NEW ARUNDEL
BOARD IS DUE

5 Commissioners To Take
Oaths Of Office Tuesday

Annapolis, Nov. 29 (AP) — A
new board of commissioners will
take over the reins of Anne
Arundel county government
Tuesday.

Three of the eight commis-
sioners elected November 4 were
sworn in yesterday, and the
other five have indicated they
will take their oaths of office
Tuesday.

The next biweekly meeting of
the board is set for Tuesday at
10 A.M.

Paul T. Pitcher, Edward J.
Klima and Dr. Carl P. Russell
assumed their duties yesterday.
Still to be sworn in are Samuel
J. Carr, Louis A. Boehm, Henry
C. Wigley, Joseph Collinson and
Frank W. Wilde. Mr. Carr, Mr.
Boehm and Mr. Wigley are the
only holdovers.

Mr. Wilde is reported to be
the choice of a majority of the
commissioners for presidency of
the board, but he will un doubt-
edly have opposition from Mr.
Pitcher.
LONERGAN Q withdraws POST IN ARUNDEL
Resignation As County Manager Seen As A Victory For Phipps

By LAWRENCE C. McDaniel

Annapolis, March 24—The resignation today of Edward R. Lonergan, Anne Arundel county manager, was heralded as a major victory for the political faction headed by State Senator Louis N. Phipps.

Business manager of the 400-square-mile county since March 11, 1932, Mr. Lonergan said he felt "it would be to the best interests of all concerned if I were to step aside and permit the board to select its own administrative officer."

Interviewed By Grand Jury

Following the announcement Mr. Lonergan was interviewed by the county grand jury.

James W. Salyers, foreman, said the county manager had been asked to appear before the panel before his resignation.

It was presumed the resignation was discussed by the jurors, along with other details concerning the functions of the business manager's office.

Mr. Lonergan was appointed to the $11,000-a-year post during the Administration of Ralph L. Lowman, former president of the Board of County Commissioners and political enemy of Mr. Phipps, the Democratic Senator.

A ticket led by Mr. Lowman received a sound thrashing at the polls in last year's election. Since then, several Lowman appointees have been requested either to resign, accept transfers to less important jobs or take "sick leaves."

Taking 90-Day Sick Leave

Several weeks ago Edward Burns, a former Lowman lieutenant who was assistant director of the public works department, departed on 90 days' sick leave. He will be asked to take a physical examination when and if he returns to work.

Other county employees already have resigned and still others, including J. Carson Bouch, zoning inspector, and Frank Griffin, county comptroller, are scheduled for eventual "retirement."

One member of the Board of Commissioners expressed surprise at the resignation of Mr. Lonergan.
Arundel Plans
Operations
Survey

By LAWRENCE MCDANIEL

Annapolis, April 6 — A management-consultant firm will be
employed by the Board of Anne
Arundel County Commissioners to
conduct a survey of the operations of all county departments,
it was disclosed today.

Frank W. Wilde, chairman of
the eight-member administrative
body and acting county manager,
says that one out-of-State com-
pany already has been inter-
viewed concerning the proposed
study.

Mr. Wilde said the survey will
cover every county department,
including the Police Department.

Reorganization Eyed

The findings will be reported to
the Commissioners, who are ex-
pected to use the information in
a general reorganization of the
county's governmental structure.

"We hope eventually to bring
about a more efficient and eco-
nomical operation of all branches
of our county government," the
chairman said.

Mr. Wilde was appointed act-
ing county manager following the
resignation of Edward R. Lonergan.

Administrator Sought

He said the Commissioners also
would extend every effort to seek
a new administrator "who will
be able to work in full cooperation
with the board."

He said the county has re-
ceived several applications for the
$11,900 job, but so far has made
no commitments.

"The door is still very much
open," he added.
Arundel Might Recall Coburn, Ex-Manager

By LAWRENCE C. MCDANIEL

Annapolis, April 9—William S. Coburn, who resigned under fire as Anne Arundel county's first business manager in 1961, may be asked to return as administrative head of the county government.

He would replace Edward R. Lonergan, who resigned last month after serving eight years as manager of the 400-square-mile county.

Mr. Lonergan was named to the $11,900-a-year post when Mr. Coburn left Anne Arundel to accept a position as business manager of Hampton, Va. He is currently employed in a similar capacity at Clifton Fords, Va.

Efforts Resented

Appointed in September, 1968, Mr. Coburn's three-year term was marked by constant battles with politicians, the police department and others who resented his attempts to reorganize the county's governmental structure.

