

Willis Anderson, Attorney, Will Seek Seat on Council

Willis M. Anderson, 29-year-old Roanoke attorney, said today he will be a candidate for City Council in the June 10 election.

Anderson is the seventh person to announce for the four seats to become vacant Sept. 1.

A former Roanoke Times reporter, Anderson worked for the paper during summers while he attended Roanoke College and Washington and Lee University.

He was admitted to the Virginia Bar in 1951 and received his law degree from W&L in 1952.

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IN ANNOUNCING his candidacy, Anderson said "it will be my purpose during the campaign to meet and discuss with the people of Roanoke the needs and problems of our community.

"I pledge to them now that, if elected, I will seek at all times to discharge the duties of the office with diligence, fairness, and independence of thought and action.

"I ask for this opportunity fully recognizing my limitations, but dedicated to the cause of sound government and firm in the belief that Roanoke's great progress in years past is but the prelude to a greater future."

While at W&L, Anderson was president of his senior law class, president of Staples Chapter, Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity, assistant editor of the Law Review and member of the board of governors of the Student Bar Assn.

Following his graduation from W&L, Anderson entered the army and was commissioned in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. He served for two years with the Fifth Infantry Division in Germany.

Since 1954, he has been in practice of law in Roanoke.

Anderson is a former president of the Young Democratic Club of Roanoke. He is a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, American Legion Post 3 and the Roanoke, Virginia State and American Bar Assns.

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Willis M. Anderson

commissioner and an associate trustee of the Roanoke Fine Arts Center. In 1956, he served as Roanoke area chairman of the Crusade For Freedom.

Anderson is a member of South Roanoke Methodist Church. He lives at 2605 Avenham Ave., SW.

Anderson is the fifth newcomer to the council race. Two incumbent councilmen, Mayor Walter L. Young and Councilman Alan G. Decker, have said they will run again. Two others, Councilmen Roy L. Webber and Edwin E. West Jr. will not be candidates.

Mayor Young said he will seek the two-year term to be vacated by Decker. One of the three four-year full terms will be sought by Decker, who has been filling a vacancy left by the death of W. B. Carter.

Other candidates are: M. Caldwell Butler, attorney; Dr. C. M. Cornell, chiropodist; I. V. Jessee, retired N&W comptroller; and James M. Brice, attorney.

Lucky Seven?

Candidacies for City Council now are coming with interesting rapidity.

Willis M. Anderson 29-year-old attorney becomes number seven in the field and third member of his profession seeking four seats in the June election.

Although he is running on a non-partisan basis, as are all the others, he is former president of the Young Democratic Club of Roanoke and is generally regarded as an up-and-coming leader in the party organization.

It is not to be overlooked, either, that he is an associate of Richard F. Pence, now generally conceded the Democratic nomination for Congress from the Sixth District when the district convention meets this coming summer.

Mr. Anderson is one of the youngest men ever to offer for Council, yet he has had considerable experience including two years with the office of the judge advocate general with our troops in Germany.

Like the other six who have announced thus far, he has been careful to avoid listing issues too early in the game. Only Mayor Walter L. Young, who stated candidacy Sunday for the short two-year term, has made any lengthy outline of purpose. There is plenty of time, of course, to develop issues since filing deadline does not come until April 11.

This is the first of a series of City Council candidates questions.



Willis M. Anderson

In Our Own Opinion

Making A Choice For City Council

Next Tuesday Roanoke voters will elect four members of City Council—a majority of that seven-man body.

This means that we shall be determining the course of our community for the next two years and possibly for four years.

Councilmanic elections are always important but this one even more so than usual because we are on the verge of vital and far-reaching decisions.

During the past two months 10 men have been competing for the four vacancies. They have had ample opportunity to present their views on public matters to the people. The people, in turn have been able to form very definite opinions of the candidates' qualifications and capabilities.

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As usual a great many extraneous matters have been injected by some of the aspirants. There have been appeals to prejudices, to narrow sectional demands and to personal antagonisms. Some statements have been downright misrepresentation of the facts. Promises have been made which are incapable of accomplishment.

In the midst of this verbal storm, the voter nevertheless has had full opportunity to size up the candidates and draw some fairly sound conclusions. He should be able to make a choice without too much difficulty.

As a public medium deeply concerned with the welfare and future of Roanoke, The World-News has followed the campaign diligently and has itself tried to bring about discussion of pertinent matters. We have been not altogether successful in this but have had response enough to enable us to make our own certain choices.

And so we commend to our readers the following:

For the two-year term:

Mayor Walter L. Young

For the three four-year terms:

Councilman Roy L. Webber

Willis M. Anderson

M. Caldwell Butler

This slate offers a sound combination of experience and youthful enthusiasm which promises the Star City the very best obtainable leadership.

The experience is to be found in Mayor Young and Former Mayor Webber. Both now have served eight years, helping to guide the city in a remarkable era of progress. Their guidance has been that of level-headed business men, something no community can afford to be without.

We are fortunate that two such well-qualified men are willing to devote more years to the public interest.

The youthful enthusiasm of which we speak is to be found in Mr. Anderson and Mr. Butler, both attorneys and both highly active in civic affairs even prior to the campaign. They have shown an excellent grasp of Roanoke's problems and have combined progressive thinking with recognition of Roanoke's financial limitations. To our way of thinking they would provide a needed balance for the age-level of Council and would contribute a necessary tonic to offset any danger of ultra-conservative thinking.

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In making these choices we are aware of the necessity for passing over two other gentlemen who have made excellent marks in their community. Alan G. Decker and I. V. Jessee are both retired from responsible executive positions and Mr. Decker is now serving part of the unexpired term of the late Vice Mayor W. B. Carter. It is for the balance of this term that Mayor Young and one opponent are competing.

While temporary service for men in retired capacity is frequently desirable, especially when an emergency gap is to be filled, it seems to us that Council membership calls for men in their fullest vigor. To omit either of these gentlemen is no reflection upon his proved abilities.

And so we urge the election of Messrs. Young, Webber, Anderson and Butler as offering Roanoke the best possible combination for progress.

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When it comes to spreading gossip it seems that the female of the species is much faster than the mail.

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The Weather

VIRGINIA: Partly cloudy, warm and humid today. Thundershowers in afternoon. High near 80. Thursday fair and cooler.

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Butler, the only avowed Republican among the 10 candidates, took his 14-vote loss with a smile.

"I've no intention of asking for a recount," Butler told newsmen who wanted to know if he planned to make any protests. Over 200 ballots were voided by precinct election officials.

BUTLER expressed the belief most ballots were voided because the voter thought he could vote for any four candidates instead of having to choose three from the eight candidates for four-year terms and between Mayor Young and Wagner for the two-year term.

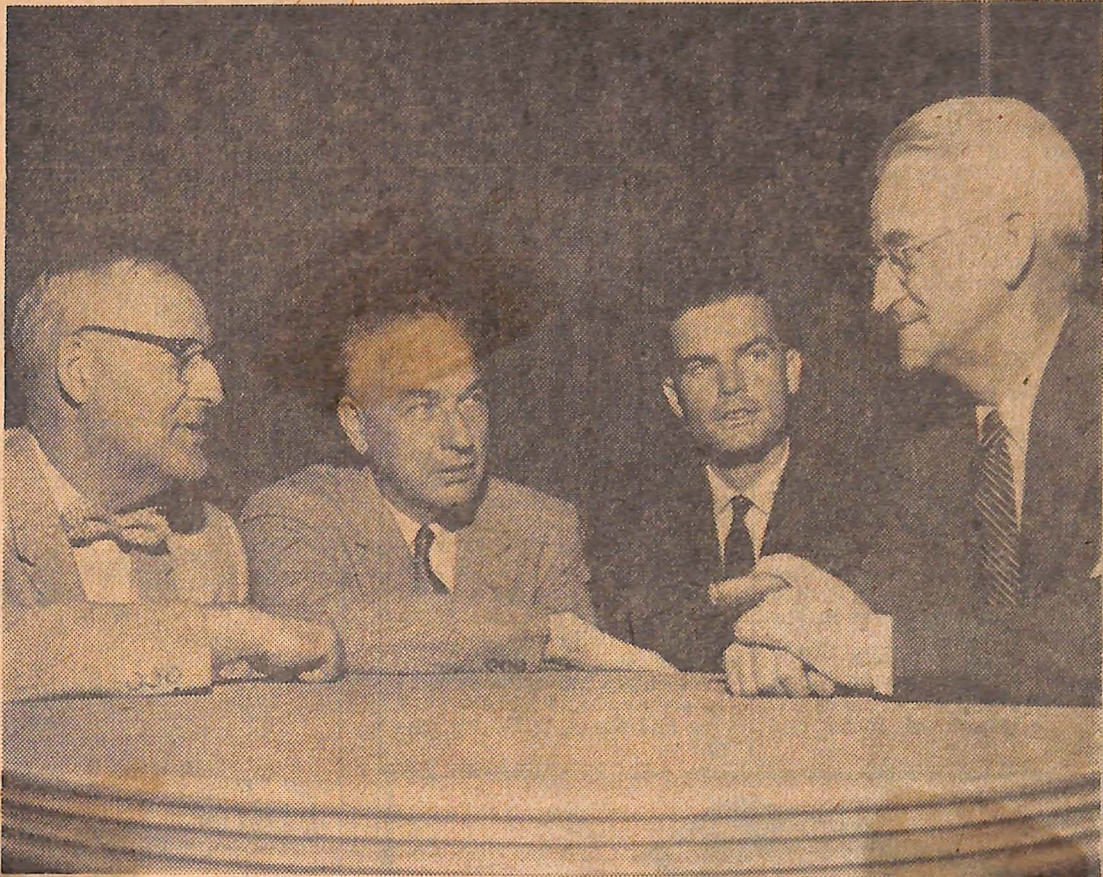
Several persons were working the polls yesterday on behalf of various candidates.

Among them was City Republican Chairman A. Linwood Holton Jr., who was distributing sample ballots for Butler.

Dr. Cornell ran ahead of Butler in 22 of the city's 33 precincts. Butler led Dr. Cornell by 630 votes in the three big South Roanoke precincts, but it was not enough to offset the chiropodist's greater citywide strength.

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Highland No. 2	74	132	142	51	173	63	23	64	189	57	266
Highland No. 3	24	32	32	22	43	60	34	53	44	56	115
Jefferson No. 1	61	88	75	61	90	47	13	47	115	50	180
Jefferson No. 2	30	64	35	17	69	77	70	85	62	91	171
Jefferson No. 3	50	80	50	26	82	155	154	194	75	180	289
Jefferson No. 4	31	48	48	17	49	184	196	197	65	195	273
Jefferson No. 5	57	110	100	45	123	56	41	74	123	70	210
Kimball	10	13	39	12	36	21	20	48	35	27	87
Tinker	16	17	22	10	22	38	38	52	21	52	73
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Melrose	20	21	24	6	24	30	29	51	22	47	77
Villa Heights	36	93	54	27	105	110	63	145	92	123	229
Eureka	36	73	59	16	70	77	57	113	62	102	183
Washington Heights	57	116	103	32	130	126	109	144	105	169	280
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While the election was outwardly a "non-partisan" one, local leaders of both parties did work for individual candidates. There was speculation yesterday about a "single-shot" campaign for one candidate. But today there was no evidence that either party made such an effort.

In re-electing Young, Roanokers retained an experienced municipal leader for another two years. Young, who is 57, is assistant chief engineer of the Norfolk and Western Railway and has been on Council eight years.

He sought the two-year term to carry through some projects he was instrumental in starting. He says he is not interested in another term as mayor when the new councilmen take office Sept. 1.

Among Young's "pet" projects is the establishing of Roanoke Technical Institute, further expansion of city schools, and extension of the interstate highway access road into the heart of Roanoke.

In Webber, Roanokers are also getting the benefit of eight years experience on Council. Webber, a florist, is interested in such capital improvements as bridges, an auditorium and relief from the storm drainage problem.

HE BELIEVES the launching of such expensive projects should first be submitted to a vote of the people.

Webber is also interested in further expansion of Roanoke's airport because of "the part it plays in the progress of the city."

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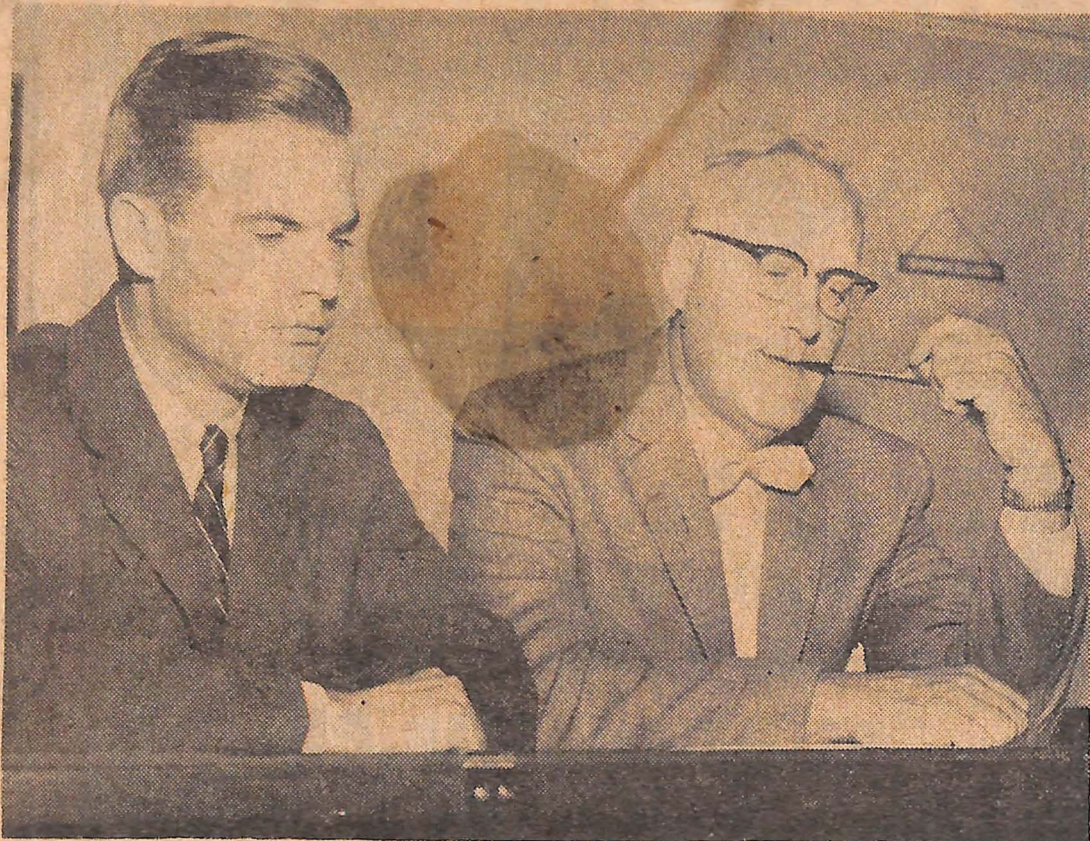
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These Men Are New Members of Roanoke's City Council



Anderson To Be Youngest Member of City Council

Willis M. (Wick) Anderson, 29-year-old attorney, will become the youngest and only unmarried member of City Council.

This is his first political office but he's been a vigorous campaigner since his Roanoke College and Washington and Lee University Law School days.

A Bluefield, Va., native, Anderson is the son of a lawyer who now practices in Jacksonville, Fla. An uncle is a former Bluefield mayor and presently a member of Tazewell County Board of Supervisors.

HIS GRANDFATHER, the late John R. Anderson, retired in Roanoke as superintendent of bridges and buildings for Norfolk and Western Railway.

At Roanoke College, Anderson was a political science major and a leading speaker on the school's debating teams. He found time to work on the college newspaper, serve on the honor council, and begin after-school work as a reporter for The Roanoke Times. He continued reporting for The Times until he finished school.

A member of Sigma Chi Fraternity at Roanoke, Anderson was president of his W&L senior law class. He passed the Virginia State Bar examination while still in school — a better than average accomplishment.

For almost two years he was a courts-martial counsel in the Judge Advocate General section of Fifth Infantry Division at Augsburg, Germany.

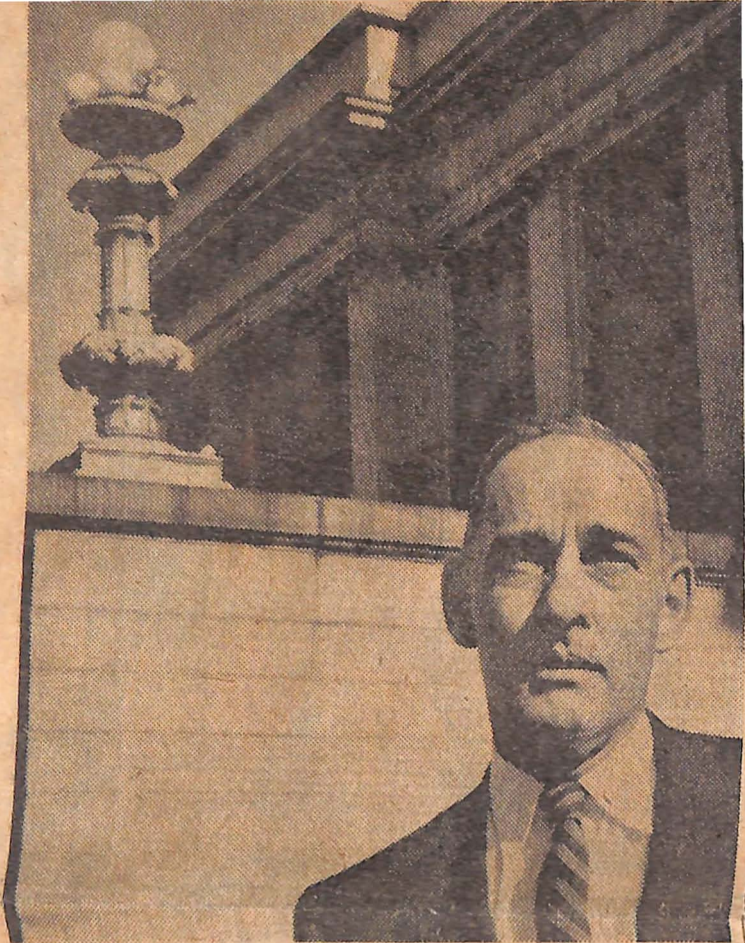
Anderson came back to Roanoke as a junior member of the law firm of Dodson, Pence and Coulter. After winning his own election, he'll be working this summer and fall to help Richard F. Pence, a senior partner of the firm, in his campaign to unseat 6th District Rep. Richard H. Poff.

A past president of the Young Democratic Club and an active member of the American Legion, Junior Chamber of Commerce and South Roanoke Methodist Church, Anderson has been a Boy Scout leader. He was chairman of the city-county Crusade for Freedom in 1956.

Placing second in a field of eight candidates for a full term is a "new experience . . . but a wonderful feeling," he says.

"No candidate can win an election," says Anderson, "without the help and loyalty of friends . . . I'll try to repay them by being the best councilman I can." Anderson lives at 2605 Avenham Ave., SW.

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(Times Photos)

Mayor Vincent S. Wheeler Stands . . .
. . . In Front of Municipal Building

Webber Gets Second Spot

Wheeler Elected Mayor of Roanoke

Vincent S. Wheeler yesterday was elected president of City Council with the tilte of ex-officio mayor.

HE WAS CHOSEN by a 4-3 vote over two colleagues as Council with two new faces, organized for the next two years.

Others nominated for the top spot were Benton O. Dillard and Mrs. Mary C. Pickett.

Dillard was nominated by Dr. Charles M. Cornell, one of the two newcomers. He got only his and Cornell's votes. Mrs. Pickett placed herself in nomination and got only her one vote.

The election of Wheeler as president has been generally conceded in informed quarters. He has been vice mayor for the past two years.

And Council's action had obviously been anticipated. Someone had hung Wheeler's chrome-framed nameplate over the plate of "Mayor" on the wall behind the president's chair prior to the meeting."

The election of Roy L. Webber as vice mayor came as a mild surprise.

There had been speculation that second spot would go to Mrs. Pickett. She had been passed up at the two previous reorganization meetings.

She was placed in nomination for this spot by Willis M. Anderson, the second newcomer. She got only his vote and her own.

Webber was nominated by Walter L. Young, outgoing mayor. He got the votes of Cornell, Dillard, Wheeler and Young. Webber refrained from voting.

THERE WERE indications that the seven members were in sharp disagreement over filling the two posts. They were in caucus behind closed doors for half an hour.

The meeting was called to order by Young, who smilingly observed that his term as mayor expired at midnight Sunday. After the roll call, Dillard moved for a caucus. This was seconded by Mrs. Pickett.

When the members returned to the chamber, Webber nominated Wheeler for president. Cornell, in placing Dillard in nomination, said he was doing so "primarily because I think he deserves it." He noted that Dillard is starting his sixth year on Council.

The appointment of several municipal officials was put off.

The City Charter requires that during the month of September there be appointed a city clerk, city attorney, city auditor and one or more Municipal Court judges. Their terms begin Oct. 1.

There has been no indication that any changes will be made in the posts.

Those whose terms expire Sept. 30 are City Auditor Harry R. Yates, City Clerk J. Robert Thomas, City Atty. Ran G. Whittle, Chief Municipal Judge Beverly T. Fitzpatrick and Municipal Judge James W. Flippin.

In Our Own Opinion

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'Progressive But Conservative' Character Retained By Council

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Return of two veteran members—Mayor Walter L. Young and Roy L. Webber—is reason for great encouragement and the city is to be congratulated upon their victory.

They will be ably supported by young attorney Willis M. Anderson, generally regarded as the brightest new star on the political horizon hereabouts.

The unknown quantity will be Dr. Charles M. Cornell, chiropractor, who during the campaign demonstrated an alarming lack of grasp of municipal problems.

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But the majority of Council as constituted after Sept. 1 will be "progressively conservative." Among the three holdovers, Vice Mayor Vincent S. Wheeler and Mrs. Robert T. Pickett are expected to align generally with Young, Webber and Anderson while Dr. Cornell may be found more often in team with Benton O. Dillard.

There may yet be a recount, however, which could change the complexion of results that saw Cornell nose out M. Caldwell Butler by an unofficial margin of 14 votes.

Butler, who frankly asked for Republican support, said immediately after end of the counting that he would not challenge. However, with over 200 ballots voided there is obvious room for possible error.

This recalls a similar case in the general election of June 12, 1946, when Mr. Dillard was beaten by four votes by Robert J. Meybin, representing the Citizens Ticket. Dillard demanded a recount and when one took place he emerged the official victor by 8 or 10 votes.

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Whether the distribution of sample ballots in Butler's behalf hurt rather than helped his case is impossible to say. The same thing was done for at least one other defeated candidate, James M. Brice.

Probably the real cause of Butler's apparent defeat was that a large portion of the conservative vote was divided between Butler and another defeated candidate, Alan G. Decker, now filling part of the un-

expired term of the late W. B. Carter, while Cornell's backing was solid.

It was an impressive tribute to both Mayor Young and Mr. Webber that they led the ticket and to young Anderson who ran third.

But Mr. Young was pressed surprisingly by a retired water department employe, Robert H. Wagner, who campaigned in opposition to most administration policies. Wagner actually ran fifth in total vote.

While there was no formal anti-administration ticket, Dr. Cornell, Brice, Wagner and Carl B. Woodson were generally regarded in that category. As such they receive a surprisingly large vote in Southeast and part of Williamson Road.

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On the other hand, the Young-Webber-Anderson combination owed much of its success to the large vote turned out for them in South Roanoke, Raleigh Court, Grandin Court and parts of old Southwest.

Mayor Young's announced intention not to be a candidate for that post again immediately turns speculation to the organization meeting Sept. 1. This early it appears likely that either Vice Mayor Wheeler or former Mayor Webber will get the nod for mayor.

That there may be some changes made in councilmanic approach to problems was evidenced last night by Mr. Webber in suggesting that voter referenda may be in order on such projects as bridges, a civic auditorium and storm sewer drainage about which much was said in the campaign.

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Newcomers Anderson and Cornell, particularly the latter, have a great deal to learn about municipal problems and operations. Anderson chose his words carefully in campaigning but Dr. Cornell often exhibited a sad lack of knowledge when he advocated such things as year-around paving, an impossibility in this climate. He will find, too, as Mr. Butler would have discovered, that what looks like a big surplus in operating funds can't be stretched very far.

The problem after Sept. 1 will be, as it has always been, a lack of sufficient revenue to do all the things the people are demanding. This stone wall has been known to turn many a "promising" candidate into a deep-dyed conservative before his four years were up. It can happen again.

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Valley Consolidation Urged By Anderson

By CLARENCE WHITTAKER
Times Staff Writer

A member of City Council last night urged consolidation of the four political subdivisions in Roanoke Valley.

Councilman Willis M. Anderson told the Fraternal Order of Police Associates that the time has come to "start talking out loud" about it.

"WE ARE a long way from the goal, but at some point a start must be made," he said.

He said he believes that "consolidation is a part of our destiny" and that the people of this Valley, joining together in a common purpose for a common cause, "can go forward united to build a greater Roanoke of tomorrow."

"More and more people are coming to realize and acknowledge that the Roanoke Valley is one community with common interests, common problems and common objectives," Anderson said.

Roanoke City, Roanoke County, Vinton and Salem "are indeed inter-dependent and recognition of this fact is manifested in many ways," Anderson said.

The numerous social, service and youth organizations, for instance, render assistance to all of the people in the Valley, he said. Hence, there is a Valleywide United Fund to support these agencies.

On the governmental level, even more significant developments are taking place, Anderson said.

He noted that two years ago the Roanoke Valley Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission was formed by the political subdivisions of the Valley with matching funds from the state.

Extensive surveys and studies have been made to determine present land use and to predict economic trends, all pointing toward the development of a master plan for the development of the remaining available land in the Valley, he said.

This commission has also un-

dertaken a study of the Valley's water resources and its projected water needs for the rest of this century.

ANDERSON recalled that Mayor Vincent S. Wheeler this week appointed a City Council committee to consult with representatives of other Valley governing bodies on the possibility of jointly building an auditorium to serve the entire area.

"All of these signs seem to be pointing in one direction," said Anderson, "and I think it is time we started talking about it out loud."

Talk of such an idea a few years ago would have been termed sheer nonsense, said An-

derson, but times have changed and fixed attitudes give way to new ideas.

The process of consolidating four governments into one cannot be accomplished overnight, he emphasized. Special enabling legislation would be required of the General Assembly, but there is precedent for such legislation, he said. He recalled that Warwick and Newport News recently combined to become the city of Newport News.

"We are all coming to realize, I believe, that the Roanoke Valley is now one community, a compact and inter-dependent community," said the councilman. "As the result of tremendous growth since World War II, it is also predominantly and essentially an urban community."

County government, he said, was not designed and is not equipped to provide all the services required by an urban community. This, he added, is no reflection upon the public spirited citizens who administer the county government.

Before consolidation could be undertaken, the people of the Valley must be convinced, he said, that it is right and necessary.

"They must understand wherein such a consolidated government would be more efficient and economical than four separate governments, all attempting to do the same things separately," said Anderson.

AN ATTEMPT at consolidation should not be viewed as a plan by the City of Roanoke to swallow up Roanoke County, Salem and Vinton, he said. The people of all the communities must first give their approval.

Anderson proposed special consideration for the farmers of the county in any new program of consolidation. For reasons of topography and convenience, he said he believed the people of the Bent Mountain section and Catawba Valley should be given an option either to come into the new consolidated city or become part of Floyd County in the case of Bent Mountain or part of Craig County in the case of Catawba.

Anderson also advocated an annexation program by the city, and discussed some of the major capital needs.



Willis M. Anderson

ANDERSON GIVES VIEWS ON ANNEXATION

Councilman Willis M. Anderson said today that annexation is Roanoke's most important project at present. Supporting the proposed annexation from the outset, Anderson says he sees the addition of new land as "most essential" to the orderly growth of the city.

The personable, young Roanoke attorney made these and other observations in line with the current **TIMES-REGISTER** series which features the views of Roanoke City Councilmembers.

Anderson told of his support to the planned construction of a new city auditorium, but he said he knows "no other way to pay for it" except through the boosting of certain taxes. He emphasized that a bond issue resulting in the building of the auditorium will not cause a rise in business taxes. Only real and personal taxes will bear the burden of such principal and interest, Anderson said.

Anderson had been a member of a three-man committee which planned the new auditorium, and thinks a bond issue for its construction should go to the people for a vote "as soon as possible." Anderson said he has heard nothing but "overwhelming" support for the new structure. The people have been without an auditorium since the old building burned down three years ago.

Plans for the new establishment have not yet gone to an architect, but Anderson estimates the final cost will lie in the "vicinity of \$2 million".

The Councilman indicates that he favors wage increases for city employees. "They have been two years without any adjustment in wages, and the cost of living has gone up." Anderson said he hopes and believes that increases in workers' pay will appear in the 1961 budget.

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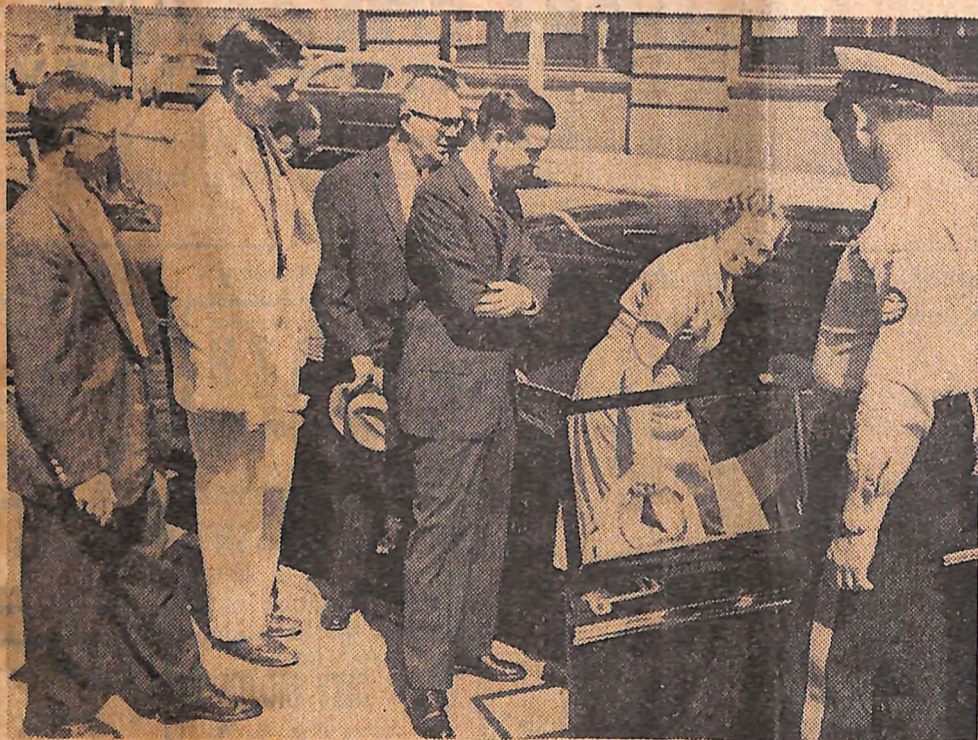
Anderson Gives (Con. from page 1)

Anderson points out that he sees no overall solution to Roanoke's drainage problem. He says the "best of drainage systems" could not take care of the flash floods pestering downtown traffic and merchants. But, Anderson notes several improvements which have been made toward remedying the drainage situation in the Williamson Road Area. A considerable program is currently underway or due to start soon in digging wells and making provisions to affect large segments of residential and business interests, both north and south of Williamson Road. Anderson sets the cost of such projects at about \$200,000.

The Attorney and Councilman points to what he considers a major need of the City when he speaks of an improved system of arterial bridges to cross the N & W yards.

Anderson regards the new zoning ordinance and land use map as highly important to the proper development of the city. In addition, he is interested in the enlargement of the Municipal Building and construction of a new city jail.

Anderson has been rumored as being the choice of the majority faction on Council to be the next mayor of Roanoke. Benton O. Dillard looms as the minority candidate, as Council plans its reorganization at the September 5th meeting.



LEAVING CITY—As part of the two-day Civil Defense exercise now being held, city officials were evacuated to Blacksburg yesterday. Entering car for the trip are Johnny Johnson (left), city treasurer,

(Times Photo)
Del. Kossen Gregory, Del. Julian Rutherford, and Wick Anderson and Mrs. Mary Pickett, council members. Traffic Officer J. B. King served as driver.

Mr. Anderson Said A Mouthful

Councilman Willis M. Anderson is a patient man. His patience is reflected at the Council table where he does a lot of listening and not too much talking.

When he does speak, however, he usually has something to say and says it clearly and succinctly. Such was the case Monday when Councilman Anderson's patience finally gave way to the political gyrations of Councilmen Dillard and Cornell over the annexation issue.

What Councilman Anderson said, and he did it with an economy of words, made more sense than all the rest of the verbiage put together. He was tired of "pussy-footing" about annexation, he said. Roanoke could not stand still while the county grew. Annexation was not only desirable but a "necessity."

He said an advisory referendum on annexation prior to the filing of a suit would be "a waste of time." He said Council and Roanokers in general will not know "the full story" until the court acts. He said after the court acts the people can vote with intelligence on a bond issue to finance the annexation.

This is the kind of forthrightness and leadership which Roanokers have a right to expect from Council. If we are to submit major issues to the voters in a referendum before any action can be taken, why do we need a Council? Did we elect this Council to guide the affairs of Roanoke or simply to be a rubber stamp on what is thought to be the will of the voters?

In the babble and confusion of Monday's discussion, Councilman Anderson got to the heart of the

matter and stated the case for annexation with clarity. If, as is indicated, a majority of his colleagues agree, Council next Monday may do something for the future of Roanoke instead of for a future political election.



GOING UP—L. P. Thomas, right, official of the Roanoke branch of the Bank of Virginia, and Willis M. Anderson, member of Roanoke City Council, ascend ladder that leads to the quarter-deck of the aircraft carrier Intrepid. They spent several days observing carrier operations off the Virginia coast.

Lee Fox

Members Of Council Individual

From press, television and radio reports on City Council meetings, many people likely get the impression that Council has only two members:

One with five votes.

And one with two votes.

The truth, of course, is that there are seven members, each with one vote.

And though it is true that five votes usually go west while two go east, the members themselves vary from each other generally.

Which leads up to possibly objective word sketches of the members.

Willis M. Anderson—A bright young man, always immaculately dressed and usually silent. A smooth, hoping-for-bigger-things politician whose appeal is geared to logic and physical charm. Speaks matter-of-factly in a dry, cracking voice.

Dr. Charles M. Cornell—A flashy dresser who likes to puff pipe, look wise. Apparently confused frequently, tapping temples as he tries to understand. Calls Mrs. Mary Pickett by her first name at public meetings.

Benton O. Dillard—Like Dr. Cornell, Dillard is a member of the highly vocal minority. Normally wears a suit, usually blue, always baggy. Delights in saying harsh things to majority members. Sometimes makes little speeches. Once a meeting almost falls off wobbly swivel chair. Goes "hee hee" when majority members err.

Mrs. Mary C. Pickett—A conservative dresser who talks seldom, smiles frequently and nods almost continually. Extremely sensitive to criticism. Votes infrequently with minority. Resents being called a "me too" member. Also resents Dr. Cornell's calling her "Mary" in public.

Roy L. Webber—Dresses conservatively. Votes same way. A stubborn man recognized as almost never challenged leader of majority. Miffed by vociferous opposition from minority members, especially Dillard. Usually a willing spokesman for majority.

Walter L. Young—Usually glum at meetings, but has a wry sense of humor occasionally displayed. Not a prolific talker usually, but will go to great length to explain his position when he's ready to talk. A majority member who nevertheless thinks and, occasionally, votes independently. Wears ultra-conservative clothes.

Vincent S. Wheeler—A sporty dresser and an impatient man who votes almost always with majority. Enjoys making blunt statements. Often (by accident) serves as straight man for Dillard.

A message to the "sewer serfs," so dubbed by an implacable foe of the Roanoke County Sanitation Authority:

1. When you bought your house you, of course, paid a share of what the subdivision's sewer system cost the subdivider.

2. Now, assuming you are living outside the North 14 area, you are paying not only for sewage service for your home, but also for sewage facilities in North 11.

3. If you are annexed by the city and the annexation court makes Roanoke pay for existing sewage facilities now under the authority's control, you will have the honor of paying taxes to the city to help pay for the lines.

Solution to your problem: Move to Botetourt County. And even then you'll have to buy a septic tank.

(This column of comments by Lee Fox on City Council and Roanoke City government appears each Wednesday in The Times.)

Is Anderson Next Mayor?

Youngest Council Member Seen Choice Over Dillard

By Ozzie Osborne
World-News Staff Writer

Roanoke City Council members get together at 3 p.m. two weeks from today to decide which one of them will be mayor.

And the people who generally guess right on such weighty matters think Willis M. Anderson, Council's youngest member, will be picked.

Not everyone, however, holds this opinion.

Councilman Benton O. Dillard, who has led many a losing fight, thinks he may get the nod.

The four Council members who generally vote together, Mayor Vincent S. Wheeler, Anderson, Vice Mayor Roy L. Webber and Walter L. Young, are being quiet about the matter.



Osborne

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The three who are willing to say what they think—Dillard, Dr. C. M. Cornell and Councilman-elect Roy R. Pollard Sr.—say Dillard should have the job.

They look at it like this:

Dillard has twice been top man with the voters—in 1956 and this past June.

This, they feel, entitles Dillard to the job.

Dillard said recently that it has been the custom to name as mayor the person who leads the ticket when the majority of seats are to be filled on Council.

The custom, he noted, was broken in 1956 when, with a seven-member Council, there were four vacancies. Dillard led the ticket. But he wasn't elected mayor.

The situation was the same in June, when Dillard led the ticket again.

Passed over for mayor once, Dillard thinks lightning will strike this time.

Then there's another viewpoint: Some members of Council have tangled with Dillard time and again and the exchanges, although taking place in the heat of Council meetings, have not been forgotten.

Then, too, Dillard has had ugly words with several city officials, notably City Manager Arthur S. Owens and City Atty. Ran G. Whittle.

Since the mayor generally has to work closely with the city manager, some Council members wonder if it would be a good idea—purely from the standpoint of harmony—to name Dillard mayor.

If not Dillard, it seems logical that Anderson will get the post.

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Wheeler's mayor now; both Young and Webber have been. Pollard will be just coming on Council. And Dr. Cornell, as even he concedes, doesn't have a Chinaman's chance.

Anderson, the bright young man of Council, has made no enemies on Council. Jibes by Dillard sometimes bring him close to blowing his stack, but generally he is not one to exchange words with other Council members.

Wheeler, Webber and Young like him and are to be expected to vote for him for mayor, certainly if he's opposed by Dillard.

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Whoever gets the job will have his hands full for two years with speeches, ribbon cuttings, cornerstone layings and other assorted doings.

With all this extra work, some people wonder why anybody would want the mayor's job. It could be the money. Council members make \$1,200 a year, the mayor makes \$1,500.

Also to be elected on Sept. 1 is a vice mayor. And Council will reappoint several city officials. This is usually a routine matter.



Willis M. Anderson ... Youngest Mayor (Times Photos)

Anderson Named Roanoke Mayor

By LEE FOX
Times Staff Writer

Willis M. Anderson began his third year on City Council Thursday by becoming the mayor of Roanoke, the youngest mayor in the city's 78-year history.

At 31, Anderson is a year younger than Richard T. Edwards was when he was elected mayor in 1946.

But Anderson faced strong opposition for the post from Councilman Benton O. Dillard. The vote was 4-3. Besides his own vote, Anderson received the votes of Roy L. Webber, Vincent S. Wheeler and Walter L. Young.

Dillard got the votes of Dr. Charles M. Cornell and Roy R. Pollard Sr., the only new member of Council, in addition to his own.

Wheeler, mayor for the last two years, was elected vice mayor by a 4-0 vote. Dillard, Dr. Cornell and Pollard abstained from voting.

Webber, a former mayor, had been vice mayor for the last two years.

It was Webber who nominated Anderson. Pollard nominated Dillard.

Although the councilmen were obviously keyed up by the election, the meeting was short—nine minutes—and quiet.

At a half minute to 3 p.m. Wheeler banged the mayor's gavel three times to open the meeting. At 3:01 the councilmen went into a caucus behind closed doors.

When they returned five minutes later, at 3:06, Anderson looked glum. Dillard was grinning broadly.

But the appearances meant nothing.

At 3:07, Anderson became mayor.

A minute later, Wheeler was the new vice mayor.

And Dillard was only a contro-

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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY:

Only man clogs his happiness with care, destroying what is with thoughts of what may be.
—Dryden.

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPT. 2, 1960

Roanoke's New Mayor

Something of a distinction already belongs to Willis M. Anderson as Roanoke's new Mayor. At 31 he is the youngest man ever to hold that office.

We think Mr. Anderson's fellow Council members showed good judgment in choosing him. During his service on City Council he has exhibited a generally progressive attitude in the conduct of municipal affairs. He has been by no means the most vocal of Councilmen but he has proved he has a sound grasp of city problems and has demonstrated qualities of leadership.

Being a member of the so-called majority faction of Council, Mr. Anderson can be expected to use his influence for continuing policies that have prevailed in the past—in so far as the limited authority and prerogatives of his office extend. We believe this to be in the best interests of the city. By and large, the administrative departments of the municipal government are performing well despite the criticism frequently directed at them from the minority on Council. Dissension will continue,

no doubt, in the new Council since its complexion is little changed. But with Mr. Anderson as Mayor we have assurance that administrative personnel will have a defender against unjust attacks and that there will be a minimum of partisan political meddling in the management of the city's business. It could have been otherwise had some one with a politically motivated approach to city problems been elected.

As the new Council takes office, there are numerous problems confronting Roanoke, not the least of which is the immediate necessity of financing a long delayed program of public improvements. Forward-looking, vigorous action will be required of City Council.

Under our form of municipal government, the Mayor has no direct responsibility, by virtue of his office, in formulating programs and policy. He can make his influence felt, however, through the weight of his personality and capacity for leadership. This is the challenge now given to Mr. Anderson. We congratulate him on his election and the opportunity that has come to him.

es Improvement Program Top Need

between consolidated government and metropolitan (generally called "metro") government.

"In consolidated government, everything is combined," he said. "In metro, only some services are combined and the various localities may keep their own governments."

In other comments, Anderson said:

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He hopes Roanoke will complete its proposed annexation program while he's mayor.

He would like to see a "fair and reasonably expeditious solution" to the problem of what to do with the Commonwealth Redevelopment Project.

He is pleased with the work on the city's new zoning ordinance, which is being studied by the planning commission. Adoption of the ordinance, he thinks, will be one of the most important acts of Council in the next two years.

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Anderson, 31, was named the city's youngest mayor at a brief meeting yesterday. The retiring mayor, Vincent S. Wheeler, was elected vice mayor.

Anderson won by getting his own vote and those of Walter L. Young, Wheeler and Roy L. Webber.

Benton O. Dillard received his own vote and those of Dr. C. M. Cornell and Roy R. Pollard Sr.

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It's another work day for Willis Anderson

Anderson Is Lawyer, Bachelor

Willis M. Anderson was born Nov. 3, 1928, in Jacksonville, Fla., moved to Virginia when he was three and has lived in Roanoke since 1946.

He graduated from Roanoke College and worked as a reporter for The Roanoke Times before attending Washington & Lee University Law School.

He got his law degree there in 1952, then was in the Army from 1952 until 1954. He served overseas in Augsburg, Germany, and was discharged as a first lieutenant.

Anderson joined the law firm of Dodson, Pence & Coulter after Army service. He has practiced by himself since Jan. 1, 1959.

A bachelor, he lives at 3167 Stoneridge Rd., SW. He belongs to numerous civic and social clubs and has long been active in Democratic Party politics. He is a Methodist.

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Many people, we realize, believe Council should make Mr. Dillard mayor. The reason this hasn't been done before and the reason he was shunted aside again yesterday are of his own making. He maintains unnecessary quarrels with City Manager Owens, City Attorney Whittle, City Auditor Yates, and other officials. It is a necessity for the mayor and these others to work harmoniously for the welfare of the city.

