



PARKWAY PROGRESSES ON MARYLAND SHORE

Grading of the Maryland portion of the George Washington Memorial parkway is well along as this area near Little Falls indicates. The camera, poised atop the new Little Falls raw water pumping station, looks across a specially fabricated concrete bridge built over the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal

as part of the water supply complex. Up the hill, running through the town of Brookmont, Md., are D. C. Transit System's Cabin John streetcar line, to be abandoned, and MacArthur boulevard. — Star Staff Photo by Francis Routh.

Christmas Area Sales At New High

Christmas trade in Washington area department stores apparently reached a new high with the help of a late rush, data from the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond disclosed yesterday.

Department store sales in the area were 3 per cent ahead of a year earlier in the four weeks ending December 26, the bank reported.

Sales in the week ending December 26 jumped 23 per cent ahead of a year ago, to give a push to the sales figures.

Area sales for the year to date were 5 per cent above a year ago.

The downtown portion of the area department store sales total made a much less favorable showing without the aid of suburban branches.

Downtown sales in the four weeks before Christmas were 2 per cent behind a year ago although they were 16 per cent ahead in the last week. For the year to date, downtown sales were off 1 per cent.

Baltimore area department store sales were 3 per cent behind a year ago in the four weeks, despite a gain of 6 per cent in the week, and for the year to date were just even with 1958 levels. Downtown Baltimore sales were 11 per cent behind in four weeks and off 2 per cent in the week. For the year to date they were down 9 per cent.

For the entire Fifth Federal Reserve District, of which Washington and Baltimore are a part, the week's sales were up 16 per cent, four weeks sales were up 1 per cent and volume for the year to date was 3 per cent above a year ago.

Tawes Receives

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 2 (AP).—About 1,700 Marylanders turned out yesterday to help Gov. and Mrs. Tawes usher in the New Year with the traditional reception at Government House.

MEMO FROM THE EDITOR

The 60s Will Introduce Exciting Changes

HAPPY (?) NEW DECADE—The 1960s are likely to see lots of changes in everyday life—flexible homes, cars that steer themselves, cooked-in-a-minute meals, TV-equipped telephones. These aren't pipe dreams. Industry already has them in the works. Finance expert Dexter Keezer describes what's to be expected in the next ten years in This Week Magazine.

OUR "SOFT-SELL" SECRETARY—In contrast to the late Secretary Dulles, who made a science of international statecraft, Secretary of State Herter approaches it as an art. For a study of the human side of these two great leaders, see SUNDAY, The Star Magazine.

TEEN-AGERS AND RELIGION—TEEN Magazine asks some of the 11,000 youths who attended the Capital Teen Convention at the National Guard Armory whether or not religion helps teen-agers. Their interesting answers appear this Sunday.

NEW DISNEY COMIC—"Toby Tyler," a new and exciting circus story about a boy who runs away from his uncle's farm to join the Big Top, begins in The Star this Sunday.

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House Cabinetmakers Kept Busy Meeting Congressmen's Requests

By HAYNES JOHNSON

Louis Gramlich brushed away some wood shavings from a long work bench, leaned back and began to talk about his job with the Government.

"Well, I started here 29 years ago. Then we only had a couple of saws over there," he said, pointing to the other side of the room where a workman was cutting a board to size. "Now we've got, well, what you can see here: All kinds of equipment."

"What do we make? Just about everything. A Congressman may need more book shelves—they always need more book shelves—or a magazine rack or a table or some knickknacks for his desk. We do them all."

"But really we're cabinetmakers. That's the job." Louis Gramlich is the foreman of the House Cabinet Shop. The shop—a long, rectangular room lined with tools—is located off a basement corridor of the Old House Building.

There is no sign on the large wooden door set in the stone walls and the passersby generally walks past unaware of the shop.

Strange Ideas Checked

"Sometimes they'll come up with some strange ideas," Mr. Gramlich was saying. "You know, like fancy designs. But we usually talk to them and decide on something more simple. And they're pleased."

"The way it works," he explained, "is the Congressman will write to the Clerk of the House saying he wants some work done. Then, when the clerk approves it, we do it."

"And, of course, we do repair work on the House floor furniture—a table needs a leg fixed, or a new top, things like that. We do most of our work in walnut or mahogany. It's traditional; it's the kind they've used around here for a long

time. We use a lot of plywood."