A professional business manager unfamiliar with political in-fighting, Mr. Coburn's clashes with county factional leaders reached a climax when he fired former Police Chief John Souers following State Police raids on several Anne Arundel gambling establishments.

Mr. Souers appealed the dismissal to the Board of County Commissioners, which reinstated him by a majority vote of the eight-man body.

Wilde Against Move

A member of the board at that time who voted against the reinstatement of Chief Souers was Frank W. Wilde, now president of the commissioners and acting county manager.

Mr. Wilde worked closely with Mr. Coburn on several occasions and is said to have considerable respect for the administrator.

When he resigned on November 30, 1961, Mr. Coburn stated that "the manager plan in Anne Arundel is not accomplishing what it could or should."
Wilde Shuns Taking Permanent County Manager Post

BY LAWRENCE C. MCDANIEL

Annapolis, April 14—The chairman of the Board of Anne Arundel County Commissioners said today he had "no interest whatever" in becoming permanent business manager of the county.

Frank W. Wilde, who was appointed acting county manager following the resignation last month of Edward R. Lonergan, said rumors that he will accept the $11,500 a year administrative post are without foundation.

"I am not now interested, I have never been interested and I will not be interested in the future in becoming county manager of Anne Arundel," Mr. Wilde stated.

"Business Suffers"

The chairman said that since he assumed the dual role of administrator of the county and president of the eight-man Board of Commissioners, his real estate brokerage business "has suffered considerably."

"And the sooner I can relinquish this job to a new county manager, the sooner I can attend to my business interests," he said.

Mr. Wilde said several applications have been received for the administrative post.

Coburn Mentioned

He admitted there was a possibility that William S. Coburn, Anne Arundel's first business manager who resigned in 1951, might return to the county.

Mr. Lonergan's decision did not come as a surprise to county officials. At odds with the new Board of Commissioners for some time over pay vouchers, specifications, bids, and personnel matters, it was felt that his resignation foreclosed the possibility that he would be fired.
Arundel Chiefs
Fill 11 Posts
In County

[From a Staff Correspondent]
Annapolis, April 23—Eleven appointments involving the Anne Arundel County Sanitary Commission, the Board of Zoning Appeals, and Police Court constables were announced today by the Board of County Commissioners.

The Sanitary Commission and zoning board appointments were made in anticipation of Governor Taylor's signing bills passed by the recent legislative session authorizing the increase in membership of the two county boards.

New Members
Named to the five-man sanitary commission were Ernest Streif, who will represent the Second election district; Charles Platzer, Third district, and Calvin O. Wade, Fourth district. One of the three will replace Thomas Wilmer, whose term on the sanitary commission has expired.

Present members of the board are Calvin Gray, chairman, and Stephen J. Kenny.

Charles Townshend and William Sanders were appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals. They will join Stephen W. Duckett, Morton Robinson and George Yeaton, as members of that body.

Constables Named
The following constables were authorized:
Albert Fraley, to serve the trial magistrate at Ferndale; Henry Blum at Odenton, Reginald Nutwell at Edgewater, Paul Stinchcomb at Annapolis, Milton Clary at Mountain Road, and Herman Grob, Sr., substitute.
County-Survey Plan Beaten

By Lawrence C. McDaniel

Annapolis, May 6—Two proposals designed to expedite the hiring of a new county manager for Anne Arundel and the start of a survey of the entire county governmental system were turned down yesterday by the county commissioners.

Both proposals were initiated by Commissioner Edward J. Klima, who represents the county's Fifth Election District on the eight-member administrative body.

Wilde Acting Manager

At the first instance, Mr. Klima suggested that George T. Cromwell, clerk of the Circuit Court, be appointed county manager to replace Edward R. Lonergan, who resigned last month.

Frank W. Wilde, board chairman, has been serving as acting business manager.

Questioning the legality of the Wilde assignment, Mr. Klima recommended that Mr. Cromwell be named administrative director of the county. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul T. Pitcher.

A roll-call vote resulted in a 4-3 count against the Klima recommendation. Commissioner Joseph Collinson, who abstained, said he did so because he does not favor the county-manager system of government. He did not elaborate.

Asks About Survey

Mr. Klima then asked what progress had been made in efforts to employ a professional survey group to investigate the county's structural setup. He was informed by Mr. Wilde that several firms had been consulted, but that no decisions had been reached.

"In that case," the Fifth district commissioner said: "I move that this board review the proposals submitted, with the thought of selecting one of them for a comprehensive survey of the county government, and that we stick to whatever recommendations the survey discloses."

