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Newly Chartered Dulaney Valley Post Attends V.F.W. Conclave

The V.F.W. held 48th annual State Convention at Ocean City, with 975 delegates present representing posts from all over the state. Among them were delegates from the newly chartered post Dulaney Valley No. 1012.

Keynote addresses were given, at the invitation of Francis Lee, Department of Maryland commander; by George S. Wills,

bureaucracy has taken hold of the elected officials, exercising an unwarranted amount of power in government. In other words, the tail is wagging the dog. What do we do?

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public official, between citizen and policeman.

"Politicians today are being too much led by the so-called fancy public opinion polls and not doing enough leading themselves. As with bureaucracy, the political machines have become impersonal and are doing little but feathering their own nests.

"What do we do? The answer is with us in the V.F.W. and other groups who are civic, who are citizen, and who are not grinding a political ax. We must get more political, more involved, more concerned. The stakes are too high and the dangers too great. In this day, when political leaders can be felled by the bullets of madmen, it is time to restore reason, understanding, to our work with government. It is also time to think of duty to our country instead of the rights that are always being demanded."

Dr. Lewis followed Mr. Will's speech with congratulations and thanking members of the V.F.W. for the tremendous moral support the organization had given him and other men serving their country in Vietnam, that knowing that the members of the V.F.W. were solidly behind them gave them and other soldiers fighting the inspiration and lift so badly needed during those trying hours of combat and that he wanted the men of this great organization to know how much it meant to the soldiers fighting in Vietnam. Dr. Lewis has signed up for membership in the Dulaney Valley Post.

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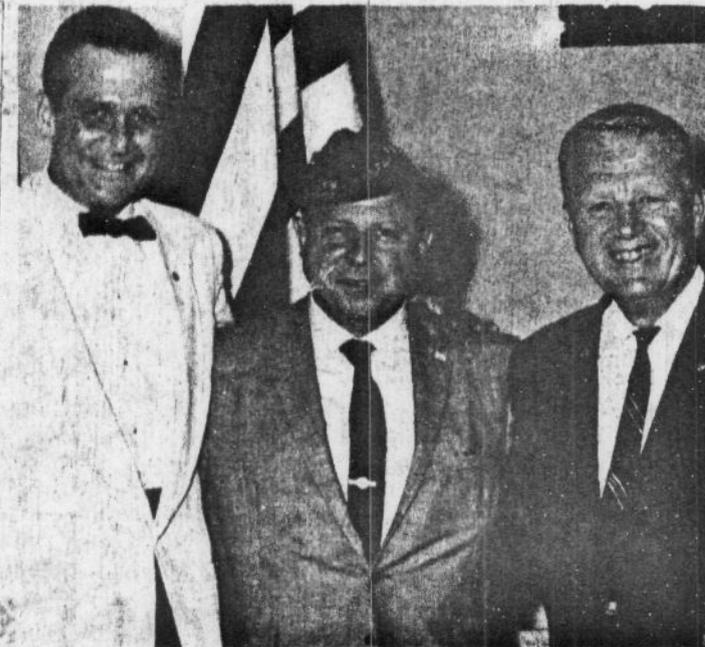
Other members present from the Dulaney Valley Post, under the leadership of Leonard W. Flora, commander, were Russell Kelly, chaplain and liaison officer of the post to serve and help the people in this community under the guidance of the Citizens Committee on Maryland Government, a new program instituted by the Dulaney Valley Post

and Arthur Carter, adjutant and three year trustee.

This whole effort was part of the Americanism program of the Dulaney Valley Post.

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Francis Lee, center, Maryland Department commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars with George Wills, left, chairman of the Citizens Committee on Maryland Government, and Ray Kreis, an aide to Rep. Clarence D. Long.

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"Law and Order. We have been hearing about this problem above everything else for the past two weeks and rightly so.

"What do we do? I say, let's have crime control in addition to gun control. There is no sense proceeding with the protection of the public by careful registration of firearms, unless we also put more dollars into and

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Wills, Hopkins Press Aide, Named White House Fellow

President Nixon has named George S. Wills, associate director of public relations at the Johns Hopkins University, as one of 18 White House fellows for 1969-1970.

The 33-year-old university official said he hopes to spend next year as an assistant either to a Cabinet member or to a member of the White House staff. He said he hopes the experience will enable him to "make bureaucratic Washington apply to the individual."

White House Ceremonies

In ceremonies at the White House yesterday, the President predicted that the group, whose members range from professors to engineers and corporate lawyers, will help broaden the administration's perspective.

Mr. Wills, who received his Ph. D. degree in political science from the Hopkins June 6, said that relating the federal government to state and local governments and to the individual is "damned important."

Mr. Wills serves as assistant to Dr. Milton Eisenhower's Presidential Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence in the United States. He is chairman of the Citizens Commission on Maryland Government, a group aimed at reorganizing county governments.

A former president of Maryland's Young Democrats, Mr. Wills also served as 1967-1968 chairman of the state's March of Dimes campaign.

A native of Baltimore, Mr. Wills was educated at McDonogh School, Pennsylvania State University and the University of Virginia, before beginning work on his doctorate.

He served with the Navy as a



GEORGE S. WILLS
A White House fellow

navigator with the United States 6th Fleet. In 1963 he was a special civilian agent in the security and subversive branch, of the Office of Naval Intelligence.

He is a member of the Association of College Public Relations Administrators, the American Political Science Association, and the Son of the American Revolution.

He was chairman of the Citizens Commission on the General Assembly which published a reorganization report on modernizing the state legislature in 1966, and later served on a bi-partisan committee to urge qualified people to run for the Constitutional Convention.

Mr. Wills said that his exact duties will not be announced until September when he will begin working full-time for an executive branch official.

Aberdeen

Wills Urges Understanding Between The Generations

Tells Graduates Of The Need To Improve Quality

A 1955 commencement address was reflected upon by George S. Wills, the guest speaker Friday evening when 291 students graduated from Aberdeen High School.

Mr. Wills, chairman of institutional public relations at the Johns Hopkins University, is chairman of the Citizens Commission on Maryland Government and special assistant to Dr. Milton Eisenhower, chairman of the President's Commission on Violence.

Mr. Wills reflected upon a talk delivered by then vice president of the Rockefeller Foundation, Dr. Warren Weaver, given when Mrs. Wills graduated from high school in New York.

He noted that Dr. Weaver had foreseen such things as the efficient use of solar energy, relay of television signals by artificial satellites, supersonic flights, etc.

Mr. Wills said, "Despite the inconsistencies and doubts about the American of today, we must not simply 'give up'. We cannot resort to apathy. In apathy are sown the seeds of disorder by those who move into the vacuum. From disorder can develop

anarchy--and the inevitable cure for anarchy is dictatorship of the left or right."

He continued, "These inconsistencies--and many others--will continue to plague us so long as we do not act vigorously to improve the quality of our democracy. Until there is absolutely no other recourse, we simply must act to achieve our aims through legitimate channels.

"And, there are many legitimate channels open to us in this democracy, not the least of which is the ballot box. Through rapid mass communication, public opinion today has enormous impact on the processes of government.

Recalling the men killed in World War II, he concluded, "If that sacrifice of twenty-five years ago has any meaning at all, then you of the under-thirty generation and we of the over-thirty generation must meet at a common ground of understanding and action. In that way, we can write a worthwhile prologue to a noble future."

--A public meeting will be held at the Darlington Fire House on Thursday, June 12, at 8:15 p.m., to discuss drug abuse among our youth. There will be informed speakers. Parents are urged to attend.