

February 28, 1950

The Board of County Commissioners met today, with all members present.

Mr. W.W.Hutchins of Lexington Park requested the Bd. to approve his plans for a night lighted, all-year ball park to be erected on the County Fair Grounds. Mr. Hutchins was advised that while this plan meets with the hearty approval of this Bd. they have no jurisdiction in the matter. They agreed to write to Mr. Henry Fowler, President of the Fair Bd and acquaint him with their approval, hoping that the Fair Bd will also approve the plan and designate a park for the ball grounds. Letter to Mr. Fowler and Mr. Hutchins were written by the secretary, as to above.

Roads.

Fr. Horace McKenna, S.J., accompanied a delegation who asked that roads in 1st Dist be repaired Dameron to Ridge to St. Inigoes 15 families with children of school age live on these roads. Peter Fenwick- W.L.Clayton, etc. Roads were accepted by former Bd for maintenance but nothing done. Bd. will contact Mr. Thompson and have same put on 1950 program.

Red Hill Cove; Thompson's Neck-Forrest Landing- T.J.Matthews Luke Mattingly, Luke W.Mattingly, R.H.Harsh,A.C.Himmler, Geo.G.Smith, L.C.Shuff. James B. Harris, S.A.DeStefano Jno R. Knott. request for county to accept R of W and maintain road- 30 ft. by 8/10 mi. Road will not be used by trucks and buses. Mr. Thompson present. Bd. agreed to accept R of W.

Mr. J. Lee Wilkenson, architect had an interview with the Bd relative to schools. left an article as to schools he had built etc. Offers to assist Sch Bd in preparing plans whereby costs may be kept at a minimum.

Landing of Pilgrims in 1634 Six sections of lithographed panels, depicting scene of landing of Pilgrims in 1634 was presented by Fr. L.C.Wheeler,S.J., and Fr. Chas. Rohleder, S.J., of St. Aloysius Church. Bd was delighted to accept them, as they had wanted such a picture to hang in the Court Room W.Bennett instructed how to mount the scenes, letter written to Judge Gray asking permission to have celebration March 20- or March 25th when scene will be unveiled in Court Room.

Mr. Jack Bell appeared relative to sites for public dumps throughout the County. Mr. Bell was instructed to contact Mr. Lawrence to determine where County owned property is located and signs will be placed there.

Parran Graves- homeless, crippled, asks to be placed at Alms House. Has wife and sons, but wife is living with son and Mr. Graves doesnt get on well with inlaws. Sent to Alms House 2/28

Mrs. Ross Coppage, Miss Helen Clarke were here with Garrett County Bookmobile so that Commissioners could have good view of the gift Mrs. Davidson proposes giving the County. As Mrs. Ross expressed her opinion, "there is no finer company for girls or boys than good books."

Letter from Planning Commission, requesting set-back on Shangri-la Drive be removed. This necessitates Public Hearing on matter. Notice of such hearing to be held in Court House on March 14, at 10a.m.

Zoning- Gasparovic- further consideration given to matter. supplementary decision by Mr. Briscoe presented to Bd. advises they sustain their original decision to rezone property "C" commercial which was arrived at from a study of evidence presented at last hearing Jan 26- which tends to show a steady trend of business along the highway from Great Mills Road to 3 Notch and NATC. In 1945 several property owners had their property zoned from "A" to "C" due to the already creeping in of business. A denial of Mr. Gasparovic's request would hamper development along commercial lines. In the erection of the Bowling Alleys the County also gains an additional sum from taxes

State Roads Commission presented a list of roads and work completed in 1949.

Letter to St. Mary's Hospital advising them they had drawn all but \$178.50 (check for this amount enclosed with letter) of budget allowed them up to 12/31/50, for indigent patients certified them by Welfare.

Library Aid.

After several meetings at the home of A.F.King between officers of the St. Mary's County Memorial Lib. Asso.Inc., and JHTBriscoe, King and the commissioners, the Board agreed to lend its support for ONE YEAR ONLY to the library. Letter from R.E.Wigginton, sec. of the above Asso., was the first written proposal or pledge of what Mrs. Davidson proposed to do in regards to a public county library. (letter in files) Mrs. Davidson will lease any part of Tudor Hall (which she has decided to the S.M.C.M.L.A. Inc.,) necessary for the proper conduct of a library; she further agrees to operate the library for a period of at least one year at her own expenses, if the County Commissioners will appropriate the 2¢ minimum amt. on the taxable basis; after this is done the State aid for libraries at 8¢ per capita can be received for purchase of books; Mrs. Davidson will then pay the rest of all expenses, including heat, light, janitor etc. The Commissioners agreed to appropriate a sum equal to the 2¢ tax from the Surplus Fund, for ONE YEAR ONLY in order to determine whether or not the citizens desire such a library.

Lst Nat Bank requested Bd. to close out Sinking Fund and maintain only the CGF #1, from which the necessary amounts will be withdrawn when due for the Sinking Fund.

Board adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Mar 3- secretary instructed to purchase 3 Executive chairs for Judges in Court Room from Remington-Rand Inc.

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Memorial Library

Roads Repaired In St. Mary's During 1949

Below is a list of roads in St. Mary's County that were repaired and built during the year of 1949.

Roads Resurfaced—

Riceville Road, .5; McKay's Beach, .85; Loveville Road, 1.5; Cedar Lane, 2.85; Brent Davis Road, 1.0; Hurry to Chaptico, 2.58; Woodburn Hill, 1.5; Horse Landing, 2.0; James Road, 1.5; Robert Burrows, 2.6; Vista Road, 1.66; Red Hill, 1.25; John Hebb, 2.0; Blackistone, 1.16; Forest Landing, .9; Blanch McKay, .4; St. Patrick Creek, 1.21; Cherry Lane, .4; Matt Bailey, .2; Colton's Point, .3; St. Andrew's, 3.0; Town Creek, .2; Myrtle Point, 1.5; Kingston Creek, .8.

Total—31.86 Miles

Roads Reconstructed—

Esperanza, .9; St. George's Island, .9; Tall Timbers, .7; Richley Brown, .92; Colton's Point, .3; Clarence Mattingly, .7.

Total—4.42 Miles

Roads Built New—

Gibson Shipyard Road, .25; Ext. River Springs Road, .25; Bailey Road, .45; Noland Road, .50.

Total—1.45 Miles.

Roads Resurfaced - Bit. Material—

White Neck, 1.4; St. Patrick's Creek, 1.15; Loveville, 1.5; Bay-side, .5; Fresh Pond Neck, .8; Park Hall, 1.4; St. Inigoes Neck, 2.5; Cross Roads, 3.0; Cabbage Alley, .46; Morris Point, .45; Hatchet Thicket, 1.95; Mechanicsville to Chaptico, 5.75; Baptist Church, 2.85; River Springs, 1.0; Airedale, 1.5.

Total—25.21 Miles

Road Surfaced Initial Bit Mater.—

Morganza to Oraville, .2; Seven Gables, 1.7; Forest Landing, .9; McKay's Beach, .85; Ext. River Springs, .25.

Total—3.90 Miles