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Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of

Amendment of Section 73.202(b) )  
Table of Allotments ) MB Docket No. 05-292  
FM Broadcast Stations ) RM-11281  
(Churchville and Keswick, Virginia and )  
Marlinton, West Virginia) )

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**COMMENTS OF FORCE 5 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC**

Force 5 Communications, LLC ("Force 5"), licensee of WBOP(FM), Churchville, Virginia, pursuant to Sections 1.401 and 1.420(i) of the Commission's Rules and by its counsel, hereby submits these Comments in connection with the Notice of Proposed Rule Making issued in this proceeding.<sup>1</sup> The NPRM proposes the allocation of Channel 292A to Marlinton, West Virginia as that community's first local service; and reallocation of Channel 292B1 from Churchville, Virginia to Keswick, Virginia as that community's first local service, substitute Channel 291A, and modify the community of license for WBOP(FM) to operate on Channel 291A at Keswick.

**I. Procedural Matters**

Force 5 reaffirms that the proposal will serve the public interest. Each proposed allotment is mutually exclusive with the existing allotments and will provide the requisite

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<sup>1</sup> See *In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Churchville and Keswick, Virginia and Marlinton, West Virginia)*, MB Docket No. 05-292 (RM-11281) (rel. October 12, 2005) (Assistant Chief, Audio Division) ("NPRM"). The NPRM authorizes the filing of Comments by December 8, 2005. Thus, these Comments are timely filed.

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coverage to the communities involved. The proposal will result in a preferential arrangement of allotments consistent with the Commission's FM Allot Priorities<sup>2</sup> by providing a first local service to the communities of Marlinton, West Virginia and Keswick, Virginia as well as the provision of first, second, third and fourth aural services while not depriving Churchville of a first local service, whereas retention of the present allotments would deprive Marlinton and Keswick of first local service as well as the public of first and second aural services. Should the Commission implement the proposed changes to the FM Table of Allotments, Force 5 hereby states that it will timely participate in any auction for the new allotment at Marlinton, file the necessary application for a construction permit for a new station at Marlinton, and will construct the new facility in a timely manner; and Force 5 will timely file the necessary application for construction permit for the new channel allotment for WBOP(FM) at Keswick and will construct the new facility in a timely manner.

The NPRM agrees with Force 5 that Keswick qualifies as a community for allotment purposes, but seeks clarification from Force 5 regarding the population of the community.<sup>3</sup> The NPRM tentatively concludes that Keswick has a population of 200 persons,<sup>4</sup> whereas Force 5 calculated the population of Keswick as 3,668 persons. As demonstrated below, the population of Keswick is more accurately reflected as 3,668 than 200.

As discussed in the underlying rule making petition, the community of Keswick includes urban and rural areas.<sup>5</sup> Keswick has several residential developments, including two located

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<sup>2</sup> The FM allotment priorities are: (1) First fulltime aural service; (2) Second fulltime aural service; (3) First local service; and (4) Other public interest matters. Co-equal weight is given to Priorities (2) and (3). *See Revision of FM Assignment Policies and Procedures*, 99 FCC 2d 88 (the "FM Priorities").

<sup>3</sup> *See* NPRM at 2.

<sup>4</sup> The NPRM bases this determination on Volume 2: Index of the 2005 Rand McNally Commercial Atlas & Marketing Guide.

<sup>5</sup> Keswick does not have the defined boundaries of a traditional town. In Albemarle County, where Keswick is located, only two cities have defined boundaries, Charlottesville and Scottsville. This pattern is consistent throughout the state of Virginia, where there are only 40 independent cities with defined boundaries.

round the Keswick Country Club and Sycamore Country Club, as well as more traditional farms, equestrian stables, and even a vineyard. Grace Episcopal Church, located in Keswick, serves more than 250 families in the community.<sup>6</sup> Assuming an average family size of four members per family, this would indicate that at least 1000 persons live in Keswick.

A reasonable determination of the population of Keswick therefore is more accurately derived from calculating the population residing within the zip code for Keswick, especially since the geographic boundaries of the zip code fairly approximate the boundaries of the community of Keswick. An Internet search revealed that several sources calculate the population for the 22947 zip code as 3,668 persons.<sup>7</sup>

The NPRM, relying on the 2005 Rand McNally Commercial Atlas & Marketing Guide, notes that Keswick is a Rand McNally & Co. Designated Place whose estimated population is 200.<sup>8</sup> For allotment purposes, Keswick constitutes a community whether the population is 200 or 3,668, and assuming no opposition to the NPRM is filed, Force 5 is willing to accept either number as a valid estimate of the community's population solely for allotment purposes. However, in the event that the population of Keswick should become dispositive during the course of this proceeding, Force 5 respectfully submits that the population of Keswick is 3,668 and not 200 persons.

