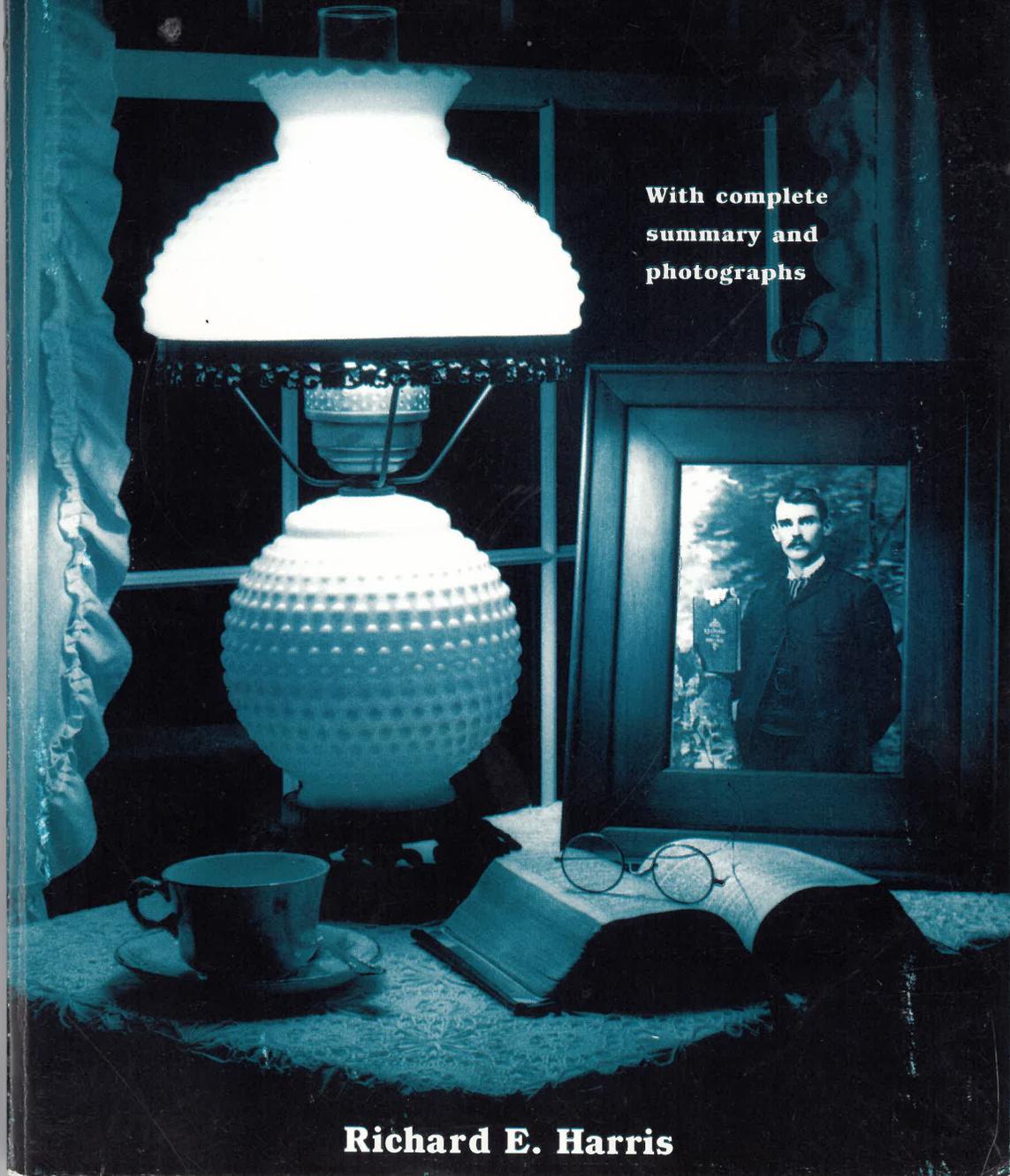


# **DIVINE DESTINY**

**BACKGROUND AND BEGINNING  
OF SHENANDOAH VALLEY ACADEMY**

**With complete  
summary and  
photographs**



**Richard E. Harris**



Courtesy of the National Forest Service

### **SHENANDOAH RIVER**

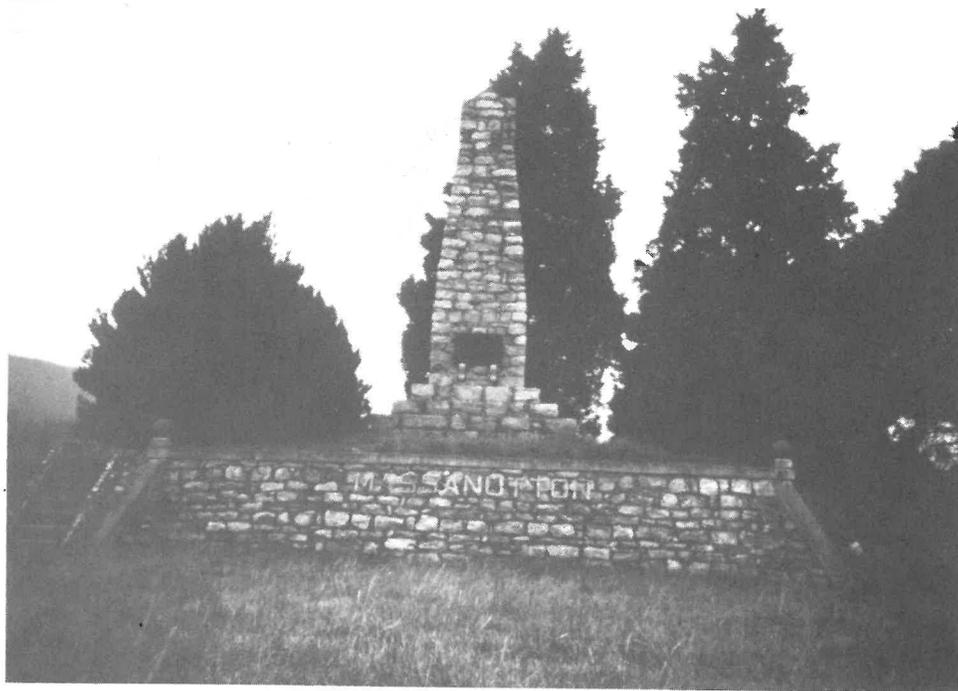
Shenandoah Valley Academy property is bordered by the North Fork of the Shenandoah River.