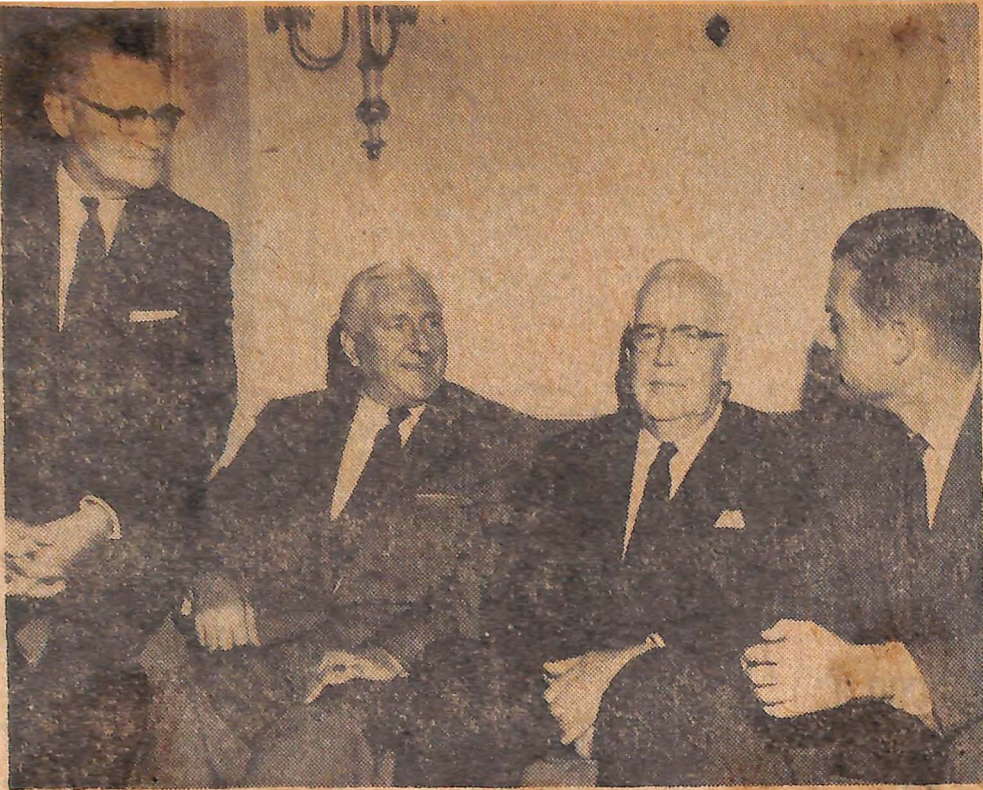
Perhaps more important this time, however, Mr. Dillard (supported by Dr. Cornell) is on record as an enemy of annexation despite the obvious need. The majority of Council would be doing itself, the City and the people a disservice to place him in a position to slow if not actually hamstring the case now in court and slated for trial early next year.

In addition, Mr. Dillard has a record of stubborn opposition to fair real estate taxation (except against business) needed to pay for the programs he espouses.

Perhaps it will seem strange to some that we discuss yesterday's loser at this length while seemingly ignoring the winner but there is no denying Mr. Dillard's populari-

ty. He has some fine and admirable personal traits. It is too bad that he can't seem to use them more constructively.

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NAM HEAD WELCOMED — Welcoming National Assn. of Manufacturers president Rudolph F. Bannow (second from left) to Roanoke Wednesday were (from

(Times Photo) left) Don Jordan; NAM southern division vice president; M. C. Funk, an NAM director; and Roanoke Mayor Willis M. Anderson. 9/8/60



Lee Monument Work Starts

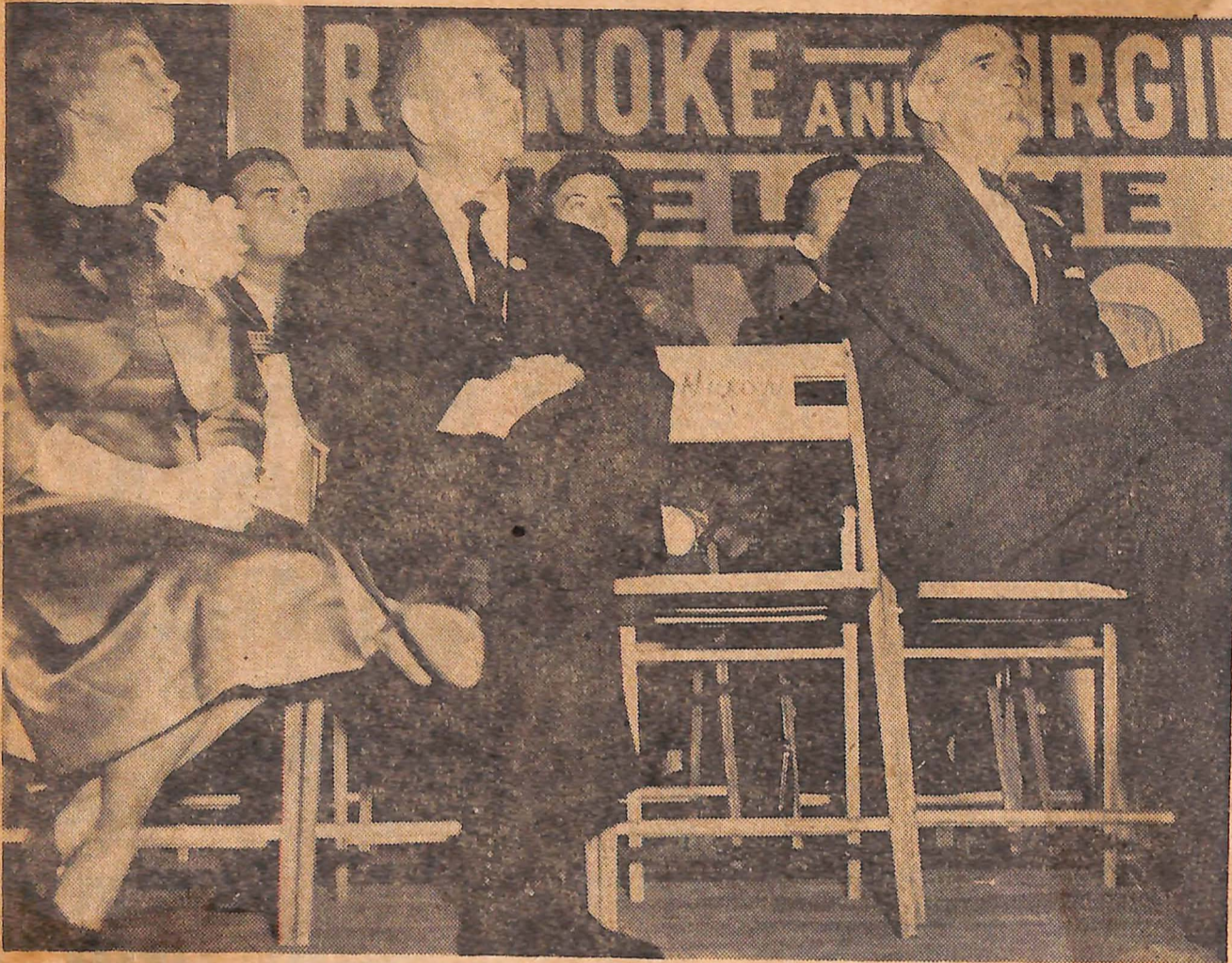
Representatives from Roanoke's two United Daughters of the Confederacy chapters held a groundbreaking ceremony today for a monument they will erect in Robert E. Lee plaza, opposite the main post office. Turning the first shovel of dirt are, from left, Mrs. A. P. Martin of the William Watts chapter; Mayor Willis M. Anderson, guest speaker; and Mrs. Richard Wood, chairman of the marker committee from the Roanoke chapter. The granite marker, carved in Georgia, will arrive Thursday. It will be dedicated during the state UDC convention here next month.



READY FOR BUSINESS—Mayor Willis M. Anderson cuts ribbon officially opening box office in the Boxley Building for tickets to this year's Harvest Bowl game, scheduled Saturday, Oct. 22. The annual Harvest Festival is co-sponsored by the Junior League and the VPI Athletic

Association. To the immediate right of the mayor in photo are Mrs. Andrew L. Turner Jr. and Mrs. John M. Chaney, co-chairman. To his right is Mrs. Creighton C. Campbell Jr., Junior League president. 9/11/60

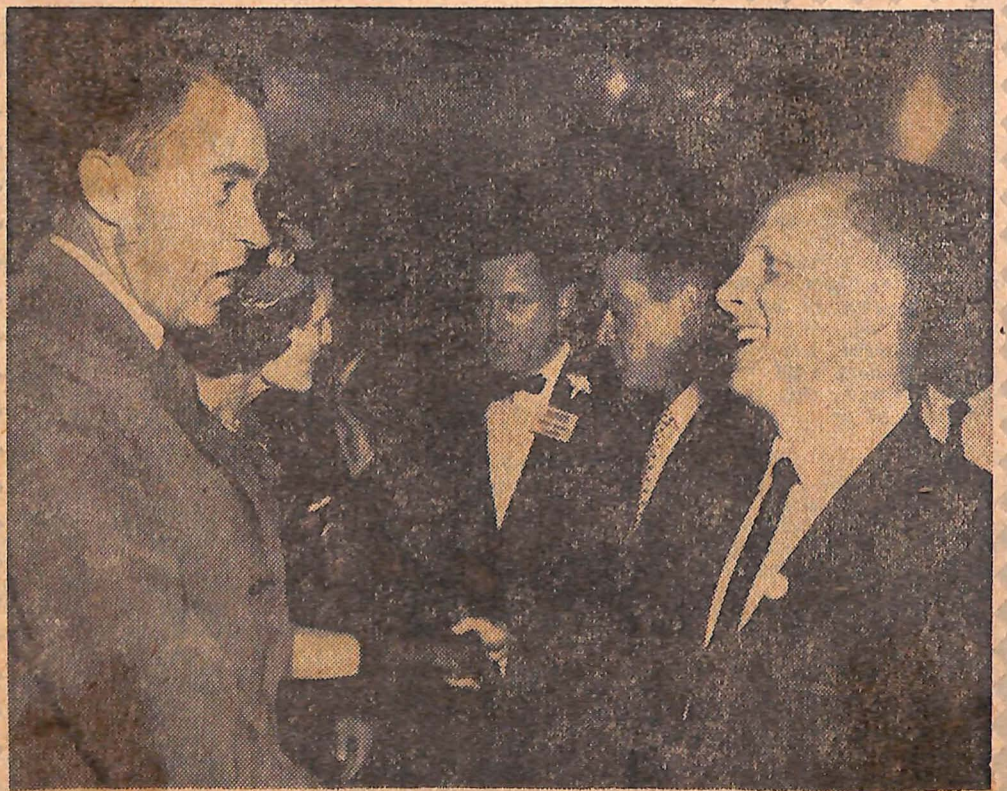
Crowds Looked, Had a Big



Helen Hayes, Mayor Willis Anderson, Rep. Richard Poff . . .
 . . . the Jack Shepherds, Clem Johnston (l. to r.) on platform 9/16/60



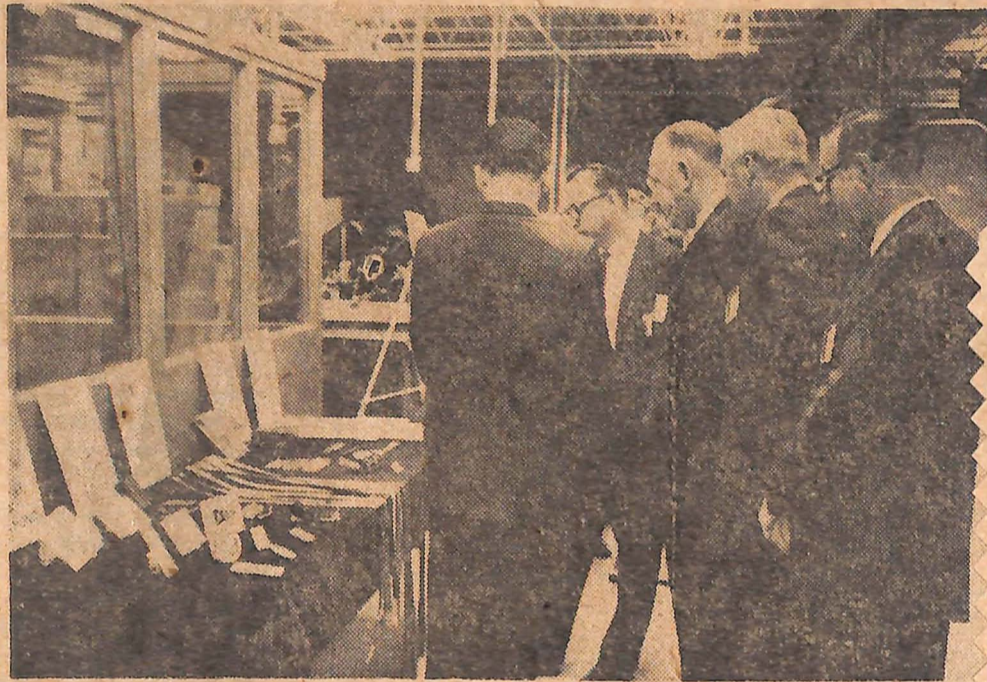
UNITED FUND SEND OFF—Mayor James I. Moyer of Salem signs joint proclamation designating the period Sept. 26 to Oct. 18 as "United Fund Days for a United Roanoke Valley." Seated with Mayor Moyer is Mayor Willis M. Anderson of Roanoke. Standing (left to right) are: Edwin G. Terrell, chairman of the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors; Henry Thomas, UF campaign chairman; and Mayor Shirley D. Crowder of Vinton. The 1961 UF campaign opened today. Story on Page 1.



Nixon Welcomed by Rep. Poff As Pat Talks to Mayor Anderson . .



Donald B. Fobes talks at Diamond Plastics opening . . .
 . . . Dr. Paul J. Gruver, Mayor Willis Anderson listen



Visitors at new Diamond Plastics plant . . .
 . . . view types of boxes produced by company

Firm Expects Rapid Growth

By Rocky Vaught
 World-News Staff Writer

Diamond Plastics Industries opened its new \$1 million plant on Hollins road in Northeast Roanoke today on an optimistic note.

Frederick M. Hadley, executive vice president of Eli Lilly & Co., parent organization of Diamond Plastics, predicted that the company's business would double within 10 years.

Such a growth would mean an expansion of the new plant but Hadley would not make any specific predictions about what the firm's employment might reach with such growth.

An estimated 300 persons attended ceremonies marking the opening of the plant which has been in use since last May 15.

Speakers include Hadley, Donald B. Fobes, president of Paper Package Co. of Indianapolis, Ind., sister company to Diamond Plastics, and Willis M. Anderson, Roanoke mayor.

Anderson, speaking at one of the city's most significant industrial events since he became mayor Sept. 1, drew compliments from numerous Roanoke Valley business leaders for the welcoming he extended to Diamond Plastics officials.

"Within the limits of our means and abilities, we will do our utmost to serve you and your employees in an acceptable manner," Anderson said.

"We know that you desire and indeed expect your employees to receive the protection and the services that only a modern municipality can provide, including ample opportunities for cultural development and recreation and facilities for the sound education of their children.

"To these ends we pledge our best efforts and wholehearted cooperation," Anderson said.

Fobes introduced by William

H. Cummings, vice president and general manager of Diamond Plastics, said the new plant is the result of the industrious efforts made by the employees of the company.

He said the future of the company is unlimited and that the company's officials are dedicated to more prosperity for the Roanoke community.

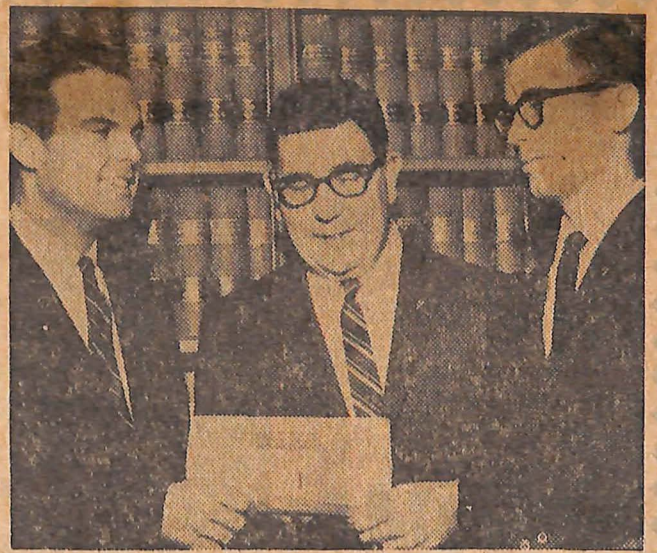
Hadley said also that the company is interested in the future welfare of the community. He said Eli Lilly was started 54 years ago by a man who dreamed of selling quality medical products and that Diamond Plastics was founded by a man who had a similar dream.

The new factory has about 80,000 square feet and employs about 280 workers. It cost in excess of \$650,000 and the overall company facility represents an investment of approximately \$1 million.

Mayor Anderson said he was speaking for the entire community when he said "we have all come to realize, and are happy to proclaim that the opening of a new industrial plant is the best thing that can happen to our community."

"Roanoke's history might be described as a trilogy of industry, commerce and transportation. Our city came into being because its leaders, many years ago, had the vision to perceive the advantage of having here the juncture of two railroads, and because they were bold enough and courageous enough to act decisively when the time for decision arrived.

Roanoke's growth in the years that followed was rapid and, at times, spectacular. But with age has come maturity, the hectic boom days are over and ahead, I believe, lies an era of steady



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Mayor Gets Jump on Yule

Mayor Willis M. Anderson (left) exchanges a check for a fruit cake with Thomas H. Smallwood (right), general chairman of fruit cake sales for Roanoke's Junior Chamber of Commerce, while Hampton W. Thomas, president of the Jaycees looks on. The cakes are sold annually by the Jaycees to raise funds for their projects.

Democrats Aiding Local Government, Collins Says

By GEORGE KEGLEY
 Times Staff Writer

Democrats, not Republicans, have "been striving to stimulate action at the local and state levels . . . rather than turning to Washington for help," Gov. LeRoy Collins of Florida charged in Roanoke Sunday night.

Vice President Nixon "speaks falsely" when he says the Democrats want the Federal government "to try to do everything," Collins maintained.

The ones "who shout the loudest about 'Federal encroachment' are the very ones who, through their own neglect of responsibility at the state level and agonized opposition to local tax increases, have left the people no place to turn for help but to Washington," he said.

Collins, best known as permanent chairman of the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles in July, spoke to close to 500 attending the opening dinner of the League of Virginia Municipalities' three-day convention at Hotel Roanoke.

Republicans, said Collins, "have been telling the American people that they were doing everything possible to stimulate state and local initiative . . . and they boast that they have been wonderfully successful. The cold facts, however, disprove this."

"Slums are still spreading," he said. "The aged are still without adequate medical care. Crime continues to skyrocket. Production lags and unemployment and underemployment are still widespread."

Collins said Democrats believe in states' right "just as much as, if not more than Republicans do. But we must not permit the use of the slogan of 'states' rights' as a road block to needed progress."

The Democratic governor called on Virginia municipal officials to "stand firmly behind the proposition that what can be done best at



RELATED PINNING—Gov. LeRoy Collins (right) pins on a Kennedy-Johnson button in time for a happy photograph with Roanoke Mayor Willis M. Anderson Sunday.

the local and state level should be done at those levels. But we must not be content to stand idly by—simply waiting and wishing—while acute needs of the American people go unmet."

Municipalities, said Collins, "cramped by long outgrown city limits and the explosive pressures from the center, find themselves in the untenable position of having to provide more and more governmental services on a proportionately dwindling tax base."

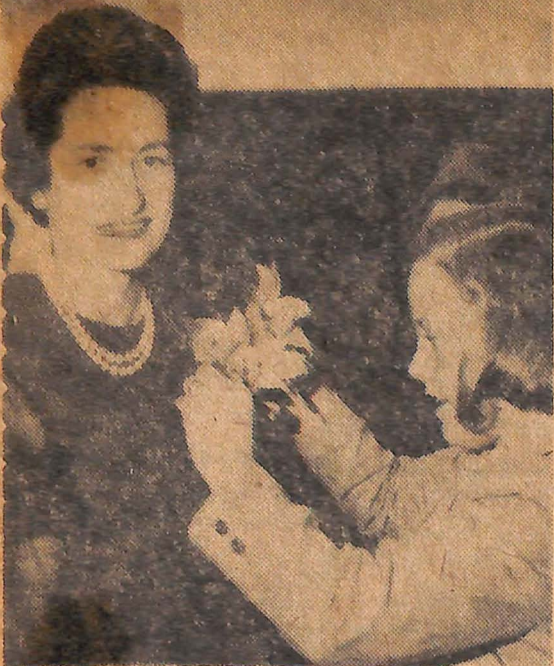
He noted that states are "scraping the barrel for new sources of revenue—and still having difficulty in financing adequately the minimum services they are now providing."

The ultimate hope, said Collins "lies in being able to reduce the astronomical appropriations of the federal government for military and related service which account for almost half the total public cost—federal, state and local."

These cold war expenditures, he said, are "putting the squeeze on badly needed public projects from two directions—by running cost such projects out of reach of local and state governments, and by siphoning off the tax dollars which otherwise would be available for these purposes."

Collins was introduced by Virginia Lt. Gov. A. E. Stephens, a man with "broad background of political experience."

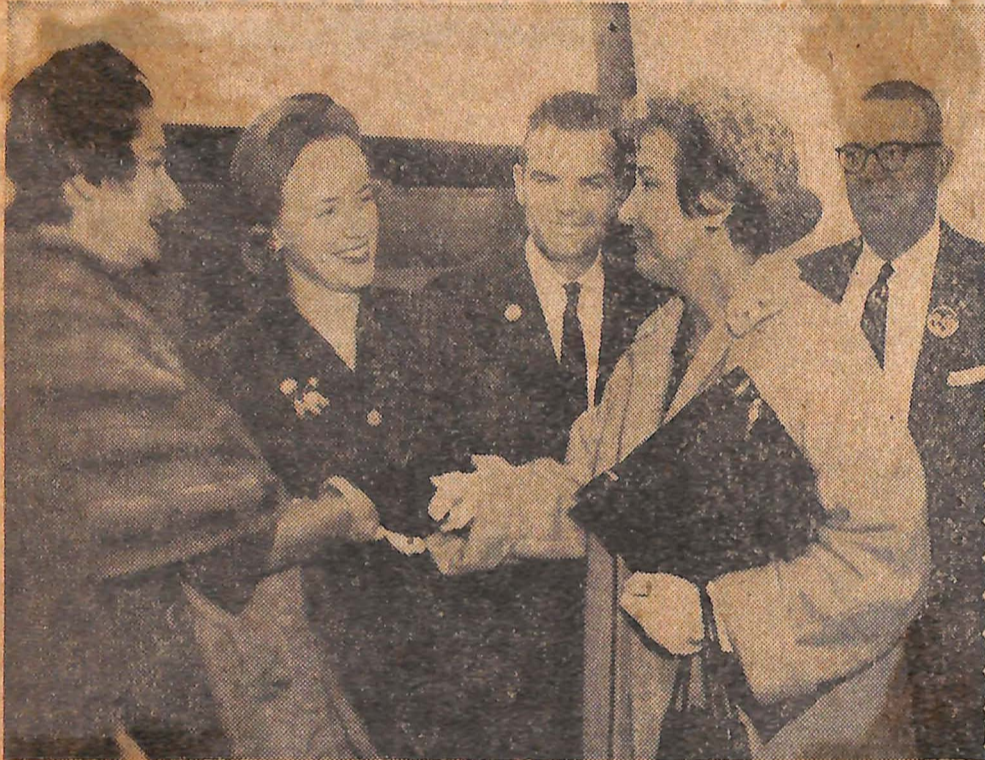
Collins Predicts Democratic Victory. See Page 2.



Mrs. Lyndon Johnson, during airport greetings, gets a corsage from Frances White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. White of 429 Canterbury Lane SW.

The vice presidential candidate's wife was guest of honor at a tea in the Garden Center. Meeting her there were Mrs. Abram P. Staples (L.), widow of a former Virginia Supreme Court Justice, and Mrs. E. Lee Trinkle (center), widow of a former governor of Virginia.

"It's got a star just like our 'Lone Star of Texas'," says Mrs. Johnson as she admires a key to the city presented by Willis M. Anderson (L.), mayor of Roanoke.



WELCOME TO CITY—Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson (left) is introduced to Mrs. John Galleher at Woodrum Airport as Mrs.

Richard Pence, Mayor Willis M. Anderson and Del. Julian Rutherford look on.



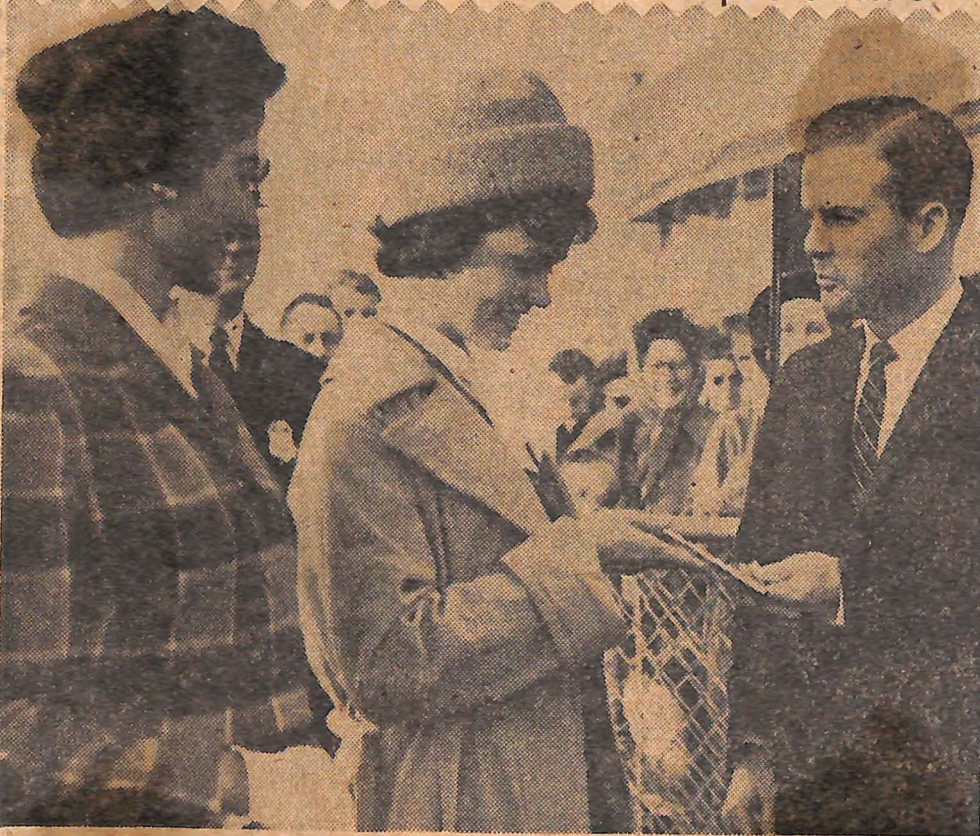
Mayor Willis M. Anderson, Assisted By Mrs. W. S. Argabright, left ...
 ... And Mrs. R. L. Breeden, Officially Opens Color and Fashion for Living

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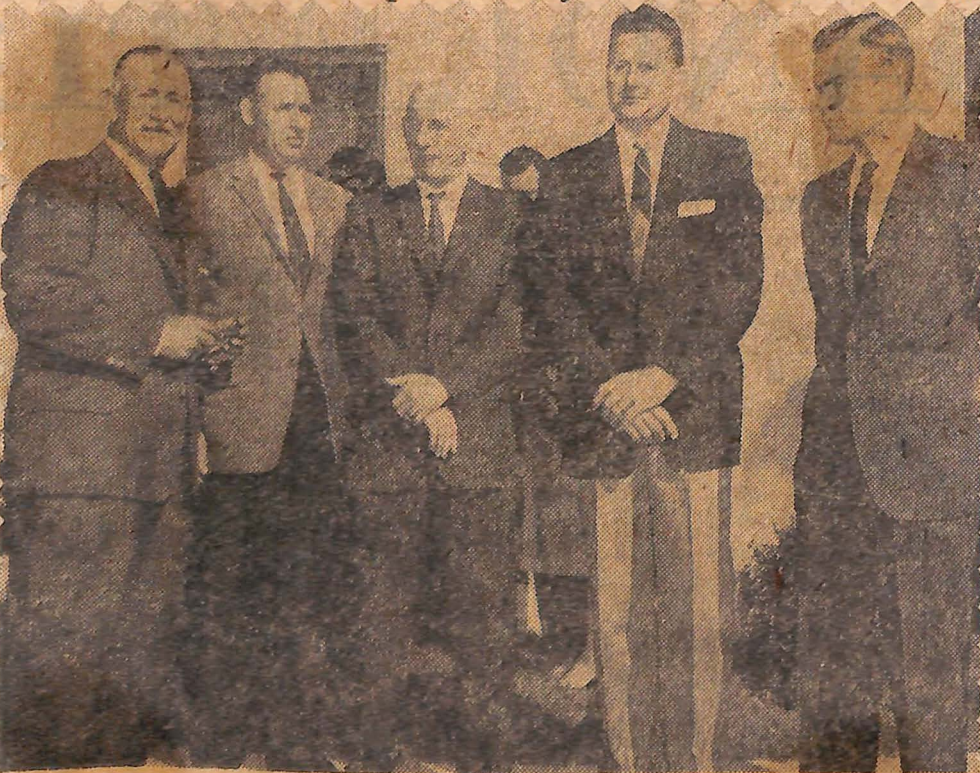


Miss America (left) Flashes Smile for Airport Greeters

(Times Photo)



Miss Virginia (1) watches as Mayor Anderson ...
... presents key to the city to Miss America



AT CAMP DEDICATION—Among those attending Sunday's dedication of the new J. L. C. Medley Boys' Camp were, left to right, Lt. Jack Dudek of Cleveland, De-

etective Paul Vest, William Green, Detective Lt. M. O. Cochran and Roanoke's Mayor Willis M. Anderson.

Shriners Push Sales of Tickets For Crippled Children's Benefit

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Mayor Anderson Buys Two Tickets ...
... To Game From Margaret Moyer

Mayor Willis M. Anderson recently bought two tickets to the Shrine Bowl Game from five-year-old Margaret Moyer of the Lynchburg Training School.

It was appropriate that this youngster should sell the mayor tickets to the game on Nov. 12 between the freshmen football teams of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and Virginia Military Institute. It will be at Victory Stadium, Roanoke.

Appropriate because proceeds of that game will go to the Shriners crippled children fund, and Margaret has been a patient in the Shrine Hospital at Greenville, S.C.

Born with no arms and a single rudimentary leg, Margaret was admitted to the hospital a year ago. Recently she was fitted with artificial arms. When she learns how to use them, she'll get artificial legs. Right now she is an out-patient, learning to use her new arms.

The Greenville hospital is one of 17 operated by the Shriners. The institutions provide the highest type of medical care, physical therapy, and other treatment, and the children go to school while they are patients. The crippled children's work of the Shrine has come to be one of the world's greatest philanthropies.

Mayor Anderson Interviewed

Teens Urged to Study City, Public Affairs

By Sue Thompson
Teen-Talk Staff Writer

"Although some are over-indulged, teens are more advanced and mature than ever before," says Roanoke's new mayor, Willis M. Anderson.

Not too far removed from the teens himself, our 32-year-old chief executive recognizes the problems and can appreciate the stresses on teens. However, he feels that there are more opportunities open now for teens.

Born in Jacksonville, Fla., Mayor Anderson moved to Virginia as a child, spending much of his early life in Bluefield. He attended Roanoke College and Washington and Lee University Law School.

He has practiced law in Roanoke since 1954, after serving in the Army in Germany for two years. He was elected to City Council in June of 1958, and was elected mayor of the city by the members of City Council in September of 1960.

As a teen-ager, Mayor Anderson worked as a Park Ranger two summers. He was interested in sports and won three football letters.

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He attributes his current interest in government partly to his activity in student government.

Mayor Anderson says that juvenile delinquency among teens in Roanoke is due in part to lack of parental supervision and lack of stability in family relations.

"The city has raised \$8,000,000 for the building of new schools," said Mayor Anderson. "The city recognizes that it must shoulder some of the responsibility for its young people but in conjunction with the churches, schools, and parents."

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The mayor gives two suggestions concerning how teen-agers can become better citizens of Roanoke: "First, obey the laws; second, make an effort to learn more about city government and public affairs."

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Sandlot Football and Little League Baseball programs in Roanoke are the best he has ever observed.

Realizing the lack of recreational facilities, he says that more recreational centers will be built as money becomes available.

"We are now interested in getting approval from citizens to build a new city auditorium, which would also benefit teen-agers, and would fill a community need."

As to Junior Achievement, Mayor Anderson comments, "It is the most useful program for the benefit of young people that this city has ever seen."

He says that he will not seek another term on City Council. "After my term is over, I plan to devote my whole time to my law practice."



(Times Photo)

Choir of Roanoke Catholic High Sings Carols During Tree-Lighting Ceremony

Roanoke's Yule Tree Is Lighted

Liza Pence, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Pence turned on the lights of Roanoke's municipal Christmas tree late Friday afternoon on the lawn of City Hall.

There were possibly more persons taking part in the brief exercises than there were watching in the windy, 27-degree weather.

The 55-voice choir of Roanoke Catholic High sang carols under the direction of Sister Maria Jude.

Dr. J. Paul Gruver, president of the Roanoke Ministers Conference, said the invocation and benediction.

Mayor Willis M. Anderson spoke briefly, and John Newsom, supervisor of athletics in the Department of Parks and Recreation, sang "O Holy Night." Evelyn Zimmerman was the accordion accompanist.



Liza Pence Lights Tree as Mayor Watches

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Mayor to Begin TV-Radio Reports

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The 30-minute program will be carried by WDBJ-TV and WDBJ radio at 8 and by WSLs-TV at 11:15 p.m.

The first report will preface future programs in the series, Anderson disclosed Saturday.

Anderson said he will use film sequences to review activities in Roanoke during 1960.

Subjects to be discussed include the city's school building program, Roanoke Technical Institute, the addition to the sewage treatment plant, the juvenile detention home, airport development, the proposed municipal auditorium, recreational developments, city planning and plans for new streets and highways.

Anderson also will attempt to pinpoint Roanoke's major capital needs.

More specific and detailed discussions of the city's problems will be contained in future reports, Anderson said. The second, he indicated, will deal with the planned \$2.2 million auditorium-arena.



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Also, Piedmont Airlines hangar at the field, libraries, City Planning Department, street improvements, plans for making an industrial boulevard of Whiteside Street and conversion of 10th Street, NW, into a four-lane thoroughfare.

The new 10th Street, Anderson said, would cross the Norfolk and Western Railway on a new bridge between the existing 10th and 5th Street bridges and continue south to Elm Avenue.

Last year, he said, was the most significant in city planning since the second Nolen plan was presented in 1928. Work was started on a new land-use map and on revision of the present zoning ordinance.

During 1960 curb, gutter and sidewalk construction cost \$103,000; blacktopping, \$208,000; street construction, \$157,000; and storm drain construction, \$242,000, according to the mayor.

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Mayor Plans Use of TV, Newspapers



Werner Sensbach, appearing before the Roanoke City Council, unveiled the plans for a double-deck type auditorium on which the council voted to hold a referendum early this spring. (Star Photo)

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Municipal auditorium downtown 'shot in arm'

Businesses in downtown Roanoke were given the hope of a "shot in the arm" this week when the City Council voted to hold a spring referendum on construction of a double-deck municipal auditorium. No location was decided upon but probabilities were it would be either at Elmwood Park or on the site of the former American Legion auditorium behind the Hotel Roanoke.

The referendum actually is on issuance of serial bonds for \$2.2 million for construction and allied costs.

The space provided by the new facility would be used by many conventions which usually meet in Roanoke and will attract many others that have chosen other cities because of the lack of meeting space, it is expected.

The council chose the double-deck style building over the "sandwich" style after nearly an hour of discussion with Werner K. Sensbach, Director of City Planning, who spent about a week at the request of the council, drawing up extensive comparison plans of the two types of buildings presented in the afternoon session.

During the course of the

discussion, Councilman Benton O. Dillard asked the director which of the two buildings he would recommend.

Sensbach said that he would build both buildings which would satisfy all types of people interested both in sports and theatre type productions which includes concert music.

Sensbach said, "In recommending both buildings, I feel like the man who when asked what car to buy, a Ford or Chevrolet, recommended a Cadillac."

In the double-deck building, Sensbach told the council members that all noise could not be stopped, so therefore, a basketball game or similar sports event could not be held simultaneously with a concert or theatre production in the auditorium above.

Sensbach estimated that the construction would take from 12 to 14 months.

J. Hunter Roberts, one of the developers of the proposed Starland Coliseum said that the coliseum would not be built if the city builds a combination type arena and auditorium.

Roberts appeared at an

earlier council meeting and termed the double-deck building "absurd" and said that such a building would be obsolete before it was completed. He stated that the land set aside for Starland would be used although he did not elaborate on the use in the minds of the developers.

"If freeholders decide again as they did in 1955 that they do not want a municipal auditorium, the private coliseum group will revive its plans," Roberts said.

Roanoke Mayor Willis M. Anderson likes the idea of presenting new programs to the people via television, radio and newspapers and he plans to do just that soon.

"I plan to do something before the novelty of the idea wears off," he said.

A Roanoke Times editorial suggested Sunday that Anderson "in consultation with his colleagues, formulate and present to the people of Roanoke a program of action."

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The editorial said Times-World Corp., publisher of The Roanoke Times, and The World-News, would give prime TV and radio time to the mayor for any plans he puts forth and will give them full newspaper coverage.

"Such a program, we think, should include definite recommendations for solving the major municipal problems cited above (six were outlined) and others he may wish to add."

Anderson said he also thinks more Roanoke citizens should be used in advisory capacities to help solve the city's problems.

He said, for example, he would like to see a citizens advisory group for the Roanoke Redevelopment & Housing Authority and one for Woodrum Airport, as has already been suggested.

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Anderson noted that there will be a steering committee of citizens to help sell the idea of a proposed municipal auditorium.

"I would like to see such groups created by City Council," he said.

In accepting the offer of Times-World, Anderson said he hopes other news media will cooperate in presenting to Roanokers any programs he plans.

At the same time, Councilman B. O. Dillard said he would ask for "equal time" in the press and on the airwaves on the assumption that Anderson and four other members of Council represent a political clique in which the newspaper has a vested interest—a clique that does not have the best interests of Roanokers at heart.

(M. W. Armistead, III, president of Times-World, declined to comment on Dillard's request.)

Anderson said he did not plan to have a regular program but that he would be making use of the offer on special occasions when he had a particularly important topic to explain to the people.

Such a program would not be an attempt to influence other Council members on a certain course of action, he said.

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In his statement, Anderson said "Some of the economic adversity we have suffered in the past two years has been the principal cause for this feeling that The Times editorial speaks of" (a mood of uncertainty, division and rift).

Councilman Walter Young also parroted the editorial, which was full of the "calculated demagoguery" of Dillard and Dr. C. Cornell.

Young said: "We are hesitating to go ahead because we know criticism will come from the two minority members of Council. We are doing everything we want to do to temper their anger and we'd be far better

off if we just ignored it completely and went ahead and did the things we know should be done."

"How," Dr. Cornell asked, "can two men on a voting body of seven stop any normal vote? To me, it's a shame that a corporation such as a newspaper will attempt to use their influence and their columns to destroy any individual citizen or any group of citizens willing to serve their community just because they will not vote the way the paper wants."

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Councilman Cornell said the majority group on Council had had ten years to develop a program of action and that the only results had been the classification as a distressed area with 8 per cent unemployment, a doubled budget and no replacement for the unoccupied American Viscose Corp. plant.

"If there is going to be any leadership, I'm afraid the people of the City of Roanoke are going to have to wait until after the 1962 Council race . . . The paper is right, in a way, for blaming the majority for inactive leadership but at the same time I say don't blame the minority for all the problems. The problems that have come up are definitely those of the majority."

In a brief statement, Councilman Roy Webber said he had the utmost faith in the future of Roanoke and its ability to progress. "It can be done, but it will take time," Webber said.

Vincent S. Wheeler was also favorable to the editorial and thought that most of the newspaper's suggestions could be accomplished this year.

Roy Pollard Sr. repeated a previous statement that his main objective for 1961 is to complete the unfinished projects now facing Council before embarking on new ones.

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Dillard delivered a strongly worded attack at the newspapers and Armistead:

"It looks like they (the newspapers) are disappointed with their political stogoes on Council. The Roanoke newspapers are the worst enemies of industrial progress in this city. They are not interested in the wishes and desires of the people but are interested in their own welfare."

"Mr. Armistead himself, the president of the corporation down there, he doesn't back the Roanoke public school system."

(Dillard said this was a reference to Armistead receiving a state tuition grant and also being a member of the board of a new private school being planned in Roanoke County.)

Of Anderson, Dillard said "Ever since he has been on Council, he has not fought for one single outstanding program for Roanoke City at all. All he has been is a yes man and a stogoe for Mr. Webber and Mr. Young and Wheeler. Of course, Wheeler is a stogoe for Webber and Young both. They care nothing for the interests and wishes of the people."

"All they want is to represent their little clique that put them up there. The only way for Council to produce leadership is for the stogoes to resign and let the remaining members appoint their successors who love Roanoke and who will represent the majority of the views of the people here."

Mayor follows a quiet course

A summary view of Roanoke's past achievements, current projects and future hopes was presented to the people Tuesday night by Mayor Willis M. Anderson.

It was the mayor's first "Report to the People" via television and radio. His initial report contained no surprises, no indictments and no real explanations.

It was a facts and figures presentation that avoided any mention of friction, minorities, majorities or management. The major message was that things have been bad but they're going to get better.

There was nothing in his report that could possibly be construed as favorable to any one group or another. There really was nothing that could bring up any serious questions of any kind.

The mayor was in a somber mood but he was optimistic that the real spirit of Roanoke is surging through our streets again.

He spoke of new horizons on the local level -- industrial parks, auditoriums, new streets and new facilities.

The Tuesday night report, however, may be the last in which the mayor will remain relatively colorless. He has promised deeper exploration of the auditorium issue and he has indicated he will get down to specifics. We hope he will.

There is only one way the city of Roanoke ever will rid itself its present apathy--that way is to explore openly the causes, suggest remedies and follow through until we get results.

Mayor Anderson apparently felt his first talk had to avoid the issues that have been gnawing away at the public morale. This, of course, was a wise decision. In his future talks, however, he must recognize the existence of issues--and factions--and he must lead the way to a united, more effective governing body.

The Mayor to the People

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Mayor Anderson's first television-radio "report to the people" presented a view of Roanoke from a number of angles. It was an introduction to a series of talks and from its nature fairly general.

The outstanding thing about the Mayor's well done review was, in our opinion, its optimistic tenor. Mr. Anderson, as he demonstrated Tuesday evening, has no desire to gloss over the city's inadequacies and shortcomings. This is a frankness which is refreshing. A hard-nosed recognition of where we stand must accompany any intelligent effort to move forward. But we think he was right in his estimate of Roanoke's potentialities and in appraising the present frame of mind as one of general determination to accomplish better things in the areas of economic and civic development. For the city, this is, as he put it, a true test of its "reaction to adversity." This is the spirit which must be fostered as Roanoke looks to the challenges ahead.

It was appropriate, too, that Mr. Anderson should call attention to progress already made and being made in a variety of directions. Some of the advances he singled out for discussion have not been dramatic but they have been substantial nevertheless. While we wrestle with major problems it is not surprising that there is an inclination to overlook real and important achievements. It serves a good purpose for the public to be reminded of them.

Mr. Anderson approached the task of informing the people with a sound perspective and with a firm grasp of his subject. The tone of his address was commendable and it laid the proper founda-

tion for dealing with other aspects and problems of the community. In coming reports he can be expected to go into more detail and to delineate some of the specifics in a broadened and progressive program for Roanoke. The Mayor demonstrated in this first talk the opportunity afforded by the medium of television and radio for inspiring thoughtful, constructive discussion among all citizens of the developing needs of a growing city.

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Mayor Anderson Sets The Pace

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The 32-year-old mayor, youngest in the city's history, made an excellent personal impression. His sincerity was evident. He had his facts well organized. His arguments were clear and easy to follow. He did not hesitate to speak frankly in weighing assets against shortcomings.