## **II. Additional Tuck Information**

In the petition for rule making proposing the change in community of license for WBOP(FM) from Churchville to Keswick, Force 5 provided an analysis using the factors

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<sup>6</sup> See Declaration of Cynthia Arnold, attached as Exhibit 1.

<sup>7</sup> See <http://www.hometownusa.com/va/Keswick.html>; <http://www.brainyzip.com/zipcodes/22/22947.html>; [http://www.privateschoolreview.com/school\\_ov/school\\_id/28264](http://www.privateschoolreview.com/school_ov/school_id/28264).

<sup>8</sup> See NPRM at 2.

delineated in *Faye and Richard Tuck*<sup>9</sup> to demonstrate that Keswick is a separate community from Charlottesville, Virginia. The NPRM accepts the Tuck showing. However, in the interest of providing a complete record, Force 5 hereby submits additional information in support of the conclusion that Keswick is independent of Charlottesville.

In the original petition, Force 5 provided evidence that Keswick residents have their own media that covers the community's local needs and interests (Factor 2). The petition noted that the residents of Keswick have access to local publications, both in print and online, that provide information addressing the local needs and interests of the community, such as the Piper Magazine and Topix.Net.

Since the filing of the petition, Force 5 has discovered that the citizens of Keswick also have access to their own local newspaper, Keswick Life. Keswick Life is published on a monthly basis and provides news, information and community input on events of importance to Keswick. Excerpts from recent issues of Keswick Life are attached to these Comments as Exhibits 2 through 4. Keswick Life, Piper Magazine and Topix.Net make abundantly clear that Keswick has its own local media and that Factor 2 of the Tuck showing is satisfied.

The original petition also submitted a detailed showing that Keswick residents and community leaders clearly consider Keswick as separate from Charlottesville (Factor 3). Force 5 supplements this showing by including a list of photographs of various buildings and signs that identify Keswick as a community separate from Charlottesville.<sup>10</sup> The signs include exit signs for Keswick on the interstate highway, signposts identifying Keswick on local roads, the United States Post Office for Keswick, Keswick Hall, Keswick Vineyards, Keswick Equestrian Center,

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<sup>9</sup> See *Faye and Richard Tuck*, 3 FCC Rcd 5374 (1988) (detailing eight factors relating to a proposed community's independence from a nearby Urbanized Area).

<sup>10</sup> See Exhibit 5.

Keswick Hunt Club, Keswick Farm, and Little Keswick School. The abundance of signs and markers using “Keswick” demarcates Keswick as a community from Charlottesville.

Force 5 also submits the Declaration of Cynthia Arnold as further evidence that Keswick residents consider Keswick an independent community. Mr. Arnold is the Parish Administrator for Grace Episcopal Church located in Keswick, Virginia.<sup>11</sup> A church has existed on the same site since 1745, with the present church built in 1855 and remodeled in 1895. The church is bordered by a parish cemetery covering more than 10 acres. Grace Episcopal Church provides Christian worship and support as well as outreach activities to assist the needy in Keswick. More than 250 families worship at the church. The annual blessing of the hounds for the Keswick Hunt Club is held at the church. Grace Episcopal Church has its own web site, [www.gracekeswick.org](http://www.gracekeswick.org). Ms. Arnold identifies several organizations and churches in Keswick that could benefit from a radio station, including the Keswick Charity Grand Prix, the Virginia Dressage Association, the Keswick Equestrian Foundation, the Keswick Horse Show, the Keswick Hunt Club, Zion Hill Baptist Church, South Plains Presbyterian Church, Grace Episcopal Church, Stone Robinson School, Point Elementary School and Keswick Estates.

### **Conclusion**

The NPRM proposes a preferential arrangement of the FM Allotments that will result in the creation of two first local services as well as first, second, third and fourth aural services. Whether Keswick has 200 or 3,668 persons, the community possesses the necessary elements to qualify as a community for allotment purposes, and is independent from Charlottesville, Virginia.

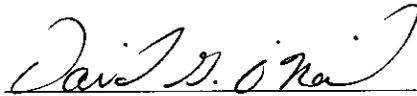
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<sup>11</sup> A photograph of Grace Episcopal Church is included in Exhibit 1, following Ms. Arnold’s Declaration.