Courtesy of the National Park Service

### **SHENANDOAH VALLEY OF VIRGINIA**

Shenandoah Valley Academy is located in this picturesque valley.



**MASSANUTTEN MOUNTAIN AND ZIRKLE STONE FORT**

(Top) This monument is erected at the site of the first white settlement in the Shenandoah Valley (1729) ten miles east of New Market. (Bottom) The Zirkle house-fort (1750-period) was typical of many in the Valley built to protect from Indian raids. Charles Zirkle was born here in 1866.



### **JOHN SEVIER TRADING POST AND HENKEL PRESS**

(Top) The logs of this building are purported to be from the Sevier trading post (c. 1765) located near the intersection of two Indian trails. From the settlement here the town of New Market developed. (Bottom) The Henkel Press founded in 1806 was the largest German printery in the south.



**SMITH CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH AND ZIRKLE BARN**

(Top) Elizabeth Zirkle took food to wounded soldiers in the Baptist Church which was used as a hospital after the Battle of New Market, May 15, 1864. (Bottom) Mrs. Zirkle's barn was spared during Sheridan's scorched earth action because of her prior generosity.

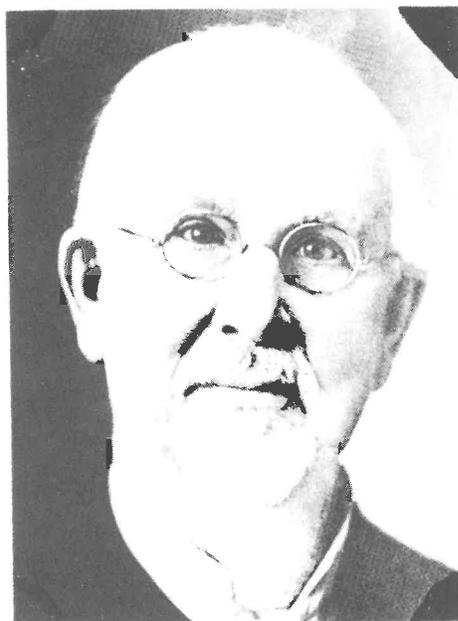
New Market Federal Hospital,  
Sept 9th, 1864

This is to certify that Mrs Elizabeth  
Zirkle who lives ~~near~~ at this place  
has since the establishment of this  
Hospital shown a regard for the  
suffering Federal wounded under  
my charge and that she has  
contributed much to their benefit  
by furnishing food, &c gratis  
for which her property and person  
should be protected by every Union  
Soldier

Wm E. Hall, Asst Surgeon  
54th Penn<sup>a</sup> Vol., In charge  
of Hospital at New Market Va  
June 1st, 1864.

**UNION SURGEON'S LETTER**

This letter was given to Elizabeth Zirkle to  
protect her from Federal soldiers.



**ZIRKLE BRICK HOUSE; J. O. CORLISS; E. B. LANE**

(Top) John and Elizabeth Zirkle built this house of handmade bricks in 1869. Elders J. O. Corliss (Bottom left) and E. B. Lane (Bottom right) were guests here when they began the Adventist work in Virginia in 1876.



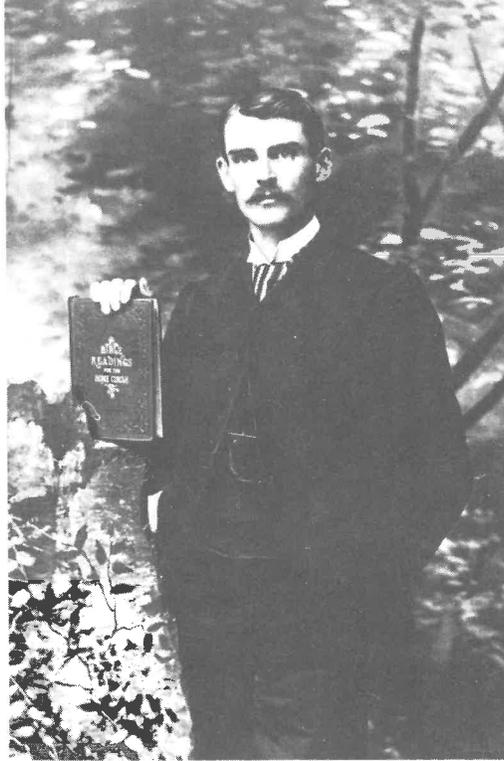
### JOHN AND ELIZABETH ZIRKLE FAMILY

(Center middle) John and Ellizabeth. Their children are on the back row. (From left) Frank and wife, Annie (to his left) with unidentified children. Tom and wife, Florence (to his left) with son, Tom. Charles and wife, Myra (to his left). Mollie Zirkle Hottel with son, Guy, and husband, Robert (to her right). (Middle row left) May, Nellie, children of Frank. (Front row left) John Wilmer (Zeke) and Abe, children of Frank. (Middle row right) Paul, John, Florence, children of Mollie. (Front right) Charles, Fern, children of Mollie. (Front row center) unidentified.



**LIBERTY CHURCH; A. C. NEFF**

(Left) The first Adventist church in Virginia founded near New Market in 1877 met most of the time in this building until the Academy began. (Right) A. C. Neff was the first ordained Adventist minister in Virginia, first Virginia Conference president, and helped found the Academy.