Now in his third year as a member of Council and starting his sixth month in the mayorship, Mr. Anderson has had ample time to learn the ropes. In a moment of recent discouragement over the unreasoning and abusive complaints of a few citizens he said one term was going to be enough. We have a feeling that this impulsive declaration will be shelved as he comes more fully to grips with the challenge. He is not the kind to leave a job half-done or just started.

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The television-radio report, made at the invitation of the Times-World Corp., was intended to set the stage for talks on specific problems in the months ahead. The mayor listed the city's needs one by one but was quick to answer charges that Roanoke has been standing still. It was an impressive list of accomplishments which he set forth with film sequences to back him up.

Perhaps the most reassuring part of his initial effort was his declaration that Roanoke has passed its worst crisis and that we are on the upgrade. This came after a pointed reference to spend-

ing in the past "too much time at the wailing wall" and in "trying to fix the blame" for reverses "not of our own making."

He had facts on his side when he cited resurgence of the city's "true spirit" in a revived Chamber of Commerce, promotion of the central business district by merchants, the industrial park campaign and the vast amount of construction under way, both private and public.

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Looking backward, he saw the Technical Institute, completion of vast additions to the school system, a new Juvenile Detention Home, Woodrum Airport improvements, sewage plant additions, street construction, and a revitalized city plan as evidences of municipal progress.

By way of forecasting what is in store in future appearances, Mayor Anderson promised a vigorous presentation of the civic auditorium and arena plans. It was obvious that he, like most business and civic leaders, is aware that this is an important key to future progress.

Regarding the need of such improvements as bridges, streets, a city hall addition, a new jail, drainage and more recreational facilities, he was more blunt in pointing out that Roanoke's present sources of revenue are limited.

This is the first time, so far as memory serves us, that a mayor of Roanoke has ever taken so direct and inclusive means of reaching the public. It was experimental but it gives much promise. Roanokers, we are convinced, will respond favorably to this type of positive, constructive leadership.



Mayor Anderson...the big picture

Anderson avoids squabble in TV talk

The worst is over but Roanokers "have a job to do," Mayor Willis M. Anderson told a television and radio audience Tuesday night.

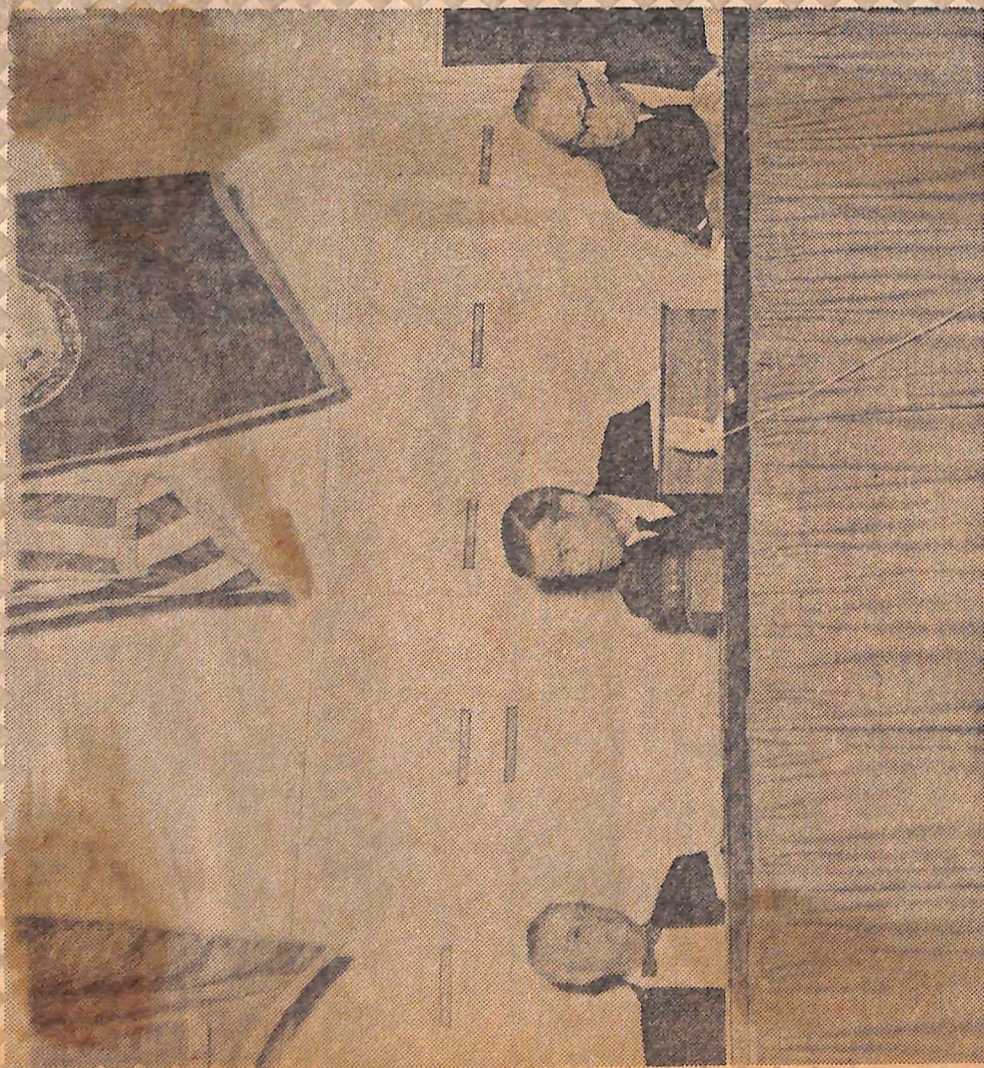
The mayor in his first "Report to the People" charged that citizens have met recent conditions with too much time "at the wailing wall."

Mayor Anderson avoided any controversial issues in his first address to the people. He chose, however, to enumerate progress made in the past year in various areas of city management.

And he listed some of the things the city needs for the future--

Room to grow in, an expanded street system, better drainage, a new municipal building, more park land, new bridges and more recreational facilities.

Anderson said he will deal with specific issues--such as the civic auditorium--in the weeks to come.



Anderson, center, outlines plans to Pollard and Webber.

No steering group

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Auditorium vote May 2

Mayor Willis M. Anderson withdrew a suggestion to create a steering committee to work for the bond issue for the civic auditorium Monday when it met with rigid Benton O. Dillard and Dr. C.M. Cornell.

Anderson suggested that a committee of private citizens be called upon by council to work for the bond issue.

Dillard said council would be overstepping its bounds if it created a committee for the auditorium. The councilman suggested that council "sit in the background" and allow the citizens to decide the issue.

If council appoints a pro-auditorium committee, it should also appoint a committee against the idea, Dillard proposed.

Dr. Cornell supported the idea that council should not object to Mayor Anderson

forming the committee. The council agreed unanimously to present the referendum to the people and let them decide on the site also, on May 2.

The council also defeated a request by Nehi Bottling Co., to rezone land on Melrose Ave., so a plant could be built there, on second reading. The council was 4-2 in favor of the rezoning but the mayor ruled that petitions protesting the rezoning made it necessary to have a five-sevenths majority to make the rezoning effective.

TOP YOUNG MAN, BOSS

Anderson, Booker Honored by Jaycees

The Roanoke Junior Chamber of Commerce named Mayor Willis M. Anderson "Young Man of the Year" last night and selected William P. Booker, president of the Chamber of Commerce, for its "Boss of the Year" award.

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Modern Realty Assessment City's Top Need, Says Mayor

Mayor Willis M. Anderson said a sound, scientific method of real estate assessment is one of the primary elements needing attention by the government.

He appeared on a new public service program, "Roanoke, It's Future," last night on WSLC-TV.

Anderson said the abolition of the city's fixed tax rate on real estate is of secondary importance in a program of tax reform.

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The interviews were taped in advance for use on the program. The date of the next program has not been announced.

As for the economic problems of the community as a whole, Anderson said expansion of the economic base through new in-

dustries and increased growth of present business is the greatest need.

And, in order to attract new industry, an improved community attitude—a new spirit of cooperation—is needed.

Councilman Benton O. Dillard said a municipal auditorium is, in his opinion, "a real need" of the city. But he is concerned about its location.

For the sake of more adequate parking space, Dillard said he feels the auditorium should be away from the downtown business district.

On the other hand, Dillard said, Elmwood Park "has much merit" as an auditorium site and would be an asset to the

revitalization of downtown Roanoke.

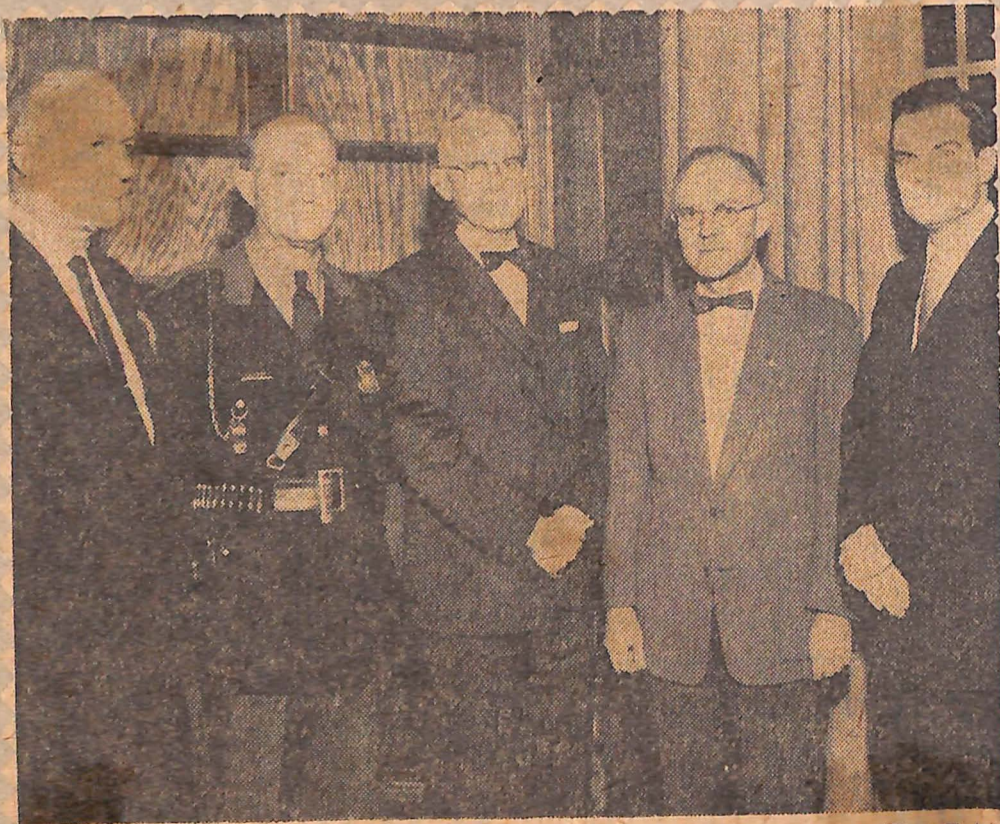
Dillard also said there would be "no strings" attached to the Elmwood Park site because it is owned by the city's citizens.

The old American Legion Auditorium site, he asserted, "has no merit at all and . . . should not be considered by the people. . ."

Stanley Talbott, industrial consultant for the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, said he is optimistic about factors for economic growth in Roanoke and elsewhere in the nation.

City Manager Arthur S. Owens proposed a biannual referendum on the city's needs.

Other persons who appeared on the program were Stuart T. Saunders, president of Norfolk & Western Railway; City Planning Director Werner K. Sensbach and several private citizens.



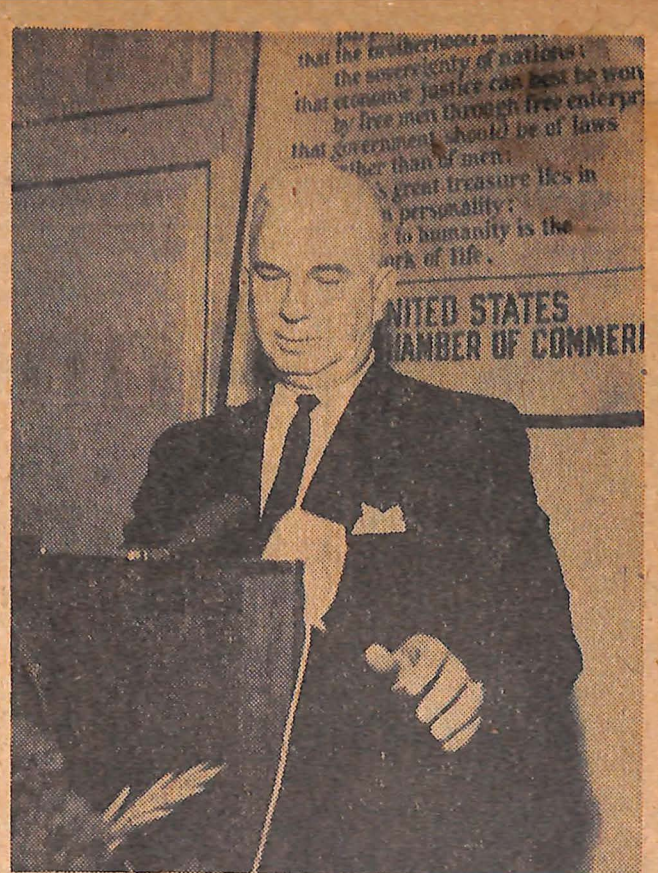
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CRIME PREVENTION — Participating as the Exchange Club started its Crime Prevention Week program were, from left, Detective Capt. Elmo A. Griggs, State Trooper

Carl T. Garber, U.S. Dist. Atty. John Strickler, James A. Hancock, the club's crime prevention chairman, and Mayor Willis M. Anderson.



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... a due amount of time was spent in the courtroom during the opening of the afternoon session. The court was called to order at 10:30 a.m. and the session was held in closed doors, with both sides attorneys present for the afternoon session.

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TRIAL RESUMES MONDAY

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Annex Court to Hear Anderson, Goodykoontz

Roanoke City will have at least two more witnesses when trial of the Roanoke City-Roanoke County annexation case resumes Monday in Salem.

They are Roanoke Mayor Willis M. Anderson and Jack M. Goodykoontz, manager of the business service department of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce.

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Their testimony is expected to take no more than a half day. The city may also call another witness or so.

Lawyers for the county say they think they can finish their presentation in the March 6-18 period set aside for the trial.

The three-judge court will adjourn one day in this period—March 13—to hold docket days in their home courts.

James Beavers, executive di-

rector of the Roanoke County Sanitation Authority, was on the stand when court adjourned Feb. 18. He was called by the city as an adverse witness. He had not completed his testimony when court adjourned, but he is not expected to be on the stand long Monday.

The city took the first two weeks of the trial, which opened Feb. 6, for presentation of its case.

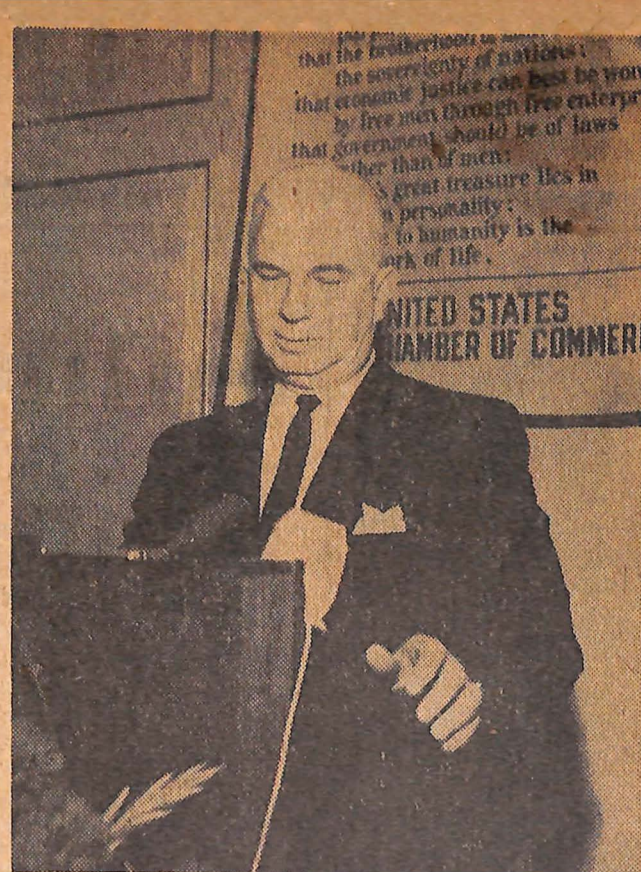
The second week was marked by closed-door meetings between lawyers aimed at reaching a compromise agreement. The efforts failed, however.

If the city is given any county land, the annexation will become effective Jan. 1, 1962.

Hearing the case are Judges Fred L. Hoback, Salem; Hamilton Haas, Harrisonburg, and Rayner V. Snead, Washington.



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Getting Mayor Anderson to the dinner was no problem. He was on the program as mayor to deliver the address of welcome.

But getting Booker to the dinner without telling him why presented a problem. So the Jaycees asked Booker if he would bring another businessman who, the Jaycees told Booker confidentially was to get the "Boss of the Year" award. Booker canceled a speech in Bedford to accommodate the Jaycees and brought the supposed recipient of the award.

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Harrison Links U.S. Freedom To Economy

By MELVILLE CARICO
Times Political Writer

Atty. Gen. Albert S. Harrison in a "Bosses Night" speech to the Roanoke Junior Chamber of Commerce Friday night at Hotel Roanoke said preservation of freedom at home and abroad depends on economic growth.

Harrison in a non-political speech to the Jaycees and their guests made it plain industrial expansion will be a primary concern of his administration if he is elected governor.

The 54-year-old attorney general, a Democratic primary candidate for governor, stuck to his determination not to discuss state political issues until mid-April.

But in doing so he left no doubt he will talk about industrial expansion not only as a means of providing more jobs for Virginians but as the state's contribution to the nation's economy.

Only by a growing economy, Harrison told the government-minded Jaycees, can America meet her commitments abroad in her worldwide struggle with communism and meet the essential needs at home without raising taxes.

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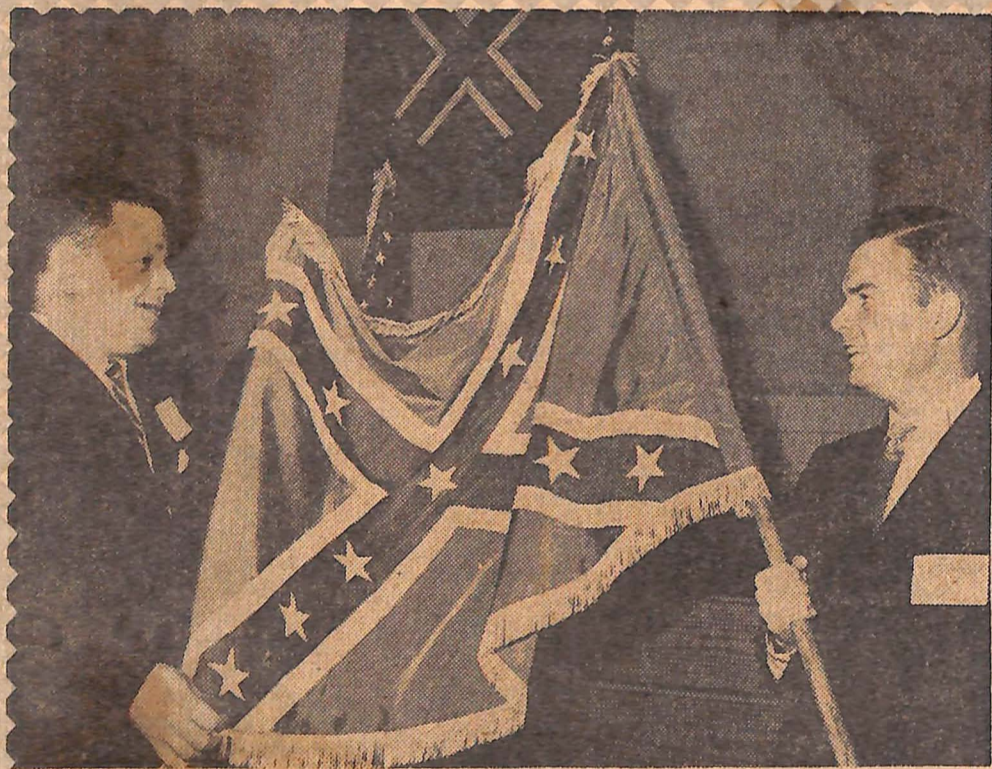
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Mayor Sees Need For Tax Overhaul

By Ozzie Osborne

World-News Staff Writer

Roanoke's often criticized tax structure needs an overhauling, says Mayor Willis M. Anderson. And, he said today, he has in mind a study aimed at this. However, he said he wants to wait until after the auditorium bond issue election May 2 before making any suggestions.

Anderson made his comments after an appeal yesterday from C. N. Freeman, Roanoke automobile dealer, for a cut in the merchants license tax.

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The tax complaint is one of many that has gone to City Council over the past year. All have gone to a tax study committee headed by City Atty. Ran G. Whittle, but the committee has not yet met to consider them.

"There's not a member of City Council who would not like to see the business and professional license taxes cut," Anderson said.

But, he said, this should not be done arbitrarily, but as part of a general realignment of other city taxes.

Commenting on taxes, the mayor said he sees "no justification" for newspapers, radio

and television stations and insurance firms being exempt from license taxes. (They are by state law.)

He said he does not think a tax should be imposed on copies of newspapers sold, but rather on the advertisements that are sold.

Anderson called the exemption of insurance firms and news media from paying license taxes "glaring examples" of inequities in the tax structure.

Meanwhile, there was disagreement around town on whether the city's merchants license tax has been a factor in some Roanoke firms moving to Salem and Roanoke County.

Freeman said he thought the tax has helped run some businesses out of the city.

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But a businessman who declined to be quoted by name argued with this. He said some branch offices have been moved out of the city but thought in most cases this was for space reasons.

Retailers, he said, can't for practical reasons move out of the city as they must be where their customers are.

Anderson pointed out that two of the three multi-million-dollar shopping centers going up chose the city. A third is on the city's northern rim and in an area the city hopes to annex.

Roanoke's retail merchants license tax is the highest in the state. A flat fee of \$55 is imposed and 55 cents must be paid on each \$100 in sales.

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Professional people sent a complaint about the taxes levied on them to the tax study committee last March.

Doctors, lawyers and other professional people pay a license tax of \$1.10 per \$100 of gross revenue. They pay a flat fee of \$20 that covers the first \$4,000.

Local people have called the professional license tax "grossly unfair" and "inequitable" among other things.

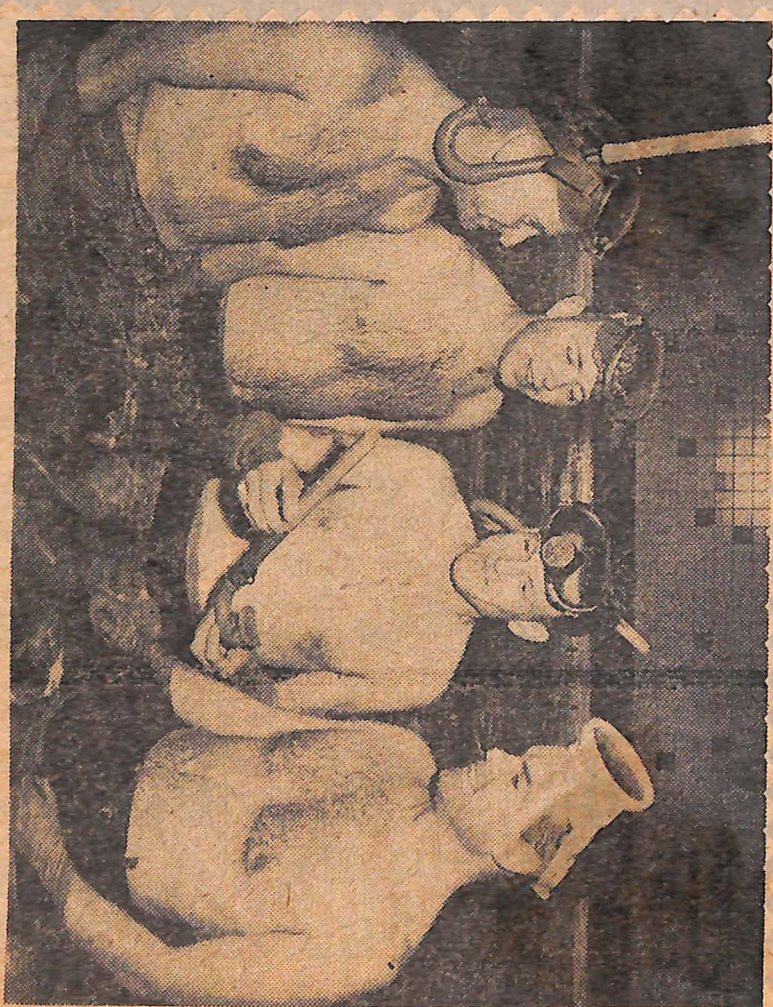
Business and occupational licenses bring the city some \$1.6 million yearly in revenue.



Mayors Judge Young Columbus Essays

The mayors of Roanoke, Salem and Vinton have plenty of information on why boys become newspaper carriers. They are reading essays on "Why I Am a Newspaperboy" submitted by the 10 finalists in the Young Columbus V "Anglo-Gaelic Adventure" contest sponsored by The Roanoke World-News, The Roanoke Times and Parade Magazine. Pictured, left to right, are

Mayor Willis M. Anderson, Roanoke; Mayor James I. Moyer, Salem; George G. Bent Jr. (standing), circulation manager of the newspapers, and Mayor Shirley D. Crowder, Vinton. Young Columbus V, who will visit the British Isles, and the second, third and fourth-place winners will be announced tomorrow in The World-News.



Mayor Anderson (right) gets checked out on "snorkel" . . . by skin divers Dick Snedegar, Charles Poff, Beryl Middaugh

Roanoke Mayor Agrees to Take Dive --For Boat Show Benefit, That Is

Roanoke's Mayor Willis M. Anderson is taking to skin diving for the first time. He'll be out to prove it March 16 at Victory Stadium. Now don't get the idea the 32-year-old mayor is thinking of jumping in the lake. He isn't. He has simply agreed to "can't" himself—at the bottom of a win-jowed exhibition skin diving tank on the opening night of the four-day Roanoke Jaycee Boat and Sports Show.

But, says Anderson, he'll dive "only once" during the show—at 5:30 p.m. next Thursday. "I'm willing to do all I can to help promote the Jaycees' show but I'm not going to become one of the sideshow attractions," the mayor said.

The mayor is a former member of the Jaycees and last month the organization named him its "Outstanding Young Man" for 1960.

Anderson is taking instructions for the diving from members of the Roanoke Valley Aquanags Skin Diving Association. The Aquanags will make their second appearance in the Jaycee show. They were a hit with spectators last year.

Anderson said the club has a lot of good, qualified divers who will perform throughout the show, which runs through Sunday, and that he will leave the diving to them after his "only once" appearance.

The mayor said skin diving has proven to be different than the free style swimming he has done since he was a boy. "The kind of swimming I am used to requires use of arms and legs," he explained. "With skin diving all propulsion is done with your feet and the divers' flippers on them. Your arms are used only for steering."

The Aquanags will spend 15 minutes out of each half-hour in a 64-inch by nine-foot tank during most of the Jaycee show. There are three windows for spectators viewing in the tank. The Aquanags will dive from 6:30 to 10 Thursday and Friday, from 2 to 10 p.m. Saturday and from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Jaycees' Boat Show Launched At Stadium

By DICK THOMPSON
Times Sports Writer

The Roanoke Jaycees launched their second annual Boat and Sports Show Thursday at Victory Stadium and encountered smooth sailing in the form of sunny weather and a promising opening day turnout of visitors.

A visit by Virginia's Junior Miss, Diana Patterson of Botetourt County, officially opened the show at 2 p.m. Miss Patterson, 18-year-old Lord Botetourt High School senior, was given a tour of the show by Bob Yobaggy, general chairman of the show, and Hamp Thomas, president of the Roanoke Junior Chamber of Commerce.

"We have a much better show and a bigger show this year," Yobaggy said. "We certainly hope that this show will attract an even larger attendance than the 9,000 persons who saw our first show."

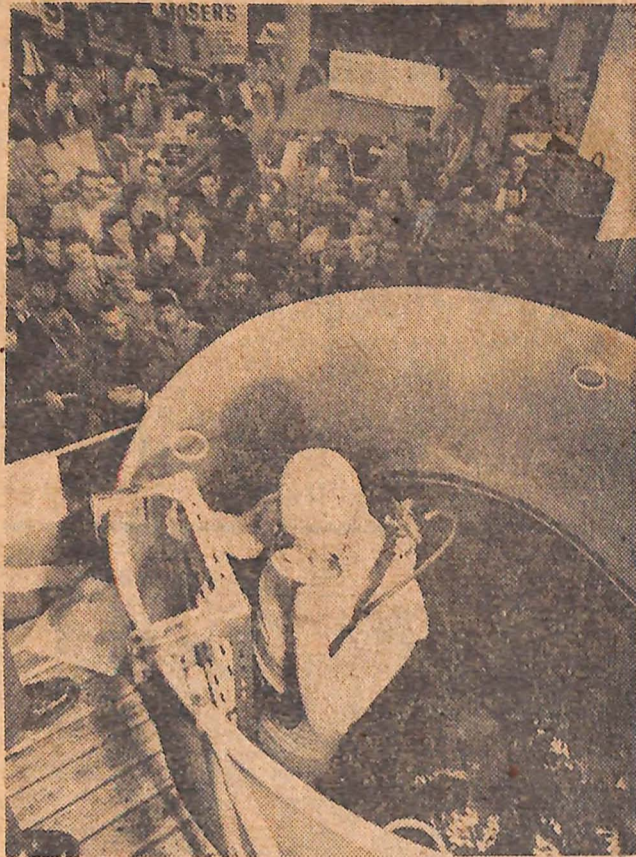
Just before the opening last year, Roanoke was swamped with a six-inch snowfall.

"Our entire crowd the first afternoon last year was 125," Yobaggy said. "And we had that many in the opening hours today."

All told, the first day's crowd totaled 1,300, 300 more than last year.

Some 50 boats and 50 exhibits are on display under the west stands.

"We have a greater variety of exhibits," said Dick Lovegrove, publicity chairman. "Except for



Mayor Descends Into Swim Tank

M. Anderson. He joined the Aqua Nags in a dive into a windowed diving tank.

Special entertainment includes performances by Joe Phillips and his "wonder" dog and horse and the Shooting Linds, a "fast-gun" husband and wife act. Bill Faircloth of Greensboro, N.C., a representative of a fishing equipment company, will give a casting exhibition.

The entertainment will be held at 7 and 9 p.m. today with a third performance at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Sunday's performances will be at 2:30 and 4:30 p.m.

The show is open from 2 to 10 p.m. today and Saturday and from 2 until 6 p.m. Sunday. The admission for the show is 75 cents for adults and 25 cents for children from 6 to 12 years. There is no admission for children under 6.

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Valentino Stars in Film Monday

Arts Center Month Begins

April is Fine Arts Center Month and Mayor Willis Anderson will so proclaim it Monday on "Profile," at 9 a.m. on Ch. 10. The proclamation is the first official introduction of the Roanoke art center's first April Arts Festival.

In proclaiming April as Roanoke Fine Arts Center Month, the mayor will urge citizens of the area to make this a time when they investigate the importance of the cultural growth of the city.

On Monday evening at 8 p.m. the center will kick off its festival cinema showings with the old classic, "The Son of the Shiek," starring Rudolph Valentino. Also to be shown are Charlie Chaplin comedy shorts.

"Son of the Shiek" is the last film Valentino made. It was released a few weeks

before his death in 1926 as a sequel to his first major starring role in "The Sheik."

The arts festival, which will include special exhibitions, concerts, dramatic readings and cinema classics, will be topped by a painting weekend the last three days of the month. Most of the activities will be held at the Fine Arts Center Studio at Carolina Avenue and 25th Street, SW.

A special exhibition of old masters on loan from the Virginia Art Museum, however, will be on display in the library gallery April 16-30, following the William Pachner one-man show April 1-15.

The Virginia College Students Show is at the art center studio April 1-14, to be followed by the Roanoke Junior and Senior High School Students exhibition, April 14-30.



Mayor Anderson
To proclaim on 'Profile'



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OFF TO MOBILE—Diana Sue Patterson, Virginia's Junior Miss, boards a plane at Woodrum Airport Saturday morning for Mobile, Ala., where she will compete for the title of "America's Junior Miss." In the background are her family and Mayor Willis M. Anderson. The Lord Botetourt High School senior plans a dramatic reading as her talent performance.

By Ben Beagle

Skin-diving Mayor Gives a Good Show

These are dubious times. But they do contain moments of awe and excitement.

Like the day Mayor Willis M. Anderson sloshed into a tank of water under the west stands at Victory Stadium and gave what must have been more than a passable example of skin-diving.

Those who were there say it was magnificent and that people were saying the cleverest things about this dunking routine of the mayor's.

They can say on, but it seems to me that La Guardia, at his best, never was better than Mayor Anderson, donning aqua-lung and going for a swim before the astonished eyes of the voters.

Any mayor can sever a ribbon or even read the Sunday funnies on the radio, but not all of them are old enough, or waterproof enough, to go skin-diving under the west stands at Victory Stadium.

Mayor Anderson shared a bill with several other skin-divers, a couple of trick shot artists and a cowboy who spoke with an Eighth Avenue accent.

I was unable to witness this landmark in Roanoke's entertainment history, but I can say that there have been some pretty good shows under the west—and east—stands at Victory Stadium.

I like the ones which play on Thanksgiving Day, when the corks are popping and the spirit is high.

It is too cold then for skin diving, of course.

I think it would be nice if some sociologist would get up a permanent study of the events under the west stands at Victory Stadium last week.

It would be enlightening, from a cultural viewpoint at least, to see how many people made bright and original remarks about the mayor being in hot water before and so on.

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Cowboys with Eighth Avenue accents also bug me.

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Jaycees' Boat Show Launched At Stadium

By DICK THOMPSON
Times Sports Writer

The Roanoke Jaycees launched their second annual Boat and Sports Show Thursday at Victory Stadium and encountered smooth sailing in the form of sunny weather and a promising opening day turnout of visitors.

A visit by Virginia's Junior Miss, Diana Patterson of Botetourt County, officially opened the show at 2 p.m. Miss Patterson, 18-year-old Lord Botetourt High School senior, was given a tour of the show by Bob Yobaggy, general chairman of the show, and Hamp Thomas, president of the Roanoke Junior Chamber of Commerce.

"We have a much better show and a bigger show this year," Yobaggy said. "We certainly hope that this show will attract an even larger attendance than the 9,000 persons who saw our first show."

Just before the opening last year, Roanoke was swamped with a six-inch snowfall.

"Our entire crowd the first afternoon last year was 125," Yobaggy said. "And we had that many in the opening hours today."

All told, the first day's crowd totaled 1,300, 300 more than last year.

Some 50 boats and 50 exhibits are on display under the west stands.

"We have a greater variety of exhibits," said Dick Lovegrove, publicity chairman. "Except for the boats, we have no two booths alike. The new exhibitors found out how to do it last year and of course we learned a lot. I think the show will be much more attractive this year."

The boats on display range from a \$149 rubber raft to a large craft that costs over \$6,000. They vary from a tug boat designed primarily for children to a sleek craft that can hit 70 m.p.h.

Included in the displays are a wide variety of sports equipment, sports cars and motorcycles.

Special booths feature the live broadcasting of WDBJ radio; "Mr. Fitness," Artie Levin, whose show is seen on WDBJ-TV; the Sherwood Archers; The Roanoke Aqua Nags and the Aetna Sailometer, sponsored by The Roanoke Times, The Roanoke World-News and Rutherford Insurance Agency.

One of the highlights of the opening night activities was a skin diving exhibition by Mayor Willis M. Anderson on "Profile" at 9 a.m. on Ch. 10. The proclamation is the first official introduction of the Roanoke art center's first April Arts Festival.

In proclaiming April as Roanoke Fine Arts Center Month, the mayor will urge citizens of the area to make this a time when they investigate the importance of the cultural growth of the city.

On Monday evening at 8 p.m. the center will kick off its festival cinema showings with the old classic, "The Son of the Shiek," starring Rudolph Valentino. Also to be shown are Charlie Chaplin comedy shorts.

"Son of the Shiek" is the last film Valentino made. It was released a few weeks



Mayor Descends Into Swim Tank

M. Anderson. He joined the Aqua Nags in a dive into a windowed diving tank.

Special entertainment includes performances by Joe Phillips and his "wonder" dog and horse and the Shooting Linds, a "fast-gun" husband and wife act. Bill Faircloth of Greensboro, N.C., a representative of a fishing equipment company, will give a casting exhibition.

The entertainment will be held at 7 and 9 p.m. today with a third performance at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Sunday's performances

will be at 2:30 and 4:30 p.m.

The show is open from 2 to 10 p.m. today and Saturday and from 2 until 6 p.m. Sunday.

The admission for the show is 75 cents for adults and 25 cents for children from 6 to 12 years. There is no admission for children under 6.

Artists Stars in Film Monday Winter Month Begins

before his death in 1926 as a sequel to his first major starring role in "The Sheik."

The arts festival, which will include special exhibitions, concerts, dramatic readings and cinema classics, will be topped by a painting weekend the last three days of the month. Most of the activities will be held at the Fine Arts Center Studio at Carolina Avenue and 25th Street, SW.

A special exhibition of old masters on loan from the Virginia Art Museum, however, will be on display in the library gallery April 16-30, following the William Pachner one-man show April 1-15.

The Virginia College Students Show is at the art center studio April 1-14, to be followed by the Roanoke Junior and Senior High School Students exhibition, April 14-30.



Mayor Anderson To proclaim on 'Profile'



OFF TO MOBILE—Diana Sue Patterson, Virginia's Junior Miss, boards a plane at Woodrum Airport Saturday morning for Mobile, Ala., where she will compete for the title of "America's Junior Miss." In the background are her family and Mayor Willis M. Anderson. The Lord Botetourt High School senior plans a dramatic reading as her talent performance.

By Ben Beagle

Skin-diving Mayor Gives a Good Show

These are dubious times. But they do contain moments of awe and excitement.

Like the day Mayor Willis M. Anderson sloshed into a tank of water under the west stands at Victory Stadium and gave what must have been more than a passable example of skin-diving.

Those who were there say it was magnificent and that people were saying the cleverest things about this dunking routine of the mayor's.

They can say on, but it seems to me that La Guardia, at his best, never was better than Mayor Anderson, donning aqua-lung and going for a swim before the astonished eyes of the voters.

Any mayor can sever a ribbon or even read the Sunday funnies on the radio, but not all of them are old enough, or waterproof enough, to go skin-diving under the west stands at Victory Stadium.

Mayor Anderson shared a bill with several other skin-divers, a couple of trick shot artists and a cowboy who spoke with an Eighth Avenue accent.

I was unable to witness this landmark in Roanoke's entertainment history, but I can say that there have been some pretty good shows under the west—and east—stands at Victory Stadium.

I like the ones which play on Thanksgiving Day, when the corks are popping and the spirit is high.

It is too cold then for skin diving, of course. I think it would be nice if some sociologist would get up a permanent study of the events under the west stands at Victory Stadium last week.

It would be enlightening, from a cultural viewpoint at least, to see how many people made bright and original remarks about the mayor being in hot water before and so on.

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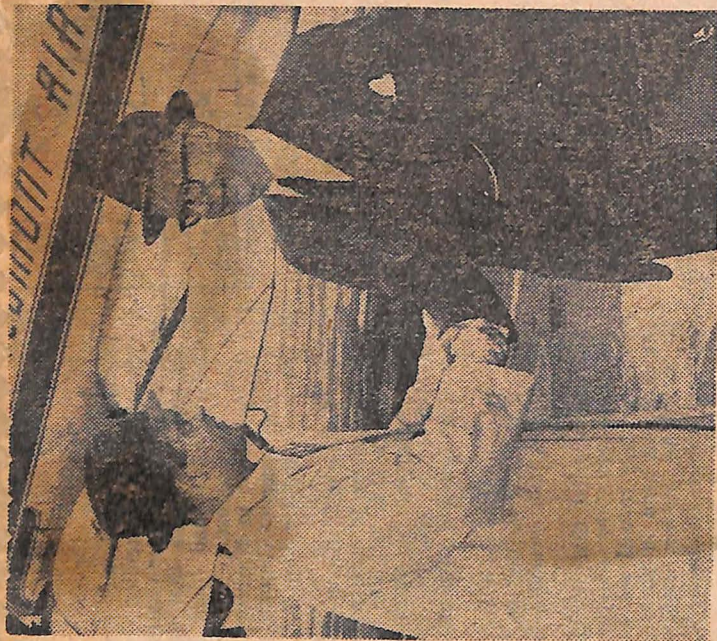
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Henry H. Fowler welcomed here . . . by Mayor Willis M. Anderson

Fowler Finds Kennedy's New Frontier Rugged

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By Mag Poff

World-News Staff Writer

A Roanoke native is finding life on the New Frontier "rugged." "It is a very, very intense period of activity and long hours," said Henry H. Fowler today on his first visit to Roanoke as under-secretary of the treasury.

"My wife no longer speaks to me, my dog doesn't know me, and I have lost a lot of sleep," Fowler said with a smile.

But he describes his new post as very challenging, with old problems still hanging and new ones cropping up.

He thinks that the Kennedy administration has made a "substantial degree of progress" in its first 100 days. Plans have been set, but results will take time to appear, he explained.

The country is definitely coming out of the recession, Fowler believes. "We have passed the low point and are on the way

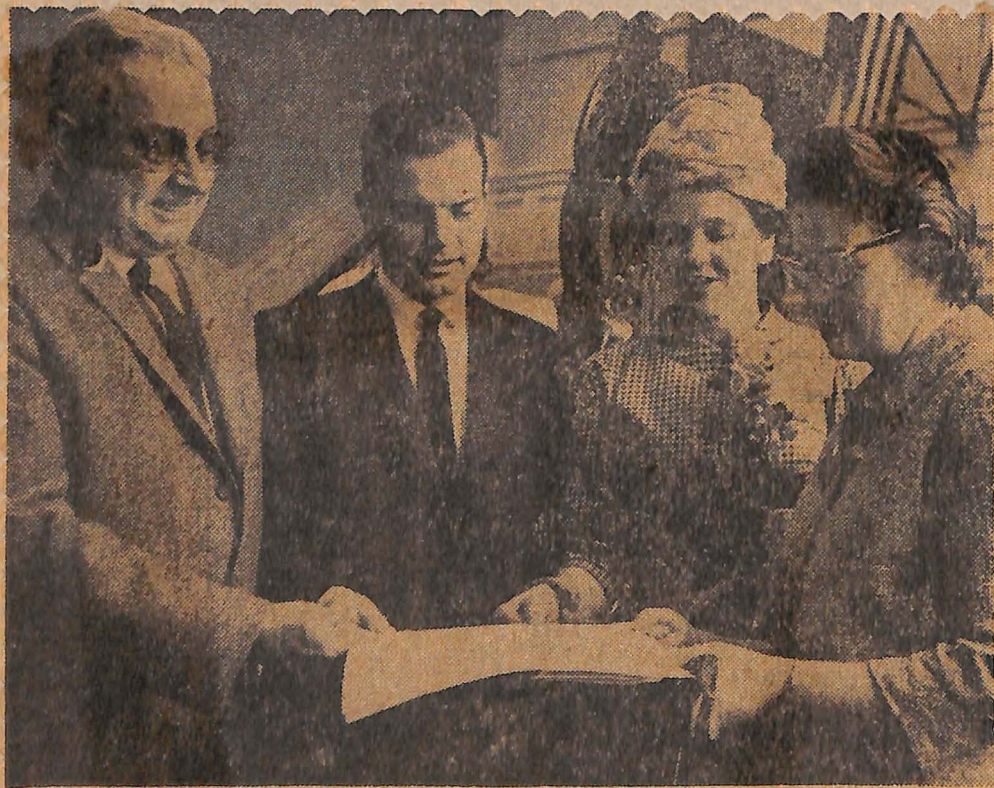
up. The administration's measures to boost the economy are only now being felt," he said.

The loss of gold reserves overseas and the balance of payments problem is the special responsibility of the Treasury Department, Fowler said.

"The outflow (of gold) has been stemmed completely in the last month," the secretary said. Although there was a small loss last week, Fowler added, this country actually gained during several weeks in April.

He thinks this due to a return in confidence in the dollar by people in this country and in Western Europe who had been seeking higher interest rates.