**WHEREFORE**, in light of the foregoing, Force 5 Communications, LLC respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order in the instant proceeding and modify Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules to allocate Channel 292A to Marlinton, West Virginia and reallocate Channel 292B1 from Churchville, Virginia to Keswick, Virginia as that community's first local service, substitute Channel 291A, and modify the community of license for WBOP(FM) to operate on Channel 291A at Keswick

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**EXHIBIT 1**

## DECLARATION OF CYNTHIA ARNOLD

My name is Cynthia Arnold. Force 5 Communications LLC has filed a petition for rule making with the Federal Communications Commission proposing to relocate WBOP(FM) from Churchville, Virginia to Keswick, Virginia. This declaration is provided in support of that petition.

I work as the Parish Administrator for Grace Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 43, Keswick, Virginia 22947. Grace Church is one of the colonial churches in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The original church was built in 1745, located in front of the present church, which was built in 1855. The church burned in 1895, leaving only the tower and four walls. The church's 1,575-pound bell was dug up from the ashes without serious harm, and still rings each Sunday. The church was rebuilt and reconsecrated in 1896. A cemetery covering more than 10 acres border the church; the landed given by generous parishioners over the past 122 years.

A president and several members of Congress have regularly worshipped at Grace Episcopal Church. Descendents of some of the original vestry members continue to hold active membership in the church. The church provides Christian worship and support as well as outreach activities to assist the needy in Keswick and beyond. More than 250 families in Keswick and surrounding areas worship at the church. The annual blessing of the hounds for the Keswick Hunt Club is held at Grace Episcopal Church. The church has its own web site, <http://www.gracekeswick.org>.

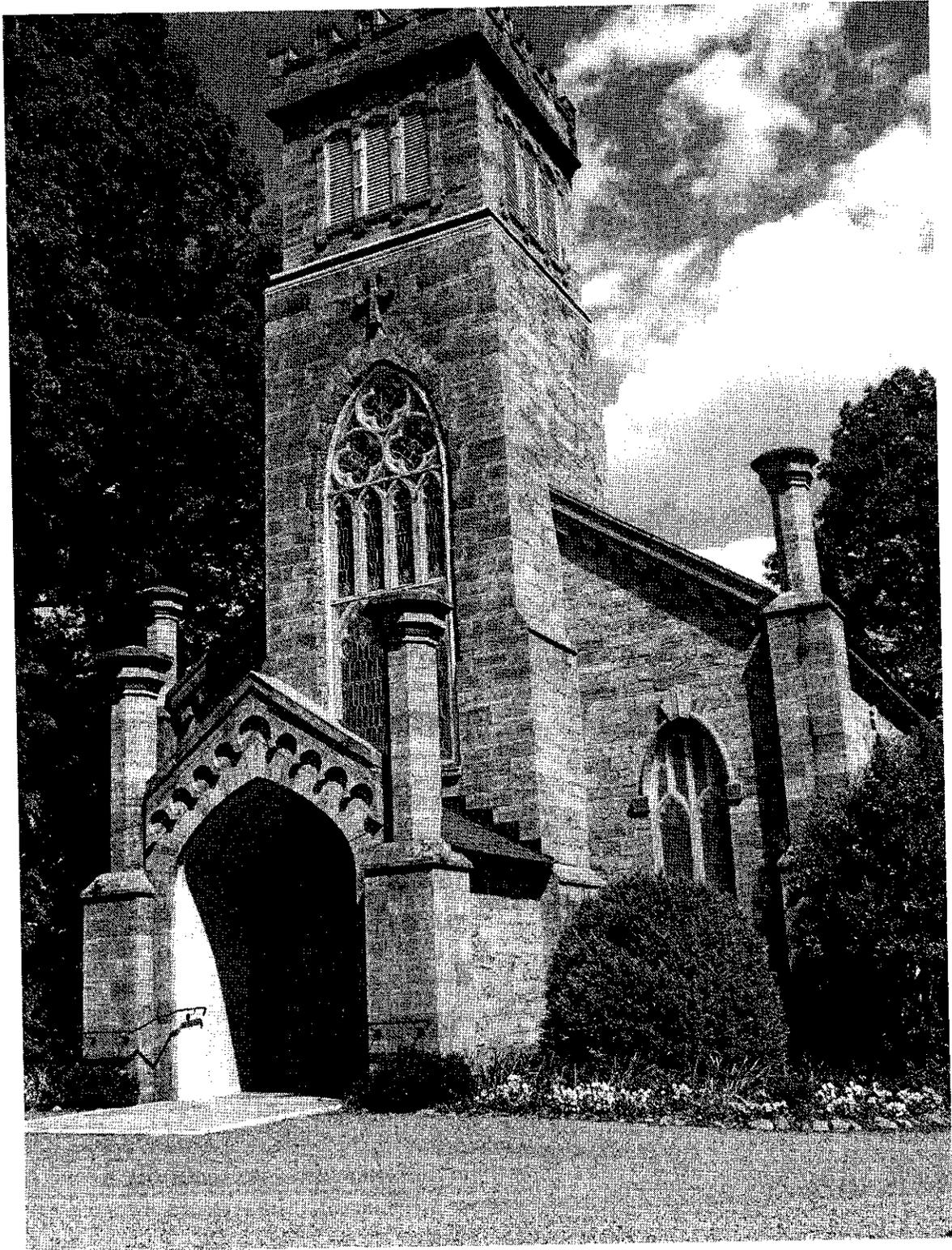
Keswick would benefit from a radio station licensed to the community. Keswick is located several miles east of Charlottesville with the South-West Mountains separating the two communities. Keswick has retained its pastoral charm from an earlier time, with farms, horse estates, and a winery dotting the landscape. The community has its own post office and local newspaper, Keswick Life. The boundaries of the community, although not specifically defined, run from Route 250 along the southern border to Route 20 along the western border, up to Gordonsville to the north, and then across in an eastward direction to the Albemarle/Louisa County borders, and then proceeding at least as far south to Route 250. The character of Keswick is significantly different from Charlottesville, with different needs and interests.

