

Communications Workshop



Mrs. Robert Jeffrey of the "Virginia Gazette" is pictured on the right as she gives advice on the proper preparation of news copy at the recent League of Women Voters Communications Workshop. George F. Wright, Jr., Director of Travel in the Colonial Williamsburg Development Division, is shown as he delivers the keynote speech at the workshop.



League Has Workshop On Communications Problems

A myriad of communication problems ranging from press releases to radio programs to mimeographing were covered in the recent Communications Workshop sponsored by the League of Women Voters. The day-long session was held at the Bruton Parish House last Thursday.

In the League's words, "We've been afflicted with that modern problem that everyone is complaining about — communication — and we're going to tackle it head on." Tackle it head on they did.

Mrs. E. Blythe Stason, Jr., president of the LWV, gave a brief welcoming speech. Following Mrs. Stason, George F. Wright, Jr., Director of Travel in the Division of Development of Colonial Williamsburg, delivered the keynote address. In his speech, entitled "A Case of Communication," Wright compared the communication methods of the Virginia Outdoor Recreation Study Commission (on which he served) to those any organization might use.

An informal quiz on grammar, usage, and style was next on the agenda. High school punctuation and grammar were called to mind as the examinees found out

how they would fare as newspaper reporters.

Mrs. Robert Jeffrey, staff member of the *Virginia Gazette*, supplied the ladies with several tips on writing news releases and getting feature stories. Mrs. Jack Edwards, League member, reviewed different methods of production, including the proper use of mimeographing equipment.

After a lunch break, Carlton Shrieves, News Manager at radio station WBCI reported on the radio as an effective means of communication, giving tips on how to "handle" a radio station.

The program closed with a review of the League's radio program on WBCI. Mrs. Lewis A. Foster, public relations chairman, played tapes of the program illustrating the various formats that may be used in producing a radio program.

The Communications Workshop was organized by an ad hoc committee headed by Mrs. Lewis A. Foster and Mrs. Rush Beeler. Other committee members were Mrs. John Walklet, Jr., Mrs. Nathan Talcott, Mrs. Virgil McKenna, Mrs. Richard L. Kiefer, Mrs. Harlan Schone and Miss Susan Ford.

Conn. School Challenges W&M Law School Claim

One of the most cherished of the priorities of the College of William and Mary is "First School of Law in the Country — 1779." Now it seems that the claim that this is the oldest law school in the country is in jeopardy, due to recent Department of the Interior certification of the Litchfield School, Litchfield, Conn., as the oldest law school. This move causes the second major Virginia-New England hassle over historical claims, though it may never reach the proportions of the Thanksgiving dispute.

The Marshall-Wythe School of Law, as it is now known, was founded December 4, 1779, when the board of visitors established a professorship of law and police. George Wythe, under whom Thomas Jefferson, once studied, was the first law professor. The College claims that this school was predated by only Oxford and perhaps Trinity College of schools in the English-speaking world.

The claim made by Litchfield is that though it is not connected with a school, which William and Mary readily admits, it began its teaching of law before this institution. The Connecticut school, classified as independent or "proprietary" law school, claims that its founder Tapping Reeve began teaching or "talking law" sometime prior to the 1779 date. The school itself was founded in 1784.

Professor James P. Whyte of the Marshall-Wythe faculty, says

this claim is "ridiculous. It is not the first law school. We have always assumed that we were the first school of law; in fact, a Harvard dean in a recent book admits that we are. It looks like a city chamber of commerce type maneuver to place a historical monument in the town. They may have had a building called a law school — anybody could have such a building — but we are the first law school."

Dean Joseph Curtis of the local law school agrees. "I don't think we were given proper consideration when this thing came up. We were never contacted or requested to submit our documents and claims to our being the oldest law school. I don't really know what is going to happen from here."

William F. Swindler, also on the college faculty, has been to Washington this past week to see First District Representative Thomas Downing to see if anything can be done to alleviate the situation. The Department of the Interior has already placed a historical landmark in the Connecticut town calling it the site of the nation's oldest law school.

The concern here stems from the fact that the Department never mentioned such a commemoration to college officials. Word was received only last week through a newspaper clipping from a Connecticut paper.

The turmoil boils, and no one here seems to know when or how it will simmer.

Weather Vane

Last week rain brought slightly cooler temperatures to the Williamsburg area. Rainfall recorded at the Williamsburg Filter Plant was as follows: Thursday, August 4, .35"; Friday, .32"; and Tuesday, August 9, .10".

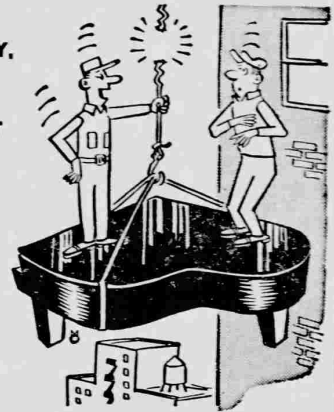
Temperatures sank as low as 64 last week as local residents enjoyed some respite from normal August temperatures. High and low temperatures recorded for last week were: Wednesday, August 3, 82-70; Thursday, 75-65; Friday, 72-64; Saturday, 86-81; Sunday, 75-66; Monday, 88-66; and Tuesday, 84-69.

Pillar To Post

(Continued From Page 4-A) that the new biography borrowed too heavily from those articles. An appeal is now going before a three-judge panel, and through this the publisher hopes to remove the ban (the book was frozen with 17,000 copies distributed), and to settle the points of law later in formal hearings. If the decision of the first judge sticks, all publishers seem to agree that they're in trouble.

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