



Mrs. Marshall King of Alexandria (left) and Mrs. Charles Lewis of Fredericksburg and Burgess (right) talk with Maricel Baker about some of the delicious foods available in the gourmet section of her new shop, The Cardinal's Nest. Baker opened the shop last week as the first occupant in the new Ice House Field development in White Stone to a steady flow of fascinated customers. An avid collector, she has filled The Cardinal's Nest with a huge variety of American handcrafts and very select imports.

Cardinal's Nest Is First Occupant In Ice House Field's Development

By T. Dickenson

Take a small amount of space and put some of the largest variety of unique gift items imaginable into it — and you have The Cardinal's Nest which opened to customers last week at the new Ice House Fields in White Stone.

Maricel Baker has achieved the ability to capsule a world of American handcrafts and specialized European imports into a small space that gives the buyer unimagined ingenuity. Items throughout the shop range from expensive to very affordable.

An avid fair and festival goer, she has combined the friendships of U.S. importers with those she has made on a local level through the last several years, to put together an offering that will please the most discriminating Northern Neck client.

With a master's degree in arts management from American University and past jobs such as VP in consulting for a management consulting firm, a director of the Times-Journal Telemarketing Company and director of contracts for a congressional agency, Baker had her "ducks in a row," so to speak. "If I was going to work 16 hours a day I would rather work for myself," she said. "I've wanted to have the shop for three or four years."

She and her husband decided on the Northern Neck after they owned a summer home on the Little Wicomico River for four or five years. Baker's husband, who has been a great help to her in starting the business, is a professor at American University. A director of the theatre department, he also free lances as a writer, director and producer for TV and films, concentrating on training and development films. Presently on leave from the university, he will help his wife with her business and then, like a lot of other Northern Neck professionals, will commute to Washington when he returns to school.

Baker's shop is an eclectic, but organized, fantasy world. Walking through the door is an experience to delight the senses as one sees and smells jars of potpourri, sold self-serve by the scoop, English Berry Mint, Rose Ambrosia, Victorian Lace and Kitchen Spice. These wonderful smells lead into another small world

of dried flowers and wonderful scented soaps. The flowers come from a friend in Alexandria, who grows and dries them herself, and many are arranged in baskets, ready to take home or give to that special Northern Neck hostess.

A mere step away is an exotic gourmet section that Baker takes great pleasure in talking about. Saturdays are special for there is always something to sample from the shelves of this area. This Saturday she will have Robert Eacho, president of Gourm-E-Co, the importer for her special line of preserves, in the shop. Eacho, another friend from Alexandria, has the exclusive on the delectable flavors including black currant, pear with black walnuts, strawberry, raspberry, blueberry, peach, apricot, mandarin orange, chestnuts with cream and kiwi. They are known as L'Import de la Maison.

There is also a sugar free line of preserves as well as a line of batter breads such as beer, yogurt/herb, double onion and one called "Sunday Morning Bread" that, by its name alone, tempts one to try it.

Sitting nearby are teas of every imaginable variety as well as flavored coffees, mustards, exquisite chocolates, nuts and biscuits; all are imported from France, England and Holland. Grappling for space in the gourmet corner are picnic, kitchen and decorative baskets, humorous mugs, tea towels, handcrafted stoneware and oak trivets, cutting boards and decorative trays.

Lovely antique furniture, also for sale, serves as a backdrop for Baker's selections. Pewter by Camelot Pewter of Richmond is a specialty in the Cardinal's Nest because the owner of the company, Leland James, is a relative of W.T. James who owned the house and property that inspired the Ice House Fields Development through Francis and Virginia Jodon.

American made brass vies for space with imported crystal gift items. "In the future I will be able to engrave the Camelot Pewter items and I hope to have some crystal mementos, like little dinner bells, with White Stone etched on them," she said.

Taking an entire corner by itself is the Sandicist collection of animals by artist Sandra Brue of California.



Maricel Baker points Mother Goose in the right direction as she flies over "Grandparents Corner" at The Cardinal's Nest. The special cubicle at the shop is dedicated to articles children would love to receive from grandmothers and grandfathers from day one.