**CHARLES ZIRKLE**

**JOHN AND  
ELIZABETH ZIRKLE**

**ROBERT AND  
MOLLIE HOTTEL**

(Left, Center) Elizabeth Zirkle was the first Adventist baptized in Virginia. She with her husband agreed to their son, Charles', request to donate his land-inheritance for an academy. (Right) Robert and Mollie Hottel helped to found Shenandoah Valley Academy and keep it going.



**ORIGINAL ACADEMY BUILDING**

This picture was taken during a camp meeting held in the summer of 1908 to inspect the new school which was to open in the fall.



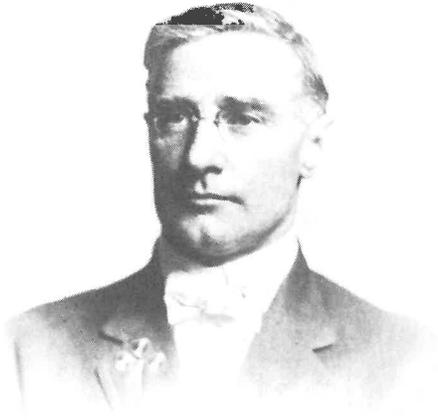
### FIRST STUDENTS; CHAPEL

(Top from left, first row) Guy Hottel, Thomas Zirkle, Corneil Duncan, Elva Good, Fern Hottel, Emma Duncan. (Second row) Charles Hottel, Richard Pleasants, Bessie Saunders, Louise Saunders, Mildren Ryan. (Third row) William Hottel, Emmett Tucker, Miss Bartche, Anna Watkins, Florence Hottel Dove, Florence Swan Herrell, Izetta Garner Yoder, Grace Whitehead Deavers, Paul Hottel. (Fourth row) Ruth Neff Gardner, May Robinson Tucker, Sadie Harvey, Prof. R. G. Ryan, Mrs. Ryan, Anna Tucker, William Herrell. (Bottom) The chapel was located in the center of the second floor of the original building.



**FIRST GRADUATES; MAIN STREET OF NEW MARKET**

(Left from left) Louise Cousins Jones, John Hottel, Paul Hottel, Grace Whitehead Deavers in 1911 were the first graduates from the 10-grade academy. (Right) New Market about the time the Academy was founded.



**H. M. FORSHEE; W. C. MOFFETT**

(Top left) Prof. Forshee was invited by W. C. Moffett (Top right) to be principal of the Academy (1916) to give stability to the unstable school.



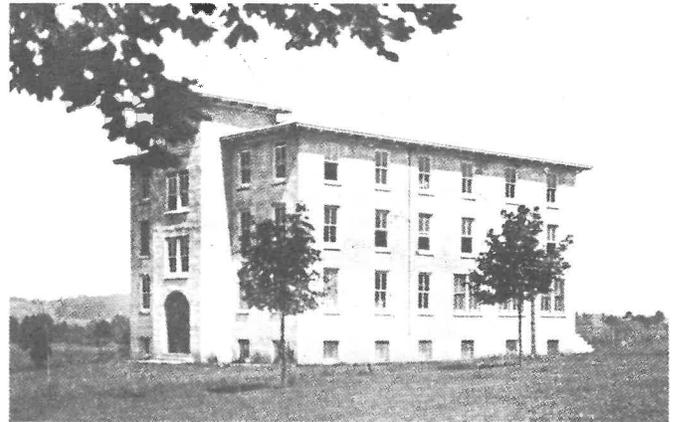
**YALE CHURCH**

Evangelism provided work for students to keep the Academy going at a critical time. Most of the members of a Russian Baptist congregation in Yale, VA became Adventists.



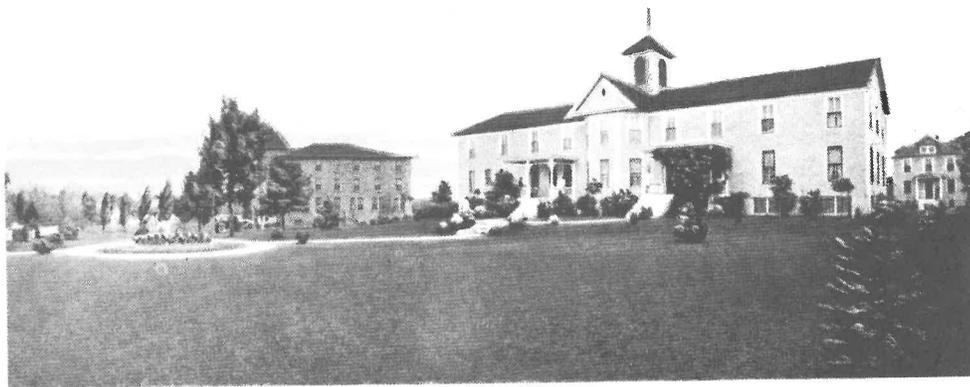
**STUDENTS IN THE FORSHEE ADMINISTRATION; ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

(Top) From seven students enrollment increased while Forshee was principal. (Bottom) Myrtle Neff Smith teaching the elementary school in the lower level of the original building around 1917. (First row) Unidentified. (Second row from left) Alpheus Purcell, unidentified, Helena Richardson. (Third row) Elizabeth Flynn. (Fourth row) Teel Reams.



**BOYS' DORMITORY; ZIRKLE HALL; ORCHESTRA; MINISTERIAL BAND**

(Top left) The first boys' dormitory (1918) and (top right) Zirkle Hall Administration building (1919). (Bottom left from left) Orchestra (1917): Alice Miller Kimball, Margaret Tuoy, Clayton Forshee, Mark Shanko, Amy Walters Degering, Morris Robinson. (Bottom right from left first row) Ministerial Band (1917): Jesse Tanner, Mark Shanko, Floyd Neff, Clinton Overstreet, Prof. Forshee, Michael Maloney, Clayton Forshee, Isaiah Shanko, Guy Hottel. (Back row) Albert Tanner, George Chambers, Morris Robinson, \_\_\_ Sykes, Tom Zirkle.

