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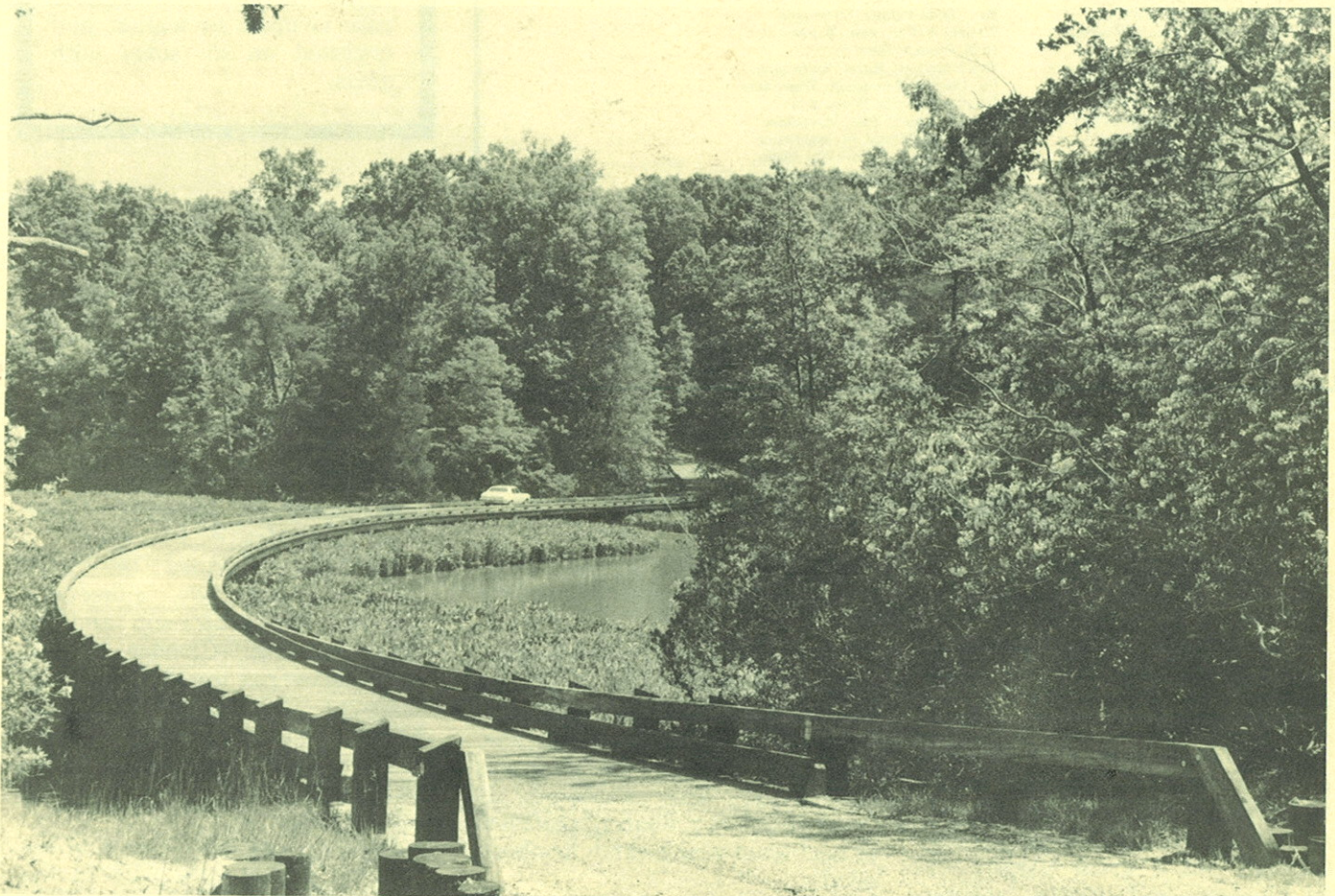
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Colonial Williamsburg Photo

The Country Road at Williamsburg, designed by landscape architect Meade Palmer of Warrenton, connects the Williamsburg Restoration Area with Carter's Grove Plantation.

A Country Road of the 18th Century

In colonial times, several routes existed between Williamsburg and Carter's Grove Plantation which have long since been engulfed by commercial development. The new approach which opened in the summer of 1979 meanders through what was once part of Kingsmill Plantation, home of Richard Kingsmill and, earlier, Martin's Hundred.

The Carter's Grove Country Road, which begins at the Colonial Williamsburg Restoration Area, is a fragile roadway, wandering through woodlands, ravines, meadows and marshlands to one of America's most beautiful colonial plantation homes.

