \$320; Holman Willis, \$200; Willis M. Anderson, \$150;

Roy L. Webber, \$100; Ralph Glasgow, \$400.

Puckett also got help from a number of party organizations.

The Democratic Women's Club of Roanoke gave \$1,000; the Roanoke City Young Democrats, \$350; the 6th District Democratic Committee, \$1,500; and the Amherst County Democrats, \$550.

Other organizations contributing included the Roanoke County Democratic Committee, \$418; Salem Democrats, \$200; and the Bedford City and County Voters League, \$100.

Puckett also reported that the State AFL-CIO gave \$250 and the United Paperworkers of Flushing, N.Y., contributed \$1,000.

The Puckett report showed that he contributed \$5,273 to his campaign.

Contributions to the McGay campaign could not be determined. He said, however, that he planned for the most part to finance his own campaign. "McGay ran as an independent."



# The Economy--Buena Vista's No. 1 Problem

## Citizens Concerned; Help Slow in Coming

By Linda Crewe

Despite the optimism expressed by merchants and community leaders, Buena Vista is facing economic problems which place it in the forefront in the Shenandoah Valley, not a

pleasant position to hold.

With an unemployment rate approaching 14 per cent in Rockbridge County, the area leads all other Shenandoah Valley communities in unemployment. With the exception of the

Danville-Martinsville area, which is also suffering seriously from industrial lay-offs, Buena Vista and Rockbridge County lead the area in unemployment and inflation problems which have been termed the worst

in ten years.

While the inflationary spiral has been pushing the local economy toward serious problems for the past year, the current situation is becoming strangling for businesses, government and industry. All the optimism in the world cannot deny the figures in unemployment, perhaps the best indicator of the current economic situation.

More than 3,000 claims have been made at the local Virginia Employment Commission office, representing approximately 25 per cent of the area labor force. Of these, a portion is partially employed or temporarily out-of-work, but the figure represents major lay-offs at local plants.

Despite the stabilization or even small increase in retail sales reported last week, most merchants are cautious in expressing hope for the future. Any statement expressing optimism about the future economic situation is tempered by "we just don't know what will happen."

Both Buena Vista City Council and School Board are faced with budgets which must be closely watched in order to avoid deficit spending. The school board, currently working on the 1975-76 school budget which

represents a 10 per cent increase over last year, is trying desperately to cut a budget which, according to School Superintendent James Bradford, contains "no fat."

City Council, not yet into

next year's budget sessions, are fighting with a current budget which Harold Gesell, city manager, has termed "tight." With the Virginia Electric and Power Company rate increase, the city is faced with a substantial

increase in its electric bills.

However, council does not yet know what that increase will be and is holding its collective breath that it will be able to meet the increase without entering into deficit

spending.

A tax increase and service decrease have already been tentatively suggested for next year as a means of dealing with the inflationary problems. Gesell said several weeks ago that the possibility for such changes did exist, although he was hesitant to commit himself to definite figures.

Industries have been affected by the poor economic situation. Frank Person, Modine Manufacturing Company manager and spokesman for the Overall Economic Development (OEDP) committee in Buena Vista, said last week that "there is not a plant in the area which has not been hurt by the cutbacks in construction."

Person made his comments at the economic conference called last Wednesday by Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler. "The situation is grim," said Person.

Following last week's Buena Vista Council meeting, Mayor Shuler A. Kizer expressed grave concern over the existing situation.

"I would like to see this body, (council) help the economic situation," said Kizer. "Right now we are sitting on the sidelines. Are we making an all-out effort?"

Kizer asked council members to consider the possibility of appointing a "blue ribbon" committee to investigate any measures which could be used to alleviate the economic situation.

"I am talking about anything which would let the people know we are concerned," he said. "What is Buena Vista going to do about the entire situation?"

"Do we have the potential to do something that could become contagious throughout the area," Kizer asked. "We've got to do something positive, no matter how small."

Councilman W. P. Ramsey echoed Kizer's thoughts when he said, "we are willing to do almost anything to buy jobs. Jobs are what we need."

Gesell said that the city is taking advantage of everything "we can get," pointing out that applications are currently being prepared for federal funds from different agencies.

The economic situation is serious, according to Kizer, but he expressed the feelings of all council members and a majority of the community-- "We're willing to do almost anything to improve the situation."



# Area Unemployment F Record 13.9 Per Cent Level

Unemployment in Rockbridge County reached 13.9 per cent in December and is expected to climb higher, according to Claude Lynn, director of the local Virginia Employment Commission, this week.

Lynn denied reports that the unemployment level in Rockbridge County was as high as 20 per cent. However, the 20 per cent figure was announced at the economic conference held Wednesday, February 12, by Sixth

District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler at Natural Bridge.

Calling the 20 per cent figure "wrong," Lynn said he did not know where the figure came from. "It's totally wrong," said Lynn. "The rate just isn't that high."

However, there are variances in the unemployment figures periodically released from the VEC office. The differences in the figures ranging from 7.5 per cent to 25 per cent arise from the different methods used to calculate the unemployment figures.

Lynn admitted that the local VEC office knew when he announced a 7.5 per cent unemployment figure at the Buena Vista Town Meeting in late January that the unemployment figure was actually higher than that.

"We don't get the official figures back from Richmond for at least a month," said Lynn. "That means that although we may know that the level is higher, we don't release that information until later."

Therefore the 13.9 per cent unemployment figure released this week by Lynn is actually nearly 60 days old and the unemployment rate is probably much higher. Additional lay-offs occurred at local plants during January and February, including Lees Carpets in Glasgow and Rea Magnet Wire Company in Buena Vista. None of these are reflected in the 13.9 per cent level.

Lynn said that he felt the 20 per cent figure used at Natural ridge was probably a variation of the 25 per cent

of the labor force making claims for unemployment benefits.

January, 3,000 claims were made at the VEC office. A portion of these are partial

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unemployment and are not reflected in the official unemployment figure. There is an approximately 12,000 labor force in the county.

Lynn refused to predict the future rates of unemployment in the area, but his attitude left this reporter with the conclusion that the rate is expected to go considerably higher.

Lynn said that a recently completed survey of the 18 industries in the Rockbridge

County area revealed a net loss of 797 jobs. However, he said that this figure did not include any lay-offs in sales, clerical or retail businesses. It also did not include government and school employment.

Approximately 70-90 new claims for unemployment insurance benefits are made with the local VEC office each week and Lynn said that two additional staff personnel had to be put on at the

local office. He said the staff regularly works at least one night per week and on Saturday mornings to handle the largenumber of claims.

Because of the large number of claims, many persons are experiencing a delay in receiving their insurance checks.

When asked about the delay situation in this area, Lynn said, "Oh, let's not get into that."

However, he did say that claimants must wait from six to eight weeks for their first checks. The normal waiting period at this time last year was about three to five weeks. He said the office staff was working to improve the delay time.

"We've worked overtime to get the checks here," said Lynn. "After the first time, they usually come every two weeks."

Lynn said that there has been a change in the types of people applying for unemployment benefits. Although the number of shift and industrial workers is remaining fairly constant, there has been a significant increase in applications from upper level and management personnel.

Lynn said he expected the number of management personnel laid-off to continue to rise for "the duration of this thing."

Lynn presented one bright note this week, pointing out that federal funds in addition to those being applied for through the city council were soon to be available. Although he could not say how much money would be available, Lynn said it was definitely coming.

He said the only restriction on the funds was that they be used by government or non-profit organizations to create new jobs. In addition, the jurisdiction receiving the funds must hire residents of the locality.

Additional money is also being made available through the Ancillary Manpower Board. Lynn said he hoped the approximately \$36,000 could be used for the Neighborhood Youth Corps summer work program.

He said an additional \$60,000 has been made available through federal funds for referral training. With referral training the VEC places persons in various training programs in an effort to give them the opportunity to learn new skills.

He said with the additional funds another 30 persons could be placed through the referral training program.



The World-News, Roanoke, Va., Thursday, February 13, 1975

# Butler says fear part of problem

By JOHN PANCAKE  
Business Writer

**NATURAL BRIDGE** — At least part of Western Virginia's present economic distress is a psychological problem, Rep. M. Caldwell Butler said yesterday after meeting with more than 100 business, labor and consumer leaders from his district.

"I hate to quote Franklin D. Roosevelt," the Republican said, "but he did luck into one good saying: 'The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.'"

Butler called the one-day

conference at the Natural Bridge Hotel to learn more about the areas of strength and weakness in the economy of the Sixth District.

Among other things, he was told:

- Buena Vista, in Rockbridge County, seemed the hardest hit in the district, with almost all industries nearby shut down or cut back. Unemployment there runs from 13 to 20 per cent, Butler was told.

- Otherwise, most of the rest of the Sixth District has

fared better than the nation, though Butler said unemployment is now reaching proportions it should not and it hasn't leveled off yet.

- A Roanoke homebuilder reported his industry is operating at 30 per cent of capacity.

- But a Roanoke savings and loan association president, W. B. Baird of First Federal, said he is optimistic for 1975. Baird said more money is becoming available and can be lent at lower rates. "There is more pent-up demand for housing in

the Valley than I've seen at any time since World War II," Baird said.

- Douglas McDowall, a Roanoke highway builder, said the road building industry has employed as many as 3,000 people in the district. Because federal funds have been cut off, it is an industry that no longer exists, he said.

- Kenneth Wilkey, Hotel Roanoke manager, said attendance at conventions may be down 25 per cent because of the recession.

- The Westvaco plant at Covington reported that 50 per cent of its capital investment last year was spent to satisfy environmental standards. Many other businessmen urged that such regulations be relaxed.

- Bob Justice of the Highway Users Federation said automobile pollution controls are eating up 600,000 barrels of crude oil a day, over half of what the President wants us to conserve.



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He would be responsible to the board and would supervise the collection of all revenues.

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It would, according to Mr. Crosby, result in a "more efficient" operation.

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1 Staunton, Va., Leader, Thursday, Feb. 13, 1975

## Economy needs national policy, 31 Congressional action, Butler says

By CHESTER GOOLRICK III  
Leader Staff Writer

**NATURAL BRIDGE** — Declaring "we need a national policy and a Congressional course of action" to combat the ailing economy, Sixth District U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler told more than 200 businessmen and industrialists here Wednesday he would carry their economic suggestions back to Congress.

The district businessmen and industrialists met here throughout the day to discuss a variety of economic problems now facing the country, and, in general, agreed that wage and price controls are undesirable and that government intervention in business in the form of environmental controls and safety standards has had a detrimental effect on the economy.

After hearing a short talk by Rep. Butler in the morning, those attending the conference broke up into smaller groups by general geographical areas to discuss economic issues before returning in the afternoon to report their findings.

Representatives from Augusta, Rockbridge and Highland counties, Staunton, Waynesboro and Lexington met as one delegation and returned with a consensus report delivered by Lovitt Henderson,

director of personnel relations at Westinghouse at Verona.

The delegation report said that all major industries — construction, tourism and agriculture — have been "heavily affected" by the economic situation and that "for the foreseeable future unless there is a drastic turnaround in construction, of housing as well as industry, the unemployment will remain at least as high as its present levels and may increase".

Unemployment figures show that in some areas as much as 13.9 per cent of the work force has been laid off, Mr. Henderson said.

The suggestions offered by Mr. Henderson were similar in content for the most part to those submitted by other delegations at the conference. In brief, they dealt with:

**Wage and price controls** — "These must not be enacted," Mr. Henderson emphatically stated. He said that the fear of enactment of wage and price controls has tended to cause consumers not to purchase and has prevented some manufacturers from lowering prices;

**Gasoline costs** — The cost of petroleum products has gone much too high, Mr. Henderson said. He added that there have been instances of homeowners purchasing wood stoves to keep from paying high fuel

costs. Mr. Henderson also said that area businessmen are "unalterably opposed to gasoline rationing".

**Need for Congressional action** — "There is an overriding tendency for Congress in general to go 500-plus different directions simultaneously," Mr. Henderson said. "The only way in which the American public will be able to reduce its fears is for Congress to make up its mind about what it is going to do about these problems."

**Environmental controls** — Echoing sentiment heard throughout the day, Mr. Henderson said that environmental protection controls are "too strict" and raised costs which are passed on to the consumer. He also stated that environmental controls have prevented the development of alternative sources of energy, particularly from nuclear sources.

**Taxes** — The area delegation agreed that there is a "strong question as to the feasibility of a tax rebate". Mr. Henderson said such action might ultimately create higher interest rates.

**Federal expenditures** — Mr. Henderson said the government should hold the salaries of federal employees at their present level, cut back defense spending and keep away from deficit spending. "As individuals we are not allowed the luxury

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declared.

Outlining what the Commonwealth's evidence will show, Mr. May said that on Jan. 3, 1967, Sherwood, Knight and Jackson got together and went to Blue Ridge Community College to inquire if Jackson could get a job there. When he was not successful, the trio returned to Craigsville, where they got some wine and started riding around.

Mr. Davis and his sister were seen walking and were offered a ride home by the three men. Accepting the offer, the elderly couple got into the car, and instead of going to the Davis home, the vehicle headed up a forest road on the west side of Va. 42.

The car was stopped several times because of snow on the road and at one stop, Jackson got out and went ahead to observe the snow's depth. When he returned, he saw Knight hit Mr. Davis in the head with a ball hammer.

Mr. May said the evidence will then show that Knight put Mr. Davis in the trunk of the car and that Sherwood placed Mrs. Campbell in the back seat.

When the vehicle was stopped again after it was decided to install chains, Knight struck Mr. Davis in the head with a bumper jack and killed him. Mrs. Campbell, unharmed at the time, was placed in the trunk with her dead brother and driven about 40 miles.

Mr. May said Jackson's testimony, which will be backed up by several other witnesses, will show that the car proceeded through Buffalo Gap to Swoope and on to McKinley, where it headed west across Little North Mountain.

Near the top of the mountain, the car was stopped again and the body of Mr. Davis was dragged from the trunk. The Commonwealth's Attorney said

Bundy and Paul Alexander.

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of deficit spending," Mr. Henderson said, "and we do not feel the federal government should be allowed such a luxury."

**Welfare** — Mr. Henderson noted that the present system allows people "to collect more money than they might make if they took a job".

**Government spending** — "Just this week a study showed that while medical costs and food costs had an effect on the overall cost of living last year, the greatest influencing factor was increased taxes."

After hearing from all the delegations, Rep. Butler asked the businessmen to keep him informed on the problems they are facing.

"I can see that inflation is still more of a problem in this district than is recession," Rep. Butler said. "I can also tell that we must encourage consumer buying before the economy will get better."

Rep. Butler also said that wage-price controls were "an experiment that failed" and said he would remain opposed to them.

### NEED FOR INCREASE IN STEEL PRODUCTION

CLEVELAND (AP) "To accommodate market requirements looking to 1980, the United States will have to increase annual raw steel production by some 25 million net tons," according to Robert G. Welch, president, Steel Service Center Institute. "This will require production capacity in the country of around 190 million net tons," he stated.

in both localities along Springhill Road.

In accordance with the agreement, the city and county would split the engineering cost, but neither locality would be obligated to construction costs. The final obligation for construction costs would come when the localities either accept or reject construction bids.

The project is expected to cost \$1.3 million, with the city's share being \$736,939 and the county share being \$617,515.

The project, originally estimated to cost \$300,000, would run from Hull Street to Gypsy Hill Park, where the runoff would be dumped into existing drainage facilities.

The board's action Wednesday only commits the county at this stage to paying one-half of the engineering fee. Only after construction bids are received will the county decide whether to proceed with participation in the project.

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school virtually impossible," the board's statement added.

Announcement of closing plans was made at this time to permit members of the faculty and staff to relocate by September and to give underclassmen the opportunity to consider early 1975-76 enrollment in other schools.

Fairfax Hall currently has 55 employees in all salary and wage categories. Its physical plant and 22-acre campus on N. Winchester Avenue will be offered for sale or lease and several plans for its conversion and continued use are under study.



THE ROANOKE TIMES, Friday, February 14, 1975

# Bankers Assail Money Distribution

By GEORGE KEGLEY  
Times Business Editor

Angry Western Virginia lenders have complained to 6th District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler that a \$3 billion package of 7½ per cent housing money was unfairly distributed last month.

Distribution of the money was handled by telephone, by mail or hand delivery of commitments.

William C. Stott, president of Colonial American National Bank in Roanoke, said his bank got a busy signal for 15 minutes and when it reached the federal agency, the \$3 billion was taken.

The \$3 billion was allocated by states and Virginia's share was \$42.4 million but "about 64 per cent of this amount was contracted for by institutions in Northern Virginia," said Victor H. Indiek, president of Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. (Freddie Mac).

Indiek wrote Butler that because the demand was "far exceeding the funds made available, there is little hope of satisfying all interested parties."

But Stott, complaining about the telephone situation, said "all they had to do in Northern Virginia was to drive across the river."

The 7½ per cent government subsidized money, limited to homes up to \$42,000, was obviously more popular than conventional loans priced almost 2 per cent higher in January.

This offering was so attractive that commitments were more than eight times the volume of the previous record day.

Rep. Butler said Thursday he will push for more equitable distribution of any future housing money.

"Four or five" complaints about the method of distribution have come from

the district, according to Chuck Wilson, Butler's administrative aide, and criticism came "from all over the country."

Indiek wrote Butler that instructions were given that the funds were to be contracted on a first-come, first-served basis, with no more than 10 per cent allotted to any one seller.

Another federal official, Daniel P. Kearney, president of Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae), told Butler last week, "meetings have already been held to determine means of distributing funds on a more equitable basis should any new programs be announced."

Kearney, whose agency released the housing money through Freddie Mac, said the "unprecedented and unique circumstances" caused by the demand for low interest funds "contributed to that unfortunate day."



# House Candidates Report Spending \$1.4 Million

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The News —

RICHMOND (AP) — Last year's Virginia congressional campaign produced total spending of \$1.4 million by candidates in eight districts, and the biggest spenders of all were three losers.

Reports filed with the State Board of Elections showed Thursday that Republican Rep. Joel T. Broyhill of the 10th District, Democrat Charles J. Horne of the 9th, and Republican Rep. Stanford Parris of the 8th spent more than anyone else who ran.

Broyhill, beaten by Democrat Joseph L. Fisher, spent \$242,586 in his losing effort for another House term — nearly \$100,000 more than the \$142,604 outlay reported by Fisher.

Horne, narrowly defeated by Republican Rep. William J. Wampler, had campaign expenditures of \$195,640.

The elections board said it did not know how much Wampler spent, because the veteran congressman had not yet submitted the report on

Oct. 25-Dec. 31 campaign receipts and spending that was due Jan. 31.

Parris, who lost his bid for re-election to Democrat Herbert E. Harris II, reported expenditures of \$141,971. Harris' spending totaled \$80,932.

When Wampler reports, the amount spent in campaigns for the November election will go considerably beyond \$1.4 million. Reports in hand Thursday showed spending by the other candidates totaled \$1,397,333.

In the other five districts in which there were contests for Congress, campaign spending was considerably more modest. With the winners listed first, here is the breakdown:

—2nd District—Republican Rep. G. William Whitehurst, \$83,350; Democrat Robert R. Richards, \$38,449.

—3rd District—Democratic Rep. David E. Satterfield III, \$5,640. Satterfield's foe, U. S. Labor Party nominee Alan R. Ogden, received so little in contributions that he didn't have to make a report.

—4th District—Republican Rep. Robert R. Daniel Jr., \$77,727; Democrat Lester Schlitz, \$83,691; independent Curtis Harris, \$16,817.

—6th District—Republican Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, \$55,082; Democrat Paul Puckett, \$26,121; independent Warren D. Saunders, affiliated with the American party, \$58,819.

—7th District—Republican Rep. J. Kenneth Robinson, \$95,092; Democrat George Gilliam, \$53,812.

Two Virginia congressmen, Reps. Thomas N. Downing of the 1st District and W. C. "Dan" Daniel in the 5th, had no opposition and thus filed no reports.



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# Business

Sunday, February 16, 1975

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## THE ROANOKE TIMES

### At NW, Coal Business 'Flat'

John Cowan, Norfolk & Western Railway sales vice president, said the coal business is "almost exactly flat" and after the meeting he said that merchandise traffic is down 26 per cent. But the railroad plans to continue its \$105 million capital investment program.

Despite the coal boom, Cowan said NW is getting only 4,500 to 4,700 cars a day when its normal shipment should be 6,000 to 7,000 cars. He blamed "delays in Norfolk and continuing labor problems in the coalfields."

Jack Butler, Roanoke oil dealer, described a barrel of crude oil containing 42 gallons of "black gold," used for approximately 20 gallons of gas, 10 gallons of fuel oil and 12 of naptha, lubricating oils, asphalt and heavy industrial oils. Domestic demand for oil decreased 3.3 per cent last year and heating oil was down 4.3 per cent.

Sam Lionberger, Roanoke builder, said construction will be good this year "if we make it that way." He saw an awakening of interest in church building, "a healthy sight."

Recent bidding for a \$100,000 job at Virginia Western Community College drew 15 or 16 firms because their work is light. A year ago, three or four might have submitted bids.

Builder Horace Fralin said he doesn't want "any more punitive monetary policy. The so-called 'oldtime religion' (of the Federal Reserve Board), has brought us to our knees."

Still another Roanoke builder, Maury Strauss, recommended that Butler use his influence to get the U.S. Treasury Department to "stop draining savings from banks and savings and loans."

"There is no way," he said, that they can compete with the higher yielding treasury certificates.

Economic troubles, said William R. Reid, administrator of Community Hospital, are good for the health industry. "So much money is spent for drugs to calm us down."



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Despite the coal boom, Cowan said NW is getting only 4,500 to 4,700 cars a day when its normal shipment should be 6,000 to 7,000 cars. He blamed "delays in Norfolk and continuing labor problems in the coalfields."

Jack Butler, Roanoke oil dealer, described a barrel of crude oil containing 42 gallons of "black gold," used for approximately 20 gallons of gas, 10 gallons of fuel oil and 12 of naphtha, lubricating oils, asphalt and heavy industrial oils. Domestic demand for oil decreased 3.3 per cent last year and heating oil was down 4.3 per cent.

Sam Lionberger, Roanoke builder, said construction will be good this year "if we make it that way." He saw an awakening of interest in church building, "a healthy sight."

Recent bidding for a \$100,000 job at Virginia Western Community College drew 15 or 16 firms because their work is light. A year ago, three or four might have submitted bids.

Builder Horace Fralin said he doesn't want "any more punitive monetary policy. The so-called 'oldtime religion' (of the Federal Reserve Board), has brought us to our knees."

Still another Roanoke builder, Maury Strauss, recommended that Butler use his influence to get the U.S. Treasury Department to "stop draining savings from banks and savings and loans."

"There is no way," he said, that they can compete with the higher yielding treasury certificates.

Economic troubles, said William R. Reid, administrator of Community Hospital, are good for the health industry. "So much money is spent for drugs to calm us down."



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staff photo by Hartley



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THE DAILY ADVANCE, Lynchburg, Va., Wed., Feb. 26, 1975 27

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Page 8 News-Gazette, Lexington, Virginia February 26, 1975

## Robey Named To Committee

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## Thomas Optimistic Over Highway Funds

Recent action by President Gerald R. Ford to release \$2 billion in impounded highway funds could lead to a breakthrough in obtaining funds for an early start construction of the section of Interstate 64 from Longdale Furnace in Alleghany County to Kerr's Creek in Rockbridge County, County Administrator Nelson E. Thomas believes.

In an effort to take advantage of the opportunity offered by the release of the funds Thomas and Ben C. Moomaw Jr., executive vice president of the Covington-Alleghany County Chamber of Commerce, have been making calls to state and federal officials in the past few days.

For example, Thomas said Monday that on learning of President Ford's action in releasing highway funds, he called the offices of Congressman M. Caldwell Butler, Del. William T. Wilson, and State

Highway Commissioner Douglas Fugate to request \$600,000 to \$800,000 portion of the released money as 'Special Funds' for use in Alleghany County on I-64. He also attempted to contact the director of the Virginia League of Counties.

Thomas said he felt optimistic about the possibility of obtaining the funds, because President Ford had said at the time he released them that he intended them for use in areas with a high rate of unemployment. The unemployment rate in the Covington-Alleghany County area is currently substantially higher than normal.



## Flood Control Project

### On Its Way Again

Buena Vista Flood Control Project Chairman W. P. Ramsey announced this week that he will meet with a representative of the Army Corps of Engineers in early March to discuss the plans and progress of the project.

The flood control project has been in the mill for nearly five years, but last year received Congressional approval for a design study. The corps of engineers will conduct the study which

should develop the final plans for the project.

Ramsey said Tuesday that he did not know how long it would be before the project was actually in construction, but that he hoped the March meeting "might move things along."

Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler, who has been instrumental in getting the project pushed through

Congress, said in a report this week that he has been assured by the corps that the Buena Vista project carries a very "high priority."

Butler also said he had been informed that a citizens' participation group to provide feedback on problem areas would soon be organized.

Butler's report said that \$150,000 had been requested in the corps' 1976 budget for the planning and design for the flood control project.

Butler said he had contacted the corps, requesting that additional money be approved.



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THE NEWS-VIRGINIAN, Waynesboro, Va. Monday, February 24, 1975 11

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Staunton, Va., Leader, Tuesday, Feb. 25, 1975 5

**TO BE IN CITY HALL**

A representative from U.S.  
Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's office  
will be in Council Chambers of  
Staunton City Hall 1-5 p.m.  
Thursday.



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## City-wide festival report scheduled

The Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will hear a preliminary report Wednesday on plans for a city-wide festival this year.

A tentative date for the event as well as a possible name have been selected by the GLCC Festival Feasibility Task Force which will make its report to the board.

The board meeting will be held at the GLCC offices, 2015 Memorial Ave., at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday.

William P. Blackwell is chairman of the task force.

In addition, the board members will hear a report on what actions were taken by the General Assembly at their 1975 session and how those actions relate to the GLCC's legislative program.

A review of Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's recent economic conference, held at Natural Bridge, will be given by James V. Shircliff.



Waynesboro Sat. March 1, 1975

# Capital Trip Enthralls Pupils, Exhausts Adults

By JENNIFER HALL  
N-V Staff Writer

More than a dozen weary, washed-out adults stepped off two buses here last night and let the soft earth caress tired toes and drooping arches.

The cause of this apparent flake-out? Certainly not an epidemic of iron-poor blood or a wave of the flu.

It was more than that. These 17 heroic souls had just completed nearly 15 hours — pre-dawn to post-dusk — ushering 60 Berkeley Glenn Elementary School sixth graders on a whirlwind trip of our nation's capital.

What drives a mature adult to expose himself to this type of adventure?

For most it was the promise of viewing the breathtaking "Exhibition of Archaeological Finds of the People's Republic of China" at the National Gallery of Art, a heralded display which include fossils of the 400,000-600,000-year-old Lantian Man and the dynamic Flying Horse sculpture from the 2nd century.

But the group got more than it bargained for.

Yesterday's trip afforded the youngsters, who had been studying China and phases of U.S. government, a notably unique experience.

Normally groups pay for the package tour of the Capitol, lunch and an audience with their congressman.

But Berkeley Glenn got two for the price of one — two congressmen, that is.

Thanks to some family ties, Berkeley Glenn teacher and trip organizer Mrs. Vernette White pulled a few strings and arranged an audience with Rep. Mark Hannaford of the 34th Congressional District in California — her brother.

Meeting the freshman representative in a subcommittee room of the Cannon House Office Building across from the Capitol, the group heard Mr. Hannaford explain how legislation is written.

Speaking about his first months in Congress, the new representative said, "It's

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## CAPITAL TRIP

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been a very exciting time and I hope it works out well."

Noting that he is a former sixth-grade teacher, the former mayor of Lakewood, Calif., said he'd "never seen such docile, peaceful sixth graders." The youngsters were clearly in awe.

Still enthralled by the Vermont marble walls of the Cannon House, the group moved to the Capitol where it met briefly with Sixth Congressional District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke.

Mr. Butler greeted the youngsters on the Capitol steps and explained highlights of a tour his office had arranged for the group.

After lunch in the Cannon House Longworth Cafeteria, the Waynesborians toured the Capitol, stopping in Statuary Hall

(where there's a statue to represent every state) and at the galleries of the chambers of the House and Senate.

Unfortunately the Senate had just adjourned, but several in the group caught glimpses of such "celebrities" as Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy.

Winding up the day were visits to Smithsonian Institution's Museum of History and Technology and the Arts and Industries Building Housing the National Air and Space Museum.

All survived the long day with only one minor casualty. As might have been expected, one enthusiast got lost and found herself alone amid the noon hour rush.

A straying sixth grader? Nope. One of those adventuresome, mature adults.



esboro, Va. Saturday, March 1, 1975



**FAMILY RESEMBLANCE?** — Mrs. Vernetta White, Berkeley Glenn Elementary School teacher, introduces California Rep. Mark Hannaford, her brother, to Berkeley Glenn

sixth graders. The youngsters met the freshman congressman in a subcommittee room in the Cannon House Office Building during a field trip to Washington, D.C.

(N-V Photo by Hall)



**TRYING TO** decipher the Chinese characters on a sign outside the National Gallery of Art are (from left) Miss LaVonla Lackey, Berkeley Glenn Elementary School teacher, students Steve Wood and Kathy Logue and Waynesborian Mrs. Peggy Browning.

(N-V Photo by Hall)



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**CAPITOL PORTRAIT** — Sixth Congressional District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler (lower right) poses with sixth grade students, faculty and chaperones from Berkeley Glenn

Elementary School yesterday on the steps of the Capitol in Washington, D.C. The group met the area congressman while touring the city.

(N-V Photo by Hall)



**INSIDE HISTORIC** walls of the nation's Capitol, members of the Berkeley Glenn Elementary School sixth grade class

view with awe an elaborately painted hallway as pointed out by the group's tour guide.

(N-V Photo by Hall)



## Butler scores well with liberal group

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Ripon Society, a group of liberal Republicans, has released its 1974 congressional ratings, and U. S. Sen. William L. Scott, R-Va., received the lowest marks, scoring 14 out of a possible 100.

Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr. scored 35.

The average score in the Senate was 60 for Republicans and 49 for Democrats.

The ratings are based on how the society felt congressmen should stand on 16 votes in the House and 23 in the Senate on civil liberties, free market, abortion, foreign aid, international trade, congressional reform and fiscal restraint issues.

In the House, Reps. M. Caldwell Butler, R-6th, and G. William Whitehurst, R-2nd, led the Virginia congressional delegation with scores of 60 and 62 respectively.

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*News - March 6, 1975*



## One prospective 'big break' this year

Will Congress get around to national medical insurance legislation this year after stalling on the issue for two years?

If it doesn't, it will give the economy one big break for a year marked by grave doubts that energy problems will be solved and the recession turned around.

Chairman Al Ullman, D-Ore., of the House Ways and Means Committee, said yesterday a bill cannot be put together from the 20 or more proposals before November. Straightening out the energy problem will keep the legislators occupied until then, he predicted.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., who is backing big labor's proposals in the health insurance field, is demanding quick action. He is unlikely to get it.

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R—this 6th Va. Dist., said in an address to the Roanoke Academy of Medicine on Monday night that Congress is unlikely to enact any of the bills in this field during 1975.

If floor consideration goes over as late as November, the prospect for passage by the two houses would be dim. There are too many differences of opinion on essential requirements of a workable system to permit the enactment of identical measures immediately, or a quick conference report that would be accepted.

Rep. Butler told the Roanoke academy both committees (the other one being Interstate and Foreign Commerce) — for some unapparent reason — consider national health insurance a "prestigious issue". Organized labor, liberals in general, and officeholders looking to vote-getting in '76 may have given it a sacred aroma. There are many others who say it has a foul odor.

Assuring the best medical care for all Americans and deflation of medical costs are desirable goals. That they can be reached through federal action along any of the

proposed lines is highly improbable.

Rep. Butler recognized in his Roanoke address that the nation's economic problems are obstacles to adoption of national health insurance, the cost of which has been estimated at upwards from \$80 billion a year. He speculated: "There may be less support than originally anticipated for a comprehensive, cradle-to-grave program."

The most favored means for financing whatever program comes out of the two committees appears to be another payroll tax, with employers paying half and employees half. Predictions are that our peacetime unemployment rate, unequalled since World War II, is going much higher. With unemployment insurance raised and extended to laid-off workers, and workers taking government service make-work jobs probably not included in payroll deductions for health insurance, there are probably millions who would be against federal health insurance. Knowledge of its various provisions and their effects before Congress acted would come too late for many.

Social Security has been the biggest federal welfare program. Aimed at providing retirement income, it has been broadened in various costly ways, including benefits to millions who have contributed little or nothing to the system.

Those covered by a national health insurance scheme might be limited in number initially, but broadening would occur under pressures from various sources. Meanwhile a substantial segment of the commercial insurance business would be wiped out, and business and industry would have to carry a crippling burden of new payroll taxation. For Social Security, this form of taxation comes right off the top of gross income, with no exemptions and no income tax credits, whether or not there are profits during a tax year.



## House Unit Approves 6 for Elections Panel

The House Administration Committee approved the six nominees for the Federal Elections Commission yesterday, but all five Republicans present voted against President Ford's Democratic selection, former Rep. Neil Staebler (D-Mich.).

Reps. William Dickinson (R-Ala.) and Samuel Devine (R-Ohio) said they voted against Staebler because he ran as a Socialist for alderman in Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1933 and because of his membership in organizations such as Common Cause, the American Civil Liberties Union and the NAACP. Dickinson also noted Staebler's reluctance to give up membership in partisan or lobbying organizations.

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler (R-Va.) said he voted against Staebler because he questioned his judgment. "If he had to ask whether he should

quit some of these associations, he hasn't got the sense of objectivity needed for the commission," Butler said.

But Staebler, a liberal Democrat and longtime state Democratic chairman in Michigan, won solid Democratic support in an 11-to-5 committee vote and is expected to win House approval later this week.

The others approved to serve on the commission to police the new campaign spending law were former Reps. Thomas B. Curtis (R-Mo.), Vernon Thomson (R-Wis.) and Robert O. Tiernan (D-R.I.); labor lawyer Thomas E. Harris, and Pennsylvania Republican women's leader Joan D.Aikens.

A Senate Rules subcommittee has concluded hearings on the nominations and is expected to approve all six this week. The nominees must be confirmed by a majority of both houses of Congress.



## Health plan hurt by cost—Butler

The chances of national health insurance getting congressional backing now have been weakened by the economic situation, the Roanoke Academy of Medicine was told last night.

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler told the doctors' organization that two House committees are getting ready to act on national health insurance—despite President Ford's threat to veto any new spending bills not related to energy.

The Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee and the Ways and Means Committee both "view health insurance as a prestigious issue" and are competing to produce the first acceptable plan.

But Butler said he thinks there is less support than previously for comprehensive, cradle-to-grave health coverage. He said his view is the same as President Ford's, that national health insurance is not now within the capability of a federal government concerned with continuing inflation.

On other health related issues, Butler said:

- The implementation of Professional Standard Review Organizations (PSRO) is moving more slowly than expected because of inadequate financing.

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Jan. 1, 1976 PSROs composed of doctors or nonphysicians, be in operation to review the treatment received by Medicare and Medicaid patients.

Of 203 PSROs to be established by that date, Butler said only eight are in operation now, 14 are in conditional status and 91 are being planned.