Many other measures are at work to help stem the loss of gold overseas, Fowler pointed out. Foreign aid and military expenditures overseas are tied to United States sources, he explained, so that 70-80 per cent of the money is actually spent here. He said this represents an intensification of a policy of the last administration.



OFFICIALS GUIDE — Edwin G. Terrell (left), chairman of the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors, and Roanoke Mayor Willis M. Anderson take a look at proofs of a guide to public officials in the Roanoke area prior to Monday's meeting of City Council. Explaining the guide are Mrs. Bonnie Hughes (second from right) and Mrs. Ralph Steinhardt, members of the Roanoke League of Women Voters, which plans free distribution of the booklet during Roanoke Municipal Days April

21-22. The guide contains the names of elective and appointive officials in Roanoke, Roanoke County, Salem and Vinton governments; names of state and federal representatives elected from the area and other information of interest to politically minded citizens. It was prepared by the league's voters' service committee, which Mrs. Hughes heads, under the supervision of Mrs. Dean Egge. Mrs. Steinhardt is league vice president.

(Times Photo)



City Receives Check for \$25,000

Roanoke today received a \$25,000 check from the State Corporation Commission in a distribution of funds from state taxes on aviation gasoline. From left, Jessee W. Dillon, SCC commissioner of aviation, presents the check to Mayor Willis M. Anderson as Marshall Harris,

Woodrum Airport manager, City Manager Arthur Owens and Allan C. Perkinson, director of the SCC's division of aeronautics, look on. The money will be applied toward a project which includes high intensity lighting and runway pavement reinforcing at the airport.

Anderson Will Head Law Day

Mayor Willis M. Anderson is chairman of the Civic Law Day Committee appointed to aid in recognition of the annual observance on May 1.

The committee of business and civic leaders is cooperating with the Roanoke Bar Association in distributing information and providing speakers about the importance of the rule of law in this nation.

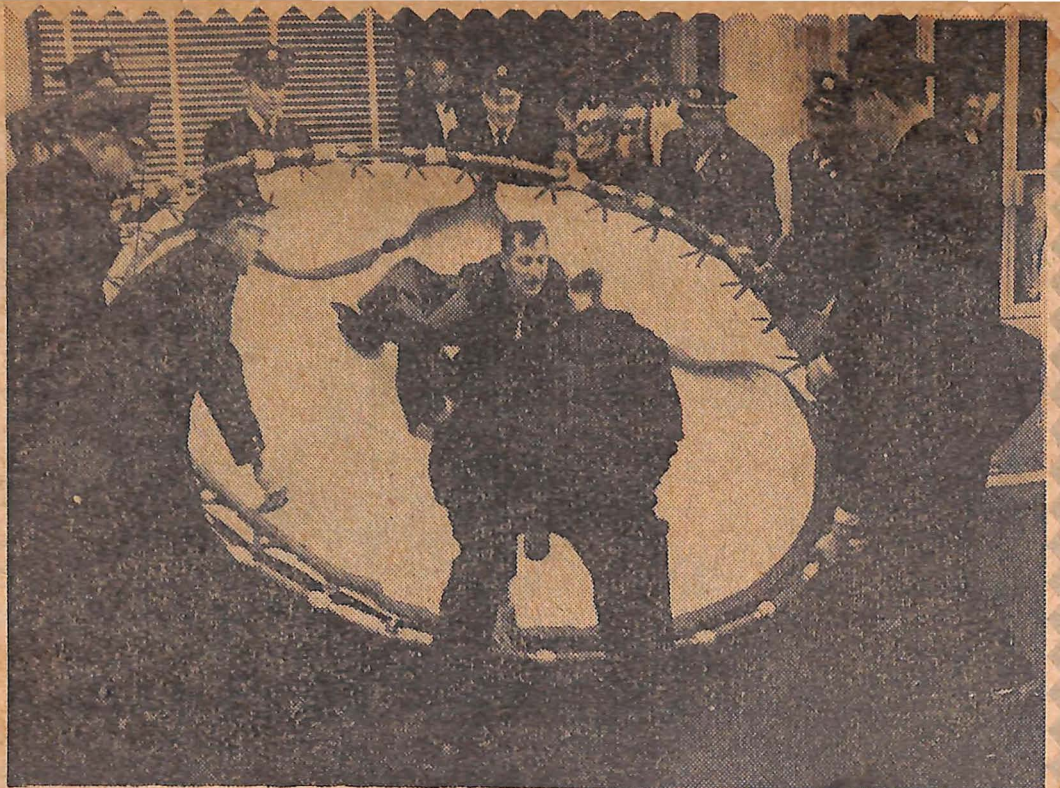
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Members of the committee are G. Frank Clement, Roy C. Herrenkohl, R. E. Hodges, Donald Jordan, Robert L. Lynn, John Marchant, James H. Moore, Barton W. Morris Jr., E. H. Ould, B. F. Parrott, William J. Powers, Hamilton M. Redman, E. W. Rushton and Fred Sirkle.

In a letter mailed today to local organizations, Anderson urged widest possible observance of Law Day in the community.

This will be the nation's fourth annual Law Day to point up the contrast between freedom under law in the United States and governmental tyranny under communism, and to increase public understanding of the place of law in American life.

The Roanoke Bar Association will supply information and speakers to those who write to the Law Day Committee Chairman, Box 720, Roanoke.



Municipal Days' rescue demonstrations included leap (l.) . . .
 . . . by J. S. Davis into net held by fellow firemen at right

Rain Puts Damper on Ceremony

By Ozzie Osborne
 World-News Staff Writer

Roanoke's first observance of "Municipal Days" began before a small crowd in a drizzling rain today.

Speaking at the opening of the event on the Municipal Building steps, M. T. J. McMahon, called the inauguration of "Municipal Days" an historic occasion for the city.

He praised the idea because it will focus interest on local government.

" . . . It is easy to shift one's interests from the community level to national and even international level," said McMahon, who is regional manager for civic and governmental affairs for the Ford Motor Co.

But, he said, "we shouldn't allow our preoccupation with world affairs to make us world-wise and community foolish."

The opening event crowd was made up mostly of city and Veterans Administration employees. Only two members of City Council — Mayor Willis M. Anderson and Dr. C. M. Cornell — were there.

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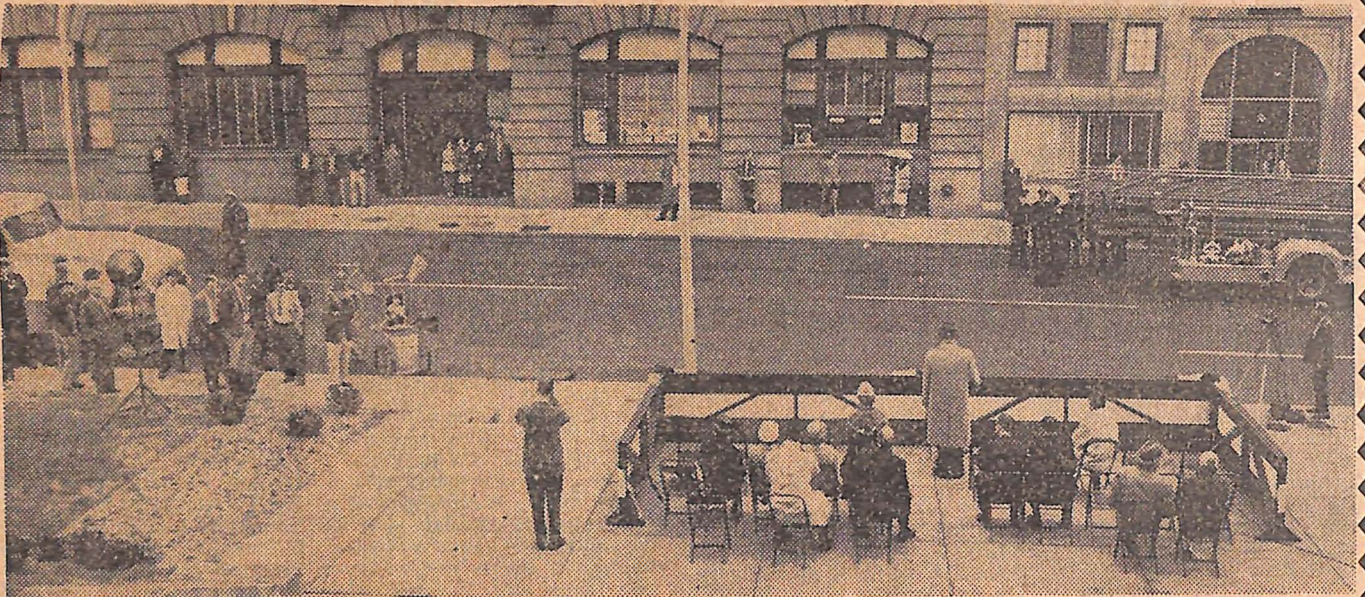
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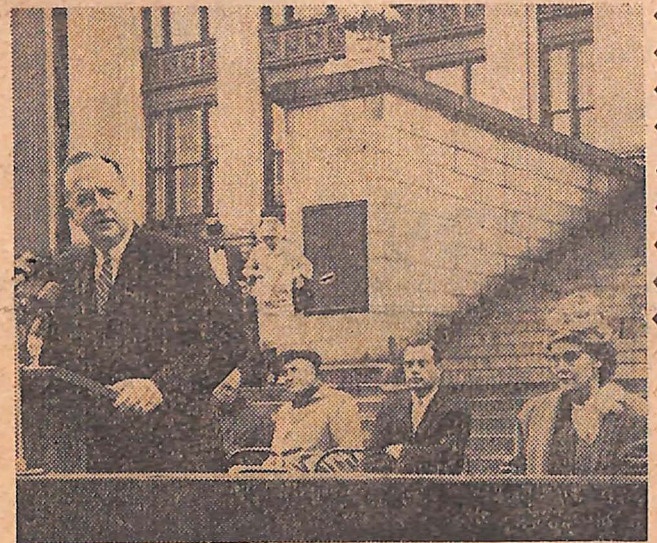
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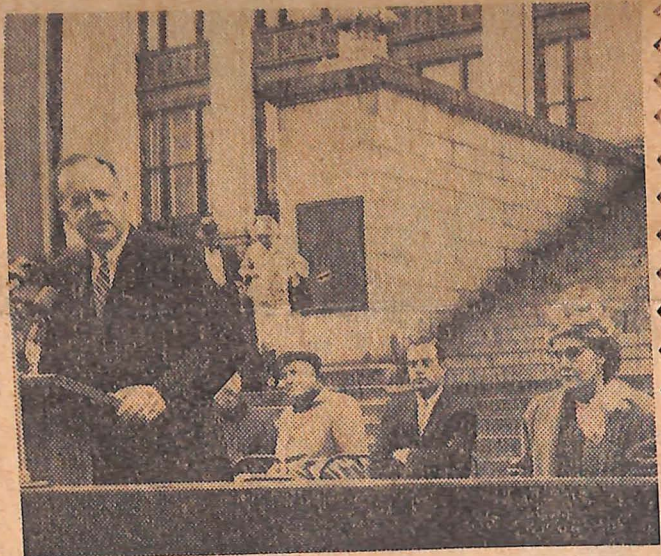
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Officials Aid Cleaning Job

"Huckleberry Hound," "Quick Draw McGraw" and "Baba Looy" lend a hand to Mayor Anderson and City Manager Arthur Owens in making a clean sweepdown fore and aft on Third Street in opening "Paint-up, Clean-up and Fix-up Week" today.



Mayor Anderson Crowns New Beauty Queen

Sue Little Is Named Miss Roanoke County

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anoke County in the Miss Virginia Pageant at Hotel Roanoke late in June.

First runner-up was Charlotte Thomas, who was Miss Roanoke County last year.

Miss Thomas is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Thomas, 3033 Lorraine Road, NW. She's a freshman at Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

The second runner-up was Mary C. Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Johnson, 2415 Avenel Ave., SW. Sue is also a senior at Jefferson.

Twenty-one contestants were judged upon their appearance in bathing suits, and upon their performance in various talent—acts which ranged from Joan of Arc by Bernard Shaw to a pantomime of Honeybun from South Pacific.

Miss Little's talent was a monologue by a patient in a hospital.

The judges were Mrs. C. Houston Clement, Mrs. Bill Edmund (who as Becky Lee was Miss Virginia several years ago), William M. Brown, John Will Creasy and Ulysses Desportes.

Tim Lockhart was master of ceremonies. A capacity audience of about 500 saw the show.

Mrs. Ralph K. Bowles was director; Mrs. George R. Sossaman was pageant chairman. Mrs. Arthur LaVoie is club president.

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'Sister' Proposed For Roanoke City

Mayor Willis M. Anderson Tuesday asked the Roanoke Junior Chamber of Commerce to kick off a drive to give Roanoke a sister city in a foreign land.

Speaking to the Jaycees at Hotel Patrick Henry, Anderson suggested that a sister city program "would provide many rich experiences for the people of Roanoke" and help to revive the city's community spirit.

A successful program, by creating better world understanding, also would be a "mission of real importance to our government," the mayor declared.

Explaining the program sponsored jointly by the U.S. Information Agency and the American Municipal Association, Anderson said, "This does not contemplate any expenditure of public funds. No one would be sent to a foreign country at the taxpayers' expense."

On the contrary, the expense to the Jaycees or any other organization which took part would be small, he said.

To set up the program, Anderson said, a selection committee composed of people who have knowledge of foreign cities should decide upon first the country and then the city with which Roanoke wants to affiliate.

Next, Roanoke's mayor would write to the mayor of the foreign city, giving information about Roanoke and proposing the affiliation.

If the offer is accepted, a "friendship commission" composed of citizens representative of the activities of the community should be formed to coordinate the program, and an affiliation ceremony could be held in both cities at approximately the same time, Anderson said.

Once the tie is made, the possibilities of the program "are limited only by the imagination and resources of the people of the two communities," he stated.

Anderson said school children, churches, service clubs, garden clubs, hobby groups and others could establish contact with their counterparts in the foreign city. Television and radio stations and newspapers could carry special features about the sister city, art exhibits could be exchanged, the foreign city could send exhibits to Roanoke's Index and Color and Fashion for Living shows and numerous other projects could be arranged, the mayor suggested.

Anderson also said that the program could be carried on as long as interest lasts, or it could be concentrated into a shorter "community salute."

But to succeed, the program must have widespread interest, and "every citizen must feel that he has a part," the mayor cautioned.

Anderson, a member of the committee on international cooperation of the Virginia League of Municipalities, noted that more than 100 American cities participate in the sister city program and more are joining every month.

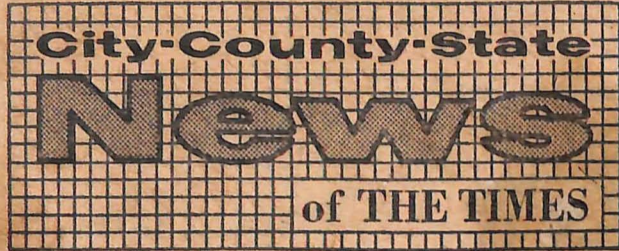
Norfolk's sister city is Moji, Japan. Amherst is working on an affiliation with Amherst,

Burma, so size is no deterrent, he pointed out.

The most successful programs, he said, have been those in which the sister cities are of comparable size and have industrial, geographical or other characteristics in common. The language barrier

also might be a consideration in the selection.

And although a Roanoke program might not in itself stem the tide of mounting international tension, Anderson concluded, if it were multiplied many times, "the total effect would be of real importance."



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Anderson Cited For Leadership

Roanoke Mayor Willis M. Anderson is named as one of the young men in "The South's New Leadership," an article in the current issue of "Industrial Development and Manufacturers Record" magazine.

The article says in part: "Mayor Anderson . . . is an outstanding example of the kind of young men who are emerging on the political scene in the South's cities."

Others named in the article include Gov. Terry Sanford of North Carolina and Dr. Frank L. Hereford Jr., professor of physics at the University of Virginia.



WELCOME TO ROANOKE — Henry H. Fowler (third from left), undersecretary of the treasury, is welcomed on his arrival at Woodrum Airport by William B. Poff (left),

chairman of Law Day observance; Sidney F. Parham Jr., president of the Roanoke Bar, and Mayor Willis M. Anderson.

Overseas Flow Of Gold Checked

Undersecretary of the Treasury Henry H. Fowler said Monday in Roanoke the government has checked the flow of gold overseas but the U.S. gold reserve problem is not licked.

"We have bought ourselves time to deal with it—we have shut off the hemorrhage of short-term dollar movement," Fowler said in an interview.

Fowler, a native of Roanoke, was here to address the Roanoke Bar Association's third annual "Law Day" luncheon at the Shenandoah Life Home Office to which a large number of businessmen and industrialists were invited.

"The rule of law, religious belief and a free society are indissolubly linked," Fowler said in his address.

He urged those in America and the free world to work for better laws and a "more compassionate and dispassionate justice."

At stake, Fowler told the lawyers and businessmen, is the struggle between the rule of law and freedom on one hand and totalitarian tyranny on the other.

Fowler said that in the face of the worldwide battle between conflicting ideologies and government "the struggle for world law must go on with increased intensity."

Fowler was met at Woodrum Airport by Mayor Willis M. Anderson, chairman of the bar association's "Law Day" committee and other attorneys.

His quick trip to Roanoke afforded him a brief break from his official duties in Washington.

"My wife no longer speaks to me, my dog doesn't know me and I have lost a lot of sleep," Fowler said of his life on the Kennedy Administration's "New Frontier."

Fowler held out hope the Kennedy Administration will lick the gold reserve problem eventually.

He disclosed the Treasury Department has other gold reserve measures afoot but said it would be premature to discuss them now.

"The outflow has been stemmed completely in the last month," Fowler said. In fact, he said, there was some gain during part of April.

Part of this recovery, Fowler said, is due to a return in the confidence to the the American dollar both in the United States and Western Europe.

Two Miles Apart

Anderson, Cornell Agree City Has Ills, See Cure Possible

By BEN BEAGLE
Times Staff Writer

Mayor Willis M. Anderson and Councilman Charles M. Cornell spoke two miles apart Friday night and came to the conclusion that something is wrong with Roanoke.

But both of them said that it isn't anything that can't be cured.

Anderson, who didn't once mention City Hall politics, The Times-World Corp., City Manager Arthur Owens' pension or the Interstate 81 spur extension, spoke to a "Ladies Night" meeting of the Wesley Men's Club at Raleigh Court Methodist Church.

Dr. Cornell, who did mention City Hall politics, The Times-World Corp., the pension, the interstate spur and a lot of other things, spoke to a dinner meeting of the Delta Nu Alpha transportation fraternity at the Ponce de Leon Hotel.

At times they came pretty close to putting together similar formulae for solving the city's woes.

Anderson wanted a better "community climate," a lack of discord and a "positive attitude toward Roanoke. We must talk Roanoke, sell Roanoke and believe in Roanoke."

Cornell wanted the same thing, but he wanted to do some cleaning out down at City Hall first.

Cornell said everybody in the Roanoke

Valley ought to get together, that "just because we didn't win the annexation suit doesn't mean that the county people are a bunch of heels."

Both the mayor and the doctor said they have faith in Roanoke.

The mayor said, "Roanoke's greatest days still lie ahead."

Cornell said he wants to live a long life right here in Roanoke.

The mayor said Roanoke is in a crisis and that "it is a crisis of our own making."

Cornell claimed things are in a mess all right, and he blamed Times-World editorial policies, the majority on Council and "favoritism" in City Hall.

Cornell set aside time to call Councilman Roy L. Webber a "political whip." But, he said later, that was really a compliment if you took it the right way. He said Webber "has three votes in his pocket any time he wants to use them." He didn't say whether that was a compliment or not.

Anderson wanted an arena-auditorium which would make the town attractive to industry, which would move into the Blue Ridge Industrial Park, which would bring in more money, which would make the economy right again.

Cornell wanted an auditorium, too, but he didn't want the kind that was planned.

And he said the defeat of the bond issue was probably a "blessing in disguise."

Cornell, who told the transportation men he liked to record all his speeches, did just that. He cut on a tape recorder before he started.

Anderson acted just like any other after-dinner speaker.

Both of them said that too many individuals are knocking Roanoke.

Cornell had a ready example. He said he knew of a case in which discourtesy on the part of a city official ruined an industrial prospect.

"Roanoke," the mayor said, "can emerge from the crisis a stronger, more united city than it ever had been."

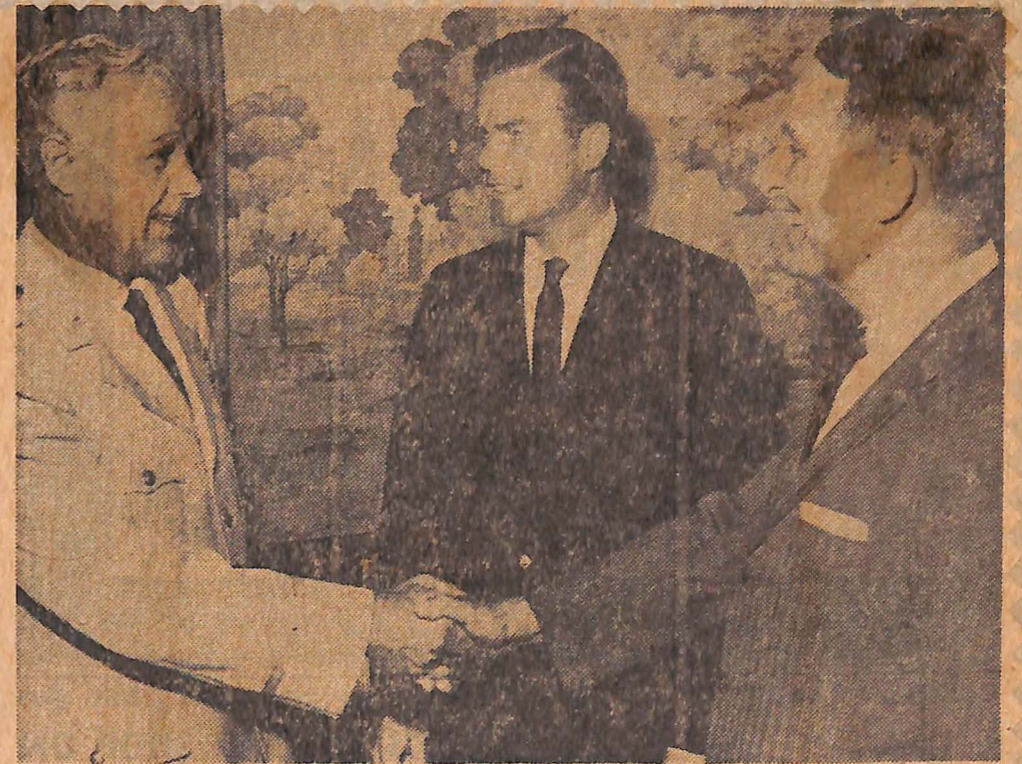
Cornell said there ought to be some changes in the city government and that in the annexation case "somebody on Council was playing whole hog or none."

The mayor wanted to combine the community climate, the arena-auditorium and do away with sectional discord.

Cornell didn't want the city to be "uppish" to prospective industries. "I believe the whole crux of it is the attitude."

But, the doctor said, "I'm not blaming everything on Council."

But there were the matters of the interstate spur, the Commonwealth Project, the arena-auditorium, City Manager Owens, the drainage on Williamson Road, the lack of money for blacktopping the streets . . .



COLONEL WELCOMED—Julian R. Stinson (right), mayor of Danville, and Willis M. Anderson (center), mayor of Roanoke, wel-

come Col. H. F. Bronson to Roanoke. Col. Bronson is chief of staff of the Second Air Force Reserve Region.

(Times Photo)

6/29/61

Role of Air Force Reserve Recovery Units Explained

The role of Air Force Reserve recovery groups in the nation's defense was explained to a Roanoke audience Wednesday at Hotel Roanoke.

Col. H. F. Bronson of Andrews Air Force Base, Md., chief of staff of the Second Air Force Reserve Region, was the speaker at a luncheon for city officials, businessmen, state legislators, Air Force personnel, and others from Roanoke and Danville.

The 8373rd Air Force Reserve Recovery Group, commanded by Lt. Col. E. Howard Hammersley Jr., is based in Roanoke. It is comprised of the 9209th squadron in Roanoke and the 9210th squadron in Danville. The group has a maximum strength of about 500 men.

Noting that a large part of the nation's strategic bomber force is constantly airborne for immedi-

ate retaliation in case of enemy attack, Col. Bronson pointed out that enemy attack might wipe out the home bases of the bombers.

The role of Reserve recovery units, he said, would be to provide the services combat airplanes normally receive at their home bases.

"These combat aircraft must land," Col. Bronson said, "they must be refueled. They may need repairs. There may even be wounded crew members in need of medical attention. Indeed, they must be given whatever services are required to make them combat-ready for another mission."

Reservists, the citizen-airmen of hundreds of American com-

munities, would assemble at designated civilian air fields and provide the services combat aircraft require, Col. Bronson said.

The speaker assured his audience that control and operation of airports will remain in civilian hands, and that recovery units will not disrupt regular airport operations.

It would be poor management, the speaker said, to use regular Air Force units for the recovery job.

Reservists receive drill pay, Col. Bronson noted, which aids the local economy.

Col. Hammersley introduced the speaker. Forty-seven attended the luncheon.



Land Given for Franklin Road Widening

Mrs. Charles E. Bryant, Mayor Willis M. Anderson, City Manager Arthur S. Owens and Lewis Falls, senior draftsman with the city engineering department, look over piece of land

Mrs. Bryant gave yesterday for widening of Franklin Road. Property owners on the road are giving strips on each side for the widening.

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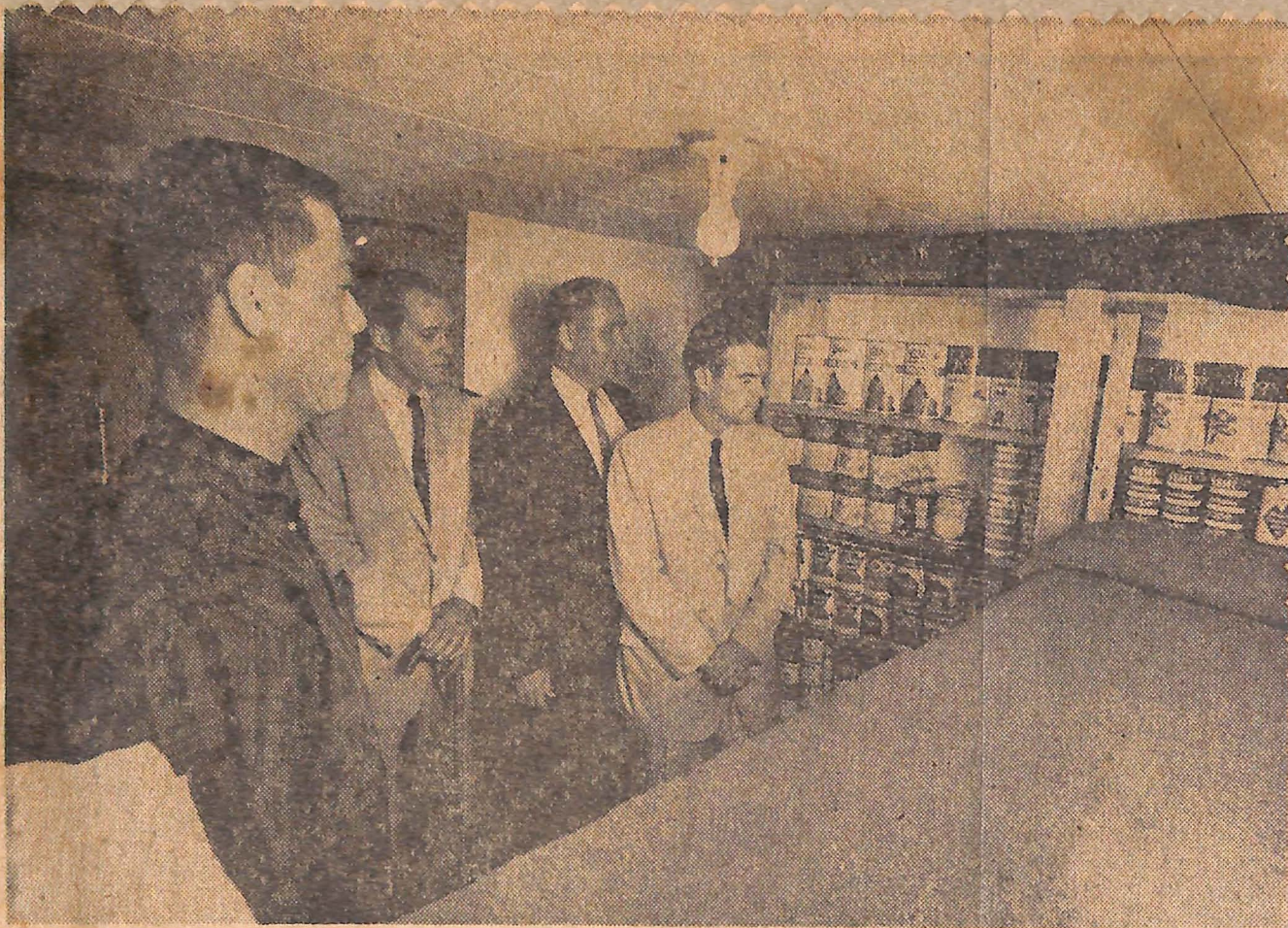


City Bonds Go Through 'Production Line'

Roanoke City and bank officials were busy today signing 2,600 bonds for Roanoke's public school program. The bonds were received in a 123-pound box from the printers in Philadelphia. Each \$1,000 bond was run through a "production line" as shown above. Left to right are J. Robert Thomas, city clerk; Willis M. Anderson, mayor; Johnny H. Johnson, city treasurer;

John H. Tinsley, assistant vice president of the First National Exchange Bank; Richard Perry, who affixed the city seal to the bonds; Judith Miller, who dated each bond; and Thomas H. Smallwood, who double-checked each bond for signatures and date.

7/21/61



Andy Lucas (left), Grandson of Mrs. Munger, Shows Shelter To . . .
 . . . John D. James, R. C. Pittman and Mayor Willis M. Anderson

(Times Photo)

Model Fallout Shelter Opened

8/9/61

Families Said Key to CD Success

The key to the success of America's civil defense program is the individual family, Roanoke Mayor Willis M. Anderson said Tuesday.

Anderson, commenting on civil defense at the official opening of a model radioactive fallout shelter, said it is the responsibility of each family to plan and prepare for an emergency and to

cooperate with those who are responsible for planning a program of survival for the general populace.

Anderson also said local, state and federal governments must cooperate in the civil defense program, which he termed "a matter of compelling importance and national survival."

Henry E. Thomas, deputy CD coordinator for the city and head of the local fallout shelter program, emphasized Anderson's remarks.

He said the Roanoke CD organization has a responsibility to provide all available information concerning suitable types of fallout shelters and their respective costs.

"But," he added, "we feel the individual citizen has to decide if he will protect his family by providing shelter for it."

Besides Anderson and Thomas officials present for the opening included John D. James of Wytheville, state deputy CD coordinator for Southwest Virginia; R. C. Pittman, Roanoke County CD coordinator; City Manager Arthur S. Owens and City Councilman Roy R. Pollard Sr.

Thomas said the shelter, located at the home of Mrs. Artie Munger of 2917 Mansfield Road, NE, will be open for public inspection from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday of each week as long as there is sufficient

interest and providing weather permits.

The underground concrete shelter is built according to basic CD plans and specifications and includes supplies considered essential for a two-week stay, the period believed necessary to escape harm from nuclear fallout.

It is designed to accommodate a family of six.

8/11/61

Lewis-Gale Nurses to Hear City Mayor

Mayor Willis M. Anderson will be the principal speaker at the Lewis-Gale Hospital School of Nursing graduation exercises Friday, Aug. 18 at Hotel Roanoke. The program in the ballroom will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Miss Lavinia Duncan, director of nursing, will present diplomas to 18 graduates. Their pins will be presented by Mrs. Faye L. Peters, associate director of nursing education.

The S. Virginia Thacker award, in memory of the hospital's first superintendent of nursing, will be given the graduate best exemplifying the ideals of nursing. Mrs. Elizabeth D. Nelms, president of the school of nursing's alumnae association, will present the award.

Other awards will be presented by Mrs. Peters.

Dr. Paul Davis, a member of the hospital's medical staff, will relate the history of the hospital.

David G. Williamson, the hospital administrator, will preside.

The Rev. F. Douglas Dillard Jr., associate pastor of Greene Memorial Methodist Church, will say the invocation and benediction.

The school glee club, directed by Mrs. Helen F. Robertson, will sing. Mrs. Christina H. Graham will be the accompanist. A reception and dance will follow the graduation program.

The graduates will be Mrs. Martha Stanley Banks, Roanoke; Miss Wanda Mae Brown, Mullens, W.Va.; Miss Shirley Darlene Dulaney, Troutville; Miss Mary Etta Firebaugh, Fincastle; Miss Margaret Jean Harman, Welch, W.Va.; Mrs. Phyllis Barrett Horton, Hillsville; Mrs. Sandra Angle Maiolo, Crumpler, W.Va.; Miss Gloria Jean Mundy, Roanoke; and Miss Rhoda Marie Parker, Keystone, W.Va.

Also Miss Linda Elena Pugh, Salem; Miss Linda Belle Rader, Salem; Miss Nellie Marie Rodgers, Martinsville; Mrs. Glenna Clay Shelor, Roanoke; Mrs. Betsy Cockill Stinnett, Roanoke; Miss Marjorie Carol Sumner, formerly of Roanoke, now from Miami Fla.; Miss Ernestine Sharon Thornton, Salem; Mrs. Mary Price Wade, Roanoke; and Miss Edna Ann Yeatts, Meadows of Dan.

Officials Pleased Des

"The last time that happened," said one Colt veteran on the sidelines, "it cost us a ball game."

Another veteran then added, "and it also cost him (the offending player) his job . . . he got cut the next week."

Members of the Roanoke

Touchdown Club will have an opportunity to see and hear two and maybe three of the stars of the game.

Buddy Dial, the tricky little flanker back who scored a touchdown on a pass for the Steelers, is scheduled to speak before the TD Club Oct. 16.

Donovan, who probably is as popular as any of the NFL players, is the speaker on Nov. 6.

George Rennix, the game referee, is trying to arrange his schedule for a speaking date.

8/14/61



Preas accepts proclamation from Mayor Anderson . . .
 . . . son Jeep, daughter Kelly and Miss Virginia watch

Chamber May Receive \$15,000 From Game

Mayor Still Desires Tax Structure Study

9/12/61

Mayor Willis M. Anderson still thinks Roanoke's tax structure ought to be studied.

That's what a committee recommended to City Council yesterday, but nothing was done about it.

Thus, tax gripes made by several organizations and firms in Roanoke are right back where they were.

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The complaints have been made over the past two years. A committee headed by City Atty. Ran G. Whittle said it didn't believe in just cutting taxes for certain groups, but did think the city's tax structure ought to be studied and inequities eliminated.

"There are some particular

hardships we're aware of," Anderson said today.

But, he said, the whole code ought to be studied. That way, he said, all inequities could be taken care of.

Anderson said "We know that license taxes are too high."

He said that yesterday he strongly urged creation of a committee to study taxes.

But as mayor he couldn't officially make a motion to create such a committee.

Vice Mayor Roy L. Webber said recommendations in the Masinter Report, submitted May 15, 1953, "are still applicable" if council wants to put them into effect.



Sen. Robertson cuts ribbon to open Index '61 as . . .
 . . . Mayor Anderson, Miss Giannitti, E. H. Ould look on

Industrial Exposition Hailed As Proof Of State's Growth

The Old Dominion Industrial Exposition (Index '61) "offers dramatic proof of Virginia's growth as an industrial state," Mayor Willis M. Anderson told an audi-

ence at the opening ceremonies at noon today.

Index was opened to the public when Sen. A. Willis Robertson cut a white ribbon at the entrance to the stands at Victory Stadium. It will be open from noon until 8 p.m. through Saturday.

Robertson said there is a need for new industry in Virginia. He praised Index as an example of the accomplishments of private enterprise. Recalling his long-time interest in Roanoke, Robertson said he has always

believed this area is good for industry.

Miss Susan Giannitti, 19-year-old Roanoke College student, was crowned "Miss Index III" by E. H. Ould, vice president of Index. Miss Giannitti wore a green, full-skirted dress.

Ould was persuaded to kiss Miss Giannitti on the cheek after the coronation.

Anderson introduced those on the platform, including H. P. Cotton, Shields Johnson and Gordon Willis, Roanoke, and Harry Wilkins, Richmond, all directors of Index; and J. Robert Thomas of

Roanoke, secretary-treasurer. Dr. H. Sherman Oberly, president of Roanoke College, and representatives of the Junior League and the armed services sat on the platform.

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After the ribbon cutting, Index officials were driven through the stands in jeeps. They later attended luncheon at Hotel Roanoke. Music was provided by the Jefferson High School band.



(Times Photos)

Davis Cuts Ribbon With Assist . . .
 . . . From Mayor Anderson, Bob Miller



Guests Board F-27 Prop Jet for Flight
 . . . Over Valley and Smith Mountain Dam

Snip of Huge Scissors 'Dedicates' New Hangar

With the aid of four-foot-long Roanoke Valley in one of Pied-

scissors, the ribbon encircling Piedmont Airlines' DC-3 maintenance hangar at Woodrum Airport was cut, signifying dedication of the facility early Thursday afternoon.

The scissors were wielded by Piedmont President Thomas H. Davis of Winston-Salem, N.C., and Roanoke Mayor Willis M. Anderson, who were aided by Robert J. Miller, the airline's Roanoke district sales manager.

The scissors have been used to open various Virginia transportation facilities since the Newport News James River Bridge was dedicated in 1938.

Approximately 150 persons attended the ceremony, during which Mayor Anderson hailed the hangar as a demonstration "that government and industry can work together toward suitable ends and mutual advantage."

(The hangar was built by the city at a cost of about \$350,000 for a long-term lease to Piedmont.)

Anderson said the hangar is important for adding new jobs and vigor to the Roanoke economy and indicates "the increasing importance of Piedmont to the aviation industry and to Roanoke."

He said Piedmont and Roanoke can help each other grow and expressed confidence that they will.

Davis said Piedmont is pleased with Roanoke as a strategic location for its maintenance operation.

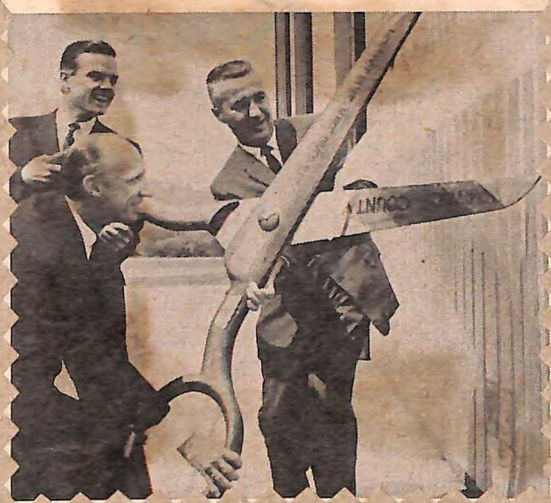
Later, in referring to the pending Piedmont local service case in which the airline is asking for broader operating authority, he implied that a favorable decision by the Civil Aeronautics Board would be very beneficial to Roanoke's economy.

Davis noted that Piedmont has approximately 30 flights daily to and from Roanoke and said it hopes to have "many more" soon.

He was host to the gathering at a buffet luncheon and inspection tour inside the hangar after the dedication.

Most of the guests then went on an observation flight over the

ROA Hangar Dedication



Mayor Opposes Mission At Park

10-13-61

The question of where a new City Rescue Mission should be built will go before Roanoke City Council Monday, with Mayor Willis M. Anderson opposing its construction near Elmwood Park.

In a report going to council, he said:

"With foresight and intelligent planning, Elmwood Park and the area surrounding it should assume an increasing importance as a center for recreational, cultural and civic activities in the community.

"Such uses would not be entirely compatible with the purposes of the Rescue Mission, essential though they be."

Anderson thinks the mission should be built on Salem Avenue, SE.

But Councilman Benton O. Dillard, City Manager Arthur S. Owens and City Auditor Harry R. Yates disagree. They, however, do not go into their reasons.

The "minority" report of Anderson and the "majority" report of the others were made today after all met with Rescue Mission officials earlier this week.

That meeting came after mission officials learned land they own on 1st Street, SE, near the park is in the route of an interstate highway spur. Following this, mission officials, subject to approval of their board, came up

with two building plans and they want council to take its choice.

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Under one plan, the mission would buy land next to that it owns on 1st Street and build there.

Under the other, the mission would give the city a 13-foot slice of a lot it owns on Salem Avenue for street widening, plus half of what the state pays the mission for its 1st Street land in exchange for a 50-foot city-owned lot next to the one the mission owns on Salem.

Then the mission would be built on Salem. All the land in this plan is in the 100 block of Salem Avenue, SE.

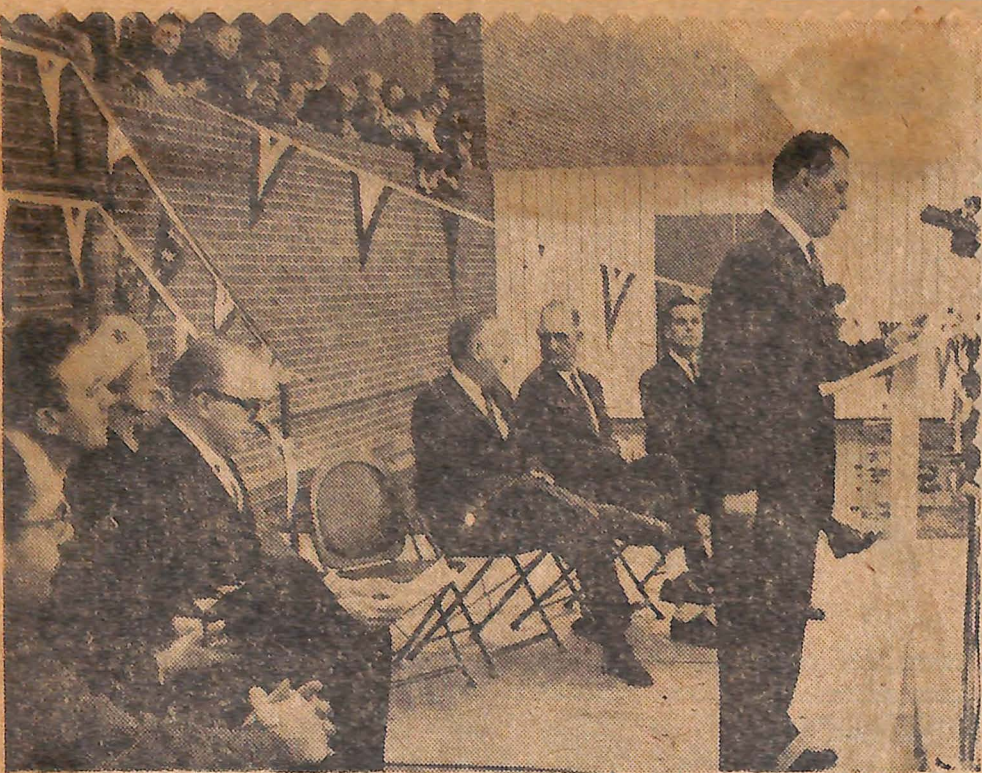
Council must decide if the mission and the city should make the land swap. Otherwise, mission officials will get started right away on building near Elmwood Park.

Anderson said a mission on the 1st Street site would be somewhat remote from those it intended to serve.

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Also, he said, the heavy traffic to be brought to the area by the construction of the interstate highway spur would be a hazard to children going to the mission.

Roanoke Planning Director Werner K. Sensbach and the City Planning Commission also oppose construction of a mission on the 1st Street site.



10-12-61

Formally Opening Shopping Center

Charles McFarland, (right) president of the Towers Merchants Association, was a guest speaker at the official opening of the shopping center today. Listening to his welcoming address are, from left, Rabbi Abraham Sheingold, the Rev. Harry Y. Gamble, Mrs. Ann

Howard, Master of Ceremonies Frank Morris, Salem Town Manager Frank Chapman, Vinton Town Manager Guy Gearhart and Roanoke Mayor Willis M. Anderson. Stories, another photo on page 1.

Wednesday, November 15, 1961.