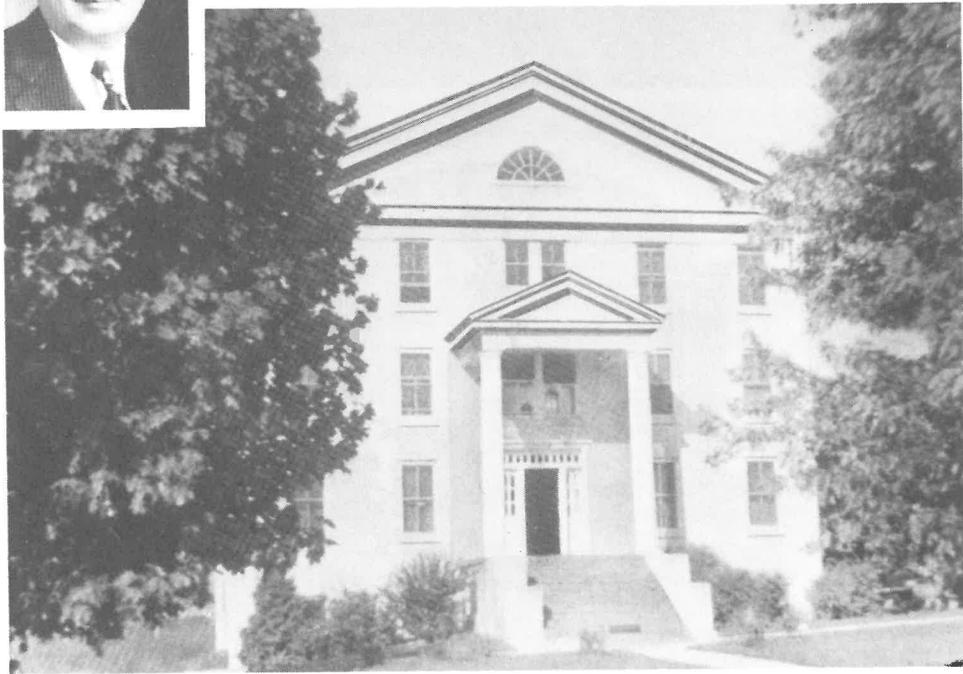


**ORIENTAL PROGRAM (c. 1920); HOTTELS WITH TRIXIE; CAMPUS (1924)**  
 (Top from left) Mildred R., Jeanette C., Corrine R., Clarine Stone Neff, Bertha W., Reba Williams Phillips, Ellen Johnson (Center) Elder Hottel's buggy and horse Trixie was a familiar sight at the Academy and in town. Trixie died in her traces at age 27. (Bottom) In 1924 twenty-four feet were added on either end of the original building to increase the number of girls' rooms.



**W. C. HANNAH; BOYS' DORMITORY FIRE**

(Top) W. C. Hannah was principal at S. V. A. for 26 years from 1927 to 1953. (Bottom) In 1934 the boys' dormitory burned to the ground which necessitated remodeling the campus.



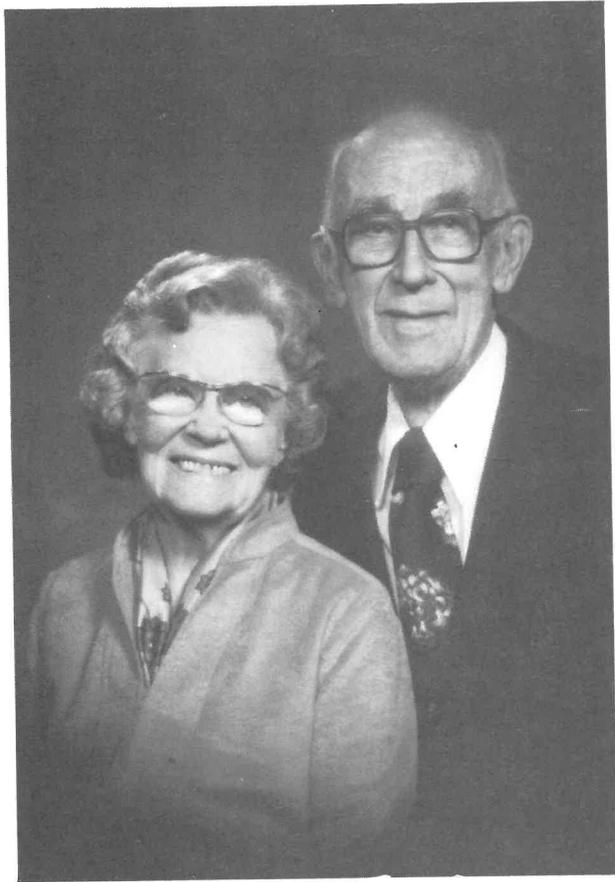
**ELLIOTT HALL; W. P. ELLIOTT; ZIRKLE HALL REMODELED**

(Top) In 1934 the original building was remodeled into an elegant colonial girls' dormitory and dining area and named Elliott Hall in honor of W. P. Elliott, (Inset) Potomac Conference president (1929-1933) who designed and raised funds for the remodeling. After the boy's dormitory burned, Zirkle Hall (Bottom) was remodeled into a boys' dormitory.