Firemen's Carnival Commences Tonight

The 52nd edition of the Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department's Carnival will get underway tonight.

The midway is expected to open at 7 p.m. at the Waverly Avenue site. This year's attractions will run continuously through August 9, except on Sunday, August 3 when all activities will be closed.

Each year the carnival serves as a valuable fund raiser for the fire fighters. Proceeds are used to operate the department's many public services.

KVFD will share these proceeds on July 5 with the Kilmarnock-Lancaster Rescue Squad, an arrangement that seems to work out pretty well for both volunteer units.

The Kilmarnock-Lancaster County Rescue Squad responded to 64 calls in June. Units from Kilmarnock and Heritage Point clocked 1,524 miles with squad members donating 158 hours of service to the community.

Rescue calls included 22 medical emergencies, 21 trauma cases, 6 cardiac emergencies, 3 vehicle accidents, 2 stand-by calls for air ambulance, 3 trips to Richmond area hospitals and one call in Northumberland County.



Members of the Lancaster County School Board are Mary Hoyt (left to right), Ed Pittman, Joseph Wiggins, Emerson Russell (chairman), and David Whitlow. With recently announced retirement plans of Superintendent Alexander McD. Fleet, the board will be busy choosing a replacement over the next 18 months.

Lancaster Superintendent Announces His Retirement

Superintendent Alexander McD. Fleet used a special meeting of the Lancaster County School Board last Thursday night to announce his intentions of retiring "no later than December 1987." Fleet has been superintendent of Lancaster schools since 1969 when Lancaster and Northumberland split into separate divisions.

For many years, the two counties had operated a joint arrangement with one superintendent.

Prior to his appointment, the Irvington native was director of instruction under the dual system for two years. In making the announcement, Fleet noted a current building program he would like to see completed during his term.

In other business, the board named Steve Cornwell head football coach,

thus ending weeks of speculation over who would succeed Richard S. Krol. Krol was relieved of his football and track coaching duties in March but was retained as a math instructor.

In a related move, the board also accepted the teaching resignation of Krol. The popular mentor has accepted a teaching and coaching position at Natural Bridge High School, another Group A facility similar to Lancaster. Krol's last football team at LHS went 9-2, making the playoffs for the first time in the school's history. His 1985 track squad won the state championship.

The school board has never given a reason for Krol's dismissal.

Cornwell, a native and veteran P.E. instructor in the Lancaster system, was a somewhat successful JV football coach a few years ago before taking over the baseball program at LHS. No assistant football coaches were announced.

With Cornwell assuming the helm in football, Jack Walker was named head baseball coach. An assistant under Cornwell last season, Walker is entering his second year of teaching at LHS. He is the son of Billy Walker, head basketball coach, and a former baseball star at Rappahannock High School and Randolph-Macon College.

Joanne Webb will become girls' varsity basketball coach this fall replacing Boyd Kidd. She is also slated to be the P.E. instructor at Lancaster Primary this year. Webb was a two-time all Northern Neck District selection during her roundball days at LHS before continuing her education and athletics at James Madison University.

In the meantime, other coaching positions and sports are being considered. Superintendent Fleet noted concern over continuing golf, cross country and wrestling programs. With Webb taking girls' basketball, the cross-country team is without a coach. Cross country has been a sport at LHS for one year.

Soccer is another question mark. Last year's team swept district and regional honors with coach John Whitty leading the way. Whitty or anyone else has not been named to coach soccer this year. Practice, like football, is scheduled to start Aug. 11, the same date of the next school board meeting. Prospective players

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County Man Slain In Westmoreland

A Lancaster County resident was shot twice with a shotgun and died Saturday morning in an apparent argument with another man over a girlfriend, said Westmoreland County Sheriff C.W. Jackson.

Richard T. Meade, 24, was killed at approximately 4:45 a.m. at the Jenkins Trailer Court near Neenah.

Westmoreland deputies, later the same day, arrested William N. Day, 25, of Hague and charged him with murder. Day was held without bond in Montross.