BACK N&W MERGER PLANS—These four city officials backed the Norfolk & Western Railway's merger plans Tuesday at the Interstate Commerce Commission hearing in Washington. They are, from left: John G. Frost,

president of the Sandusky, Ohio, city commission; John W. Shea Jr., mayor of Norwood, Ohio; Willis M. Anderson, mayor of Roanoke, and John W. Miller, mayor of Kokomo, Ind.



COFFEE CHATTER—Mrs. H. Greenwood Edwards, immediate past president of the Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs, pours coffee for Mrs. Fred H. Schnautz, chairman of HANDS, and Mayor Willis S. Anderson. They were among the honored guests attending the coffee Tuesday following the

planting dedication at the Robert E. Lee Plaza. Guests attending were members of the two local chapters of the United Daughters of the Confederacy; the HANDS committee, the Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and the City of Roanoke.

(Times Photo)

Could it be Anderson vs Dillard for Poff's seat?

Rumors flew throughout the city that two Roanoke Democrats were serious aspirants for their party's nomination for the 6th District Congressional seat now held by Republican Richard H. Poff.

The two were City Councilman Benton O. Dillard and Mayor Willis M. Anderson, who often end up on different sides of the question during Council deliberations.

Dillard was the subject of speculation in a radio news show early in the week, and Anderson's name was cropping up in lunch counter conversations.

It was reported that Dillard was about ready to make the race, but he called the story premature.

"It's too early for an announcement," he said.

"However, several people have come to me, asking me to run," Dillard added.

What does he think the Democrats' chances in the 6th District will be next year?

"I think a Democrat has a wonderful chance of being elected against Poff. He (Poff) put himself on the line this time as a Republican supporting Pearson. He's never done that before," said Dillard.

"Poff is now classified as a Republican, and the 6th District is Democratic.

"For example," he continued, "Kennedy is more popular in Roanoke now than he was on election day last year. The people of Roanoke are still Democrats."

Mayor Anderson concurs



Anderson

a definite no



Dillard

a definite maybe

with Dillard on that point.

"Roanoke is still basically a Democratic city, although frequently it's hard to tell it," he said. "Roanoke politics almost defy analysis."

Anderson feels that the Democrats are in better shape for '62 than they were last year.

"The 6th District went for Harrison and the Democratic ticket," he pointed out. "Therefore, I hope that the Democratic Party has a candi-

date next year for Congress."

What about the rumors?

"I've heard for some time that Benton was interested in running, and I've heard that I was interested in running," Anderson remarked.

"But I don't plan to be a candidate for Congress next year, period."

One thing looks clear, no matter which potential candidate is talking--the Democrats are out to unseat Dick Poff in 1962.

Foresees Bright For Roanoke

12/15/61

Roanoke's potential as a transportation center was increased while he attended part of the Interstate Commerce Commission's hearing on Norfolk & Western Railway expansion proposals in Washington this week.

In addition to linking Roanoke directly to vital points (including, possibly, New York), approval of the proposals would bring "a large number of new citizens" to the city, he said.

"I am firmly of the opinion that the new year will bring some good news as far as industrial development is concerned," Anderson asserted.

Although he noted later that he has no specific development in mind, he said many industrial prospects have visited Roanoke in recent months and he expects many more after the first of 1962.

He said his optimism is based on the belief that the ground work which has been done is bound to bring results.

Educationally, the mayor said, Roanoke already has achieved prominence, but he expects greater prominence to come.

Citing the impact of the Smith Mountain Dam development on

Roanoke's stature as a vacation and recreation center, he also said he and other city officials will go to Washington soon after Jan. 1 to discuss the possibility of a spur road from the Blue Ridge Parkway to Mill Mountain.

Further, he remarked, the federal government's open space program offers the city opportunities to set aside areas for parks and recreation with as much as 20 per cent of the bill being paid by federal funds.

Another federal program — urban renewal—offers an opportunity to revitalize downtown Roanoke and to make it more attractive, Anderson said.

People flock to the great cities of the world because of their attractiveness, he said, and "the same holds true for Roanoke on a smaller scale."

Anderson predicted that "it will not be too long" before a civic auditorium and a sports coliseum become realities in Roanoke.

"Great progress" along this line was made in the several years before an arena-auditorium bond issue was defeated last May, he said, adding that a new proposal should be aided "by what I believe to be a new spirit in this community."

Anderson conceded that 1961 has held its disappointments, but he said he thinks some of the basic tasks performed "will pay off" later.

As for his predictions, he concluded, "I believe they all can become reality if we are determined to make them so."

In a question-and-answer period that followed, Anderson said he thinks Roanoke, which faces a tentative 1962 deficit of about \$2.1 million, "might . . . begin the year with a projected deficit," but "it would be a manageable" one.

Because a local sales tax might drive businesses and their customers out of Roanoke, he said he favors a statewide sales tax from which "at least 50 per cent of the revenue" would be returned to the localities.

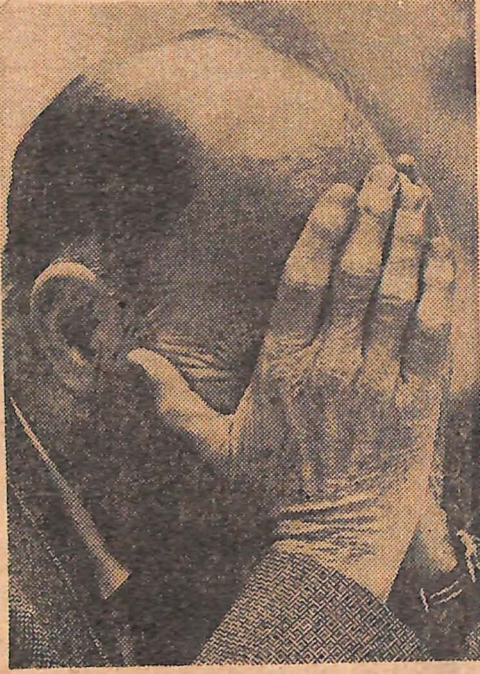
However, because of its "political background," a state sales tax will not be passed by the General Assembly in 1962, he predicted, but probably will in 1964.

'Maybe If We Made A Fresh

12-8-61



Walter L. Young . . . Debating



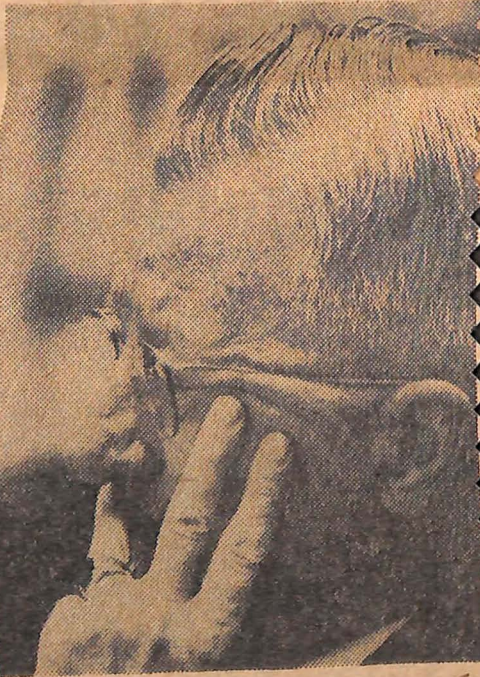
Arthur S. Owens . . . Wondering



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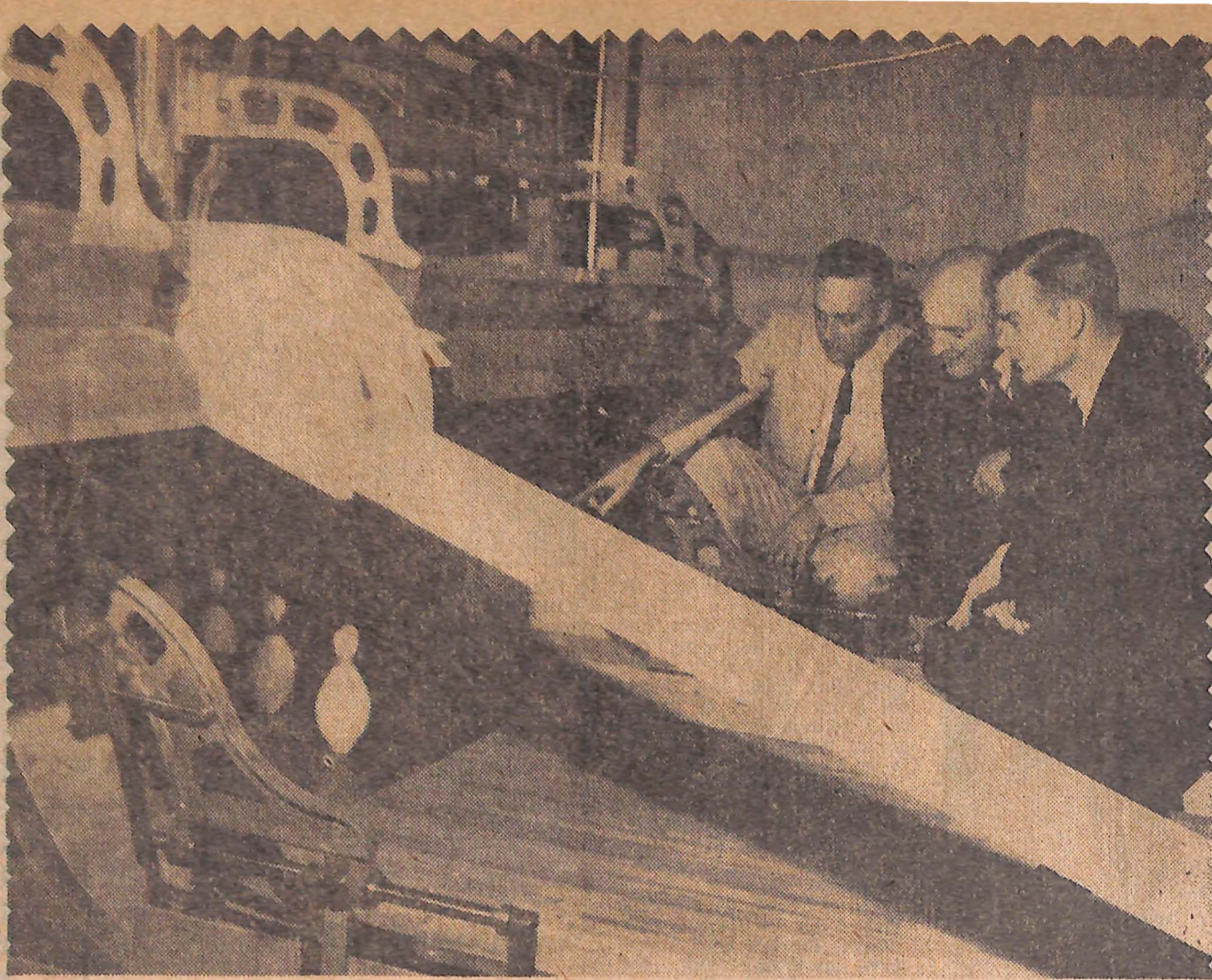


Roy L. Webber . . . Pondering



Roy R. Pollard Sr. . . . Listening

Seven City Councilmen Toiling Toward A Sigh



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12/15/61

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World Understanding Said Education Aim



12/18/61

By ARTHUR HILL
 Times Staff Writer

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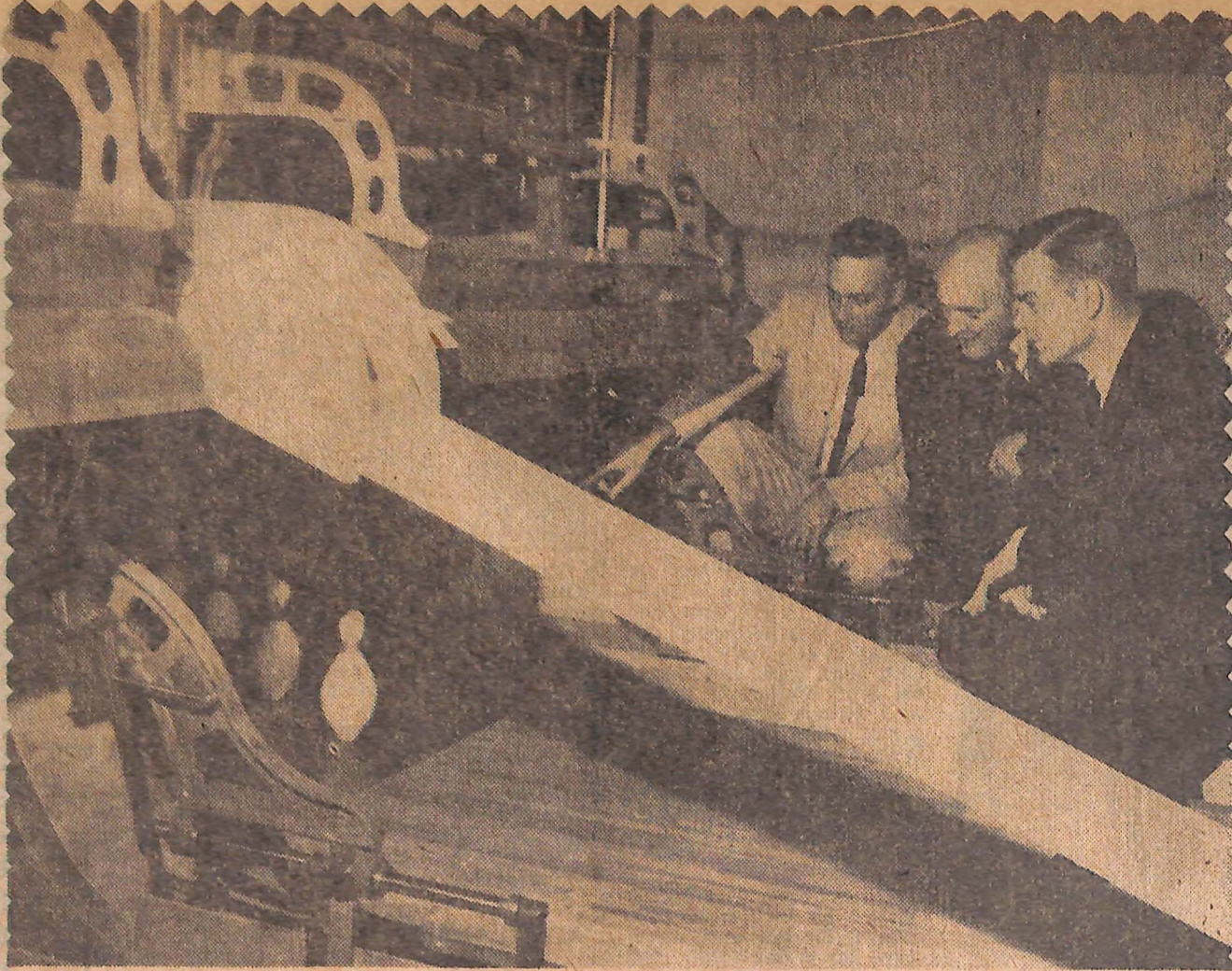
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Starland Bowl invited Mayor Willis M. Anderson, City Manager Arthur Owens, members of City Council and other civic leaders and business men to an informal visitation yesterday. They inspected the layout, the mechanism of the pinsetters and some tried their hand at bowling a few frames.

Boyette plans to develop a number of junior groups to bowl on Saturday mornings. He also has plans for teenagers and family groups to participate in the sport.

One of the features is a "wall of fame" for bowlers who achieve the heights with big single games—175 for men and 150 for women.

World Unders

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All lanes have automatic pinspotters of the latest design—even more modern than installed more than a year ago at Crest Lanes in Lynchburg, Hopkins said.

Ronnie Boyette is the man in charge of Starland Bowl, it is announced by Hunter Roberts, one of the owners. Boyette comes here from Washington, D.C., where he had several years experience in operating bowling palaces.

Starland opened its doors several weeks ago and already 32

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Alma 'Bout Bowling

Starland Has Grand Opening

By ALMA SIGSWORTH

One of the biggest "spectaculars" to hit the Roanoke bowling circles in many a moon took place Saturday when the plush new Starland Bowl duck-pin palace on Shenandoah Avenue had its grand opening! Mayor Willis Anderson, after cutting the ceremonial ribbon, rolled the first ball, then bowled an entire game . . . the second he had ever tried . . . and got a strike in the last frame.

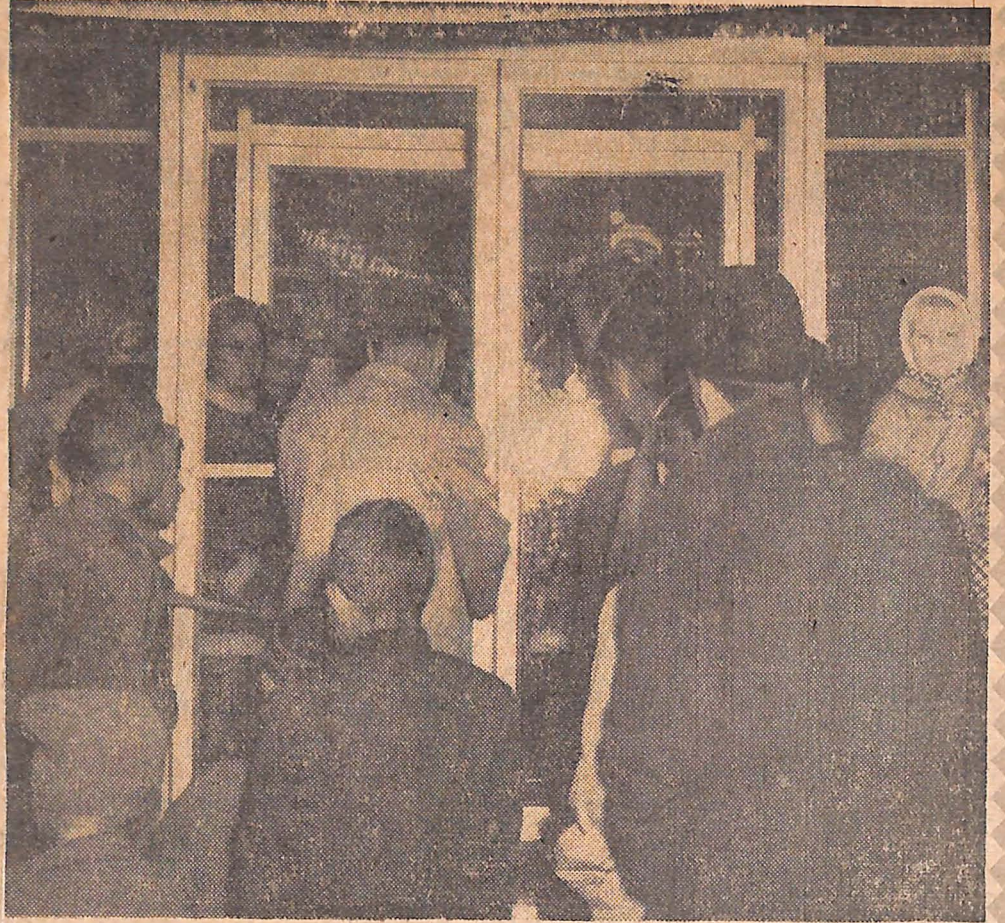
If you were among the throng which jammed the concourse, then you, like me, came away with a new belief in Santa Claus, for everything, including the bowling and refreshments, was for free! Even Old Saint Nick himself was there yo-ho-ho-ing all over the place and keeping the youngsters well supplied with candy and balloons!

All the while, the Fleming High School pep band entertained the people on the concourse who were lined up to get shoes for the free bowling. Cuties in scanty gold and silver costumes prettied up the whole scene. Door prizes which included such items as electric appliances, radios and a television were given, one each hour. The entire extravaganza was managed by Harold Mullins and had all the glitter of a Hollywood premiere except the handprints in the wet cement!

What used to be the Armed Forces League has been so depleted by the recent call up of reserves that there are only four teams left but those four teams, who hopefully changed their name to the "Confederate League," have a ball on Wednesday night at Viking. In first place in this league is the Oakey's Funeral Home team but, close behind, is a group of internists from Roanoke Memorial Hospital who call themselves the "M.D.s" Every fourth week these two teams meet in combat with each threatening to "bury" the other.

Oakey's, so far, have always managed to overcome the valiant efforts of the M.D.s. Who is going to win this unusual battle is a matter of tongue-in-cheek speculation but if past history is any indicator, I know where I would be laying my bets!

Secretary Bob Morrell tells me the league wishes to expand and take in some more teams. (I imagine it gets sort of nerve-wracking to meet up with those Oakey boys every fourth week!) If you would like to join (the league, not the Armed Forces), call Bob at DI 3-2672 or get in touch with Mel Brumfield at Viking Lanes.



Mayor Willis M. Anderson Cuts Ribbon to Open New . . .



. . . Starland Bowl and Then Officially Rolls 1st Ball

Saving City From Financial Bog

City Council has taken the only sensible course now open to it for solving Roanoke's recurring financial dilemma. It has endorsed a Charter amendment to thaw the long-frozen \$2.50 tax rate and will ask the city's General Assembly delegation to introduce the necessary legislation next month.

Mayor Anderson and Councilmen Pollard, Webber, Wheeler and Young stood fast in the showdown and with courage voted to do what had to be done for the city's welfare and progress.

Never before in our memory has an audience of citizens applauded their representatives for boosting taxes, at least not in Roanoke. It was a demonstration of civic resolve difficult to match.

Nobody likes to pay taxes. On the other hand, nobody with any real devotion to his community will deliberately sentence it to slow death for lack of adequate support.

This decision isn't going to be popular with a great many. There will be howling and there will be threats to the political futures of the five councilmen. In the end, we believe the majority will rally behind these men of courage and reject the demagogues.

Sen. William B. Hopkins and Dels. Kossen Gregory and M. Caldwell Butler have agreed to introduce the legislation, although this does not mean all will support it in toto. It may still be necessary for Council and citizens who want Roanoke to progress to provide support for the legislation before committees of the House and Senate.

There is every reason to expect that the change, along with others already approved, will receive legislative passage. Local legislation of this type is normally approved in perfunctory fashion. Active support of the Roanoke delegation will be helpful, however.

The World-News reasserts its belief that thawing the tax rate is not the whole solution. In order for any tax rate to be applied equitably there must be a fair base. We had hoped that Council might seek this goal by requesting authority to institute a scientific, continuing assessment.

Meanwhile, having acted on the charter changes, Council must return next week to its task of balancing the 1962 budget by increasing the utility bills tax and perhaps imposing a garbage collection tax or other levies.

Unfreezing the basic tax rate on real estate and personal property, effective in 1963, will remedy in part the ridiculous situation wherein \$2.29 out of the present \$2.50 goes to schools, leaving 21 cents from this levy on which to operate the city.

This will put the financial conduct of the city where it should be—in the hands of Council. As far as we know this is the only city in Virginia where the council is charged with running public affairs but is denied the authority to raise sufficient revenue from its principal source to do the job.

Providing that authority we do not believe will tempt any future council to indulge in wild spending. But once the change is in effect, taxpayers will know from separate bills how much they are paying for schools and how much for services, just as do county taxpayers all around the state.

The Wednesday night vote may well mark the beginning of a new era of progress for Roanoke. We salute the five-man majority for their display of backbone and civic devotion. We urge the forward-thinking people of the city to see that neither they nor our legislators suffer unfair political retaliation.

Duties Hit Mayor In The Pocketbook

By Mag Poff
World-News Staff Writer

Mayor Willis M. Anderson finally commented yesterday on the financial sacrifice involved in his position.

"During the past year, my income has been on a par with the lowest paid city employe," Anderson told City Council members arguing about the salary of future mayors.

The mayor said this was caused by the time he spent away from his law practice.

Several council members appeared horrified when they were told the city, too, is a sewer "bootlegger." They learned that sewage from Crossroads Mall passes through county lines on the way to the city treatment plant.

The situation will be rectified because the city has agreed to pay the county for transmitting the sewage.

Councilman Benton Dillard has at least one requirement for a good committee member. Hearing a fellow councilman reply in the negative to a question following his appointment to a special committee, Dillard said the answer showed he would be a good committee member.

Charter Study Commission member James Hart caused Mayor Anderson to blush visibly when Hart discussed the issue of a four-year term for the mayor. Anderson is now at his "peak," Hart said, and his term is almost over.

Councilman Dillard presented a new tax raising scheme. Studying a list of businesses exempt from city license taxation by state law, Dillard suggested that they pay to the city an amount comparable to the license tax "voluntarily."

Roanoke may have trouble finding a mayor in the future. Mayor Anderson repeated again that he will not run for city office in the future. Councilman Cornell, during debate on charter changes, said "I'm not going to fight that point on (the office of) mayor. I'm not going to run for it."

Dillard used his possible candidacy as a threat. He told other council members that they should have a direct election for mayor in 1962 "or I might run for it in 1964."

Way Paved For Tax Hike

By HENRY CHENAULT
Times Staff Writer

With the General Assembly's approval, Roanoke will have increased tax revenue and a balanced budget beginning in 1963.

City Council paved the way for the tax increase by approving a proposed charter change Wednesday by a vote of 5 to 2.

The proposal for an exception to the city's fixed real and personal property tax rate was the last of several recommended changes given the governing body's OK.

With the others, it will be submitted to Roanoke's three state legislators for introduction in Richmond next month.

General Assembly ratification is required for the changes to take effect.

Wednesday's session—a special meeting called after Council failed to get to the tax proposal in a 4½-hour meeting Monday—also saw reconsideration of an increased salary for the mayor.

The proposed salary was raised to \$4,800 effective Sept. 1, the date a new mayor will assume office and added responsibility if other



Charter Commission Chariman Robert W. Woody (extreme right) . . .
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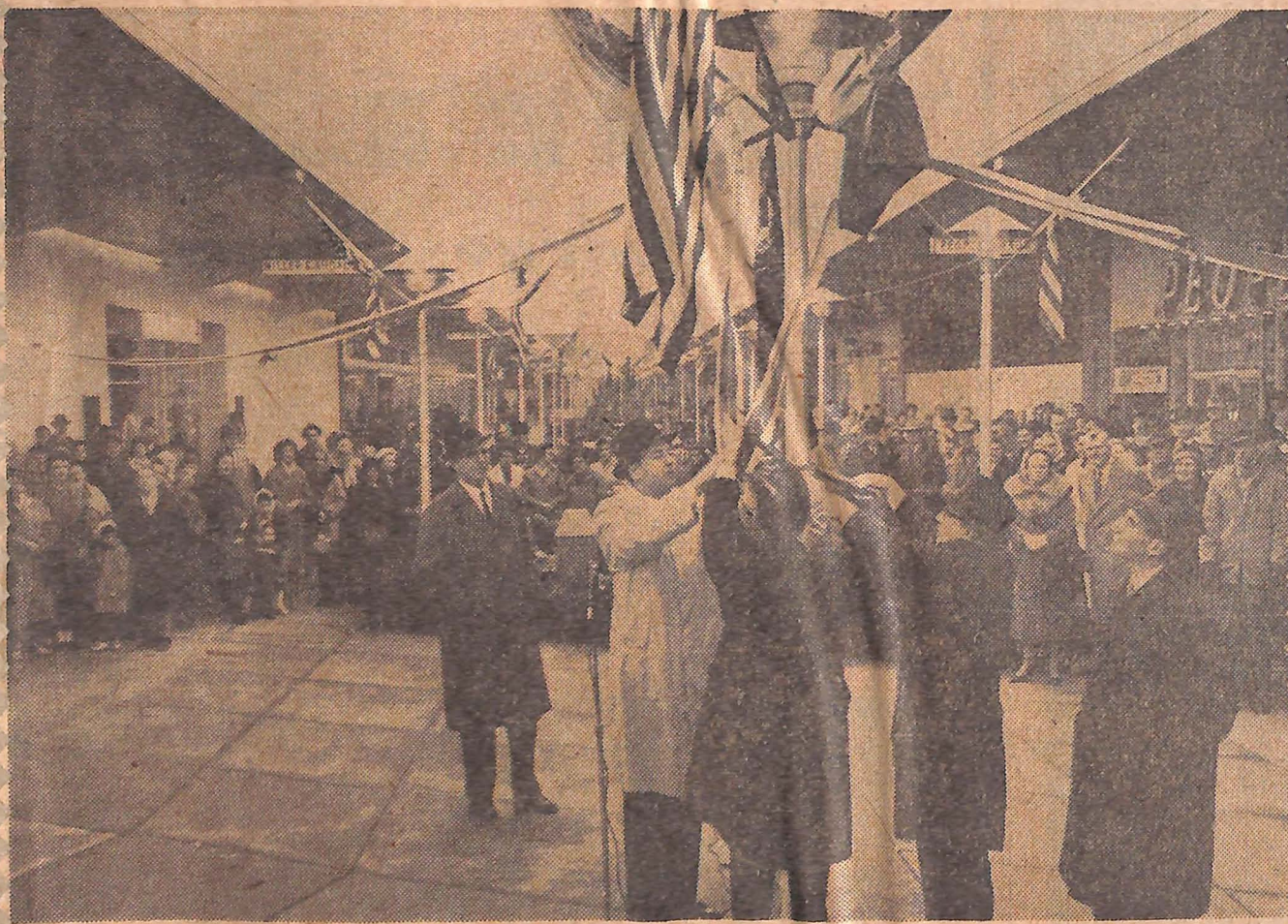
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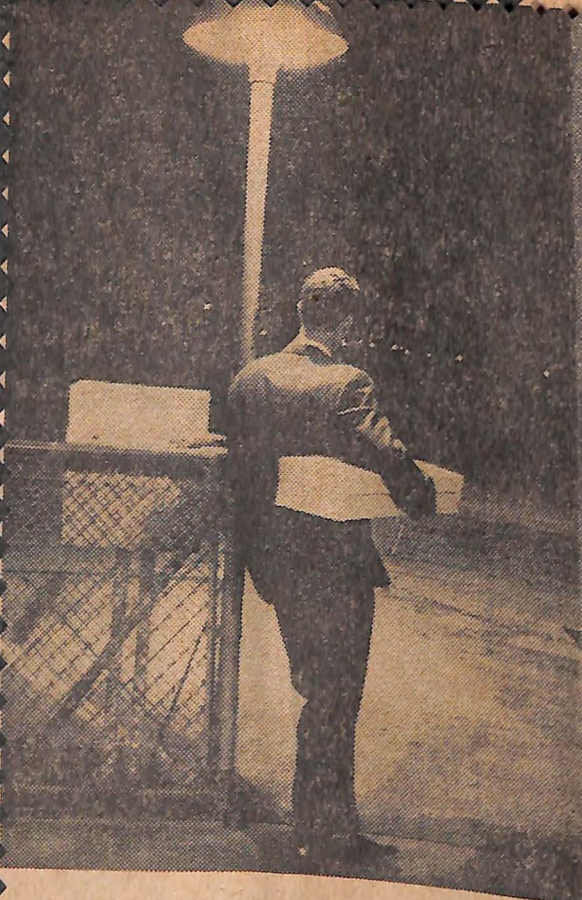


John West, in light coat, representing the Roanoke-Salem Plaza merchants, assists Mayor Willis M. Anderson of Roanoke back to camera, and Mayor James I. Moyer of Salem in cutting the red and white bunting to mark the formal opening of the new Roanoke-Salem Plaza. See story on Page 1.

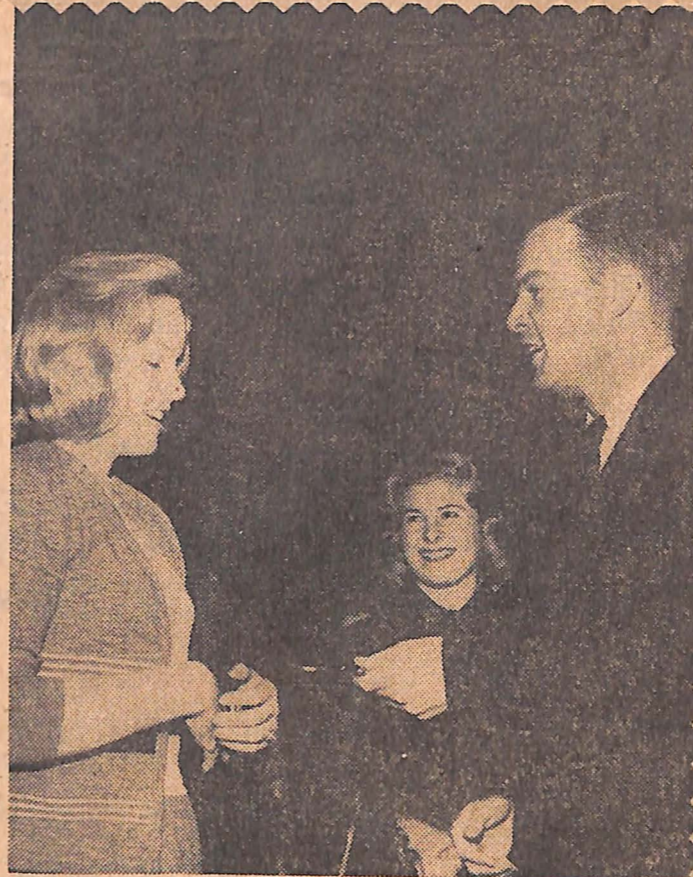


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From The Desk Of—
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FOR THE GLENN'S

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Roanoke Sends Valentine

Heart Goes Out to the Glenns

By Sue Cronk

ASTRONAUT John H. Glenn was honored yesterday by the city of Roanoke, Va. as its choice to receive its first official Valentine.

The valentine, was delivered on the eve of Glenn's planned orbital flight today, Valentine's Day. Two trucks, six moving men, two Marines and a dozen officials from four Virginia communities, brought the 600-lb. heart to his family in Arlington.

Standing 12 feet tall and opening to a width of 16 feet, the valentine was described as "the world's largest."

Glenn, who was in Cape Canaveral, Fla., preparing

for his trip into outer space today, nosed out Caroline Kennedy for Roanoke's top honor.

When some 5000 Roanoke residents cast ballots last week on what favorite personality should receive their first community valentine, the Astronaut collected more than 60 per cent of the votes. Caroline came in second and her mother, First Lady Jaqueline Kennedy, third.

Other runners up were: Gov. Albertis Harrison of Virginia; Maria Beale Fletcher, "Miss America," and Michael Landon, who plays Little Joe Cartwright on the TV show "Bonanza." In last place was Soviet

Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

"This is a measure of our esteem and affection for you," Roanoke Mayor Willis M. Anderson told Mrs. Glenn. "Tomorrow our thoughts and prayers will be with him (Glenn) and you."

"We send our love back to the people of Roanoke through you," the Astronaut's wife replied. "This is the most wonderful thing for our family."

This morning Lyn, 14, and her brother, 16-year-old David, will stay home from school to join their mother and their grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Castor of New Concord, Ohio, in front of the television screen. With them will be the Rev. Frank Erwin, pastor of Little Falls United Presbyterian Church, who is a close family friend; Col. and Mrs. Thomas H. Miller from next door, and Mrs. Leslie E. Brown from down the street.

SUNNY and cold Thursday. Clearing and warmer this afternoon, high about 48. Fair, low in high 20s tonight.

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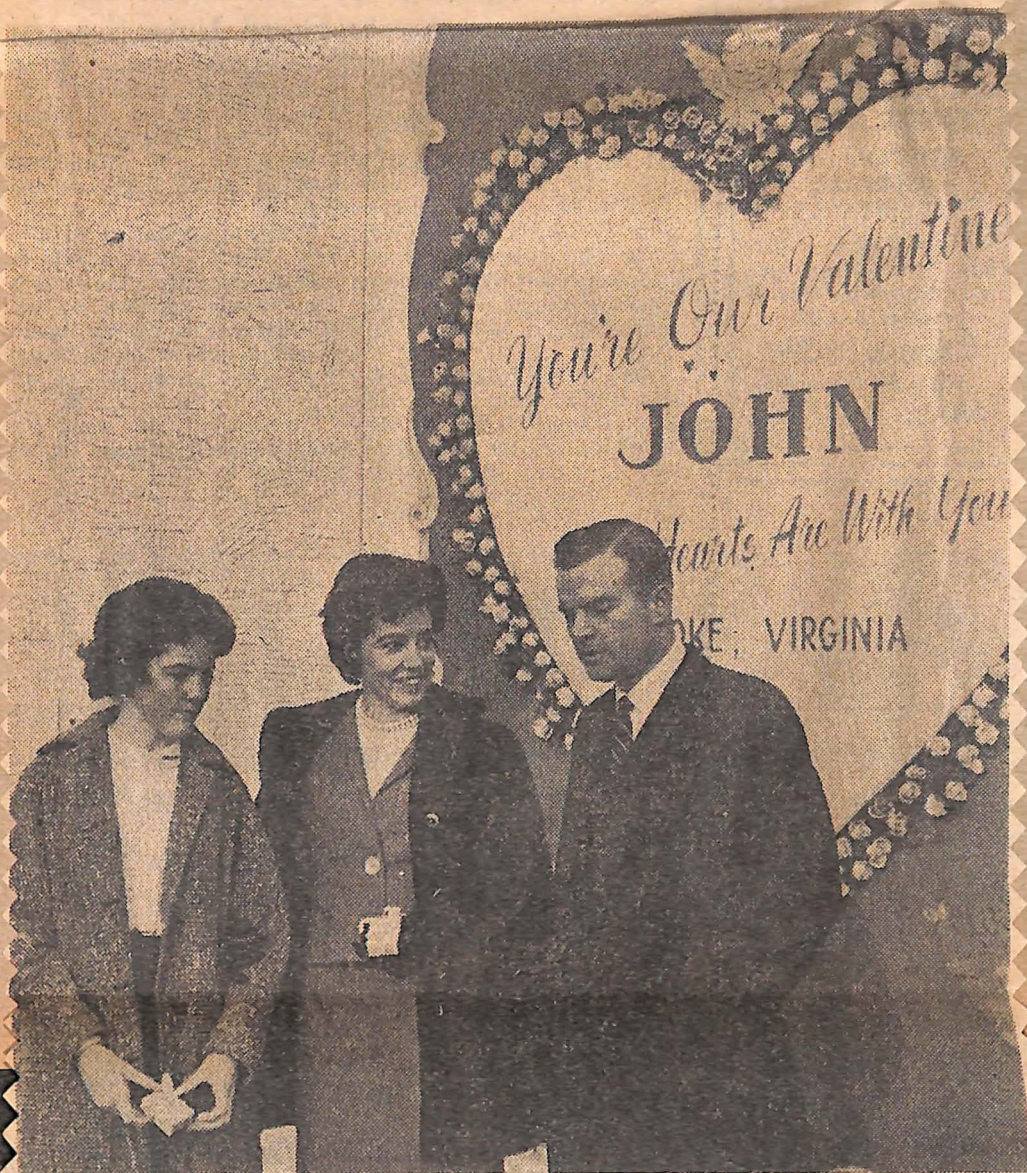
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Wife Accepts Gift to Glenn From Citizens of Roanoke

By **ROGER B. FARQUHAR**

ARLINGTON — Note to Annie Ferguson of Roanoke, Va.: it was your name that Mrs. John Glenn spotted first among all the 3,000 or so signatures on that giant valentine presented Tuesday by your city to the astronaut.

Col. Glenn, as you and several hundred million other people were aware, was at Cape Canaveral, Fla. when the mayor of Roanoke, 33 year old Willis M. Anderson, presented the valentine Tuesday afternoon to the astronaut's family in Arlington.

BUT MRS. GLENN, smiling prettily, stepped from her home with her daughter, Lyn, 14, and

stood in front of the 12 by 16-foot valentine while about 20 cameramen went into action and a dozen reporters scribbled notes on their pads.

"Look, there's an Annie," said Mrs. Glenn, whose name is Annie, too, as she pointed at your signature. Then she laughed and Lyn laughed and everybody trampling the snow there on the lawn of the Glenn home laughed, too.

"This is probably the biggest valentine we'll ever see," the Marine lieutenant colonel's wife said as the TV and newsreel cameras ground away.

"We think it's the biggest valentine in the world," the handsome, young bachelor mayor of Roanoke said when it came his turn to say a few words.

The combined efforts of a six-man moving van crew were required to slide the 600-pound valentine into place on the Glenns' lawn.

A dozen or so local dignitaries were on hand and Robert J. Johnson, managing director of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce handled the arrangements for setting up the brief ceremony for the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce.

THE WHOLE THING resulted from a stunt of the Downtown Roanoke Association. They had the huge valentine made, then put it on display and invited shoppers to ballot on what important person it should be sent to. Col. Glenn picked up 60 per cent of the votes, easily nosing out Carolnie Kennedy.

"You're our valentine, John," the big valentine said. "Our

Hearts are with you," it added.

A reporter asked Lyn during the 15 minutes or so the astronaut's wife and daughter were on the front lawn, if she was going to be there at the Glenn home Wednesday morning when the orbital shot is scheduled to go off with her father aboard.

"Oh, yes. We'll all be here," she smiled, adding to the reporter, "I hope you won't have to wait so long this time."

After the mayor told Mrs. Glenn "our thoughts and prayers will be with you tomorrow morning" and said a few other words, the affair broke up. Workmen carted the big valentine off into the Glenns' carport where the colonel will see it when he gets back, after his trip around the world three times in about four hours.

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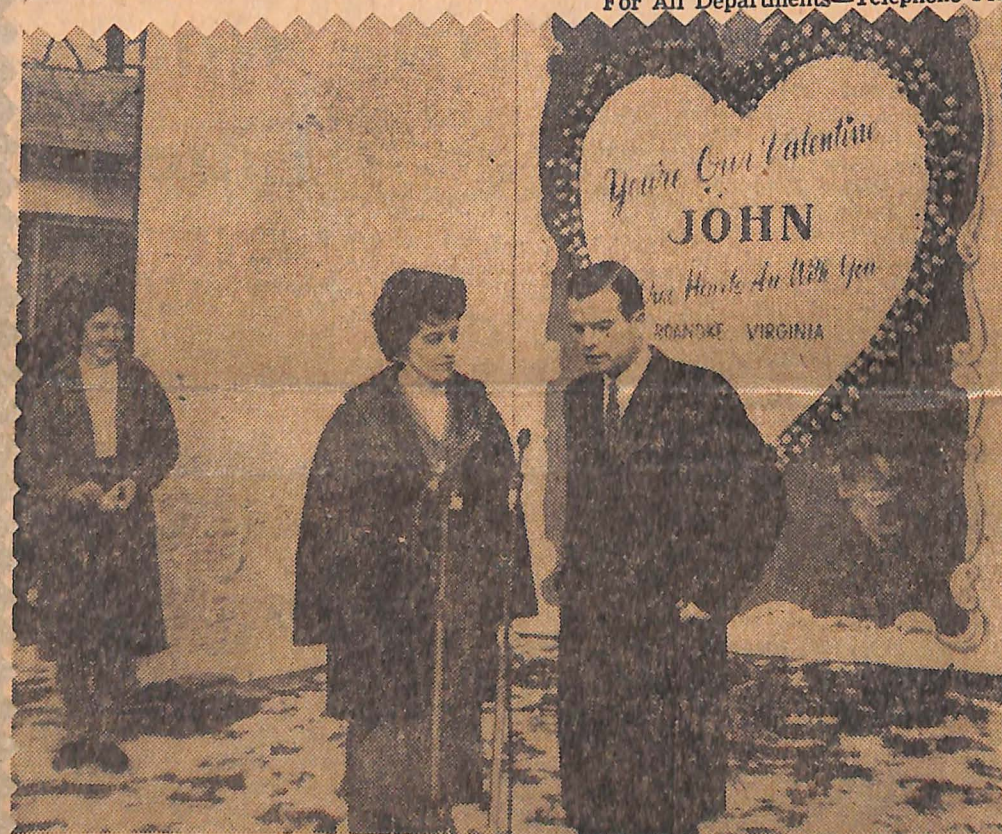
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Flight Is Termed of U.S. Courage

BUENA VISTA (Special)—Mrs. L. Paxton has been re-elected chairman of the Buena Vista chapter of the American Red Cross. Others re-elected are Claude H. Lynn, vice chairman; Mrs. Ches- ter Wilmer, secretary and home service; W. J. Lackey, treasurer. Charles F. Morgan and Burton Floyd were named co-chairmen of the March roll call. Committee chairman named here Mrs. Lewis Updike, blood program; W. J. Dickinson Jr., master and civil defense; Henry Cunningham, first aid and wa- r safety; Mrs. B. F. Niswander, some nursing; Mrs. V. T. Strick- and Lloyd T. Page Jr., pub- lity co-chairmen.

