

October 17, 1961

All present.

Dep. Shrf. Sanger came to inquire about securing a prisoner needed here for forging checks, now in prison in Hutchins, Tex., and to be released there Nov 6. Bd. will answer this Oct 24, after talking with the States Atty.

Albert Johnson, Hlywd. Md. informed Comms. he had spoken to Alex Hebb about dividing Hebb's Paro. Sch. bus contract. Commissioners have nothing to do with this, so long as it does not interfere with their contract with Mr. Hebb.

Shrf. Miedzinski reported he had divided bills received from the Treas. for collection, between the 5 deputies. Within 2 weeks he anticipatés receiving either Taxes collected or returned bills they could not collect.

Treas. Cecil discussed the matter of Kennel Licenses. It was decided Comms. will adopt a Resolution that all Kennel Licenses must be purchased from the Treasurer's office. Comms asked him for a list of all Kennel Licenses sold up to Dec. 31, 1961.

Group from Town Creek Citizens' Asso- Cmndr. Perkins, Messrs. Arthur Rysticken Popp, Burger and Hunter came about the following matters:-

- 1; Contractor shoving trees onto vacant lots; not a matter for the Commissioners
- 2. Interested in knowing if road would be marked where cul-desacs occur.
3. All very happy with present road conditions, but complain of drainage problem at Woodlawn Dr and E. Quincy Terrace
4. Feel a need for street signs- two way signs at end of each street (no decision)
5. Need light at entrance to North Town Creek, at the church, at the school and some small ones other places. No promise on lights as Comms. do not make a practice of placing lights in sub-divisions.

Meeting with Messrs. Tilp, Hall, King and Dr. Houser, on Surplus Housing Units-Lex.Pk. Discussed possibility of having school bus inspections held in large parking area, at Lex. Pk.

Sheet #1, Preliminary Plan by Mr. Tilp showed section in Salamaua Court will be proposed for educational purposes. Bd. of Education, Dept. of Health and Library representative requested to have 15 sets of "Justifications" in this office on Oct. 23. Mr. Tilp asked to have final plans here same date.

Letter to be sent R.L. Still, Admin. Asst. to Rep. Lankford, advising him the Comms. intend applying for Community Bldg and Child Care Bldg-Lex.Pk) and this office will mail him a copy of all matters received on this subject

Mr. Carros of Welfare came in regarding plans for remodelling that building. Mr. Tilp was present at this time and will send in/plans, with alternates, brick facing, etc.etc. preliminary

Letter to be written Mr. Cullum, SRC asking for specs on the seawall at Tall Timber

Meeting adjourned at 3 pm approved

*Leonard A. Hwy*  
president



# 2 Opponents Criticize Lankford on Vote Stand

Walter L. Green, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress in Maryland's 5th District, said yesterday that Representative Lankford is bringing "20th century carpet-baggers" into the State to promote his candidacy. Speaking to the Prince Georges County Women's Democratic Club in Riverdale, Mr. Green rapped House Speaker Rayburn and Representative Vinson, Democrat of Georgia, for "interfering" in the 5th District primary election.

Mr. Rayburn indorsed Mr. Lankford in a speech Thursday, and Mr. Vinson, chairman of the House Armed Services committee, wrote a letter in Mr. Lankford's behalf last week.

## Calls Lankford a Puppet

Mr. Green said Mr. Lankford has realized "his do-nothing record is not enough and he is bringing in 20th century carpetbaggers to tell the citizens of the Free State of Maryland how to vote."

Mr. Green said Representatives Rayburn and Vinson want Mr. Lankford back "because they know he votes the way

they want him to vote." He called Mr. Lankford "a puppet dangling on strings pulled by House leadership."

He also criticized Mr. Lankford for voting in the Armed Services Committee against a proposal to impose criminal penalties against retired officers who represent private companies in selling to the Defense Department.

"He voted to protect these brass hat lobbyists because Mr. Vinson wanted him to," Mr. Green said.

## Martin Tosses Barb

Another Democratic primary candidate, Ray Martin, criticized Mr. Lankford for not encouraging a Federal investigation of slot machine operations in Southern Maryland.

Mr. Martin accused Mr. Lankford of helping to "create a monster" by voting to legalize slot machines when he was a member of the Maryland General Assembly.

The candidate said that if Mr. Lankford didn't know what his vote was helping to create at the time, he should know now. He said the congressman has "failed to use the impact of his office to encourage a congressional investigation."