Fourteen feet in width, the one way, 6.5 miles road, traverses a 300 feet easement through the

newly established Kingsmill development. Surfaced with natural gravel over an asphalt base, it resembles a colonial wagon or carriage pathway. The speed limit is 15 miles per hour. Funds for the project came from a trust established by the late Winthrop Rockefeller, a former chairman of

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A Country Road

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the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

While not a reconstruction of a colonial road, the Country Road attempts to give the visitor a feeling of what an 18th century traveller may have experienced. Birds, small animals and, frequently, deer can be sighted along the road. From spring through fall a great variety of wildflowers and native shrubs occur throughout its length.

It crosses two modern roads, one by means of an overpass and the other by an underpass. In both instances these modern intrusions have been designed so that their impact is minimal.

The road also crosses two tidal marshes by means of a low wooden bridge and a causeway, permitting the visitor extensive views of typical marsh vegetation. The causeway is a 600 foot crossing, unique in that for most of its length its surface is only about three feet above high tide. In keeping with the intent of this road special care was taken at this

crossing to preserve a patch of trailing arbutus near its eastern end.

The crossing at Utopia Bottom, just beyond mile post five, utilizes a previous crossing constructed to facilitate the laying of a sewer line. Due to almost bottomless conditions, this crossing is constructed of a floating platform of logs upon which earth has been piled.

It is also interesting to note that, at one point, the road passes within 1000 feet of one of the largest breweries in the country and the visitor is totally unaware of it. At another point the road skirts Busch Gardens where the annual attendance is approximately two million visitors. Again, the visitor travelling the road has no indication of its existence.

Hopefully, future visitors to Carter's Grove will take this approach and savor some of the ambience of the landscape that would not have been possible in any other way.

A Memorial

A handsome hexagonal display case has been presented to the Old Gaol Museum by Mrs. W. P. Sadler of Warrenton, in memory of her brother Daniel Pollard Wood, Citizen - Churchman - Soldier, 1893-1976.

A fine example of craftsmanship, the lighted case is made of walnut and enclosed on all sides with glass.

Annual Meeting

Members of the Fauquier Historical Society met at St. James' Parish House on June 18 to review and discuss the accomplishments of the past year.

William Parkinson, chairman of the museum committee invited members and guests to view the new display case presented to the museum by Mrs. W. P. Sadler.

He also described the work underway in the museum's kitchen. Mr. Parkinson and his able assistant, Charles Harris, have uncovered the original wood floor of 12-to-16-inch-wide pine boards under the present floor. Work has already begun to restore this floor to its original appearance.

In describing the removal of the window in the east wall of the kitchen he explained his proof that the window was not part of the original plan of the structure. One day in the 1920's the late Mr. Paul Bowden, rector of St. James' Church was passing the gaol and remarked to Mrs. Turner Grimsley, the gaoler's wife. "Well," he said, "I've never seen that window before." "Of course not," she replied, "we just put it in."

Edward Cooper, Program Chairman, reported on the year's activities. Perhaps the most popular afternoon excursion was the trip to Goldvein to visit the old gold mine with host H.P. Monroe. Though the meeting day was

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rained out, as was the alternate day, an enthusiastic group of members and guests donned raincoats and made the trip on both days. A bit of panning for gold was attempted.

Mrs. Frances Ritter, who has faithfully kept the museum open on Wednesdays and Saturdays reported that there were 400 visitors on the day of the Downtown Spring Festival. During the past year more than 1200 persons visited the Old Gaol Museum.

Meade Palmer, Nominating Committee Chairman, presented the slate of officers to the members. The new president will be Dr. A. Robert Anderson, Jr., vice president Charles M. Harris, secretary Mrs. Bragdon R. Bowling and Mrs. Meade Palmer will continue as treasurer. Under the rules of the corporation this slate will be voted upon by the board of directors at its next meeting.

Reelected to the board are William W. Parkinson, Edward N. Cooper, Mrs. Meade Palmer and Mrs. Frances C. Ritter. The four new directors are J. W. Lineweaver, Wallace N. Tiffany, Jr., Mrs. Byron Banks and Mrs. B. R. Bowling.

The program following the business portion of the meeting was a slide presentation and lecture on the Carter's Grove Country Road at Williamsburg by landscape architect Meade Palmer of Warrenton.

New Committees

The Board of Directors of the Fauquier Historical Society, at its meeting July 9, appointed nine committee chairmen for the coming year.

- Program: Jennings H. Flathers, 347-7386.
- Museum: William W. Parkinson, 347-7650.
- Newsletter: Mrs. Meade Palmer, 347-1273 or 347-1685.
- Docents: Mrs. Frances C. Ritter, 347-3699.
- Publicity: Mrs. Bragdon R. Bowling, 347-7300.
- Membership: Mrs. E. T. Staiko, 347-1214.
- Publications: William W. Parkinson, 347-7650.
- Genealogy: John Gott, 524-2274.
- County Historic Landmarks: Charles M. Harris, 347-7280.