"Now look at that piece over there." He picked up a small piece of wood and ran his pencil over the edges. "Seven layers of plywood right there. Why, a sledge hammer couldn't break it." He smiled and put the board down.

"I remember I made two large buffets for the House. One is in the Republican cloak room and the other in the Democratic. They use it for doughnuts and so forth."

Mr. Gramlich, 66, learned his trade in a firm downtown. He did some furniture work for the old Supreme Court quarters and then took the job in the House Cabinet Shop.

Blanketed in

"No, I wasn't under civil service then," he recalled. "But in 1937 we all were blanketed in."

"You know," he said, running his hand through his white hair, "it's funny the way it works. A Congressman's secretary will want a magazine rack or something like that, and we'll make it. Then they all want it."

"There's no slack time around here, no sir. It keeps someone running up and down-

Anne Arundel Water Rate Boost Halted

BALTIMORE, Jan. 2 (AP).—The Public Service Commission has delayed a proposed increase in Northern Anne Arundel County water rates for 120 days and plans to hold a public hearing.

County officials went to the PSC and the courts Thursday in an effort to block the 50 per cent rate increase proposed by Baltimore officials for water the city furnishes county consumers.

Judge James K. Cullen refused to issue an order temporarily restraining the city from imposing the new rates, which were to have gone into effect yesterday.

But the PSC ordered a delay and called for a hearing. The commission said the boost sought was a "material increase" and the city has not shown it was justified.

Meanwhile, City Solicitor Harrison L. Winter said the city will seek a court injunction to set aside the PSC suspension. He said the commission's move would upset the city's plans to balance its 1960 budget.

Purse Snatchers Rob 2 Women

Blanche Hale, 86, of 2517 Mozart place N.W., had her purse containing \$5 snatched as she walked in the hallway of her apartment house about 6:30 p.m. yesterday, police reported.

Police said the thief was described as a white youth, wearing a "three-quarter length light coat and dark pants."

In another pocketbook snatching, Margereta Stull, 56, of 1300 Clifton street N.W., lost her purse to a youth who grabbed it from her left hand as she was in a parking lot at the rear of the Clifton street address about 6:55 p.m.

stairs all day. I used to think I'd get three months off when Congress adjourns, but it doesn't work that way. There's always something to do."

He and the four men who work under him put in a 5½-day week, from 7:30 in the morning to 4 in the afternoon. Occasionally, he says, a rush-up job will be needed: A rostrum for a committee room or repairing furniture on the House floor; but most of the time it's steady work, day in and out.

"When I came here we were pretty crowded," Mr. Gramlich said. "Everything was all in this room. Now we have separate rooms for the lumber and the finishing and upholstery shops."

"You'd probably want to see the finishing shop. That's right down the hall. Just cross over that board where they're painting. That's it," the foreman said and went back to work.

Tall Cedars Group Picks Silva as Head

Joseph F. Silva, local insurance broker, has been elected grand Tall Cedar of Capitol Forest No. 104 of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

Other officers elected were Clarence H. Lutz, former deputy chief of police, senior deputy grand Tall Cedar; Sgt. Harold A. Harris, Air Force recruiting officer, junior deputy grand Tall Cedar; James G. Reese, treasurer, and Harold C. Keesling, scribe.

CIVILIANS BY DAY

Elite Reserve Unit Ready for Guerrilla Warfare

From Monday through Friday, Erven E. Boettner, a 42-year-old, soft-spoken native of Omaha, Neb., occupies one of half a dozen desks in Room 6115, audit division, Internal Revenue Service, commutes to his home and family at 9518 Crosby road, Silver Spring, Md., and generally lives the life of the United States Government worker.

But if war broke out in the next few hours, Lt. Col. Boettner's desk suddenly would be empty and he would be gone—deep behind enemy lines. For come the week ends, Col. Boettner commands a reserve detachment of the Army's elite, little-publicized Special Forces (Airborne) whose job it is to conduct guerrilla warfare in the enemy's heartland.

When the 316th Special Forces Operational (Airborne) Detachment was organized at Fort Myer, Va., last summer, Col. Boettner became its commanding officer, took up parachuting again for the first time since World War II when he served in the 509th Parachute Battalion attached to the 5th Army. "It all comes back real fast," he says.

