

Fairfax Seeks Talks With Two Towns City Would Engulf

Fairfax County yesterday sought a conference with leaders of the small towns which it might swallow up in its move toward city status.

The County Supervisors offered to meet with Town Councilmen from Fairfax, Vienna and Herndon to discuss their governmental futures.

Unless they become small cities themselves, Fairfax and Vienna would lose their identities in the 400-square-mile city proposed in the Supervisors' court petition Wednesday. Herndon has no choice because it is too small to become an independent city.

The Supervisors' invitation, issued by Board Chairman Anne Wilkins, did not spell out any concrete proposals. However, the proposed city charter permits special taxing districts which could be applied to the two towns, leaving them with the same degree of services and a measure of local identity.

The offer drew noncommittal responses from the town mayors. John C. Wood of Fairfax, which already has petitioned for city classification, said he is willing to talk with the Supervisors—"That's only civilization." But he maintained that Fairfax wants to retain its small-town character.

Vienna Mayor Guy M. Wilson, whose council will ponder its future Monday, declined to comment.

Both towns face expensive changes if they seek city charters. They must establish school systems, assume portions of the County's school debt and compensate the County for lost tax revenues.

A study made in Vienna last November concluded that the cost of becoming a city would be "prohibitive." The tax rate would increase from \$5.10 (County and town combined) to \$7, the report said. It is mainly because of school costs, current expenditures would rise from \$27,500 to at least \$44 million.

Fairfax officials say they have no estimates for a city's costs but claim they could go it alone with the present tax rate or only a slight increase.

Jenks Elected
Thomas E. Jenks, an attorney who lives at 5944 Millwood lane n.w., has been elected president of the Federal Association for Epilepsy.

Selected were Harold E. Kubit, vice president; S. Miles Montgomery, treasurer; and John S. Richardson, secretary.



These are scenes in the quiet little town of Clifton, Va., whose voters may decide whether Fairfax County—of which their community is a part—will become a city. The photos show (1) a view down Main st., (2) the town's only commercial enterprise, a general store near the Clifton station of the Southern Railway, where two trains make daily stops at the stationmaster "flags" them;



(3) Nellie White, a lifelong resident and (4) a rural scene that may be encountered not more than 100 yards from the edge of the town.

Tiny Clifton Likes Idea of Becoming a Vast City

By Edward Munsey Staff Reporter

Cows grazing at the corporate limits, a dog ambling down the middle of Main Street, and, except for the cooling of a dove, silence all around. This is the scene at high noon in the town of Clifton, population 230, which springs into the limelight as the key town in a plan to make Fairfax County the country's second largest city.

Fairfax, with a population of 275,000, can merge its 400 square miles with Clifton's quarter of a square mile and become a city immune from the annexation threats of its municipal neighbors if a referendum of voters in each jurisdiction approved in a referendum.

Town Has 45 Voters
Of the 45 eligible voters in Clifton, the six who serve on the Town Council have already approved the move.

Mayor W. Swann Egin said it should have been done a long time ago; "I've always been in favor of it."

The town budget totals only \$1400 a year to provide trash collection and part-time police. It is a town on an Elizabeth

which gave up its pot-bellied stove for gas—no gas pumps, a furniture craftsman, a barber, four churches, an elementary school, post office and the Fire Hall.

Once Famed for Springs
Once several renowned springs attracted tourists to the Clifton Hotel, but that is now a battered, condemned building.

Auto Traffic Eventually Made It Unprofitable for Trains to Stop in Clifton. Then the mills closed and nothing took their place.

Chief Sanitary Engineer of local size paper there. The new pipeline eventually will connect with a proposed large treatment plant to be built on a nearby farm recently purchased by the town.

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Mohawk Haircut Schoolboy Shorn

Harvey Kiebler, who was sent home from Arlington's Stratford Junior High School Wednesday when he showed up with a Mohawk haircut, is shorn if not too happy.

Easton Plans Sewer Needs For 40 Years
BALTIMORE, May 11 (AP)—The Maryland Dept. of Health has issued a permit to the city of Easton to build a new sewer pipeline and treatment center capable of meeting the city's sewer needs until the year 2000.

Legal Paper Is Cut Short At Prison
RICHMOND, May 11 (AP)—A prisoner has asked Law and Equity Court here to stop George S. Gathright from enforcing a new regulation governing issuance of legal size paper there.

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Memorial to MacArthur Arouses Norfolk Women
NORFOLK, Va., May 11 (AP)—Opponents of the MacArthur Memorial will begin a public drive for the sole use new petition drive for 10,000 signatures in an effort to persuade the city Council that Norfolk citizens do not want to use tax money to build the memorial.

Canada Plans No Bar To U. S. Migrants
REGINA, Sask., May 11 (AP)—Provincial Agriculture Minister I. C. Nollat says his government plans no immediate U. S. farmers into Saskatchewan farming area.

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Va.-Md. Briefs State Sifts \$216 Million Fund Bids

RICHMOND, May 11 (AP)—The State Capital Outlay Commission has begun an item-by-item review of capital outlay proposals totaling more than \$216 million for the 1962-68 period.

The Commission last month completed a tour of colleges, mental hospitals, training schools and other state-supported institutions.

C. H. Morrissett, Commission chairman, said yesterday the group has reached the hard part of its work, taking a tentative vote on every item.

Morrissett reported the group has gone through about one-third of the list of new buildings, equipment, land and other items requested by the institutions. The list totals about \$20 million in special funds and \$187 million in general funds.

The current capital outlay program set up in 1958 at the close of the budget year June 30, 1962. Gov. J. Lindsay B. Battle asked the Commission last summer to study needs for the next six years.

Veterans Taxable
RICHMOND, Va., May 11 (AP)—Attorney General Frederick T. Gray ruled today that students in the State Administration hospitals are not exempt from paying Virginia's tobacco tax.

The ruling was in response to a query by Sen. Commissioner C. H. Morrissett. Cited was a state election section exempting income tax from members of the armed services of the United States.

Wilson Heaps Named
ANNAPOLIS, Md., May 11 (AP)—Gov. J. Millard Tawes today named Wilson A. Heaps as State Director of the Aging, succeeding Joseph J. Gorman.

Buchanan to England
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., May 11 (AP)—A Fulbright grant has been awarded to James McGill Buchanan, an economics professor at the University of Virginia, to enable him to lecture in political economy at the University of London during the 1961-62 academic year.

Professor on Leave
LEXINGTON, Va., May 11 (AP)—John Harvey Wheeler, professor of history at Washington and Lee University, has been granted a sabbatical leave to participate in the formulation of a master plan for future editions of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

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