Irvin E. Hume, 43-year-old golf caddy, has been charged with slaying an 83-year-old Baltimore widow, Mrs. Laura Flickinger, who was found beaten, strangled and raped in her home April 15.—AP Wirephoto.

# Con Men Pose To Rob Elderly

RICHMOND, Va., April 30 (AP).—The FBI yesterday disclosed the story of an elderly man who was prevailed upon by confidence men to withdraw his life savings from a bank on the suspicion that some of the money he deposited may have been counterfeit.

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Missing are the two confidence men who posed as FBI men themselves and wore the stock white trench coats of G-men and between four and five thousand dollars they took from the man for examination.

The Richmond office of the FBI disclosed the story in an all-points alert for the two men.

An FBI spokesman said the flim-flam operation took place in mid-March and was brought to the Federal agency's attention this week by police of a western Virginia community. The FBI, which withheld the identity of the victim and the exact locale of the incident, told this story:

Last month the bogus agents went to the man's home and said they had orders to search the premises. In the course of the search they came across the bank book showing the saving deposits. The following day they returned and told the man his house was going to be raided and they would take him away for his own safety in case there was any shooting.

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Larry Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren F. Taylor of 3311 Lancer place, West Hyattsville, was bitten at about noon last Thursday in front of his home.

The boy's mother said she called police and the dog catcher, but they were unable to find the dog. If it isn't caught by Thursday and given rabies tests, Larry will have to receive the 14-shot anti-rabies series as a precaution.

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One of the convention speakers, Playwright Paul Green of Chapel Hill, N. C., called for equal citizenship rights for Negroes, the Associated Press reported.

Although the Southern Interscholastic Press Association includes a few schools that have been racially integrated in recent years, no Negro has ever attended the convention, and none attended this year.

"When I look out over this audience and see a great cross-section of our country not represented, I know you are being robbed and we are all being robbed." Mr. Green told the students. His remarks were applauded.

At the convention, 153 schools from nine Southern States and the District of Columbia were represented, and 256 publications were entered in the competition for awards.

## Winners Listed

Winners in the various categories included from the Washington and Northern Virginia area:

Newspapers from schools with more than 1,100 enrollment—Beacon, Woodrow Wilson High School, Washington, D. C.; Crossed Sabres, Washington-Lee High School, Arlington; Fair Facts,

Fairfax High School, Fairfax County; Highlander, McLean High School, Fairfax County; Highlight, Albemarle High School, Charlottesville; Tiger, Rasmussen High School, Fairfax County; and Salute, Hammond High School, Alexandria.

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Yearbooks from schools with 1,100 or more enrollment—Blue and Grey, Washington-Lee High School, Arlington; Fair Fac Sampler, Fairfax High School, Fairfax County; Antenna, Appomattox High School, Fairfax County; Anchor, Hammond High School, Charlottesville, and Clan, McLean High School, Fairfax County.

Yearbooks from schools with 701 to 1,100 enrollment—Tiscrama, Groveton High School, Fairfax County; Lord, Loudoun, Loudoun County High School, Leesburg, and Woodbine, James Wood High School, Winchester.

Yearbooks from schools with 501 to 700 enrollment—Indian Legend, Stafford High School, Falmouth; Chain, Lone High School, Charlottesville; and Mustang, George Mason High School, Falls Church.

Yearbooks from schools with 500 or less enrollment—Colonnade, Culpeper High School, Culpeper; Talon, Clarke County High School, Berryville; Spottsylvania High School, Spottsylvania; Indian Echoes, Gar-Field High School, Woodbridge; Core, Louisa County High School, General; and Boondocker, Post High School, Quantico.

Yearbooks from private schools—Lamb's Trail, St. Agnes School, Alexandria; Scroll, St. Stephens School, Alexandria; Saint, St. Annes School, Charlottesville; and Shrapnel, Staunton Military Academy, Staunton.

Magazines from schools with more than 1,000 enrollment—Tartan, McLean High School, Fairfax County; Penman, Washington-Lee High School, Arlington; Pendulum, Wakefield High School, Arlington; Fore and Aft, Hammond High School, Alexandria; Little Hatchet, George Washington High School, Alexandria; and Rebellions, Fairfax High School, Fairfax County.

Magazines from schools with less than 1,000 enrollment—Bumblebees, Lane High School, Charlottesville; Pleats, St. Agnes School, Alexandria; Record, Lee High School, Alexandria; Scimitar, Staunton Military Academy, Staunton; and Penman's Palette, George Mason High School, Falls Church.