Special Forces troops rank high among the world's toughest fighting men, and their training is the closest thing to actual combat extant. One SF reservist, who led a regular infantry rifle platoon in Korea, says the training "is sometimes more real than combat."

In the course of a year, SF training might include parachuting into a pine forest at night, sloshing for days on end

through alligator-infested Florida swamps, inching up marble-smooth cliffs in the Rockies and jumping from landing craft (in full field equipment) into the Atlantic surf at Little Creek, Va.

What It Takes

Here's what it takes to qualify for the SF's sky blue arrowhead arm patch with gold lightning flashes:

1. Applicants must sign a statement volunteering for six years, "fully realizing that Special Forces teams will be deployed immediately on the outbreak of hostilities deep behind enemy lines to organize, train and exploit guerrilla forces and to perform other missions as directed . . ."

2. At least six months' active military duty.

3. Qualification as a paratrooper. This involves three to four weeks of rugged training, including five jumps.

4. A "Class 1 physical profile," that is, A-1 physical shape.

5. Well-above-average grades in the Armed Forces Qualification Test (if an enlisted man).

6. Willingness to acquire all manner of special skills, from judo to foreign languages.



LT. COL. ERVEN E. BOETTNER

warfare. The first such unit, the 10th Special Forces (Airborne) Group, was activated May 19, 1952, at Fort Bragg, N. C.

Crowd in to Join

From their inception, SF units have been deluged with eager applicants. The same is true of the reserve. The 316th, which is part of XXI Corps (Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania and the District), 2d Army, is typical. Its intelligence officer, Capt. Richard Friedman, 34, a District attorney, says:

"When we opened up we had so many applicants—good applicants—that we had to post MP's to handle the crowd. Some of them, though, thought

we were looking for men with 40-inch chests and 4-inch heads to jump out of airplanes with sacks full of explosives, raise hell, then beat it. One man, an amateur 'free-fall' parachute artist, even came in with his own parachute under his arm."

A pleasant, pipe-smoking individual who served with the Office of Strategic Services during World War II, Capt. Friedman said the accent in SF is on brains, not brawn. (Courage is taken for granted.)

SF units are made up of "teams," varying in size according to the mission. An average team is made up of about 15 men, led by a captain. The men are experts in a wide variety of disciplines, including demolitions, weaponry, communications. Their job, once behind enemy lines, is to organize "regiments" of partisans numbering anywhere from 10 to 1,000 men, and to see that they are trained, supplied and co-ordinated with regular military operations. Based upon World War II and Korea experience, it is estimated that each 15-man team could organize and direct as many as 1,500 partisans.

Strategic Value

The value of this sort of operation was dramatically illustrated during World War II when Tito's partisans effectively tied down 15 German divisions in Yugoslavia—divisions that were desperately needed on both the Russian and Normandy fronts.

The most decorated man in

Virginia Luxury Tax Preferred by Mann

King Leads Negroes In Richmond March

1,500 at State Capitol Call for Repeal Of Legislation Curbing Integration

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 2 (AP).—Some 1,500 Negroes marched on the State Capitol yesterday and approved a resolution asking the General Assembly to repeal the State's freedom of choice school legislation and the State Pupil Placement Act.

The Negroes, led by the Rev. Martin Luther King, also asked the Legislature to give Gov. Almond emergency authority to reopen Prince Edward County's public schools.

The 17-block march to the one-time Capitol of the Confederacy followed a two-hour "pilgrimage of prayer" attended by some 2,500 Negroes and a scattering of whites at Richmond's Mosque auditorium.

Dr. King, leader of Alabama's bus boycott, was the featured speaker at the big meeting, a religious rally of protest against the closing of Prince Edward County's public schools.

"Nothing in more sublime than suffering and sacrifice for a great cause," Mr. King said of the Prince Edward County Negroes. There have been no Negro schools in the county since last spring, when the board of supervisors, exercising Virginia's freedom of choice plan, abandoned public education rather than accept court-ordered integration.

Private Schools Open
A private group has been operating schools for white children. Recently another white group announced its intention of starting private schools for Negroes.