- Cutbacks in Medicaid for Virginia, amounting to \$4 million federal matching funds per year, mean that, according to hospital officials, the facilities will have to increase the daily rate for paying patients by \$2.50 at the least and possible as much as \$9.

- Utilization Review Standards Programs, required in hospitals by April 1, may cost as much as \$20 a patient.

These issues, combined with potential unionization of hospital workers, increased hospital malpractice insurance rates and the general inflation, are among the factors contributing to rising hospital costs, Butler said.

He said federal action has been responsible for almost all of the cost increase factors and it's these that have triggered demands for national health insurance.

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THE DAILY ADVANCE, Lynchburg,

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Butler also said he didn't see how the government can afford a substantial tax rebate and tax cut program that doesn't include major spending cuts, saying that's why he voted against the measure last week.

The individual rebates aren't large enough to stimulate large purchases as intended, he said, and even if the tax rebate theory is sound, the \$8 billion rebate passed last week isn't enough.



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COVINGTON, VIRGINIA, TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 1975



## Health Plan Discussed

# Butler Doubts Bill's Backing

By ROBERT B. SEARS  
Times Staff Writer

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Butler said that despite President Ford's threat to veto new spending bills not related to energy, two committees of the House of Representatives are getting ready to act on national health insurance.

These are the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee and the Ways and Means Committee, Butler said, and both

"view health insurance as a prestigious issue," and are competing to produce the first acceptable plan.

Butler said Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, chairman of the health subcommittee of the Ways and Means Committee is considered an independent thinker, despite strong labor ties.

Rostenkowski is gathering a staff and preparing for consideration of national health insurance, Butler said.

But Butler said there is some view that the predominantly liberal view on the Ways and Means Committee "will be tempered somewhat by our economic situation, and there may be less support than originally anticipated for a comprehensive, cradle-to-grave program." Butler said his own view is similar to the President's, that is, that national health insurance is not now within the capability of a federal government concerned with continuing inflation.

On inflation, Butler said his economic conference at Natural Bridge last month, confirmed him in the belief that inflation is as great or greater a threat to the economy as recession.

Butler said he did not see how the government can afford a substantial tax rebate and tax cut program that does not include major spending cuts. That's why he voted against the tax reduction act last week, he said.

Butler said that even if the tax rebate theory is sound, adding, "I doubt it," the \$8 billion rebate passed last week is not enough.

The individual rebates, he said, are not big enough to justify the receiver making the major purchases they are supposed to stimulate.

Butler said he also objected to the tax cut bill because it

makes the tax cut permanent, does not benefit the 50 per cent of the taxpayers in the mid-income range of \$10,000 to \$20,000, and establishes a negative income tax.

Butler said he was in sympathy with investment tax credit and the corporate surtax exemption of the bill, but his objections to its other provisions kept him from voting for it.

"I fear that these efforts to combat recession will inspire greater and more damaging inflation," Butler said, "but this is not the prevailing view."

The legislation of last week could become law before Easter, Butler said.

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The PSRO law requires that by Jan. 1, 1976, PSROs, composed of doctors or of nonphysicians, shall review the work or the treatment received by Medicare or Medicaid patients.

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Butler said there had been a lot of concern by doctors who are afraid that because of the shortage of funds, physician PSROs will not be approved by the Jan. 1, 1976 deadline, and the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) will name nondoctors on the review organizations.

But Butler said the secretary of (HEW) cannot enter into a PSRO agreement with a non-physician group, if a physician group has made application to form a PSRO.

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—Cutbacks in Medicaid for Virginia amounting to \$4 million federal matching funds per year. This means, he said, that according to hospital officials, they will have to increase the daily rate for paying patients by \$2.50 at the least, and possibly as much as \$9.

—Utilization Review Standards Programs required in hospitals by April 1 this year. Estimates have this as high as \$20 a patient.

—Potential unionization of hospital workers in nonprofit hospitals.

—Increased hospital malpractice insurance rates, which have risen more than 600 per cent since the General Assembly in 1974 reversed the charitable immunity for community, nonprofit hospitals.

—General inflation.

Butler said federal action has been responsible for almost all of the cost increases listed, and these increases had triggered demands for a comprehensive national health insurance program.

"Like many other industries," Butler said, "the health care industry is suffering from government over-regulation and bureaucratic red tape."

The attempts to insure adequate medical attention to all citizens, Butler said, appear to have obstructed the ability of both hospitals and doctors to provide quality care at "affordable" prices.

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## ITT to hire 100 to fill Army order

About 100 persons will be hired by International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. in Roanoke County to produce

night vision goggles under a \$13.5 million Army contract announced yesterday.

The firm is negotiating with the owners of a warehouse at 150 Knoll Road near Double Envelope Corp. for space to set up the expanded manufacturing operation. A building permit for \$250,000 worth of renovation in the building has already been issued.

According to an announcement from Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's office the plant's employment will be increased to more than 500. The corporation expects to hire primarily technicians, assemblers, machinists and draftsmen. This is one of the first Army contracts for production of the goggles, developed by ITT over the last eight years. It is the only manufacturer of Wafer tube goggles, which require no artificial illumination.

Tuesday, March 4, 1975

### \$13.5 Million Contract

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The contract, announced by 6th District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, will raise the plant's employment by 100 to more than 500.

Employees are being hired, an ITT spokesman said, and the demand is mainly for technicians, assemblers, machinists and draftsmen.

The ITT Electro-Optical Products Division has lumped an earlier \$3.2 million Army contract for such hard-to-get items as glass and steel with the latest award to class it as a \$16.7 million contract.

This is the first high-quantity

Army contract for production of the goggles, which have been developed by ITT since 1967.

The Roanoke ITT division is the world's only manufacturer of Wafer tube night vision goggles, which enable persons to see without artificial illumination.

A related product for use by the night persons suffering night blindness, also is made at the plant.



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## City Manager,

## Mayor in D.C.

Staunton Mayor Frank R. Pancake and City Manager Edwin D. Martin have scheduled meetings with Virginia Sens. Harry F. Byrd and William Scott and Sixth District U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler today in Washington.

The two city officials have joined municipal leaders from cities which are members of state municipal organizations, the National League of Cities and the U.S. Conference of Mayors in the nation's capital for the ninth annual Congressional City Conference.

The conference is billed as an opportunity for briefings on pending legislative proposals "vital to urban America" and a chance for Congressmen to hear directly from municipal officials as to their national legislative priorities.



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## Butler Defends Vote on Tax Cut

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of the taxpayers in the middle income range of \$10,000 to \$20,000, and finally it establishes a negative income tax. It is almost dishonest to use this sort of emergency legislation to make permanent far-reaching changes in controversial areas such as the negative income tax.

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## Butler Aide To Visit Area

AMHERST — A representative for Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will be at the Amherst Courthouse from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday.

Persons wishing to discuss problems involving the federal government should have all papers and correspondence dealing with their case. They should know their Veteran's Claim and Social Security numbers.

## Butler aide sets visit

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## Visit Scheduled By Butler Aide

Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in the Amherst Courthouse on March 11 from 9 to 12 noon to meet with constituents wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government.

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THE NEWS, Lynchburg, Va., Thurs., Mar. 6, 1975

## Butler Expresses Doubt About Rebate Theory

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"The individual rebates are not sufficiently large to justify a beneficiary making the major purchases they are designed to stimulate," Butler says.

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# EXPRESSIONS OF OPINION

## What They're Saying

WASHINGTON -- Sen. Harry F. Byrd, Jr., Ind.-Va., said this week that actions of Vice President Rockefeller in the protracted Senate rules debate "open the flood gates for more big spending and more concentration of power in Washington."

"The Senate rule requiring a two-thirds vote to put off debate has been the only weapon to hold the line against many ultra-liberal programs that fuel the fires of inflation," Byrd declared.

The debate in the Senate arose when liberals moved to eliminate the requirement for a two-thirds vote to shut off debate.

Byrd said Rockefeller's actions as President of the Senate "swept aside historic rules and paved the way for destruction of the two-thirds requirement."

"For the first time in my nearly 10 years in the Senate," Byrd said, "I found

it necessary to protest the action and fairness of a presiding officer.

"I first protested on Monday, Feb. 24. During the next two days, Vice President Rockefeller continued his high-handed tactics.

"This led to a denunciation of his actions by at least 10 other senators of both political parties. As far as I can determine, never in the history of the U.S. Senate have so many senators condemned a Vice President for unfairness and for refusal to follow the rules of the Senate," Byrd said.

Sen. Byrd concluded: "By his actions, it appears obvious that Vice President Rockefeller has decided to cast his lot with Senator Javits, Senator Kennedy and Senator Mondale in this crucial battle to change the Senate rules. Just why, I cannot fathom."

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# Bernson Gets Loan Approval

Sixth District Representative M. Caldwell Butler announced Tuesday that the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has approved a \$500,000 working capital loan guarantee for Bernson Mills in Buena Vista.

Under the Economic Development Act, the EDA is authorized to guarantee loans which provide actual operating funds for an industry. The industry must

make its own arrangements for obtaining such a loan, and Bernson Mills expects to secure financing shortly.

The EDA will guarantee 90 per cent of the unpaid balance on a seven year loan. The EDA loan guarantee will assist the mill in attempting to return to full operation.

Bernson Mills is a manufacturer of broadloom fabrics for the apparel, home furnishing and neckwear industries, and currently

employees about 150 persons in the Buena Vista work area. The company incurred heavy damage during Hurricane Camille in 1969.

In January 1975, the Buena Vista-Lexington-Rockbridge County area was designated a "re-development area" by the Economic Development Administration, qualifying businesses here for special government assistance. An Overall Economic Development Program committee appointed by the area communities recom-

mended that Bernson Mills be given top priority for assistance.



News - Mar. 6 '75

## Constitution 60 Still Effective, Says Butler

RICHMOND (AP) — Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., said Tuesday night that the fundamental lesson of Watergate is that "the Constitution is still a viable, effective system of government."

"The American people believe in our system of government and have faith in it," Butler told the Richmond Junior Chamber of Commerce.

He said had the House Judiciary Committee failed to recommend impeachment it "would have shaken the faith of the American people."

Butler was a member of the committee and voted in favor of impeachment.

He said what influenced him more than any other factor was the taped conversation between presidential counsel John Dean and President Nixon on March 21, 1973, when Dean spoke of a "cancer on the presidency."

Butler said Dean repeatedly told Nixon to "let it all hang out," but Nixon was unwilling to do so.



## Butler Re-appointed To Bicentennial Group

Sixth District Representative M. Caldwell Butler has been reappointed to the Board of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, his office announced recently.

The American Revolution Bicentennial Administration coordinates all plans for the nation's 1976 commemoration of its 200th anniversary. Butler was originally appointed to the eleven-man board by the Speaker of the House of Representatives when the board was formed in March 1974.

"It is an honor to participate in Bicentennial planning," Butler said, "particularly in light of the

wide-spread response to the concept of a grass-roots Bicentennial celebration."

He noted that in the Sixth District, six localities have been designated as Bicentennial Communities in recognition of plans for local commemorations. In addition, the American Freedom Train, which will cross the nation carrying a display depicting the American Heritage, is scheduled for a three-day stop in Roanoke in July 1976.

For extra traction needed when driving in snow, the Highway Safety Division of Virginia recommends additional weight in the rear of the car.

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2 Staunton, Va., Leader, Friday, March 7, 1975

## Station Wanv celebrates anniversary

WAYNESBORO — Radio Station Wanv is celebrating the 10th anniversary of its first broadcast. The first event is a free party from 3-6 p.m. Sunday for the public at Augusta Expoland, featuring a battle of the bands. The station's anniversary week will climax next Friday when U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will be the guest of honor at a social event for invited guests at Aberdeen Barn at Holiday Inn on Afton Mountain.

Bands competing for prizes from Waynesboro will be Joe Buck Band, Rapid Fire; from Staunton, Magic Touch, Shannon Hill; from Stuarts Draft, Samuel-Chapter V, American Folk Band; the Thieves from Charlottesville, and Locust from Harrisonburg. Judges will be Carol Armstrong of the Junction, Bob Shugart of Martin's Garage and B. C. Knicely of Aberdeen Barn on Afton Mountain.



8 Staunton, Va., News-Leader, Sun., March 9, 1975

## Unemployment rate may not hold, Butler says

Although the Shenandoah Valley has less unemployment than most of the nation, this may not hold, 6th District U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler writes in his latest Washington Report.

Unemployment in the Roanoke and Lynchburg areas is 3 per cent below the national average, but serious unem-

ployment problems are developing in the Shenandoah Valley, the report continues.

Seasonally-adjusted rates upwards of 7 per cent are reported in almost every locality. In Alleghany-Bath, the rate is over 9 per cent, and in Buena Vista, it is 14 per cent and rising, according to the report.

Rep. Butler notes that the Department of Labor recently designated Buena Vista an

Economic Development Area. This qualifies businesses in the area for special assistance under the Economic Development Act to keep manufacturing facilities in production.

The Economic Development Agency announced during the past week the approval of a \$500,000 loan guarantee for a major Buena Vista industry, the report added.



# State Home Builders Schedule Meet Here

News - 3/9/75

For the first time in its history, the Virginia Home Builders Association's board of directors will meet in Lynchburg, and Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler is scheduled to address the group.

In addition, there is a good possibility a Lynchburg man will be named president of the state organization when the board elects new officers at its meeting here later this month.

The Central Virginia Home Builders Association is hosting the state board meeting, and Butler is scheduled to speak to members of the local association and the state board March 18 at the Homestead.

James M. Couch Jr., a Lynchburg area builder, is currently vice president of the Virginia HBA and has been nominated for president for fiscal 1976, which begins July 1.

In years past, the state organization's vice president generally is elected president for the coming year.

The home builders' meeting here is a two-day affair. On Tuesday, March 18 six of the state board's committees will meet at the Holiday Inn south. The board will meet the following day at 10 a.m. at the motel to elect new officers and consider other business.

The Central Virginia HBA's membership meeting is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. on the

18th with a social hour at the Homestead. Butler will speak after a 7 p.m. dinner.

Three area residents, Rodney A. Jessee, W. R. Lee and William M. Walker, are directors on the state HBA board and W. L. White is an associate director.

Butler's office has not yet released the topic to be discussed, but Jessee, president of the Central Virginia HBA, said he hopes the Congressman will speak about action Congress may be considering to help ease the housing industries' problems.

Jessee said he feels fairly certain Butler will discuss some timely topic involving home construction.



## Caldwell Butler's Representative To Be In Area

WASHINGTON, D. C. — 6th District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in the Covington City Hall March 19 from 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. to meet with citizens to discuss problems they are having with the federal government. The meeting in Covington is one of the ten monthly meetings Rep. Butler holds in the district. He will be in Bath County March 19 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the courthouse.

His representatives will return to Covington on the third Wednesday of each month.

These meetings are in addition to the regular Open Door Meetings which Rep. Butler holds himself from time to time on a non-scheduled basis.

The Congressman had earlier announced the meeting to complement the three district offices as part of his plan to have the Congressman and the constituent in close contact.

Any persons wishing to discuss a particular problem with Rep. Butler's representative should bring with them all papers and correspondence dealing with the case, in addition to knowing their Veterans Claim and Social Security numbers.

## Butler sends representative for meeting

Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in the Clifton Forge city hall, Tuesday, March 18, 2-4 p.m., to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government. The meeting in Clifton Forge is one of the ten monthly meetings Rep. Butler holds in the district.

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Staunton, Va., Leader, Monday, March 10, 1975

## Academy appointment announced

ROANOKE — Steven G. Franklin of Roanoke has been appointed to the U.S. Air Force Academy, Sixth District, U.S. Rep., M. Caldwell Butler announced today.

He is a senior at Northside High School, where he is president of the National Honor Society and co-captain of the cross country team. A recipient of the National Varsity Club's Competitive Team Sports Award, he has lettered in football, cross country and indoor track at Northside.

During the summer of 1974, he attended the Governor's School for the Gifted. He has maintained a 3.9 grade point average out of a possible four points.

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## AFA APPOINTMENT

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## To meet residents

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## Bright future forecast *rerun* for Republican party

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# Bright Future Seen For GOP In 1976

By JAYNE GRIFFIN  
News Staff Writer

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## Butler Makes Air Force Appointments

Steven G. Franklin of Roanoke, Virginia has been appointed to the United States Air Force Academy, Sixth District Representative M. Caldwell Butler announced.

Franklin is a senior at Northside High School, where he is President of the National Honor Society and co-captain of the Cross Country team. A recipient of the National Varsity Club's Competitive Team Sports Award, he has lettered in football, cross country and indoor track at Northside.

During the summer of 1974, Franklin attended the Governor's School for the Gifted. He had maintained a 3.9 grade point average out of a possible four points.

Franklin will enter the Air Force Academy in the summer of 1975. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Franklin of Route 2, Roanoke.

Appointment to a military academy is contingent upon Congressional nomination. Each member of Congress may have a maximum of five appointees attending each academy, and a maximum of 10 persons may be nominated for any vacancy. Nominations through Representative Butler's office are on a competitive basis, and all ten nominees for each vacancy are sent to the academy without an indication of preference.

The academy then selects the most qualified nominee, using the general criteria of scholarship, physical conditions, leadership, and orientation towards a military career. An appointment will be made only if one of the nominees meets the academy's strict entrance requirements. Under the competitive system of selection, if more than one candidate meets these standards, the best-qualified nominee will be selected.



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# Farm Bureau policy discussed

John M. Moore and Willard Cline represented Augusta County Farm Bureau last week in legislative meetings with the Virginia congressional delegation in Washington.

Mr. Moore, vice president, and Mr. Cline, who is legislative chairman for the county organization, and C.A. Marks Jr., Virginia Farm Bureau Federation State Board member, joined approximately other 150 leaders of farm bureaus in Virginia to discuss 1975 bureau policy positions on current issues before Congress.

Basic issues brought before the national legislators, according to Mr. Cline were land use planning, estate taxes, fuel and energy, inflation, and farm programs.

"In meeting with U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler and Sens. Harry F. Byrd and William Scott, we discussed Farm Bureau opposition to House Bill 3510," said Mr. Cline, "which concerns land use planning."

The bureau's policy calls for land use planning at the local level, he continued. The national bill is not in accord with this policy. The Virginia

group spoke out in support of House Bill 1793—a bill to increase personal exemption on federal inheritance taxes. It would increase the marital deduction to \$100,000 plus 50 per cent.

"Concerning farm programs in wheat, corn and cotton," said Mr. Cline, "we oppose the target price concept because of government control of commodity prices."

"Farm bureau supports a market oriented program geared to supply and demand," he said.

The farm group called for a de-control of natural gas at the well head, allowing fuel to reach its own price level.

"The farmer interest in this is due to our need for fertilizer," Mr. Cline explained.

During the meetings, bureau members also spoke in support of the present tobacco program without further change, and called for a balanced federal budget.

"Farm bureau has historically opposed deficit spending," Mr. Cline said. "The

federal government has not had a balanced budget in the past 17 years. This is a major cause of inflation."

Following the legislative meetings, the farm

organization representatives met with officials of the Foreign Agriculture Service of USDA to review the 1975 international trade act, and a discussion of opportunities for world trade in 1975.



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## Rep. Butler to comment on Constitution

WAYNESBORO — The protection of the United States Constitution is expected to be the main subject of remarks by U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler when he appears in Waynesboro Friday evening. Rep. Butler and his wife are attending an invitational gala concluding the 10th anniversary week of Radio Station Wavv. Rep. Butler, a Republican, received national attention for the independent stand that he took from his position on the House Judiciary Committee during im-

peachment hearings against Richard Nixon.

Head table guests at the Friday events, which will take place at 8:30 p.m. in Aberdeen Barn, Holiday Inn on Afton Mountain, will include members of Waynesboro and Staunton city councils, the Augusta County Board of Supervisors, presidents of the Waynesboro and Staunton Chambers of Commerce and other civic figures. Wavv President M. Robert Rogers will be master of ceremonies.



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## Butler Aide In Lexington Next Week

6th District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in the Lexington City Hall on Tuesday, March 18 from 11:00 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government. The meeting in Lexington is one of the ten monthly meetings Rep. Butler holds in the district.

His representative will return to Lexington on the third Tuesday of each month.

These meetings are in addition to the regular Open Door Meetings which Rep. Butler holds himself from time to time on a non-scheduled basis.

The Congressman had earlier announced the meeting to complement the three district offices as part of his plan to have the

Congressman and the constituent in close contact.

Any persons wishing to discuss a particular problem with Rep. Butler's representative should bring

with them all papers and correspondence dealing with the case, in addition to knowing their Veterans Claim and Social Security numbers.





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Mrs. Helen Schmehl Helps Brodie Cut Birthday Cake

## Officials Send Greetings To Valley's 'No. 1 Patriot'

The Roanoke Valley's "Number One Patriot" celebrated his 86th birthday Wednesday with a party at the Salem Veterans Administration hospital. The party was sponsored by the Roanoke Valley Bicentennial Commission.

Isador Steve Brodie, a native of Kiev, Russia, who immigrated to the United States in 1906 at age 17 and became a citizen six years later, has spent his life boosting his adopted country, and Wednesday's party was a thank you from some of the people he has met.

Governor Mills Godwin sent a telegram praising Brodie's "deep devotion to his adopted country" and 6th District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler said in a letter that Brodie has "served his nation honorably in war and chose a career of assisting his fellow veterans."

Included in gifts presented Wednesday was a resolution from Roanoke City Council wishing him a happy birthday and thanking him for "his good acts and deeds done for his country, this city and his fellow citizens."



## Butler Aide Here Tuesday

6th District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in the Buena Vista City Hall on Tuesday, March 18 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government. The meeting in Buena Vista is one of the ten monthly meetings Rep. Butler holds in the district.

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## Rep. Butler Releases Economic Conference Report

Our purpose was to take the economic pulse of the Sixth District that I might better assess the need for and impact of recession-oriented legislation before the Congress. All interested citizens were invited to participate in our Economic Conference held on Tuesday, February 12, at Natural Bridge.

Almost two hundred were present throughout the day, representing substantially every facet of economic activity. We were impressed with the enthusiasm and knowledgeable participation of all.

There is no way to cover in two pages all that we learned. This, however, is to share with you a few of the things discussed.

We are blessed with a higher employment rate than most of the nation. Unemployment in the Roanoke and Lynchburg areas is three percent below

The District's unemployment problems are housing-oriented in part, including manufacturers of furniture, textiles, carpets, lumber, construction materials and appliance parts. Likewise, the fortune of the automobile industry affects several industries including foundries and transportation. Increased housing construction and automobile production will improve our District economy as well as the nation's, but we are far better diversified than much of the nation.

Government over-regulation, particularly in environmental areas, is thwarting industrial growth. Compliance with conflicting and constantly changing, and therefore uncertain, clean air and water standards may require over 50 percent of a company's current capital investment, forcing delay in plant ex-

and we are told that the Highway Department is letting contracts now in anticipation of its receipt.

The Davis-Bacon Act, passed by Congress in 1931, requires that construction employees on projects being built in whole or in part with federal funds must receive the "prevailing wage." Under existing regulations, the prevailing wage often turns out to be substantially above the wage which prevails. The resulting increase in cost is inhibiting several government sponsored construction contracts in our District. Nationwide, the additional cost is \$5.5 billion annually. I am supporting legislation to modify or repeal the act; and as a member of the Small Business Committee, I have requested the Chairman to schedule hearings on the matter to call attention to its effect on small businesses.

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While a conference of this nature necessarily concentrates on soft spots in the economy, I was reassured by the optimism expressed in the underlying ability of our economic system to right itself without excessive government intervention.

Industrial expansion and construction of new facilities are underway in many areas of the District, particularly in the Shenandoah Valley area, where such construction may provide as many as 1000 jobs.

I am grateful to the Chambers of Commerce for their assistance in planning the conference, and to the regional coordinators for expert leadership. I particularly want to thank all those who participated. Be assured that the information and views expressed will be invaluable to me, as I judge it was to all present. THE NEED OF ACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHANGING STATE OF OUR District's economy is a continuing one. Please keep me posted!

### Real Estate For Sale

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## Farm Bureau Group

### Carries Message

### To Washington

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A delegation from the Bedford County Farm Bureau returned last Friday night from a journey to Washington to urge Bedford's spokesmen in the Congress and officials of the Department of Agriculture to work for changes in the laws affecting the import and export of American farm products.

The Bedford group included Roger Grant, president of the Bedford County Farm Bureau; Harry Grant and Richard Chaffin. In Richmond they joined about 125 other Farm Bureau leaders for the drive to Washington, where Robert B. Delano, president of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, served as chief spokesmen.

The Virginians had interviews with their two members of the U. S. Senate, Harry F. Byrd, Jr., and William L. Scott, and the Bedford group held a separate conference with their man in the House of Representatives

M. Caldwell Butler. Other groups were in contact with other House members.

The delegation also had a talk with the assistant Secretary of Agriculture and other officials of that department.

The general message carried to Washington was that certain laws and regulations interfering with the free market in farm products are harmful to the Virginia farmer and to farmers of the other states.

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# Highland

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on duty during the day in Highland County, said: "I think his response to the youngsters is great. It shows them that government officials care and listen to them."

Among those receiving special attention from Gov. Godwin was Miss Elizabeth Shepherd of Monterey, who was crowned 1975 Maple Queen during Friday night's contest.

The Governor, who arrived at the high school 15 minutes behind schedule, was greeted by at least 100 persons, including area residents, county officials and elected representatives. Among those present for his arrival, in addition to the new Maple Queen, were U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell

Butler, Dels. Erwin S. Solomon and J. Marshall Coleman and former Del. A. R. Giesen Jr.

Upon arrival, Gov. Godwin was presented a jug of maple syrup by Saul J. Conn, an area

resident, and a handmade sweater for his wife from Highland Craft Shop by Mrs. Jean Shepherd, chairman of the Highland County Chamber of Commerce.

The Governor was accompanied on an auto tour to various attractions by a dozen officials, including those previously mentioned. His stops included visits to the Rexrode Sugar Orchard at Hightown where he was greeted by 75 persons, the Puffenbarger Sugar Orchard near Blue Grass, the trout company and the Blue Grass School before he returned to the high school for a lunch of mountain trout and beef.

After lunch, the group motored to the craft shop, then on to the Vance Sugar Camp and Country Store, located south of McDowell, before going to the primary school where the State Police helicopter was awaiting him.

During the numerous stops, Gov. Godwin was greeted by many persons, some of them from other states who were attracted to the county's annual festival, billed as the southernmost in the United States.

Although early arrivals drove over roads still intermittently spotted with ice remaining from Friday's unexpected storm, turnout was termed "excellent" by some of those directly involved in festival planning. By mid-afternoon, temperatures rose to 50 degrees, melting most of the ice remaining on the roadways and the trees.

The annual Highland Maple Festival is being held this weekend and next weekend, sponsored by the Highland County Chamber of Commerce. Special events this weekend included Friday night's Maple Queen Contest and Ball and the Old Fashioned Square Dance Saturday night.

Miss Shepherd, a senior at Highland County High School, was named queen during the contest. The 17-year-old daughter of Austin L. Shepherd of Monterey and Mrs. Loretta Dalton of Concord has been accepted at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, this fall.

First runner-up in the Maple Queen Contest was Miss Kathy Ralston, 16, a sophomore at Highland High and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Ralston of Monterey. Second runner-up was Ruth Newman, 18, daughter of Harold Newman of Blue Grass and Mrs. Lillian Powers of McDowell. Miss Newman is a high school senior.

Several camps are open to the public during the festival. The camps may be located on maps of suggested tours and information available at the chamber office in Monterey.

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AMONG GUESTS last night at a 10th anniversary gathering sponsored by Radio Station WANV were Sixth District Rep. M.

Caldwell Butler (left) and Virginia Lt. Gov. John N. Dalton (right). With them is M. Robert Rogers, president of the station.

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## Delegation Meets With Congressmen

John M. Moore, Willard Cline, C. A. Marks Jr., Benton G. Tinder and H. Lewis Gantt Jr. were among Farm Bureau Federation members who met with the Virginia congressional delegation in Washington, D.C., to discuss 1975 Farm Bureau policy positions on current issues before Congress.

Mr. Moore is vice president of the Augusta County Farm Bureau Federation, Mr. Cline is legislative chairman and Mr. Marks is a member of the state Federation Board.

Mr. Tinder is president of the Nelson County Farm Bureau and Mr. Gantt is legislative director.



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SCHEDULE GIVEN

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler has announced the following schedule of appearances in this area:

Friday, celebration honoring the 10th anniversary of Radio Station WANV; Saturday, Maple Festival in Highland County and that evening, sixth annual meeting of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Banking at Ingleside; Sunday, panel discussion at 9:45 a.m. on the world food problem, Waynesboro Church of the Brethren.



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# Butler Urges Strengthened 1st Amendment Safeguards

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler last night called for a strengthened defense against "modern challenges" to constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech and freedom of the press.

Specifically, he urged adequate safeguards against wiretapping and eavesdropping, greater protection for news sources, and a modification of the so-called fairness doctrine for broadcast media.

Mr. Butler spoke briefly to area business and governmental leaders at a reception commemorating the 10th anniversary of Radio Station WANV. Held at the Holiday Inn on Afton Mountain, it was the concluding event in a week-long birthday celebration.

Hosts for the occasion were M. Robert Rogers, station president, and Mrs. Rogers. Among other dignitaries present was Virginia Lt. Gov. John N. Dalton, who arrived later in the evening after having presided at coronation ceremonies for the Highland Maple Festival in Monterey.

While advocating wider latitude for

newsmen and their media, Mr. Butler emphasized that "we must try to balance First Amendment freedoms against the need for adequate law enforcement."

He disclosed that he is one of two Republican House members nominated to serve on a national commission for the review of federal and state laws relating to wiretapping and electronic surveillance. In 1968, he said, Congress adopted regulations that would subject the use of electronic surveillance by law enforcement officials to strict judicial supervision. The commission, which is expected to begin hearings next week, was authorized "to insure that these methods were not abused," he said.

Mr. Butler indicated his endorsement of proposed legislation which "provides absolute protection for news sources and information from compelled disclosure in state and federal proceedings, including legislative inquiries, grand juries and pre-trial proceedings." He noted, however, that the bill

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does permit disclosure of confidential sources at a civil or criminal trial when the court finds "clear and convincing" evidence that the information is indispensable or cannot be obtained by other means, and when "there is a compelling and overriding public interest requiring disclosures."

On another aspect of First Amendment guarantees, Mr. Butler said that federal regulations dealing with the broadcast media "have become burdens which inhibit the frank presentations of varying viewpoints, rather than encouraging such presentations."

He added: "The equal-time and fairness doctrines are based on the principle that the air is a public resource and therefore the broadcast media have a particular responsibility to serve the public interest. Unfortunately, these provisions have, in the long run, had the effect of discouraging rather than encouraging a free exchange of ideas throughout the broadcast media in some cases."

"Particularly in national campaigns, stations have been hesitant to offer broad-

casting air to any candidate for office because they fear a deluge of equal-time demands from fringe candidates. Networks and local broadcasters alike are often wary of controversial programming which may bring charges that they did not actively seek opposing viewpoints. Most regretfully, it appears that some stations which have consistently taken unpopular views have been denied re-licensing altogether."

Among those at the head table last night were Del. Erwin S. Solomon, Waynesboro Councilman Louis A. Brooks Jr., Staunton Mayor Dr. Frank R. Pancake, Augusta Board of Supervisors Chairman C. Kenneth Landes, Waynesboro-East Augusta Chamber of Commerce President Leslie E. Ramsey, Staunton-Augusta Chamber President Thomas Altizer, and News-Virginian General Manager Ernest R. Adams.

Messages of congratulations were sent by, among others, Ronald Reagan, whose commentaries are heard on WANV, and Del. J. Marshall Coleman.



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## Butler assures economic picture is getting better

Sixth District U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler told a gathering of bankers here Saturday night he is "well satisfied as to the flexibility and resiliency of the American economy".

But in a generally optimistic speech to a dinner meeting of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Banking, the Roanoke Republican was critical of his congressional colleagues who advocate deficit spending and said a "more liberal Democratic caucus" may overturn any compromise on President Ford's energy bill.

Rep. Butler also told the nearly 350 members and guests at the banquet held at Ingleside that he is disappointed that Congress hasn't dealt with the problem of increasing domestic oil production, a need he sees as critical. Because of the U.S.'s increased dependence on foreign oil, "an embargo now would be catastrophic", Rep. Butler said.

Rep. Butler assured his audience, who gave him a standing ovation as he rose to speak, that the economic picture is getting better.

"Inflation is finally coming under control," the two-term Representative said. "Despite an inflation rate of 12.2 per cent for 1974, the highest since World War II, we began to see a gradual slowing of inflation in October of last year."

Rep. Butler said that since September 1974, inflation growth has declined from 1.3 per cent to 0.6 per cent in January, and that month's economic indicators showed "significant

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decreases in the inflation rates for clothing, beef, sugar and automobiles.

"Interest rates have also declined," Rep. Butler added. "The federal fund rate which peaked in mid-July at about 13 per cent is now at 5½ per cent. Treasury bill rates dropped from about 9 per cent to 5½ per cent in the same period."

Rep. Butler was also optimistic about the chances of an agreement between Democrats and President Ford over solutions to general economic problems.

Cautioning that the "liberal Democratic caucus may overturn" a compromise, Rep. Butler said the agreement will probably feature a suspension of the \$1 fee on imported oil, an increase in the gasoline tax "to finance additional energy research and to restrict consumption", and an allocation system mated to a price increase in petroleum products to combat consumption.

Rep. Butler predicted that the oil depletion allowance, currently under attack in Congress, will be eliminated, even though "windfall profits tax on the oil industry have greatly decreased".

Reliance on foreign oil sources must also be reduced, Rep. Butler said, noting that funding on a massive scale has already been approved for the development of new energy sources.

"It would be misleading to conclude, however, that Congress has our economic situation under control," he said, "because Congress has not yet come to grips with the inflationary consequences of deficit spending."

Warning that the budget deficit may reach as high as \$80 billion in fiscal year 1976, Rep. Butler criticized "piecemeal" plans which have "too little emphasis on the total effect of component programs and with too little consideration of the cumulative costs".

Rep. Butler noted that he opposes bills designed to increase public service jobs and provide tax cuts to lower and middle income groups because they would increase spending without significant effects.

But, Rep. Butler said in conclusion, he has "no reservation about the ability of our economy to survive Congress, and I am optimistic about the future of this country".

In business conducted earlier at the banquet, Patricia A. Rice of Rt. 1, Harrisonburg, and a loan department supervisor at Valley National Bank of Harrisonburg, was named president of the organization for the coming year.

Miss Rice has been employed by the bank for 15 years and has served as second and first vice president of the group.

Other officers named were: Thomas Wagner of First and Merchants Bank, Waynesboro, first vice president; Russell Ralston, Planters Bank and Trust Co. of Staunton, second vice president, and Earl F. Taylor of United Virginian Bank-Spottswood, treasurer.



## Butler urges safeguards

WAYNESBORO — U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, speaking to area business and governmental leaders Friday night, urged safeguards against wiretapping and eavesdropping, protection for news sources and modification of the "fairness doctrine" for broadcast media.

Rep. Butler was featured speaker at a 10th anniversary reception for radio station Wavv, hosted by M. Robert Rogers, station president, and his wife. The affair was held at Holiday Inn on Afton Mountain.