There are several ways that a radio station located in Keswick would benefit the community. The radio station could provide information on local events in the community. For example, Keswick is home to a large equestrian community that sponsors international equestrian competitions and shows in Keswick, such as the Keswick Charity Grand Prix, the Virginia Dressage Association, the Keswick Equestrian Foundation and the Keswick Horse Show. A radio station licensed to Keswick could provide information on community events sponsored by Keswick Hunt Club, Zion Hill Baptist Church, South Plains Presbyterian Church, Grace Episcopal Church, Stone Robinson School, Stony Point Elementary School and Keswick Estates.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed and dated this 23 of August 2005.

  
Cynthia Arnold



**EXHIBIT 2**

# Keswick Life



## Little Keswick School

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April 4 - Martin Luther King assassinated  
April 12 - Civil War begins  
April 13 - Thomas Jefferson born 1745  
April 15 - Income Tax Day

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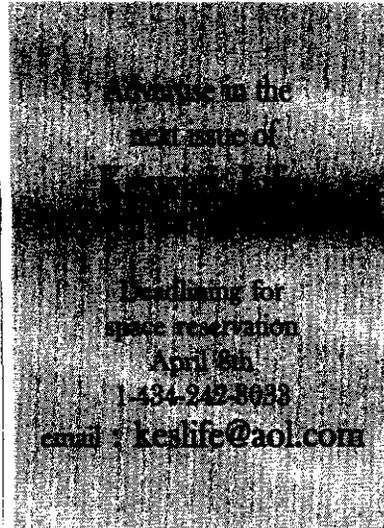
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## In Keswick

### Latest Accident Underscores Need For Truck Prohibition

Early in March, a logging truck went off the road at Horseshoe Hill and closed down 22/231 for six hours while the truck and the logs were cleared. Though no one was injured, hundreds were inconvenienced by the closing and mail and ambulance service were interrupted.

John Moore, Keswick resident and PEC Field Officer in Orange, clearly communicated the severity of the latest accident to Butch Davies, our CTB board representative, as well as to our elected officials. Though VDOT appears ready to put up signs reducing the speed limit on 22/231 to 45mph, we continue to take the position that while the speed reduction may be a first step, prohibition of through truck traffic is the ultimate solution.

In a meeting with Creigh Deeds, our state senator, John asked for help in getting the neighborhood's case to the CTB board and Deeds promised to help us get on the CTB agenda for their April meeting to have the truck prohibition considered. Peter Taylor, who has been working behind the scenes on the road issue in Richmond, will be helping to organize our community's representation at the CTB meeting.

Although Butch Davies continues to maintain that Louisa residents would be adversely affected by the increased truck traffic as a result of prohibiting through trucks on 22/231, we have developed an effective counter to his objection that we will be presenting to the CTB if we are put on their April agenda. Hopefully, we won't have another awful accident before the board meets.

PLEASE SET A  
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THE NEW POSTED  
SPEED LIMITS.  
IF WE ALL GO  
45 MPH  
THE TRUCKS  
WILL FIND  
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## Keswick Hall submits 48-lot subdivision proposal

Orient-Express has made the decision to submit their Phase II development plan to Albemarle County, for their approval, through the present Keswick Estate Special Use Permit, that granted this right. The Phase II preliminary plat will consist of 48 home sites; 29 in Phase II (a) and (19) in Phase II (b). Many of these home sites have lake frontage on Broadmoor and Paradise Lakes. The balance of the lots are heavily wooded, and all have acreage in excess of 2 acres.