Murder Case Dismissed Following Two Hung Juries

Charges of first-degree murder were dismissed Friday in Lancaster County Circuit Court against Gary Logan Lankford in connection with a 10-year-old shotgun slaying of a United Airlines pilot and his wife.

Noting that there had to be some "finality" in the situation, Judge Dixon L. Foster made the ruling after deferring a motion on July 18 following a second jury trial that failed to reach a verdict.

The two hung juries, and the dismissal means Lankford, 30, cannot be re-tried for the murders.

Commonwealth's Attorney C. Jeffers Schmidt requested that the case not be prosecuted, thus leaving the door open for future indictment should new evidence come to light. Judge Foster denied Schmidt's motion.

Foster termed the case against Lankford "very unique" and pointed out that this was the first time during his years on the bench there had been two hung juries in the same case.

Lankford, a former mental patient still under medication to curb stress related incidents, was accused of fatally shooting Dale Wiley Rogers, 49, and Charlotte Faye Rogers, 40, at the couple's waterfront home in Iberis, a remote area of Merry Point.

The killings occurred, according to testimony, just before dark on the night of February 27, 1976. Rogers, it appears, was preparing supper while his wife was showering.

Meanwhile, Lankford remained in custody pending unrelated parole violations in Lancaster and Northumberland. Diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic, he faces up to 11 years in prison for breaking probation.

During the two three-day trials, Lankford and his lawyers argued that his "nervous breakdowns," which began about two years after the Rogers' murders, stemmed from his dog getting hit by a car, his motorcycle not working and his wife running off with his best friend.

The defendant, who has served time at Eastern and Central State Hospitals, was first committed in May of 1978 when he went on a rampage holding his adopted father hostage, shooting out a television set and smashing the headlights of a car with a baseball bat.

Reportedly, Lankford was not questioned about the Rogers case until 1980 when a letter he wrote while a patient at Eastern State made several incoherent references to the murders.

In other court action on Friday, a Lancaster grand jury returned two indictments charging Ralph E. Patrick of Weems with first-degree murder and using a firearm in the commission of a felony in connection with the July 1 shooting death of Vincent Todd Clark near the victim's home in Millenbeck.

Clarke was found shot once in the head with a .25-caliber automatic pistol at about 10:30 a.m. the day of the incident. Patrick was arrested less than two hours later near his home without resistance.

At a preliminary hearing in district

"Her realistic sculpture of our favorite pets and wildlife plead buyers to 'take me home.'" Baker smiled, as she stroked an especially soulful eyed cocker spaniel. She has a special place in her heart for birds, as the name of her shop implies, and she has included a collection of wildlife prints by Nancy Shumaker Pallan of Pennsylvania, Dale Toddy of Richmond and Graham Bruce of Irvington.

Next week she will begin a custom framing service in the shop as well as offering a custom lamination service on wood plaques through yet another friend in the Washington area. "It's such an excellent way to preserve those special awards, invitations, photos, almost anything can be laminated to last a lifetime," she said, as she showed lovely note cards of dried flowers that had been made using the process.

Also available framed or unframed are examples of scherenschnitte (german paper cutting) and the color photographs of Phil Ruster.

Scattered throughout the store are old handmade quilts, pillows, heart-shaped rugs, stuffed animals, small table lamps, brightly painted birdhouses and feeders, cross-stitch kits, candles and many unique articles too numerous to mention but a joy to browse through.

A special area, "The Grandparent's Corner," shows off anything and everything to please the young and the young at heart. Jama bags, mobiles, bears, bears, and more bears, handmade dolls, cutlery sets and plates, bowls and cups, wooden handpainted growth charts, washable, "color-me" place mats of Noah's Ark, Old MacDonald's Farm and the ABC's find their home there.

Baker plans to have a permanent

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New Kent Trial Is Delayed For Brent

The trial of Lancaster County resident Robert L. Brent in New Kent County on charges of conspiring to distribute more than five pounds of marijuana has been delayed pending the outcome of his trial set for September 4 and 5 in Williamsburg's James City County Circuit Court.