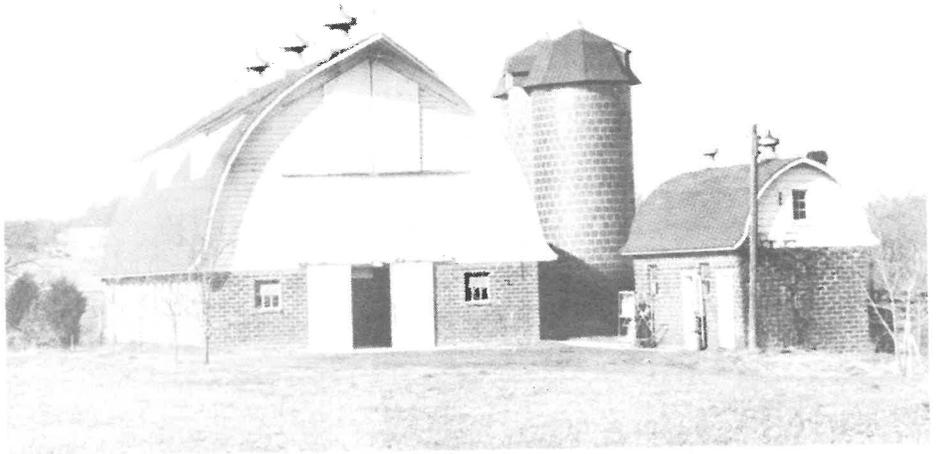


### **SHENANDOAH HALL; CHAPEL**

(Top) The administration building, Shenandoah Hall, served for 41 years (1935 to 1976) as the hub of the campus. (Bottom) The chapel was used for school and church worship services and other activities.



**DR. HENRY AND ANNA HADLEY**



**DAIRY BARN**

During the 1930's and 1940's, the Hadley's (Left) funded a dairy barn and milk house (Top right), a dairy herd, a horse and calf barn, farm shop, tractors, and farm equipment. (Bottom right) The farm attracted many students to the school.

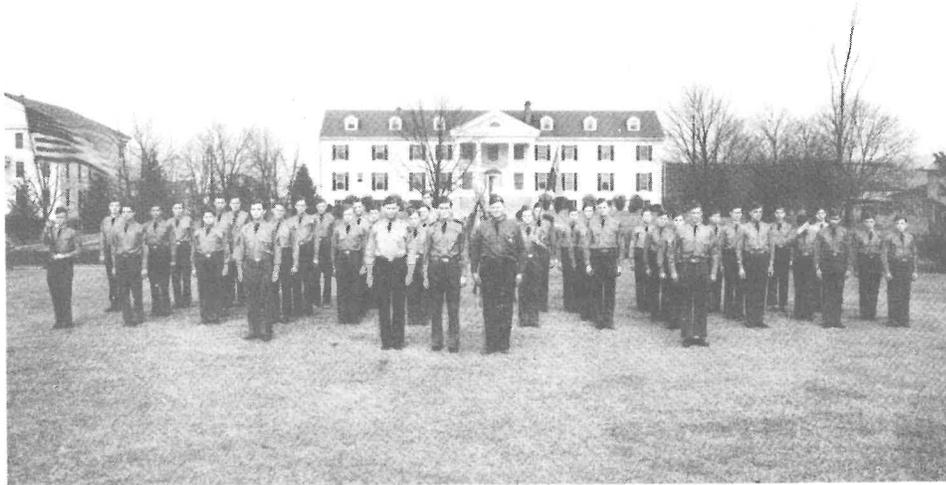


**FARM WORKERS 1942-1943**



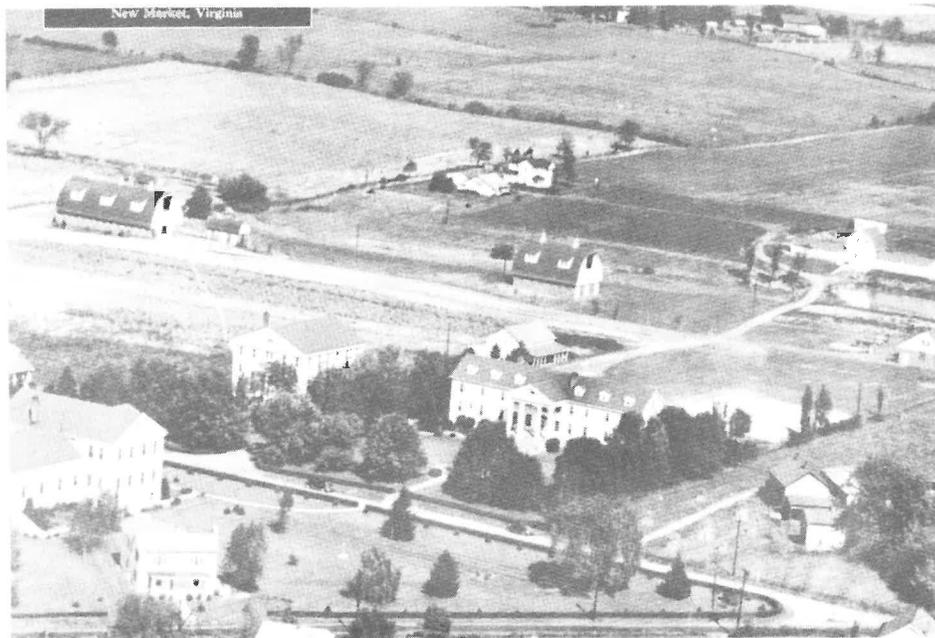
**STUDENTS 1938**

During W. C. Hannah's administration, enrollment increased from below 50 to over 100. (Faculty from left) C. N. Rees, Mrs. Rees, Joan Mead, W. H. Shepherd, W. C. Hannah, Mrs. Hannah, Harriette Hanson, Alma Davis, Mrs. Millam, D. L. Millam.



**MEDICAL CADET CORPS (1943)**

From 1941 to 1968 a Medical Cadet Corps trained youth for military service as Adventists.



**AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH (1947)**

For identification of the buildings in the aerial photograph see the map of the campus before 1950 which is near the end of the picture section.