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Mayor Calls on Recreation Department

Mayor Willis Anderson, right, paid a visit to Mountain View, headquarters of the Roanoke Department of Recreation, today as the city prepares to observe "Know Your Recreation Center Week" next week. With him is Rex T. Mitchell Jr., director of the department.

Special events are planned at each of the city recreation centers during the week. Each center will be open Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. for get-acquainted meetings, entertainment and refreshments.

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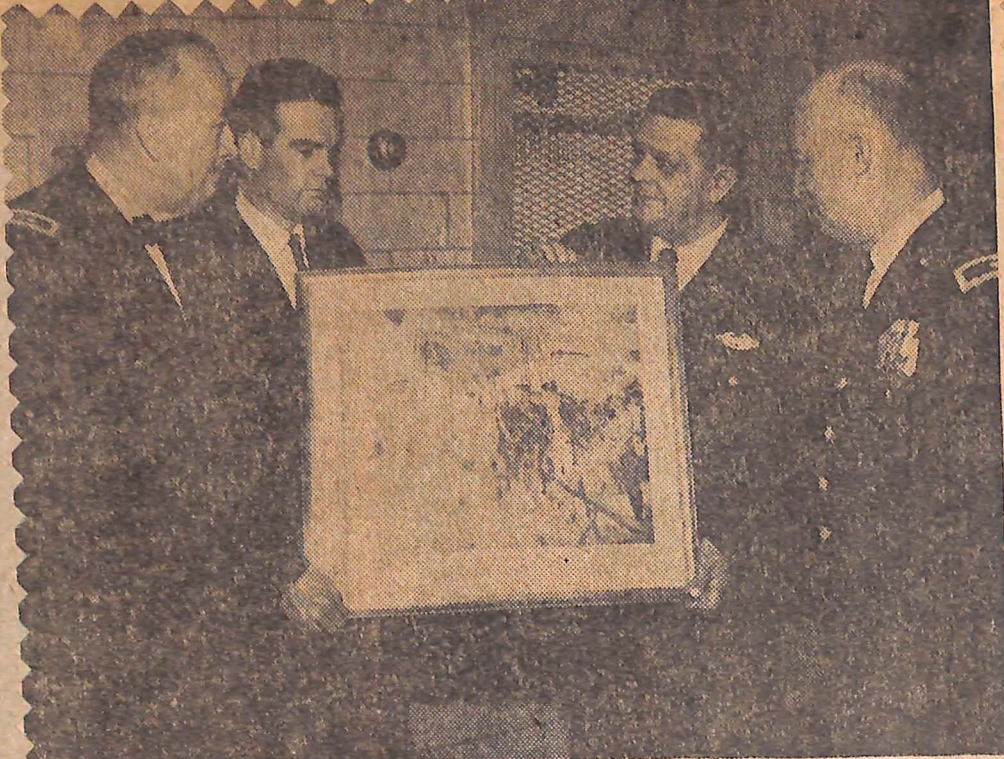
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The speaker was Maj. Gen. William C. Purnell of Baltimore, Md., commander of the National Guard's 29th Infantry Division.

Glenn's orbital flight last Tuesday, Gen. Purnell said, "was an achievement not only of science, but also a great example of tremendous, personal, young American courage."

The general spoke to members of the 29th's 116th Infantry from Roanoke, Christiansburg, Bedford, Lynchburg and Farmville. Approximately 350 Guardsmen, their wives and friends attended a "Muster Day" dinner-dance at Roanoke's National Guard Armory and listened to Gen. Purnell.

"Muster Day" marks the annual assembly of National Guardsmen throughout the country to commemorate the muster in colonial times of local troops on the village green.

Dwelling on the theme of courage, Gen. Purnell recalled the D-Day, June 6, 1944, when the 29th stormed the beaches of Normandy.

"With only their courage in their hands," Gen. Purnell said, the young, inexperienced soldiers that day "walked ashore to almost certain death."

For nothing in the way of preparedness, he said, "equals the grim experience of battle."

It is the kind of courage displayed at Normandy, the general said, "that has made us a great country."

"And let us remember," he said, "that it was in armories just like this throughout the country and training just like this that (prior to World War II) gave the men what was necessary to bring them up from the awful beaches of Normandy to higher ground."

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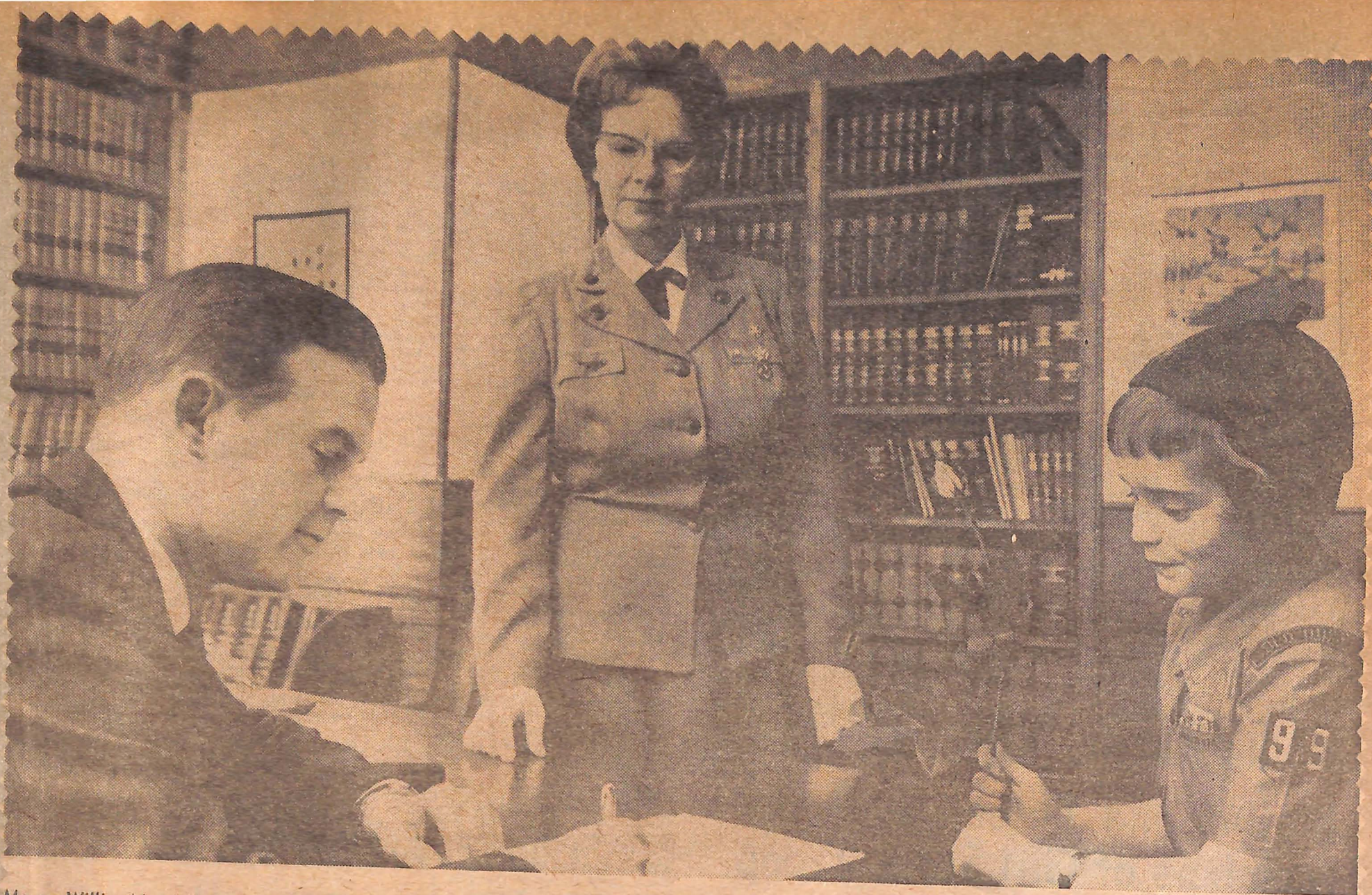
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Special events are planned at each of the city recreation centers during the week. Each center will be open Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. for get-acquainted meetings, entertainment and refreshments.

In Roanoke, and in hundreds of other cities throughout the land, the city prepares to observe "Know Your Recreation Center Week" next week. With him is Rex T. Mitchell Jr., director of the department.



Mayor Willis M. Anderson signs proclamation designating March 11-17 Girl Scout Week, as Mrs. W. M. Bryant, president of Old Dominion Girl

Scout Council, and Brownie Scout 7-year-old Claiborne Gooch watch with interest. Miss Gooch holds

a yellow rose which the Girl Scouts presented to the mayor. (Times Staff Photo)

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Mayor Proclaims March 11-17 Girl Scout Week

Group Is Observing Golden Anniversary



Girl Scouts of the Old Dominion Council area will join the 3½ million Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. this week in celebrating the golden anniversary of the founding of the movement in the United States.

Willis M. Anderson, mayor of Roanoke, has issued a proclamation designating March 11-17 as Girl Scout Week and March 12 as the golden anniversary of the founding of Girl Scouting in the United States of America.

The mayor said "I call upon all citizens to give the Girl Scouts the fullest cooperation and support as they enter their second half century so that increasing numbers of girls may benefit from the splendid program of training in citizenship which the Girl Scout organization offers."

Juliette Gordon Low organized the first troop of 12 girls on March 12, 1912 in Savannah, Ga. She brought from England the principles of scouting as set forth by Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the scouting movement, and adapted them to the needs of the girls in the United States.

Since 1912, almost 18½ million girls, women and men have belonged to the Girl Scouts. They carry on their program in every state of the Union, in its possessions and in 49 other countries where American families live.

The program itself, according to Mrs. Charles U. Culmer of Libertyville, Ill., Girl Scout national president, has expand-

ed and changed pace with the changing times.

"The basic purpose of scouting, however, has remained the same" Mrs. Culmer added. "It is to inspire girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism and service that they may become happy and resourceful citizens."

Girl scouting is a part of an international movement. In many other countries, Girl Scouts are called Girl Guides. The scouts and guides are linked through membership in the 51-nation World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. carry on an extensive exchange with other member countries of the world association.

Although the Old Dominion Girl Scout Council was not formed until 1960, Girl Scouting has been active in the area since 1915.

The Girl Scout program reached Blacksburg only three years after Juliette Low started Girl Scouts in Savannah, Ga., and two years later, in 1917, a troop was formed in Roanoke.

In 1915, Mrs. Lingan Strother Randolph started the first Girl Scout troop in Blacksburg. Mrs. Randolph died in 1954. Mrs. Blannie Green Runchie is the only member of that original troop still alive.

Mrs. A. B. Brooks, wife of the pastor of the Belmont Baptist Church, started a troop of Girl Scouts in 1917. The girls' mothers made their uniforms.

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Dwight Walker, Margaret Zieber (left), and ...
 ... Tina Catron Watch Mayor Sign Proclamation

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Teen Safety Week Slated April 1-7

By **KATHIE BANCROFT**
 Times Teen Writer

"Teen Safety Week" has been set April 1-7 by the Roanoke Valley Teen Safety Council.

A proclamation designating the week was issued Friday by Roanoke Mayor Willis M. Anderson. He was made an honorary member.

A poster contest is being sponsored by the council in connection with a safety display to be placed in each Roanoke Valley high school. The deadline for entries is March 26.

Judges will pick two winners from each school, and from that 20, three top entries will be chosen. Winners will receive \$5



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and a citation from the Roanoke Valley Safety Council.

The teen council also will make available to each school a packaged assembly program stressing safety in driving and "How to Get the Most out of Your Car."

Included will be an exhibit of various safety devices, such as seat belts, and a "portaclicnic," an instrument that measures some phases of driving ability.

Other plans of the council include sponsoring "Good Driver Club" in all local high schools to promote the "positive approach to teen driving." Members would be selected according to standards set by the council.

The council also hopes to attain the approval of a reduction in the automobile liability insurance premiums of male honor students. Annual savings, based on plans in

some states, could range from \$10-\$100, providing an incentive for better students to become better drivers.

Booklets on "How to Be a Better Teen-age Driver" are being distributed to the high schools by the council, which urges teen-agers to practice better driving at all times.

Mrs. E. L. Dugger, adult advisor to the group, said, "We intend to give good teen-age drivers a pat on the back. Instead of headlines of the mistakes, we plan to emphasize the safe way."

T. R. Brunk is the leader of Troop 115



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Scout Tyler Sells Ticket to Mayor



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Mayor Buys First See 'n' Do Ticket

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A Boy Scout sold a ticket to a mayor Thursday night and officially opened ticket sales for the Blue Ridge Council's 1962 scouting exposition.

Mayor Willis M. Anderson bought the \$1 ticket from Scout David Tyler during the Roanoke-Botetourt District's ticket sales rally at St. John's Episcopal Church.

The ticket will enable the mayor to attend the council's See 'n' Do '62 at Victory Stadium May 5.

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Among the exhibits will be a complete layout of the West Point physical fitness course.

Other displays to be presented in the six-hour show will be on scouting skills, camping, hobbies and crafts.

Each Cub, Scout and Explorer unit will earn 40 cents of each \$1 ticket to be used at their discretion.

At the same time, throughout the 14-county council, rallies were held at Martinsville, Pulaski, Radford, Rocky Mount, Rural Retreat, Galax, Hillsville, Fries and Independence.

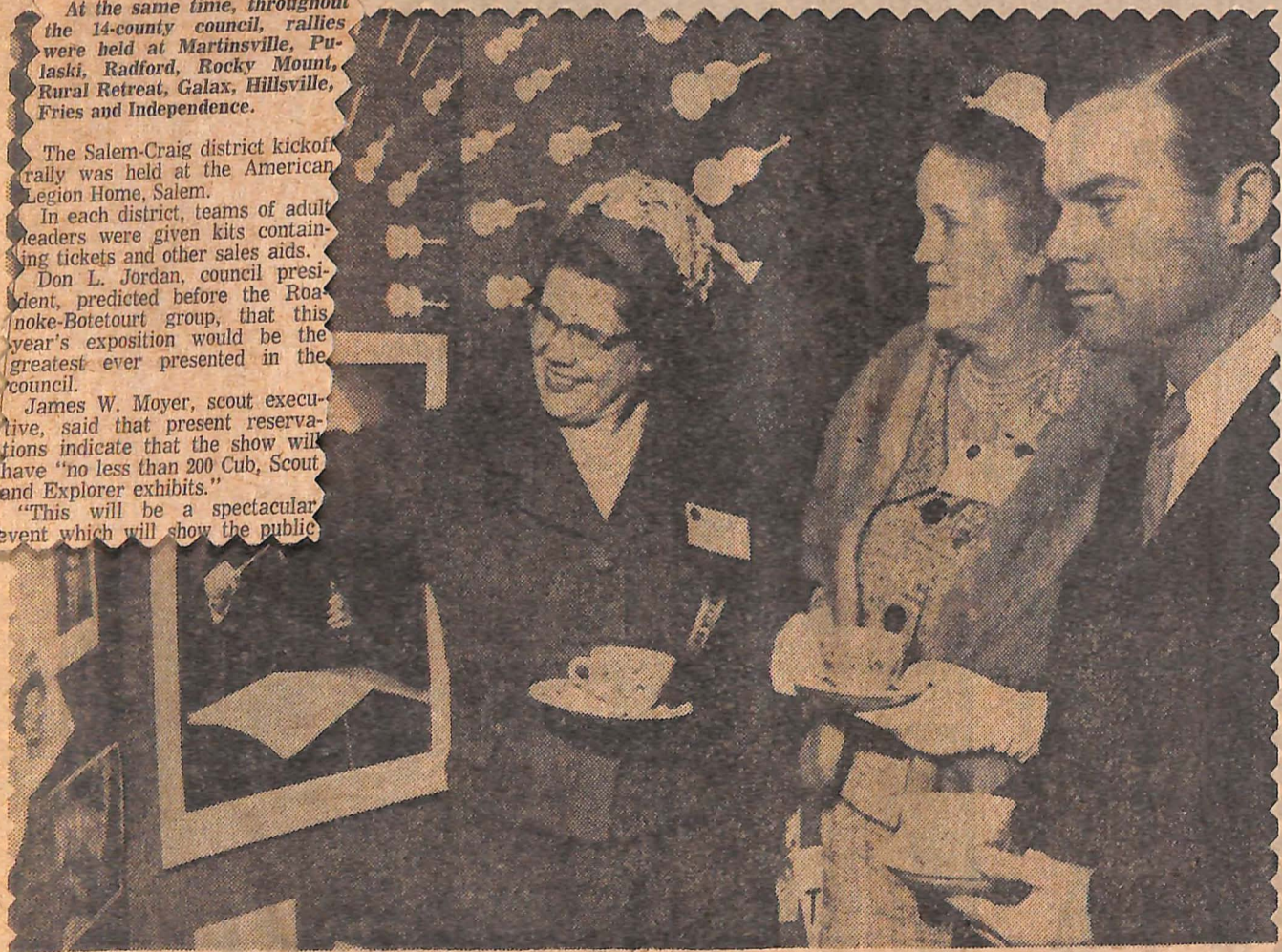
The Salem-Craig district kickoff rally was held at the American Legion Home, Salem.

In each district, teams of adult leaders were given kits containing tickets and other sales aids.

Don L. Jordan, council president, predicted before the Roanoke-Botetourt group, that this year's exposition would be the greatest ever presented in the council.

James W. Moyer, scout executive, said that present reservations indicate that the show will have "no less than 200 Cub, Scout and Explorer exhibits."

"This will be a spectacular event which will show the public



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Times Staff Writer

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City Manager Owens reported that the drainage problem at Fieldale and Bradley Roads will cost \$70,000 to \$100,000 to remedy by conventional methods.

The committee is to determine whether some other method, such as a drainage well, will not do the job more cheaply.

Owens also reported that sewerage lines to serve present tenants of the former Viscose site will cost \$3,000 and that water lines to serve the entire property will cost \$8,000.

The city attorney was told to prepare a resolution authorizing the expenditures.

Councilman C. M. Cornell proposed creating a seven-member board to which city employees could appeal dismissal from service but did not press for a vote.

He asked the city clerk to put the matter on council's agenda for next week.

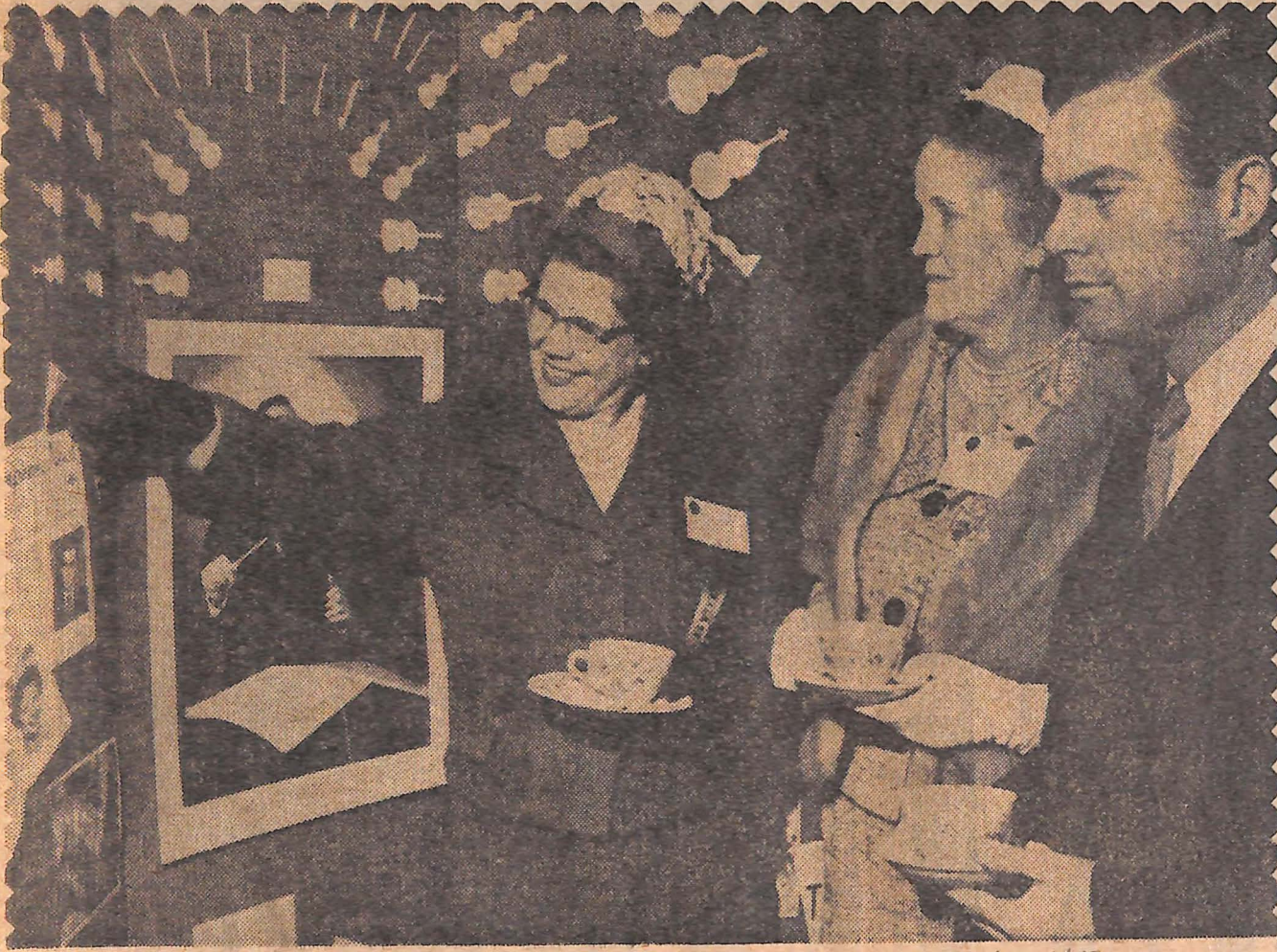
Dr. Cornell said the board would be composed of four citizens at large and three councilmen, who would have the right to decide whether an employe's dismissal was justified.

Such boards, he said, are "common throughout the country."

However, Mayor Anderson said he doesn't believe an appeal board can be created without council's specifying standards of justification for dismissal.

Anderson and Councilman Roy L. Webber also questioned council's power, under the city charter, to delegate authority for a board to override the decisions of the city manager.

The charter specifically enjoins council from interfering with the city manager in matters pertaining to the employment of authorized personnel or their dismissal.



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Kennedy Sees Court Strengthening States

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U.S. Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy said here that acceptance of key U.S. Supreme Court decisions will strengthen, rather than hurt, states' rights.

Kennedy referred specifically to the 1954 school desegregation decision and the recent Tennessee reapportionment case.

He said states' rights could take on "new vitality" if the states accept the obligations of respecting and executing the laws "within the framework of our constitution."

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The attorney general made his comments last night at Crossroads Mall in a Law Day talk that topped a busy schedule after his arrival here about 4:30 p.m.

In an afternoon press conference, Kennedy said the Department of Justice is still studying the Prince Edward County school situation.

He said, however, he does not expect the county or the state government to reopen the closed schools next September. He called the closed schools "a blight on Virginia and the country . . ."

Kennedy tried last year to have the Justice Department entered as a party in the Prince Edward case, but a federal judge rejected the move. The county's public schools have been closed for nearly three years in a desegregation dispute. White children are attending locally sponsored private schools.

In asking acceptance of such Supreme Court decisions as the school and reapportionment decisions, Kennedy said in his talk:

"When people criticize the courts for invading spheres of action which supposedly belong to other parts of our constitutional system, they often overlook the fact that the courts must act precisely because the other organs of government have failed to fulfill their own responsibilities."

A crowd of about 4,000 packed the Mall to hear Kennedy's 20-minute speech. He was interrupted only once by applause. It came with his reminder that the '54 Supreme Court school decision had been unanimous.

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Kennedy said "historic decisions" such as the school case and the Tennessee reapportionment "should not be accepted grudgingly for they offer opportunity as well as impose obligations."

There is an obligation on all citizens, the attorney general said "to respect and execute the law."

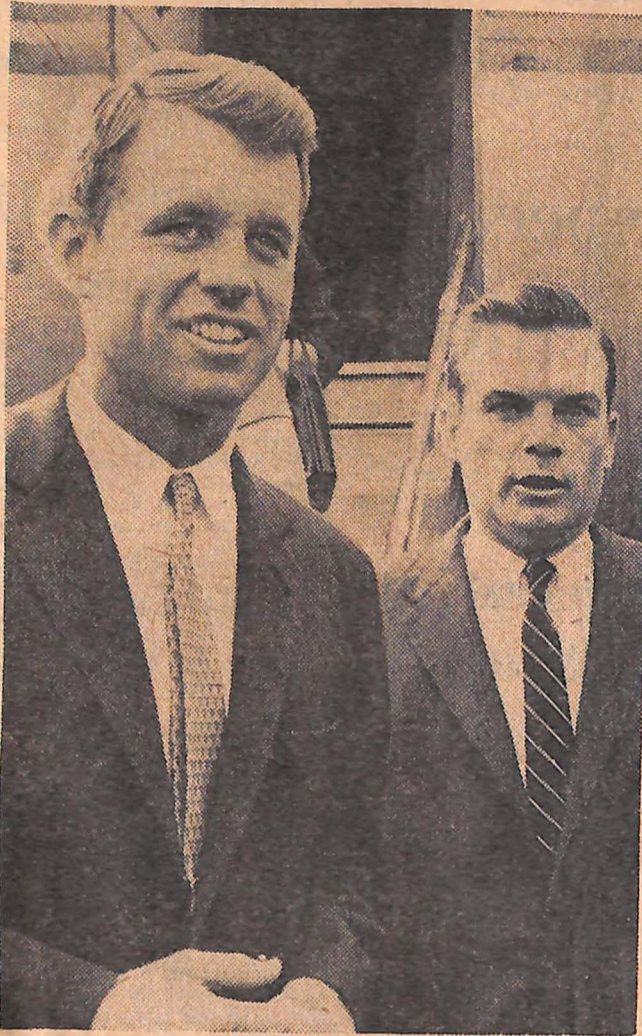
And, he added, "the opportunity is for individual citizens and the state and local governments to identify law and liberty as a living reality."

"If this is done 'states' rights will not be eroded."

"On the contrary," the attorney general who got his law degree from the University of Virginia in 1951 said, "they will be strengthened." He added:

"If states solve their problems and difficulties within the framework of our constitution, states' rights will be given new vitality."

If this is done, Kennedy said, "the full potential of our democracy" will be grasped by all people "and the rule of law will be



Robert F. Kennedy, left, is greeted at airport by Roanoke Mayor Willis Anderson

made a common undertaking—not only here in the United States, but among free men all over the world."

Kennedy said, in effect, that opposition to the school desegregation decision and other court decisions by those who do not like them personally is not just a southern matter.

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On this point he quoted from a speech last September by his brother before the United Nations in which President Kennedy said: ". . . What we are striving for in these very difficult times is a world in which all nations will have to live under the rule of law."

But, the attorney general contended, "in order to have other countries follow our leadership in important fields we are going to have to abide by the rule of law here in the United States."

"We are," he insisted "going to have to live by the rule of law, we are going to have to do it in our day-by-day lives and in our relationships with our fellowmen."

Kennedy did not mention the South specifically in talking about the Supreme Court's school decision and why it must be obeyed if the rule of law is to be preserved.

He said repeatedly in interviews during the day that his Roanoke speech has no significance merely because it was delivered in Virginia.

Recalling his days at the University of Virginia, Kennedy said: "Above all I am glad to be here

because, like every American, I am in debt to those great Virginians who, from Washington, Jefferson and John Marshall, have taught us the role in a free society."

And, in a lighter vein, Kennedy said "I hold Mr. Jefferson's university at Charlottesville largely responsible for any gaps or lapses in my knowledge of the law."

E. Griffith Dodson Jr. of Roanoke, president of the Virginia State Bar, in a response to Kennedy's address, said the report of the attorney general's speech "to the far corners of the world will emphasize the protection that the law, as the wellspring of our liberty, continues to give to the freedom and justice shared by all Americans."

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"May your message bind other freedom-loving peoples closer to our country in its quest for the peace and dignity of all mankind," Dodson said.

Other participants on the program were William T. Muse of Richmond, president of the Virginia Bar Association, and Louis G. Fields Jr., Richmond, chairman of Law Day in Virginia.

The Cave Spring High School Band played before the program began and struck up "Dixie" as Kennedy and his party left the speaker's stand.

Kennedy was introduced by Rep. Burr P. Harrison of Virginia's 7th Congressional District.

Kennedy's appearance was sponsored by the Virginia State Bar and the Virginia State Bar Association as part of the nationwide observance of "Law Day USA."

Roanoke's Mayor Visits Festival

5/5/62

By SUSAN LEWIS
Times Staff Writer

WINCHESTER—Roanoke Mayor Willis M. Anderson Friday represented his home city in the grand parade of the 35th annual Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival here.

He was one of 18 mayors from three states riding in the 191-unit parade.

Anderson was introduced to the festival crowds Friday morning at the springtime pageant in Handley High School Bowl before the parade began its four-mile tour that afternoon.

After Anderson and the other mayors were introduced, Festival Queen Patti Godfrey, 19-year-old daughter of radio and TV star Arthur Godfrey, knighted TV and motion picture star George Montgomery, the parade's grand marshal, "Sir Apple" of the Apple Blossom Festival.

Regal in a dress whiter than the apple blossoms, Queen Patti knighted the kneeling Montgomery with a Civil War sword and giggled unroyally as she dubbed the star "Sir Apple."

Montgomery, star of TV's "Cimarron City," laughed audibly at his new title.

While dark clouds threatened to dampen the official ceremony, Montgomery displayed the black umbrella he had brought with him and told the audience they didn't have to worry about rain.

"It never rains when I carry an umbrella," he said. "Only when I don't."

But while the blonde queen knighted him several times over for the photographers crowding the platform, a few drops spattered her majesty and her knight.

Gallantly, he opened his umbrella, held it over her and again

assumed the kneeling pose while flashbulbs popped.

The tanned knight dressed in a multi-colored striped jacket, suggested that he thank his pretty queen with a kiss.

Queen Patti got her kiss—and many more—while the clamoring cameramen shouted, "Again, again."

Montgomery then grabbed the microphone and speaking to the Virginia Polytechnic Institute Glee Club standing on the steps behind him, suggested a chorus of "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny."

Montgomery sang, the queen and her court sang, the VPI songsters sang and even the audience joined in.

It was just one more memory from the three-day festival of fun

Mayor Sees City Of Tomorrow

By Willis M. Anderson

Mayor, City of Roanoke

FROM TIME TO TIME OVER the years local speakers and writers have indulged in the pleasant pastime of depicting the "Roanoke of Tomorrow." Wisely, perhaps, they usually stopped short of predicting when Tomorrow would arrive. But now, at last, the signs seem unmistakable that this long awaited Tomorrow for Roanoke may be soon at hand.

In the year that has passed since we last observed Municipal Days this city has undergone a quiet but far-reaching transformation. Putting aside discouragement and doubt our people began to translate dreams into plans and plans into action.

The transformation of Roanoke has produced some notable results in both the private and public sectors of community life. The real achievement of the past year can best be seen in terms of what is now possible that was not possible before.

The outlines of the new Roanoke already are beginning to emerge. Long identified with transportation, Roanoke soon will become one of the major transportation centers of the nation. The merger of the Norfolk & Western and Virginian Railways, followed by the anticipated combination of the N&W, Nickel Plate, Wabash and other lines will make Roanoke the headquarters city of a vast rail network reaching half-way across the continent. Our city also will be served by a new interstate highway and an



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EDITOR'S NOTE: Mayor Anderson was born in Jacksonville, Fla., and raised in Bluefield, Va. He was educated at Roanoke College and Washington and Lee University, receiving his law degree at the latter in 1952. He served two years in the U.S. Army judge advocate section, emerging as a first lieutenant. He was elected to City Council in 1958 and named mayor in 1960.

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At the same time Roanoke is entering a new era of planned industrial expansion, made possible in large measure by a million dollar public subscription campaign for development of the Blue Ridge Park for Industry. Two plants now are under construction in the Park and two companies have taken space in the former American Viscose property, as Roanoke broadens its economic base by industrial diversification.

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The Community Hospital likewise will be of major importance in the long range program of urban renewal planned for the heart of the city. Federal and state office buildings and a new addition to the City Hall may soon be a part of the Roanoke skyline.

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They gently lifted its long-dead occupant to a stretcher, and sewed the remains into a rubber sheet. The two-day search was over.

The news had filtered in by noon on Sunday. A twin engined plane carrying a famous pilot, Lt. Colonel A.C. Nowitsky, was overdue at Woodrum Airport. Nowitsky was supposed to land at 10:25 a.m. to pick up State Corporation Commission Chairman Jesse Dillon to attend the dedication of a new airport at New River Valley.

Nowitsky's plane had received landing instructions at 10:19 a.m. It was due to come in on runway 5.

The fog was very heavy. Visibility at the check-in point, where Nowitski received landing instructions, was 1500 feet. At the airport, visibility was reported to be 1,000 feet. A swirling mass of fog lay over the top of Fort Lewis Mountain.

Nowitsky's plane, coming in from the southwest, veered round the mountain and, inexplicably, turned back in the direction it came from.

The veteran pilot, who was aeronautical engineer for the SCC and an air-crash investigator, had been flying for some 35 years. But on that foggy Sunday, something happened to his plane.

Residents as far south as Wildwood Road heard sputters, saw a low-flying aircraft. Further north, there were those on Red Lane Extension, at the foot of Fort Lewis Mountain, who murmured to themselves, "He'll never make it."

The plane circled, ran head-

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FOUR LISTENERS—Intent on proceedings at Thursday's First National Exchange-Colonial-American Bank merger hearing (from left) State Sen. S. Floyd Landreth,

Galax; Ex-Gov. J. Lindsay Almond Jr., Richmond; First National Board Chairman C. Francis Cocke and Roanoke Mayor Willis Anderson. (Story on Page 1.)

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Ex-Gov. J. Lindsay Almond Jr.,
Almond; First National Board Chair-
man C. Francis Cocke and Roanoke Mayor
Wick Anderson. (Story on Page 1.)

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Crossing them up across the tracks

A gentleman stopped me in the bank the other day to ask how I felt about sectionalism in Roanoke.

"It's not one of my major crosses," I said. "But, what are you doing in the poor people's bank?"

"Experience, my boy, experience," he said. "I'm doing research for a new TV series."

He caught a passing stranger around the neck with the crooked end of his cane and pulled him close.

Two sniffs and then he announced:

"Northeast man. Johnson-Carper employee," he said and let the stranger go.

"Are you going on the Huddleston show?"

"Never. Never. The man's a commoner. I'm doing my own."

He pulled in another stranger with his cane.

Two sniffs later he made his pronouncement:

"Lafayette boulevard area. N&W fireman on the Narrows run. You can tell by the Celanese smell."

I persuaded him to grab a corner chair and talk about his TV show.

"Great stuff. Great stuff," he said. "Called the Untouchables. All about this Ness family from Northwest that tries to move into South Roanoke--we call it SR, you know."

Before he went on he said he wanted to talk about the cast.

"Benton Dillard plays the father. Hazel Barger's the mother and Wick Anderson is their son who is taunted by four SR children. I'm trying to line up three Junior Leaguers and a Jaycee for those parts."

He said it was his plan to have a small cast although he might later add a philosophical old man to be played by Arthur Owens.

"Well, the plot is really simple. The Nesses move in and create trouble because they refuse to have their son fumigated and de-loused before letting him play with other South Roanoke kids.

"Of course the boy will never really be accepted but it's better to have a clean outcast if you must have one."

I agreed and he continued with the plot.

"There's this big dance," he said, "a sort of neighborhood affair. Everyone is invited but Wick Ness.

"The four well-meaning SR children taunt him:

"'Ya mother went to Fleming,' shouts one.

"'Ya old man's fer Cornell,' shouts the second.

"'Ya never been to the Harvest Bowl,' taunts the third.

"'Ya grandmother's from Troutville,' taunts the fourth.

"Just then this philosophical old stranger rides up on the tailgate of a garbage truck. He notices Wick Ness crying and he wants to help.

"'Gather 'round me, children,' he says. 'I want to tell you about democracy and equality and what a fellow Jefferson once said.'

"The four SR kids roll with laughter--and it serves him right. Patrick Henry's the fad now.

"The philosophical old stranger is not disturbed. He tells the children to be kind and then asks them what they want to be.

"Wick Ness tells the philosophical old stranger that he wants to be invited to the neighborhood dance. Wick is very emotional and makes a completely rash statement. 'I know I'm as good as the others,' he says. 'I'm completely acceptable.'

"'Yeah, and I'm president of the N&W' scoffs one of the SR children.

"The philosophical old stranger smiles, reaches in his garbage truck for a pumpkin and taps it gently. It immediately turns into a giant coal train with Wick Ness at the throttle.

"The detractors continue to scoff.

"He taps another and another and another. Wick Ness toots the horn.

"Seventeen persons rush forward with invitations.

"The philosophical old stranger chuckles--'It's not which side you come from but who comes across with the most tracks.'"

The gentleman folded his manuscript and put it in his pocket.

"Weighty stuff," he said. "Now I must be off to the First National-Colonial American merger hearing."

"Are you writing a TV play about that?" I asked.

"No," he said. "I'm a basket salesman and I only have one left."

Auditorium, DST and Consolidation Backed by Boosters at Annual Outing

6/28/62

By ROBERT B. SEARS
Times Staff Writer

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va.—Resolutions, loot, fun and frolic.

That was the day's program Wednesday for the annual meeting of the Roanoke Valley Booster Club at the Greenbrier.

In resolutions adopted at a dinner at this posh resort hotel, the Boosters went on record favoring:

—The auditorium plan of the Roanoke Jaycees, recently presented to City Council. The Jaycees want an auditorium on the Commonwealth Redevelopment site.

—The consolidation of the governments of Roanoke city, Roanoke County, Vinton and Salem.

—More Daylight Saving Time. The Boosters wanted to start April 30, continue until at least Sept. 30.

—A four-lane, limited-access divided highway from Roanoke to Richmond, generally following the U.S. 460 and 360 corridors.

—A Blue Ridge Parkway spur to Mill Mountain and Roanoke, using the "back side" of Mill

Mountain route, so that South Roanoke residential avenues, such as Cornwallis and Stanley, will not carry through parkway traffic.

Another resolution thanked the Chamber of Commerce for its industrial development work and its efforts to obtain one-plane air service between Roanoke and New York City.

Another advocated promotion of the Roanoke Valley as a place for retired people to settle.

Richard F. Pence was chairman of the resolutions committee.

Presiding at the dinner were Dr. E. G. Gill, booster board chairman, and G. Frank Clement, president.

The eight-coach special Booster train pulled out of the Norfolk and Western station at 7:10 a.m., headed up the tracks of the N&W Shenandoah Division to Glasgow.

Traditionally a stag affair, the Boosters waived the rule to permit two comely female "cowboys" to ride as far as Glasgow. They were Sandy Helms, a Hol-

lins College student, and Peggy Collins, an N&W employe.

Sandy and Peggy wore fetching blue outfits of abbreviated drum majorette style, toted six-shooter cap-pistols for protection.

"I think it's too dangerous to go any farther," Sandy explained, noting that she and Peggy would dismount at Glasgow. The girls were aboard to distribute ads for the Baltimore Colts - Dallas Cowboys pro football game at Victory Stadium, Aug. 25. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the game.

"You can quote me," Sandy remarked, "as saying this is more fun than Halloween."

The largesse dispensers, distributing advertising novelties, moved through the coaches filling the travelers' shopping bags with everything from half-filled trading stamp books to silver dollars to combs, bottle-openers, ashtrays—you name it—the Boosters had it. A coffee company dispensed hot coffee. One benefactor gave out many miniature bottles of liquor. Bridge and poker flourished in the bedlam of the club car. W-

Bolling Izard, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and cronies had something going called "Shenandoah rummy."

Doctor John (Jake) Wheeler, Hollins political science professor, and Democratic nominee for 6th District congressman, was on hand, shaking hands, chatting with friends.

Richard F. Pence, Democratic nominee for the same post four years ago, called Dr. Wheeler "Our next representative."

The incumbent, Rep. Richard H. Poff, was not around.

Chesapeake and Ohio Railway crews took the train at Glasgow, moved it smoothly into Clifton Forge, where eager-beaver golfers deserted the coaches to motor to White Sulphur.

Those left behind got there at 11 a.m. Some, already too weary to walk the brief distance to the Greenbrier, commandeered limousines.

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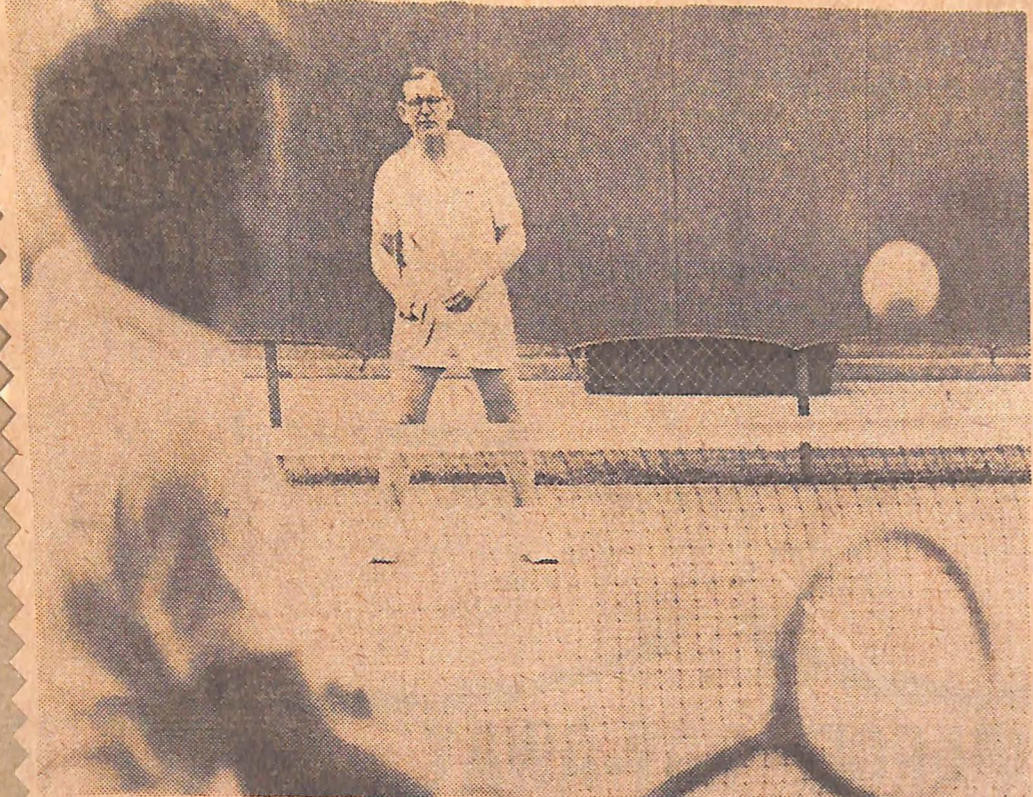
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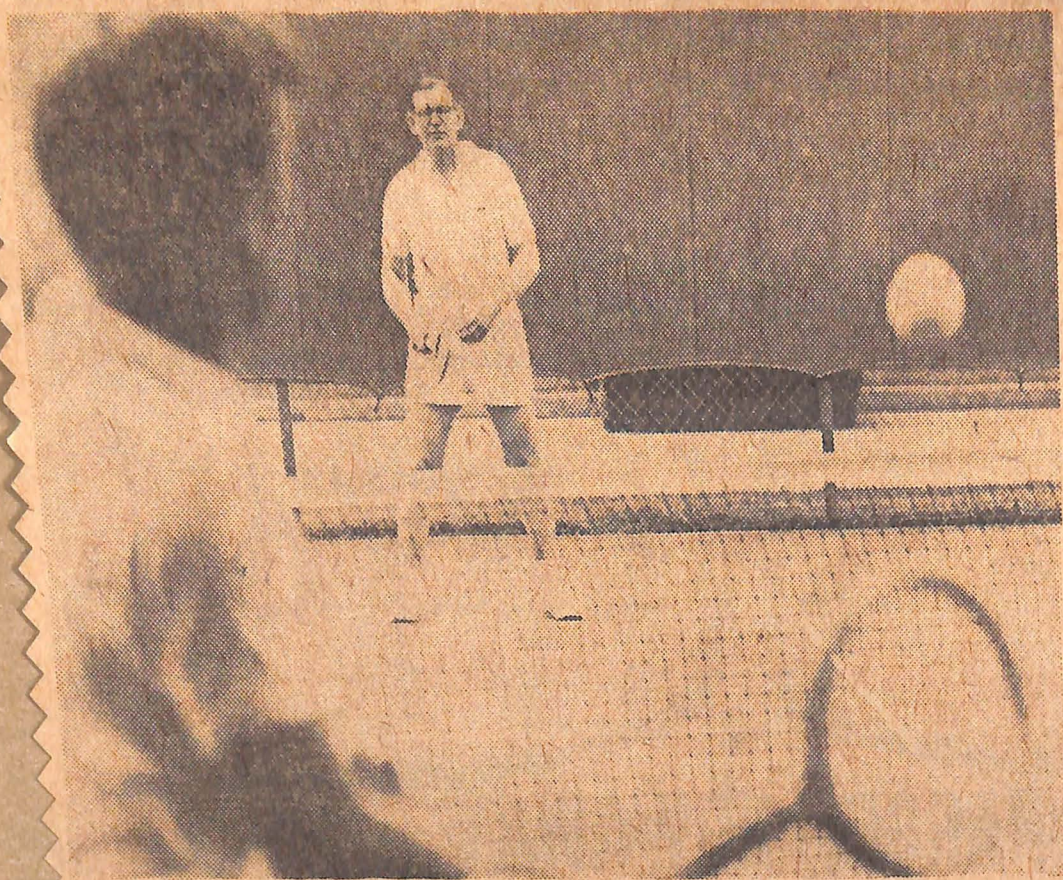
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Mayor Putting Successor on the Spot

If this column had an award to suit the deed, it would go this morning to Mayor Willis M. Anderson.