"I do hope," Dr. King said, "that citizens in that community will not accept the offer of private schools for Negroes. I hope they won't sell their birthright of freedom for a mess of segregated potage."

Dr. King, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said attempting to resist integration "is like standing against a tidal wave. . . . It is an unstoppable movement."

In effect, he said, Negroes are saying to white segregationists: "We will wear you down by our capacity to suffer, and in the process we will win your hearts."

The Negro "has a new sense of destiny to struggle, sacrifice and even die. . . . We stand on the threshold of the most constructive period in the Nation's history in race relations. We stand on the border of the promised land of integration," he said.

"Dark Night of the Soul"
Speakers preceding Dr. King at the Mosque rally were Robert D. Robertson, president of the Virginia NAACP; Oliver W. Hill, chairman of the Virginia NAACP legal staff; L. Francis Griffin, president of the Prince Edward County Christian Association, and Robert G. Williams, co-ordinator of the mass meeting.

Mr. Williams said Virginia "is experiencing the dark night of the soul. We have closed schools because we have closed hearts."

Dr. King told the audience that "all men are created equal—that is the universalism at the center of the American dream. That shows the eternal distinction between democracy and totalitarianism."

However, he said, the American dream "has been scarred and bruised and never achieved. America proudly professed the principles of democracy but sadly practiced the antithesis of those principles."

Corporation Counsel Chester H. Gray pointed out the restaurateurs and fish dealers received lease termination notices about a year ago. At the occupants' request, many were granted extensions of their leases.

Last Tuesday, however, the District Commissioners ordered the property along Maine avenue S.W. near Twelfth street be vacated and razed "with all possible speed." The clearance project is part of the Southwest Redevelopment program.

The existing block of waterfront structures is in the way of the Washington Channel Bridge now being built as part of the Southwest freeway.

James H. McCallister, Dis-

Delegate Says He Is Opposed To Sales Levy

Arlington State Delegate Harrison Mann today proposed a tax on luxuries rather than an across-the-board sales tax if Virginia needs more money.

Mr. Mann said he still has not been convinced that a withholding provision on the State income tax levy would not provide sufficient extra funds to meet State needs.

Mr. Mann's position was contrary to that taken yesterday by Arlington State Senator Charles R. Fenwick. Senator Fenwick said a sales tax "seems to be the only answer" for meeting Virginia's revenue needs.

Tax of "Last Resort"

Mr. Mann said: "I have repeatedly stated that I was opposed to a sales tax. In my judgment it is a tax of last resort. I believe the needs of the State can be met by a withholding tax in connection with the State income tax, as has been adopted by 19 States. In the event withholding does not meet the full needs of the State then excise or sales taxes should be placed on luxuries and not across the board as proposed by the Governor."

"In the event, however, that the sales tax forces prove powerful enough to enact a sales tax, certain other taxes will be removed. Heretofore I have suggested that the \$200 dependency exemption be increased to \$600 and that the first 2 per cent of income tax be removed. I have, however, found a great deal of sentiment for removal of the personal property tax on household furnishings in preference to any other form of tax relief."

Public Opinion Invited

Mr. Mann said he would "welcome an expression of opinion from the people of Arlington" on what taxes they would like to see removed if the sales tax is enacted.

Delegate William L. Winston of Arlington last month proposed legislation to exempt food and drugs from the sales tax.

State Senator John A. K. Donovan of Fairfax-Falls Church, who opposes the sales tax, has proposed instead a bill to give a \$600 across-the-board income exemption for the taxpayer, his wife and each dependent child.

Loudoun Gets New Sheriff

LEESBURG, Va., Jan. 2.—

Loudoun County's new sheriff, Max Dwyer, took office yesterday to begin his four-year term. He succeeded Roger F. Powell, who held the office for eight years.

Sheriff Dwyer has named seven deputies. They include the reappointment of field deputies Robert W. Legard of Lovettsville and Lloyd Darr of Arcola. Preston Bell of Hillsboro is a new field deputy.

Winifred Hardy of Leesburg is the resident jailer and Col. R. Turner and W. F. Peach, Jr., of Leesburg, have been named deputy-dispatcher-jailer. Mrs. Vivian Cross of Sterling is the new deputy-dispatcher-matron.

Two special deputies named are Albert Laycock and Landon P. Compher.

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