Request for preliminary plat approval to create 48 lots on 177.3006 acres. The property is zoned RA, Rural Area. The property, described as Tax Map 80 Parcels 8, 61, 70A, 88A, 90, 95, 96, 97, 98, 199, 106, and 109A are located in the Rivanna Magisterial District off of Club Drive in the Keswick Subdivision just off of Black Cat Road (Route # 616) approximately 1 mile from the intersection of Black Cat Road and Route Richmond Road 250 E. The Comprehensive Plan designates this property as Rural Area.

The request will go in front of the planning Commission on April 12th.

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# Keswick Life

# March

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### Little Keswick School "A home away from home!"

pictured above:

Marc Columbus, director  
with two of the Little Keswick School students

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## Little Keswick School "A Home Away from Home"

By Faye Wheeler Male

When Bob and Libby Wilson opened their first summer camp in 1963, they didn't have a long-range plan for operating a special education school. But, over forty years later Little Keswick School is a nationally recognized therapeutic boarding school for thirty boys with learning, behavioral and emotional issues. The first summer five boys received help with study skills and habits and participated in horseback riding, canoeing and camping in the Blue Ridge Mountains. After three years of offering a summer camp, a group of parents asked Bob and Libby if they would offer a winter program.

The first students literally boarded in the Wilson's home; but as the number of students grew, farm cottages were renovated into dormitories and classrooms. Meals were served family-style in the "Main House" kitchen/dining area until

the Keswick Depot was added to the school's campus in 1995. The addition of facilities, like the Depot dining hall and a gymnasium, has not changed the family atmosphere at Little Keswick. After driving down the tree-lined driveway, visitors often remark on how they feel like they are coming to a home, not just a school.

Tucked behind the Keswick post office and often unknown even to longtime Keswick residents, boys and their families come from all over Virginia, the nation and the world to be part of the Little Keswick community where recognition of individual capabilities, a positive attitude toward learning, an emphasis on self-respect and respect for others, and family involvement lead to academic and social/emotional growth for each student.

An educational consultant who visited years ago called Little Keswick School "the nation's best kept secret." As Terry Columbus, the school's Director, stated "I believe we are among the best and no longer such a secret. Having worked here for twenty-nine years and benefiting from travel across the country seeing programs and meeting with educational consultants, I am continually proud of the amazing work that the staff do at Little Keswick. Families are healed and boys leave here strengthened and able to make their way in the world."

The Little Keswick community gathers each Thursday afternoon to celebrate the success of students as they move up the school's level system. The LKS behavior management system, developed and refined over the years, provides structure with positive reinforcement for student success. Having worked on individual goals for the previous week(s), each boy who is petitioning for the next level, with its associated responsibilities and privileges, reports to his peers and the staff on his accomplishments and then receives feedback from both students and adults on what gains he's made as well as challenges that he still faces. Focusing the culture on appreciation and respect, one student and one staff person are recognized each week for the Respect Award for best exemplifying respect for self and others through words and actions.

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Nancy Parsons, neighbor and a member of the Little Keswick Foundation for Special Education Board of Trustees, wrote after attending the Community Meeting, "It was an important meeting for me to attend, as it gave me an opportunity to observe the great work that you and your staff are doing at Little Keswick. The boys were wonderful and their genuine care and concern for each other was impressive. They are a wonderful reflection of your hard and smart work. I left the meeting inspired and excited. I drove back to my office, thinking of the faces, the voices, the hard emotional work of the students and the mutual respect throughout the Little Keswick community."

Along with the strong emphasis on academics, students also have opportunities to learn and explore a variety of other interests. Physical education and group sports activities occur daily. Soccer and basketball games with nearby schools such as Oakland give some students their first success in team sports. Woodworking classes have been a part of the curriculum for many years. The boys learn how to use hand and power tools producing everything from toy trains that are donated to needy area children at Christmas to cherry tables that will become family heirlooms.

Horseback riding has, of course, been a part of the program from the very first summer camp. The origins of the Keswick Junior Horse Show go back to Little Keswick. Starting at Little Keswick with campers and neighborhood kids, the show soon outgrew the facilities here and moved to the Keswick Horse Show grounds. Bob Wilson recalls "The first show included a hack class from here, down the dirt road, to the Keswick ring. Alexander Rives and Doris Coles were the judges and the LKS and neighbor kids made the ribbons." Now, for many students, this is

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their first riding experience, but by the end of the school year they look like seasoned riders. The horse show tradition continues at Little Keswick with an annual event for the students and their parents each June.

