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Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The President
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Wishing you much happiness and contentment and with warm regards, I am

Yours most sincerely,

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Wm. M. Tuck

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*I enjoyed seeing you in
Richmond at the Executive
Mansion WMT*



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TEN CENTS

Veterans Day parade is Saturday

Several members of South Boston's famed Company F will ride in Saturday's Veterans Day parade in South Boston. The former commander of the company, Col. Marvin Hillsman, will serve as parade Grand Marshal.

Sponsors of the parade are urging all former members of Company F to come out and be in the parade, and several of them already have said they will.

To begin at 3 p.m. the parade will have veterans from World War I on down, four bands, the

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COUNTY-CITY ELECTION RESULTS

	County	City	Total
Carter	4352	1001	5353
Ford	4045	1389	5434
Byrd	5409	1632	7041
Zumwalt	1725	522	2247
Blue Law Maintain	4173	--	4173
Blue Law Repeal	2516	--	2516

Wood approves application

Academy gets funds

School Superintendent Udy C. Wood, the only public school representative on a state federal funds council, said yesterday he will give the go-ahead for public funds to the Halifax County Academy.

Wood said he would approve the Academy's request for approximately \$500 in federal Title IV funds it applied for

earlier this year.

There was a question about the Academy's eligibility for the funds since the private school, in its six year history, has never had a black student or teacher.

But Wood said the school has signed the proper forms asserting that it does not discriminate in hiring or admitting "on the basis of race,

national origin or religion." Such a statement is required under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act before federal funds can be granted.

"They asked for the funds," Wood said, "so I asked the state to give a ruling on their eligibility. They've signed the papers that say that won't discriminate, but it's a fact that

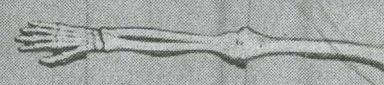
they don't have any minority students or teachers.

"The state told me to make ruling myself on it, since the funds have to go through our office. Well I asked the civil rights people in Washington to make a ruling, but they passed the buck back, too.

"The people in Washington

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Viewpoint



oh so close here

W. M. TUCK B40 5/77

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Republicans blame undecideds

Georgia peanut farmer Jimmy Carter surprised everyone and came within a hair of defeating Gerald Ford in the county-city vote for the presidency.

Ford squeaked out a narrow 5434 to 5353 vote margin in the area polling—about as close as the race was statewide, in which Ford was declared the winner only near daybreak Wednesday morning.

Carter handled Ford fairly easily in the county voting, winning by 307 votes, and came closer than expected in the city before losing 1389 to 1001.

The local win was still up in the air at midnight Tuesday with one precinct, Virgilina, still not reported. But when the votes came into election center in the Halifax Courthouse, Ford had won that southern Halifax County community 175 to 111.

In the county, the only other polls to go with President Ford were Vernon Hill, Elmo, Scottsburg, Hyco, Center and Courthouse.

Local Republicans yesterday tasted bittersweet victory with the local win, as Ford lost the presidency he has held for only two years.

Halifax County Republican Party Chairman Martin Edgar said he was also disappointed in Ford's showing in the local race despite the win. "I knew we couldn't take the county, but I expected more out of the city. There were so many undecideds that went for Carter in the end," Edgar said.

"I was also disappointed in some of the county precincts. We were expecting to take Republican Grove and Midway, but we lost them. Again, it was the undecideds.