It was this fine gentleman who, precisely a week ago today, mounted a pair of water skis and skipped around Carvins Cove, they tell me, with great abandon and handsome derring-do.

This sort of thing is not new for the mayor.

It has not been many weeks since his wholesome pursuit of municipal protocol sent him down in a skin diving tank underneath Victory Stadium. This time he was opening the Roanoke Valley Water Festival.

Those of us who remember Mr. Anderson's frogman exploits will obviously agree that he gets better every time.

The mayor went for a turn around the cove and then came swooshing through to break a ribbon that was held over the water.

The boys who know about such things said that Mr. Anderson's

landing—if that, indeed, is what one does when he disembarks from water skis—left something to be desired; but anybody who would dwell on that is an unqualified thudball.

This kind of activity does, however, raise difficulties for those of us who feel the urge to chronicle and comment on the mayor's prowess in things aquatic.

He keeps topping himself, you see.

I have already compared him to Fiorello La Guardia.

I am currently working on a script which I shall title "Willis!" And I just hope the American Theatre can find room enough when I get ready to stage it.

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say, the hickories for a zip around Carvins Cove.

I have simply run out of praise for Mr. Anderson's unorthodox methods of opening up civic events.

And since I have run out of praise, I find myself becoming anxious for the further safety of the mayor.

Suppose, I said to myself this morning while I worked on a model of the Spirit of St. Louis, suppose one of those old-fashioned barnstorming air shows were to come to town.

The type where people take sacks of salt and hail out of airplanes and pretty girls hang from the struts by their teeth.

And suppose the mayor was called upon to open up the show.

Would he choose to merely spin a prop? Would he choose to merely cut a ribbon? Would he choose to merely give a few words of greeting?

I daresay the hearty mayor would do none of these things.

I can see him now, doing a headstand on the top wing of a bi-plane, flying 70 feet off the runway at Woodrum Airport.

Thus, while I have nothing but praise for the mayor's method of inaugurating great events in our recreational lives, I am earmarking a pair of scissors for his use.

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Anderson wants to keep door to politics open



7 big problems in a stormy tenure

- 1.) Of the Brickman city wage plan: "I think it needs changes and thorough re-study."
- 2.) American Airlines' decision to leave Roanoke: "We knew all along that American was changing to a trunk-line airway. We thought our efforts were better directed toward obtaining equal or better service from other airlines."
- 3.) Audit of School Board finances: "This is one of several recommendations we have made to tighten our auditing system. We think an ordinance is necessary to make the city auditor responsible for auditing school board funds and financial records."
- 4.) Refusal to rezone Papa Joe's: "A night club is out of place in a residential section. He has a right to stay there under existing laws, but to rezone it would appear to give official sanction to a use unsuited to a residential community."
- 5.) Garden City fire department: "I think this is necessary for the community, and I am hopeful that the next council can include it in the 1963 budget."
- 6.) Defeat of the auditorium bond issue: "The defeat left psychological scars. In retrospect, the auditorium seemed right at the time, but the Commonwealth Area was not available then, as it is now. What we are looking forward to now will be much better in all respects."
- 7.) City-county annexation suit: "Since the case went to the court, I have not felt free to make any public comment. I felt it was necessary at the time we undertook the suit, and I feel annexation is just as necessary today."

There's more to come

This is the first in a series of articles on outgoing members of Roanoke City Council.

"As for my future in politics, I should like very much to leave the door open," said Roanoke's young Mayor, Willis M. Anderson.

Anderson will go out of office September 1st when the new members of Roanoke City Council take their seats. Anderson declined to run again for council in order to devote time to his law practice.

"But it would be a mistake to say that I may never again seek public office," he said. Anderson is a member of the Roanoke Democratic Executive Committee, and has been mentioned as a possible future opponent of Republican M. Caldwell Butler for the House of Delegates in the General Assembly. But Anderson said he could not tell at present what his future political plans might be.

Anderson was elected to City Council in June of 1958, and was elected mayor on September 1, 1960.

"It has been a fascinating and interesting job," he said, "but I knew at the time I accepted the office that it could not be permanent for me." Anderson spends some 40 to 50 hours a week on his tasks for the city. The financial burden, he admits, has been well nigh intolerable.

Though the charter has been changed to permit the election of a mayor who will have a substantial increase in salary, the present mayor makes only \$150 per month total salary, and no allowance is given for expenses. "It takes that much just to operate an automobile," said Anderson.

Money shouldn't be incentive to run

But the Mayor said no one should enter public life without realizing that some sacrifice is entailed and expected. "The salaries should never be so high as to provide the major incentive to run for election," he said. "We should compensate public servants for their time, but we should never try to attract such people on the basis of salary alone."

Anderson said, however, that had the pay scale been as high as the one which will be offered city council officials under the new charter, he may have run for re-election. When a new mayor is elected, he will be offered a salary of \$4,800 a year, as opposed to the present salary of \$1,800.

Anderson complimented the outgoing council, and cited a list of their achievements. The most significant attainment, he believes, is the charter change which unfreezes the tax rate to permit the city to achieve an income commensurate with its expendi-

tures, and a requirement that the city balance its budget.

"I don't know how much this year's deficit will be," he said, "but we expect increased aid from the state, a larger yield from property taxes as a result of re-assessment. And then, too, I think there will probably be an increase in the tax rate."

Anderson said that the most important business of the new city council will be to come up with a workable budget. To do this, he said, operational costs and capital needs must be determined first, and then a tax rate arrived at to finance these needs.

Progress for the city has often been purchased at the price of harmony. Did the constant dissension of city council both the mayor? He confessed, "Yes. It was one of my major concerns. It worried me constantly. People felt that council should be a team. It isn't that they shouldn't disagree. And all issues should be critically examined and vigorously debated. But once a decision has been made, the decision becomes a policy of the city and council should pull together."

In the future: more harmony

Anderson said he felt that the new council would work more harmoniously together. "This is one of the things the people expressed themselves on at the polls," he said, in reference to the defeat of Dr. C. M. Cornell, who, with Benton O. Dillard have constituted a dissenting minority on a number of issues.

One of the men council will miss most when his term expires is Roy Webber. Anderson said this of his colleague: "He is completing twelve years of service. He and I have disagreed on some issues. But I believe that nobody has ever worked harder

or more conscientiously for the city than Roy Webber has. He is always well informed. He has rendered a great public service."

Of summer council sessions every other week, Anderson said, "It's nice to have every other Monday off, but we pay for it in the end (with longer sessions.)" He said he would favor regular Monday afternoon meetings three times a month, and one night session a month. "Then we could schedule public hearings at the night session, so that more people could come," he said.

50,000

handshakes plus

During his tenure as mayor, Anderson has personally greeted between 40,000 and 50,000 people, attended hundreds of conferences, committee meetings, council sessions, civic organizations; served as chief of council, good will ambassador, bachelor escort to beautiful young ladies, and a capable and good natured master of ceremonies at official functions.

"It has been the most interesting job I have ever had," he said. When he leaves it, September 1st, he will miss the headaches of his job almost as much as the fun of it. But with four years of public service behind him, it is highly unlikely that Wick Anderson will consider the time wasted. He said, somewhat wistfully, "Now that I'm about to leave city council, now that we're moving ahead so fast, I'd like to serve again. I certainly would have reconsidered my decision in a different light had things been as different a year or so ago as they are now."

He will go back to full time law practice in September. But at the age of 34, Wick Anderson's career in public service is far from over.



Official function: Mayor Anderson at the wheel of the survival car now on display at the Crossroads Mall.



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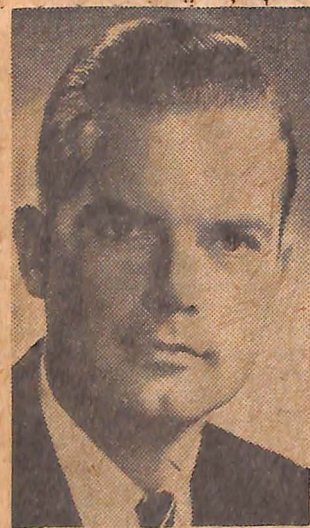
SPORTS SCOPE

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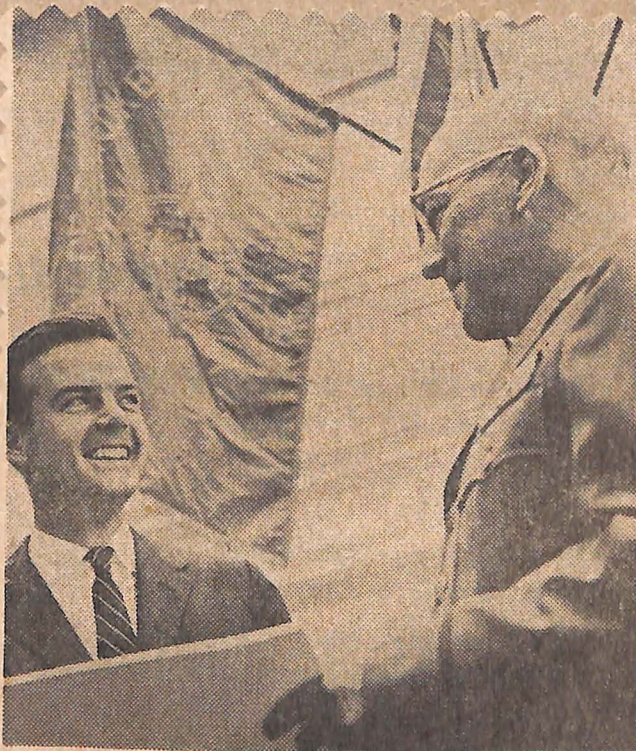
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TV Personality Will Get The Bird From Anderson

Roanoke's bachelor mayor has solved the problem raised by a large gift turkey—uncooked.

Willis M. Anderson is due to receive the raw turkey on the Channel 7 Panorama show at 1 p.m. tomorrow from 18-year-old Judy Miller of Hinton. Miss Miller is "Queen of Turkeyland" in a promotion supported by the State Department of Agriculture.

Acknowledging that he would be a long time eating turkey "even if I could cook it," Anderson said Panorama hostess Lorrie Gregory had offered to cook it for him and invite him to dinner.

"I mean it if he means it," said Mrs. Gregory—whose husband and three children can speed consumption of the big bird.

"It's a deal," Anderson agreed.



Motor Inn Ribbon Is Cut

Miss Virginia, Pat Gaulling of Richmond, and Roanoke Mayor Willis M. Anderson (second from left) preside at today's ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the official opening of the Downtown Motor Inn on South Jefferson Street. 7/20/62

2 Of 3 Men Leaving Council Hint They Might Run Again

By Ozzie Osborne
World-News Political Writer

Three Roanoke City Council members left office today and, as is axiomatic in such cases, they tended to remember the pleasant and forget the other in their combined 20 years of service on council.

In leaving, two of them—Mayor Willis M. Anderson and Roy L. Webber—hinted at least that they might run again for public office.

"Possibly," said Webber, two-time mayor, who is ending 12 years on council.

"If something came up . . . I might run."

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Giving what he called a politi-

cian's answer, Anderson said he wouldn't "like to rule out the possibility of running again."

He, like Webber, said, however, that he has no particular plans right now.

Dr. C. M. Cornell, the third departing councilman, said, when asked about the possibility of his running again:

"The way I feel now—no."

Both Anderson and Dr. Cornell have served only one term. Anderson, who is 33, and Webber, 57, did not seek re-election. Dr. Cornell, 51, was defeated in the June election.

"Naturally, I enjoyed being mayor," said Anderson. "My only regret is not having had financial independence."

"It has been very demanding, but very rewarding, too."

He did say that the job of mayor and councilman does have some disagreeable aspects. Sometimes for example, he said he felt hemmed in all sides by people with, in their opinion, justifiable complaints.

He noted that it is council's job to deal with the people "and it is not always easy—and undoubtedly in some cases we do not do the right thing."

Remembering disagreeable incidents, the outgoing mayor recalled that afternoon when, about mid-way in his four-year councilmanic term, he announced to a particularly pesky rezoning hearing that he had

"had enough" and wouldn't be running again.

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"I guess I sounded off," he said. "It sort of came off the top of my head."

But Anderson remembered most of all the opportunity he had as a councilman to meet the people of Roanoke and to know the city's problems.

Regrets? "Yes," he said, "I do regret not being able to do some of the things I would like to have done, mainly because I didn't have the time."

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But, remembering his term on council, he said emphatically:

"Sure, I'd do it again."

Dr. Cornell said he is leaving council without any hard feelings, despite having lost in a campaign during which he thinks he was made the scapegoat.

"I was blamed for everything council did in the past 12 years," he said.

"Voters must have felt I was on the wrong track . . . apparently they wanted a change. Maybe a change will be good."

Of his years on council, Dr. Cornell said he is proudest of having tried to promote industrial development and suggesting that council itself be

formed into an industrial committee.

A regret is that the Roanoke Valley governments have not held meetings to discuss ways of cooperating on various issues—something Dr. Cornell suggested.

Summing up, he said: "I have enjoyed it . . . it had its good and bad moments."

"I go off with a completely clear conscience. I have made mistakes perhaps of judgment. But everything I did I thought was in the best interests of the city."

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Webber, who is perhaps more knowledgeable about the city's problems than any of the city's

councilmen, was somewhat reluctant to reminisce—or predict.

"I'd like to see the city enter into more capital improvements."

He said, too, he'd like to see more cooperation—not consolidation—among Roanoke Valley governments on big problems involving such things as sewage, water and the airport.

Webber declined to comment on any of the projects he may have helped to success in his years on council.

"Oh, I have no pet projects," he said.

"I can't say that I have done anything personally . . ."

Rather, he said, he liked to consider anything council has done a joint project—a project of at least four persons.

He said that even though the cost of education, like everything else, has increased over the years, and money has frequently been scarce, "we seem to be making headway."

One thing above all Webber emphasizes about his councilmanic career:

"It has really been a liberal education."

While today's meeting was their last, barring a special session, they will officially continue as members of council through Friday. The new council will organize Saturday.



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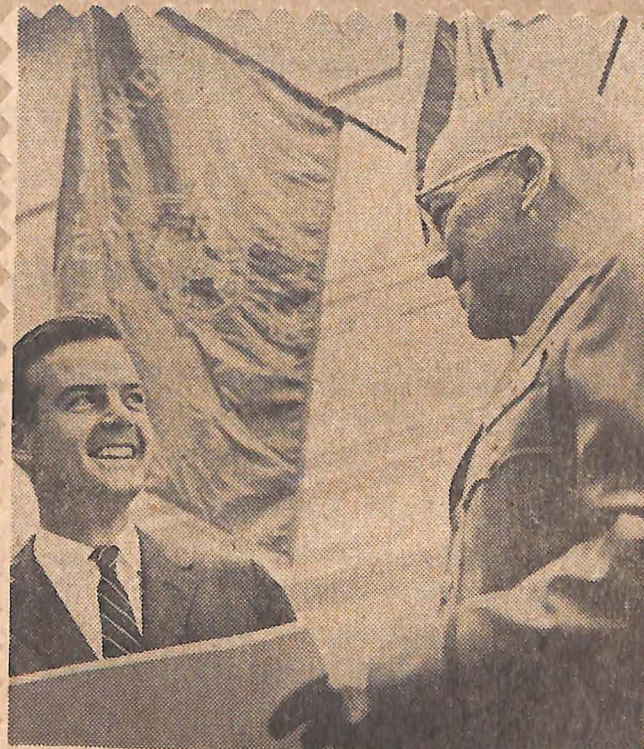
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The new mayor, whoever he is, may look forward to performing many duties in connection with his job which he may, or may not have counted on.

Aside from the expected giving out keys to the city and signing of proclamations, mayors are sometimes asked to do more strenuous things.

Willis M. Anderson, retiring mayor, has gone down in a diving tank (J.C. Boat Show), donned water skis to break a crepe paper ribbon between two boats, to open a water show, and rolled the first ball down the alley of a new bowling palace.

In answer to requests, he has spoken to almost every

civic organization and church group in the city; a task that he thoroughly enjoyed, since, as he put it, "I got to meet people in every part of town, and found their opinions helpful and interesting."

The most unusual task he was asked to perform was that of taking the huge valentine to Arlington to Astronaut Glenn's home, as a token of Roanoke's appreciation.

Anderson said that he was happy, too, at being in the position of being able to meet the various celebrities that visited Roanoke. He particularly recalled meeting Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nixon and Helen Hayes, when they visit-

ed in the early fall of 1961, and, a little later, sitting on the platform with the then Senator John F. Kennedy, when he flew into town to make a campaign speech.

There were TV and Broadway personalities and at least two Miss Americas, as well as well-known musical artists

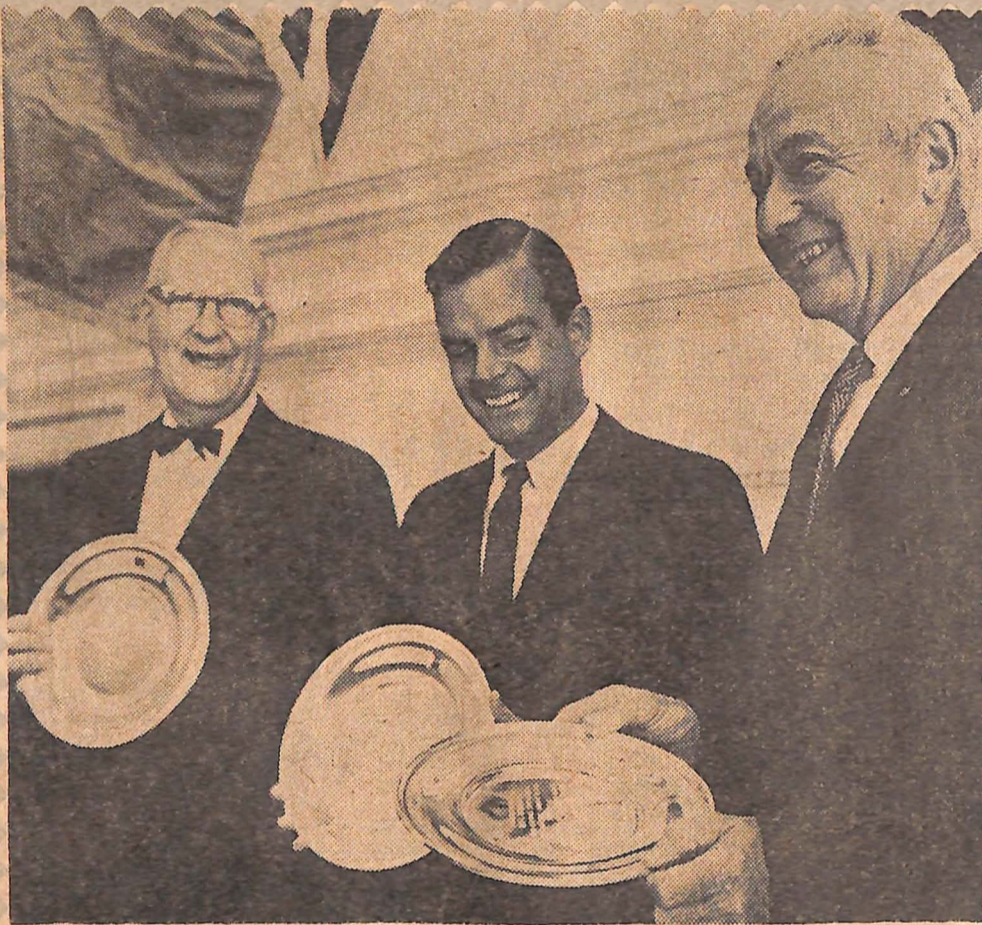
Anderson made the welcoming addresses to conventions meeting in Roanoke, on an average of three or more every week of the two years he was in office, met dozens of airplanes, cut untold numbers of ribbons and crowned a few beauty queens.

He was called on several times to judge beauty contests of a local nature, but usually

tried to steer clear of judging when he could. "Local girls are all so pretty, it was too hard to make up my mind," said the bachelor mayor, diplomatically.

"Of course," said Anderson, "in a more serious vein, the mayor is basically a salesman for the city. He has the opportunity of meeting many interesting people, and has a lot of fun and enjoyment out of that part of his work. But, actually, it is a job that involves a lot of hard work and hard decisions.

"A lot of the job is just hard, unglamorous work, and the other things are the frosting on the cake, which helps."



Dr. Cornell (left), Mayor Anderson and Webber with Trays

(Times Photo.)

Three End Service On Roanoke Council

Time ran out for three Roanoke City Councilmen Monday and it took them just 10 minutes to say their farewells.

In a brief ceremony marked by predictions of big things to come for the city, Mayor Willis M. Anderson and Councilmen Roy L. Webber and Dr. C. M. Cornell traded plaudits amid the flashing of silver trays and a big bunch of posies.

For Webber it marked the end of 12 years of service on council, including two terms as mayor. He decided not to seek another term.

Webber summed up his feelings with this: "Parting is such sweet sadness."

Anderson, the young mayor, who indicated earlier in the day he hasn't completely ruled out the possibility of running again, said the last day was "something I've looked forward to with anticipation—yet sadness."

And Dr. Cornell, the man who along with Benton O. Dillard made up the short end of the well-known "5-2 vote," said "I just want to remain quiet for a change . . ."

Vice Mayor Vincent S. Wheeler took charge of the ceremonies before council settled down to what was the last meeting for the three men.

Wheeler presented each of them an inscribed silver tray for "your years of service."

To the bachelor mayor, Wheeler said he knew Anderson didn't have to "worry about a wife taking it away from you."

To "Doc" Cornell he noted that "time is running out on you" but, "you have contributed much to the city . . ."

And to Webber went special praise for what Wheeler called "the man who has been doing most of the work around here for years."

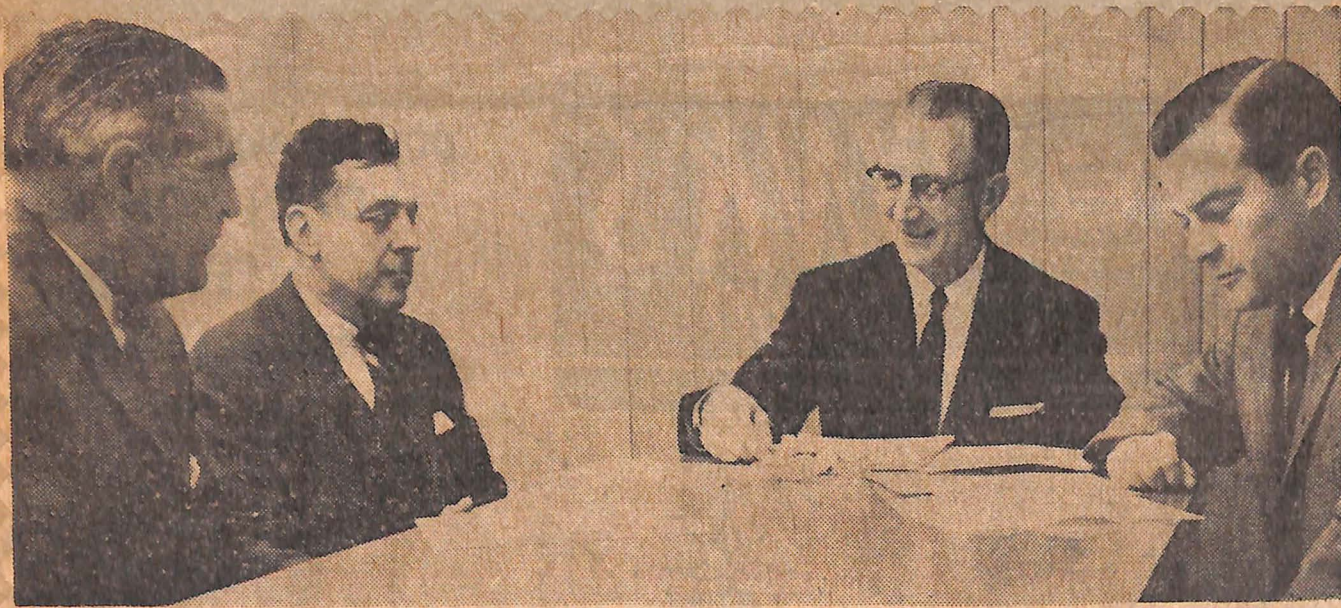
Noting some of the city's major projects over the past years, Wheeler said they "stand as a memorial to Webber."

And Webber, in returning the compliments, heaped praise on the people in city hall he has worked with over the years.

He called Roanoke "a great city" and said it has been a "pleasure and a privilege to serve . . ."

To those who continue to serve, he said, "the future is a challenge."

Anderson said his service as mayor will "be something I'll remember for a life-time." And, he said, he is "grateful to the people of Roanoke for making it possible."



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Roy C. Herrenkohl (second from right) discusses objectives with, left to right, Clem D. Johnston, Richard T. Edwards and Willis M. Anderson *12/20/62*

Chamber's President-Elect Foresees Continued Growth For Roanoke Valley

Growth in the Roanoke Valley should continue through 1963, the newly-elected president of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce said today.

Roy C. Herrenkohl, who assumes the chamber presidency next week, today met with his newly-appointed committee chairmen to plan a program for next year.

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"I believe the growth in the area is on solid ground," Herrenkohl said. "I hope the chamber will grow with the area."

He said today's meeting was to outline committee objectives for

the year to decide which will be long range and which of short duration.

"It's our hope that the chamber can increase its work in the coming year."

Herrenkohl made the following appointments:

Committee chairmen under the business service division will be Harold A. Habeck, agriculture; William H. Carder, aviation; Paul R. Thomson, education; Clem D. Johnston, national affairs; and

Willis M. Anderson, state and local. Jean Brinkley will be secretary and Jack M. Goddykoontz, chamber secretary and business

manager, will serve as adviser.

Committee chairmen under the civic and internal affairs division will be Granger Macfarlane, Backbone Club; Robert McLeland, public recreation; Philip Montano, fire prevention; Sam P. Weems, travel promotion; Mrs. E. Paul Hayes, city beautification; and John Harkrader, public relations. Marigay Barker will be the secretary while John A. Kelley, chamber manager, will be adviser.

Richard T. Edwards will serve as chairman of the special liaison committee with Dorothy Churchill as secretary and Stanley A. Tal-

bott, industrial consultant, as adviser.

Peyton Keller will head the finance committee with Shirley Link as bookkeeper.

Jack C. Smith, executive vice president, will be adviser to Herrenkohl while Margaret Baker will be the secretary.



Willis M. Anderson *2/25/63*

Ex-Mayor To Conduct Seal Drive

Willis M. Anderson, former Roanoke mayor, will head up the 1963 Easter Seal campaign in the Roanoke metropolitan area.

He will lead volunteer workers in Roanoke, Salem, Vinton and Roanoke County, the area covered by the local chapter, said Robert C. Price, executive director of the Virginia Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

The campaign will begin March 7 and continue through Easter Sunday, April 14.

Anderson pointed out that the statewide Easter Seal organization provided services for more than 9,000 crippled children and adults on a year-round basis through 28 treatment centers last year. This represents an increase of 2,000 over 1961.

Fun and Speeches Mark Boosters' Day *1/24/63*



Former Mayor Willis M. Anderson ... Shows Backhand Style on Tennis Court



LEGISLATORS-ELECT VISIT TRAINING SCHOOL

Robert S. Burruss Jr., left, state senator-elect from Lynchburg and Campbell County, and former Mayor Willis M. Anderson, delegate-elect from Roanoke, look over the grounds at the Lynchburg Training School and Hospital today as they and a group of newly elected legislators continued a

tour of state-supported institutions. The first half of the tour was scheduled to end with visits to Longwood College and Piedmont Sanatorium today and the second half will get under way Monday. In the background is the LTSH Personnel Building. *Lynchburg News* (Fred Knight Photo)

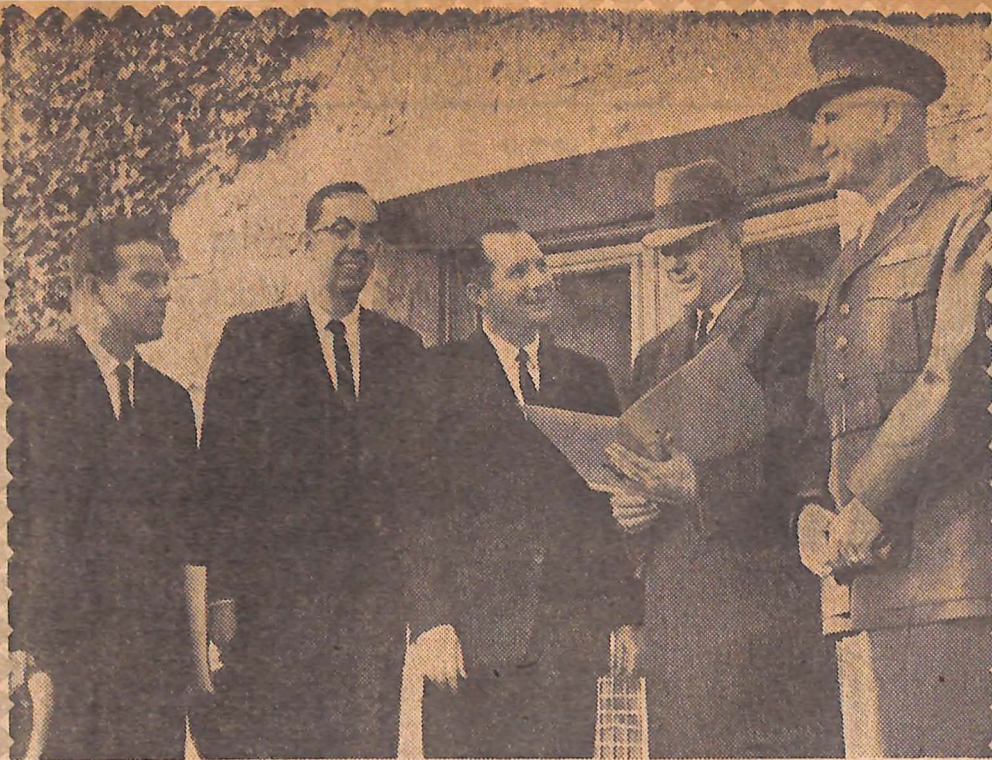


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L. G. Hillquist gives final instructions to Robert S. Burruss, Mrs. Dorothy S. McDiarmid, Caldwell Butler, Mrs. Marion G. Galland and Willis Anderson (l. to r.) before the state

12/2/63
 legislators leave Roanoke for a tour of state institutions. Hillquist is chief of the Bureau of Engineering and Maintenance of the State Budget Division.

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VMI TOUR—Legislators Wednesday included the VMI campus on their tour of state-supported institutions. Shown with VMI Superintendent Maj. Gen. George R.

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E. Shell are (from left) Dels. Willis M. Anderson, M. Caldwell Butler, Henry D. Almond and Charles W. Gunn.

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TOURING LEGISLATORS—Dr. Edgar F. Shannon Jr. (left), president of the University of Virginia, shows touring legislators the University's Alderman Library. With Dr. Shannon are (from

(T-D News Bureau Photo)
left) Mrs. Marian Galland of Alexandria, Mrs. Dorothy S. McDiarmid of Fairfax, Sen. R. S. Burruss of Lynchburg and William M. Anderson of Roanoke. 12/6/63 T-D



(Staff Photo)

House Committee Reports 1st Bill

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Members of the House Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns, at their first meeting of the 1964 General Assembly session yesterday, listened to Del. A. L. Philpott (standing, right) of Henry county explain his bill to create an airport authority for the Henry-Martinsville-Patrick area. As the first 1964 bill reported by any House committee, they approved

Chairman Lewis A. McMurrin's Peninsula Ports Authority measure. The Philpott bill, meanwhile, went to a subcommittee. Some 25 per cent or more of all Assembly bills go to the Counties, Cities and Towns Committee, which handles more pieces of legislation than any other Assembly committee.

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Anderson-- more state funds for education

The Roanoke Star 6-13-63

This is the fourth in a series featuring the viewpoints of candidates in the July 9 Democratic Primary election.

Willis M. Anderson, former mayor of Roanoke, is seeking nomination for a seat in Virginia's House of Delegates. Anderson, as have candidates in previous articles, has given his comments on the more basic issues in the campaign, Education in Virginia, Mental Health Program, the "Implied Consent" Law and highway safety, local option on selling liquor by the drink, the Sunday "Blue Law" and Redistribution of representatives, as follows:

Education

Public free schools always have been the cornerstone of American society. As heirs of the heritage of Thomas Jefferson, founder of public education in America, we in Virginia have a special responsibility to our State and its youth.

With restricted sources of revenue, the cities and counties of Virginia will be hard pressed in the years ahead to provide buildings and equipment sufficient to meet the needs of a growing school-age population. The state, therefore, must provide a greater share of the costs of instruction and ultimately assume the entire costs of minimum salary scales for teachers.

In the interest of fairness and uniformity, I would favor also revision of the present formula of state aid for schools which works to the disadvantage of the cities of Virginia and tends to penalize, rather than encourage, local effort.

As we seek to strengthen our colleges and universities and the college preparatory program in our secondary schools, we must be mindful also of the needs of those who do not pursue academic careers. Today's complex economic order has little use for the unskilled. Technical and vocational education, there-



fore, must be made available to all who would avail themselves of it. In this way, we can solve to some degree the alarming problem of youth unemployment and school drop-outs, and assure a continuing supply of skilled workers so essential to industrial growth.

Mental health

If our mental health program in Virginia is to have any real meaning, its purpose must be to cure—not merely to confine.

Despite the fact that capital outlays for state mental institutions totaled 36.6 million dollars in the past six years, these vast sums could do little more than provide additional space for custodial care of the growing number of patients. If our mental hospitals are to accomplish their part of the job, they must be provided with a professional staff adequate to give intensive treatment and individual attention to the patients. Such treatment and attention can reduce the period of confinement from years to months, or from months to weeks.

The care and cure of the

mentally ill must also be regarded as a community problem to be solved, whenever possible, at the community level. Adequate "after care" for patients discharged from mental hospitals could cut the readmission rate from its present 50 per cent to as low as 10 per cent.

To promote the cure of mental illness at the community level, I would urge expansion of present mental hygiene clinics and establishment of new ones, state assistance for psychiatric units

and wards in community hospitals similar to those now provided by the Roanoke Memorial Rehabilitation Center and soon to be provided by the new Roanoke Community Hospital, and creation of "rehabilitation houses" in key centers throughout the state to assist former hospital patients in the transition to normal community life.

To further improve our mental health program I would advocate a system of rotating internships whereby selected residents from the state's medical schools would serve for periods in intensive treat-

ment wards of our mental hospitals, and expansion of volunteer services to the mentally ill at both the hospital and community level.

I would further urge that the General Assembly carefully review and revise the laws relating to the commitment of the mentally ill to State Hospitals, and give concentrated attention to the expected recommendations of the Virginia Advisory Legislative Council report on services for the mentally retarded.

Highway safety and implied consent

I would advocate that the next session of the General Assembly do the following:

(1) Revise the so-called "implied consent" law, changing or eliminating several of the procedural requirements which have made the statute all but inoperative. "Implied consent" laws have worked in New York and other states and can work as well in Virginia. Such a law would help protect the public from the drinking driver without impairing any of the fundamental rights of the individual citizen.

(2) Create a Virginia Safety Council composed of citizen members from all parts of the state assisted by a full-time professional staff. This Council would study in depth the causes of highway accidents, conduct an aggressive information and education program on highway safety, make appropriate recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly and other agencies of government, establish a driver improvement program and assist the various local safety councils throughout the state.

(3) Tighten the requirements for obtaining a driver's license and require a physical examination in appropriate cases. Establish 16 years

as the Statewide minimum age for obtaining a license with permissive authority to the localities to raise the minimum age to 18 years.

(4) Authorize the employment of more State Highway patrolmen and provide salary increases sufficient to attract and keep qualified men.

(5) Permit judges and juries in the event of a finding of guilty in traffic cases to consider the prior convictions of the individual accused before fixing the sentence.

Local option

Any change in the state's Alcoholic Beverages Control Act should come only after close scrutiny and study and be prompted by a desire to encourage moderation and restraint in the use of intoxicants.

Sunday Blue Law

I expect to give careful study to the report and recommendations of the Virginia Advisory Legislative Council on the State's so-called "Blue Law" before coming to any final conclusion on the matter.

Although certain changes and clarifications in the law are indicated, I would not favor repeal of the Act in its entirety. To remove this law from the books would create a hardship for those who now work long hours in retail establishments and place the small merchant in an unfavorable competitive position.

Redistricting

If elected to the General Assembly I would seek to carry out the spirit as well as the letter of the State Constitution in considering any matters relating to redistricting. Representation should be based on population and the vote and voice of every citizen of Virginia should be of equal weight to that of every other citizen.

More Aid Asked For City Airport

6-19-63

Willis M. Anderson, a candidate for the House of Delegates in the July 9 Democratic primary, said today legislation is needed to return to Woodrum Airport a fairer share of the tax money collected on aviation gasoline and fuel oil sales.

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"Legislation is needed to correct this imbalance and to establish a formula for state financial

assistance to airports based upon need, population density and size of the area served, present and projected use, and amount of tax revenue generated."

Although Woodrum Airport is self-sustaining, Anderson continued, the cost of acquisition, construction and development, "representing a total investment of \$3,576,000, has been shared almost entirely by the federal government and the City of Roanoke."

"The benefits of the airport, however, are enjoyed at no direct cost by many counties, cities and towns in western Virginia. Indeed, much of the industrial growth in areas surrounding Roanoke would not have occurred but for the existence of this airport provided and maintained by the city."

The prosperity of the entire region is tied to the growth of the airport, Anderson said. "It is manifestly unfair, therefore, that one locality in that region be required to carry the entire financial burden."

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Government Overhaul Asked by Anderson

6-23-63

Ex-Mayor Willis M. Anderson said Saturday local government in Virginia "is beginning to creak" under the "increased burdens" of a shifting population and changing economy.

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"Virginia's 100 counties may have been necessary when a trip to the courthouse by wagon or horseback took the better part of a day, but this number hardly can be justified today," he said.

"Of even less justification," Anderson said, "is the proliferation of governmental units in our urban centers—cities, counties, towns, sanitary districts and autonomous authorities clustered together and often working at cross purposes."

Anderson said if Virginia is to maintain its tradition of efficiency and economy in government, the legislature must give "immediate and sympathetic attention" to the financial problems of local governments and the demands they face for more service.

The commission, Anderson said, should hold hearings in a study to determine the functions and responsibilities of local government and the proper relationship of units of local government to each other and to the state.

And, he said, the General Assembly should direct the commission to consider ways of reducing the number of counties by consolidation and encourage the consolidation of governmental units in urban areas.

Annual State Budget Favored By Anderson

6-27-63

One of the four Roanoke candidates for the House of Delegates in the July 9 Democratic primary has proposed an annual budget for Virginia.

Willis M. Anderson, a lawyer and former Roanoke mayor, said Wednesday Virginia's two-year budget is against the general practice in business and government.

Anderson said state departments and agencies have been working for weeks, preparing the budget request for 1964-65. He termed "unrealistic" this effort to project their operating and capital needs nearly three years ahead. It is not in keeping, Anderson said, with best fiscal policies.

The candidate said he would favor continuing annual 60-day sessions of the General Assembly in even numbered years. In addition, he would like to see 30-day off-year budget-making sessions.

Anderson said such a plan has received past approval by the Senate but has died in the House. "If elected to the House," his statement said, "I would give it my support."

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Offers A Program For

HIGHWAY SAFETY

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3. Permit judges and juries in event of a finding of guilty to consider prior traffic law convictions of defendant before fixing sentence.
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3. Strengthen and support Virginia's colleges and universities and the college preparatory program in our secondary schools.
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Tomorrow:
HIGHWAYS
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Anderson Wants Trooper Pay Upped To Boost Road Safety

Better pay for Virginia state policemen will make Old Dominion highways safer by reducing turnover on the force, says Willis M. Anderson, city Democratic

candidate for the House of Delegates. He wants to see "the next session of the General Assembly appropriate funds to establish a pay

scale sufficient to attract and keep qualified men."

In a campaign statement today he noted that "maintaining the force at authorized strength has become increasingly difficult as more and more men have been attracted by higher pay to jobs in business and the federal government after they have been trained by the state."

Ex-Mayor Anderson proposes that "at least one-half the cost of the State Police should come from the general fund; first because traffic fines are paid into the Literary Fund for schools instead of the highway fund and, second, because safety and law enforcement are not obligations solely on the motoring public."

To drive the drinking driver and the reckless of the road, he advocates that the assembly revise the implied consent law, an act he terms "inoperative."

Also, he calls on the legislature to "create a Virginia Safety Council composed of citizen members from all parts of the state, assisted by a full-time professional staff. This council would study in depth the causes of highway accidents, conduct an aggressive information and education program on highway safety, make appropriate recommendations to the governor, the General Assembly and other agencies of government, establish a driver improvement program and assist the various local safety councils throughout the state."

The young Democrat calls for tightening of requirements for getting a driver's license. He would require "a physical examination in appropriate cases" and set a 16-year minimum for getting a license, giving localities the option of upping the limit to 18. (In some counties, including Roanoke County, 15-year-olds can get licenses).

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Anderson and ticketmate James L. Trinkle are opposed in the November election by Republicans Del. M. Caldwell Butler and Robert W. Putnam. Democratic incumbent Sen. William B. Hopkins also has a Republican opponent, John W. Waldrop.

Democrats' Stand 'Pleasing' To GOP

Political pots in the city smoked a little today. Republican candidates reacted with mock glee to a Democratic campaign statement issued yesterday.

"We are pleased to note that our Democrat opponents have accepted the traditional Republican position that the poll tax should be removed as a prerequisite to vote in any Virginia election, state or federal," reacted the Repub-

lican ticket headed by Del. M. Caldwell Butler.

The Democratic statement was put out yesterday by James L. Trinkle with the concurrence of State Sen. William B. Hopkins and Willis M. Anderson.

Robert W. Putnam and Butler oppose Trinkle and Anderson for the city's House seats, while one-time city councilman John W. Waldrop seeks the Senate seat.

"Our opponents already knew that the entire Republican slate was irrevocably committed" to poll tax opposition, say the Republicans, "and that Del. Butler introduced an appropriate resolution for this purpose in the 1962 General Assembly."

"We commend our opponents on the objective which we now share with them, but we doubt very seriously if their means is the appropriate one to its accomplishment."

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The Democrats "must be aware that the leaders of their party, including Senators Byrd and Gov. Harrison, have taken a position completely opposed to them and the Republican Party . . . and that the retention of the poll tax as a prerequisite to the right to vote in state elections is now becoming the rallying point for the Virginia Democratic organization," say the Republicans.

"It is apparent that our opponents propose to accomplish this objective by overthrowing the Democratic organization and seizing control of the Virginia Democratic Party through its New Frontier-National Democrat-Pat Jennings wing?"