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The squad consists of off-duty policemen who have volunteered for the extra work at time-and-a-half pay. They will work the extra duty until the city has recruited and trained 30 new policemen recently authorized by city council.

## 2 Delegates Put On Assembly Unit

RICHMOND, April 30 (AP).—Delegates Russell M. Carneal of Williamsburg and Lyman C. Harrell, jr., of Emporia have been named to the General Assembly's Committee on Offenses Against the Administration of Justice, also known as the Boatwright committee.

They succeed two former House members, John B. Boatwright of Buckingham, who was chairman of the committee, and Frank P. Moncure of Stafford.

House Speaker E. Blackburn Moore made the appointments.

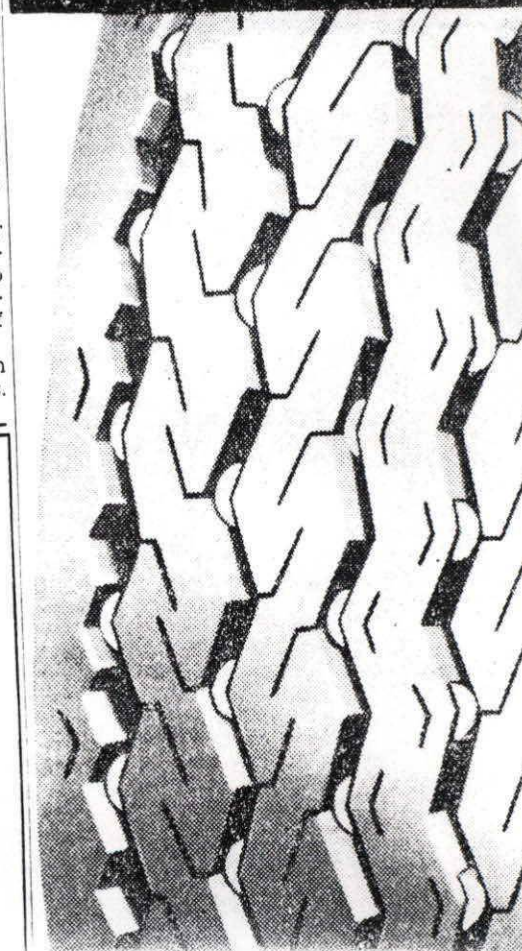
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This means, for instance, that instead of the State paying the bill for a Montgomery or Prince Georges County patient in a State hospital, the county would pay it. The locality would have more control over patients involved in these programs.

Under the present system, the State pays more than 90 per cent of the cost of chronic disease and mental hospitals, all the cost of tuberculosis hospitals, most of the bill for inpatient and medical care programs and half the cost of the outpatient program.

#### Cost \$49 Million

In 1959, the cost of all services was about \$49 million, of which the localities paid about \$8.8 million. Had the program recommended by the Kirkman Committee been in effect, the localities would have contributed an additional \$14.5 million.

The committee said it would recommend specific proposals for giving the localities an additional share of State revenues to help offset additional money they would have to put up for health services.

Although there would be greater emphasis upon local administration of health services, the local programs would be developed under rigid standards fixed by the State.

The committee also recommended State grants for construction of public, non-profit nursing homes, with priority for those affiliated with general hospitals. The report said there is a great need for "integrated support facilities" and outside care to reduce the length of stays in hospitals. The committee said there has been "too much dependence on hospitals," producing "social cripples."

The committee also said there should be a greater effort to collect for hospital services from those able to pay.

Another recommendation was that the full cost of services to the indigent be paid to general and special hospitals where they are treated. The State now pays 80 per cent of the cost.

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The old Courthouse now houses the Selective Service System, General Service Administration planners have been discussing moving the Selective Service to other quarters.

#### Moves Could Be Made

If the District was given the structure, Mr. McLaughlin said, the offices of the three Commissioners would be moved into it along with the top agencies, including the Department of General Administration, the Corporation Counsel's office and executive aides.

This would open up space in the District Building at Fourteenth and E streets N.W. for other agencies scattered about the city.

Mr. McLaughlin pointed out that eventually, with the old Courthouse returned to the District, the city's entire municipal government would be located in a three-block sector. A long-planned West Administration building is still proposed for the square alongside the present Municipal Center, opposite the old Courthouse.

Once the new building is completed, the agencies in the old District Building would be moved in. The District Building eventually is to be torn down.

#### Built As City Hall

The original Courthouse, abandoned by the courts for new, modernistic quarters on Pennsylvania avenue in 1952, was built for use as a city hall.