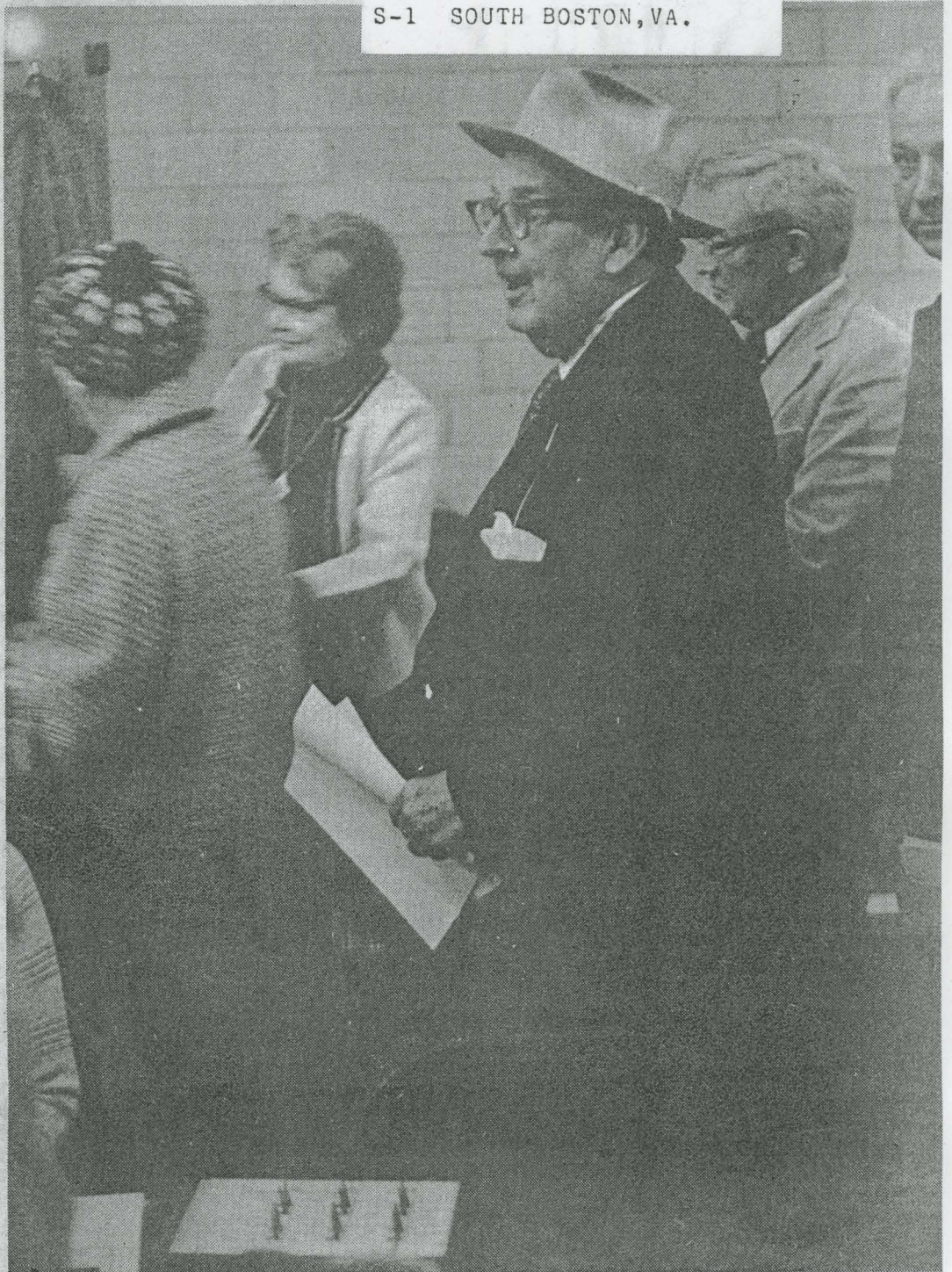
"We took a county poll a month ago, and there were more undecided voters than there were total Carter and Ford voters."

County Carter Committee Co-Chairman Mrs. John Wehrenburg and Mrs. Cora Tucker said they were "ecstatic" yesterday.

"We didn't win in the county as big as I myself had predicted," Wehrenburg said, "but it still feels mighty good that Carter won the nation."

She said that local voters who supported Carter wanted a

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TUCK AT THE POLLS - Former Governor William M. Tuck was in a crowd Tuesday morning as voters flocked to the polls to record one of the closest elections in local,

state and national history. Tuck's team won locally by a hair, but lost nationally. (West Fuller Photo)

Juvenile detention home proposed on Greenway

A proposal to build a regional juvenile detention facility on Greenway Drive just south of the Halifax County Rescue Squad property was approved "in principle" by South Boston City Council Monday night.

