

January 19, 1954

All members of the Board and their attorney met today in regular session.

Indexing system

Messrs. C.B.Greenwell and J.H.T.Briscoe, representing the County Law Library Association asked that the indexing system now in use for Land and other records be changed to the Cott System. The estimated cost of the complete change is \$10,000 and the State has agreed to pay half of this. Clerk was instructed to write to the above members and inform that the County would pay half of the cost if it does not exceed \$5,000 for their share.

M.R. & J.L. Jean's route increased 3.2 mi per day

Civil Defense

Capt. Bloom and Lt. McVey of the State Police with Mr. M.C.Thompson talked about installing a Central Alarm System which would be connected with the Vol. Fire Depts of the County. The cost is estimated about \$6,000 of which the State will pay half. It is felt in case of an air attack the telephone system would be severely damaged and this central alarm would cover the entire County. Board agreed to meet with chiefs of all Vol Fire Depts in the County on Jan 22. In taking care of stations it is felt persons should be paid, as volunteer work is often unsatisfactory.

Leonardtwn Public school

Mr. R.B.Duke, contractor asked if the Board would allow him the amount the architect approved on the building-Board agreed to this. Balance due from the County on this school is about \$40,000.00 they have paid \$216,893.00. At this time Miss Dent asked the Board if they would pay $\frac{1}{2}$ the cost of the changed sewage plans \$800.00 and they said no and suggested she take it from the proceeds of the sale of old school houses. Miss Dent had intimated it could be paid from the Incentive Fund if the Board agreed. Miss Dent then asked for 2 teachers to be Trainer-Drivers. The Board feels most children of age to receive permits already know how to drive and would not approve this.

Multipurpose room at GMEs.

When first requested the cost of such a room was estimated at \$30,000 and Board agreed to borrow \$25,000 from the State School Loan which they did. Miss Dent informed plans of Johannes & Murray call for nearly \$50,000.00. The Board did not approve this and suggested she contact an architect who can do it for less.

Fed. Explosives Inc.

Mr. Dixon of Fed. Explosives called to report on progress of that factory. To date they employ nearly 300 people and have a payroll of between 4 and 5 thousand \$ a week-they have erected 12 buildings and built 3 miles of road. They would like

the Board to visit the plant any time. (Their road is on the list for oiling this summer)

Board adjourned at 4:45 pm

approved

Leonard S. Alvey

president