

Perrow Program Approval, Minority Battle Expected

RICHMOND, Va., April 3 (AP)—A calm before the storm lingered over the State Capitol today. While a group of youngsters conducted a model Legislature, members of the Virginia General Assembly, at home for the week end, digested the contents of a huge report on the State's school crisis by the Perrow Commission.

as something he is powerless to invoke, a group of legislators is expected to push for a referendum on repeal of the constitutional provision requiring the State to operate an efficient system of free public schools.

Local Option Opposed
The Southside region of the State School Boards Association said adoption by the Legislature of any local option or freedom-of-choice school program "will place the public school system in this region in dire danger of destruction." A resolution "calls upon the General Assembly to abandon all such plans." Included in the Southside region of the association are the cities of Richmond, Petersburg and Colonial Heights and 16 counties.

ment the views stated in the dissenting report" when the Legislature gets to work on the program. They feel, Mr. Wheatley added, that massive resistance measures have not been exhausted.

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Fenwick, Mann Laud Virginia Schools Report

Two Arlington members of Virginia's Commission on Education today praised their group's report as a way of preserving public schools in their area.

At the same time, declared the joint statement of State Senator Charles R. Fenwick and Delegate Harrison Mann, the commission report would allow other areas of the State to restrict integration in education to a minimum under the "freedom of choice" proposals.

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SOLDIER HONORED—Sp4 Thomas T. H. Hayes, 4217 Glenrose street, Kensington, Md., has been named "soldier of the month" of the School Brigade at Fort Benning, Ga.

Tax Increase Backed For Teacher Pay Rise

Montgomery County Democratic spokesmen last night supported tax increases needed to finance teacher pay raises in the school board's proposed \$53.2 million budget.

The budget, including school and county government costs, totals \$72.1 million. A tax rate increase of more than 40 cents would be required by the budget as it now stands. The per cent rate is \$2.18 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

On hand for the hearing, by county council, were almost 100 residents. The 19 speakers were divided on the budget increases as follows:

Budget Cut Urged
Four were generally in favor of cutting the budget to reduce the necessary tax increase. Three skirted the teacher pay issue, but recommended a search for new sources of tax revenue.

Here, in brief, are comments made by some of the speakers: Robert L. Sammons, representing the tax and finance committee of the Allied Civic Group of Silver Spring—The county should undertake a study of new tax sources. These might include a county income tax and a "value-added" or gross receipt tax on profit-making organizations.

Alarmed at Trend
Herbert J. Holland, an Ashton resident—"As one voice on behalf of prudence, I'm alarmed at the trend." He said there are too many demands being

Couple Loses Fight to Keep Foster Child

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd R. Crump of Silver Spring yesterday lost their fight in Salisbury, Md., to regain the foster child taken away from them by the Montgomery County Welfare Board.

But they haven't given up completely. They plan to confer with their attorney in Salisbury on Monday to discuss the possibility of appealing the decision.

Three judges of the Wicomico County Circuit Court decided that 20-month-old Johnny could be adopted instead by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Montgomery of Salisbury, to whom the boy was transferred after being taken from the Crumps shortly before Christmas.

The court rejected a similar plea by Mr. and Mrs. Crump, who live at 12103 Atherton drive. The Crumps got Johnny when he was 7 days old. At first, the county welfare board found he was slightly retarded and not acceptable for adoption. Later it decided he could be adopted but not by the Crumps.

Kiwanis Club Cancels Postponed Egg Hunt
The planned Easter egg hunt set for tomorrow in Magruder Park, Hyattsville, has been canceled because of the wet ground, it was announced today by the Kiwanis Club which was to co-sponsor the event with the Sidney Lust Theaters.

Minority Plan Seen

There were suggestions the commission's minority would introduce legislation more drastic than the majority proposals for dealing with racial integration in the public schools. A program akin to the old massive resistance line appeared to be in the making.

Minority Stand

Nine members of the 40-member Perrow Commission refused to go along with the majority report, which said no constitutional change was needed to allow the proposed plan to be put into effect.

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Senate OKs Bonus Bill, Snag Seen in House

ANNAPOLIS, April 3.—A Senate-passed Maryland veterans' bonus bill is slated today for referral to a House committee where it is given slim chance of survival. The bill, passed last night, carries a 7-cent increase in the 3-cent per gallon beer tax and is known to be unfavorably regarded by the House Alcoholic Beverages Committee.

increase from two to four the resident circuit court judges in Prince Georges, to be decided by a referendum. Authorize the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to sell \$2,750,000 in bonds for a new garbage disposal plant.

Della Pushes Bill on Loans

ANNAPOLIS, April 3.—Senate President George Della today said he will try to revive his bill to increase sharply interest rates on loans above \$300. The measure was rejected overwhelmingly Tuesday by the House Ways and Means Committee, with some members labeling it as being worse than a previous bill killed as "legalized usury."

Nursing Home Needs Studied in Maryland

ANNAPOLIS, April 3 (AP)—A legislative subcommittee today weighed conflicting testimony on whether more nursing home beds are needed in Maryland for welfare and low-income patients.

The money would be spent over a five-year period to build public and non-profit nursing homes. The State grant would be matched equally by both Federal and local sources.

Taxes Still Backs Bill

Gov. Taves last night confirmed a report he had conferred with Senator Della about the bill. The Governor said he will not interfere with the attempts to revive it.

Interchange Bids Asked

RICHMOND, April 3 (Special)—The State Highway Department today asked for bids on construction of a huge interchange where the Washington circumferential highway crosses Shirley highway in Fairfax County.

Cheaper Service

Dr. Perry F. Prather, department director, said public and non-profit homes started by local groups and aided by the State and Federal governments would operate like general hospitals and would provide cheaper service than private homes.