But the Council emphasized that final approval was con-

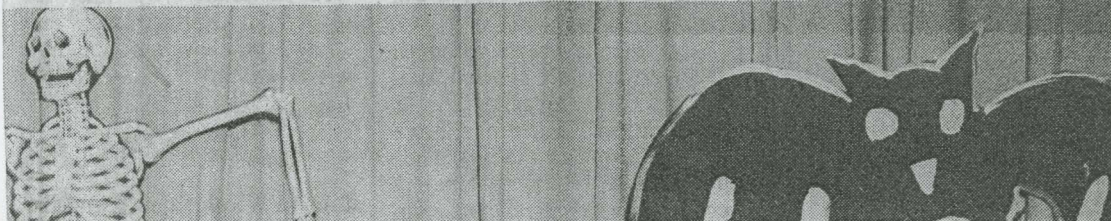
tingent upon the satisfactory resolve of several questions.

Council said it wanted to check out the feeling or other property owners in the area, and especially those in the Huntington Hills subdivision that borders the proposed detention facility site.

Also, Council said, it wants to know the exact location of the home and the type of buffer zone that would be established between it and the residential area.

The proposed site is a wooded hilly lot fronting 240 feet on Greenway Drive and bordered on the south by a creek. The lot is wide and deep, and therefore the location of the detention facility could be either near the Huntington Hills line or relatively far from it.

Councilmen also raised the possibility of locating the facility on a 150-foot lot adjacent to the Rescue Squad property.



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Slim Hopes Seen For New Funds

NEW OFFICERS -- New officers for the Dan River Baptist Association were selected this week in the 139th annual session held at the Republican Grove Baptist Church. Front row, left to right: Mrs. Sue Mills, Asst. Vacation Bible School Director; Mrs. Margaret Williams, Secretary; Mrs. Carolyn Francis,

Director; the Rev. Ray Pollard, Evangelism Director; the Rev. Larry Frakes, Moderator; W.S. Adkisson Jr., Clerk; the Rev. Robert Richardson, R.A. Leader; Mrs. Irvin Hunt, W.M.U. Director; the Rev. Willis Switzer, Stewardship Director; the Rev. Earl Marshburn, Asst. Sunday School Director; and the

State Department of Education officials held out slim hope today that the city and county would be able to get anything near the \$5,000,000 in federal school building funds the two localities may ask for. Dr. W.E. Campbell, state Superintendent of Public Instruction, told reporters yesterday that there is only \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000 available in U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration

would get a big slice of that figure, and that there are already applications on hand from 20 Virginia localities for the rest of the money. County Administrator Larry Wuensch yesterday also held out little hope of getting the EDA money, but he said that following a recommendation of a 7-man Building Committee recently, he will ask the county Board of Supervisors for authority to apply for the funds. Apparently, City Council will

The EDA funds were seen as another opportunity to resurrect the once-defeated but never interred \$11,500,000 senior school complex. The county has about a million and a half dollars left in a bond issue it approved for architect plans for the school complex, and it believes that it can obtain nearly one million dollars for construction of the Vocational Training School. It also has a half million dollars invested in the school

NOTEBOOK

One would have had to lived outside of Virginia to truly appreciate the calibre of man U.S. Sen Harry F. Byrd is. We have seen politicians operate in North Carolina, (See NOTEBOOK, Page 3)

An autopsy will be performed on the body of a 46-year old Mt. Carmel man, Nathaniel J. Cobbs, who was found face down in a muddy corn field Monday night, the Halifax County Sheriff's Department revealed Tuesday. Veteran deputies said that Cobbs' lifeless body had been in the field, about 100 feet off State Route 699 near Mt. Carmel, anywhere from two days to a

week. While there appeared to have been no signs of foul play, the body was sent to the State Medical Examiner's officer in Richmond Tuesday to determine the cause of death, Chief Deputy Roy Pruett told reporters Tuesday. Deputy R. S. Jones said that Mrs. Bessie Coleman, a friend of the dead man, discovered his body about 4:30 p.m. Monday

but did not report it to police until 8 a.m. Tuesday. Jones said that Mrs. Coleman, who said that Cobbs had lived with her, left the home October 19 to visit his sister, Mary Brandon. Deputies said that the body had apparently been lying in the corn field through rains over the weekend and Monday because of the mud caked around his head and arms. (See AUTOPSY, Page 3)