The Circuit Court, predecessor of District Court, moved in after the Federal Government paid \$10,000 to furnish court-rooms. That was the first Federal interest in the building and later appropriations were made to add wings and renovate the structure.

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## G. O. P. to Hold Election Meeting in Alexandria

Alexandria Republicans will hold a mass meeting at 8 p.m. May 13 at the George Mason Hotel to select a new City Committee and delegates to the District and State party conventions.

John L. Kilcullen, city Republican chairman, said all eligible voters who adhere to the principles of the Republican Party are invited to attend.

The chairman also said he is a candidate for delegate to the Republican National Convention.

He added that Donald Baldwin, a former Republican candidate for State Senator, is seeking election as an alternate to the national convention and that Mrs. Betty McCann is running for a seat on the Republican State Central Committee.

## School to Honor Judge Prettyman

Chief Judge E. Barrett Prettyman of the United States Court of Appeals will be honored tomorrow in the National Press Club at a law day luncheon, sponsored by the Georgetown University Law Center.

Judge Prettyman, 68, an alumnus of the center, is being cited by the school as "one of the outstanding American jurists."

He recently was appointed by Chief Justice Warren to head a committee investigating appellate procedure.

Dean Frank J. Dugan of the law center's graduate school also will be honored at the luncheon, which begins at noon in the Press Club ballroom. Representative Edmondson, Democrat, of Oklahoma, will be the speaker.

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The corporation as planned by the bureau would have extensive land-taking and other powers which the two State leaders said would have difficulty gaining acceptance in the State legislatures.

Under the proposed revision hammered out in meetings during the last two weeks, the corporation would be strictly temporary and would have limits put on its powers, Senator Northrop said. State consent, for example, would have to be contained before acquisition of property.

The exact details of the proposed revision are to be worked out at a meeting scheduled tonight in the office of District Commissioner Robert E. McLaughlin. He and the two State leaders met with Harland Bartholomew, National Capitol Planning Commission Chairman, last week at a session at which the basic ideas were agreed upon.

A joint Senate-House committee headed by Senator Bible, Democrat of Nevada, has scheduled the hearings on the transportation bill.

Senator Northrop said informal discussions with Budget Bureau staff members have indicated a good chance for acceptance by the bureau of the proposed changes. This would help clear the way for early legislative action, which the leaders feel is essential if the temporary agency backed by all concerned is to be set up and given financial resources before Congress adjourns, probably in July.

## Tuberculin Tests Offered Free by Fairfax County



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## Planners Urge Revamping of Medical Care

### Uniform System Is Recommended In Tax Report

By PAUL HOPE  
 Star Staff Writer

A plan which would make the localities responsible for more of the cost of State medical services has been recommended in a report by advisers to the Maryland Department of Planning.

To offset some of the additional cost to the localities, the report says the State should make additional State tax money available to them.

The recommendation was contained in a report calling for a uniform system of financing all State medical services. The report, which has not yet been released, was prepared by a committee headed by Walter N. Kirkman, former State director of budget and procurement.

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# Area Leaders Draft Transit Unit Curbs

## Agree on Form Of Legislation; Hearings Set

By JAMES G. DEANE  
 Star Staff Writer

Washington area spokesmen expect to attend congressional hearings Thursday on a compromise proposal that could set planning for a new rail and rapid-transit system in motion by this summer.

Maryland, Virginia and District leaders have reached substantial agreement on desired changes in proposed legislation drafted by the Federal Budget Bureau. It was reported yesterday.

The changes include putting curbs on the power of a proposed Federal transit corporation by giving the two States a say in corporation actions.

Also under consideration is a switch from a single presidentially appointed administrator to a three-man or seven-man governing board representing the three major area jurisdictions. Administrative power might be given to the chairman or might be assigned to a director named by the board.

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## Commissioner Pleads For Old D. C. City Hall

### McLaughlin Sees Hope of Return Of Building to District System

By GILBERT GIMBLE  
 Star Staff Writer

The District wants to get back its original 140-year-old city hall.

Commissioner Robert E. McLaughlin has been making a plea for its return and says he is "rather hopeful" of winning his case.

The building involved, commonly known as the old Courthouse, stands in Judiciary square with the statue of Lincoln in front of it.

Mr. McLaughlin, who recently has been traveling abroad on various missions, points out that in the capitals of Europe the city heads have ancient and traditional quarters that give dignity to their office.

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