Lt. Gov. John N. Dalton also attended the reception after presiding at coronation ceremonies for the Highland Maple Festival in Monterey.

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## Butler says funds given

Sixth District Representative M. Caldwell Butler has been notified by the Community Services Administration that the Southwest Virginia Community Development Fund has received a \$2.5 million grant, he announced today.

A community-owned and operated economic development corporation, the SVCDF operates several manufacturing ventures and supports public-interest projects in Craig and Botetourt Counties and in Northwest Roanoke. The SVCDF was first established in 1969 under the Economic Opportunities Act of 1964; current funding is through the Community Services Act of 1974.

The grant will enable the Fund to continue operations for an additional 24 months.



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**NEW OFFICERS** — Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler (second from left) stands with new officers of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Banking. They are (from Mr. Butler's left) Miss Patricia A. Rice, president, who receives a gavel from retiring president O. E. Eckert; Thomas R. Wagner of a Waynesboro bank, first vice

president; Russell Ralston, second vice president; and Earl F. Taylor, treasurer. Mr. Butler was guest speaker at the chapter's sixth annual meeting Saturday at Ingleside. Not pictured is Mrs. Clarence Desper of a Waynesboro bank, who is permanent secretary.

(N-V Photo by Curtis)

## Bankers Told There Is Basis For Optimism About Economy

By N-V Staff Writer

STAUNTON — "Based on an overall view of the economy at this point," Rep. M. Caldwell Butler told a bankers' group at Ingleside Saturday night, "There is a real basis for optimism."

The Sixth District Congressman said, however, that he is not as optimistic about the course Congress is presently pursuing in its efforts to stimulate the economy.

He told members and guests of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Banking that the course gives "the unfortunate appearance that we (Congress) fall down on the side of overstimulation and inflationary results."

Despite this, he continued, "I have no reservations about the ability of our economy to survive the Congress, and I am optimistic as always about the future of this country."

Remarking that it is recognized that "our area has not suffered as much as the rest of the country" because of its "diversified economy and excellent labor force," Mr. Butler stated that he is particularly concerned about pockets of unemployment in the Waynesboro-Staunton area and the upper Shenandoah Valley.

The congressman said "There is a real basis for optimism" about the economy. He listed the following as his reasons: "inflation is finally coming under control," interest rates "have shown a steady decline since late summer of 1974," and, "we are at last beginning to see a consensus on energy needs and legislation emerging from the exchanges between the President and the Democratic leadership."

Mr. Butler said he feels "the

expected compromise" will probably feature the suspension of the \$1 fee on imported oil and an increase in the gasoline tax.

He also foresees an end to the oil depletion tax and an increase in domestic oil production. Rep. Butler said that the nation "must begin developing alternative sources of energy against the time when we will run out of oil."

Referring to Congress, Mr. Butler said, "It would be misleading to conclude . . . that the Congress has our economic situation well under control, because Congress has yet to come to grips with the inflationary consequences of deficit spending."

He reminded his audience that the President's budget calls for \$52 billion in deficit spending while some congressional leaders "are calling for deficits of as high as \$80 billion" for fiscal 1976.

Mr. Butler said he doubts that the tax rebate theory is sound and he feels that the \$8 billion total rebate suggested is not "adequate to provide individual rebates large enough to stimulate major purchases."

Listing some of the measures passed and/or suggested, Mr. Butler said, "We (Congress) are faced with the difficult problem of determining where to draw the line on government deficit spending as a stimulus to the economy while endeavoring to contain inflation."

The meeting was the sixth annual held by the American Institute of Banking (AIB) chapter. The AIB, an educational division of the American Bankers Association, provides education and training programs for bank employees.

The chapter last year had a membership of 431 persons, and

238 persons were enrolled in the programs.

During a brief business session following the banquet, Miss Patricia A. Rice was elected president, succeeding O. E. "Don" Eckert. Miss Rice is employed by Valley National Bank of Harrisonburg. Mr. Eckert, former assistant vice president at First Virginia Bank of Augusta at 105 Hopeman Parkway in Waynesboro, is assistant vice president at First Virginia Bank in Verona.

Thomas R. Wagner of First and Merchants National Bank in Waynesboro was elected first vice president, succeeding Miss Rice.

Russell Ralston of Planters Bank in Staunton was elected second vice president, succeeding Mr. Wagner. Earl F. Taylor of United Virginia Bank — Spotswood in Harrisonburg was elected treasurer, succeeding G. Wayne Flora of Mt. Sidney.

Mrs. Clarence (Mickey) Desper of Virginia National Bank in Waynesboro continues as permanent and recording secretary.

Robert F. Knott of First and Merchants National Bank in Waynesboro, who is a past chapter president, served as education chairman last year.

Approximately 350 persons attended the banquet session. Guests included spouses; Blue Ridge Community College President and Mrs. James A. Armstrong; BRCC Director of Continuing Education and Mrs. J. Coulson Phillips; and representatives from the Roanoke, Richmond and Tidewater AIB chapters.



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## City Manager Is Speaker At Junior Woman's Club

Robert Herbert, Covington city manager, spoke before the Covington Junior Woman's Club at a recent meeting, telling of the "Relationship of Council and Manager." He pointed out that "if the Council and manager can't work together, then the people of the town are the ones who suffer."

One of the highlights of his discussion concerned the Idlewilde Bridge, and he complimented Representative Caldwell Butler for the "outstanding job he has done in helping our community obtain a new bridge." Mr. Herbert said he expects the bridge to be completed within the coming one and one-half years.

He also extended an invitation to the members to visit his office to discuss any problems concerning community affairs, saying "my door is always open."

He was introduced by Mrs. Gary Candler.

Opening devotions were led by Mrs. Thomas W. Jackson. Mrs. Gary Rice, president, conducted the meeting.

Plans for the 1975 New Minstrel Revue were made, with the show to be presented April 18 and 19. Mrs. Nell Fleshman is to be the director.

Mrs. Mitchell Andrews, crafts chairman, announced the ribbon winners for the 1975 Arts and Crafts Show. They are:

Kit Korner - Mrs. Jackson, red; Mrs. Andrews, blue.

Ceramics (stain) - Mrs. Oakland Eggleston, blue.

Christmas decorations (table) Mrs. Eggleston, blue.

Christmas decorations (wall or door) - Mrs. Andrews, blue.

Crafty Creatures - Mrs. Andrews - red.

Crocheting (miscellaneous) - Mrs. Andrews, yellow.

Decoupage plaques - Mrs. Andrews, red.

Needlepoint - Mrs. Candler, red.

Ecology - Mrs. Andrews, yellow.

Sewing, children - Mrs. James Heywood, red.

Sewing, adult - Mrs. Heywood, red.

Sewing, adult (Club Woman's Banquet Ensemble) - Mrs. Andrews, red and Mrs. Heywood, yellow. This is to be modeled at the Virginia Federation of Woman's Clubs Convention in April.

Miscellaneous creations, (a) Decorative Crafts - Mrs. Heywood, blue. (b) Needlework Crafts - Mrs. Andrews, blue.

It was announced that four members, Mrs. Eggleston, Mrs. Heywood, Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Jackson, had attended the Spring District Meeting, March 1, at Ingleside, Staunton. An award was given the Covington Junior Woman for the Art Department.



## ***Building on rise: Butler***

Rep. Caldwell Butler of the 6th Congressional District of Virginia said last night at a speech in Forest that the home building industry is showing signs of perking up, which may mean it's too late to pass legislation being talked of in Congress that would boost the home building industry.

He also said in his speech to

the Homebuilders Association of Central Virginia, that he's not too pleased with some of the suggested legislation.

In other comments, Butler said Congress is faced with the problem of how far to go in deficit spending as a means of stimulating this country's economy.



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—Aubrey Wiley Photo

**AREA HOME BUILDERS MEET** — About 200 persons attended Central Virginia Home Builders Association's meeting Tuesday night at Homestead. Guest speaker, Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, was couple hours late because of unexpected action in House in afternoon. Shown are, from left, Kenneth L. (Pete)

White, president of Campbell-Payne; Rodney A. Jessee, Central Virginia HBA president, and Woodrow W. Sirois of Newport News, state HBA president. White introduced Butler. Local HBA also is hosting state directors meeting here.





**VIRGINIA HOME BUILDERS MAP PLANS** — Officers of the Virginia Home Builders Association discuss plans for the coming year. They are, left to right: Shockley D. Gardner Jr. of Richmond, ex-

ecutive vice president; James M. Couch Jr. of Lynchburg, vice president, and Woodrow W. Sirois of Newport News, president. Board of the association is meeting at the Holiday Inn South. (Jimmy Ripley Photo)

## Recovery in housing foreseen

*recession*

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The congressman said home construction "has long been considered one of the foundations of the economy."

Approximately 200 persons, including members of the area association and of the board of directors of the Virginia Home Builders Association, attended the meeting.

The area association is host for a two-day meeting of the state board here.

The board, which is meeting at the Holiday Inn South, will elect new officers today and James M. Couch Jr., state vice president and a local builder, has been nominated for president.

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\$1.6 Million

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# Roanoke Bus Grant Receives Approval

By JOE GILLILAND  
Times Staff Writer

Roanoke City has received word that a federal grant of \$1.6 million for the Greater Roanoke Transit Authority has been approved.

The Department of Transportation announced the award approval in Washington Wednesday, according to a spokesman in the office of Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va.

"We are jubilant," said City Manager Byron Haner. "We really are pleased. We've been working toward this for more

than two years. It's with a great deal of relief the grant has come through," he said.

The city already has planned a ceremony to take over the ailing Roanoke City Lines Monday at the civic center.

The new operating company—ATE Management and Service Co.—will take over actual operations Sunday.

The city-operated mass transit system is expected to lose \$1.1 million in the first year of operation and it could go higher than that, according to some sources. The city may be able to get another federal grant of \$300,000 to help with the deficit.

The city now is subsidizing Roanoke City Lines \$360,000 a year.

The Department of Transportation said the grant is to be used to replace 22 buses and refurbish 26 used ones.

State and local funds will make up 20 per cent of the \$1.6-million project. The state has set aside 17 per cent and the city will pay the other 3 per cent.

In awarding the grant, the Department of Transportation noted the city's efforts to preserve mass transportation in the Roanoke Valley.



## Rep. Butler Reports On Task Force's First Report

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Among the specific recommendations included in the report are:

Total elimination of proxy voting; regulations which encourage open committee meetings and party conferences; restrictions on the use of closed and modified rules and suspensions, which are currently used to limit the time for debate and opportunity for amendment of controversial legislation; stronger regulation

of lobbying activity, including identification of contributions for lobbying which exceed \$100 and experimental broadcasting of House floor procedures.

Also, more consistent oversight of existing government programs by Congress, particularly those with mandated spending; further reform of committee jurisdiction; improved scheduling of House business to ensure adequate notice before consideration of legislation and to eliminate

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- 4—Stronger regulation of lobbying activity, including identification of contributions for lobbying which exceed \$100;
- 5—Experimental broadcasting of House floor procedures;

- 6—More consistent oversight of existing government programs by Congress, particularly those with mandated spending;

- 7—Future reform of committee jurisdiction;

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- 11—Prohibition of binding caucuses;

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Butler said copies of the full task force report may be obtained from his Washington office.



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# Housing Crisis Foreseen As On Way To Recovery

By BILL CLINE

News Staff Writer

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Saying home construction "has long been considered one of the foundations of the economy," Butler told approximately 200 persons at the Homestead, "it's been a pretty bad year for the home builders."

Butler was guest speaker at

a meeting of the Central Virginia Home Builders Association. The local home construction organization also is hosting a two-day meeting of the board of directors of the Virginia Home Builders Association.

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## Butler Announces Funding For Community Development

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The grant will enable the Fund to continue operations for an additional 24 months.

The Fund operates the Botetourt Cabinet Corporation north of Fincastle, the Craig Furniture Corporation in New Castle, and GEMCO--an electrical component manufacturing company--in northwest Roanoke.

An affiliate organization, the Botetourt Improvement Association, operates the Botetourt Community Cannery in Buchanan and is in the process of organizing a program in the county for senior citizens.

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### Butler meeting

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### Butler's Aide To Visit County

Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in the Botetourt County Court House in Fincastle on Thursday, March 27, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government.

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Delegates "Shad" Solomon, left, and Marshall Coleman flank Congressman Caldwell Butler during the Governor's tour of Highland.

### Del. Butler

### To Visit

### Maple Festival

Sixth District Representative M. Caldwell Butler today announced his schedule of appearances in the district for Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday Butler will be in Highland County during the day to participate in the annual Maple Festival.

On Saturday evening Butler will be guest speaker at the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Banking at Ingleside Inn. Butler will speak following a dinner scheduled for 7 p.m.

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### Butler Plans District Visit

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will visit the district today through Sunday.

Butler today will be a guest of honor at a celebration commemorating the 10th anniversary of radio station WANV in Waynesboro at 9 a.m.

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## News and Reviews

# Bedford Public Library

By NANCY STRACHAN

During the Easter vacation the Children's Department of the Bedford Public Library is sponsoring two events for the children and young people of the area. They are an Easter Egg Hunt-Storyhour and a Day of Dance.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be a part of our regular storyhour activity. We have two storyhours and both of these will have Easter Egg Hunts. Wednesday, March 26, at 10 a.m. and Saturday, March 29, at 2 p.m. are the times for these. Only children of primary school age and younger are invited.

The setting for these will be the lovely garden behind the library. However the children are all asked to meet upstairs at the Children's Dept. upon arrival. Speaking of the garden, it is responding to this long awaited spring weather with an explosion of color; do come by and enjoy this beautiful garden which is a project of the Garden Club of Bedford.

Thursday, March 27, will be a Day of Dance at the library. Miss Betty Lambeth, a local resident who is a dance student at Skidmore College, will present a dance program dealing mainly with ballet and modern dance. Other forms such as tap dance and Indian (India) dancing will also be mentioned. The following times have been established for the children and young people to come (and we are asking that patrons adhere to this as closely as possible as the programs are geared for these age groups.)

10 a.m., Preschool through first grade age children.

2 p.m., second, third, fourth and fifth grade age children.

3:30 p.m., sixth grade through high school age young people.

The adult library is currently featuring artwork by students of David Higgins, art teacher at Staunton River High School. A variety of different media are used in these pictures. Do take note of these unusual drawings as you enter the library.

Recently the library received a number of copies of the guide to the Historic Garden Week in Virginia April 19-27.

Our Congressman M. Caldwell Butler, has given the library a copy of the 1974 Yearbook of Agriculture. This year's copy is entitled Shopper's Guide and is chock full of information on food, home improvement, gardening, appliances, services, and recreation. In these times of economic uncertainty this is indeed a welcome addition to our library. It is just one of the many helpful and informative documents published annually by the United States Government Printing Office.



## Rep. Butler Queries Law in Bath School Case

WASHINGTON, D. C. - According to an announcement made Friday afternoon by the office of Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, the congressman has received a re-

ply from Attorney General Andrew Miller concerning his request for information about the State Police Investigation conducted last summer in Bath County.

Butler had asked the Attorney General what laws apply to the release of the results of an investigation into possible conflicts of interest by Bath Public officials and others.

Miller said he had forwarded Butler's letter to Col. Harold W. Burgess, superintendent of the Department of State Police, and requested that Col. Burgess reply to the letter.

The Attorney General's Office informed Butler that "the Virginia Freedom of Information Act expressly excepts from its coverage 'memoranda, correspondence, evidence and a complaint related to criminal investigations and reports submitted to the state and local police in confidence.' "



## Area Bicentennial

## Programs Approved

WASHINGTON — Sixth District Representative M. Caldwell Butler announced today that the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration has officially recognized Bicentennial programs planned by the Covington-Clifton Forge-Alleghany County area, the city of Lexington and Washington and Lee University.

The approval of Covington-Clifton Forge-Alleghany County and Lexington as Bicentennial communities brings the total number of Bicentennial Communities in the Sixth District of Virginia to eight. Amherst, Augusta and Botetourt Counties, Lynchburg, the Roanoke Valley and Staunton have already qualified.

Washington and Lee University is the first educational institution in the Sixth District to qualify as a Bicentennial Campus.

To qualify as a Bicentennial Community or Bicentennial campus, the applicant must plan a Bicentennial program including at least one event that will leave a lasting reminder of the special effort undertaken to commemorate the nation's Bicentennial celebration.

The Bedford Bulletin-Democrat, April 3, 1975

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# Congress O.K.'s Lee's Citizenship

By JACK BETTS  
Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Nearly 105 years after his death, Congress has voted to make Gen. Robert E. Lee once again a citizen of the United States.

With Lee's great grandson, Robert E. "Bob" Lee IV of McLean, Va., looking on from the gallery, the House swept aside Tuesday the opposition of Michigan Rep. John Conyers and approved 407 to 10 a joint resolution passed earlier by the Senate restoring Lee's citizenship.

Sponsored in the Senate by Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr., I-Va., and in the House by Roanoke Republican M. Caldwell Butler, the resolution must now await the President's signature. President Ford is expected to sign the resolution.

The congressional action caps a

110-year episode to restore Lee's full citizenship, beginning in 1865 when Lee, reading in a Richmond newspaper that officers in his situation must apply to President Andrew Johnson for amnesty, wrote to ask for "the benefits and full restoration of all rights and privileges."

The Civil War had been ended barely two months before when, on June 13, 1865, Lee sent that letter to Johnson and another to Gen. U.S. Grant, asking his help. Grant responded on June 20 with an endorsement of Lee's request, and in his letter to Johnson noted that Lee apparently had been unaware that he also must take an oath of allegiance to the United States.

Four months later, with no reply from Washington, Lee swore to an oath of allegiance to the United States Constitution and promised to "abide by and faithfully

support all laws and proclamations which have been made during the existing rebellion and with reference to the emancipation of slaves, so help me God."

That oath was notarized on Oct. 2, 1865, the day Lee took office as president of Washington (now Washington and Lee) College in Lexington, Va.

The oath was sent to Washington, where it apparently was lost. Lee died in 1870, still without his citizenship.

There were periodic attempts to restore Lee's citizenship, always confounded when opponents pointed out that Lee had apparently never signed an oath of allegiance.

Then, in 1970, a National Archives researcher prowling through boxes of old

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## Rain

Rain tonight and a chance of showers tomorrow; low tonight in the mid-40s and the high tomorrow in the low 60s. Details on Page 2.

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## Rep. Butler, economists optimistic Butler on recession

By OZZIE OSBORNE  
Political Writer

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler said today he is somewhat encouraged by what he sees as the beginning of a recovery in the nation's lagging economy.

At the same time, he appeared pessimistic over federal spending, predicting the fiscal 1976 deficit may well reach as high as \$100 billion.

"Already there is basis for optimism," said Butler in commenting on the economy.

He said he is encouraged because savings are up and interest rates are down, the wholesale price index is down and the tourist trade is up.

Generally, he said, people do not appear to have what he referred to as a "recession psychology."

The congressman said also "just the ru-

mor" of a large federal deficit is bound to mean more spending.

"If we could have the rumor of a deficit without the deficit—that would be the best of two worlds," he said.

He said a \$100 billion federal budget deficit in fiscal '76 is "not beyond a possibility," although President Ford has vowed to hold it down to \$60 billion.

Butler said that even though Ford has ostensibly drawn the line on the deficit, "it's not apparent to me that the prevailing view in Congress is in agreement with him." He added:

"The morale of many of the more conservative congressmen is pretty bad because of the feeling that the economy won't survive forever."

Butler said, incidentally, that he does not share this pessimism.

He said he was worried about the country's

political system all during the impeachment proceedings, but "I'm more optimistic about the strength of the American people than I was two years ago."

Butler criticized the haste with which the final version of the tax cut bill was acted on, saying he thinks the congressional recess should have been postponed a day or so to give more time for study and discussion.

Butler said many parts of the legislation originated in the Senate, meaning hearings were never held and there was little time for debate.

Butler voted against the bill and said he believed that if President Ford had vetoed it, the veto would have been upheld.

Butler said he would have preferred to look more closely at that part of the legislation.

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# Rep. Butler Receives Views To Extend Voting Rights Act

ROANOKE (AP) — Strong sentiment for extending the voting rights act was expressed Thursday as some 40 blacks from throughout the 6th District met with Rep. Caldwell Butler, R-Va.

At the same time, opposition surfaced to recently effective state legislation which says the names of persons who haven't voted in four years must be removed from voter registration rolls.

"We are bitterly opposed to this," said M. W. Thornhill Jr., Chairman of the Lynchburg Voters League. His view was echoed by several others.

Butler explained that this is state legislation, which he has nothing to do with.

He said the law is aimed at keeping voter registration books up to date and has helped cut down on larceny at the ballot boxes by getting off the rolls the names of people who no longer live in Virginia

but have — until fairly recently — voted here by mail ballots.

The Rev. Charles Green of Roanoke said if he chooses not to vote, that is his business and no reason for his name being removed from the voter rolls.

George Franklin Chairman of Elected Concerned Citizens of the Roanoke Valley, read a statement from his group asking that the voting rights act be extended for 10 years. Several others asked the same thing.

In asking for the extension, the Rev. Donald W. Johnson of Lynchburg said when he sees still in Virginia government those who were architects of the massive resistance movement of the 1950, "I feel I need everything I can find to protect me."

Hearings are being held in Washington on whether to extend the act and perhaps expand it to include other minorities such as Mexican Americans. The act is aimed at bar-

ring practices that would prevent or discourage people from registering and voting. Virginia is one of several states that come under the act.

Butler called the meeting to discuss the voting right act but discussion boiled over into several relayed areas.

Thornhill said blacks are discriminated against in Lynchburg, noting that there are only a dozen blacks among the 115 precinct workers, even though Lynchburg is nearly one fourth black.

When Butler asked why more negroes don't vote and register, he was given several answers.

One black woman said negroes were discriminated against for 100 years and it's going to take them more than the decade since the voting rights act was passed to catch up.

"We have no real feeling of being part of the system," said a black man at the meeting.



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## Lynchburg Negroes oppose purging election rolls

A Lynchburg Negro leader told Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler Thursday there is bitter opposition to new state law which requires the names of persons who haven't voted in four years be removed from registration rolls.

M. W. Thornhill Jr., chairman of the predominantly Negro Lynchburg Voters League and president of the Community Funeral Home, was one of 10 Lynchburg Negroes citing grievances of local Negroes.

Thornhill and the others also expressed strong sentiment for extending the federal Voting Rights Act during their

meeting with Butler in Roanoke. They were among some 40 blacks who met with the congressman.

Butler had called the meeting to discuss the Voting Rights Act but the discussion spilled over into several other areas as well.

A bill extending the Voting Rights Act is now in a subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee of which Butler is a member.

Commenting on the bill, Butler said there is "no question" about Congress extending the act...that it is "inevitable."

The Negroes want the bill

extended not for the usual five years but for 10 years.

Butler said after the meeting he is searching for a way to amend the law so Virginia and other states now under it will have an incentive to get out. Now any change in election laws in Virginia or any legislation affecting voting patterns, such as annexation, must be approved by the Department of Justice.

Speaking for the Lynchburg Voters League, Thornhill told Butler, "We are bitterly opposed" to the legislation purging the names of those who haven't voted for four years.

Butler said this is state legislation which he has nothing to

do with but explained it is aimed at keeping voter registration books up to date. He said it has helped cut down on larceny at the ballot boxes by getting off the rolls the names of people who no longer live in Virginia but formerly voted here by mail ballots.

Thornhill also said Negroes are discriminated against in Lynchburg, noting there are only a dozen Negroes among the 115 precinct workers even though Lynchburg is nearly one fourth Negro.

The Rev. Donald W. Johnson, pastor of Court Street Baptist Church here, said some of the architects of "massive resistance" are still in Virginia government.

In asking for an extension of the Voting Rights Act, the minister said, "I feel I need everything I can find to protect me."

Butler said later Virginia is "locked into" a law because of what happened in the past. He said there is still a lot Virginia could do to encourage more voting, such as "floating" registrars and providing for the registration of new voters at night and on weekends.

He commented that restrictions in the past inhibited both Negroes and whites.

Also among the Lynchburg Negroes attending the meeting and speaking out for extension of the Voting Rights Act was L. Garnell Stamps, chairman of the executive committee of the Lynchburg Chapter, NAACP and a member of the executive committee of the Lynchburg Voters League. He is a teacher in the public school system.



1 THE NEWS-VIRGINIAN, Waynesboro, Va. Friday, April 4, 1975

## Reagan Will Speak At Expo In July

By N-V Staff Writer

STAUNTON — Former California Gov. Ronald Reagan, a spokesman for the conservative wing of the Republican Party and potential presidential candidate, will appear for a public speaking engagement at Augusta Expo on July 24, it was announced here yesterday.

His appearance here is under the auspices of the Valley's Wake Up America — Think Positive Committee, which brought network news commentator Paul Harvey to Augusta Expo on Feb. 4.

Gov. Reagan's acceptance of the committee's invitation was announced by committee chairman Vince Thacker to the board of directors of the Staunton-Augusta Chamber of Commerce. He noted that Gov. Reagan's appearance will be for a speaking engagement only, and will not include a dinner, as in the Paul Harvey program.

Mr. Thacker told the chamber board members that his com-



Ronald Reagan

mittee is continuing its efforts to bring nationally-known speakers to the Valley as a means of

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## Fair amendment needed to free state

Virginia lost its appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States for removal from Department of Justice and federal court rule over changes in its electoral laws, local governing bodies in annexation cases and revamping city wards and county districts. There is a chance now to amend the 1965 Voting Rights Act so as to accomplish what the appeal to court did not.

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R., this district, has stated his intention to seek an amendment which would free this state from the demeaning subjection to federal authorities in any change which they may hold would affect the electoral balance in a state or locality and the voting rights of minorities.

The 6th District Congressman should have support of the whole Virginia delegation in Congress, and probably will if he comes up with a change which would free Virginia but not erode the voting rights of any citizens.

Rep. Butler met with some 40 Virginia leaders of blacks on Thursday to discuss the 1965 act's extension. It will expire this midyear unless Congress votes to keep it. Rep. Butler thinks it is sure to do so. A new five-year period is proposed, but the 40 or so blacks he conferred with declared the extension should be for 10 years.

A survey several months ago showed some of the Southern states subject to the 1965 law because their voting totals were lower than 50 per cent of eligibles were still considerably below that requirement. Not so with Virginia. Our total vote has risen steadily. It was below 50 per cent prior to the 1965 act because of a logical literacy test, one-party government, and lack of blacks' interest in voting — not because of denial of registration of blacks.

Virginia should never have been subjected to the punitive clause of the 1965 law. The Supreme Court kept us "locked in", as Rep. Butler phrased it, not

for present injustices in the electoral system but because of what the decision termed past sins.

Obviously in the opinion of the court majority, there should be no forgiveness of sins against voting rights, even if there was little or no effort to exercise those rights on the part of alleged victims. In the thinking of one of the leaders who met with Rep. Butler, the massive resistance idea of the 1950s was one of those sins. Some of its supporters are still in the state government, said the Rev. Donald W. Johnson of Lynchburg. Urging extension of the punitive act, he declared: "I feel I need everything I can find to protect me."

There isn't the slightest chance that massive resistance or anything like it could be adopted today, and it was so generally disapproved that it was applied in only one county and collapsed there. Neither the Rev. Mr. Johnson nor others of his race need fear any revival of a proposal that was uglier in name than in use.

There are things Virginia can do, as Rep. Butler suggested, to raise voting totals of both whites and blacks. There continues to be too much indifference to citizen responsibilities under our form of government. Mr. Butler suggests mobile registrars so as to make it easier to get on the precinct voting list, and night and weekend hours for registrars' offices. These moves should help, but only education in government and stimulation of interest in political affairs is going to turn indifference into action.

Moreover, a poll report just last week showed again and in detail that eligible young voters are staying away from registration and polls in millions, and according to the statements of many, because of lack of confidence in the honesty and integrity of politicians. Perhaps Rep. Butler should address his colleagues in Congress on that subject. Public opinion of that body was probably never so low.



## Fuel Clause Under Fire In Alleghany

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COVINGTON — A total of 778 Alleghany area residents have signed a petition urging abolition of Virginia Electric and Power Co.'s fuel adjustment clause.

The petition, which terms the fuel charge "illegal, unconstitutional, unfair and unjust," has been sent to state and federal officials including President Ford.

Petitioners charge that the fuel adjustment clause "discriminates against the consumer." They oppose the granting of further rate increases to Veeco because "their rates are entirely too high."

In letters sent to government officials, Lacy Wolfe of Rt. 4, Covington, organizer of the petition, attacks the "blue ribbon committee" set up to investigate fuel and electric costs as "a waste of the taxpayers' money."

Copies of the petition, with accompanying letters, have been mailed to President Ford; U.S. Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr.; Rep. M. Caldwell Butler; T. A. Phillips, chief of the Bureau of Power, Federal Power Commission; Gov. Mills E. Godwin Jr.; and Ernest M. Jordan Jr., director of the Division of Public Utilities, State Corporation Commission.

The original petition was mailed to state Atty. Gen. Andrew P. Miller.



2 Staunton, Va., Leader, Tuesday, April 8, 1975

Representative

to be in area

A representative of U.S. Rep.  
M. Caldwell Butler's office will  
be in City Council Chambers of  
Staunton City Hall Thursday  
from 9-noon.



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## Council To Support Resolution For I-64

BY HORTON BEIRNE

Covington City Council voted 4-1 Tuesday night to support a resolution submitted from Alleghany County requesting 100 per cent financing for completion of Interstate 64 between Clifton Forge and Lexington. Councilman Charles H. McKee objected to the resolution.

In casting the lone dissenting vote, McKee said, "I don't see why this should be presented. I haven't changed my opinion, the Idlewilde bridge is more important." Before the vote, McKee questioned other members of council as to the effect funding of the Interstate road would have on replacement of the Idlewilde Bridge. City Manager Robert Herbert told McKee funding of the Interstate highway would have "no effect on the bridge completion."

Council adopted the resolution which was approved by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors Monday night saying completion of the major highway would help "the unemployment in the area." Mayor Jack Jamison, in supporting the resolution, said "I feel it is a very worthwhile project." Copies of the resolution passed by the supervisors have been sent to President Gerald Ford, Senator Harry F. Byrd and Congressman M. Caldwell Butler, Virginia Governor Mills E. Godwin Jr. and State Senator William Thornton as well as

State Delegate William T. Wilson of Covington.

In another matter, Council agreed to name the section of State Route 154 from South Chestnut Street to the bridge spanning the Jackson River in Parrish Court as South Craig Avenue. The vote was 5-0.

Council voted 3-2 to refer to a work session a resolution setting the rate of the water and sewer contract rates for county residents.

Unable to agree, Council discussed the matter before the 3-2 vote was taken. Mayor Jack Jamison told the four other council members, "I would like a motion to table this resolution because I would like to discuss the first aid, fire department and recreation budget with the county. I don't want to hold up any action, but I feel the city and county should come to an agreement on these before signing an additional agreement." Covington officials and county officials have long disagreed on the percentage rate for fire and first aid

protection and recreation the county pays to the city.

Council adopted on second reading an ordinance setting rates for the recently opened Peters Mountain Landfill. Under the present ordinance city residents will not be required to pay any additional cost to deposit trash. Other persons, however, will be required to pay a percentage based on the size tire on a vehicle and the weight of the vehicle. For other users the rate is \$3 per ton for commercial vehicles and \$1 for private vehicles.

In other action council:

— Tabled action on a copy of the constitution and by-laws of the Covington Fire Department. They were submitted by Dewey O'Conner Jr.

— Renewed taxi permits for Malcomb's Taxi, Veterans Taxi, Hills Taxi and McCulley's Taxi on a 5-0 vote. The renewal is good for one year.

— Approved an expenditure of \$2,400 for temporary help in the office of the Commissioner of Revenue.

— Approved a request by the City Manager to acquire consultants to prepare an application for Housing and Development Corporation. If the money is acquired, \$248,000 will be used to cover the city's two reservoirs.

— Approved a zoning request of Mrs. D. B. Long to rezone lot 3 located on East Spruce Street from R-3 to C-1. Attorney William T. Wilson represented Mrs. Long and no opposition was expressed.

— Referred to a work session a request from George Aide to rezone a parcel of land on Route 154 from P-1 to C-2. Council referred to the planning Commission a request to rezone 228 N. Maple Ave., from R-3 to C-2.

— Approved a resolution setting a rate of \$50 for Magistrates' offices.

— Approved the appointment of Willis M. Shawver III to the recreation board. Shawver is the son of Councilman Willis M. Shawver II who voted in favor of the motion along with the other four council members.



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## Butler Aide In Bath, Highland

WASHINGTON - Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be at the Bath County Courthouse from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, and at the Highland County Courthouse the same day from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The aide is regularly in Bath and Highland counties each third Wednesday of the month.

The meetings are in addition to the regular open-door sessions which Rep. Butler himself holds from time to time, and are to hear and discuss problems that citizens may have concerning the federal government.

Persons wishing to discuss specific items should bring all papers and correspondence dealing with the case, including Social Security numbers and if applicable, Veterans claim numbers.

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## Butler Aide To Visit Bath, And Highland

WASHINGTON - Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's policy of regular visits to areas of his constituency will continue on Wednesday, April 16 when an aide will be at the Bath County Courthouse in Warm Springs from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

The Highland County visit will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., when the aide will be available at the courthouse in Monterey.

Rep. Butler invites citizens to meet with his aide to discuss matters concerning federal legislation. Those persons with social security or veterans problems are requested to bring with them full identification numbers and any other information pertinent to their cases.

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6 Staunton, Va., Leader, Thursday, April 10, 1975

### Butler's aide

### to be in Monterey

MONTEREY—Sixth District U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in the Highland County Courthouse here on Wednesday from 2:30-4:30 p.m. to meet with residents wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government.



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Page 14 Buena Vista News, Thursday, April 10, 1975

## ***Butler Aid To Hold Meeting in City***

Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in the Buena Vista City Hall on Tuesday, April 15, from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government.

The meeting in Buena Vista is one of the ten monthly meetings Rep. Butler holds in the district.

His representative will return to Buena Vista on the third Tuesday of each month.

Any persons wishing to discuss a particular problem with Rep. Butler's representative should bring with them all papers and correspondence dealing with the case, in addition to knowing their Veterans Claim and Social Security numbers.



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## Utility Petition Is Acknowledged

Lacy Wolfe of Broken Arrow Subdivision, who has been active in circulating petitions opposing further increases in VEPCO's utility rates and urging abolition of the fuel adjustment clause, recently received replies to letters he wrote to Gov. Mills E. Godwin, U.S. Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr. and Rep. M. Caldwell Butler on this matter.

Sen. Byrd's letter said in part: "I can understand your concern over the spiraling cost of electrical utility services. I, too, am deeply concerned over this situation, which is being experienced throughout the state and across the nation as well."

"As you know, utility rate regulation comes under the jurisdiction of the State Corporation Commission, an independent state regulatory commission. I feel Gov. Godwin has taken a wise and responsible step in creating an Electricity Costs Commission to study this state problem in depth. I am sure we all look forward to reviewing that commission's preliminary report when it is rendered early this summer."

At the federal level, it is important, I feel, to reduce our nation's reliance upon unreliable foreign sources of petroleum. We need a two-fold

approach to this: (1)—research to explore new sources for the long-term future, legislation which I have supported, and (2)—energy conservation... I feel Congress should act cautiously in considering legislation which might have a depressing effect upon the responsible development of our domestic resources. Needless restrictions upon the continued growth of our domestic energy capabilities would be most unwise at this time.