After an average stay of two years, most of the boys return to schools in their home communities or to more traditional boarding schools. With guidance, nurturance, structure and their hard work and their family's support, they gain the tools to help them succeed in school and in life. As one parent said recently, "You and your staff have glued our family back together with a much tighter bond than I ever thought possible. We are happier and closer and stronger than we have ever been. And look at our son-what he has accomplished and how far he has come!! To say it is miraculous seems trite. We have LKS to thank for this."

### Little Keswick Foundation for Special Education

The Little Keswick Foundation for Special Education was founded in 1983 to support the educational experience of students at Little Keswick School and to promote the opportunities available to all emotionally disturbed and learning disabled students. The Foundation provides scholarship support to LKS students, promotes public awareness of special education through an annual education symposium, and provides professional growth opportunities for Little Keswick School staff.

The Foundation's Board of Trustees, made up of friends and neighbors of the school, parents, and education professionals, have committed themselves to providing and increasing scholarship funds for needy students who are unable to attend the specialized services provided at Little Keswick. The Board has also published the heartwarming stories of family and student struggles and the ongoing assistance that boys and their parents have had at LKS, the Board recently has begun advertising for a Development Director with the goal of expanding their fundraising and public awareness initiatives.

Aside from the Foundation's Annual Giving Campaign, the other major fundraising event is the annual charity golf tournament. The Little Keswick Day for Special Children was the first charity golf tournament held at the Keswick Club and this year's 13<sup>th</sup> tournament will be the best yet. "The local business community has been very supportive of our efforts and a core group of golfers have helped establish our tournament as a premier golf event in the Charlottesville area. With our ongoing relationship with Keswick Club and with the partnership of Union Bank & Trust we plan to continue to provide a fun-filled, exciting golf experience," says Little Keswick Headmaster and Golf Committee Chairman Marc Columbus. Rod Gentry, Senior Vice President, explained their interest and support, "Union Bank & Trust is privileged and happy to be a supporter of the great work being done by the Little Keswick School and the Little Keswick Foundation for Special Education. We are delighted to play a part in helping them to continue their efforts. Making an investment in people is something we believe in deeply, and Little Keswick School has done such a wonderful job of living that philosophy for so many years now. We invite others to join us in support of their good work."

This year's tournament will start with four golfers being selected at random to each have a one-shot chance at a Million Dollar hole-in-one. Games on the course, lunch at the Keswick Club, a reception after play at the Pavilion, and prizes for winning foursomes combine with eighteen holes of golf on the beautiful Keswick course for an action-packed event. If you'd like to be a part of the tournament - as a player, sponsor or volunteer - please contact Marc Columbus or Faye Male at 434-296-9793 or lksinfo@littlekeswickschool.net.