"Accordingly," the statement winds up, "it is now incumbent upon them to say why it is better to seek removal of the poll tax as a prerequisite to vote in Virginia through the New Frontier Wing of the Virginia Democratic Party rather than through strengthening the Republican Party and the two-party system."



Willis M. Anderson
They topped field in four-man city race



James L. Trinkle



Derwood H. Rusher
Winner in county

Anderson, Trinkle, Rusher Nominated

James L. Trinkle and Willis M. Anderson easily won nomination to the House of Delegates in Roanoke yesterday, carrying nearly all of the city precincts.

In Roanoke County, Derwood H. Rusher also won an easy victory over James W. Heizer.

All will have Republican oppo-

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sition in the Nov. 5 general election.

Roanoke City had an unusually light vote, even for a primary, with 4,188 ballots cast.

Trinkle, 34-year-old real estate man, led the ticket in the city, getting 2,493 votes. Anderson, 34-year-old lawyer, got 2,443.

Arthur B. Crush Jr. got 1,296 votes and Alex N. Apostolou received 1,232.

State Sen. William B. Hopkins, who was unopposed, got 3,258 votes.

Trinkle or Anderson led in all but two of the city's 36 precincts with very few votes difference between them.

They piled up their biggest margins in South Roanoke, Raleigh Court and Williamson Road.

The three big South Roanoke precincts, where voting was comparatively light gave Anderson

623, Trinkle, 575; Crush, 155; Apostolou, 104.

And the five Raleigh Court precincts went the same way: Anderson, 488; Trinkle, 427; Crush, 212; Apostolou, 207.

The six Williamson Road precincts went Trinkle, 315; Anderson, 309; Crush, 291, and Apostolou, 213.

Apostolou led in one precinct—Villa Heights—with 87 votes. And Crush led in Williamson Road No. 5 with 71 votes.

Trinkle and Anderson did not run as a team in the primary but many voters regarded them as such.

Heizer, executive secretary of the Virginia Retail Gasoline Dealers Association, conceded defeat in the Roanoke County House race 2 hours and 15 minutes after the polls closed.

He said he believes voters misunderstood his position on local option whisky by the drink.

"But I'd rather be honest and lose than to evade issues and win," Heizer said.

He said in his campaign that he thought localities should be allowed to decide if they want to have whisky by the drink. Rusher said he was opposed to this.

This was the only real issue that developed in the county race and is believed to have cost Heizer heavily in votes.

"I want to congratulate Mr. Rusher on his victory and I know he will conduct a good campaign in the fall," Heizer said. "As a good party worker myself I want to assure Mr. Rusher and the entire Democratic ticket of my support."

Unofficial returns from all of the county's 23 precincts gave Rusher 2,620 votes to 1,335 for Heizer.

Rusher carried all but two precincts in the county, both of which are in the Cave Spring area. But there, where Heizer was expected to run the strongest, he carried Cave Spring by only 23 votes and Oak Grove by only 38 votes.

Rusher carried the four Salem precincts 1,193 to 511.

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The returns from some of the smaller and older precincts in the county indicated Heizer's stand on whisky cost him heavily.

At Hollins Road he got only 2 votes. In five others he got less than 15 votes each.

Vinton businessman W. E. (Bill) Cundiff, unopposed for the Democratic nomination for the Senate in the 20th District which includes Roanoke County, got 3,227 votes in the county. He will oppose Sen. James C. Turk, Radford, incumbent Republican, in the November general election.

City Democrats Agree To De

By Ozzie Osborne
World-News Political Writer

Roanoke City Republicans and Democrats swapped some preliminary digs today and the Democrats accepted a debate challenge of the Republicans.

In today's tart exchange, Republicans called the Democrats "unflinching supporters of the New Frontier." A Democrat immediately called the GOP statement "ridiculous."

Except for the candidates' statements, post-election talk was less than usual today. It was evident, however, that the Republicans were pleased with yesterday's small turnout. About 4,200 votes were cast in the Democratic primary.

They obviously feel that they have a good chance to get much of the "waiting for November" vote.

Democrats conceded that the vote was lighter than expected, but blamed that on lack of issues and also because there were no candidates at the "top" and "bottom" of the ticket.

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A mild surprise of the election, many Democrats said, was that Alex N. Apostolou and Arthur B. Crush Jr. ran so far behind the two winners—Willis M. Anderson and James L. Trinkle. Some Democrats also were surprised that Trinkle and not Anderson led the ticket.

The Republican statement was signed by Del. M. Caldwell Butler and Robert W. Putnam, candidates for the House of Delegates, and John B. Waldrop, candidate for the State Senate.

After congratulating the primary winners—State Sen. William B. Hopkins and Anderson and Trinkle, House candidates—the Republicans say:

"It is particularly appropriate that they, as national Democrats and unflinching supporters of the New Frontier, its candidates and its philosophy should represent the Democratic party in this campaign.

"Their nomination has established conclusively that those people in Roanoke whose philosophy of government is at variance with the New Frontier and who are genuinely concerned about the course and direction of our national policy no longer have a home or a hope in the Democratic party."

The Republicans say the Democrats apparently are "largely in sympathy with the traditional Republican position" on state matters.

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This position, say the Republicans, is "that Virginia is not meeting its full responsibilities and that they (the Democratic nominees here) have little regard for the organization which controls the Democratic party elsewhere in the state; and vice versa." The Republicans add:

"Although the differences which separate us are not personal, they are, nevertheless, substantial; and the forthcoming campaign, if directed to the issues, should prove interesting and of benefit to the electorate."

Anderson was the only Democrat to answer the entire GOP statement, saying:

"The statement of the opposing candidates is ridiculous on its face. It indicates quite clearly that they are little concerned with, or interested in, state problems and have little desire to discuss state issues.

For Anderson And Trinkle Team

7-5-63

Customarily *The World-News* has refrained from intervention in Democratic primaries for the General Assembly unless there appeared to be imperative reason for doing so.

One such case of variation from the custom occurred in 1947 when by endorsing a slate, which subsequently won, we sought to effect "home rule" and end the attempt to govern the city from Richmond.

The primary of July 9 presents a clear challenge which we feel cannot be ignored in the interest of municipal stability, growth and general welfare.

One of the four candidates, *Alex N. Apostolou*, has posed the issue by advocating a return to the frozen tax rate existing prior to the Charter change that became effective this year.

We repeat our observation of several weeks ago that any return to the era when City Council was held in a financial straitjacket would be nothing short of tragic.

This point hardly needs elaboration. Municipal growth would stagnate. It is impossible to have progress without adequate revenue. To advocate anything else is to be unrealistic and display a woeful lack of qualification for office.

The other three primary candidates, *Willis M. Anderson*, *James L. Trinkle* and *Arthur B. Crush Jr.*, happily refused to endorse any such principle.

Of these three we feel that experience, length of residence in the community and knowledge of its affairs must point to Mr. Anderson and Mr. Trinkle as by far the

better qualified to represent the city in legislative affairs.

Both candidates have been chosen for the Junior Chamber's Distinguished Service Award as outstanding young men of the year, Anderson for 1960 and Trinkle for 1961.

Anderson was elected to Roanoke City Council in June 1958 and served four years, two of them as the youngest mayor in municipal history. This was an invaluable experience in government and a most fitting preparation for the House of Delegates. His participations in community affairs are almost too numerous to mention.

Trinkle, while never an office holder, has been chairman of the City Democratic Central Committee and state chairman of the Young Democratic Clubs. As chairman of Downtown Roanoke, Inc. and both president and campaign chairman of the United Fund he had unparalleled opportunity to become acquainted with local problems.

The selection of *Anderson* and *Trinkle* would, we believe, enable the Democratic Party locally to put its best foot forward in the campaign leading to the general election November 5.

This does not mean that *The World-News* is endorsing either in advance for election. We reserve the right to make a choice when the time comes. The Republican Party has just selected its slate at a city convention and there will be ample opportunity for the rivals to debate the issues. Two-party competition we believe to be the best means of fostering good government.

We Endorse Anderson, Trinkle In Democratic Primary

7-5-63

Not since 1947 has *The Roanoke Times* endorsed candidates in a Democratic primary for the Virginia General Assembly. It is our general policy to stay out of primaries unless there are vital issues at stake and over-riding reasons for supporting certain candidates.

In 1947 this newspaper supported *Earl A. Fitzpatrick*, *E. Griffith Dodson* and *Julian H. Rutherford Jr.* in their successful campaign against the late *Walter H. Scott* and *James A. Bear* and *William L. Martin*. At that time there was an issue of "home rule" as well as important considerations as to qualifications to be weighed.

Some of the same elements are present in next Tuesday's Democratic primary. We, therefore, endorse the candidacies of former mayor *Willis M. Anderson* and *James L. Trinkle*, Roanoke realtor and civic leader.

Only one matter which can properly be called an issue has developed in the quiet campaigning which has been done to date. But that one matter is extremely important.

Candidate *Alex Apostolou* would have Roanoke turn its back on the reform put into effect this year and return to a frozen tax rate which could be increased only by a favorable vote in a referendum. Such a step would not only effectively block the city's progress but would, in effect, place control of Roanoke's pursestrings in the General Assembly rather than in City Council where it properly belongs. We think that if Mr. Apostolou

As mayor, Mr. Anderson was a splendid representative of the city and to a great extent made up in hard work what he lacked as a forceful leader. His greatest accomplishment, perhaps, was the fact that while he was mayor the Charter Study Commission was created and its excellent recommendations were implemented. Mr. Anderson supported this program, including the key provision which abolished the frozen tax rate.

It is also noteworthy that Mr. Anderson is the only candidate who has made a conscientious effort to carry a comprehensive program for state progress to the voters.

Mr. Trinkle, although he has held no public office, is, like Mr. Anderson, well known in Democratic political circles. He has been chairman of the City Democratic committee and president of the Young Democrats of Virginia and the local Young Democrats organization. His interest in politics is perhaps the natural outgrowth of being a son of the late governor of Virginia, *E. Lee Trinkle*.

More important to the city at large are his many civic accomplishments. Chosen the outstanding young man of the year in 1962 by the Roanoke Junior Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Trinkle headed last year's successful Roanoke Valley United Fund drive and is the president of the UF this year. He has also been president of Downtown Roanoke, Inc., and active in Chamber of Commerce activities.



Decks Cleared for Hot Campaign

7-11-63

Primaries mark an end of one phase of campaigning and the beginning of another. In Tuesday's Democratic Party primary in Roanoke, James L. Trinkle and Willis M. Anderson won handily their bids for nomination for the House of Delegates, as anticipated. But probably no one realizes better than Mr. Trinkle and Mr. Anderson how tough will be the four months of campaigning between now and the November general election.

The apathy of Democrats in Tuesday's balloting is readily evident. Only 4,188 votes were cast. That compares with 7,958 in the primary two years ago, but nominations for more offices were at stake then. In the 1959 primary, some 7,500 ballots were cast.

Of the four candidates seeking nomination for the two House seats, only Anderson, former mayor, offered a comprehensive program. Trinkle, son of former Governor E. Lee Trinkle, was largely content to run on his impressive civic record, which was sufficient to convince the majority of Democrats taking part in the primary.

State Senator William B. Hopkins, seeking re-election, was unopposed in the primary and received 3,258 votes, a surprising 930

less than the total cast. Perhaps many Democrats voting Tuesday felt it unnecessary to cast their ballots for a candidate running without opposition.

And in Roanoke County's primary, Derwood H. Rusher, a Salem attorney, was a two-to-one winner over James W. Heizer for nomination for the county's House seat vacated by Del. Nelson Thurman. Two veteran figures around the courthouse in Salem won nomination without difficulty—J. Luck Richardson Jr., for commissioner of revenue, and Charles E. Boone, for sheriff. W. E. Cundiff of Vinton was unopposed in his bid for nomination for the Senate seat in the 20th District, which includes Roanoke County.

With the primary out of the way, particularly interesting and no doubt intense campaigns are in prospect for Roanoke City, center of the Republican renaissance in this region. The Democratic nominees will be opposed by this Republican lineup: John B. Waldrop for the Senate seat and Del. M. Caldwell Butler and Robert W. Putnam for the House. We trust that issues will be far more clearly developed in the campaigning for election than in that for the Democratic nomination.



8-24-63
 WITH GREAT VIGOR—Roanoke's three Democratic candidates for General Assembly seats demonstrate they can attack any issue with vigor. In this case it's watermelon. Left to right are James L. Trinkle, Willis M. Anderson,

(Times Photo by Oakie Asbury)
 both House of Delegates candidates, and State Sen. William B. Hopkins. They attended a watermelon feast sponsored by the Young Democrats Thursday night. (Story on Page 11).

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City Democratic Candidates Plan 'Program for Future'

By MELVILLE CARICO
Times Political Writer

Sen. William B. Hopkins told guests at a Democrats' watermelon feast Thursday night he and his running mates for the House will present a "Program for the Future" in their General Assembly campaign in Roanoke this fall.

The House candidates—James L. Trinkle and ex-Mayor Willis M. Anderson—joined in underscoring the word "ticket" in their short pep talks too.

Several hundred men, women and children ate a pickup truck load of watermelon under the trees in Wasena Park. Mayor Murray A. Stoller, a Democrat, at the request of reporters, estimate the crowd at "about 400."

The Democratic candidates, in keeping with the spirit of the annual affair, held their talks to a few minutes and purposely did not get into coming campaign issues. The August watermelon feasts are sponsored by the Young Dem-

ocrats and the turnout at the 1953 edition was, obviously, one of the biggest.

Hopkins is opposed by John B. Waldrop running on the GOP ticket with Del. M. Caldwell Butler and Robert N. Putney, the House candidates.

All three Democrats took prosperity in Virginia and the Roanoke Valley as the keynote of their remarks.

Hopkins said last year the per capita income in Virginia was up \$100 and the Roanoke Valley now has the lowest unemployment in its history. Hopkins said the Democratic ticket will work with business, industry and government in a cooperative effort "for more progress in the future."

"Virginia," Anderson said, "is moving ahead rapidly in this space age because it has remained true to principles that are ageless. We want Roanoke to share in the state's progress."

And Trinkle whose father was governor of Virginia in the 1920's, said the Democratic ticket from Roanoke will support principles

that are traditional in Virginia's state government.

All three Democrats emphasized that they will take up problems and issues in the months ahead in asking Democrats to begin working now towards a victory in the November general election.

The unity and work theme also was sounded by Taylor Grizzard, state president of Virginia Young Democrats from Richmond, a guest at the watermelon feast.

Grizzard in acknowledging a welcome said a "few" Republicans have won in the Roanoke area because Democrats became apathetic to the heritage and responsibility of their party.

He was introduced by Frank N. Perkinson Jr., president of the Roanoke Young Democrats, who was master of ceremonies.

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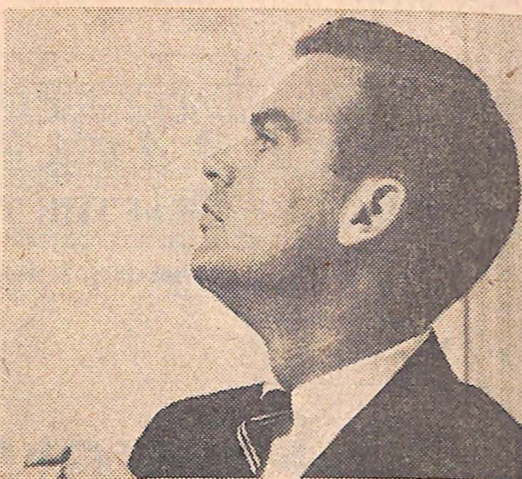
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(Times Photos by Oakie Asbury)
John B. Waldrop

First Time Out for Six Candidates for Roanoke General Assembly Seats Brought Out Large Crowd and a Wide Range of Subjects and Issues at Jaycee-Sponsored Session

'New Frontier' Warms Debate As Assembly Candidates Meet

By BEN BEAGLE
Times Staff Writer

Republicans are avoiding purely state issues in their campaign.

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for the superhighway got into the debate via a question. Hopkins said: "The highway was lost in Washington, D.C., not in Richmond."

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The commission would study ways to modernize the machinery of local government. The safety council would conduct an in depth study of highway accidents and recommend ways to reduce them.

Butler said he would again introduce legislation to set up a Roanoke Metropolitan Area Commission, which would study

and recommend the most efficient type of government for the Roanoke Valley. He said he'd also again recommend creation of a highway study commission.

Putnam, after strongly criticizing what he called the "spend to death" policies of the Kennedy administration, said he would introduce conflict-of-interest legislation governing members of the General Assembly and ask for a study

of the state's milk control system.

Democrat James L. Trinkle said he would sponsor legislation to establish a special fund for development of the state's primary road system. He said he would also sponsor a bill to give increased state support for vocational and technical education.

On the local level, Trinkle said he would support in-

anybody, regardless of party, getting any important committee assignments in 1964 are extremely remote."

He recalled that the four committees he was on in the 1962 General Assembly did not meet at all that year and "indeed, I doubt if they've met in the past 20 years."

He blamed abuse of the committee system on dominance by the Democratic party.

All six of the candidates got together last night and agreed that no new taxes will be enacted by next year's General Assembly.

Joining the House candidates were Republican John B. Waldrop and Democrat William B. Hopkins, running for the Senate. The six spoke before American Legion Post 3.

Both sides said they favor annual sessions of the legislature with, perhaps, sessions on even years limited to discussions of financial matters and budgeting.

As in the past, the Republicans accused the Democrats of New Frontier sentiments and the Democrats said the Republicans seem to be trying to conduct the campaign on national, rather than state, issues.

"I have been amused by the diversionary tactics of the (GOP) opposition—they have been talking about Washington until a few weeks ago you wouldn't believe Richmond existed," Hopkins said.

Waldrop, who followed Hopkins, contended that the General Assembly election is a "choice between economy and liberty and servitude." He argued that anyone who supports the Kennedy administration will find "some of it will rub off" in state affairs.

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Students Hear Candidates Agree On Poll Tax Dislike

10/23/63

By Ozzie Osborne
World-News Political Writer

Roanoke's candidates for the legislature took their campaigns to the nonvoters today and, as in the past, disagreed on a fairly wide range of subjects. Speaking to a teen-age audience at Patrick Henry High School, the Republicans said dominance by the Democratic party has held Virginia back in education, mental health and other fields.

"The Democrats haven't defended their party's record, but have only pleaded that they will do better in the future," said Del. M. Caldwell Butler.

But the Democrats took a different view, saying the state in recent years has made progress economically and in many fields.

"I come here today to praise Virginia, not to bury her," said James L. Trinkle, Democratic candidate for the House of Delegates.

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There was agreement on one subject: the controversial poll tax.

All the candidates said they're against it.

Speaking, in addition to Butler and Trinkle, were State Sen. William B. Hopkins, his Republican opponent, John B. Waldrop, Robert W. Putnam, GOP candidate for the House, and Willis M. Anderson, Democratic House candidate.

Leading off, Waldrop cited what he said was a real need for a two-party system in Virginia.

He said the state "has been embarrassed" in many fields, including education and mental health, by one-party rule.

Waldrop said, "We need someone to truly represent Virginia — someone not a member of the clique or the New Frontier."

Hopkins, however, cited these statistics to show that the state and Roanoke are not standing still: Virginia is increasing its per capita income faster than any southern state; it has grown faster than any state east of the Mississippi River since 1960; Roanoke has the lowest unemployment rate it has had in 10 years.

"We think good government has brought this," said Hopkins.

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Criticizing what he said is the Republicans' failure to discuss the issues, Hopkins said, "We have given attention in this campaign to the issues at hand — we're interested in Richmond, not Washington."

Anderson, too, accused the Republicans of failing to discuss the issues and depending, instead, on slogans, labels and "funny radio commercials."

He said the Democrats took it as their duty to talk about the state's problems and to propose solutions to them. This, he said, they have tried to do.

Putnam took the tack that the Democrats don't want any political competition. He also called the local Democrats fence straddlers — seeking to agree with both the liberal views of the national administration and the conservative ones of the state leaders.

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He said Virginia ranks 36th among the states in teacher salaries, its mental institutions are overcrowded and more people will be killed and injured this year on Virginia highways than ever before.

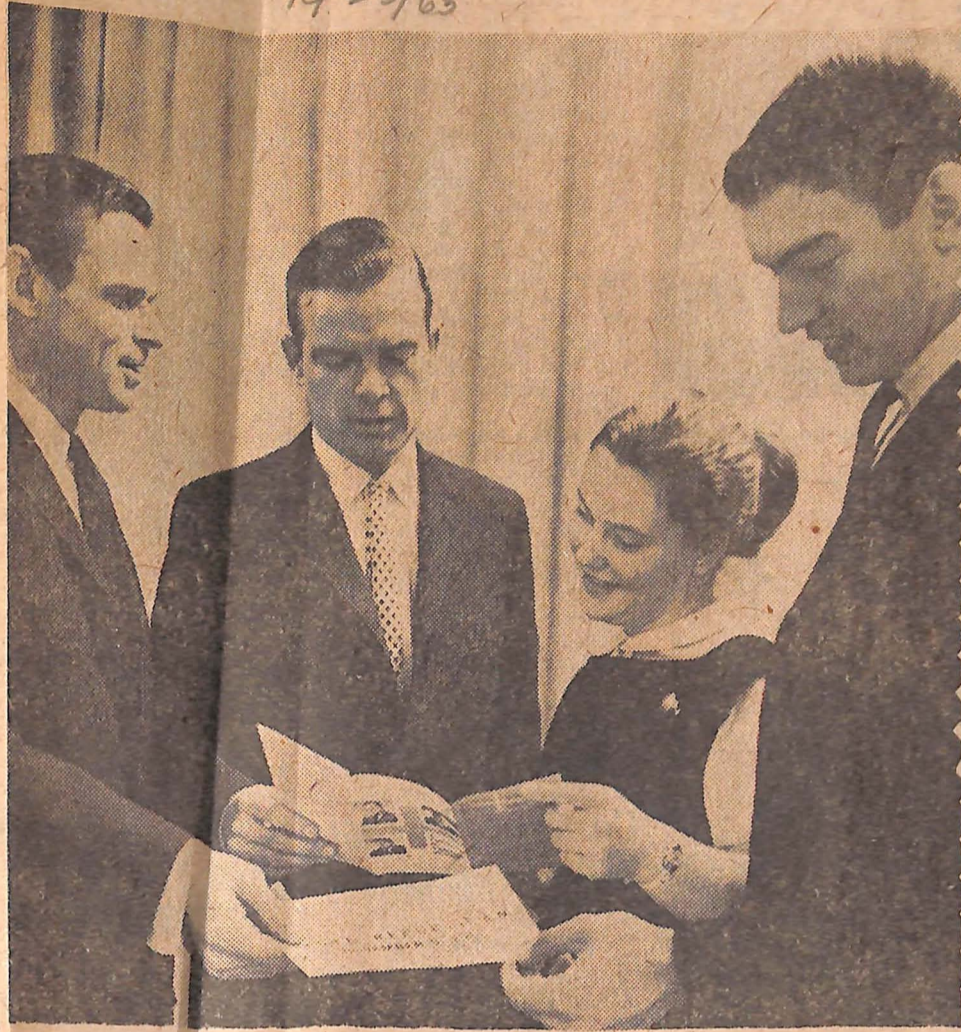
Trinkle said in choosing among the candidates, he and his running mates have asked the people of Roanoke to do three things: look at the candidates' qualifications, consider their past records and look at their platforms.

He said further that "we in Roanoke in the Democratic party realize there is a two-party system."

Butler did not agree with Trinkle, however, saying:

"Our opponents are having difficulty adjusting to a two-party system."

Asking for support of his ticket, he said "the only force for effective government must come from without, not within, the Democratic party."



Robert W. Putnam (left) and Willis M. Anderson give political campaign literature to Liv Eikram, Patrick Henry exchange student from Norway, and senior class President Steve Shaver (right). —World-News Photo

To back this point, he said the General Assembly favor it." pressed the feeling that their emphasis should be on state issues, not the national administration, in this campaign. A question from the audience say they favor repeal of the poll tax, "but they fail to say that the majority of Democrats in Anderson and Trinkle ex-

Editorials

SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 27, 1963

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY:

The world is neither wise nor just, but it makes up for its folly and injustice by being damnably sentimental.—Huxley.

The Legislative Election: Our Choice of Candidates

As far as sharpening of issues goes, the contest for Roanoke's three seats in the General Assembly has been singularly unproductive. When the voters go to the polls on November 5, they won't be able to make a choice on the basis of discernible ideological differences or significant differences in approach to state problems.

Unless the voters are to be guided by party labels, there is only one criterion on which to base a decision: The qualifications of the candidates and the kind of service they will be capable of performing in the Legislature for the state and their constituents.

On this basis, *The Roanoke Times* chooses the Democratic ticket. It believes incumbent Senator William B. Hopkins deserves re-election because of his record and broad understanding of Virginia's government and its problems. *The Times* endorses his running mates, former Mayor Willis M. Anderson and James L. Trinkle, candidates for the House of Delegates, because it believes they have demonstrated by outstanding civic leadership their grasp of public affairs and their ability to represent Roanoke effectively.

These three men, in our opinion, are outstandingly qualified by background to serve in the Legislature. No man in the General Assembly works harder than Sen.

Hopkins to inform himself on all matters on which he will be called to cast a vote. Former Mayor Anderson is particularly well qualified from his recent service on Roanoke City Council to be influential in matters affecting the interests of the state's municipalities. Mr. Trinkle has a record of community service and stewardship in community causes, apart from his political interests, which stamp him as a real leader.

In the race for the new 20th Senatorial District seat, *The Times* endorses the candidacy of William E. Cundiff of Roanoke County. Bill Cundiff is another man who has demonstrated unusual qualities of leadership and civic conscience. He served well both as a member and chairman of the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors. He has worked diligently for industrial development in the Roanoke Valley and has been a valuable member of the board of the new Community Hospital. We know him to be a man of vision and capability.

In our view, no commanding issue and no party doctrine is of sufficient importance to sway the election. The real issues are the qualifications of the candidates and their potential for service in a one-party governing body. On that ground, *The Times* believes the logical choice is Messrs. Hopkins, Anderson, Trinkle and Cundiff.

Editorial View

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There will be the need to provide concrete answers to the insistent needs of our institutions of higher learning for classroom and dormitory structures.

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- THE ROANOKE STAR - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1963

Star editorials

The Star endorses Democratic ticket

The Roanoke Star this week endorses the following candidates for the election to be held next Tuesday, November 5:

In the race for the State Senate and the two House of Delegate seats for Roanoke city, this newspaper feels that William B. Hopkins, James Trinkle and Willis Anderson are well-qualified and deserve the support of the voters of Roanoke city.

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It is unimportant in this context that those elected to make the laws of Virginia be supporters or foes of the Kennedy Administration or that they be for or against any candidate for the national Republican nomination.

Roanoke City and County, like the rest of Virginia, will be electing senators and delegates to do the best they can for the Commonwealth. This means, it seems to us, that the General Assembly should be made up of men and women willing and able to work together, forgetting as far as possible any concern for national politics.

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In the 20th senatorial district, it seems especially important that the holder of the seat come from the most populous area—Roanoke County. And that area is most fortunate in having as a candidate the former chairman of the County Board of Supervisors, William E. Cundiff, who is also a leader in civic and community affairs. We urge his election.

To sum up: Virginia's problems are great. Roanoke Valley's interests are vital. To help answer both we need well qualified, able men in the Legislature. Messrs. Hopkins, Anderson, Trinkle and Cundiff best measure up to the standard.

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Candidates

To Be Busy

This Week

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Tonight at 6 at Hotel Patrick Henry, James L. Trinkle, candidate for the House of Delegates, will discuss issues with Robert W. Putnam, Republican House candidate, before the Businessmen's Club.

Trinkle and his running mates, State Sen. William B. Hopkins and Willis M. Anderson, House candidate, will have a neighborhood meeting at 7:30 tonight at the Buena Vista Community Center in Jackson Park.

Tomorrow Hopkins will speak on WSLs-TV at 9:55 a.m. All three candidates will appear before the Williamson Road Rotary Club at 6:15 p.m.

The Democrats will debate the Republicans at Patrick Henry High School at 9 a.m. Wednesday and Anderson will speak on WSLs-TV at 9:55. They will have a neighborhood meeting that night at 8 at Crystal Spring Elementary School.

Thursday Trinkle will talk on WSLs-TV at 9:55 a.m. and all three will be at a neighborhood meeting at 7:30 at Garden City School. Hopkins and his GOP opponent, John B. Waldrop, will speak to the Junior League at 9:45 a.m. The House candidates have already spoken to the league.

The candidates will be guests of the Democratic Women's Club for a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Friday. They will speak that night at 7:30 at the Orange Avenue YWCA. Hopkins will round out the week's activities with a talk on WSLs-TV at 6:55 a.m. Saturday.

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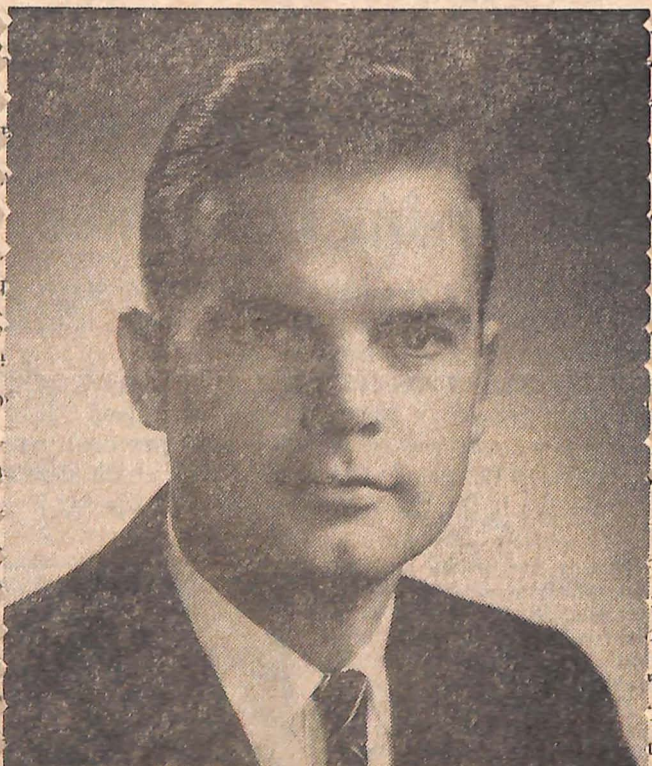
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JAMES L. TRINKLE

for House of Delegates

is a native of Roanoke and was educated in the public schools of Roanoke, at Hampden-Sydney College and the University of Virginia Law School. A businessman, he is president and former campaign chairman of the United Fund of Roanoke Valley, vice-chairman of the Citizens Committee for Greater Roanoke, former president of Downtown Roanoke, Inc., and winner of the Jaycee Distinguished Service Award for 1961.



WILLIS M. ANDERSON

for House of Delegates

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GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 5, 1963



FOR STATE SENATOR
(Vote for One)

- WILLIAM B. HOPKINS
- JOHN B. WALDROP

FOR HOUSE OF DELEGATES
(Vote for Two)

- WILLIS M. ANDERSON
- JAMES L. TRINKLE
- M. CALDWELL BUTLER
- ROBERT W. PUTNAM

The 1964 House of Delegates

In races for which returns were inconclusive at press time for this edition, names of all candidates are listed in the right-hand column.

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DISTRICT	NO. BEING ELECTED	CANDIDATES
1—Accomack	1	George N. McMath (D)
2—Accomack & Northampton	1	*Howard H. Adams (D)
3—Albemarle & Green	1	*Richard H. Middleton (R)
4—Charlottesville	1	*C. Armonde Paxson (D)
5—Alexandria	2	Marion G. Galland (D) *James M. Thomson (D)
6—Alleghany, Covington & Clifton Forge	1	George J. Kostel (D)
7—Amelia, Powhatan & Nottoway	1	*L. H. Irby (D)
8—Amherst & Lynchburg	1	*Earle M. Brown (D)
9—Arlington	3	*Kathryn Stone (D) *C. Harrison Mann (D) *William L. Winston (D)
10—Augusta, Highland, Staunton & Waynesboro	2	*George M. Cochran (D) Arthur R. Giesen Jr. (R)
11—Bedford	1	*Lacey E. Putney (D)
12—Bland & Giles	1	*C. B. Andrews (D)
13—Botetourt, Craig & Roanoke County	1	Philip Kohen (D) John W. Hagen (R)
14—Brunswick & Lunenburg	1	*R. Maclin Smith (D)
15—Buchanan	1	Keith D. Speer (D)
16—Russell & Dickenson	1	*Dr. Walter C. Elliott (D)
17—Buckingham, Appomattox & Cumberland	1	*Dr. W. A. Pennington (D)
18—Campbell	1	*Lawrence Thompson (D)
19—Caroline, King George, Essex & King & Queen	1	*Paul W. Manns (D)
20—Carroll & Floyd	1	*Joseph H. Poff (R)
21—Charles City, James City, New Kent, York & Williamsburg	1	*Russell M. Carneal (D)
22—Charlotte & Prince Edward	1	*John H. Daniel (D)
23—Chesterfield & Colonial Heights	1	*Edward M. Hudgins (D)
24—Clarke, Frederick & Winchester	1	*E. Blackburn Moore (D)
25—Danville	1	*W. C. Daniel (D)
26—Hampton	1	*E. Ralph James (D)
27—Fairfax & Cities of Fairfax & Falls Church	3	Guy O. Farley Jr. (D) Dorothy McDiarmid (D) John L. Scott (D)
28—Fauquier & Rappahannock	1	*Tom Frost (D) J. W. Childs (I)
29—Fluvanna, Goochland & Louisa	1	*Matt G. Anderson (D)
30—Franklin	1	*N. B. Hutcherson Jr. (D)
31—Gloucester, Mathews & Middlesex	1	*John Warren Cooke (D)
32—Grayson & Galax	1	*Dr. V. J. Cox (D)
33—Greensville & Sussex	1	*L. C. Harrell Jr. (D)
34—Halifax & South Boston	1	*Howard P. Anderson (D)
35—Hanover & King William	1	*R. R. Gwathmey III (D)
36—Henrico	1	T. Dix Sutton (D)
37—Henry, Patrick & Martinsville	2	*Robert L. Clark (D) *A. L. Philpott (D)
38—Isle of Wight, Nansemond & Suffolk	1	*Shirley T. Holland (D)
39—Northumberland, Westmoreland, Lancaster & Richmond County	1	*Walther B. Fidler (D)
40—Newport News	3	*L. A. McMurrin Jr. (D) *Charles K. Hutchens (D) *George H. Hill (D)
41—Lee, Wise & Norton City	2	*Orby L. Cantrell (D) *Robert S. Orr (D)
42—Loudoun	1	*Lucas D. Phillips (D)
43—Lynchburg	1	*Thomas R. Glass (D)
44—Madison, Culpeper & Orange	1	*D. F. Slaughter Jr. (D)
45—Mecklenburg	1	*C. W. Cleaton (D)
46—Montgomery & Radford	1	*Kenneth I. Devore (D)
47—Nansemond & Suffolk	1	*J. Lewis Rawls Jr. (D)
48—Nelson & Amherst	1	*James W. Davis (D)
49—Chesapeake	2	*Robert E. Gibson (D) *William H. Hodges (D)
50—Norfolk City	6	*Theodore C. Pilcher (D) *Bernard Levin (D) *James W. Roberts (D) *J. Warren White Jr. (D) Stanley C. Walker (D) Henry E. Howell Jr. (D)
51—Page & Warren	1	*Charles D. Price (D)
52—Petersburg & Dinwiddie	2	*W. Roy Smith (D) *Arthur H. Richardson (D)
53—Pittsylvania	2	*Randall O. Reynolds (D) *Carrington Thompson (D)
54—Portsmouth	2	*Willard J. Moody (D) *Donald H. Sandie (D)
55—Prince George, Surry, Hopewell	1	*C. Hardaway Marks (D)
56—Virginia Beach	2	William P. Kellam (D) *P. B. White (D)
57—Prince William	1	*Stanley A. Owens (D)
58—Pulaski	1	*Garnett S. Moore (D)
59—Richmond City & Henrico County	8	*George E. Allen Jr. (D) *T. C. Andrews Jr. (D) *Junie L. Bradshaw (D) *Harold H. Dervishian (D) *Edward E. Lane (D) *Fred G. Pollard (D) Louis S. Herrink Jr. (R) S. Strother Smith Jr. (R)
60—Roanoke County	1	Derwood H. Rusher (D) Henry D. Almond (R)
61—Roanoke City	2	Willis M. Anderson (D) *M. Caldwell Butler (R)
62—Rockbridge, Bath & Buena Vista	1	Charles W. Gunn Jr. (D)
63—Rockingham & Harrisonburg	2	*Lawrence H. Hoover (D) *C. W. Wampler Jr. (D)
64—Shenandoah	1	*W. Howard Ellifrits (R) Joseph P. Moore (I)
65—Smyth	1	*R. Crockett Gwyn Jr. (D)

Split Ticket Wins in City

11-6-63

By MELVILLE CARICO
Times Political Writer

Heavy split ticket voting Tuesday gave Roanoke a two-party delegation in the General Assembly — Sen. William B. Hopkins, Del. M. Caldwell Butler and former Mayor Willis M. Anderson.

Hopkins, who cut his eye teeth on politics, showed himself the Democrats' top vote getter in the city by whipping insurance man John B. Waldrop who carried the GOP's banner with hard-hitting criticism of President Kennedy and the "New Frontier" in Washington.

Voters by the hundreds apparently ignored party labels in re-electing Butler, one of the five GOP members of the House, and sending Anderson, a Democrat, to occupy the city's other House seat.



WILLIAM B. HOPKINS
Returned to Senate

The two winners ran well ahead of Robert W. Putnam, Butler's GOP running mate for the House, and James L. Trinkle, a former state president of Virginia Young Democrats whose father was governor of Virginia in the 1920's.

A drizzling rain all day was blamed for cutting the turnout short of the 15,000 many politicians anticipated.

Unofficial returns from the city's 36 precincts gave Hopkins 7,925 votes; Waldron 5,731.

The four House candidates finished: Butler, 7,392; Anderson, 7,237; Trinkle, 6,475; Putnam, 5,988.

Hopkins carried 34 of the city's 36 precincts in piling up a 2,194 plurality over Waldrop to easily win his first campaign for re-election. Hopkins trailed in only two precincts—No. 3 and No. 4 on Williamson Road.

It was heavy split ticket voting in South Roanoke and the Raleigh Court-Wasena area of the city that gave Butler and Anderson their winning margins.

Butler and Putnam carried the Williamson Road area; Anderson and Trinkle the older section of Southwest, Southeast and Northwest, normally down-the-line Democratic strongholds. But in many of the precincts the margins were small.

By coincidence, Anderson and Butler each got 237 votes in Wasena.

Hopkins came out of South Roanoke with a 331 plurality over Waldrop in the Senate race. And the three big precincts that often cast the winning votes in close elections gave Butler 1,010; Anderson 879; Trinkle 780; Putnam 657.

The two predominantly Negro precincts went Democratic better than two to one.

Kimball and Loudon combined gave Hopkins 544 votes; Waldrop 162. Anderson got 543 in these two precincts; Trinkle 528; Butler 204; Putnam 155.

The five Williamson Road precincts cast a heavy down-the-line Republican vote that only Hopkins was able to overcome.



M. CALDWELL BUTLER
Gets New House Term



WILLIS M. ANDERSON
Elected to House

Waldrop made his best showing, percentagewise, in this section, trailing Hopkins 1,244 to 1,313. But the two GOP House candidates carried the area: Butler 1,509; Putnam 1,284; Anderson 1,191; Trinkle, 1,041.

The six Raleigh Court precincts, Wasena, Grandin Court and Fishburn Park combined gave Hopkins 2,291; Waldrop

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In Roanoke's contest for the two House seats, Republican Del. M. Caldwell Butler and Democrat Willis M. Anderson won election. 11-6-63

Anderson, Young And Fast-Moving, Wants A Superhighway To Richmond

By Mary Bland Armistead
World-News Staff Writer

One of the major planks in Willis M. Anderson's lengthy course to the Virginia House of Delegates was his advocacy of a four-lane highway from Roanoke to Richmond.

Now he's ready to take such a road in January as Roanoke voters yesterday gave him more than 7,000 ballots and a seat in the state legislative body.

Once in Richmond, he'll have two major interests to push, he said today. He intends to seek the creation of a Virginia Safety Council and the establishment of a Commission on Local Government.

Safety carried a bright color in the general spectrum of the engaging young Roanoke lawyer's candidacy and he looks now to working for "a permanent body of citizens, assisted by a professional staff, to be concerned with and promote safety, especially on the highways."

The governmental commission he hopes to project "should study the structure of local governments in Virginia with the specific purpose of finding ways to reduce the number of counties by consolidation.



—World-News Photo

Willis M. Anderson
Seeks safety council

"I would also like to see consolidation of governmental units in urban areas to avoid duplicated effort in governmental affairs."

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The young politician who received his seasoning in four

years as a Roanoke councilman and in two as its youngest mayor, expressed post-election regret the campaign "wasn't a clean sweep for our party."

"I thought," he said, "the three of us, Hopkins, Trinkle and I, had a sound and comprehensive legislative program meeting with general approval. Hopkins' win was based, I'm sure, on his good record in the Senate; mine perhaps on my previous exposure to the voters of Roanoke."

The 34-year-old lawyer says his most recent win has brought him to a personal goal. His political career has been a whirlwind since he won a City Council seat in 1958. Today he says: "I think my usefulness to Roanoke will increase as I acquire seniority in the General Assembly. Therefore, I don't have any plans to run for any higher office."

Reflectively, he described the campaign "interesting and darn hard. My fellow candidates and I worked together well. We had a warm personal friendship and an excellent working relationship. I am sorry that they cannot be continued in the Capitol."

He expressed gratification at the "enthusiastic help we re-

ceived from persons we hardly knew" and said some of the most important pre-election work was done by women on the precinct level who were asked to sit in on some of the policy decisions of the campaign.

Anderson says he is proud of his record at the polls and proud to be representing Roanoke in the legislature.

"I'm a Roanoker by choice," he smiles, "and missed being a native by one generation. My grandfather, the late John R. Anderson, lived here in the 1920s, coming with the Norfolk and Western and retiring as superintendent of bridges and buildings."

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Anderson's career in law followed that of his father's to the extent of acquiring a legal degree at Washington and Lee University. His father now practices in Jacksonville, Fla.

Willis Martin Anderson was born in that Florida city but moved with his family to Bluefield when he was three. His mother is a graduate of Peabody Conservatory of Music and taught music for many years.

"I'm a good listener," her son says.

State office conferred

Willis M. Anderson, general counsel of Shenandoah Life Insurance Co. in Roanoke, has been appointed Virginia state vice president for the American Life Insurance Association.

As one of the group's 47 vice presidents, Anderson joins an informal but highly important network of life insurance executives who assist in carrying out the association's legislative and regulatory programs on state and federal levels. Because of the importance of such activity, an association press release said, appointment as an ALIA state vice president is considered one of the most prestigious within the industry.

Kiwanians To Hear Willis M. Anderson

Willis M. Anderson, young Roanoke attorney, who recently returned from a tour of duty with the Judge Advocate General's office of the Army in Germany,

will make a "Report on Germany—1955" to the Roanoke Kiwanis Club Wednesday.

The meeting will be in the Patrick Henry Hotel at 1 p.m. Al Rachal is program chairman. Alex Fink has the attendance prize and John Norman will be vice president presiding.

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The association, a trade organization representing 375 member companies, has legislative and regulatory programs on state and federal levels.



Willis M. Anderson

Anderson appointed by Godwin

RICHMOND — Willis M. Anderson, a former mayor of Roanoke and a former state delegate from the city, has been appointed to the State Board of Elections by Gov. Mills E. Godwin.

Anderson, a Democrat, replaces Edgar Allen Prichard of Fairfax. Godwin reappointed the two Republicans, Mrs. Joan S. Mahan of Alexandria and Ulysses P. Joyner Jr. of Orange. Mrs. Mahan is the board secretary.

"Somebody asked me why I didn't reappoint Mr. Prichard and I told them because I wanted to appoint Mr. Anderson," Godwin related to a reporter. He said no names had been submitted to him.

The terms expire Jan. 31, 1979.

Anderson, now general counsel for Shenandoah Life Insurance Co. in Roanoke, began his political career as mayor of Roanoke and was a member of the House of Delegates for several years.

He ran for Congress in 1972 and lost to Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke, a Republican who had been a state delegate with Anderson.



