

August 18, 1959

The County Commissioners with their attorney met this morning. In the afternoon they were joined by the County Administrative Asst.

Mr. Arthur Briscoe, chrmn of St. Mary's Development Committee had asked for a 10 minute appointment-this was granted if the Commissioners came before 10 a.m. however, the meeting with him and members of the Lex. Pk and Leonardtown Lions and Retail Merchants from both sections lasted until eleven a.m. The object of their meeting was to present to the Commissioners the matter of having a dress factory in this County- Jean's Sportswear of Phila, Pa being anxious to open a branch here. Plant will employ 100 to 125 at the commencement-if Plant #1 is successful Plant #2 will be started, these may employ a maximum of 500 women. It was pointed out that salaries in the beginning would be a minimum of \$40 wkly or \$200,000.00 per yr, with salaries rising higher as experienced workers progressed. Mr and Mrs L.R. Richardson will erect the building and hold a mortgage on it. After a lengthy discussion the Commissioners were asked to put up the sum of \$5,000 which the bank will lend for a period of 2½ years. the site is 6 mi from Leonardtown and 7 mi from Lex. Pk. on Highway #5 new bldg, all modern improvements, cafeteria etc. It appears to be a very desirable enterprise to have here. After considering the matter, the Commissioners expressed a willingness to follow through with the \$5,000 grant. Employees to be citizens of St. Mary's County.

At eleven a meeting with Bus Contractors and Fr. Wilkinson was held. The matter of integration transportation was considered. A meeting was scheduled for Aug 25 with just the clergy in the County whose schools are involved being asked to attend- Fr. Wilkinson, Fr. Dowley, Fr. Monohan & Fr. Behr

Ray Quade advised the Commissioners that the road into Cremona Farms, where he had to go to pick up the Raymond Haley children was narrow and very bad in wet or snowy weather. He asked to have this ~~road~~ eliminated from his contract. Letter was written to Mr. Haley advising him of this, and suggesting his children meet the parochial school bus where other children come out to meet the public school bus.

The Commissioners requested the clerk to have an item in the 3 County papers to the effect that the law granting transportation to schools not receiving state aid specifically stated the pupils should attend the schools nearest their homes. This was done.

In the matter of extension etc., the exact mileage will not be known until after school has been opened for a week or two and also the matter of overcrowded busses will be known at that time.

Mrs. Geo. Huntt was granted an extension of 2.4 mi per day to Sotterly and ½ Phe Pt area all others were asked to send in the mileage they will travel for this school year.

Mr. James Hodges was present for the afternoon session. Clerk was requested to write to Mr. Duncan, SRC making an appointment for Aug 25 at 11 a.m.

Letter was also written to Mr. John Funk, chrmn of SRC, asking results of inspection tour he, with several of SRC engrs made on Aug 13-

After the Aug 25 meeting of parish priests Chas. Jos Herbert is to be notified about transporting the Bennett, Peay, Swales, Bankins & Curtis children.

Letter recd from Mr. Eckerd of Hollywood, Blackistone farms sub-div asking that new road be patrolled at weekends on account of drag racing there, that signs be placed for speed limit, going up as far as Holy Face church, he included a sketch of road and where signs should be placed, copy of his letter and sketch were sent to Mr. Bond.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm

approved

*Leonard L. Olvey*

president