### Save The Date...Monday, May 9th!

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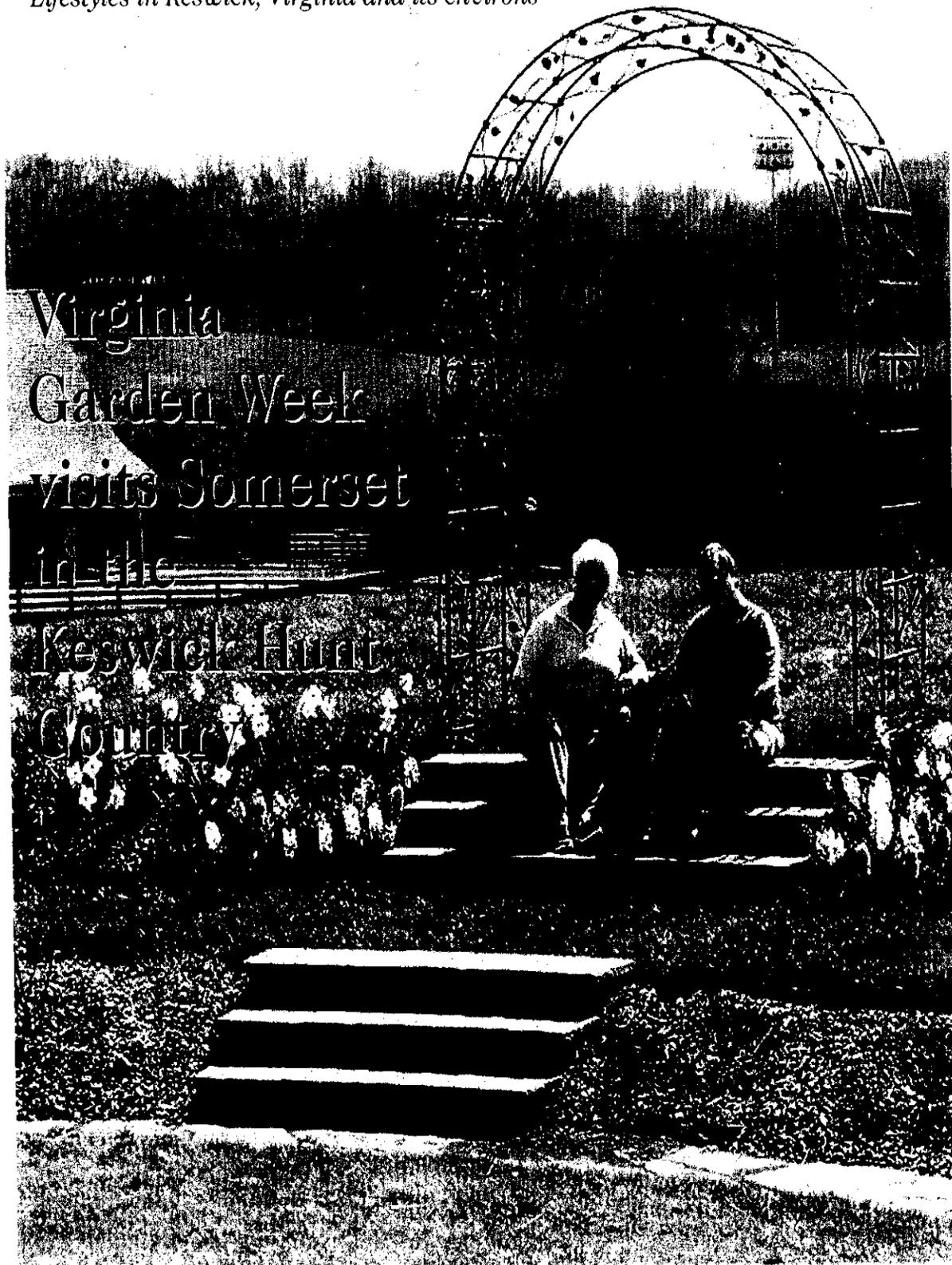
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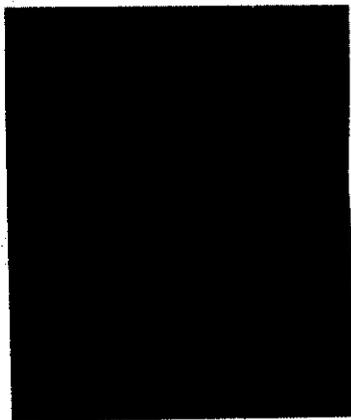
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April 18 - Paul Revere's ride 1775  
April 21 - Queen Elizabeth II birthday  
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May 10 - Stonewall Jackson died 1863  
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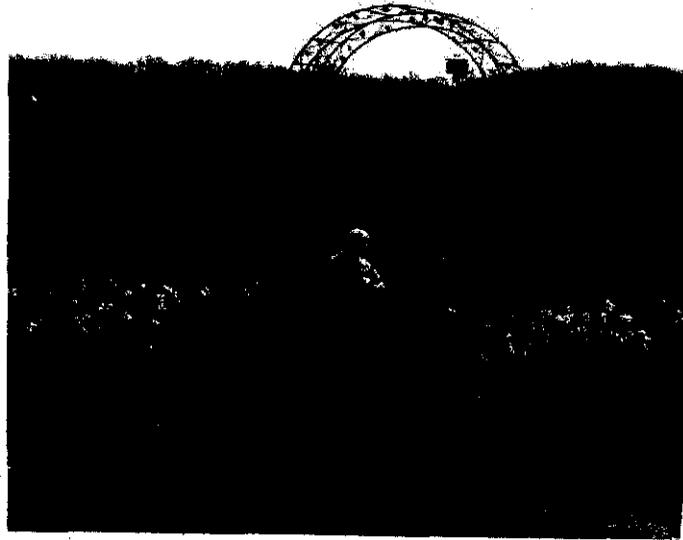
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## At home on the range!

pictured above:

Ed and Ada Harvey in the gardens at "Windrock"



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the pastoral or romantic-inspired designs that were developed in England during the 18th century. These carefully planned landscapes, which are best represented by the work of Capability Brown, were inspired by the Arcadian landscapes of Greece and based on the theory that beauty should instead be divined through the study of nature. However, the Colonial Revival garden designers were not interested in using these spaces to delve into aesthetic mysteries (or other words, it's probably not worth the effort to spend time searching for the perfection of form in your neighbor's rose garden) and instead were demonstrating a newly developed pride in the history of the United States that was largely due to the country's rapid rise on the world stage after the victories in World War I and World War II.