A. Gordon Brooks, administrative assistant to Gov. Godwin, wrote in part: "Your letter and petition will be brought to the Governor's attention and to the attention of the Electricity Costs Commission and I can assure you it will receive their very careful attention."

Charles D. Wilson, administrative assistant to Rep. Butler said the Congressman had asked him to thank Wolfe for his correspondence and assure him he would be hearing from him shortly. All three letters were dated April 4.

Wolfe noted that there were 778 signatures from residents of Covington, Clifton Forge, and Alleghany County on the petitions he mailed with accompanying letters to these officials and to President Ford, the State Corporation Commission, the Federal Power Commission and the Virginia attorney general's office.



## Representative here Tuesday

### Sixth District

Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in the Clifton Forge city hall, Tuesday, April 15 from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government. The meeting in Clifton Forge is one of the ten monthly meetings Rep. Butler holds in the district.

His representative will return to Clifton Forge on the third Tuesday of each month.

These meetings are in addition to the regular Open Door meetings which Rep. Butler holds himself.



## Applications taken for four academies

Applications for Congressional nominations to the four U. S. service academies are now being accepted by Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler.

Students interested in attending a service academy in the 1975-76 school year can obtain an application for nomination by contacting Butler through his Washington or district offices.

Appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.; the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in

Kings Point N.Y.; the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., and the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.,

are contingent upon Congressional nomination.

Consideration for admission to the Coast Guard Academy is not made through Congressional nomination, and students interested in attending that institution should contact the Academy directly for further information.

The deadline for applications is Nov. 1.

THE DAILY ADVANCE, Lynchburg, Va., Fri., Apr. 11, 1975



## Representative To Be In Bath And Covington

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in the Covington City Hall Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government. The meeting in Covington is one of the ten monthly meetings Rep. Butler holds in the district. He will be in Bath County at the courthouse in Warm Springs from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

His representative will return to Covington and Bath County on the third Wednesday of each month.

These meetings are in addition to the regular Open Door Meetings which Rep. Butler holds himself from time to time on a non-scheduled basis.

The Congressman had earlier announced the meeting to complement the three district offices as part of his plan to have the Congressman and the constituent in close contact.

Any persons wishing to discuss a particular problem with Rep. Butler's representative should bring with them all papers and correspondence dealing with the case, in addition to knowing their Veterans Claim and Social Security numbers.



## Butler now accepting academy applications

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler announced today that he is now accepting applications for Congressional nominations to the four US Service Academies.

Students interested in attending a service academy in the 1975-76 school year can receive an application for nomination by contacting

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Consideration for admission to the Coast

Guard Academy is not made through

Congressional nomination, and students interested in attending that institution should contact the Coast Guard Academy directly for further information.

The deadline for applications is Nov. 1. Upon receiving the completed application, Rep. Butler's office will notify the academy of the candidate's interest. The academy will then forward a pre-candidate

questionnaire which should be completed and returned promptly to the academy. The academy will thereafter contact the candidate directly.

Butler noted that nominations the first step towards admission to the academies, are made on a competitive basis with the final appointments being made by the academies

themselves. A

congressional nomination only assures that the student will be considered by the academy for an appointment.

To be considered for a congressional nomination students must take either the standard SAT or ACT tests and have the scores submitted to his congressional office by Nov. 1. The academy will also require these scores.

Rep. Butler said that there is no regulation precluding a student from applying for an academy nomination both through his Senators and Congressman. There is also no limit to the number of academies in

which a student may express interest.

Butler pointed out that candidates should be between the ages of 17 and 22 in July of 1976 and residents of the Sixth Congressional District. Candidates should generally be of good scholastic standing, be in excellent physical condition, and be prompted toward a career in military service. The academies usually require 20/20 uncorrected vision, although this regulation has been waived in some circumstances.



## Nelson Thomas says:

# 'Things look good'

By Robert Damron

COVINGTON — "Things are looking very good, but we need all the help we can get."

That's the observation of Nelson E. Thomas, Alleghany County administrator, regarding Virginia receiving funding from the federal government for the construction on the segment of Interstate 64 between Longdale Furnace in Alleghany County and Kerr's Creek in Rockbridge County.

Thomas, who has been working for several weeks trying to get steps taken to have work done on the highway project, today said he has received strong and recent support from Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of Virginia's Sixth Congressional District, Rep. William T. Wilson of the House of Delegates and US Sen. William Scott.

### Helpful

"Mr. Butler and Mr. Wilson have been very helpful, and I have received a letter from Sen. Scott indicating his support," Thomas said.

Thomas then referred to a bill pending before the US House of Representatives which, he said, calls for increase in federal funding to Virginia and other states for interstate projects. A related bill is in a committee in the US Senate that will decide as to how the states will go about refunding the federal government at later times.

Douglas B. Fugate, commissioner, Department of Highways and Transportation, State of Virginia, on March 5 appeared before the House Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, supporting the House bill--Bill No. 3786.

### Statement

In a prepared statement before the committee, a copy of which was sent to Thomas, Fugate said, "In Virginia, the highway program is in double jeopardy."

Fugate told the committee that "sharply rising costs and decreasing revenue from State Highway user tax sources have had devastating impact on our 1972-82 road and street improvement program approved by the Virginia General Assembly only three years

ago, and we now find it necessary to revise the program completely, eliminating many projects."

As for Pres. Ford's release of \$2 billion out of \$9 million impounded highway funds, Fugate said, "Unfortunately, Virginia will not benefit from the President's release of \$2 billion impounded federal-aid funds, since we are among the few states which have had no funds under impoundment."

### Fugate said

On March 13, Fugate, in responding to a letter from congressman Butler, said, in part, in his letter, "while, due to the present lack of state matching funds, we (Department of Highways and Transportation) have no definite construction schedule for the completion of Rt. 64, this is one of our very highest priorities and the first of a series of projects which will be put under construction as soon as the necessary state funds can be accumulated."

"Just last week," he continued, "I appeared before the House Subcommittee on Surface Transportation in support of House Resolution 3786 proposing a limited relaxation of state matching requirements for federal highway construction."

"The early passage of this proposal would certainly expedite the construction of the next sections of Route 64 as well as other important highway work throughout the Commonwealth."

### Butler said

In his letter, Butler told Fugate, "the need for early action appears even more necessary now in light of the serious economic problems this area (Clifton Forge-Alleghany County) faces."

Among other developments, Thomas said, was Wilson has written a letter to Gov. Godwin, asking that work start, as soon as possible, on the top of North Mountain at Alleghany-Rockbridge line. The project would run from there to a point about six miles west.

The Fifth Planning District Commission executive committee has endorsed a resolution urging Pres. Ford and the United States Congress to provide 100 percent financing for the completion of Interstate 64 between the existing terminus just east of Clifton Forge and existing Interstate 81 near Lexington.

The Alleghany County Board of Supervisors have passed resolutions asking for the work to be started and also a resolution concerning Redevelopment Area Designation.

Copies of the Interstate 64 Resolution have been sent to area government bodies, US House of Representatives, the state's two United States Senators, as well as Chamber of Commerce officials and other interested parties.



## Special school may continue

The World-News, Roanoke Va., Wednesday, April 23, 1975

The Roanoke County Occupational School can maintain its program for moderately retarded teenagers if parents have the option of sending their children to regular schools, the State Department of Education has agreed.

The occupational school was opened by the county three years ago for junior and senior high school students who are classified as educable (moderately mentally retarded) and trainable (severely retarded).

Nearly all of the 250 students in the school are educable and

the State Department of Education informed school officials last month that the U.S. Office of Education guidelines forbid segregating mildly retarded students from other students.

The federal guidelines do not oppose separate schools for the severely retarded, who often also have serious physical handicaps, but the differences between an educable child and a normal student are not always apparent without special testing.

School Supt. Arnold Burton

and James T. Micklem, director of special education for the state, told the occupational school's PTA last night, however, that the educable program can stay at the school if the county also provides similar special classes at the other secondary schools for parents who want their children in regular schools.

The county does not now have special classes for educable students in the other schools.

Many parents of educable

students protested earlier when Burton announced that the future of the occupational school program was in doubt because of the federal regulations. They wanted their children to remain at their school because they fear other students would make fun of the slower students in regular schools.

Burton told the PTA that a survey will be made of parents to see how many want their children in regular secondary schools, but in special classes.



# THE DAILY ADVANCE

LYNCHBURG, VA., TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 15, 1975

## **\$1.537 million grant awarded to city by HUD**

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded a \$1.537 million community development block grant to the City of Lynchburg for major community improvement projects.

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's office in Washington, D. C., announced the grant award today, stating it was the first such grant given to a Sixth District jurisdiction.

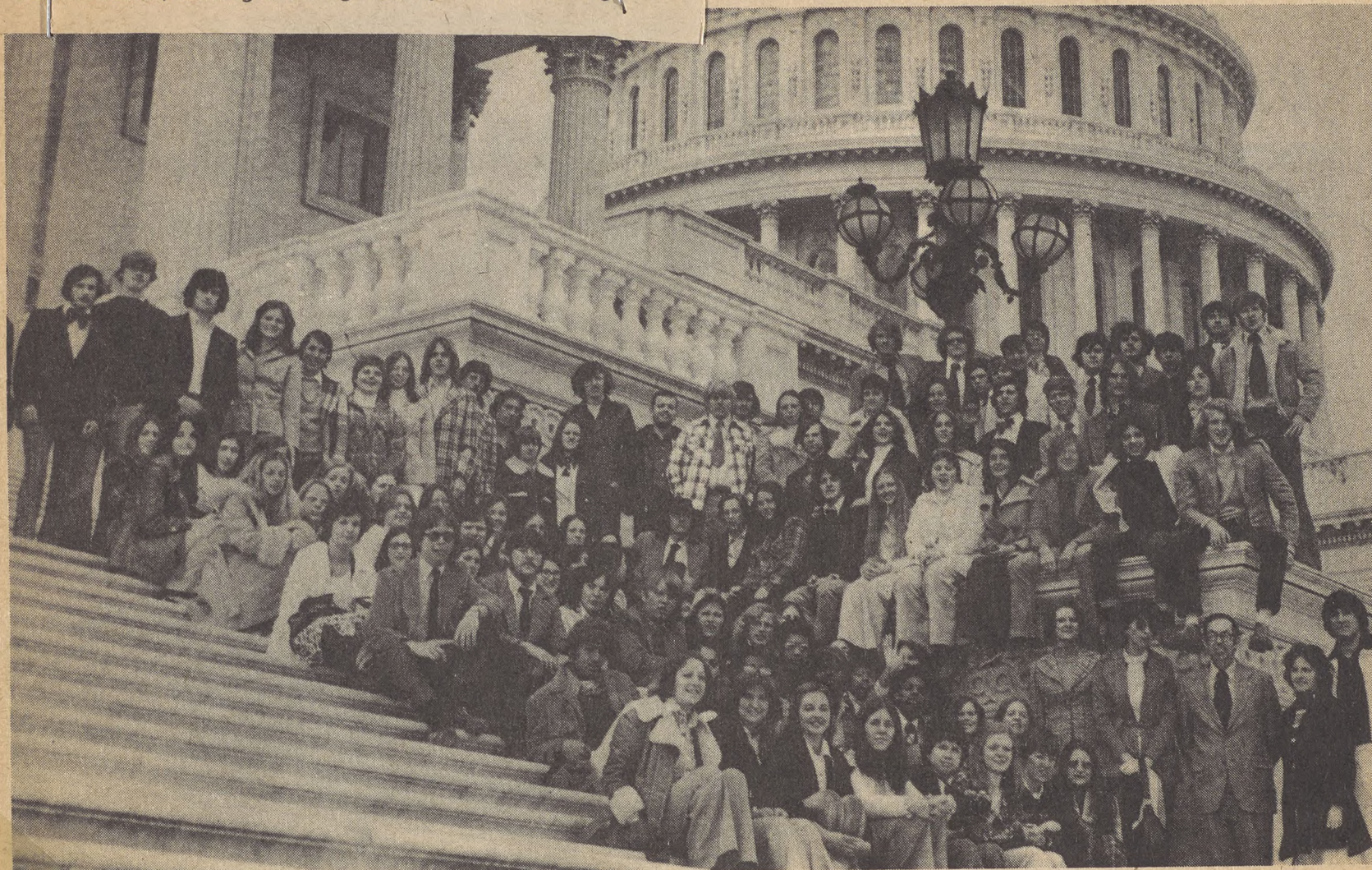
Richard Jacques, staff assistant in the Lynchburg City Manager's Office, said funds will be spent in the next year on the Daniels Hill neighborhood improvement project, re-

location of the Fifth Street fire station, restoration of the Old Court House, construction of a street and bridge to the Birchwood public housing project off of Langhorne Road, development of parks and play areas in various locations and spot demolition of old, vacant structures throughout the city.

C. Reggie Whitley, assistant to the city manager for operations, said the federal funds represent a "very successful effort" on the part of the city's government to work with the community to develop a coordinated and comprehensive community improvement program.



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MEETING with 6th District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler at the Capitol March 26 were these government students from Lexington High School.



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By JACK BETTS  
Times Washington Bureau

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**Rep. Butler's Man  
To Be Here Tuesday**

The Bedford Bulletin-Democrat, April 17, 1975

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his home county in the commission.

When that failed he introduced comprehensive rural development legislation encompassing all areas of the country that had jurisdictions wishing to join regional commissions, but that bill died in committee, too.

Butler and Buena Vista Mayor Schuler Kizer testified in favor of the Virginia legislation in recent subcommittee hearings on a two-year extension of the 1965 act, but Chairman Jones reportedly has declared since that there will be no additions this year.



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The Sixth District Congressman said, "We are blessed with a great country. There is no higher calling than a career in its service. I urge interested students to apply for this opportunity."



## Draft Post Office to move to Broadmoor



**PRESENT LOCATION** — The Stuarts Draft Post Office, now located in an older multi-story building in the center of the community, is expected to be moved to recently-opened Broadmoor Plaza Shopping Center on U.S. 340 north of the blinker light within the next 60 days. Al Sarno of Roanoke, district manager for the U.S. Postal Service, said today that a five-year lease is expected to be signed within the near future.

**STUARTS DRAFT** — A lease agreement is expected to be signed "within the very near future" to pave the way for moving the Stuarts Draft Post Office to Broadmoor Plaza Shopping Center.

Al Sarno of Roanoke, district manager for the U.S. Postal Service, confirmed today that he has recommended moving the facility to the recently-opened shopping center on U.S. 340 north of the blinker light. Barring unanticipated delays, the move will take place within 60 days, Mr. Sarno said.

He said the postal service expects to sign a five-year lease with option to renew.

"We feel the new facility will offer everything the community needs. The present quarters are cramped, and there is inadequate parking space," he continued.

While admitting that the move has sparked considerable controversy, Mr. Sarno said that, after "careful review", the shopping center location was found to be the only suitable facility available within the near future.

"A number of Stuarts Draft residents approached us a while back and asked if we would consider moving the post office to a more adequate facility. After studying the residential and industrial growth

pattern, we determined that a larger, more modern facility was needed. There have been a number of residents who have expressed support for the move, as well as numerous persons who opposed the proposal.

"The community is in dire need of expanded facilities to serve the growing area. Our only concern is to give the residents the best possible service. In this case, we feel the shopping center facility is the best overall solution to the problem," Mr. Sarno added.

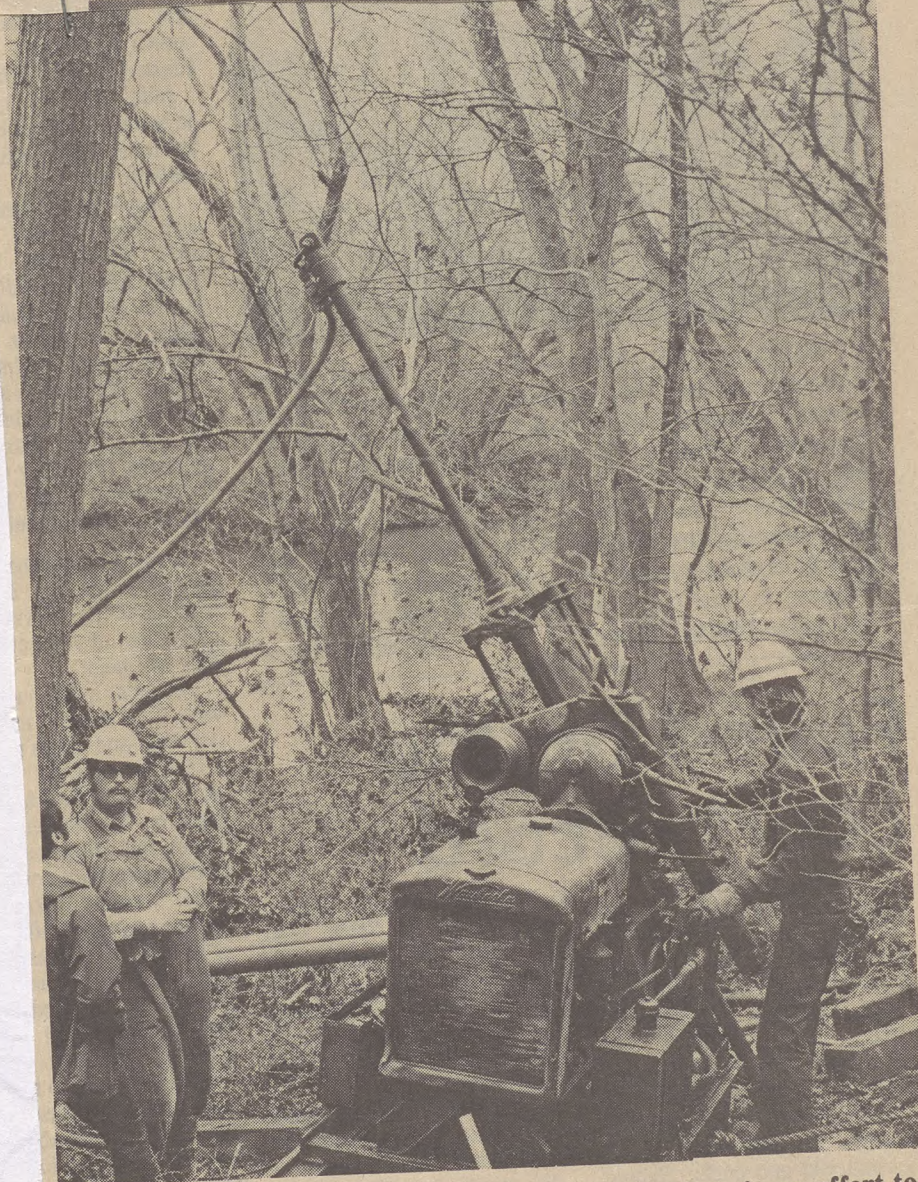
In a related matter, Mrs. Isca Mitchell, president of the Stuarts Draft Citizens for Community Action, announced the receipt Wednesday of a letter dated April 11 from U. S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler informing her of Mr. Sarno's approval of the move and stating that the decision should be formally announced in the near future.

Mrs. Mitchell acknowledged Wednesday night that a number of area residents are "disturbed" about the decision and are planning an attempt to reverse the decision.

Mr. Sarno said today that the decision will stand, unless an agreeable lease agreement cannot be made with shopping center owners.



**1** Staunton, Va., Leader, Friday, April 18, 1975



**DRILLING** a 45-degree angle hole along Middle River in an effort to determine the best site for the proposed Verona dam is a crew from the Baltimore District of the Army Corps of Engineers. (Photo by Emory Topping)



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## Engineers gather data for Verona dam

Two Army Corps of Engineers drill crews have started test borings that will provide data for use in selecting sites for the proposed Verona dam.

Corps spokesmen said this morning that 24 test holes will be drilled by the end of June in what is known as Phase I or investigative type activity. "We have \$40,000 for the remainder of this fiscal year and will ask for \$500,000 next year," explained project manager Robert Fletcher.

Corpsman Philip Woodbury indicated that as many as 50 holes may be drilled by next fall. Progressive reports will be made on each drilling, he explained.

Twenty-one rights of entry have been obtained from property owners in the area, which is about one mile upstream from the Damtown village. "I've never seen as much cooperation as we are getting from these people," said Mr. Woodbury.

Test borings will be made over an area

about 1,000 feet along Middle River to determine the type of rock and soil in the area. Results also will help determine what type of dam should be built.

A third rig, capable of drilling larger holes, will be brought to the site in August, corpsmen indicated.

Congress appropriated funds for the advanced engineering and design work in the Water Resources Act of 1974. No funds for construction have been authorized.

The program includes the drilling of two-inch core borings 25 to 50 feet deep to evaluate overburden depth and near surface weathering conditions. Other borings will be angle holes drilled at 45 degrees to investigate the bedrock layering and fracturing, ground water levels and under seepage conditions up to 100 feet below ground level.

The Baltimore Corps of Engineers

District geologists said drilling will continue through the summer and fall in the proposed reservoir area.

Concurrently, the corpsmen will be mapping the area, using ground surveys and aerial photography. Infrared imagery and satellite data also will be used to study the area. Occasional low altitude helicopter flights will be used.

Mr. Fletcher said most of the high level aerial photography has been completed. Aerial photography helps cut down on the amount of ground work, Mr. Woodbury explained, which results in reduced costs.



# Engineers Start Verona Dam Site Test Drillings

By N-V Staff Writer

VERONA — Exploratory drilling started near here today in test borings to provide data for use in selecting sites for the proposed Verona Dam.

This aspect of pre-planning work is being done by two drill crews from the Baltimore District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The work initiates Phase I advanced engineering and design work for the project, for which \$200,000 was authorized by Congress in the Water Resources Act of 1974. No construction funds have been authorized by the Congress.

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Project Manager Robert P. Fletcher Jr. said he expects the crews to drill 24 holes between now and the end of June, with \$40,000 appropriated for drilling in this current fiscal year.

He said the Corps of Engineers is asking Congress for an Appropriation of \$500,000 in 1975-76 to complete the first phase of the project. Mr. Fletcher said that a total of about 50 holes will be drilled in an area extending approximately 1,000 feet along the banks of Middle River.

Data obtained from this drilling operation, he said, will

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assist in a determination of the best dam site, as well as the type of construction.

The project manager said the general location of the proposed dam has already been photographed from the air. The photographs obtained and ground surveys are being used in the preparation of detailed topographic maps of the dam site, he said.

He noted that infra-red imagery and satellite data is also being used in the Corps' study of the location, as well as surveys from occasional low-altitude helicopter flights.

At a press briefing here this morning, the project manager and his crews had praise for the "agreeable cooperation" they have received from affected land owners in the area.

"The people have been really nice — even those who are opposed to the dam," Mr. Fletcher reported. He said he has been amazed at how well informed area residents are concerning the Corps project.

"They understand that this is an investigative activity, without any commitment for construction," he said.

Mr. Fletcher reported that the Corps of Engineers had "no trouble at all" in acquiring the 21 rights-of-entry needed to work on privately-owned property.

This phase of the Corps operation is a preliminary to a subsequent location and design phase, which will follow if Congress appropriates the necessary funds.



# Attempt to remove state from rights provision fails

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Two proposals aimed at giving Virginia a means of escaping the strictures of the U. S. Voting Rights Act have failed to gain the sanction of a House of Representatives subcommittee, but the man who forwarded the proposed legislation isn't giving up.

Republican Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of the 6th District conceded Friday that fellow members of a House Judiciary subcommittee may not have been prepared for the move.

Butler had brought to the committee's attention a proposal by Atty. Gen. Andrew P. Miller and, failing to find receptiveness, advanced his own proposal.

At first, Butler was seeking get subcommittee sanction for a proposal drafted by Miller. Under the proposal, there would have been certain conditions under which Virginia could be exempted from the law, which was enacted 10 years ago as a means of watching over half a dozen Southern states, whose voting laws were deemed by the federal government to be discriminatory toward blacks.

Miller's proposal, which Butler put before the subcommittee, would have overridden a U. S. Supreme Court ruling that locked Virginia into the

Voting Rights Act because blacks received inferior education in the state as recently as 10 years ago. This, the court had said, made the state's literacy test inherently discriminatory.

To overrule the court was a "big step...a massive change," that the subcommittee was unprepared to accept, said subcommittee Chairman Don Edwards, D-California.

Under the present voting rights act, Virginia and five other Southern states must get federal approval before changing any election laws. This is due to the fact that the six states were presumed to be discriminating against blacks in voting when the law was passed in 1965. The law is up for renewal this year and the Constitutional Rights subcommittee recommended Friday that it be extended for 10 years, rather than the five-year extension proposed by the Ford administration.

While Miller's proposal was greeted poorly by subcommitteesmen, there was some sympathy for a more limited avenue of escape proposed by Butler himself.

Butler's proposal, which he withdrew when it appeared headed for defeat if not

changed, would permit the courts to allow a state covered by the law to change its election laws without federal clearance on two conditions.

Under Butler's proposal, approval by the federal government of voting law changes in Virginia could be circumvented if at least 50 per cent of those eligible actually voted in the most recent presidential election, a goal Virginia has yet to achieve. And, under terms of another "escape" provision, the state would not need federal sanction if there were no substantial disparity between the percentage of blacks and whites who are registered to vote and do vote in the same election.

Butler called this a "reasonable bail-out, a reasonable escape clause," but Rep. John S. Seiberling, D-Ohio, objected to the fact that this would not cover discrimination in redistricting. Rep. Herman Badillo, D-New York, said it would not protect against discrimination against minority candidates by use of devices such as at large instead of ward-type elections.

Butler said he would redraft his piece of legislation in an attempt to gain the subcommittee's approval.



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MR. KINDIG

## Kindig will seek 4th term

South River District Supervisor Lyle R. Kindig has announced that he will seek the Republican nomination for another four-year term on the Augusta County Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Kindig, who was first elected to the board in 1963, is the first incumbent supervisor to announce his candidacy in the November election.

"I've enjoyed serving on the board," Mr. Kindig stated, "and I feel I've done a good job of serving the people of my district."

Mr. Kindig said his main reason for seeking re-election to the board "is because the people of my district have encouraged me to do so.

"My platform," he said, "will be my past record. I'm trying to represent the people in my district and the county on a fair and equal basis."

Mr. Kindig, who will be seeking his fourth term on the board, operates Kinmont Farm at Stuarts Draft with his brother and owns half interest in Edva Development Co., a home building business.

He was graduated from Wilson Memorial High School in 1948 and received a BS degree in business administration from Bridgewater College in 1952.

He has been engaged in farming since his graduation from Bridgewater College.

A member of the Stuarts Draft Ruritan Club and Mt. Vernon Church of the Brethren, Mr. Kindig is a director of United Virginia Bank—National Valley, and a director of Augusta County Savings and Loan Association of Stuarts Draft.

He is a past director of the American International Charolais Association and has held various offices in the Virginia-Carolinas Charolais Association.

Mr. Kindig married Edith V. Goodman of Lexington, and the couple has three children: a son who is a senior at VPI&SU,

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## Stuarts Draft Post Office Move Opposed

By N-V Staff Writer

STUARTS DRAFT — Local and state politicians and U.S. Postal Service officials are reportedly being contacted this weekend by Stuarts Draft citizens fighting the impending move of their post office from Main St. to Broadmoor Plaza on U.S. 340.

Mrs. Isca Mitchell, president of the citizens' group which is apparently leading the opposition to the signing of a lease for the Diehl Enterprises, Inc., office space, said that both U.S. Senator Harry F. Byrd Jr. and postal officials in Philadelphia, Pa., have been telephoned on the matter.

Sen. Byrd was in a meeting at the time, Mrs. Mitchell, leader of the Citizens for Community Action of Stuarts Draft, reported to The News-Virginian this morning.

"I did talk with his secretary, though," Mrs. Mitchell added. "She said they'd gotten quite a few telegrams (on the relocation) and that he (Sen. Byrd) was looking into it.

"I also understand a lot of telegrams went from here to Philadelphia," location of the U.S. Postal Service's area Real Estate and Buildings Office, Mrs. Mitchell said.

The president said she had reached an assistant to the head of the Philadelphia office yesterday who said he would have to obtain additional information from A. J. Sarno of Roanoke, manager of the postal service's Piedmont District, and John D. Ripley Jr., manager of the Sectional Center Facility in Lynchburg, to find the reasons for the decision to move the local post office.

Mrs. Mitchell said that press clippings and copies of radio editorials and petitions on the issue were also being forwarded to the area office.

Messages on the opposition here to the move have also been left with State Sen. Frank W. Nolen and Del. J. Marshall Coleman, both of whom could not be reached yesterday, Mrs. Mitchell said.

"It will be Monday or Tuesday before we'll really know anything," she added.



STAUNTON, VA., 24401, MONDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 21, 1975

# Hotly-contested races expected in election

BY CHESTER GOOLRICK III  
Leader Staff Writer

With South River Supervisor Lyle R. Kindig's announcement today that he will seek his fourth term on the Augusta County governmental body, this year's area political wars are officially under way.

In all, the terms of 12 Augusta County constitutional officers expire this year. In the next few weeks, political activity will heighten as both parties nominate candidates and set campaign machinery in motion.

Democrats dominate county offices, with members of the party holding nine of the 12 posts. Republicans are reportedly fighting mad this year after last November's stunning losses in the State Senate fight and will probably run a full slate to challenge the Democrats, according to sources within the party.

From reports gathered from ranking members of both parties, here is a rundown of the races as they shape up now:

—Board of Supervisors — The Democrats will probably not challenge two of the more firmly entrenched Republican members of the board: North River Supervisor C. Kenneth Landes and South River Supervisor Kindig.

B. Bruce Lamond, a Staunton car dealer, has reportedly told Democratic leaders he is interested in opposing A. R. Hull, Beverley Manor supervisor, but has not announced that decision publicly. On the other hand, Mr. Hull is rumored to be interested in running for the House of Delegates in the November election. If that is the case, and if Mr. Hull is nominated by his party to oppose Democratic incumbent Erwin S. Solomon, the race for Beverley Manor will be wide open.

All incumbent Democrats will run again, according to a highly-placed Democratic source, with the possible exception of Middle River Supervisor John S. Long, an interim replacement for former chairman Frank W. Nolen, now a state senator.

Mr. Long has apparently adopted a

wait-and-see attitude about running and will make his decision known soon. If the Augusta County educator does not run, the Democrats, according to their own admission, will be hard pressed to find a suitable candidate to run against whomever candidate the Republicans nominate.

The Republicans are expected to find opponents for all the Democratic supervisors, with Mrs. Houston Gaddy most often mentioned as the opposition to William A. Brooks in Riverheads District, and Carl P. Wonderly of Weyers Cave and J. Rupert Fulton of Mt. Meridian are said to be possible candidates in Middle River District.

Who the Republicans will find to run against incumbents David S. Showker Jr. in Pastures District and Stanford E. Quillen in Wayne District has not as yet been determined.

—Commissioner of Revenue — J. Hunter Shomo, the Democratic incumbent, will not run. Although he has

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## *Lease for Current SD Post Office Terminated*

By N-V Staff Writer

STUARTS DRAFT — The landlord of the present U.S. Post Office building on Main St. has been notified his lease with the U.S. Postal Service will be terminated next month, although postal authorities have not yet signed a lease for a new postal facility here, The News-Virginian learned this morning.

R. E. Hodge of Stuarts Draft reportedly received a form letter Saturday from the postal service's Baltimore Area Facilities Office in Columbia, Md., notifying him that his lease agreement with the government agency would be terminated May 16. The letter was dated April 16.

The lease, under which the postal service rents the building from Mr. Hodge for \$125 per month, reportedly was not due to expire until

December 1976. According to one source, however, the contract contains a clause allowing postal officials to terminate the agreement upon 30 days' notice.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the U.S. Postal Service Eastern Regional Headquarters in Philadelphia, Pa., said no lease has as yet been signed with Diehl Enterprises, Inc., for its intended use of space in the corporation's Broadmoor Plaza on U.S. 340.

The spokesman said "the intention is to move," however.

Several local residents opposed to the move indicated this morning they are currently waiting for results of phone calls and letters to area political figures and national postal officials on the relocation.



# Thomas tells supervisors I-64 work should start in summer; budget meet set

By Robert Damron

COVINGTON — Work should start on Interstate 64 this summer.

That optimistic prediction was made last night by Nelson E. Thomas, Alleghany County administrator, at the regular meeting of the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors.

Thomas gave the supervisors up to date information on the status of the proposed project.

## To Senate

He pointed out that the U.S. House of Representatives has passed a bill, calling for 100 percent funding of interstate roads. The bill has been sent to the Senate.

Thomas expressed gratitude to Sen. William Scott, Rep. Caldwell Butler of Virginia's Sixth Congressional District, and Del. William Wilson.

He said: "Sen. Scott, Congressman Butler and Del. Wilson have been key men in this project."

## After meeting

After the meeting, Thomas gave a letter, from Douglas B. Fugate, commissioner, Department of Highways and Transportation, State of Virginia, in which he wrote, "This route (Interstate 64) has been given a very high construction

priority and will be constructed just as soon as funding permits."

Thomas referred to a letter sent from Rep. William H. Harsha, ranking minority member, committee on public works and transportation.

In referring to the passage of the bill, Harsha, in his letter, said:

## Report

"I'm pleased to report that yesterday (April 10) the House adopted this bill and sent it to the Senate. I am hopeful of quick Senate action so that the new program can bear fruit. It is only applicable to these projects that can be obligated before June 30, 1975. I have enclosed a copy for your review.

"It is my understanding that the only thing standing in the way of construction on the final 22-mile segment of I-64 is the lack available state funds.

"If that is true, I am encouraged that work may be able to resume in the near future as a result of congressional action to complete this vital link in America's Interstate network."

## 22-mile

Thomas said the 22-mile segment would cost an estimated \$80-million.

It calls for the construction of I-64 between Longdale Furnace in Alleghany County and Kerr's Creek.

In other matters, the supervisors set April 28 for a workshop session. At this session they will discuss the budget, also consider requests from the welfare department, Iron Gate Fire Department and Dunlap Fire Department. The Iron Gate Fire Department is requesting a fire truck.

The supervisors granted a request from B.C. Moomaw Jr., who asked the board to pass a resolution showing continued interest in the Gathright Dam.



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**BUTLER REPRESENTATIVE**  
A representative of U.S. Rep.  
M. Caldwell Butler will be in  
Staunton City Hall's Council  
Chambers Thursday from 1-5  
p.m. to meet with area  
residents.



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applicants are now referred to The Salvation Army, he said.

The federal food stamp program which began here in July has nearly tripled its list of eligible recipients since Fall, Mr. Pendergraft said, although not all of those declared eligible actually obtain the stamps each month.

From July through October the list of eligible food stamp clients contained some 175-200 names, the superintendent noted. In November that number rose to 230 and it now stands at 600-650 per month.

"We're getting the applications at the rate of about 20 new ones a week," he added. "It's slacked up a little but not a great deal . . . I haven't seen the trend stopping."

At the Staunton - Augusta County Department of Public Welfare, Clerical Supervisor Mrs. Constance Campbell also reported increases — although more modest ones — in the food stamp and general relief categories.

So far this fiscal year, she said, the general relief caseload has risen from 36 in July to 75 in February, counting those in nursing homes who receive maintenance money. During the same period, the food stamp rolls increased 121 per cent, from 275 cases in July to 608 in February.