Dr. Anderson Heads Historical Society

Dr. A. Robert Anderson, Jr., popular Warrenton dentist, is commencing a three-year term as president of the Society.

A native of Warrenton, he served three years as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, returning home in 1946 to associate with the late Dr. William Hodgkin in the private practice of dentistry. He is a graduate of Randolph Macon Academy, Randolph Macon College and the Medical College of Virginia.

He is a member of the Warrenton Methodist Church, a collector of early Americana and is active in professional and civic affairs.

Newsletter Becomes Quarterly

With the resignation of Editor Rosanne Berkenstock the Newsletter has been changed to a Quarterly format. The new committee, while retaining some of the original members, has added a staff of historians, researchers, educators, graphic artists and special correspondents.

The Board of Directors and the members of the Fauquier Historical Society extend their sincere thanks to Mrs. Berkenstock for her labor and inspiration in the development of the newsletter.

The new committee chairman and staff will endeavor to maintain her high standard.

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Can You Help?

News and Notes will contain a list in each issue of as many persons as possible who are conducting historical or genealogical research on persons or places related to Fauquier County. To be included in this column write The Fauquier Historical Society, P.O. Box 675, Warrenton, Va. 22186.

BOULDIN. Wilmot Bouldin Landers, 110 Gayle Lane, Murfreesboro, Tenn. 37130 is searching for information on the parents of John Bouldin, born 1794, listed in the War of 1812 from Fauquier County. He appears with the rank of "Fifer" 5th Reg. Va. Militia.

CHILDS. Mrs. Gail H. Rosser, 19651 So. Suncrest, West Lynn, Oregon 97068 is trying to locate information on Frances A. Childs who was born in Fauquier Co. on January 22, 1920. He married Sara A. Elizabeth Strother on September 20, 1953 and they moved to Missouri in 1865.

WITHERS. Mrs. C. E. Leiblie, Rt. 1, Box 1106, Napoleon, Mo. 64074 is seeking the Revolutionary War record of Joseph Withers, believed to have been named Thomas Joseph Withers. He was born in Fauquier in 1757 and married Lydia Mauzey in 1791.

LAWLER. Phyllis O'Neal, 6830 Wabash, Terre Haute, In. 47803, is seeking information on the parentage of Thomas West Lawler, born in Fauquier March 1, 1806.

JONES. H. H. Jones, Rt. 1, Slater, Mo., is searching for information on William Jones, about 1776, father of Franklin Fielding Jones, born around 1822 in Fauquier. Moved to Missouri in 1855.

WITHERS. Mrs. C. F. Dougherty, 515 Moore St., Lee's Summit, Mo. 64063, is seeking information on Thomas Withers, born in Fauquier County, 1723-24. Son of Enoch Keene Withers.

WILLIAMS. Virginia H. Williams, 4974 Purdue N.E., Seattle, Washington, is seeking information on Jesse Williams, married to Nancy Davis. Listed as having fought in the Civil War. Believes his father may have been Jesse Williams and her father John Davis, married to Elizabeth Shafer.

PARKER. Marjorie Parker Devore, 816 W. Woodlawn, Clinton, Ill., is searching for ancestors of Thomas Parker, married to Alice Marshall, November 1793 in Fauquier County.

CRUMP. Beth Johnson, Box 262, Sylvia, Ks. 67581, is researching the Crump family. Capt. John Crump who received a Northern Neck Grant on July 14, 1724 and his heirs: Elizabeth

Blackwell, wife of William Blackwell, John Crump, George Crump, William Crump and Benjamin Crump.

BARTLETT. Kathryn Bartlett, Carroll County, Bogard, Mo., is looking for ancestors of John Bartlett, born in Fauquier Co., about 1764, died in Harrison County, Va. 1818. Also anything about Benjamin or Robert Bartlett born in Fauquier.

McCOY. Mrs. Gerald E. Berg, Nishna Manor #7, Atlantic, Iowa 50022, wants information on John McCoy and his son Joseph who married in Fauquier in 1789.

Reader's Corner

Four books on Fauquier County are available from the Fauquier County Clerk's Office. Agent is Mrs. Gail Barb, P.O. Box 985, Warrenton 22186.

"The Foothills of The Blue Ridge in Fauquier County, Virginia," compiled and edited by Clara S. McCarty, 1974. \$10.00.

"Fauquier County in the Revolution" by T. Triplett Russell and John K. Gott, 1976. \$15.00.

"The Years of Anguish, Fauquier County, Virginia, 1861-1865," by Emily G. Ramey and John K. Gott, 1965. \$5.00.

"Fauquier County, Virginia 1759-1959." Published by Fauquier County Bicentennial Commission, 1959. Paperback \$3.20. \$3.70 by mail.

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