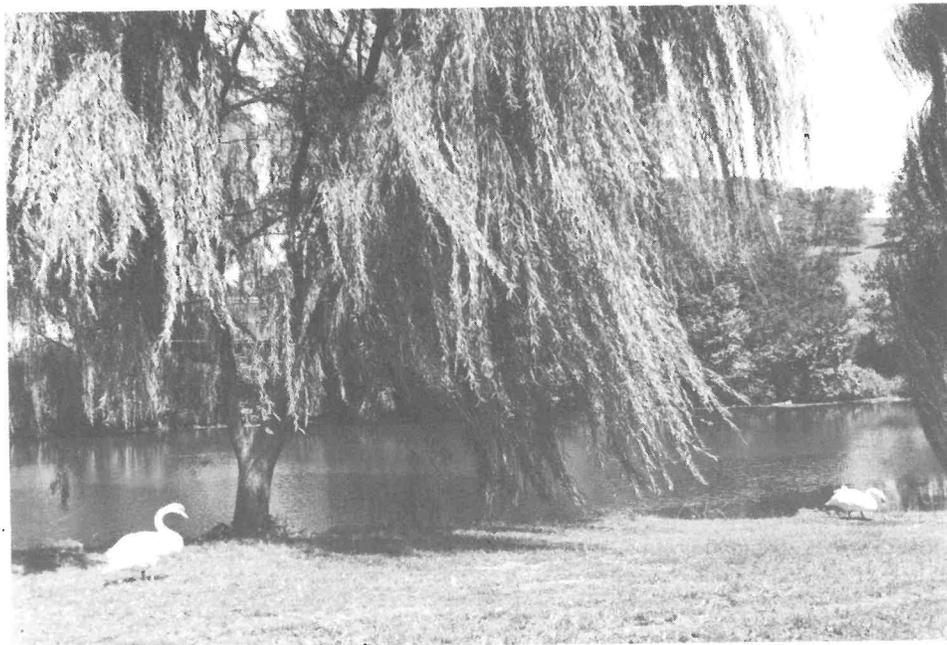
1950's:

(Top) Robert Francis religion teacher; (Center) Laundry girls; (Bottom left) Dairy cows; (Bottom right) John Wagner feeding a calf.



**1960's:**

(Top) Nancy Schroeder in Shenandoah Hall lobby wishing there were lockers; (Center) Skating in the gym; (Bottom) Campus picnic.



**SWAN POND; DR. GEORGE PARROTT'S RETIREMENT BANQUET**

Dr. George Parrott was a close friend of the Hannah's and served the school for many years as campus physician. He saved the lives of several students as well as brought healing to many. He had the swan pond (Top) built and planted many trees on campus. (Bottom) Richard E. Harris, pastor and Bible teacher at SVA (1958-1968), and Reid Digges, pastor of Manor Memorial Methodist Church, sponsored a retirement banquet for Dr. Parrott after he had practiced medicine more than 50 years.



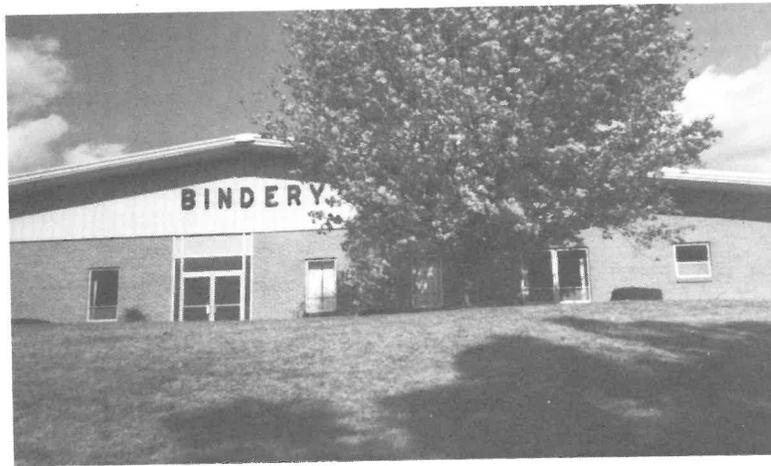
### **TOUR BUS; LIBRARY; BANQUET; DOVE DIRECTING**

(Top left) SVA progressed from open trucks to school busses to tour busses, the first in 1960. Busses are essential to school life for field trips, promotion, home leaves. (Top right) Shenandoah Hall library. (Bottom left) Reception banquets have long been a formal tradition at SVA. (Inset center) Pearl Deiter, matron from 1943 to 1957, set quality standards carried out by Margaret Dove (Bottom Right), matron from 1962 to 1977.



### **HADLEY HALL; PRICE HALL; STUDENT CENTER; CHURCH**

(Top left) The Academy is indebted to Dr. Henry and Anna Hadley as primary benefactors of the girls' dormitory. (Top right) J. Lee Price donated liberally for the boys' dormitory. (Bottom left) Bernice Killen gave a large sum to provide the Student Center (1971) which provides a meeting place for socializing and activities. (Bottom right) One hundred years after its founding (1877) the first church building was built as the center of campus religious life (1976).



**AD BUILDING; GYMNASIUM-POOL; BINDERY; ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

(Top left) The well-equipped Administration Building was built in 1977. (Top right) The gymnasium dates from 1954 and the pool from 1975. They were bricked over in 1977. The Strickland Courtyard with brick, serpentine wall joins the complex. (Bottom left) The bindery began in 1954 in what is now a wing of the Student Center and moved to its new building in 1970. (Bottom right) An elementary school has been associated with the academy from its beginning. The school moved from a building by the gymnasium to its new facility in 1976.