The general relief funds allocated for this year appear adequate, however, the supervisor said.

"Right now it looks like we're going to be okay."

Although there is a difference in the amounts of increase for the two offices, the spokesmen for both agreed on the cause of those increases — the current "financial crunch" in the area.

"It's all attributable to the economy," Mr. Pendergraft commented. "These people aren't the normal people we used to get in the welfare department."

Mr. Pendergraft noted, in fact, the number of clients for two other types of assistance provided by his office, Welfare and Aid to Dependent Children, has increased but not kept pace with the increases in food stamp and general relief applications.

He feels the other increases cannot be attributed to a slump in the economy. Many of the welfare recipients have been unemployed since before the downturn, he said, and "it doesn't correlate during the same time period. I think we would have had that increase in welfare and ADC anyway."

"We figure it's due to the unemployment rate," Mrs. Campbell said of the rise in her office's workload, "especially in the general relief and food stamps."

Aid to Dependent Children in Staunton and Augusta has increased 16.85 per cent during the fiscal year but public assistance "is not that great over any other year."

The two agencies differed sharply in reports about one area: the number of fraudulent applications for financial help from the government.

"We're finding more and more of this," Mr. Pendergraft remarked. "If we used to have one every six months, now we're getting two, three and four a month — that we're catching."

Mrs. Carolyn Sturgill, eligibility supervisor for the Staunton-Augusta County department, said there has "definitely not been any increase" in the number of persons who, for example, state on a general relief application that they do not own a car when in fact they do or make other misrepresentations.

In November the Valley Regional Office of the State Department of Welfare, which includes the Waynesboro-Staunton-Augusta County area, acquired a special assistant attorney general to help investigate such cases.

"It's difficult to say" if there has been an increase in this region, noted Thomas J. Czelusta, the special assistant assigned to the Verona office.

"We have been getting them in good numbers, but it's hard to say whether we're beginning to look harder for them or if there's been an actual increase in the amount of fraud."

Since November Mr. Czelusta has helped or is helping local Commonwealth's attorneys with approximately 50 such cases in his area of 23 cities and counties.

Mr. Pendergraft said his office has followed through on prosecution of one false claim, is considering similar action against two or three more persons and intends to press for court proceedings against any person believed to have deliberately misstated a claim for help.

"This is tax money regulated by the state and federal governments," Mr. Pendergraft noted. "These programs are being run to help people who need them and qualify for them."

Mr. Pendergraft said, however, he did not know if the increase in false claims, like the increase in legitimate ones, was another outgrowth of the recent economic downturn here.

That downturn has affected the private aid agencies as well as the tax-supported ones. A second article will look at how local Salvation Army and American Red Cross offices have been faring.



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## Western Electric Lays Off Workers

Western Electric Co.'s Lynchburg operation will lay off eight employees after Friday, according to H. C. Metts, orbit supervisor.

Metts said the local operation, which installs central office telephone equipment, employs 39 persons. He blamed the personnel cutback on a lack of business, saying that the "general economic decline is catching up with us."

He added that he is hopeful the workers will be called back within six months to a year, but said he is uncertain and

the employment situation depends on economic conditions.



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# Demand Still Strong In Area For Food Stamps, Other Aid

By WALT KEHOE  
N-V Staff Writer

(First of two articles)

The same economic slump which has prompted "belt tightening" for many area families over the past several months is also putting a strain on some of the agencies set up to help such families.

Of six relief agencies contacted by The News-Virginian, five reported what appear to be significant increases in the demand for their services lately. A number of the organizations have had to seek or are planning to seek supplemental funds. Officials for some of the groups said they have had to economize in other areas because of the squeeze.

The economic downturn which began here last Fall has had another effect, according to a spokesman for one agency — an increase in the number of fraudulent claims for monetary help.

Today's article reviews conditions at two government agencies designed to assist citizens in economic trouble: Waynesboro's Department of Public Assistance and the Staunton - Augusta Department of Public Welfare.

Superintendent G. O. Pendergraft Jr. of the Waynesboro department reported the number of persons applying for food stamps or general relief funds has been "skyrocketing" in recent months.

"My general relief funds are exhausted for this fiscal year," he noted.

Some of the general relief funds normally go to qualified persons who find themselves in a financial emergency — in danger of having their electricity shut off or of being evicted from their apartment because they have been unable to pay

their bills, for example. Most of the persons applying are unemployed, according to Mr. Pendergraft.

General relief also furnishes support payments for certain Waynesboro residents in the District Home.

The state provides 62½ per cent of the money for general relief; the locality 37½ per cent.

So far this fiscal year, Mr. Pendergraft said, "there have been probably three or four times as many people needing the funds as in normal situations."

During the previous fiscal year, he reported, the Department of Public Assistance budgeted and spent about \$16,000 on general relief.

This year, "we exhausted that much by January," he said. There was a "tremendous run" on the funds during November, December and January, Mr. Pendergraft noted. In January the superintendent obtained an additional \$14,000 through an appeal to the State Department of Welfare and Waynesboro City Council.

After another appeal this month, Mr. Pendergraft was told the state would be willing to pay its share of an additional \$15,200. The matter is due to come before City Council next week, the superintendent said.

"But that money (\$15,200) is already allocated," he said this week. "It will cost me that much just to maintain the people we have in the District Home until July 1."

"I don't have any money for emergency relief."

Until the new fiscal year in July, at least, "I just have to say, I'm sorry" to persons seeking the emergency relief, Mr. Pendergraft said. "I can't spend it if I don't have it." Such

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# City Council To Apply For Federal Programs

by N-G staff writer

Lexington City Council voted formal approval of city participation in two more federal programs Thursday—one making government-subsidized flood insurance available, and the other seeking \$100,000 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) toward development of the Woods Creek Park.

Under the flood-protection program property owners in the "100-year flood plains" would become eligible to purchase federally-subsidized flood insurance.

If they fail to purchase the insurance, when it becomes available, they could be disqualified for other types of federal flood assistance, such as loans through federal banks and programs such as the Veterans Administration, Federal Housing Authority and member banks of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp.

In addition, the federal program approved by council forbids future residential construction where the first floor would be at the "100-year" flood level. Industrial development would be per-

mitted, but "floodproofing" is required up to the level of the "100-year flood."

In exchange for a community's accepting those federal requirements, HUD subsidizes 90 per cent of the cost of flood insurance purchased by landowners on the flood plain.

The "100-year flood" is the kind experienced about once a century on average, such as the flood caused in 1969 by Hurricane Camille.

Council agreed to cooperate with HUD and with state and local agencies in fixing the boundaries of the 100-year flood plain in the city and to file annual reports on the "development and implementation" of flood and mudslide control measures.

Stephen L. Hogye, assistant state coordinator for flood insurance and flood plain studies for Virginia's State Water Control Board, told council the requirements for flood proofing would not be retroactive to the sewage treatment plant, located in a flood-plain area along the Maury River. But future additions to the plant would fall under that provision, Hogye acknowledged.

Other area localities have already qualified for or have

applied for the flood insurance program. Lexington had not applied earlier because of its very limited exposure on the Maury River and also because citizens had expressed no interest in such a program. However, considerations of future land use prompted the city to go ahead with an application for the flood program.

Council also gave final approval to an application for \$100,000 under HUD's Community Development Block Grant program for the Woods Creek Park project.

City manager John V. Doane said no detailed cost estimates for completing the proposed park have yet been made and that the \$100,000 figure does not necessarily represent such an estimate.

Approval of the project came after a public hearing during which only one citizen spoke.

Doane said the cost of preparing the application and necessary documents to support it will total about \$5,000. That sum would be reimbursed if the grant is approved. Doane has hired Alan Prater, a former W&L

law student, on a temporary basis to work on preparing the application. Council authorized \$1,000 earlier this month for general expenses in connection with the grant application.

Council was also required to approve an ordinance Thursday which will place Doane under federal control in connection with the HUD grant if it is approved. The federal agency demands that the city official in charge of HUD-funded projects—in this case, Doane as Lexington's city manager—"assume the status of a responsible federal official" and "accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts" in connection with the grant program.

Doane, who consistently refrained from making a recommendation either in favor of or against Lexington's participation in the HUD program, had warned council on several occasions during previous discussion of the program that it would involve "volumes" of red tape and restrictions and regulations imposed from Washington.

The Woods Creek Park plan includes proposals for nature trails for walking and bicycling with recreation areas at both ends—at the south in the Hillside Terrace area, and at the north end on the island in the Maury River, where playing fields, picnic tables and such facilities might be installed.

Much of the land along Woods Creek, which would be necessary for development of a park and trails, is owned by Washington and Lee and Virginia Military Institute, which are backers of the park idea.

In all the proposed park extends 1.4 miles from the Maury south to a willow dell behind Waddell School. W&L has announced plans to demolish its temporary married student housing adjacent to the area this summer, and the city planning commission is currently considering future uses for that land.



# County Retains Special Student Program

By DONNA SHOEMAKER  
Times Education Writer

Roanoke County's junior and high school age educable mentally retarded students will be able to either stay in their special school or attend special education classes in regular secondary schools, the county and the State Department of Education have agreed.

The agreement, outlined Tuesday night by Supt. Arnold Burton and James T. Micklem, director of the Division of Special Education with the State Department of Education in Richmond, will mean the special school, the Roanoke County Occupational Center, will be able to keep its program for the special students intact.

County officials had been told earlier that they would have to "mainstream," or put into special classes in regular schools, all the secondary-level educable mentally retarded students because the school was not in compliance with state and federal regulations that say handicapped children should not be separated from regular children unless their handicaps are severe.

The agreement was announced at a meeting of the school's PTA, to which Micklem had been invited to answer questions that had been troubling the parents, many of whom preferred that their children stay in the more protected environment of the school. The occupational center offers programs similar to junior and high school programs, but with a more intensive vocational emphasis.

Burton said special centers would be set up in other upper-level schools where there is available room, but the center sites have not been chosen. The children will take academic subjects—such as reading, math and music—and then be bused back to the occupational center for vocational training.

Roanoke County was one of the few localities with a separate facility for students who are moderately retarded, and the only locality in the state that had built a new school for the students. The trainable

mentally retarded students also attend the Occupational Center, now in its third year, but the state had no contention with separate facilities for them since their handicaps are more severe than those of the educable retarded students.

Of the 250 students at the school, about 210 or 215 are classified as educable.

About 110 parents, teachers and students attended the meeting—the largest parent turnout Micklem said he had ever seen for an issue in special education. He said he felt the State Board of Education would be willing to go along with the compromise agreement since parents will now have an alternative of where to

send their children. They can choose to send them to regular schools now, but there are no provisions for special education teachers for them at the secondary level.

Burton said a survey would be taken of parents to find out how many want the alternative classes in regular schools.



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## Negro builders settle public housing bias suit

Negro builders in central Virginia have settled a discrimination suit filed here last week that complained Negro builders were denied adequate opportunity to bid on a low-cost public housing project here.

The suit was filed by the Piedmont Area Minority Builders Association against the Lynchburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and two contractors on the Birchwood

low income housing project here.

The builders had sought \$1.3 million in damages. No damage payment was listed in the settlement, but both sides agreed an arrangement had been made for payment of the plaintiffs' court costs, attorney's fees and out-of-pocket expenses in bringing the suit.

The builders association, which represents about 25 Lynchburg area builders, claimed they weren't given proper notification or opportunity to bid on the Birchwood project.

The negotiations began at 11 a.m. Tuesday and ended at 8:55 p.m., at which time Judge Merhige noted the "parties had settled their differences" and that his "dismissal order would follow."

Alexander Bell, the builders association attorney, said the settlement was extremely favorable for his client. Attorneys for both sides said the settlement contains safeguards to prevent the situation from occurring again.

The agreement will give the minority builders as much opportunity as possible to partici-

pate in the Birchwood project, the attorneys said.

U. S. District Court Judge Robert R. Merhige Jr. said he was pleased the parties were able to resolve their differences.

Merhige said James Young, the president of the builders association, had done a service to Lynchburg by bringing the suit.

Merhige said after the agreement was reached Tuesday night that he believes no black contractor has ever held a subcontract on a federal project in Lynchburg.

Merhige also said he believes there were procedural deficiencies in the letting of contracts for the \$2.5 million Birchwood project.

The public agencies involved have not met their affirmative action responsibilities vigorously, the judge added, saying he felt the federal government should have been a plaintiff in the case.

The contractor named in the suit was identified as the Bush Organization of Norfolk and the project subcontractor as the Creative Construction and Development Corp. of Roanoke.



## Keep Fair Trade

HAVE YOU EVER considered the possibility that repeal of the fair trade laws would be anti-consumer and not beneficial to the public?

As public relations counsel for the Marketing Policy Institute, we would like to call your attention to the current attack on the fair trade laws. The institute believes repeal of these laws will be harmful to the consumer, rather than beneficial. This is because repeal will create in various industries situations similar to that in the food industry, where there are no fair trade laws. As

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you know, the big chains virtually have driven out the little grocery stores, and now can charge whatever the traffic will bear, and usually do.

Repeal of fair trade laws could lead to price wars, the most potent weapon of monopoly, a simple and effective means of big business organizations to kill off their small rivals. Thus, this repeal legislation (in Congress and in several states), if enacted, will sound the death knell for thousands of small businesses across the nation.

Members of the Marketing Policy Institute are fair trade manufacturers who believe the consumer will be best served by a competitive one-price policy for all, in contrast to the Oriental marketplace type of haggling for a price. The consumer, unless he has "connections" or is a very sharp bargainer, usually ends up paying more in such an unorganized market.

Most Americans cherish their good names. So do the manufacturers who are represented by the Marketing Policy Institute. That is what fair trade is all about—the right companies to offer the public quality goods, under well-known brand names, at a fair market value which does not change from one customer to the next, depending on the whim of the retailer.

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Washington, D.C.



## **Bicentennial unit gets 2 new members**

The leadership of the Lynchburg Bicentennial Commission has been restructured with two new appointments by Mayor Leighton B. Dodd.

The mayor has appointed Mrs. Elliot S. Schewel of 4316 Gorman Drive to succeed C. Arthur Middleton Jr. as chairman. Middleton, executive director of the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce, resigned from the commission because of business commitments.

Dodd appointed the Rev. Herbert R. Moore of 4823 Old Boonsboro Road to fill a new position of commission vice chairman. The mayor he made the additional appointment to maintain a continuity of leadership. Dodd explained there already have been several commission chairman.

"I am very pleased that Mrs. Schewel and Reverend Moore have agreed to serve as chairperson and vice chairman respectively of the Lynchburg Bicentennial Commission. Both individuals are dedicated citizens and will provide the necessary leadership so the Bicentennial observance in Lynchburg will be a meaningful experience to each citizen," Dodd said.

The mayor also has appointed five others to help plan for the observance.

Wistar H. Trent of 2911 Duval Place was named to replace Middleton as a commission member.

Appointed to the Youth Bicentennial Commission were: Everett A. Motley and Robert Veazey, both Lynchburg College students; and Mark Duckworth and Kim Read, both students at Central Virginia Community College.



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split on issue**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here is how Virginia congressmen voted in the roll call by which the House rejected, 262-151, an amendment to deny President Ford authority to use U.S. military forces if necessary to evacuate South Vietnamese as well as Americans.

Democrats — Dan Daniel no; Downing no; Fisher yes; Harris yes; Satterfield no.

Republicans — Butler no; R. W. Daniel no; Robinson no; Wampler no; Whitehurst no.

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## Voting Amendment Fails

By WAYNE WOODLIEF  
Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — An amendment which would give states such as Virginia and North Carolina a chance to exempt themselves from the harsher federal review provisions of the Voting Rights Act failed before a House judiciary subcommittee Wednesday.

But Virginia Republican Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, the amendment's author, said he would reintroduce the amendment when the full Judiciary Committee considers the bill next Tuesday. If it loses then, Butler said, he will take his effort to the House floor.

House action on a new 10-year extension of the Voting Rights Act, originally passed in 1965, is expected in mid-May. The Judiciary Committee's civil rights subcommittee defeated Butler's amend-

ment, 5-2, on a straight party line vote. Only Rep. Thomas Kindness, an Ohio Republican, voted with Butler.

Butler told a reporter Tuesday that his amendment is designed to permit states to escape from federal review of state election laws, so long as those states can prove they don't discriminate against black voters.

The proof, under the Butler amendment, would consist of three basic elements:

1. The state would have to show a 60 per cent or better voting turnout at the most recent presidential election, without any "substantial" gap in the voting between the white and minority race registrants.
2. The state must demonstrate five years of "purity" under the Voting Rights

Act; that is, the state must be free of any voting rights action against it—by court order, federal examiners or the like—for the preceding five years.

3. The state legislature must enact "affirmative action" programs to provide "reasonable opportunity" for minority participation in the voting process.

The state also must assure "adequate opportunity for minority representation" on all local governing bodies where the community has greater than a 25 per cent minority race population.

The amendment would "be in the interest of black voters," Butler said, "because it would spell out an affirmative action program for states, and provide an incentive for state action where there is none under the Voting Rights Act."

Under the present act and under Su-

preme Court rulings, a state's past record of racial discrimination keeps that state under the Voting Rights Act even if it has ended voting discrimination.

The most minor changes in voting laws and practice, in a state under the act, are subject to federal review, even a locality's adoption of special programs to ease voter registration.

Butler shaped his amendment to meet objections raised during subcommittee hearings that any escape clause for states must contain sufficient guarantees for minority voting rights.

"This whole thing goes further than I would go if it were just up to me," Butler said. "It's a hell of an imposition of federal jurisdiction on the states. But we may have to take that to get out from under the act."



## Bicentennial Board Plans Clean-Up, Museum Drives

The Board of Directors of the Bedford Bicentennial Commission met Monday night in the Chamber of Commerce Building. It was stressed that the two tangible goals of the 10 year Bicentennial celebration in Bedford City and County are a definite working plan for cleaning up and keeping clean the city and county, and organizing a museum which can be used constantly by the city and county schools and all interested citizens.

The kick-off meeting of the clean-up campaign, which will be the special project of the Bedford Council of Garden Clubs, will be held in the Bedford Baptist Church Social Hall Monday night, May 5 at 8:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Col. James T. Kolb, U. S. Army (Retired). He is chairman of the Botetourt County clean-up campaign, which is one of that county's Bicentennial projects, also. Col. Kolb will give valuable information on how they have conducted their campaign

during the past year and he will answer questions regarding Bedford's method of procedure. It is hoped that every civic organization in the city and county will be represented at this important meeting which is open to all citizens.

Names of the Bicentennial Princesses, from whom the Bicentennial Queen will be selected, were announced. These young ladies were chosen from each of the high schools in the county. Their pictures will be displayed in a window of the Peoples Furniture Store on the opening of the Merchants' Old Fashioned Days, May 1.

Everyone is expected to join in picking the queen from among these ten girls. Voting will continue through May 10. Votes are 25 cents each and the girl receiving the largest number of votes will reign as queen through 1976. The other girls will be princesses in her court. All will wear costumes of the Revolutionary Period.

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The queen will be crowned at the Bicentennial Variety Show in the Bedford Elementary School Auditorium July 3 and then all will ride on the queen's float during the Fourth of July celebrations the following day.

Princesses from Liberty High School are Suzanne Bradshaw, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Bradshaw of Bedford City, Anne Bolling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Onex R. Bolling, also of Bedford, and Nancy Goode, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Goode of Huddleston, Deborah Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Martin of Blue Ridge. From Staunton River High School, Princesses are Cindy Mays, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Mays of Blue Ridge, Nita Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Miller of Vinton, and Cindy Noell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. Noell of Vinton. Princesses from Jefferson Forest High School are Nancy Watts, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Watts of Big Island, Loretta Austin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Austin of Forest, and Dawn Hensley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Hensley of Big Island. These girls and their mothers will meet at 3 P.M. Sunday, April 27 at the home of Mrs. J. W. Hayes to bring their pictures and discuss costumes and other plans. Mrs. Harry E. Welsh will take colored moving pictures at this first meeting of the princesses for the permanent Bicentennial record.

Charlie W. Slade, Bicentennial vice-chairman representing the black citizens, spoke of their plans for the week of July 4 and of a special exhibit depicting the black people's participation during the Revolutionary Period. This will be set up near the downtown area to be available for everyone to visit. The black people will, of course, enter into all plans of the Bicentennial Commission in Bedford.



# New Plants May Locate In Amherst

By LAWSON MARSHALL  
News State Editor

CLIFFORD — Prospects are "extremely good" for two new industries employing up to 400 persons to locate in Amherst County, members of the county Chamber of Commerce were told Wednesday night.

Giving the industrial report prepared by Zane G. Snead, L. John Denney told the chamber members at their annual dinner meeting at Winton Country Club plans have not been finalized for the yet unannounced plants but they are well along in planning their installations.

The report said one industry would employ 250 to 300 workers and would be located in the Amherst Industrial Park.

The other plant would employ 75 to 100 workers at a Dillard Industrial Park site.

In recapping other industrial development achievements during the past year, Denney gave additional information on a clockmaking firm coming to the Amherst park.

Franz Hermle and Sohn, Clockmakers, a West German firm, will build a 40,000-square foot facility to manufacture clock parts, complete movements, cases and sell these components or complete

clocks.

The Amherst plant will initially employ 275 to 300 persons with future expansion expected.

The family owned corporation has eight German plants. The Amherst plant, the first in the U.S., will be similar to the home office plant, he said.

The Development Corp. has been working for some time to have Bassett Furniture Co. reopen its Amherst plant. There is some hope this can be accomplished or make it available to another company, the report said.

Recapping the progress of the Virginia Fibre Corp. plant at Riverville, Denney said completion of the \$56 million first phase plant is expected in July and a feasibility study is being completed on locating an \$80 million plant at the site.

Denney gave credit to the "confidence and courage" of 21 individuals in the Amherst area who contributed \$28,000 to begin the Amherst Development Corp.

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## scheduled on post office

STUARTS DRAFT — A meeting has been scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday in Roanoke at which time a group of Stuarts Draft residents will discuss alternate proposals for the relocation of the Stuarts Draft Post Office.

State Sen. Frank W. Nolen arranged the meeting through the office of U. S. Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr. The meeting between Al Sarno, district manager for the U. S. Postal Service, and about six businessmen and women is scheduled so they may discuss alternatives to the announced decision to move the post office to Broadmoor Plaza Shopping Center here.

Sen. Nolen said today he tentatively plans to attend the Friday meeting. He acknowledged that he was contacted last weekend by a group of Stuarts Draft residents who informed him that they recently met in Lynchburg with a postal official at which time they were assured they would be "consulted further on the move". The decision to relocate reportedly was announced without further discussion between postal officials and the residents.



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## CIA And Warren Commission

A reported inquiry by the presidential panel investigating Central Intelligence Agency operations raises a disturbing question: Did the CIA withhold vital information from the Warren Commission when it probed the assassination of President John F. Kennedy? This possibility is suggested by reports that the Rockefeller panel's staff has formally demanded CIA disclosure of any contracts with would-be assassins of Cuban Premier Fiedel Castro.

It must be stressed that at present the entire matter appears highly speculative. If there were indeed CIA contracts for Castro's murder, they would not

necessarily have borne any relationship to the murder of President Kennedy.

There have been rumors, however, that Kennedy's death was ordered by Castro in retaliation for attempts on his own life. Information about any CIA involvement in a plot to kill the Cuban premier would obviously have been germane to any Warren Commission investigation of these rumors. If this information was withheld in the aftermath of the Kennedy assassination, it should be revealed now. The only acceptable course for the CIA at this time is to make a prompt and honest reply to the presidential commission's inquiries.



## Draft P.O. Decision Postponed

By N-V Staff Writer

ROANOKE — A U.S. postal official listened this morning to proposals for an alternate location of the Stuarts Draft Post Office and told Draft residents he would "take the alternative into consideration."

State Sen. Frank W. Nolen, who attended the meeting, said A. J. Sarno, manager of the postal service's Piedmont District, was receptive to the dozen Stuarts Draft businessmen and women who offered a "compromise" site for the post office. The alternate site is situated near the Stuarts Draft Rescue Squad Building.

"Mr. Sarno said he would take  
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the alternate plan and deliberate over it," said Mr. Nolen. "He said: 'Tell the people back home to keep on buying stamps where they've been buying them.'"

Mr. Nolen said apparently the Stuarts Draft Post Office will remain at its present site until Mr. Sarno makes a further decision, possibly some time next week.

"Mr. Sarno mentioned the Broadmoor Plaza lease remains unsigned and that he received a letter stating the present lease for the building on Main St. could be renewed and need not be cancelled by the May 16 deadline," reported Mr. Nolen.



A LIBERAL is someone who drives a foreign car while bleeding over the plight of Detroit's unemployed; someone who wants to cut defense spending, believing that it's more moral for defense workers to be unemployed than to manufacture arms.

He's a great champion of civil liberties, while telling South Vietnam and Cambodia that they must go Communist and thus surrender all civil liberties. He believes it wrong to discriminate on the basis of an individual's preference, disregarding the fact that the individual's preference might be rape, sadism, or attacking children. He's uncompromising on ecology, even if it means higher electric rates, out-of-work miners and UAW members.

He doesn't really believe in democracy because he feels the rights of minorities. . . social, racial or economic. . . are more important than the decisions made by the majority. All of which keeps the liberal far too busy to ever stop emoting and start thinking.

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# Del. Pendleton

THE DAILY ADVANCE, Lynchburg, Va., Sat., Apr. 26, 1975

## says he'll run for re-election

Del. Donald G. Pendleton of Amherst today announced that he will seek the Democratic nomination for one of the two seats in the 11th Legislative District.

The two Democratic candidates will be chosen at the 11th Legislative District Convention at 3 p. m. June 7 at Nelson County Junior High School.

Pendleton, who will be seeking his sixth term in the House of Delegates, is presently chairman of the Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions.

A member of the House of Delegates since 1965, he ranks fourth on the Courts of Justice Committee, third on the Roads and Transportation Committee and 11th on the Privileges and Elections Committee. He is also vice chairman of the Claims Committee.

In announcing his candidacy, he said, "I will be seeking my sixth term to serve in the Virginia House of Delegates, and I look forward with a great deal of interest to campaigning this fall if I am successful on the nomination, in trying to reach and talk with the citizens of Lynchburg, Amherst County and Nelson County, to find out their views on issues and problems facing the Commonwealth of Virginia at this time."

A native of Lynchburg, he attended Phillips Business College. He received a BA degree in political science from Lynchburg College and a LLB degree from the University of Virginia.

The Amherst attorney is a former chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee; former president of the Young Democratic Club of Amherst; a member of the State Democratic Central Committee and a member of the State Democratic Finance Committee. He is a former trial judge in Amherst County, and a member of the Amherst, Nelson and Lynchburg Chambers of Commerce and the Amherst Board of Directors of Fidelity-American Bank.

He has worked actively through his committee appointments for improvement in public education, transportation, mental hospitals, highway safety, improved police protection, welfare reform and has carried the fight for a more efficient and tax-saving correctional system.

He is presently engaged in trying to develop a model program for alcohol and drug abuse for the U. S. through the legislative committee of which he is chairman.

In the past session, he was successful in passing child abuse legislation and the funding, plus obtaining monies for correction improvement including the new classification and receiving center for the state.



# Preview Of Bicentennial Scheduled For May 4-10

By GARY KEARNS

News Staff Writer

The Lynchburg Bicentennial Commission has released its plans for the Bicentennial Preview Week to be observed here May 4-10, 1975.

According to Richard D. Jacques, staff assistant to City Manager David B. Norman and cultural affairs coordinator for the city, Preview Week officially will begin Lynchburg's observance of the American Bicentennial, which will continue on through 1976.

The Bicentennial Commission anticipates that the entire week will generate more interest in the Bicentennial and will attract additional individuals and civic organizations into taking an active part in the planned activities and programs.

Various civic organizations, already involved in the Bicentennial, will have exhibits in many of the city's store windows, providing an illustration of Bicentennial projects as well as aspects of local and national history.

The exhibits will be on displays which will include the Lynchburg Police Department's Honor Guard.

A "Bicentennial Night" is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center.

The program will include a presentation of the city's history by Dr. Clifton Potter, a visual presentation on the Old Court House, music by the E.C. Glass High School Band and Chorale. A reception will follow.

On Saturday, May 10, the

play from May 3-10.

The first major event of Preview Week will be a guided wildflower pilgrimage in a portion of the Blackwater Creek Natural Area on Saturday, May 3.

The tour will begin at 9 a.m. and will be guided by Dr. Gwynn Ramsey, a professor of biology at Lynchburg College.

near Riverside Park.

These courts, presently being renovated, will be dedicated to Dr. R. Walter Johnson in commemoration of Dr. Johnson's life-long pursuit of training minority athletes in the game of tennis.

According to local naturalists, this time of year is one of particular beauty because of the many plants in bloom. The wildflower pilgrimage is being sponsored in part by the Friends of Lynchburg Stream Valleys. The Blackwater Creek Natural Area is one of the major Bicentennial projects.

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and has developed what its members consider to be a comprehensive and significant plan.

Projects, both planned and in progress, represent those which will have a lasting and meaningful purpose, says Jacques.



LOVINGSTON — The Nelson County Historical Society held an organizational meeting at the Courthouse recently.

Al Weed was elected president. Other officers elected were Lee Dietrich, vice president, and Lew Southard, treasurer. A secretary will be appointed by the club directors in the near future. Directors elected included Mrs. Lindsay Spicer, Alan Hale and T. David Thelen.

The society discussed plans to sell prints of Nelson County historical map of Nelson County.

## Preview Of Bicentennial Scheduled For May 4-10

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Interested individuals and groups wishing to go on the tour should meet at Linkhorne Junior High School at 9 a.m.

**Sunday, May 4, will see the official ceremonies ushering in the city's observance of the Bicentennial in Miller Park at 2 p.m.**

Highlights of the ceremonies include a spectacular performance of the Fort Myer Old Guard Drum and Fife Corps of the Third U.S. Infantry.

The 32-member unit will stage a 30-minute performance during the afternoon festivities. Confirmation of the Old Guard coming to Lynchburg was made by Maj. Gen. Ronald J. Fairfield Jr., commanding general, U.S. Army Military District of Washington.

The Lynchburg Baptist College Chorale also will perform throughout the afternoon ceremonies, presenting parts of the "Americanism" program.

Also as part of the event, a "liberty tree" will be planted in Miller Park as was done during Lynchburg's sesquicentennial in 1936, marking the city's 150th birthday as a municipal corporation.

Other scheduled performances will include the Lynchburg Police Department's Honor Guard.

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On Saturday, May 10, the

last day of Preview Week, two guided bus tours of Lynchburg's historical buildings and places will be conducted.

One tour will begin at 9 a.m., the other at 2 p.m. Those interested are to meet at the Old Court House at the top of Monument Terrace.

Beginning at 3 p.m. the same day a dedication ceremony will take place at the three new Riverside Tennis Courts near Riverside Park.

These courts, presently being renovated, will be dedicated to Dr. R. Walter Johnson in commemoration of Dr. Johnson's life-long pursuit of training minority athletes in the game of tennis.

These include such tennis greats as Arthur Ashe, Althea Gibson and Juan Farrow, all trained by Johnson here in Lynchburg.

The Lynchburg Bicentennial Commission has been actively planning for the Bicentennial since December 1971, and has developed what its members consider to be a comprehensive and significant plan.

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# Gathright Dam Benefits 'Inflated,' Bath Witness Says

*June 4-30-75*

By WAYNE WOODLIEF  
Times Washington Bureau

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tor whose family owns 180 acres in the path of the dam's proposed access road, urged that Congress halt any further funding of the project.

To continue building Gathright, Richardson said, would pose safety problems (because of a cheese-like network of limestone caverns in the site foundation) and

mar the beauty of the Jackson River in Western Virginia.

Richardson was asked only a few perfunctory questions by the congressmen.

The Gathright project is being built on the Jackson River near Covington by the Army Corps of Engineers. Richardson said that the cost has soared from an estimated \$15 million in 1965 to the present estimate of \$61 million.

Engineers have said that shoring up the cavities in the foundation—which they discovered belatedly—accounted for much of the additional cost. But, the Army has told the House Public Works Appropriations subcommittee, benefits of the project still surpass the cost by a 1.4 to 1 ratio.

Richardson challenged those estimates before the subcommittees.

He said 40 per cent of the flood control benefits, for instance, actually benefit a Covington industry, the Westvaco Paper Mill, rather than the public. (A 1972 Environmental Protection Agency report said Westvaco should reimburse the government for project benefits it receives.)

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- If Congress won't go that far, the dam drawdown should be reduced by 28 feet to avoid "50 to 100 feet of mud flats every summer."

The House subcommittee is scheduled to hear May 5 from Covington advocates and opponents of the dam.



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## **Board Backs Gathright Funds**

BEDFORD — A resolution supporting continued federal funding of the Gathright Dam project was adopted Tuesday by the Bedford County Board of Supervisors.

Members cited flood control and economic benefits as major reasons for endorsing the resolution.

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**Grant to repay  
cost of sewers**

The Roanoke County Public Service Authority has been notified that it can get reimbursement for the cost of some sewer lines it built as long ago as 1966.

William L. Rossie Jr., executive director of the authority, said he had been informed by Rep. M. Caldwell Butler that the Environmental Protection Agency had approved a grant of \$329,200 as reimbursement for sewer projects constructed between 1966 and 1972.



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## Butler move on vote law fails, 17-17

By WAYNE WOODLIEF  
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Virginia Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's amendment to give Virginia and other states an escape mechanism from the federal Voting Rights Act failed on a 17-17 vote today in the House Judiciary Committee.

The tie vote and the fact that Butler gained some Democratic support would indicate, however, that he has a fighting chance of passing the amendment when he reintroduces it on the House floor.

The amendment would permit states to avoid review of their voting procedures if they change their laws to provide affirmative equal voting opportunity and increase voter participation to at least 60 per cent in presidential elections.



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## Butler to testify on dam

By FRANK HANCOCK  
Senior Writer

Rep. Caldwell Butler and several other persons are scheduled to appear before a congressional subcommittee Monday to give their views on the controversial Gathright Dam under construction on the Jackson River near Covington.

Butler, who represents the Sixth District, has visited the dam site and received reports on it from the General Accounting Office and other sources. He has so far, however, taken a wait-and-see attitude until all reports were studied.

The dam, which had an \$18 million price tag when construction was started in 1967, now has an estimated cost of \$61 million. The Army Corps of Engineers, which is building the dam, said in response to a

question by Rep. John Slack, D-W. Va., that it would cost \$8 million just to terminate the project and restore the site.

The ballooning costs have been attributed in part to discovery of a series of caverns in the dam abutment and construction of a massive concrete wall to seal them off.

Rep. Slack, who is a member of the House subcommittee on public works, has said that he has to be convinced that seepage around the dam would not occur.

Butler and Ben C. Moomaw of Covington, who has been called "the father of Gathright Dam," are to appear at 2:25 p.m. Moomaw's office said that he would be accompanied by Robert Huddleston, public relations officer for Westvaco the Covington paper mill.

A subcommittee clerk said

that George Jack Heil Jr., a former Covington newspaper editor, is scheduled to appear in opposition to the project at 4:30 p.m.

An appropriation of \$8.6 million has been recommended for continued construction of Gathright in the coming fiscal year and the subcommittee is holding public hearings on this and other projects.