Russell Objects

Pointing out that the board should not be bound to accept every recommendation that might be made by a survey team, Commissioner Carl P. Russell said the county should study the report and make up its own mind what suggestions to accept or reject.

Mr. Klima refused to change the wording, and the motion failed for lack of a second.

Later, the Commissioners met in informal session to discuss the proposed survey, and attempt to arrive at a solution agreeable to all factions.
Hevener Loses One Job; Stieff Gets Amusement Post

BY LAWRENCE C. MCDANIEL
[Sun Staff Correspondent]

Annapolis, June 16—John H. Hevener was removed today as amusement-license inspector for Anne Arundel county.

Mr. Hevener had been director of the county's slot-machine and bingo-licensing division since 1949. In 1954, he was made head of the Office of Protective Inspection, and the amusement-devices section was combined with the licensing of trailer parks, taxicabs, weights and measures and the issuance of building permits.

Often criticized for his dual role in the county government, Mr. Hevener will be replaced by John Hergert Stieff, former member of the House of Delegates from Anne Arundel.

Mr. Stieff had been serving as an assistant to Mr. Hevener.

"Reeks To High Heaven"

The announcement followed a stormy session of the Board of Anne Arundel County Commissioners, during which Commissioner Pat T. Pitcher, who opposed the action, called the Hevener removal "purely political."

"This entire matter," he declared, "reeks to high heaven."

Mr. Pitcher urged the board to wait until the new county manager, J. J. Salovaara, takes office July 1 before approving any personnel changes.

"If after an investigation Mr. Salovaara decides we should replace Mr. Hevener, that is the time to do so," he said.

Made By Dr. Russell

The motion to place Mr. Stieff in charge of county amusement-device licensing and inspection was made by Dr. Carl Purvis Russel, who represents the Sixth election district on the eight-man commissioners board.

Dr. Russell said he was dissatisfied with the operation of the protective inspection office and had received many complaints of delays in obtaining building permits.

He attributed the delays to the fact that Mr. Hevener, in his dual capacity, "has too much to do." In addition, Dr. Russell charged that since Mr. Stieff was named assistant to the chief inspector several months ago, Mr. Hevener had given him no information concerning the operations of the department.

No Data Given, He Says

"I questioned Mr. Stieff several times about bingo revenues, how many slot machines there were in the county and similar matters, but he said Mr. Hevener gave him no information on these subjects," the commissioner said.

Mr. Stieff, who was present at today's board meeting, confirmed Dr. Russell's statement.

"Mr. Hevener," he said, "has given me no information whatever about how to run the department, or anything else."

The department director denied the allegation. He said he had "shown Mr. Stieff around" and explained the functions of the office to him.

Mr. Hevener contended that any delay in building permits could be traced to other departments.

"Merely Accept Them"

"We merely accept the applications," he explained, "before they are passed on to the Zoning Department, Health Department and county commissioners. When the commissioners finally approve them, they are returned to my office for issuance."

Commissioner Edward J. Klima, who voted with Mr. Pitcher and Commissioner Henry C. Wigley to retain Mr. Hevener as amusement-licenses inspector, argued that splitting the two departments would not solve the problem.

He said rather than remove Mr. Hevener, Dr. Russell should thoroughly investigate the inspections office and recommend improvements.

Following further discussion the commissioners voted 3 to 2 to establish a separate Department of Amusement Licenses, directed by Mr. Stieff. Mr. Hevener will remain as chief building inspector and supervisor of other county licenses.

Mr. Klima requested board counsel James C. Morton, Jr., to prepare an opinion on the legality of the move.
Saalovara Assumes Official Duties
As Anne Arundel Business Chief

BY LAWRENCE C. McDaniel

Annapolis, July 1—J. J. Saalovara, former city manager of Newark, Del., assumed official duties today as business manager for Anne Arundel county.

The 42-year-old attorney and civil engineer is the third person to head the administrative affairs of the county, succeeding Edward R. Lonergan and William S. Coburn in the $11,000-a-year post.

Mr. Lonergan resigned under political pressure March 31 following his alleged failure to dismiss several county employees hired during the administration of Ralph L. Lowman, former president of the Board of County Commissioners.

1st Business Manager

Mr. Coburn served as the county’s first business manager from 1949 to 1951.

The commissioners appointed Mr. Saalovara to the administrative job June 9.

The new manager said recently that he desires to work in harmony with the county’s political leaders, but will tolerate no interference with his administration role.