A majority of Keswick's Colonial Revival gardens appear to have been installed between around 1920 to the 1950s. In Virginia, the most widely recognized and accomplished landscape architect of the Colonial Revival idiom (as well as several other landscape design styles) was Charles F. Gillette (1886-1969). Fortunately, several Keswick residents hired him to design their gardens. Gillette was based in Richmond and was responsible for many of the best-known gardens in Virginia, including Agecroft Hall in Richmond, Kenmore in Fredericksburg, and Montpelier in Orange, as well as public spaces such as the central lawn at William and Mary, the Governor's Mansion in Richmond, and many other colleges, churches and cemeteries. All told, he designed over 2,500 gardens and his work influenced countless other landscapes. Due to a fire and Gillette's own idiosyncratic habit of destroying all the files relating to clients who angered him, it is often difficult to determine which gardens he designed. However, even with the limited number of documents, it is known that he is responsible for gardens at Edge Hill, Windsor Hill, Cismont's Belvoir, Kinloch, Bridlespur and East Belmont (which was commissioned in 1964 by the late Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Craige and was one of Gillette's last designs). In addition, he is known to have designed gardens for other residents of the Keswick Hunt Country (including Rocklands, Lochiel and Christ Church Gordonsville), as well as other estates in Albemarle County such as Rose Hill, Glen Echo, Flordon, Casa Maria, Tiverton and Blue Ridge.

Other famous landscape architects who developed gardens in Keswick during the early and mid 20<sup>th</sup> century include Ellen Shipman, who designed a garden at "Marletotz" (a property that is currently known as Heathcote and owned by the Runtels) for her daughter, Mary Shipman Jackson, and the Olmstead Brothers, who worked on Cobham Park in 1924. In addition to these gardens, there are many other well-designed landscapes from this period in the area whose designers have been forgotten over time.

While Colonial Revival gardens were overwhelmingly popular in the early-to mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, they eventually lost their dominant status as the century progressed. A combination of the ascendancy of the modern movement in landscape design, which embraced and expanded the rational logic of the parterre gardens while manically eradicating all traces of historical precedent, and the development of an appreciation of more naturalistic landscapes in the 1970s worked to move garden design away from the Colonial Revival. As a result, many of the formal parts of the area's gardens were abandoned, reverted into lawns, or left untended to develop a more feral or natural appearance that was in keeping with the less controlled aesthetics of the late 20<sup>th</sup>-century. Interestingly, the park-like lawns that constituted the other half of Colonial Revival designs were maintained, possibly due to their social function and their ability to blend in with the surrounding agricultural landscape. Even with the changing styles, several of the formal gardens have been maintained and others have recently been restored. These landscapes include the gardens at East Belmont, which has survived intact since its creation, and the grand gardens at Kinloch, which recently renovated by the Arons.

However, the Colonial Revival style is only one of the many phases of landscape design that has had an impact on the region. The Keswick area, which is endowed with some of the most beautiful natural vistas in the country, is also extremely lucky to have been ornamented throughout its history with outstanding examples of designed gardens, a tradition that continues to the present. From the 19<sup>th</sup>-century landscapes still found on the region's older farms to the post-modernist interpretations of Chopping Bottom, there is hardly a spot anywhere in Keswick that does not reward being lingered over for at least a moment.

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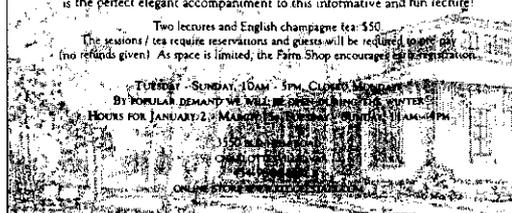
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## Keswick Scene



Special Birthdays were celebrated by the Covingtons, ("Red Dog" and daughter Janie) on a fabulous foxhunting day with friends from Keswick, Deep Run and Farmington. Great chases through Keswick Hunt's Rapidan Country ended with a hunt breakfast by The Everyday Gourmet, complete with birthday cakes too numerous to eat!

### Above Photos

1. The Covingtons
2. Tony Gammell, Larry Levy
3. Jane Covington
4. Jim Covington and Ginny Perrin
5. V. Shackelford
6. Noel Twyman
7. Jane Covington, Janie Covington and Tom Bishop
8. Ellie Wood Baxter
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## Environment

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