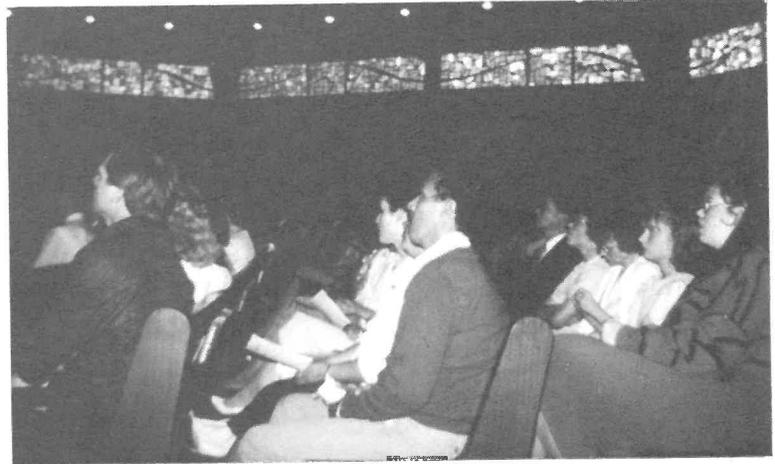
**1960's and 1970's:**

(Top left) Dennis Wilson takes a flying leap on the gymnastics team. (Top right) Allan Blackburn blocks a shot; (Bottom left) Jacqueline Wheatley climbs a bank in the hiking club; (Bottom right) Celena Kramer tobogganning on faculty hill.



**1990's:**

(Top) Symphonic Band with Bruce Wilson as conductor; (Bottom left and right) Orchestra; Chamber Singers with Waldemar Wensell as conductor.

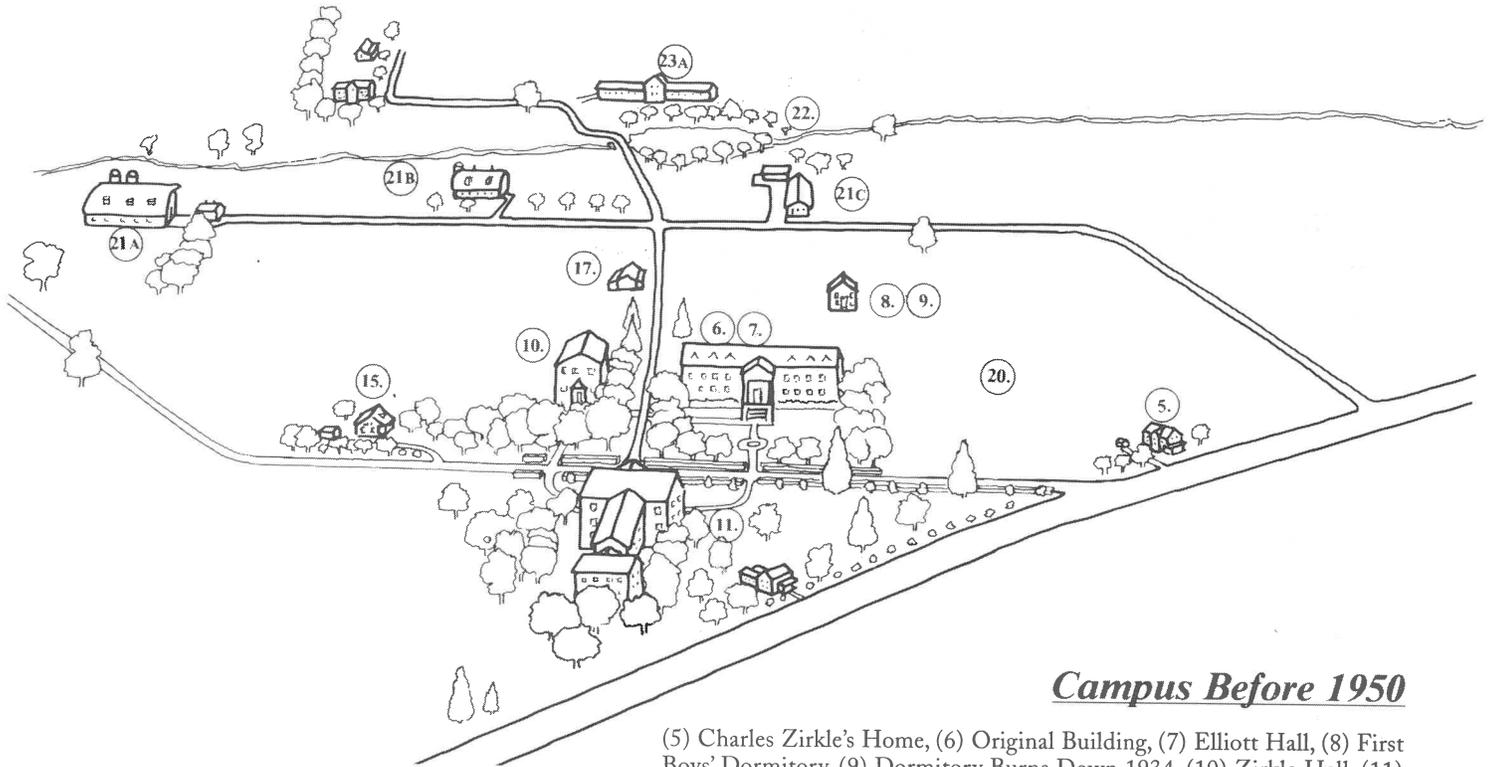


### **WAR CASUALTY; CHURCH SANCTUARY; MISSION PROJECT; GRADUATION**

(Top left) Eddie Spencer (1966 graduate) was one of six SVA student-casualties in the Viet Nam War. (Top right) The church sanctuary provides a worshipful atmosphere. (Bottom left) Students help and are helped in annual church building projects in foreign countries. (Bottom right) Graduation is a time of rejoicing over achievement and sorrow over leaving school friends.