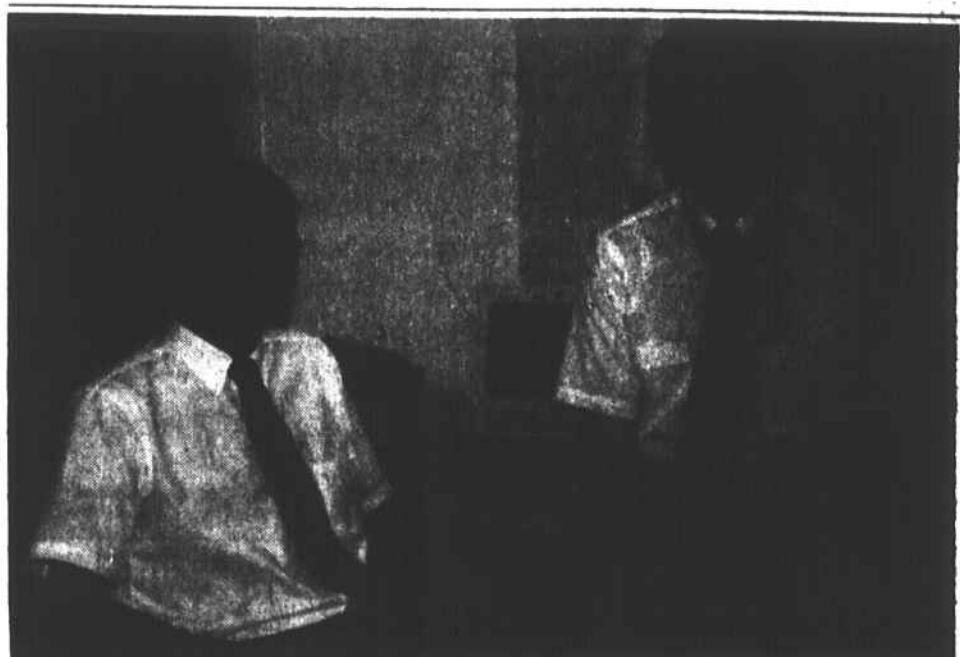
The New Kent trial date will now be set on September 15 at the request of Carry Bowman of Richmond, council for the defendant.

Brent was indicted this past May in both counties on the alleged delivery of the drug to residences between January and July of 1983. Both deliveries, according to commonwealth attorneys, involved 800 pounds or more of marijuana.

Named on the indictment with Brent were Oscar Marion Barber, Bobby Allen Drewry, Carl Herbert Soles, James Randall Bozzell, David Charles Broughman, John Alexander Mansini, Yvonne Broughman Mansini, Robert Lewis Broughman and others, known and unknown, indicted and unindicted.

Barber, the former fixed base operator at Hummel Field in Topping was convicted and sentenced to 25 years on a similar indictment in Henrico County last year. He pleaded guilty to a second similar charge in New Kent County and was sentenced to 20 years on that indictment in January of this year.

Brent awaits trial, free on two separate surety bonds of \$100,000 each.



Dr. Robert Newman (left), and Dr. David Nichols of White Stone Family Practice.

Family Practice Will Host Open House Sunday, Aug. 3

White Stone Family Practice will host an Open House from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, August 3. The purpose of the function is to introduce Dr. Robert Newman to the community. Dr. Newman has recently joined Dr. David Nichols in practice in White Stone. He recently completed seven years of duty with the Navy in Charleston, S.C.

White Stone Family Practice is a modern facility originally started in 1979 by Dr. Nichols. A full range of medical care is offered to all age groups.

The office offers a wide variety of laboratory services, immunizations, health screening, minor surgery, audiometric screening, visual screening, pulmonary function testing, X-ray capabilities, EKG, and holter monitoring. The emphasis is on comprehensive family care including continuity of care during hospitalization and after-office hours coverage.

The public is cordially invited to stop by and tour the building and meet Dr. Newman and the family practice staff.