Counsel to Second Firm

Senator Della, in response to a question, said that he also has been counsel for at least 10 years for Family Finance Co.

4 Frogmen Set 48-Hour Record Under Water

NORFOLK, Va., April 3 (AP)—Four Navy frogmen climbed out of a swimming pool today after a record 48 hours under water.

Figures Called in Error

Mr. Linowes called the State Department's figures erroneous and said the bill is "an attempt to get our hands in the Federal till."

Health Department Officers

Health Department officers said almost two-thirds of Maryland's nursing-home beds are in buildings structurally unsuitable.

Bids Will be Opened at 10 a.m. April 29

at highway department offices in Richmond, or welfare patients.

Mr. Linowes said there are

some 6,000 private beds licensed by the health department. He said some 500 are vacant and about 300 of these are immediately available for low-income or welfare patients.

Immediately after the men

came up, they were examined to determine physical and psychological effects of their prolonged submersion. While in the pool the men were fed a liquid diet out of plastic squeeze tubes.

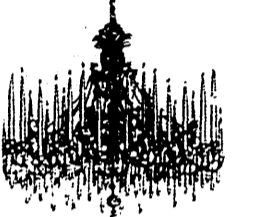
Antiques Burned In Bladensburg

Fire today swept through an old, unoccupied house in Bladensburg and destroyed antique furniture valued by its owner at thousands of dollars. The owner, Francis E. Gasch of Glen Isle, Md., said the loss included a valuable bed, two sets of bedroom furniture, marble-top tables and other antiques.

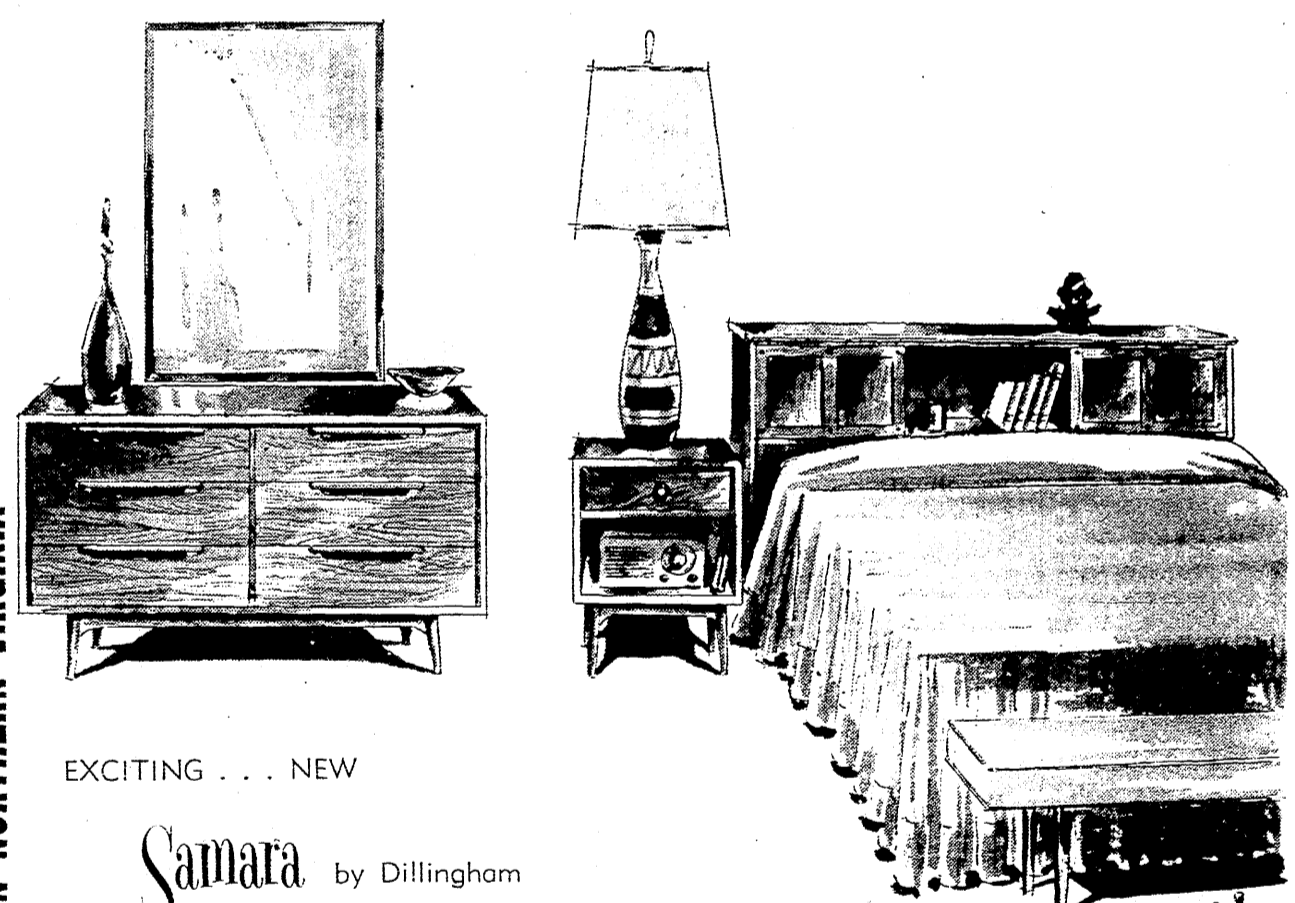
The fire at 4324 Bladensburg avenue, was discovered at 2:40 a.m. Four companies responded. Mr. Gasch is the owner of the Bladensburg Blue Print Shop, next door to the destroyed frame house. He said he was using the old home as a storage place for the furniture. Cause of the fire was undetermined.

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