A Bath County property owner told the subcommittee yesterday that the public benefits estimated for the dam and reservoir are "inflated, capricious and not justifiable."

C. R. Richardson, whose family owns 180 acres through which the project's proposed access road would run, urged that construction be halted.

The Army engineers have contended, however, that the benefit-cost ratio is still 1.4 to 1.

Richardson challenged the estimates and said that 40 per cent of the flood control benefits attributed to the dam actually benefit Westvaco, rather than the public.

A 1972 report of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said that Westvaco should reimburse the government for benefits it receives from the project.

Richardson and Purcell McCue of Albemarle County said that if the project is not terminated, the drawdown of the reservoir should be restricted to avoid "50 to 100 feet of mud flats every summer."

Richardson said that damage done to recreational aspects of the Jackson River outweigh the recreation benefits that the reservoir would produce and mar the beauty of the stream.



## Butler Says

### Aid Hopes Dim

Legislation to add Lexington, Buena Vista and Rockbridge to the Appalachian Regional Commission will probably not be passed by the Congress this session, according to 6th District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler.

The commission disburses millions of federal dollars for economic development, and Butler had sponsored a bill to add the three area localities. Butler called the bill's prospects "discouraging" because the chairman of the House Public Works subcommittee on economic development was opposed to any expansion of the commission.

Buena Vista Mayor Shuler Kizer, in response to Butler's pessimistic statement, said recently that he still has hopes that Buena Vista will be included in the commission. He said his latest information indicated that the situation wasn't as bleak as Butler's comments indicated.

The Appalachian Regional Commission was created by Congress in 1965 to provide federal funds to economically depressed areas along the eastern mountain ranges from New York to Mississippi. Virginia has 17 counties that joined the commission.



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## Gathright Dam Is Opposed As 'Inflated, Capricious'

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Richardson, argued that to continue to build the dam would pose safety problems because of limestone caverns in the site foundation and mar the beauty of the Jackson River in western Virginia. He was asked only a few brief questions by the congressmen.

Richardson noted the cost of the project has soared from \$15 million in 1965 to the present estimate of \$61 million. Engineers have said shoring up the cavities in the foundation accounted for much of the additional cost, but the benefits of the project will still surpass the cost by a 1.4 to 1 ratio.

Richardson challenged the engineers estimates before the subcommittees, contending that 40 per cent of the flood control benefits actually benefit the Westvaco paper mill in Covington rather than the public. It was noted a 1972 Environmental Protection Agency report said Westvaco should reimburse the government for the project benefits it receives.

Richardson and Purcell McCue of Albemarle County also disputed the recreational benefits claimed by supporters of the dam. McCue, represented the Boiling Springs Rod and Gun Club which owns property at the upper Warm Springs end of the project site.

McCue proposed that the project be terminated, but added that if Congress won't go that far it should reduce the dam draw-down by 28 feet to avoid "50 to 100 feet of mud flats every summer."

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## Ohio Firm Purchases Jefferson Cable Corp.

By N-V Staff Writer

CHARLOTTESVILLE — The president of Jefferson Cable Corp. said today he feels the purchase of the company by the Mansfield (Ohio) Journal Co. "will offer some new possibilities" for Waynesboro cable television.

It was announced today that the Ohio publishing firm is buying all of the capital stock of Jefferson Cable and Martinsville Cablevision, Inc., from American Finance System, Inc., of Silver Springs, Md.

R. A. Monroe, Jefferson Cable's president, said, "The new ownership will probably add a great deal in terms of dynamic operation of the system. And, as it already owns three systems in Ohio, it is well accomplished in the operation of cable systems."

A subsidiary of the Ohio firm, Multi-Channel TV Cable Co., operates three cable systems in Ohio with about 24,000 subscribers. It also publishes newspapers in four cities in Ohio and one in Troy, N.Y.

Mr. Monroe said that Jefferson Cable has about 4,500 subscribers in Waynesboro and around 12,000 in Charlottesville. Martinsville Cablevision has about 7,500 subscribers.

Mr. Monroe said that Jefferson Cable began operating in Waynesboro in 1964.

Referring to the Federal Communications Commission-mandated "exclusivity" for Channel 29 (WVIR-TV) in Charlottesville, Mr. Monroe commented, "I believe the new owners will do everything in their power to alleviate the duplication problem — if there is anything they can do."

He said that Waynesboro "is one of the leading smaller systems in the country. Under the new ownership," he continued, "the remaining modernization of the plant will be completed and certainly there will be such expansion into new areas as may be needed."

H. R. Horvitz, president of the Mansfield Journal Co., said, in making the announcement of the sale, "No changes are presently planned in the operation of the system and this increase in the total cable operation should enable us to better serve each of our communities."

Purchase of the systems is contingent upon transfer of franchises following approval by the appropriate government agencies.





Steven G. Franklin

## County student appointed to AF academy

Steven G. Franklin of Roanoke County has been appointed to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Franklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Franklin, Rt. 2, Roanoke, is a senior at Northside High School where he is president of the National Honor Society and is cocaptain of the cross-country team.

He has received the National Varsity Club's competitive team sports award and has lettered in football, cross-country and indoor track.

He has maintained a 3.9 grade point average of a possible 4 points and last year attended the Governor's School for the Gifted.

Franklin was nominated for the appointment by 6th District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler.



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## Government classes visit Washington

FORT DEFIANCE-Augusta Military Academy's government classes were guests recently of U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler opening ceremonies in the House of Representatives.

copy of the photograph which was taken on the House of Representative steps.

Rep. Butler then held a briefing session with the students and faculty, and this was followed by a lunch in the cafeteria in the House of Representatives office building.

Earlier in the morning, the students had toured the FBI building in Washington. In the afternoon, groups of students attended special Senate and House hearings, while others visited government agencies to interview personnel for senior term paper projects. Later one group visited the Citizens' Reception Center and the National Geographic Society building.

Col. Harry G. Davis, librarian of the academy, had made plans for the trip with Rep. Butler, who wrote that he had sent each student who had visited the Capitol that day a



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### Butler will address nurses

Sixth District U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will address the Third Annual Legislative Dinner of the Virginia Nursing Association's District II May 5 at Greene Memorial Church in Roanoke.

The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m., and Rep. Butler will speak at approximately 7:30.

He will speak on health-related legislation under consideration by the 94th Congress.

The VNA is a professional organization of registered nurses. District II includes counties and cities in Southwestern Virginia, including Roanoke and Botetourt counties, Roanoke and Salem.



## *Rep. Butler, HUD official bring U.S. grant check*

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler and Carroll Mason, area director of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), were in Roanoke today to give the city a grant of \$2.6 million.

The presentation of the city's share of money under the federal Community Development Act was in the form of a letter from President Gerald Ford announcing approval of the money.

Mason told Mayor Roy Webber that the city was "in an era of self-determination" in spending money within very general federal guidelines. "We won't be telling you what to do

as we have in the past," Mason said.

Noting the city has held four public hearings on allocation of the grant, Webber said the money will be spent for two swimming pools, parks, the Gainsboro project and other areas supported by the public.

Butler said the legislation passed by Congress last August provides localities with the maximum flexibility in developing their own programs within the guidelines.

Roanoke has an opportunity for local initiative, Butler said, and for developing programs that are responsive to the needs and priorities of its own citizens.



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## They Write Letters!

### Pleas From Home Folks Swamp Congress

By RALPH SHUPE  
Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Army deserter, 200 miles away, called his congressman with a complaint. "I tried to turn myself in, but nobody would take me," he said.

Gwen Speer, an assstant who had just joined the staff of Rep. William Whitehurst, R-Va., swallowed her surprise and obliged him. Since neither the Army nor the FBI would take him, she took him in herself and escorted him to Ft. Belvoir, where the Army finally court-martialed him.

It was just one of literally hundreds of thousands of complex—and often incredible—cases handled by congressmen and their staff each year.

"I'm going to write my congressman" is a time-worn statement uttered by millions of Americans since our government began almost 200 years ago.

How many actually get around to doing it? Thousands and, according to congressional aides, the number increases every year.

These aides attribute the increase to several factors, mainly the economy. Many of the requests for help from constituents deal with benefits from such agencies as Social Security, the Veteran's Administration, or the Labor Department.

Unemployment has increased the demand for unemployment checks. With that has come a backlog creating delays and prompting even more letters to congressmen and senators.

"Eighty per cent of requests and inquiries from constituents can be handled routinely, but the other 20 per cent you have to have eye to eye contact with the agencies," said Bill Hagan, administrative assistant to Rep. Stephen L. Neal, D-N.C.

The aides report good working rela-

tionships with most government agencies and tell stories about getting to know their contacts on a first-name basis and the importance of using discretion. It adds up, they say, to better service for the constituent.

"Most people don't go to congressmen for help and when they do they are either desperate or eccentric," says Susan Aheron, administrative assistant for Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va.

The requests are often ridiculous, bizarre or tragic, but regardless of their nature the congressmen insist on a reply to the constituent.

Butler's position, according to Aheron, is that "we should at least refer the people to those who can help them."

Thad Murray, administrative aide to Rep. Robert Daniel, R-Va., said, "we respond to every request. We either contact the correct agency, or if it is a state or lo-

cal matter we tell them who to contact."

These requests, which fill the filing cabinets of every congressional office, cover a wide array of topics.

They include such diverse matters as:

- A request to Butler to have a sewer fixed in Roanoke.

- Complaints about mail service.

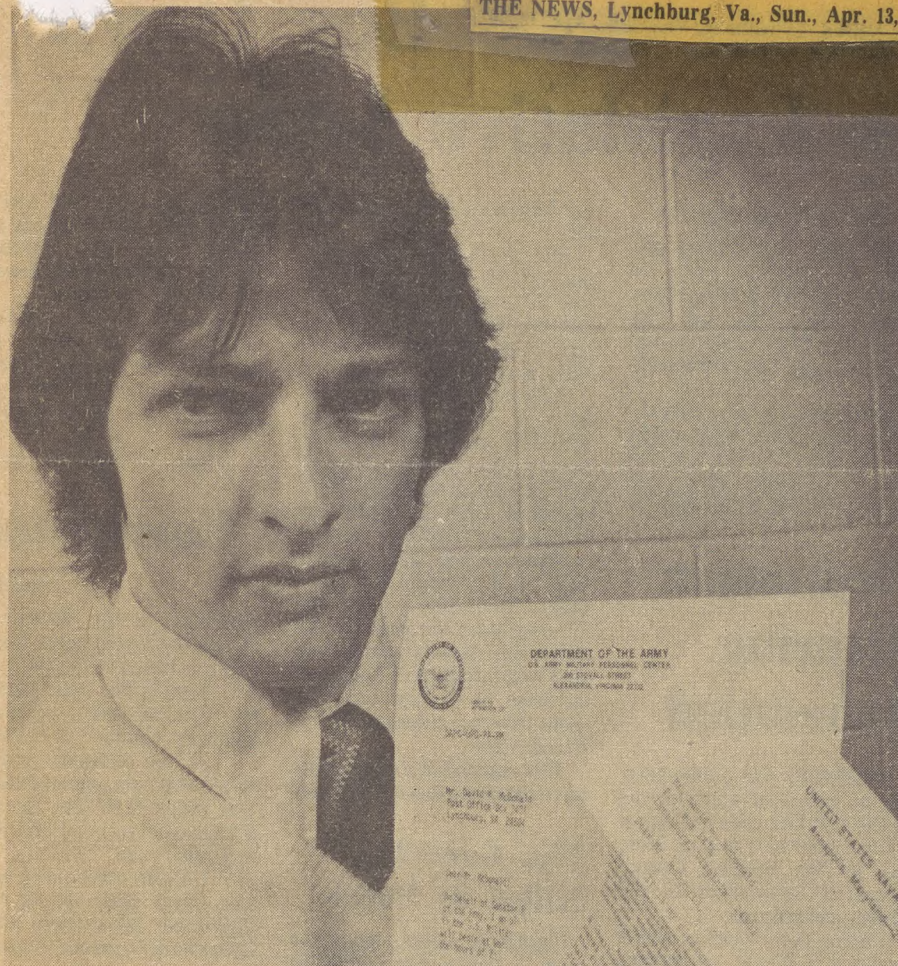
- Pleas from constituents to get obscenity, nudity, and violence off of television.

- A call for assistance in getting equipment for a Warrenton rescue squad.

The list goes on and on. The aides treat them with respect, even when they bring tears to their eyes or double them up with laughter.

"We always work on the assumption the constituent is right," said Butler aide Aheron.





— Fred Knight Photo

**TWO IMPORTANT LETTERS** — David M. McDonald, 17, Holy Cross High School senior, displays letters of acceptance from United States Military Academy and United States Naval Academy. Few students are faced with dilemma of choosing between two service academies.

## The Choice Is His — Annapolis Or West Point

By **BILL CLINE**  
*News Staff Writer*

A Lynchburg High School senior finally has achieved a long-sought goal, only to discover a problem many students across the nation would joyfully face.

David Michael McDonald, a 17-year-old Holy Cross student, has spent most of the past year vigorously seeking an appointment to either the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., or the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

McDonald thought a lifetime goal was met in February when he received an appointment to West Point, but the dream became a dilemma when he was accepted by the Naval Academy at the end of March.

"This is like having your cake and eating

it too," the Holy Cross senior said. "I just don't know what I'm going to do."

**McDonald said he presently is leaning toward the Naval Academy.**

But the young man has to decide soon whether he will wear the Army green or Navy blue because the schools require prospective first-year students to notify them by May 1 whether they will attend.

McDonald also has applied for admission to and been accepted by the University of Virginia and Virginia Tech.

He was Sen. Harry F. Byrd's principal nominee to West Point and one of Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's nominees to Annapolis.

He is editor of "The Crossette," the Holy Cross newspaper, and vice president of the

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class. He also has held other class positions.

**member of the National Honor Society**  
**he Varsity Club, he has participated in**  
**sics, soccer, cross country and basket-**

the past 18 months, he has been a copy editor for The News.

McDonald plans to pursue a career in photography.



### Butler Aide To Visit County April 22

Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in the Amherst Courthouse on April 22 from 1 to 5 P.M. to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems which they are having with the federal government.

Any persons wishing to discuss particular problems with Representative Butler's aide should bring with them all papers and correspondence dealing with their case, in addition to know their Veteran's Claim and Social Security numbers.

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## Rep. Butler To Address Realtors

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will speak Thursday night at a meeting of Roanoke Valley Board of Realtors, marking the observance of National Realtors Week.

The dinner will be at the Moose Lodge in Salem at 7 p.m.

Henry P. Harman, president of the board, said the board's Make America Better Committee prepared an exhibit for the recent home show of Roanoke Valley Home Builders Association. A \$75 prize was awarded Girl Scout Troop 65, led by Brenda Buckner, and Denise Furrow won a an individual prize of \$35 for projects in the home show.

More than 500,000 Realtors and Realtor-associates are observing the week, he said.



# THE ROANOKE TIMES

Roanoke Virginia, Wednesday, April 23, 1975

## Holton Says Rates Aid Howell Cause

By JOEL TURNER  
Times Staff Writer

Former Gov. Linwood Holton predicted Tuesday that Henry E. Howell will be Virginia's next governor if electric rates remain high and consumers don't understand the reason for high rates.

Speaking during founders day ceremonies at Roanoke College, Holton never mentioned Howell by name, but he made it quite clear he was talking about Howell, the former lieutenant governor who has lost two races for governor, once as a Democrat and once as an independent.

Referring to a slogan used by Howell in his 1973 bid for governor—"Let's Keep the Big Boys Honest"—Holton said that "slogans and labels" don't solve problems.

Holton, who became Virginia's first Republican governor in modern times in 1969, cautioned his audience to guard against the "slogan and label crowd. They won't solve problems."

In recent months Howell has emerged as the leading spokesman in Virginia against rising utility rates. And he has traveled throughout the state to argue against further rate hikes.

Holton told the crowd at Roanoke College to "participate in politics on a problem solving basis," not by proclaiming themselves to be "conservatives or liberals," or by using slogans.

Referring to the problem of high electric rates, Holton said it might be helpful for the Electricity Cost Commission appointed by Gov. Mills Godwin to look into

the possibility of development bonds as one way to ease the financial plight of the utility companies.

He suggested that bonds, similar to industrial development bonds, be issued to help provide money to the companies at low interest rates.

Holton had high praise for Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, a Republican who represents the 6th District in Congress, and Virginia Supreme Court Justice Richard H. Poff, who represented the 6th District for 20 years before Butler.

He described Butler and Poff as "problem-solving" leaders who avoided slogans and labels.

He praised Butler for his work in trying to get Virginia removed from the provisions of the 1965 federal Voting Rights Act, which he termed an "embarrassment" for the state that is the "cradle of democracy."

Because of the Voting Rights Act and the Richmond annexation case, he said, voters in the capital city haven't been able to vote in a councilmanic election for more than six years.

Holton praised Poff for his work as a congressman on constitutional and legislative provisions to handle presidential successions, such as the resignation of former president Richard Nixon last year.

The former governor told the students there will be plenty of problems left for them to solve when they become political and governmental leaders.

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NEW YORK (AP) — The Virginia, Wednesday, April 23, 1975

## Holton Says Rates

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### To Filmy Spider Silk Gossamer Once Linked

Thursday 6:34 a.m.  
Sun Rises  
Today 8:02 p.m.  
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Today 6:35 a.m.

A low pressure system over Wisconsin will be today's weathermaker.

### The Weathermaker

Mostly sunny with highs in the mid to upper 70s. Fair in the east and partly cloudy in the west portion tonight. Lows in the upper 40s to the mid 50s. Partly cloudy, rather windy and warmer Thursday. Highs in the 70s to around 80.

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## Holton Says Howell Using Utility Rates

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He cited specifically the need for a solution to the problem of handguns and gun control, as well as the need for racial integration in housing and neighborhoods.

The gun problem won't be solved, he said, by such slogans as, "If you outlaw guns, only outlaws will have guns."

Holton told the students that the integration of communities will solve "all of the problems

we have faced in trying to integrate schools."

The former governor said he realized that some things he was saying could only be said by a "nonoffice-seeking politician," such as himself, but he quickly added he believes Virginians appreciate "plain talk and candor" in their leaders.

Holton, talking with reporters after his speech, avoided making any commitments about whether he is interested in running for political office again.



The Bedford Bulletin-Democrat, April 24, 1975

# Inactivation Ceremony Marks Closing of 649th Radar Base

The Inactivation Ceremony of the 649th Radar Squadron of the Bedford Air Force Station was held before a crowd of parents, family members, National Park and municipal officials and representatives of the Elks Home Friday, April 18, at 3 p.m. The half hour ceremony included a formal retreat and the presentation of the American flag used at the base to Bedford City manager Ketih Cook.

The ceremony was conducted in the absence of Major General James S. Murphy, whose presence was delayed until that evening. Mrs. Beverly Murphy, his wife, was able to attend. Colonel Thomas McConnell, vice-commander, 20th NORAD Region-Air Division, made remarks and presentations in his stead.

The ceremony began with the 40 men and officers of the squadron marching into formation before the officials' stand. Music was provided by the Liberty High School Band. Lieutenant Paul Knowlton led the formation.

After the introduction of guests and the playing of the national anthem, the history of the squadron was told by Lieutenant Jonathan Pugh. The 649th Aircraft Control and

Warning Squadron was organized May 26, 1953 at Rosalyn Air Force Station. Construction at the Bedford Station began the following spring, and the first Air Force personnel arrived December 2, 1954. The Bedford squadron

was activated January 25, 1955 under the 4710 Air Defense Wing and the 26th Air Division located at Stewart AFB, New York.

In July of 1958 the squadron was equipped with Semi-  
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**PRESENTATION OF FLAG.** Colonel Thomas McConnell presents Bedford City manager Keith Cook with the American flag used at the 649th Radar Squadron Base during the inactivation ceremony April 18. —Graves photo

Automatic Ground Environment (SAGE) controls and was reassigned to Fort Lee as part of the Washington Air Defense Sector. It was not until 1969 that the 649th Radar Squadron was assigned as a unit of the 20th Air Division, which it is a part of today.

"The 649th Radar Squadron is scheduled to inactivate on 30 June, 1975," said Lt. Pugh. "For 22 years this squadron has served as a vital link in the air defense system of the United States Air Force and this country."

After remarks made by Colonel McConnell, retreat was called and the flag was lowered. Col. McConnell then presented the flag to Mr. Cook.

Captain Curtis Powell's daughter, Dawn, presented Mrs. Murphy with an arrangement of flowers during the ceremony.

Later that evening an inactivation dining-out was held for the squadron members and their invited guests, which included the Honorable M. Caldwell Butler, Congressman for the Sixth District, Governor Mills E. Godwin, and military and local officials. Major General Murphy was guest speaker for the occasion.



# Size of Deficit Bothers Butler

By GEORGE KEGLEY  
Times Business Editor

Congress, tied up with expensive "emergency" legislation, may have lost sight of the basic question—where do you draw the line on government deficit spending as an economic stimulus while trying to contain inflation—said 6th District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler.

The size of the deficit, \$52 billion proposed by President Ford with reliable estimates of \$71 billion and indications of as much as \$100 billion, has become the "battleground of the 94th Congress," Butler told the Roanoke Valley Board of Realtors Thursday night.

A huge deficit, the Republican congressman said, will provoke consumers into buying now on the expectation of higher prices in the future.

"It will provoke the government into ever-increasing its borrowing, which can only have the effect of pushing interest rates higher."

With many of the proposed large-scale emergency programs, Butler said, "I am afraid that . . . we are only trading instant recovery for long-term inflation."

Recognizing that the Realtor board is closely allied with the lagging home construction industry, he concluded that the recent housing tax credit would be "an expensive and ineffective method of stimulating new housing."

For this reason, he opposed the package despite his "strong support" for the business tax incentives. He spoke at a dinner meeting at the Moose Lodge in Salem.

Butler, talking about an emergency middle income housing bill passed by the House last month, said there is a distinct possibility that full implementation of the \$1.3 billion-to-\$1.5 billion interest subsidy program will coincide with the predicted recovery of the housing industry.

If so, it could increase demand at the moment when it will add to upward pressure on prices and interest rates, "an overstimulation" which would have a major effect in contributing to a new round of inflated housing costs.

Butler spoke for the emergency mortgage assistance bill which would allow the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to loan up to \$250 a month to persons threatened with losing a mortgage because of unemployment and related adversity.

He saw good news in the leveling off of earlier declines in housing starts and sales, as well as a sharp increase in sale of existing homes in February.

Based on these estimates, Butler said, many economists and some housing industry leaders are predicting a substantial recovery by late 1975 or early 1976.

And despite indications that consumers will be reluctant to purchase homes because they are uncertain about the future of the economy, "there is an overall feeling that we are at least on our way to recovery."

Over the long run, Butler called for action to encourage an "even supply of mortgage credit . . . in order to avoid the boom or bust cycles of availability which have plagued us over the past decade."

A proposal for variable interest rates allowing savings and loan associations to make loans with rates following the market would give the institutions "an expectation of reasonable earnings" in times of high interest rates and inflation.

But, he said, this proposal has been withdrawn twice before in the face of consumer and congressional opposition and it appears that it may be again.

The real estate board members told Butler the tax credit of up to \$2,000 on a new home started before March 26 will not help their business because there is no provision for credit on the sale of existing homes.

The congressman noted that over half of the purchasers of new homes cannot act until they have sold their old residences.



# Group Stalls Butler Plan On Vote Act

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By WAYNE WOODLIEF  
Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Virginia Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's amendment to provide Virginia, North Carolina and other states an escape hatch from the federal Voting Rights Act failed on a 17-17 vote in the House Judiciary Committee Wednesday.

But the tie vote was better than Butler thought he might get, and he predicted a "good chance" that his amendment will pass when he revives it on the House floor.

The bill to extend the 1965 Voting Rights Act for another 10 years is still under consideration by the committee. Its expected to reach the full House in mid-May.

Butler told reporters the Judiciary Committee is "generally less conservative than the House as a whole." Thus, he said, "if you consider my amendment as some do, a conservative measure, then I think it has a good chance to pass. Personally, I think it's a wild-eyed, liberal measure."

The amendment would permit affected states and localities to escape federal review of their election procedures (from redistricting to minor precinct changes) if they can prove in federal court that:

- They achieved, in presidential elections starting with 1976, 60 per cent registration and 60 per cent voter participation of all eligible voters. They also must prove no "substantial" gap between white and black voters.

- They have been "pure" for the preceding five years from any federal (or state court) action against them for voting discrimination.

- The laws of the states and localities are changed to provide "affirmative" assurances of equal voting opportunities and minority representation on local governing bodies.

Committee members who opposed the Butler amendment (all Democrats) argued that it would shift the burden of proof from the states—which now must prove they are no longer guilty of discrimination—back to the Justice Department, which would have to prove they discriminate.

Rep. Barbara Jordan, black Democrat from Texas, boomed, "I oppose the amendment of the gentleman from Virginia and I don't do it reluctantly."

She said the amendment is vague in many of its protections for minority voting rights, and would open "a Pandora's box of litigation" for many years.

The amendment might "thwart the effects of the bitter medicine of section 5 (the act's federal review part)," Rep. Jordan said, "but section 5 has been the salvation of the Voting Rights Act."

Butler said his amendment would give states an incentive to end "subtle discriminations we are told still exist" and "to affirmatively work their way out from under the act by doing those things which we are expected to do under the 15th Amendment."



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# Political plans of Sen. Scott called unknown

By OZZIE OSBORNE  
Political Writer

The former Virginia Republican chairman made it clear yesterday that he has no inkling of the future political plans of U. S. Sen. William L. Scott, R-Va.

"I frankly don't know," said Richard D. Obenshain when asked if he thought Scott would run for a second term in 1978.

Obenshain gave many the idea he believed Scott would run again when he said earlier this week that he thought Scott would continue to be a very strong candidate in 1978, as he was in 1972.

But Obenshain said he was merely replying to a hypothetical question that was asked him in an interview before the spoke to students at Washington & Lee University.

"I don't know if he (Scott) will run, but if he does he'll be strong," Obenshain said yesterday.

Obenshain, who is now co-chairman of the Republican National Committee, is generally regarded as an ally of Scott. Both are conservatives.

Scott hinted some time ago that he might not run again, noting that by '78 he'll be eligible for a pension of \$38,000 a year.

But recently he has made noises like he'd again be a candidate. Among other things, he made a four-day tour of Southwest Virginia last winter and at that time asked party leaders here and elsewhere to introduce him to people who might be helpful to him. Many are convinced he'll run again.

Although Scott's term is not up for three years, already several Democrats have said they

would not be adverse to running against him.

No. 1 on the list of prospective Democratic candidates for the U. S. Senate in '78 is Atty. Gen. Andrew P. Miller. He told reporters some time ago he would prefer to run for the Senate rather than for governor.

Another prospect is retired Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt Jr. of Fairfax, who recently announced he was affiliating with the Democratic Party. He since has been named to the party's finance council.

On the Republican side, former Gov. Linwood Holton has expressed interest in running and some supporters of Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of the 6th District say they would like to see him get in the race.

Virginia next has a U. S. Senate election when the term of Harry F. Byrd Jr., an independent, is up in 1976.

Byrd at this point is considered extremely strong and thus far no Democrat or Republican has said publicly he is seriously considering opposing him.



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## Butler plans to re-enter voting rights amendment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., has said he'll re-offer a proposal to allow states to free themselves from the strictures of the federal voting rights act when a bill extending the act through 1985 reaches the House floor.

The House Judiciary Committee defeated Butler's proposal on a tie vote Wednesday.

"If you accept the theory that the Judiciary Committee is more liberal than the floor, the tie vote indicates that the proposal will pass on the floor," Butler said after the committee defeat.

Most Republicans and Southern and border state representatives supported Butler's amendment.

But Rep. Barbara Jordan, D-Tex., said the amendment was "vague and amorphous" and an obvious attempt to weaken the Voting Rights Act.

The proposal would let states obtain a federal court order exempting them from the act if they have achieved a 60 per cent voter turnout of whites and minorities in a presidential election and had not been guilty of voting rights violations for five years.

The states also must have repealed all discriminatory laws and adopted a plan to increase minority participation in elections.

A court releasing a state from the voting rights act would retain jurisdiction over the case for 10 years.

Butler said the amendment is so restrictive that no states may be able to comply with its provisions, but it would give states an incentive to pass laws widening minority participation in the electoral process.



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### Butler in area

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will be in his Roanoke district office tomorrow until noon to meet with constituents. Those wishing to see him should call his office, 981-1231.



# Covington



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## Gathright Dam Supported

Congressman M. Caldwell Butler told the House Subcommittee on Appropriations yesterday, "The Gathright Dam is favored by the majority of the people and I think it should be completed."

Butler made this statement to the committee when presenting a group from Virginia appearing before the committee in favor of

continued appropriations for the Gathright Dam.

B. C. Moomaw, Jr., spokesman for the delegation, outlined the continuing progress on the construction, and told the committee "recently progress has been phenomenal." He noted that the President's budget for the upcoming fiscal year contains \$8.6 million for

continued construction of the project.

Moomaw said that the capability of the Corps of Engineers was "in the neighborhood of \$12 million" and asked the committee to consider a larger appropriation, saying that "it is both for economy and progress to enable the work to be carried on at its full capacity."

He then noted that there had been much opposition to the dam, but that in a trial in federal district court "after 5½ days of unrestricted testimony, the opposition was unable to establish a single one of its allegations. The Court's decision

was reaffirmed in the U. S. Court of Appeals."

Committee Chairman Joe Evins asked "the majority of the people are in favor of the project, aren't they?" Congressman Butler assured him that they were, and said "It would be a mistake to turn back."

W. Martin Johnson, president of the James River Basin Association, said "the vast majority of the people in the River Basin, particularly in the Cities of Lynchburg and Richmond, consider it necessary to their growth and development." Moomaw added that support throughout the basin was

"overwhelming."

A prepared statement from the City of Richmond was given to the committee by Raymond D. Royall, Richmond City councilman.

In addition, the James River Basin Association was also represented by R. A. Huddleston of Covington and Kent Evans of Lynchburg.

An opposition group led by Miss Carolyn Nettleton of Covington was heard later. Her group included Jack Heil, a freelance writer, Leon Powell of Covington, Jackie Parrott, Roanoke and Dr. Robert H. Giles, a VPISU Biology Professor.



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## Watchdog For Dam Proposed

By JACK BETTS  
Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — A group of Allegheny County, Va., citizens Monday asked a House subcommittee to undertake an independent investigation of the Gathright dam project of the Jackson River near Covington, Va.

Describing themselves as "individual taxpaying citizens who are concerned," they also asked the House Appropriations subcommittee on public works to assume "strict oversight" of the project pending the outcome of the study.

The citizens—headed by Carolyn B. Nettleton of Covington—said they were concerned about "our future safety" in light of numerous construction problems at the dam site and about the mushrooming cost of the project.

When first proposed, the dam and lake north of Covington was to have cost \$11 million but the Corps of Engineers now puts the price tag at about \$61 million. At least part of the increased cost is due to the discovery of a series of cavern-like limestone formations within the left abutment of the Jackson River gorge.

The Corps of Engineers plans to build a concrete retaining wall around the abutment in hopes that it will stop impounded water from seeping through.

The subcommittee is holding hearings this week on a number of water resources projects, including the Gathright dam and lake and the administration's request for an \$8.6-million construction appropriation in fiscal year 1976.

Ben C. Moomaw of Covington, executive vice president of the town's chamber of commerce and a longtime supporter of the project, also appeared briefly before the committee and told the few members present that the dam was "progressing phenomenally."

Declaring the structure 55 per cent complete, he added, "we pray that you will approve" the \$8.6-million request. He said also he thought "it would be appropriate" if the committee saw fit to make a larger appropriation "next year."

Moomaw was introduced to the committee by 6th District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke, who said he supported the project.

Later, he told the committee it should listen to "the valued constituents" who called for a nongovernmental study of the dam by qualified engineers but added, "my judgment is that in view of the distance we have traveled on this road, it would be a mistake to turn back now."

The testimony of both Moomaw and the critics of the dam was largely perfunctory because the committee limited each group to five minutes.

But in a statement submitted for the record, Ms. Nettleton said her concerns were based on the safety of the dam, the "prospect of unknown total costs" brought about by the construction problems, the "alleged benefits subscribed to this project by the Corps of Engineers" and about the "lack of in-depth and unbiased information" revealed in earlier studies conducted by the committee and by the General Accounting Office.

She said, "... We feel a major weakness lies in that the investigative teams were forced to rely, in most instances, on sources who have vested interests in the project."

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# ed Surge With Concern

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## Butler fears results of health plan

Proposed health insurance plans for the unemployed are being used "to lay the groundwork" for national health insurance, claims Rep. M. Caldwell Butler.

But the foundations will be faulty if either of two major proposals now under consideration in the House of Representatives is adopted, Butler said.

These plans, developed separately in two committees, would promote rather than remedy current inequities in established insurance systems, Butler told a meeting of Roanoke area nurses last night.

He said both proposals "simply provide for continuance of whatever insurance benefits the individual enjoyed while employed. In some cases, these benefits are grossly inadequate; in other cases, they are far greater than the benefits for those covered by Medicare."

Butler noted that Congress is proceeding with the drafting of a health insurance plan for the unemployed despite President Ford's request for a one year moratorium on new federal spending.

Competition is developing in the House between the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee and the Ways and Means Committee for presentation of the first acceptable program, he said.

Butler explained that both plans are designed to run for only 12 months but implementation may be "so complex that we could expect to wait four to six months" for either plan to go into effect.

He said he feels both committees are "less interested in presenting the House with workable bill than they are with getting the jump on national health insurance."



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## County residents voice objections to dam project during investigation

WASHINGTON — A group of Alleghany County, citizens Monday asked a House subcommittee to undertake an independent investigation of the Gathright dam project of the Jackson River near Covington.

Describing themselves as "individual taxpaying citizens who are concerned," they also asked the House Appropriations subcommittee on public works to assume "strict oversight" of the project pending the outcome of the study.

The citizens-headed by Carolyn B. Nettleton, Covington—said they were concerned about "our future safety" in light of numerous construction problems at the dam site and about the mushrooming cost of the project.

### \$11 million cost

When first proposed, the dam and lake north of Covington was to have cost \$11 million but the Corps of Engineers now puts the price tag at about \$67 million. At least part of the increased cost is due to the

discovery of a series of cavern-like limestone formations within the left abutment of the Jackson River gorge.

The Corps of Engineers plans to build a concrete retaining wall around the abutment in hopes that it will stop impounded water from seeping through.

The subcommittee is holding hearings this week on a number of water resources projects, including the Gathright dam and lake and the administration's request for an \$8.6-million construction appropriation in fiscal year 1976.

Ben C. Moomaw, Covington, executive vice president of the chamber of commerce and a longtime supporter of the project, also appeared briefly before the

committee and told the few members present that the dam was "progressing phenomenally."

### Request

Declaring the structure 55 percent complete, he added, "we pray that you will approve" the \$8.6-

million request. He said also he thought "it would be appropriate" if the committee saw fit to make a larger appropriation" next year.

Moomaw was introduced to the committee by 6th District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke, who said he supported the project.

Later he told the committee it should listen to "the valued constituents" who called for a nongovernmental study of the dam by qualified engineers but added, "my judgment is that in view of the distance we have traveled on this road, it would be a mistake to turn back now."