In other developments: A 20-year-old Naruna man, Emmett Morris Jackson, has been charged with eight counts of forgery by allegedly cashing stolen Fidelity American Bank checks in Halifax County this month, Deputy L.K. Roark said yesterday. Jackson had been arrested in Campbell County recently for (See SUPERVISOR, Page 3)

(Since two of four supervisors interviewed by this newspaper last week anonymously have been quoted in another newspaper as saying something substantially different from what they told reporters for this newspaper on the complaints against Sheriff James L. Miller's absences from his office, this newspaper feels that it is released from the anonymity we promised them and will quote them in essence (See SUPERVISOR, Page 3)

The Halifax United Way fund campaign went over the top this week with \$132,393.40 reported against a \$132,000 quota, and became the second locality in Virginia to reach its goal. Jim Burgess, fund campaign chairman, said that those still wishing to contribute to the fund may do so by mailing or taking their contributions to the Halifax United Way office, P.O. Box 709, South Boston.

Burgess thanked all volunteer workers and persons and firms who contributed. The Industrial Division led all others with an \$87,495.80 report. Other divisions reporting: Tobacco, \$868.00 (incomplete). South Boston Commercial, \$6,235.38 (incomplete). Banks, \$2,893.00 (complete). (See HUW, Page 3)

DST Ends On Sunday

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday at 2 a.m. and everyone will have to move their watches and clocks back an hour to get in Eastern Standard Time. There will be only six months of DST this year after the nation had seven months of it last year. Moving the time pieces back means that everyone will get that extra hour of sleep that they lost last spring when the time pieces were moved forward.



William M. Tuck

Tuck Gives Nod To Gerald Ford

RICHMOND -- Five leaders in the former Byrd Democratic organization today gave their endorsement to President Gerald Ford. The five are William M. Tuck of Halifax County, a former governor and congressman from the Fifth District; Watkins M. Abbitt, a former Democratic

state chairman and congressman from the Fourth District; Sidney S. Kellam, a former Democratic national committeeman; E. Blackburn Moore, former Speaker of the House of Delegates; and Garland Gray, former state senator from Waverly. "Seldom do we have such a

clear-cut choice as is offered in this presidential election," the conservative Democrats commented. In giving their endorsement, the five described the Ford administration as adhering to the principles "which we in (See TUCK, Page 3)

Halowe'en Moved To Saturday

Halowe'en, traditionally served for years on the night of October 31, will be held one night early this year by order of the three local governments. City Mayor William R. Tomason declared Saturday night, rather than Sunday, as imitation night for trick-or-treaters in the city after the town of Halifax and the county decided to allow its trick-or-treaters to visit homes only on Saturday night. City Police Chief B.H. Livingston again reminded parents that children should be accompanied by an adult when going door to door and cautioned parents to check all cars before allowing their

Terrapins

'Been Foolin' With 'Em Three Years Now'

By HUGH D. KOONTZ

"The turtle lives 'twixt plated decks, Which practically conceal its sex. I think it clever of the turtle In such a fix to be so fertile."

Ogden Nash

O.P. Guill, who lives right outside Halifax on Golf Course Road, also thinks turtles, or rather terrapins, are clever. In fact, the 72-year-old Guill thinks so highly of the little plated

names for some. There are about 10 little ones running around." Jo Jo is the oldest terrapin. There's another one called Richmond, after the city from which it came, and another named Hawkins, after State Trooper Bob Hawkins who lives where the terrapin was found. Still another is called Crystal Hill, after the community from which it came. "I've got 'em from all over, you might say." Terrapins are of Algonquian origin

he said. Guill noted that his terrapins make a lot of racket while dining. "It sounds like they're choking, and the others appear to hear the noise and come on over. I don't know if they have ears or not, but they are sure attracted when another is eating." Sometimes the little creatures will fight over the food. "Like billy goats. They'll stand up on their legs and butt each other." Generally, though, they're pretty peaceful animals, Guill admitted. They