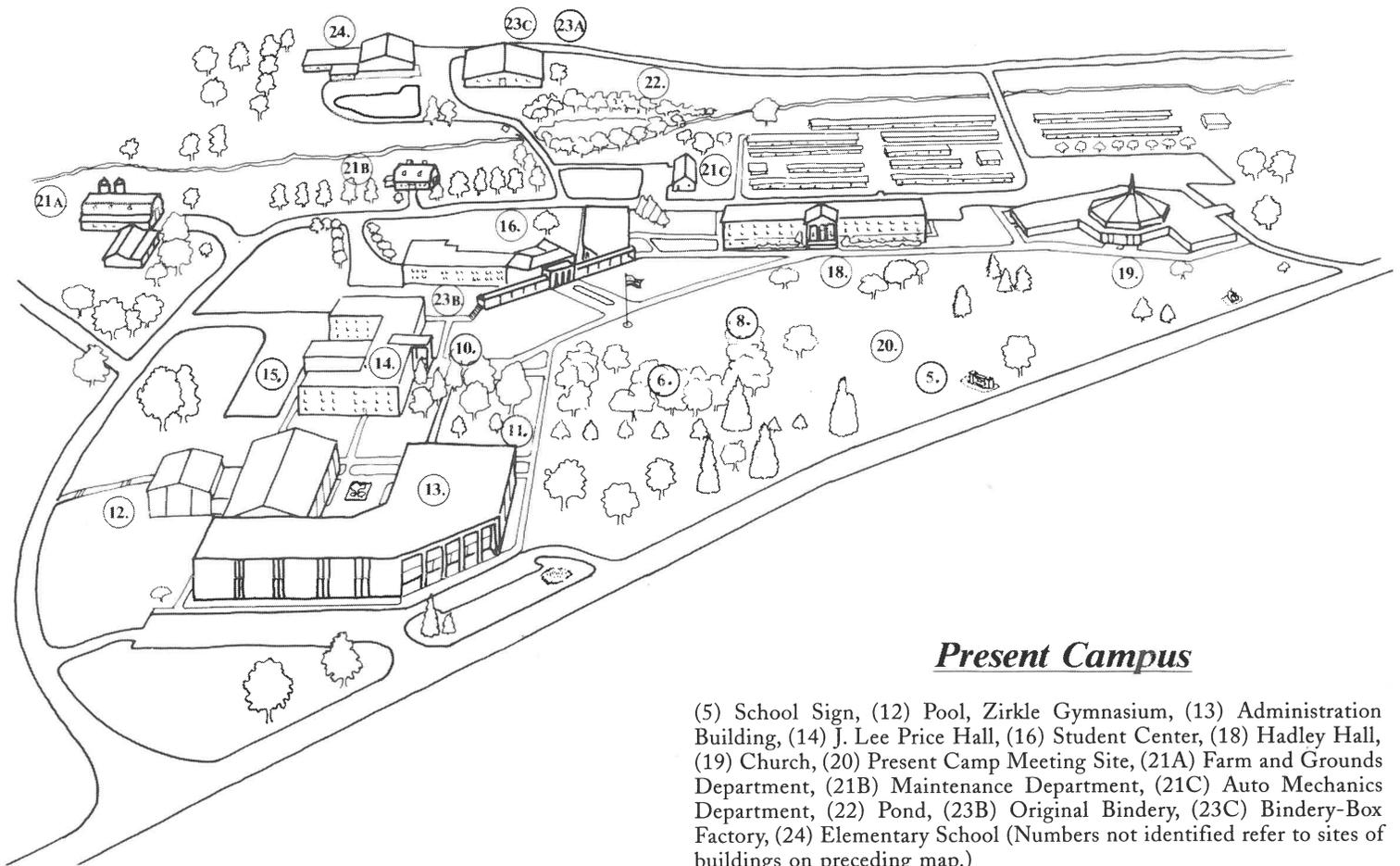


**SHENANDOAH VALLEY ACADEMY—  
A PLACE OF JOY WHILE LEARNING**



### *Campus Before 1950*

(5) Charles Zirkle's Home, (6) Original Building, (7) Elliott Hall, (8) First Boys' Dormitory, (9) Dormitory Burns Down 1934, (10) Zirkle Hall, (11) Shenandoah Hall, (15) Principal's Home, (17) Cannery, (20) Camp Meeting Site from 1908, (21A) Dairy Barn, (21B) Horse, Calf Barn, (21C) Farm Shop, (22) Swan Pond, (23A) Chicken House.



***Present Campus***

(5) School Sign, (12) Pool, Zirkle Gymnasium, (13) Administration Building, (14) J. Lee Price Hall, (16) Student Center, (18) Hadley Hall, (19) Church, (20) Present Camp Meeting Site, (21A) Farm and Grounds Department, (21B) Maintenance Department, (21C) Auto Mechanics Department, (22) Pond, (23B) Original Bindery, (23C) Bindery-Box Factory, (24) Elementary School (Numbers not identified refer to sites of buildings on preceding map.)

# OUR SHENANDOAH

Words by C. L. Ross

Music by Russell MacMeans

*Moderato. mf*

1. Where shines the big Vir-gin-ia sun      And old Dominion's streamlets run,  
2. In na-ture's dooryard neatly planned      A gift is placed by God's own hand,  
3. What blighting frost can chill our zeal      Or e-vil's fu-ry ev-er deal

From out the Massanutt's cool shade      And down great Al-le-ghe-ny's glade,  
The S. V. A. of sa-cred birth      Our own dear school of sterling worth  
A blow in madness fit to shake      Our faith in thee, O S. V. A.

God's works in na-ture mul-ti-plied      Ex-tol His name on ev-'ry side.  
Whose bea-con lit by gos-pel truth      Sheds ho-ly light on paths of youth.  
Or cause our strength in future time      To fag be-fore thy cause sublime?

**CHORUS. f**  
O Shenan-do - ah, dear Shenan-do - ah,      In thee do we delight to rest

And dai-ly strive to do our best,      For Shen-an-do-ah, Shenan-do - ah. *poco rit.*