The testimony of both Moomaw and the critics of the dam was largely perfunctory because the committee limited each group to five minutes.

### Comments

But in a statement submitted for the record, Miss Nettleton said her concerns were based on the safety of the dam, the "prospect of unknown total costs" brought about by the construction problems, the benefits subscribed to this

project by the Corps of Engineers" and about the "lack of in-depth and unbiased information" revealed in earlier studies conducted by the committee and by the General Accounting Office.

She said, "... We feel a major weakness lies in that the investigative teams were forced to rely, in most instances, on sources who have vested interests in the project."

Her group, which included Leon Powell, Covington, a veteran of the U.S. Forest Service, G. Jack Hei, Washington, former managing editor of The Covington Virginian and Virginia Tech professor Robert Giles asked the committee:

\*For "a thorough, definitive and continuing in-depth investigation," through the use of subpoena power if necessary, to "determine costs and any other problems hitherto unrevealed publicly."

\*To take over "strict oversight" of the project until the conclusions of the independent investigation are made.



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By TIM WHITE  
Associated Press Writer  
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### \$80 million

Giles also told the committee  
that, by his calculations, the price  
tag on the dam could go as high as  
\$80 million or more, and that even  
then the concrete retaining wall  
might not prevent seepage.

But subcommittee chairman Joel  
Evins, D-Tenn., appeared  
unimpressed by their testimony. He  
interrupted twice to ask, "are you  
opposed to it or not?"

When he ascertained the group  
was generally opposed to the  
project, Evins responded, "the  
Corps of Engineers have been in  
business about a hundred years and  
have never had a disaster, at least  
with dams they built themselves."

Gathright critic John Slack, D-  
W.Va., was not at the hearing. He  
earlier had promised to hear  
testimony from Gathright critics  
but missed another session last  
week when Virginians opposed to  
the project testified.



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## Health Plan Has Faults, Butler Says

By GAIL DUDLEY  
Times Staff Writer

Legislators are using proposed health insurance plans for unemployed workers "to lay the groundwork" for a system of national health insurance. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler told Roanoke area nurses Monday night.

But the foundations of a national health insurance program will be faulty if either of two major proposals now under consideration in the House of Representatives are adopted, he said.

Plans developed separately in two committees would promote, rather than remedy, current inequities in established insurance systems, Butler said.

Both proposals "simply provide for continuance of whatever insurance benefits the individual enjoyed while employed," he explained. "In some cases, these benefits are grossly inadequate; in other cases, they are far greater than the benefits for those covered by Medicare."

Butler spoke to more than 100 people attending a district meeting of the Virginia Nursing Association.

In spite of President Ford's request for a one year moratorium on new federal spending, he said, Congress is proceeding with the drafting of a health insurance plan for the unemployed.

Competition is developing in the House between the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee and the Ways and Means Committee for presentation of the first acceptable program, he said.

The Ways and Means Committee has finalized a two-part proposal to provide health insurance for the unemployed. Butler said. Under this plan, he explained, employers would be required to have workers who have been laid off reinstated into company group insurance plans.

Employers who do not comply would face "substantial tax penalties," Butler said.

The program also would require employers to modify group plans to include coverage for employees who may be laid off in the future, he added.

This program would be financed through a 1 per cent tax on group health insurance premiums, Butler said. About \$700 to \$900 million would be needed to initiate the insurance program plan, he said.

## Health Plan Has Faults, Butler Says

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An estimated \$2.4 billion would be collected in increased premiums in 1976, he explained.

Another proposal, originating in the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, would finance temporary health insurance for the unemployed from general tax revenue, Butler said.

Under this program, the secretary of health, education and welfare would arrange with insurers to reinstate health coverage for workers covered by a plan while they were employed, he said.

This proposal also would cover persons who did not have insurance on the job before they were laid off, he continued. These workers would receive benefits from Medicaid through June 30, 1976, he said.

The program would cost over \$2 billion, according to Butler's estimate.

Both plans are designed to run for only 12 months, he said. But implementation may be "so complex that we could expect to wait four to six months" for either plan to go into effect, he added.

Butler said he felt both committees involved "are less interested in presenting the House with a workable bill than they are with getting the jump on national health insurance."

Currently, only about 30 per cent of the employees covered by a company insurance plan can expect benefits to continue for more than a month after they are laid off, he said.



THE NEWS, Lynchburg, Va., Wed., May 7, 1975

## Group Urges Probe For Gathright Dam

By TOM RAUM

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group of Covington, Va., citizens opposed to a flood control project in their community being built by the U.S. Corps of Engineers urged Congress Monday to launch an immediate probe of the project.

They told a House Appropriations subcommittee the Gathright Dam and Lake project may be unsafe because the land on which it is being built is honeycombed with caves.

But a congressman representing the area, Rep. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., told the panel the witnesses' views do not reflect the majority of those living in the area.

"In view of the distance we've travelled on this road — it would be a mistake to turn back," Butler said.

The subcommittee is considering the corps' request for \$8.6 million for fiscal 1976 to continue construction on the dam and reservoir.

The project is being built to control floods on the Jackson River, a tributary of the James River. However, discovery of a number of caves in the area forced the Corps to have constructed a membrane wall at the dam site designed to prevent leakage.

Carolyn B. Nettleton, a Covington businesswoman, told the House panel there has not been enough study into either the safety or economic benefit issues surrounding construction of the dam.

"We are concerned about our future safety in light of construction problems hitherto revealed and currently encountered," she said.

She said she and several other witnesses opposing the project and calling for the con-

gressional study were "concerned tax-paying citizens."

Jack Heil, former managing editor of the Covington Virginia, said the congressional investigation would determine whether the dam should be finished. He said the project is being built on "a swiss-cheese limestone formation."

Ben. C. Mooman, vice president of the James River Basin Association, a civic group that favors the project, called on the subcommittee to approve the request to continue work on the project, which he said is 55 per cent complete.

"We pray that you will approve it," Mooman said.



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SALEM TIMES-REGISTER-THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1975

## ***Butler scores large deficit***

Sixth District Representative M. Caldwell Butler addressed the House of Representatives recently, opposing the budget committee's recommendation that congress approve a federal deficit of \$73.2 billion.

"I know that congress cannot continue to spend taxpayer dollars at the reckless pace of the past four months without refueling the fires of inflation," Butler said. "Our economy has only recently shown some indication of an upward trend, but the action we are taking in approving this resolution will put us back on the path to economic suicide."

The Republican congressman said that a deficit of more than \$73 billion will dry up private sector funds to the extent that interest rates will rise appreciably.

"It is far easier to enact legislation than to repeal it," said Butler, "and we can easily predict that continuation of 'emergency' measures will maintain the federal budget at record levels, even if economic recovery is partially achieved."



### Butler Aide Visit

A representative of Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will be in Amherst Courthouse on Tuesday, May 13, from 9 A.M. until noon to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems with the federal government.

Any persons wishing to discuss their problems with Rep. Butler's aide should bring with them all papers and correspondence dealing with their case, in addition to knowing their Veteran's Claim and Social Security numbers.

Amherst New Era-Progress May 8, 1975



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14 Staunton, Va., Leader, Thursday, May 8, 1975

## Nolen seeks inquiry of trip

State Sen. Frank W. Nolen, a staunch opponent of the proposed Verona dam, has written to U.S. Sens. Harry F. Byrd Jr. and William L. Scott and U.S. Reps. M. Caldwell Butler and J. Kenneth Robinson, questioning the trip arranged by the U.S. Corps of Engineers of area newsmen to Huntingdon, Pa., on April 29.

Sen. Nolen, in the letter which was made available to newsmen Wednesday, said he resents the idea of tax funds being used for such a trip. He has asked the Senators and Representatives to make an inquiry as to why the trip was made and where the funds came from and who approved the expenditure.

The flight to State College, Pa., and return to Shenandoah Valley Airport was arranged and paid for by the Corps of Engineers. Lunch in Huntingdon was provided by the Huntingdon Rotary Club for area newspaper, radio and television reporters.

Purpose of the trip was to compare the Raystown Lake Project, built by the Corps of Engineers, with the proposed Verona dam, which is now under study. Sen. Nolen said it is hard for him to believe that "design money" authorized to investigate the economic feasibility of the Verona dam could be spent on the trip for newsmen.



## Rep. Butler Blasts Deficit Budgeting

Washington, D.C. — Sixth District Representative M. Caldwell Butler made the following statement to the House of Representatives Thursday during debate on the First Concurrent Resolution on the Budget:

"Mr. Chairman, I am unalterably opposed to the recommendation of the Budget Committee that the Congress approve a federal deficit of \$73.2 billion. I am by no means an expert in the field of economics, but it does not take an expert to recognize the principles of fiscal sanity. I know that this Congress cannot continue to spend taxpayers dollars at the reckless pace of the past four months without refueling the fires of inflation. Our economy has only recently shown some indication of an upward trend, but the action we are taking today in approving this resolution will put us back on the path to economic crisis.

"Common sense dictates that a deficit of more than \$73 billion will dry up private sector funds to the extent that interest rates will rise appreciably; economic recovery cannot survive under these conditions. Even the President's own budget request, with projected deficits of \$51.9 billion, indicated a less conservative approach than my own, and I viewed it with real reservations.

"The Committee estimates that a deficit of \$73.2 billion will require a corresponding temporary and permanent debt ceiling of \$624 billion, which is an increase of \$93 billion in just one year's time. I simply do not believe that increased borrowing of this magnitude is tolerable.

"A check of my record indicates that on June 13, 1973, I

voted for H.R. 8410, which extended through November 30, 1973, the temporary ceiling on the public debt at \$465 billion; on November 7, 1973, I voted for H.R. 11104, raising the temporary ceiling on the public debt to \$475.7 billion, and extending it through June 30, 1974; on May 23, 1974, I voted for H.R. 14832, a temporary increase in the public debt ceiling to \$495 billion through March 31, 1975; and on February 5, 1975, voted for H.R. 2634, temporarily increasing the public debt ceiling to \$531 billion through June 30, 1975. However, this is to state that I will not vote for the increases necessitated by this legislation.

"In the past, I have voted reluctantly for various resolutions increasing the national debt limit, despite serious reservations on my part as to the inflationary impact this action would have. I did so because I believed that once the Congress had approved legisla-

tion necessitating the increased debt, in good conscience we should take the necessary action to provide for the financing of this debt.

"I was also influenced in the past by the fact that these resolutions were often before us at the eleventh hour — so late that prompt action was necessary to permit the government to meet its obligations, particularly with respect to such matters as the financing of the government payroll and the issuance of Social Security checks.

"I have always been uneasy about these votes, as I have not generally supported the measures requiring the debt increases. Further, I have noted that among my colleagues, the most ardent advocates of increased government spending have consistently reversed their position by opposing debt ceiling increases.

"For the first time, the newly enacted Budget and Impoundment Control Act gives us the opportunity to review budget priorities and approve the size of the federal deficit in advance. Those of us who supported this legislation in the last Congress did so on good faith; we believed it provided a responsible means of controlling excessive government spending. By providing for the orderly consideration of authorization and appropriation measures, we hoped to eliminate unanticipated, late-in-the-year increases in the size of the federal budget.

"Now, however, the Budget Committee recommends that we **begin** the fiscal year by endorsing a record budget deficit with the full realization that later events and legislation may bring the deficit close to the \$100 billion mark. The committee asks us to approve the extension of many of the provisions of so-called "emergency" legislation such as the 1975 Tax Reduction Act through Fiscal 1977.

"It is far easier to enact legislation than to repeal it, and we can easily predict that continuation of "emergency" measures will maintain the federal budget at record levels, even if economic recovery is partially achieved. Accordingly, I can neither support the recommendations of the Budget Committee nor will I support the increase on the deficit limit this will necessitate."



## Butler selects congress office summer interns

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler today announced that Miss Mary Eliza Genet, of Natural Bridge, and John Roberts Hildebrand II, of Salem, have been selected to be summer Interns in his Washington office.

Sixty college students who are residents of the Sixth Congressional District applied to the program.

Miss Genet is a sophomore at Mount Vernon College, in Washington, D.C., where she is majoring in political science. She hopes to attend law school or work in a congressional office after graduation. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Genet, of Liberty Hill Farm, at Natural Bridge.

Hildebrand is a junior at Shepherd College, in Shepherdstown, W.Va. He also attended Ferrum College, in Ferrum, Va. A political science and journalism major, he hopes to begin work on a graduate degree in journalism. Hildebrand is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hildebrand of Salem.

The selection committee was composed of Robert J. Rogers, of Roanoke, Russell H. Robey, of Buena Vista, and Norman C. Scott, of Clifton Forge.

Each of the interns will spend a month of the summer working in Representative Butler's office. It is the third consecutive summer Representative Butler has participated in the program, which is sponsored by the US House of Representatives.



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The World-News, Roanoke, Va., Friday, May 9, 1975

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THE DAILY ADVANCE, Lynchburg, Va., Fri., May 9, 1975

## Congressman lists interns for summer

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Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler announced today that Mary Eliza Genet of Natural Bridge and John Roberts Hildebrand II of Salem have been selected as summer interns in his Washington office.

The two were picked from among 60 college students who applied for the jobs. One requirement was that they have to be residents of the Sixth Congressional District.

Miss Genet is a sophomore at Mount Vernon College in Washington. She is majoring in political science.

A member of Phi Theta Kappa honorary fraternity and the Political Club, she has served in a campus Vista program tutoring children in the Washington area. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Genet of Liberty Hill Farm at Natural Bridge, Miss Genet hopes to attend law school or work in a Congressional office after graduation.

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## Goshen youth named to Air Force Academy

Sixth District U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler has announced that Robert Bernard Wooten of Goshen has been appointed to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

A student at Millard School in Bandon, Ore., he is a 1974 graduate of Buffalo Gap High School. At Buffalo Gap, he was a member of the football and basketball teams and secretary of the Varsity Club. He was the school's representative to Virginia Boy's State in 1973. He will enter the academy in July.

He is the son of Mrs. Betty J. Wooten of Rt. 1, Goshen.

He received a nomination to the academy from Rep. Butler in December 1974. The nomination selection was made on a competitive basis and assured him of final consideration by the academy, whose appointment is the final step towards admission.



**R. B. WOOTEN**

Like the initial nomination, his appointment was based on an evaluation of his scholastic standing, scores on entrance examinations, physical ability, and an orientation towards a career in the military service.



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**THE DAILY REVIEW, CLIFTON FORGE, VA., MONDAY, MAY 12, 1975**

## Wright picked for appointment

Sixth District Representative M. Caldwell Butler today announced that William David Wright, Buchanan, has received an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy.

A senior at James River High School, Wright is a member of the National Honor Society and the SCA. He has received varsity letters in football, track and basketball, and is a member of the Varsity Club.

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## City student, 2 others appointed to attend Annapolis, West Point

A Lynchburg Christian Academy senior and two other students have been appointed to attend national armed service academies following nominations by Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler.

R. Dwight Greer, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Greer of Lynchburg, received a nomination to the United States Naval Academy from Butler in December, 1974, and recently was notified of his appointment to the school.

Appointments are based on an evaluation of scholastic standing, scores on entrance examinations, physical ability and an orientation towards a career in the military service.

Greer, a member of LCA's honor society and president of the senior class, has been a member of the school's soccer team and the Sandusky Swim Team.

At the age of 14, he obtained the rank of Eagle Scout and has participated in numerous literary, forensic and science competitions during his high school career.

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Also receiving appointments to military academies, upon nomination by Rep. Butler were William David Wright of Buchanan and Robert Bernard Wooten of Goshen.

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## Representative to visit here

### Sixth District

Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in the Clifton Forge City Hall on Tuesday, May 20, from 2-4 p.m. to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government. The meeting in Clifton Forge is one of the ten monthly meetings Rep. Butler holds in the district.

His representative will return to Clifton Forge on the third Tuesday of each month.

These meetings are in addition to the regular Open Door Meetings which Rep. Butler holds himself from time to time on a non-scheduled basis.

The Congressman had earlier announced the meeting to complement the three district offices as part of his plan to have the Congressman and the constituent in close contact.

Any persons wishing to discuss a particular problem with Rep. Butler's representative should bring with them all papers and correspondence dealing with the case, in addition to knowing their Veterans Claim and Social Security numbers.



Page 28 News-Gazette, Lexington, Virginia May 14, 1975

## Butler Aide

### To Visit Here

Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in the Lexington City Hall on Tuesday from 11 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government.

Butler's representative will be in Buena Vista City Hall from 9 until 10:30 a.m. the same day.



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Page 16 News-Gazette, Lexington, Virginia May 14, 1975



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THE DAILY REVIEW, CLIFTON FORGE, VA., WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 1975

## Butler announces two area grants

Sixth District Representative M. Caldwell Butler announced today the following awards of federal funds in the Sixth District.

The Eagle Rock Water Company has received a loan of \$90,000 and a grant of \$60,000 from the Farmers Home Administration for construction of a new water system in Northern Botetourt County. The new system will serve 95 homes and other connections in Eagle Rock community.

Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center in Fishersville has received an additional grant of \$353,937 from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare for a new medical services and administration building, bringing the total monies it has received for that project to almost \$898,000. The building, which should be ready for occupancy in the fall of 1975, includes a 76-bed medical facility, occupational and physical therapy services, other allied services facilities, and administrative offices.

The Community Services Administration has awarded Total Action Against Poverty in the Roanoke Valley a \$186,500 refunding grant to provide operating funds for an additional three months.



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MONTEREY — 6th District  
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Highland County Courthouse  
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MARY ELIZA GENET

## Miss Genet Named Aide

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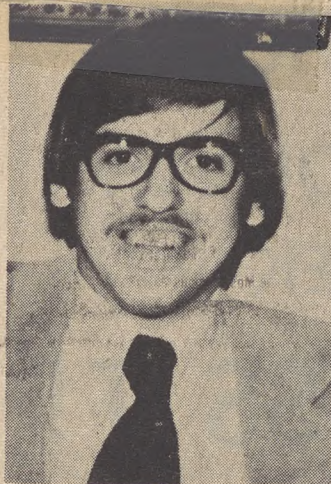
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**Butler Representative  
To Visit Highland,  
Bath Wednesday**

WASHINGTON - A representative from Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's office will be at the Bath County Courthouse Wednesday, May 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at the Highland County Courthouse from 2:30 p.m. to 4:40 p.m.

Persons wishing to discuss particular matters are asked to bring all correspondence and papers pertaining to their situations.



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## **Wooten Appointed To Air Force Academy**

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler announced Saturday, May 10, that Robert Bernard Wooten of Goshen has been appointed to the United States Air Force Academy.

A student at the Millard School in Bandon, Oregon, Wooten is a 1974 graduate of Buffalo Gap High School. At Buffalo Gap Wooten was a member of the football and basketball teams and Secretary of the Varsity Club. He was the school's representative to Virginia Boy's State in 1973. He will enter the Academy in July. Wooten is the son of Mrs.

Betty J. Wooten of Route 1, Goshen.

Wooten received a nomination to the academy from Butler in December, 1974. The nomination selection was made on a competitive basis and assured him of final consideration by the academy, whose appointment is the final step towards admission. Like the initial nomination, Wooten's appointment was based on an evaluation of his scholastic standing, scores on entrance examinations, physical ability, and an orientation towards a career in the military service.



## Eagle Rock Gets Grant For Water

WASHINGTON—The Eagle Rock Water Co. has received a loan and a grant totaling \$150,000 for a new water system in northern Botetourt County, 6th District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler has announced.

Butler said the Farmers Home Administration approved a \$90,000 loan and a \$60,000 grant for building the water system that will serve 95 homes in the Eagle Rock area.

Butler also announced the Community Service Administration has awarded Total Action Against Poverty in the Roanoke Valley a refunding grant of \$186,500 to provide operating money for another three months.

Butler said Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center at Fishersville has received an additional grant of \$353,937 from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for a new medical services and administration building.



## Door Opened For Butler Bid On Voting Act

By WAYNE WOODLIEF  
Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The House Rules Committee opened the way Wednesday for Virginia Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's Voting Rights Act "bailout" amendment to advance to the House floor next month.

The Rules Committee ordered an "open rule" for debate on a proposed 10-year extension of the Voting Rights Act, which would permit amendments by Roanoke Republican Butler and others to be offered on the floor.

The Butler amendment would allow affected states and localities—including Virginia and 39 North Carolina counties—to avoid federal review of their election laws, under the act.

To "bail out," however, states and localities would have to prove, in federal court, that they had been "pure" of

electoral discrimination against minorities for the past five years.

They also must prove they have taken "affirmative action" to increase minority voting and assure minority representation on local governing boards.

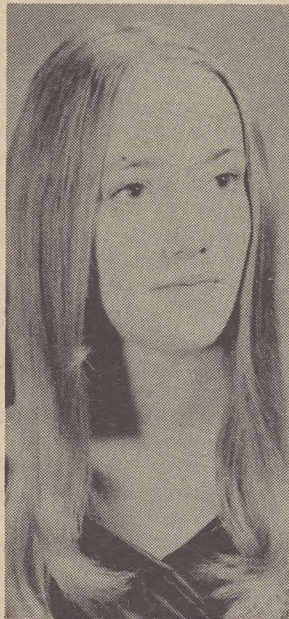
Butler's amendment won a 17-17 tie vote in the House Judiciary Committee. Amendments fail on tie votes, but Butler predicted a "good chance" for his amendment on the floor, since, he said, the Judiciary Committee is considered more liberal than the whole House.

Rep. Barbara Jordan, D-Tex., a black member of the committee, opposed Butler's amendment as too "vague" in its protections for minorities. But, she conceded Wednesday to a reporter, "it has an even chance" of being approved on the floor.



## Miss Genet To Intern In Congress

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler announced May 8 that Miss Mary Eliza Genet of Natural Bridge and Mr. John Roberts Hildebrand II of Salem have been selected to be summer interns in his Washington office.



Miss Mary Eliza Genet

Sixty college students who are residents of the Sixth Congressional District applied to the program.

Miss Genet is a sophomore at Mount Vernon College in Washington, D. C., where she is majoring in political science. A member of Phi Theta Kappa honorary fraternity and the Political Club, she has served in a campus Vista program tutoring children in the Washington, D. C. area. Miss Genet hopes to attend law school or work in a Congressional office after graduation. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Genet of Liberty Hill Farm at Natural Bridge.

Mr. Hildebrand is a junior at Shepherd College in Shepherdstown, West Virginia; he also attended Ferrum College in Ferrum, Virginia. A political science and journalism major, he serves as Editor in Chief of the "Shepherd College Picket" newspaper and as a member of the student Senate and Judiciary Board. After graduation, he hopes to begin work on a graduate

degree in journalism. Mr. Hildebrand is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hildebrand of Salem.

The selection committee was composed of Honorable Robert J. Rogers of Roanoke, Mr. Russell H. Robey of Buena Vista and Mr. Norman Scott of Clifton Forge.

Each of the interns will spend a month of the summer working in Representative Butler's office. It is the third consecutive summer Representative Butler has participated in the program, which is sponsored by the U. S. House of Representatives.



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## Butler's Representative In Covington Wednesday

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be at Covington City Hall from 8:30-10 a.m. Wednesday, May 21 and at the Bath County Courthouse in Warm Springs from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. the same day to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government.

The representative is at these two locations on the third Wednesday of each month, visiting Covington in the morning and Warm Springs in the afternoon. These meetings are in addition to the regular Open Door meetings with Rep. Butler himself holds from time-to-time on a non-scheduled basis.

The Congressman had earlier

announced the meetings scheduled for May 21 to complement the three district offices as part of his plan to have the Congressman and his constituent in close contact.

Anyone wishing to discuss a particular problem with Rep. Butler's representative should bring with them all papers and correspondence dealing with the case, in addition to knowing their Veterans Claim and Social Security numbers.



## Virginians Share Relief Over Recapture Of Ship

By The Associated Press

Virginians "share the nation's sense of relief" at the rescue by U. S. Marines of the American merchant ship Mayaguez, which had been seized by the Cambodian Khmer Rouge, Gov. Mills Godwin said Thursday.

"The proper action has been taken to effect the safe return of the Mayaguez and to protect the integrity of the United States," the governor said.

Others among Virginia's top elected officials also greeted news of the rescue of the Mayaguez and her 40 crewmen with a sense of relief and with praise for President Ford.

Independent U. S. Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr. lauded Ford's "firm action" in using military force "to protect the lives of American seamen."

The President's action, Byrd said, "makes clear that the United States stands ready to

protect its citizens from unprovoked attack," and added:

"I commend the American military personnel for the effective way in which they carried out the President's orders. This resolute action is in the best interest of the United States."

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R6th, called Ford's action "an appropriate and timely reminder to the world that the United States of America is still the greatest nation in the world and that it will not suffer lightly a harassing provocation of this nature from any quarter."

Butler said the President, "in an appropriate exercise of his constitutional responsibilities, acted courageously, responsibly, effectively and within clear constitutional authority," adding:

"I share the pride of all Americans in the fine manner in which our armed forces conducted themselves, but regret that it may have resulted in the loss of life."



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**BUTLER  
REPRESENTATIVE**

A representative from the office of U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will be in Staunton City Council Chambers Thursday from 1-5 p.m. to meet with the public.





program. Shown above are, Karen Buckers, Nancy Bostic, Denise O'Connor, Michelle Irving, Sandy Stover, Mandy Vass, Stephanie Showalter,

The group toured Congressman Mr. Cardwell Butler's office while in Washington.



# Editorials

## Butler to take amendment to the floor

Is there no way for a state, able to present conclusive evidence that it is not discriminating racially in voting procedures, to escape the provisions of 1965 Voting Rights Act?

The outcome of Virginia's most recent effort to get from under this stringent law and its unjust punitive provisions indicated that there may be no way. Assistant Attorney General J. Stanley Pottinger of the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, who handles administration of the act and cases arising from it, was asked the above question. He replied: "I do not believe so."

Undaunted by this opinion and the decisions on which it was based, Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-6th Va., made a strong effort during committee consideration of the bill to extend the act for five, or even 10 years. He lost by a tie in the committee, of which he is a member, but has not given up.

Rep. Butler has informed The Staunton Leader that he definitely intends to offer his "Impossible Bailout Amendment" when the extension bill reaches the floor of the House. The tie-vote support he received in committee, advocacy of extending jurisdiction of the 1965 act beyond the seven Southern states it discriminatingly subjects to it, offer some hope that the Butler amendment will be passed. Contentions that if extended it should be made applicable nationwide are well based.

That amendment is no washout of the '65 law. It contains strict basic requirements which a jurisdiction must meet if it is to be exempted from court and Department of Justice supervision of its every procedure in the voting mechanism. A supplement to the Judiciary Committee's report on the Voting Rights Act extension

sets forth these safeguards against discrimination:

—Actual registration and voting percentages must indicate absence of discrimination.

—The jurisdiction must have remained pure for at least the preceding five years of all conceivable condemnation rating to voting discrimination.

—(It) must have initiated an affirmative action program to revamp its voting laws and this program must have been implemented to produce concrete results.

"The specific requirements of these three broad areas are rigorous," says the supplementary report on the Butler amendment. Its acceptance by the House and Senate would be fully justified by its strict provisions, which should satisfy the most ardent enemy of voting discrimination that this district's Representative is not attempting to free Virginia of any of its responsibilities for fair voting laws and honest enforcement of them.

The Butler amendment undoubtedly says in effect that there IS a way for a state, on conclusive evidence that it is not racially discriminating, to free itself of the 1965 law, and of some of its silly as well as unjudicial results. The Supreme Court of the United States would have been fully justified in granting Virginia exemption on the evidence of non-discrimination submitted in the recent case. It acknowledged, in effect, the state's electoral purity but held that owing to past discrimination it should not be exempted.

By adopting the Butler amendment, House and Senate can provide for escape from onerous supervision, not only for Virginia but from every state which can meet its strict requirements.





**SAFETY AWARD** — Patricia Leonard, 12, of Blue Ridge, receives the AAA Gold Lifesaving Medal from Rep. Thomas (Tip) O'Neill, D-Mass., in Washington Wednesday. At center is Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, congressman of

Virginia's Sixth District which includes Lynchburg. Patricia is credited with pulling a child away from path of runaway truck.

AP Wirephoto



## SVEC slates annual meet

HARRISONBURG — The Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative will return to the Rockingham County Fairgrounds for the 1975 annual meeting on June 21.

The meeting will follow a schedule similar to that of past years. There will be business, food, fun, fellowship and door prizes during the morning session. A local gospel quartet will entertain during the lunch hour and the afternoon session will feature an address by 6th District U. S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler.

Registration of members will begin at 9 a.m. in the Main Exhibit Building, with the business session to start at 10 a.m. This is the fourth year the cooperative has scheduled its annual meeting on Saturday, a departure from the customary third Tuesday date to allow more member consumers to attend.

The invocation will be given by the Rev. Robert Rowe, pastor of Linville Creek Church of the Brethren, Broadway.

Four directors will be selected during the business session. The cooperative's bylaws were changed in 1968 to permit the membership to elect only four directors each year. Two directors will be elected from Shenandoah County, with the following persons nominated: Harold D. Burch of Quicksburg and M. S. Swartz of Maurertown, both current directors; Lonnie F. Eaton of New Market and L. William Rickard of Maurertown.





**FISHBURNE MILITARY SCHOOL** Cadets Jan Levin (left) and Steve Heatwole admire Steve's citation of acceptance to the U. S.

Military Academy at West Point. Cadet Levin will also receive a citation of acceptance to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. (N-V Photo by Hall)

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Last week Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's office confirmed to the school administration that FMS Cadet Jan Levin of Roanoke had been accepted to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

And, of course, the affirmation set well, giving the administrators a sense of accomplishment. But Wednesday night that pride was bolstered with a phone call to post graduate Cadet Steve Heatwole, a Waynesborian, notifying him of acceptance to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

The double shot in the arm has given both FMS personnel and the student body plenty to talk about.

Both young men appear reserved, almost nonchalant, about their appointments, but each admits he's anxious to get started on college careers.

Twenty-year-old Cadet Heatwole, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Heatwole of 420 Laurel Ave., is heading toward New York with plans for an engineering vocation. Cadet Levin, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Levin, plans to steer his studies in either math, physics, biology or chemistry.

Although their interests differ, the cadets have something in common. Neither has personally visited the campus he has chosen to make "home" for four years.

"Pennsylvania is about the furthest north I've ever been," said Steve who, like Jan, anticipates a midsummer

arrival at college for preliminary training and other orientation.

"I really hadn't planned on going to West Point until this year, Steve explained. "I wanted to go to UVa., but Col. Richard Crotty (senior military instructor at FMS) pushed me along and put the West Point idea in my mind.

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One of those benefits applies for both cadets. The government pays for all college expenses — room, board, tuition, fees, books — and gives each student an allowance, so to speak, which can sometimes be around \$500 per month of enrollment.

Steve, who received his appointment through the FMS program, envisions a degree

in engineering and perhaps entering the Army Corps of Engineers and continuing college to obtain a master's in civil engineering.

"I would like to spend as much time in school as possible and get as much out of my education. Then I'll go into the Army, see if I want to make it a career, or go out in the world. A lot also depends on the future job situation," Steve commented.

Talking about his appointment, Jan says, "When I first came to FMS I had a preference for Annapolis." He jokingly added: "I wasn't too sure I wanted to be a 'rat' again after my first year at Fishburne."

He said right now he's "working on graduation from college, first. Then I'll think about a specific career." He too, like all others who attend

national academies, must fulfill a military service obligation following graduation.

Both cadets speak highly of their years at Fishburne Military School.

"I took post graduate courses this year to strengthen my background in math," Steve said. "But I began as a sophomore in 1971. Here I learned how to study and use my time. In public schools I think I wasted my time.

"As a day student they taught me self-discipline. I think FMS offers a lot of opportunity. If you're willing to work, help yourself and spend some time, you can go further than you can in public high schools." Steve attributes much of his success to the small classes and the teachers' interest in students.

For Jan, Fishburne "has helped me more than public schools, too. I've gotten better grades. The fact that I even study is an accomplishment. I never did homework at home."

He also came to FMS as a sophomore, but that was in 1972. Jan will be among the 31 cadets graduating tomorrow.

Cadet Levin mentioned that alumni secretary Mrs. Helen Hess helped him with vocational counseling and provided him with help during his years at Fishburne.





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Interestingly, each cadet has a choice in his selection of colleges. Steve was accepted to the Naval Academy and Jan to West Point. Both were also solicited to attend Virginia Military Institute and Steve had the added bonus of being accepted at Virginia Tech.



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The commission was established by Congress in 1965 to foster development in Appalachia through federal financial aid for health facilities, vocational schools, and land and road improvements.

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## Bicentennial flag ceremony slated

The Augusta County Bicentennial Committee is having a presentation ceremony Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the County Court Room.

The special bicentennial flag and certificate of recognition will be presented to the county by U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler.

Actively interested in the nation's bicentennial celebration, Rep. Butler is one of two Congressmen appointed by the Speaker of the House to the 11-man Board of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration.

In addition to the main address by Rep. Butler, there will be a brief history of Augusta County given by Mrs. William Bushman, president of the Augusta Historical Society. Mrs. W. T. Francisco, regent of the Col. Thomas Hughart chapter of the DAR, will give a resume on interesting places to visit that are of historical interest in Augusta County.

C. Kenneth Landes, chairman of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors, will accept the flag on behalf of all county residents. Representatives from the five county high schools will be attending.

The raising of the flag will take place on the court house lawn. The Stonewall Brigade Band will play for the ceremony.

This ceremony marks the beginning of the bicentennial for the county and it is hoped that a greater awareness of the county's rich heritage will re-create the spirit of 1776 for all residents.



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**SIXTH DISTRICT** Rep. M. Caldwell Butler presented an American flag flown over the Capitol to seventh grade students from New

Hope Elementary School visiting Washington this month. The students toured the White House and Capitol during their trip.



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## Butler Speaker

### For Co-op Meet

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will speak at the afternoon session of the annual meeting of the Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative June 21. The meeting will be held at the Rockingham County Fair grounds in Harrisonburg.

Four directors will be elected during the meeting, two from Shenandoah County, and one each from Augusta and Rockingham. Incumbent director Paul L. Huffman of Meyers Cave and W. Winston Detamore of Ft. Defiance have been nominated for the Augusta post.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. in the Main Exhibit Building and the business session will start at 10. The meeting will end at 2:30 p.m.



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**BICENTENNIAL FLAG PRESENTED** — C. Kenneth Landes (right), chairman of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors, accepts county's Bicentennial Flag from Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler (left) in ceremony

this morning on steps of county courthouse. Looking on with flag is Ronald W. Bishop, chairman of the Augusta County Bicentennial Committee. The ceremony also included a brief history of the county and an address by Mr. Butler.

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RED, WHITE AND BLUE starred emblem of the American Revolution Bicentennial flutters on a breeze with Old Glory atop the Augusta County Courthouse for the salute of

those at a presentation ceremony yesterday, as the National Anthem is played by the Stonewall Brigade Band.

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Jack Thomas McKenzie of Crimora, was pronounced dead on arrival this morning at Waynesboro Community Hospital. The body is at McDow Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

**PERMITS ISSUED**

Building permits were issued here yesterday to R. W. Gray for dwellings at 510 and 520 Shore Rd. the estimated construction cost of each house was \$38,750, according to the Office of the Building Inspector.

The lots in the Club Court Drawbond Ham.

