



METRONOME Liquor by Drink Available Aloft

By Ed Grimley

To my astonishment, nobody who spoke at yesterday's legislative hearing on whiskey by the drink mentioned the airline factor in Virginia's liquor control program.

"IN THAT CASE," I told her, "I can't possibly have a cocktail." Obviously puzzled, she fled.

"Whiskey by the drink is illegal in Virginia," I explained. "But we're not in Virginia," he countered, "we're over it."

SINCE THE PLANE WAS OVER Luray at the time, it presumably was within the jurisdiction of the Luray chief of police or the sheriff of Page County.

The easiest way out of this problem is to declare that Virginia's jurisdiction doesn't extend to anything not attached to the ground.

2 Richmond Women Beaten and Robbed

Two Richmond women were beaten and robbed in separate incidents yesterday similar to three North Side crimes within the past 10 days.

Man Triesto Help, Faces Gunfire

A Henrico County man was shot at last night while attempting to retrieve a pocketbook stolen from a woman in the Colonial Stores supermarket at Alma and Laburnum Avenues.

Convict Burns Mattress

Fire equipment was called to the State Penitentiary when a small blaze was discovered about 12:30 a.m. yesterday in Cell C of the maximum security section.

Bagley Says James River Plan 'Already Dead,' Urges Dropping It

Resolutions to consent to dropping the deepening and widening the channel between the James River Bridge and Jamestown Island were introduced yesterday in both houses of the legislature.

New Job Training Approved

Schools to Give Dropouts Help

A new program to help 16- and 17-year-old dropouts or potential dropouts by giving them on-the-job training within school and other city agencies was authorized yesterday by the Richmond School Board.

Expected to begin by Feb. 1, the project will be aimed at the youngsters who seem to have little chance of succeeding in the conventional school curriculum, Dr. Little said.

8 to 10 Week Training It is estimated that a youngster would complete the on-the-job training in about eight to 10 weeks, and then be placed in a job elsewhere by the vocational rehabilitation unit of the city schools, which would continue checking with the youth on his job progress.

City school officials, beginning with a special program to contact dropouts last summer, have been studying ways to ameliorate the problem.

"Choice" Period Set In another matter, the board set its annual 90-day "freedom-of-choice" registration period for Feb. 15 to March 15.

Community Mental Health Programs

United Action Is Urged

A panel of speakers, including a congressman, a minister and a mental health consultant, urged Richmonders last night to unite their efforts towards getting community mental health facilities for their metropolitan area.

Public Hearings Set On Improvement Plan

City Planning Commission hearings on the proposed \$20,506,170 capital improvement program for 1968-69 are scheduled for Jan. 28, 29 and 30.

Regional Agency

Fleming pointed out to the audience that "members of the three governing bodies (Richmond, Henrico and Chesterfield) were invited tonight, but I don't see one of them here."

Bills Offered to Merge MCV and RPI To Form New University in City

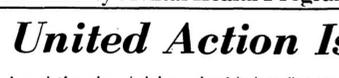
Companion bills were introduced in both houses of the General Assembly yesterday to implement the Wayne commission report by establishing a new "Virginia Commonwealth University" in Richmond.

The House bill's chief patron was Del. Eleanor P. Sheppard of Richmond. The 15 copatrons included all other seven members of the Richmond Henrico delegation, plus Del. R. R. Gwynne III of Hanover.

They would be eligible for two consecutive terms. Until July 1, 1970, however, those members of the MCV and RPI boards not appointed to the new group would serve in advisory capacities to the new group of visitors.

Initially, terms of five members would expire July 1, 1970; another five, July 1, 1971; and the other five, July 1, 1972. Thereafter, members would be appointed for four-year terms.

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They would be eligible for two consecutive terms. Under terms of the bills, the board would elect a rector, vice rector, secretary, other officers and an executive committee. It would appoint a president of the new university who would also serve as its chief executive officer.

The board would fix student rates, charges and fees. Asked about the bill, Bird said it "follows the Wayne report right down the line. We haven't added anything," he continued, "and we haven't taken anything away."

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All real and personal property belonging to the two present facilities as of July 1 will be transferred to the new corporation, states the bill.

The board would be empowered to "take, hold, receive or bequest" offered it. And, with approval of the governor, it could sell and convey "any and all real estate or interests therein."

As to location of the new university, the bill says little. "The principal office of the corporation," it states, "shall be located, and all meetings of the board of visitors held, as far as practicable, in the City of Richmond."

In its report, the Wayne commission noted that MCV, bounded strictly by the Richmond Parkway Turnpike and existing or proposed government structures, is running out of room for expansion.

It suggested that expansion of the new university should be southward from the present RPI campus toward the James River.

Wayne, however, said later that recommendation would in no way preclude a board of visitors' determination to place some future facilities in other areas outside that general location.

Sen. William F. Parkerson Jr. of Henrico County and some others strongly urged that the new institution should be located elsewhere. They put special emphasis on the Elk tract in eastern Henrico near Byrd Airport.

Parkerson was not a cosponsor of the Senate bill introduced yesterday.

RPI, with approximately 10,000 full and part-time students, now is the state's largest college on the basis of enrollment. MCV currently has about 1,600 students.

Projections, however, show 1975-76 enrollments of 26,230 at RPI and 2,857 at MCV.

25 Localities Face State School Aid Cut

By Robert Holland Times-Dispatch Education Writer

Virginia's huge basic school-aid fund for local public schools will swell by more than \$15 million in the 12-month period beginning July 1, if Gov. Mills E. Godwin Jr.'s budget is adopted, but for at least 25 localities the fund will be cut.

In those 25 exceptions out of 137 localities slated for aid, state funds for the coming budget year will be less than they are for the current one, according to estimates made yesterday by the State Department of Education.

With the inclusion of kindergarten, estimated state funds available for the financing of the statewide minimum-education program would total \$179.34 million.

Since exact figures on local kindergarten enrollments or even the extent of local participation are uncertain, yesterday's estimates of aid for each locality did not include the potential enrollment of 5-year-olds. It will be computed later.

Excluding \$8.1 million reserved for kindergartens and \$400,000 for the master's degree teachers, the distribution announced yesterday totaled \$170.8 million, a net gain of \$7.3 million over the current year.

Buchanan Cut Ironically, Buchanan County in the money-poor, coal-mining territory of far Southwest Virginia was one of the losers. Its state school funds were estimated to decline \$107,066 in the 1968-69 fiscal year.

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