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## Augusta Officially Joins Bicentennial Celebration

By BROWER YORK JR.  
N-V Staff Writer

STAUNTON — Augusta County has officially joined hands with countless communities and college campuses across the nation in celebration of America's 200th birthday.

Its participation is evidenced by the distinctive red, white and blue American Revolution Bicentennial flag now flying with Old Glory over the courthouse lawn.

The celebration banner, along with Augusta's Certificate of Recognition as a Bicentennial Community, was formally presented yesterday by Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, on behalf of the National Bicentennial Administration, of which he is a board member.

"This is the first official activity in Augusta County to recapture the Spirit of '76," declared C. Kenneth Landes, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, who accepted the flag and certificate on behalf of Augusta County residents.

"May we rekindle the spirit of respect and patriotism, the spirit of perseverance, and the

spirit of goodness and honesty," Mr. Landes said.

"I accept this flag on behalf of the citizens of Augusta County with humility, and with pride, as I represent so many good people in our community. And may this flag, as it flies on this courthouse lawn, be a constant reminder of our great heritage — and may this heritage give us strength to move forward with determination to improve our way of life."

Augusta County thus becomes the tenth locality in the Sixth Congressional District, along with one college campus, to receive Bicentennial Community designation.

In an address preceding the flag presentation, Rep. Butler characterized the Bicentennial celebration as "a chain reaction of events in communities, towns, cities, counties, schools, churches — even Indian tribes — around the nation which commemorate our past and offer a framework for evaluating our future."

He said the concept of thousands upon thousands of local and regional celebrations

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Ronald W. Bishop presided over the program and Supervisor Lyle R. Kindig, board representative on the committee, served as toastmaster for the luncheon.

A musical backdrop was provided by the historic Stonewall Brigade Band of Staunton.

**STUARTS DRAFT — Miss Nellie Ham**

Nellie Margaret Ham, 89, of 116 Second St., died Monday in District Home.

Miss Ham was born in Rock bridge County, Feb. 18, 1886, daughter of the late Ellis Ham and Nannie Margaret Drawbond Ham.

**Miss Nellie Ham**

Funeral Home where Masonic services will be held at 7:30 tonight.

The body will remain at Eiter Funeral Home, con-Youngstown.

Homestead Cemetery near Todd with cremains buried in Todd Rideout. Cremation will follow ducted by the Rev. Amos the Eiter Funeral Home, con- a.m. Thursday in the chapel of A funeral will be held at 10 great-grandchildren.

The Freddy Funeral Home of American Cancer Society. of contributions to The Robert Pfa of Cincinnati; and Mrs. Helene Mae Jenkins Cook; two daughters, Mrs. Ronald Weber, Surviving are his wife, Mrs. in New York City.

the Rev. Linwood Coffman. Christian Church, conducted by a.m. Friday in Rochelle member of the National of Boys Town, Neb. and a He was an honorary member Masonic Lodge 545 Canfield, Niles, and member of Argus Chapter 229, Eastern Star of Demolay, past master of the advisory council of the Order of Robert Weaver of Washington, D. C., Kemper L. Weaver of Silver Spring, Md., and H. Creel Weaver of San Antonio, Tex.; two sisters, Mrs. Karl Dampier of Silver Spring, Md., and Mrs. John Oddenino of Arlington, and seven grandchildren.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in Rochelle Christian Church, conducted by the Rev. Linwood Coffman. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

The family requests that memorial tributes take the form of contributions to The American Cancer Society.

The Freddy Funeral Home of Orange is in charge of the arrangements.

Jack Thomas McKenzie of Crimora, was pronounced dead on arrival this morning at Waynesboro Community Hospital.

The body is at McDow Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

**PERMITS ISSUED**

Building permits were issued here yesterday to R. W. Gray for dwellings at 510 and 520 Shore Rd. the estimated construction cost of each house was \$38,750, according to the Office of the Building Inspector.

The lots in the Club Court Drawbond Ham.

In pronouncing the invocation for yesterday's celebration program, the Rev. John R. Stanley, pastor of Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church, gave thanks for the dedication of the patriots of Augusta County



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# THE STAUNTON LEADER

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Staunton, Va.

Wednesday, May 28, 1975

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## Bicentennial musical gift

U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler speaks to area music teachers gathered Tuesday at J. C. Penney at Staunton Plaza after the firm gave a collection of historical and contemporary American music

arranged for band, orchestra and choral groups, called "Bicentennial Music Celebration", to area high schools. Across the nation 30,000 schools and colleges are receiving the Bicentennial gift.

(Photo by Dennis Sutton)





**BICENTENNIAL FLAG** — U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler presents Augusta County Supervisor Chairman C. Kenneth Landes with a Bicentennial flag during ceremonies at the courthouse Tuesday. Inspecting the flag are Jason Bishop and Amber Anne Nolen.

(Chester B. Goolrick III)

## Bicentennial flag raised over courthouse

As a large crowd applauded and the Stonewall Brigade Band played "America", Augusta County's Bicentennial flag was raised over the courthouse square following ceremonies bathed in sunshine Tuesday afternoon.

The red, white and blue flag was presented to the county by 6th District U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, one of the two congressional members of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration. The flag and an accompanying certificate acknowledged Augusta County's official acceptance as a Bicentennial locality.

Accepting the flag and certificate for the county was C. Kenneth Landes, chairman

of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors.

Earlier an audience that numbered more than 100 listened attentively in the Augusta County Circuit Courtroom as Mr. Butler and other speakers paid tribute to Augusta County's historic past.

Noting that Augusta County now becomes the ninth area in the 6th District to be designated a Bicentennial locality, Rep. Butler said that the celebrations marking the nation's 200th anniversary will seek to honor the contributions of individuals to the country.

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## Ceremony

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"There has been criticism of our nation in recent times, but it is the enthusiasm and dedication of individuals that the Bicentennial seeks to honor," Rep Butler said.

The Congressman outlined the early history of Augusta County and took note of the resolution of the freeholders of the county, adopted Feb. 22, 1775, calling it a "remarkable document" which prefigured the Declaration of Independence, written more than one year later.

"Augusta County citizens were almost entirely committed to the idea of freedom from early on," Rep. Butler said.

In conclusion, Rep. Butler said: "The willingness of our citizens to fight for our nation's ideals continues to be a great part of our nation's strength."

Rep. Butler's speech was preceded by talks from Mrs. William Bushman of the Augusta County Historical Association, and Mrs. W. T. Francisco, regent of the Col. Thomas Hughart chapter of the DAR.

Mrs. Bushman, who spoke at length about life in Augusta County up to 1776, pointed out that at the time of its first survey, the county was "the largest in the modern world" and said "from the very beginning, the county was a melting pot for all groups".

Mrs. Bushman traced the county's history through its settlement, wars with Indians and its contributions to the Revolutionary War.

Quoting words by Carl Sandburg, Mrs. Bushman said nations have fallen because "they forgot where they came from, they lost sight of what brought them along".

Mrs. Francisco gave a verbal guided tour of famous houses and churches built in the county's earliest days, many of which are still standing.



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## Cline gets GOP nod

NEW HOPE — Middle River Republicans Tuesday night chose Willard Cline, an Augusta County dairyman and father of four, to run for the district seat on the Board of Supervisors now occupied by Democrat John S. Long.

Mr. Cline, who was the only candidate for the Republican nomination, owns and operates Meadowrun Dairy Farms and is a board member of the Augusta Cooperative Farm Bureau. This will be his first campaign for public office.

In accepting his unanimous nomination from the more than 40 persons at the meeting, Mr. Cline pointed out that there is "a possibility that no man on the board next year will be a full-time farmer.

"I think that this should be of some concern to the people of Augusta County, primarily an agricultural area," Mr. Cline, who is a full-time farmer, said.

The candidate listed the Verona dam (he

opposes its construction), the land use plan adopted at Tuesday night's meeting of the Board of Supervisors, and the method of selection of the County School Board as primary issues in the upcoming campaign.

"My policy will be to weigh the balances and perform the best I can for Augusta County," Mr. Cline said in conclusion.

Harold Roller, who gave the primary nominating speech for Mr. Cline, called him a man of outstanding character, high moral qualities and good business judgment and added that he has "no special interests or conflicts".

As has been the case at other magisterial district meetings held this month, an assortment of political candidates showed up to display backing for the latest candidate and to make a few remarks themselves.

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## Cline

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Most notable were candidates for three state political offices, A. R. Giesen Jr. and Robert H. Horn, who are running for the two seats from the 15th Legislative District in the House of Delegates, and Del. J. Marshall Coleman, who is running for the Senate.

Mr. Coleman, who is giving up his relatively secure seat in the House of Delegates, said he is running for the Senate seat because of "the capacity for leadership in the Senate.

"But it's not enough just to want to be there," Mr. Coleman said. "I believe that a senator must have a program.

"I will continue the program I have advanced, however successfully, in the House of Delegates," Mr. Coleman said, stressing the need for an "open window on state government so that people can see what the processes of government are".

Calling the Senate a "club" (presumably, a Democratic club), Mr. Coleman said: "We should open up the doors in the State Senate".

In his remarks, Mr. Giesen said economic problems will be "critical" in the next few years.

"I have the experience in economic matters that can be useful to the district," the former delegate said.

Mr. Horn, a teacher at Madison College and farmer, said both his vocations would be useful to a legislator.



THE RECORDER, THURSDAY, MAY 29, 1975



**SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS** at Highland High School are pictured on the steps of the Capitol in Washington, D. C. Congressman M. Caldwell Butler, second from lower right, conducted a brief tour of the building and Congressional Gallery during the Washington stop, the class going on to New York

City for the remainder of their five-day trip. HHS faculty members Wendell Warner, at Butler's left, Miss Dee Hockman, on the congressman's right, and Mrs. Warner, fourth from right, chaperoned the annual class jaunt.



## '76 Elections a Factor

# Scott To Delay 2nd Term Plans

By MELVILLE CARICO  
Times Political Writer

MARTINSVILLE—U.S. Sen. William L. Scott said Thursday he will not make a decision on whether to seek a second term in the Senate in 1978 until after next year's presidential and congressional elections.

"I am going to wait until after the 1976 elections," Scott said—a statement that scotches a widely-held belief that the senator, when he was elected in 1972, intended to serve only one term.

Scott said he does not want to discuss factors which will influence his decision, a decision of prime interest to other Republicans, because "I don't want to box myself in."

Scott also said he does not want to discourage anyone else in the GOP who may be interested in running for the Senate but that he never said in 1972 or any time since then that he intended to retire in 1979 when his present term ends.

By then, at age 63, Scott will have 43 years government service behind him—including 21 years as a Department of Justice attorney, 12 as a member of the House from Virginia's 8th

District and four years in the Senate.

Right now, Atty. Gen. Andrew P. Miller is the most talked about potential Democratic candidate for the Senate seat; former Gov. Linwood Holton and Rep. M. Caldwell Butler the most likely among the Republicans. But if Scott decides to run again any Republican would face the unwelcome necessity of defeating him in a state GOP convention.

Scott was in the Martinsville area for a luncheon speech to the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce sponsored by its congressional action committee.

He met later with GOP leaders in the area.

Scott is spending the Memorial Day recess on the road. He was in Staunton Tuesday, Lynchburg Wednesday and will be in Richmond today for announced-in-advance get-togethers with business leaders and "open door" meetings with anyone who wants to talk to him. Unpublicized have been night meeting with GPO leaders.

Scott used this format in Southwest Virginia earlier in

the year and the question about his future plans was prompted by a reporter's suggestion that the way he is working does not look like the actions of a senator thinking about quitting.

Scott voted against confirmation of Vice President Nelson Rockefeller and said in a recent speech in North Carolina that the GOP might have to look to another standard-bearer in 1976 if President Ford continues his liberal trend.

Scott said in the Martinsville interview he likes President Ford but just wishes he would revert to the "Jerry Ford who was in the House."

Scott, in his luncheon talk, revealed that at a recent White House conference he remarked to President Ford, "Mr. President, I'd like to get you back to where you were in November."

"For a moment he seemed mildly irritated," Scott said.

"Then I said, 'Mr. President, we've been friends for a long time,' and then he smiled and said, 'I know we have . . . I said I didn't mean to be impertinent in any way.'"

Martinsville is in the 5th District and Scott complimented

its congressman, Rep. W. C. "Dan" Daniel, a conservative Democrat. Scott said they are personal friends, have lunch together, and when he was in the House it was rare that he and Daniel voted differently.

Scott also told his luncheon audience that while he has been on the road his Washington office got a personal note from President Ford thanking him for voting against the Consumer Advocacy Bill which the President may veto if it passes the House.

Scott defeated one-term Democrat William B. Spong Jr. and, in doing so, rolled up 718,337 votes behind President Nixon's drawing power in that presidential election.

This was the largest vote ever received by a statewide candidate in Virginia—a fact referred to by Mrs. Virginia Hall, a lifelong Democrat who has an enviable record getting top name figures from both parties to come to Martinsville to speak.

She gave Sen. Scott a glowing introduction after remarking: "If I don't stop introducing Republicans I'm going to lose my donkey."

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The World-News, Roanoke, Va., Friday, May 30, 1975

## Butler speaks at dedication

The first of Roanoke's three new high-rise office buildings was dedicated today in ceremonies marked by recollections of Roanoke history.

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler noted that the site of the new 14-story United Virginia Bank building has always been an

"active corner in the history of Roanoke."

He said the corner of First Street and Church Avenue was once graced by Roanoke's tallest building, the Post Office. "It was," said Butler, "a beautiful building if you liked gargoyles."

He said the new building erected by United Virginia Bank of Roanoke marked tremendous progress from the day it opened as Security National in a remodeled toy store with \$1.5 million in capital.

Now a part of a Richmond-based bank-holding company with assets of about \$2 billion, the bank can lend up to \$15.5 million—to someone with the proper collateral.

"This building shows that even in Richmond there is faith in the growth of Roanoke," Butler said.



## Scott may run <sup>g.c.</sup> for Senate again

MARTINSVILLE (AP) — Sen. William L. Scott, R-Va., in a contradiction of the belief he wouldn't run again, says he won't decide until after next year's presidential and congressional elections whether to seek a second term.

"I am going to wait until after the 1976 elections," Scott told the Roanoke Times Thursday, apparently putting to rest the belief he intended to serve just one term when he was elected in 1972.

Scott said he does not want to discuss factors that will influence his decision, which is of prime interest to other Republicans, because "I don't want to box myself in."

In addition, Scott said he does not want to discourage any other Republican who may be interested from running for

the Senate. But he denied he said in 1972 or any time since then he intended to retire when his term ends in 1979.

Scott will be 63 at that time, and former Gov. Linwood Holton and 6th District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler have been the most widely discussed possible GOP candidates. Atty. Gen. Andrew P. Miller has been the subject of much Democratic speculation.

The state's junior senator was in the Martinsville area for a luncheon speech to the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce and later met with area Republican leaders.

Scott has spent the Memorial Day recess on the road. He was due in Richmond today

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THE NEWS, Lynchburg, Va., Sat., May 31, 1975

## Miller Says House Report Erroneous On Rights Act

RICHMOND (AP) — Atty. Gen. Andrew P. Miller says a House Judiciary Committee report that the 1964 Voting Rights Act sparked large increases in black registrations in Virginia is wrong.

Miller said in a letter to Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, a committee member, that a chart printed with the report show-

ing black and white registration rates before and after the act's passage also is wrong.

The chart derives its pre- and post-act registration figures for Virginia from inconsistent sources, the attorney general said.

Miller said the figures used for years after the act was passed came from the Voter Education Project, a group "devoted to measuring black voting strength in the several southern states and recognized for its accuracy in doing so."

But for the years before the act was passed, the chart completely ignores the figures arrived at by the project and instead uses estimates developed by other sources, Miller said.

"It is apparent that the compilers of the chart, without so indicating, chose their figures from different materials in or-

der to prove their preconceived point," He said.

Miller said the pre-act figures for Virginia are incomplete and inaccurate because they totally exclude the number of blacks registered in Richmond, although

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## FOR THREE PROGRAMS

# City Schools Denied Requested Federal Aid

By JAYNE GRIFFIN

News Staff Writer

Lynchburg public school officials have learned they are listed as ineligible for a requested \$380,758 in federal funds for the 1975-76 school year because they are not in total compliance with desegregation laws, charges local officials say are untrue.

In a letter dated May 23, 1975, officials of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare informed local school authorities a review panel from the Office of Civil Rights had reported, following a visit to the city schools in October of 1974, that the schools were not in compliance with laws regarding discrimination.

The letter, received in Lynchburg May 27, 1975, gave the school system until May 30 to reply, stating what steps were being taken to bring the schools in line with federal law.

That letter was in response to a grant application filed by city school officials seeking the more than \$300,000 under the Emergency School Aid Act. The application was filed with HEW May 12.

Lynchburg School Supt. Dr. Joseph A. Spagnolo Jr. said Monday the review board referred to had visited the city schools "on or about Oct. 1, 1974."

The Lynchburg superintendent said he had met with them in an "exit" interview following their visits in the system and that, other than references to some placements in special education in the late 1960s, they seemed "favorably impressed with our system."

Spagnolo said a phone call received the week before the letter was the first indication, in the more than eight months that had elapsed since the visit, that their findings had been anything other than "favorable."

### Given Assurance

At the exit interview last October, Spagnolo said he had assured the representatives of OCR that those problems raised had been cleared up and assured them that similar oc-

curances would not take place.

Spagnolo said Monday an example of the questions raised by OCR was the non-use by the city schools of the revised test related to intelligence quotient.

"We've been using the revised test referred to since it was issued in April, 1974," Spagnolo said.

All of the charges were in areas Spagnolo said could be termed "insignificant," but added that he felt the schools were "trying our best to offer a good education to each child, black or white."

The funds sought under ESAA would operate three programs during the upcoming school year.

The first would employ some 35 teacher aides and 10 special educationally disadvantaged teachers to aid the classroom teacher in the elementary schools.

They would work in a program of individualized instruction in mathematics, reading and language arts.

The second would be the continuation of the Opportunity Center, an outgrowth of the Lynchburg Learning Center, an alternate high school

formerly operated by the city schools for students who, for one reason or another, could not fit in the regular classroom.

The Opportunity Center would operate within the city's two high schools and serve essentially the same students.

The third and final program under the ESAA application was one calling for the establishment of neighborhood groups wherein parents and school personnel could meet and discuss events in the city's school system.

At present Lynchburg school officials are awaiting the next move by HEW. It was pointed out Monday school authorities had contacted both Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler and Virginia Sen. William L. Scott regarding the matter, as well as telegram to OCR and HEW officials. The letter requested by May 30 was sent also.

In a meeting with Scott last week, during his visit to Lynchburg, school officials were placed in touch with Casper Wineburger, HEW head.

A spokesman in Butler's office said the Congressman himself was dealing with the problem.

"I have told HEW that I would be willing to meet with them here, in their Philadelphia office or in Washington and, given 10 minutes, could prove that the city is in compliance with the laws of desegregation," Spagnolo said.

"The next move is up to them," he added.



# Voting Rights Act Gets Lift

By WAYNE WOODLIEF  
Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Virginia Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's Voting Rights Act bailout amendment, heading for a floor vote today, got a lift Monday from the Justice Department's civil rights chief.

But the amendment was attacked by a U.S. Civil Rights Commission memorandum, and Butler was attempting late Monday to meet some of its objections to seal a victory for his amendment.

The Butler amendment would give Virginia, North Carolina and other states a chance to avoid federal review of their election laws. They would have to prove in federal court that they no longer discriminate against minority voters, and enact new "affirmative" voting opportunity statutes.

Clarence Mitchell, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's chief lobbyist, who wants the act extended undiluted, conceded Monday that the Butler amendment "is a problem for us."

Butler revealed Monday, as debate began on a proposed 10-year extension of the Voting Rights Act, that he had revised his amendment to include "improvements" suggested by Assistant U.S. Atty. Gen. Stanley Pottinger.

Pottinger, who heads the civil rights division, had written that the changes would make Butler's amendment "stringent enough to insure that only those jurisdictions which, in fact, have rooted out the evils which the act was designed to prohibit, could bail out."

Without his amendment and several others being offered by Republicans, Butler told the House Monday, the extended Voting Rights Act would "perpetuate the stench of Reconstruction legislation which does more harm than good."

The Roanoke Republican's amendment drew a critical analysis from the Civil Rights Commission staff, however.

The commission memo found "attractive" Butler's "idea that a jurisdiction that removes all traces of discrimination in the political process need not remain specifically covered under the Voting Rights Act until Congress is satisfied that other jurisdictions have made such progress, assuming that relapse is adequately guarded against."

But, the memo also said, the Butler amendment "fails to clarify questions under the existing bailout provisions and creates new and difficult problems of standards, procedures and measurement."

The memo had gone to Rep. Don Edwards, D-Calif., chairman of the House Judiciary Civil Rights subcommittee, on May 19. But Butler, the ranking Republican, said he obtained a copy of it only Monday.

Butler immediately called a Civil Rights Commission representative to his office to try to overcome some of the objections.

He was still working on his amendment Monday night, and didn't anticipate circulating its final language until today.



# Extending Rights Bill Rejected

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House overwhelmingly rejected on Tuesday a proposal to extend the Voting Rights Act to any area with less than 50 per cent minority voter turnout in a federal election.

And it also voted down, 279 to 133, another proposal that would have allowed Southern states to work their way out of coverage by the 1965 law.

The votes came as the House spent a second day debating legislation extending the Voting Rights Act through 1985 and expanding its protection to non-English speaking minorities as well as blacks.

A substitute measure proposed by Rep. Charles E. Wiggins, R-Calif., would have made the present law national in scope.

Only areas with a minority voter turnout of more than 50 per cent would have escaped coverage under the proposal, which was defeated 269 to 134.

Wiggins said his bill would have provided all states, including the Southern states now fully covered by the law, with an incentive to increase registration of black and SpanishAmerican voters.

He said current law penalizes Southern states for abuses that occurred before the Voting Rights Act became law and which have since been rectified.

Wiggins said the bill sent to the floor by the Judiciary Committee would never allow those states to win an exemption from the law.

"If you think the South is deserving of rejoining the Union ... you will support my substitute," he said.

The other amendment was offered by Rep. W. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., who said Congress must provide a way for states to eventually become free of the law.

He said the original law contained such a provision but that it has been effectively nullified by Supreme Court decisions.

Butler's amendment would have allowed a state to work itself out of the law by achieving a 60 per cent minority voter turnout, a five-year record free of any voting rights judgments and by adopting an anti-discrimination legislative program.

Once those conditions were met, said Butler, a state no longer would be required to obtain Justice Department approval of any voting law change.

Such clearance now is required of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Virginia, Georgia, South Carolina



# Voting rights bill nears vote in House

WASHINGTON (AP) — After rejecting a series of Republican sponsored amendments by lopsided margins, the House is heading toward passage of a bill extending the Voting Rights Act through 1985.

During a seven-hour debate Tuesday, a number of amendments that would have weakened the bill and one applying the Voting Rights Act nationally were turned down by margins of at least two-to-one, a sure sign that the measure

drafted by the Judiciary Committee is moving toward passage later today.

Among the amendments rejected was one by Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., to allow southern states to earn an exemption from a requirement that they obtain federal approval of any voter law changes.

Butler's amendment would have exempted the states from the provision if they achieved

a 60 per cent minority voter turn-out, a five-year record free of voting rights judgments, and enact legislation to wipe out all vestiges of voter discrimination.

Both the present law and the committee bill apply to all of six southern states, a large part of North Carolina and small sections of several other northern and western states.

The committee bill adds to the law's coverage any area with a non-English speaking minority of at least 5 per cent and which had a voter turnout of less than 50 per cent in 1974. The provision is designed to give the protection of the law to several million Spanish-Americans, Indians, native Alaskans and Asian-Americans.

Texas and Alaska, because of their Spanish-American and native populations, join the southern states wholly covered by the act since it became law in 1965, under the bill.

In addition, the committee bill extends the law for the first time to parts of six states — Colorado, Florida, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Utah — which have large foreign-language speaking populations.

The bill also requires the newly covered areas to provide bilingual ballots and other voter assistance to language minorities.



## Voting act relaxation defeated

WASHINGTON — An amendment to the Voting Rights Act that would have ended federal review of election laws in Virginia, North Carolina and other states under the act was defeated yesterday 279-134.

Rep. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., who offered the amendment, said he feels that Virginia should not be punished for another 10 years by extending the act to 1985.

Butler said that the past segregation practices that prompted federal control over the state's election laws have been discarded.

He argued that his amendment would give covered states and localities an incentive to upgrade electoral opportunities for minorities.

Butler's amendment would have provided that states could bail out from federal review if they produced at least a 60 per cent turnout of registered minority voters, prove five years free of voting discrimination and enact laws to broaden minority voting opportunity.



# THE ROANOKE TIMES

Roanoke, Virginia, Wednesday, June 4, 1975

## Voting Act Escape Defeated

By WAYNE WOODLIEF  
Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Virginia Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's Voting Rights Act bailout amendment was trounced, 279-134, in the House Tuesday.

The Roanoke Republican's effort to give Virginia, North Carolina and other covered states an escape hatch from federal review of their election laws was washed away by a tide of civil rights rhetoric.

(All Virginia House members voted for the Butler amendment except for Northern Vir-

ginia Reps. Herbert Harris and Joseph Fisher.)

Butler was slashing and occasionally sarcastic in debate. He slammed out complex legal interpretations at a staccatto clip, and claimed Virginia and other states shouldn't be penalized for another 10 years (the act would be extended to 1985) for past segregation practices now discarded.

Butler argued that his amendment would give covered states and localities an incentive to upgrade electoral opportunities for minorities in

order to bail out from federal review.

They could seek a federal court order to bail out if they met three basic requirements: 1. Produce at least a 60 per cent turnout of registered minority voters. 2. Prove five years free of voting discrimination. 3. Enact "affirmative" laws to broaden minority voting opportunity.

Rep. Herman Badillo, D-N.Y., challenged the incentive argument. "What incentive is there to believe in democracy?" he asked. "What incentive

is there to obey the Constitution? . . . It's the incentive of believing that the fruits of democracy are available to all people."

Butler jumped to his feet. "I agree with those incentives," he said. "Then prove it, by staying under the act," Badillo replied.

Butler thrust out his arm, pointing at Badillo, and shouted, "We CAN prove it. But you won't let us. You're acting like the Supreme Court."



## Bath County Seniors To Hear Congressman Butler

HOT SPRINGS — Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler will deliver the featured address here Friday night as 68 Bath County High School seniors receive their diplomas in final graduation exercise.

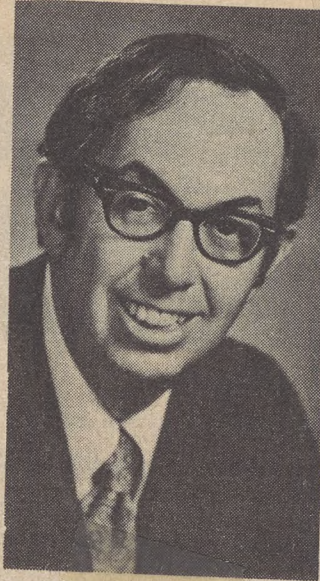
Butler, who is serving his second two-year term in Congress following a distinguished career in Virginia politics, is a native of Ronaoke and a graduate of the University of Richmond. He later completed law school at the University of Virginia. At the University of Richmond, Congressman Butler was Phi Beta Kappa.

He is currently a member of the House Committee of the Judiciary and as such participated in the historic impeachment inquiry of Richard M. Nixon during the summer of 1974, as well as the confirmation hearing of Vice Presidents Gerald R. Ford and Nelson A. Rockefeller. He presently serves as ranking Republican on its subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights.

In 1973, Butler served on the Republican Task Force on Election Reform and chaired its subcommittee on Voter

Registration. He also served on the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives that year and he was active in drafting the Campaign Reform Act of 1974 considered by that committee.

In the 94th Congress, Butler joined the House Committee on Small Business, where he is a member of two subcommittees: Energy and Environment and Commodities and Services. He also has been appointed by the Republican leadership to serve on the House Republican Task Force on Congressional Reform. Actively interested in the



M. Caldwell Butler

Nation's Bicentennial celebration, Butler is one of two House members appointed by the Speaker of the House to the eleven-man Board of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration. He also has been appointed by the Speaker to the National Commission for the Review of Federal and State Laws Relating to Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance.

Donna Hiner will present the invocation and Debra Bolt the salutory. The valedictory address will be delivered by Brenda Clark. Congressman Butler will be introduced by assistant principal Wasena Wooten. Bath County High School Principal will present the awards and Rene Dufour, chairman of the Bath County School board, will award the diplomas.

The class song is "Come Saturday Morning" and the recessional is "Fanfare" by Ployhat. Robert Shinault will deliver the benediction.



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RECEIVES MEDAL--Patricia A. Leonard, 12, of Blue Ridge, receives an AAA School Safety Patrol Lifesaving Medal from the House of Representatives Majority Leader Tio O'Neill in Washington, D. C., as Sixth District Representative M. Caldwell Butler looks on. While on bus patrol duty at Colonial Elementary School, Miss Leonard prevented a child from stepping into the path of a runaway truck.



## Farmer Petitions Hit ASCS Office Transfer

Petitions are being circulated among Botetourt County farmers protesting reported plans of the Botetourt County office of the United States Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) from Fincastle to Daleville.

Henry J. Heckler, a Lithia farmer who is circulating the petitions in the Buchanan area, told The Herald this week that he had obtained approximately 24 signatures over the past weekend.

Heckler said that he was opposing the proposed move because it would deteriorate the concept of a county seat and would remove the service from the convenience of farmers. "If they're going to move it out of the county seat, they should move it to Buchanan," Heckler said.

Heckler said that the only reason he could see for the move would be to "make the office more convenient to Joe Kinzie's home." Heckler was referring to Joseph G. Kinzie, Jr., manager of the ASCS office here.

Kinzie told The Herald that the move is being made because the ASCS County Committee had received a letter from James Beavers setting a deadline to vacate offices in the County Court Building. Beavers has said that he has since told Kinzie that deadline can be extended until office space in Fincastle is available. Beavers said that he has been assured that this is possible by August 1.

When asked about Beavers' subsequent offers, Kinzie said that he and his committee had chosen to proceed on the basis of Beavers' last written communication.

Heckler commented that it seemed the move was being "hung on a technicality" with no concern for the farmers who are customers of the ASCS.

According to Heckler, the matter will be carried to the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors and Congressman M. Caldwell Butler.

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# BCHS Exercises Tonight, Friday

WARM SPRINGS - Congressman M. Caldwell Butler will present the keynote address at Bath County High School Friday night at the Commencement for the 1975 graduates from BCHS. The ceremony will begin at 8 p.m. with the traditional processional to "Pomp and Circumstance" by Elgar.

Miss Donna Jean Hiner, a member of the graduating class, will give the invocation, and addresses will be given by Salutatorian Miss Debra Bolt and Valedictorian Miss Brenda Clark.

BCHS Assistant Principal Warena Wooten will introduce Rep. Butler, a well known lawyer who is in his second term as a Congressman representing the 6th District.

Michael Eberbaugh, principal, and School Board Chairman Rene Dufour will present the senior class awards and diplomas, after which the graduates will sing their class song "Come Saturday Morning." Benediction will be offered by graduate Robert Allen Shinault.

Music for the commencement exercises will be presented by the Bath County High School Band, and Mrs. Mary Shifflet will be the piano accompanist for both the commencement and the baccalaureate service.

The Baccalaureate Service will be tonight (Thursday), in the auditorium at BCHS at 8 o'clock with the Rev. James Brinkley delivering the sermon. The Rev. Charles Krohn will give the invocation following the processional to "God of Our Fathers" by Roberts. The Bath County Chorus will sing "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" and "I May Never Pass This Way Again," and the recessional will be "God of Our Fathers."

Sponsors for the graduating class are Mrs. Natalie Cauley, Charles Cauley and Tracy Phillips. The class colors are orchid and purple, and the motto "Today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope." Ushers for the commencement exercises and the baccalaureate service, chosen by the graduates, are Les Ensley, Donnie Michaels,



Rep. M. Caldwell Butler  
Commencement Speaker

Norman Robertson and Dennis Myers. Amy Shanks and Michael Plecker are the senior class mascots.

Members of the graduating class of 1975 are:

Charles Jeffery Altizer, Joyce Darlene Altizer, Bettie Lee Berry, Carol Darlene Bird, Debra Ellen Bolt, Jackson Boyd Brinkley, Robert Darrell Burns, Jr., Virginia Waring Burrows, Kathy Sue Bussard, Michael Lynn Buzzard, Katherine Rose Byrd, Steven Michael Carpenter, Michael Lee Cauley, Phyllis Arleen Cauley, Brenda Marie Clark, Diana Faye Deel, Shirley Marie Deel, Nancy Ellen Failes, Candace Kaye Forbes, Beverly Frances Fry, Johnny Modesto Gazzola, Lester Paul Gibson, Glenna Marie Gwin, Jeanie Marie Gwin, Lois George Helmtoller, Regina Mae Henry, Donna Jean Hiner, Stephen Winfred Hiner, Robert Michael Hodge, Pamela Gail Jenkins, Kathy Jo Kennedy, Eugenia Marie Kincaid, Linda Thomas Krantz, Terry Elisabeth Law.

Also, Teresa Ann Lindsay, Tony Wayne Liptrap, Mary Ellen Little, Betty Jane Lowry, Joyce Gwen McClaughery, Connie Ann McAllister, Albert Stephen Mills, Edna Mae Persinger, Penny Lee Plecker, Richard Keith Plecker, Stephen Douglas Plecker, Mary Alice Plogger, Dana Herman Pritt, Kathy Ellen Rexrode, Annette Denise Riley, Johnnie Lou Rodgers, Juliette Ann Routier, Jeffrey Lynn Rusmisl, Kenneth Bruce Ryder, Leroy William Ryder, Jr., Garry Davis Shanks, Henry Donald Shifflett, Jr., Ralph Edward Shifflett, Robert Allen Shinault, Susan Lynn Shinault, Wesley Lloyd Shrader, Duane Lee Simmons, Donna Lynn Smith, Carolleah Swadley, Deborah Sue Swearengin, George Edward Tidd, Jr., Janet Lee Williams and Deborah Jean Wolfe.



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# Voting Rights Act extension expected

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The Republicans wanted a five-year extension of the act, which expires later this year, and provisions allowing southern states to work their way out of coverage.

The bill next goes to the Senate Judiciary Committee,

whose chairman, Sen. James O. Eastland, D-Miss., is a leading opponent of civil rights legislation.

But the makeup of that panel now is more liberal than in the 1960s when civil rights legislation was kept bottled up for long periods in the panel.

Sen. John V. Tunney, D-Calif., whose subcommittee has been considering voting rights legislation, has said he expects no difficulty bringing the bill to the floor.

And a Senate rules change has made it easier to choke off the filibusters that once were used by southerners to block

passage of civil rights bills.

Supporters of the extension bill expect the Senate to approve it by mid-July. Unless the legislation is enacted, the Voting Rights Act will expire in August.

The House-passed legislation would continue provisions of the law that have been in effect since 1965 while adding new sections to benefit several million non-English speaking Spanish-Americans, Indians, native Alaskans, and Asian-Americans.

The bill would permanently ban literacy tests in voter registration.

## Virginians oppose act

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Republicans — Butler no; R. W. Daniel no; Robinson no; Wampler no; Whitehurst no.



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