County managers, he said, have “an ethical and professional obligation” to resist attempts at political influence.

Mr. Saalovara pointed out, however, that such problems are an “occupational hazard” in his profession.

The new manager was reported to have resigned his position in Delaware because of political pressures from a new administration.
SECRECY SCORED
IN ANNE ARUNDEL
Press, Officials Protesting
‘Back Room’ Decisions

BY NATHAN MILLER
[Sun Staff Correspondent]

Annapolis, July 25 — Secrecy surrounding many governmental operations in Anne Arundel County is stirring up considerable criticism.

This week all four of the county’s daily and weekly newspapers featured news stories and editorials denouncing the secrecy and cloaking secret meetings.

Two Oppose Phipps
Even some members of the Board of County Commissioners, target of much of the criticism, have taken a strong stand against practices that they feel deny the taxpayers their right to know.

A statement issued by Commissioners Paul T. Pitcher (D., Third) and Edward J. Klima (D., Fifth) is typical. The two commissioners representing the county’s northern end are in opposition to the majority faction dominated by supporters of State Senator Louis N. Phipps.

They said:

“There are many secret meetings that we are not invited to, as we are minority members of the board. Many such meetings have been held in Senator Phipps’ office in the Senate Office Building.

“Often, the first opportunity that we have to learn of the results is when the decisions are presented at board meetings — much to our chagrin.”

“A Right To Know”

“We are absolutely against secret meetings in the ‘back room’ at which county business which affects the taxpayer is transacted.

“We believe the taxpayers have a right to know what is going on within the county government.

After all, we are supposed to be their representatives.”

Earlier, Dr. Carl P. Russell (D., Sixth) insisted that discussions of sweeping proposals aimed at increasing the county’s share from legalized gambling be held during open sessions of the board.

These proposals were presented to the board more than two weeks ago, but have not yet been subjected to public discussion.

Frank W. Wilde, board president, said he had wished to keep the report secret until the commissioners had had time to discuss it and make their own recommendations. Newsman managed to obtain copies, however, and the report was published.

Dr. Russell, an Annapolis dentist who is something of a maverick on the board, said that he does not approve of secrecy or closed discussions of any topic.

“There’s no reason for secrecy if you have nothing to hide,” he said.

Editor’s Note

Commenting on Dr. Russell’s statement, Elmer M. Jackson 3d, editor of the Maryland Gazette, said:

“This is no time for closed-door executive session conclaves. The stake of each and every taxpayer is reported so high in this matter that we are sure all county citizens join Dr. Russell in wanting to see how each commissioner votes on these suggested proposals and on any substitute ones.”

Joseph Muleri, editor of the Anne Arundel Observer said:

“Speaking of the trend toward enforced secrecy at the . . . courthouse, the meetings of the . . . county commissioners have been reduced to routine sessions. The agendas of the meetings speak for themselves.

“Seldom is there any serious discussion on planning for the future. The ‘big’ decisions are reached either behind closed doors of at informal meetings.

“Creation Of Dynasties”

“Sometimes these informal meetings take place in the so-called ‘back room.’ At other times they are reached in private meetings away from the courthouse . . . .”

Ray Martin, managing editor of the Anne Arundel Star, said:

“Proposals of any kind made by any county department head should not be garbled in secrecy. Such tactics inevitably have a way of leading themselves to the creation of political dynasties, with the public being given only what the overlords want them to know . . . .”
Arundel GOP Split Called Attack On Manager System

By NATHAN MILLER

An Anne Arundel county Republican leader last night assailed a factional realignment among the county commissioners as a prelude to "a major assault" upon the county manager system.

And Dr. William B. Prendergast, chairman of the Republican organization of Anne Arundel county, charged that, in part, the realignment was due to the "insatiable ambition" of one commissioner to become a circuit court judge.

While Dr. Prendergast mentioned no names in his brief speech before a meeting of the group at the Ferndale fire hall, it was obvious that he was referring to Commissioner Paul T. Pitcher (D., Third).

May Oppose Duckett

It is an open secret in the county that Mr. Pitcher is considering running for the seat now held by Judge O. Bowie Duckett. The jurist must run for a full-fifteen-year term next year.

Dr. Prendergast's remarks were inspired by a 5-to-3 vote by the commissioners Tuesday to lep $2,400 off the salary of J. P. Salovaara, county manager.

Two supporters of State Senator Louis N. Philips, previously at odds with the faction led by Mr. Pitcher and Commissioner Edward J. Klima (D., Fifth) switched sides, giving rise to the speculation about a political realignment.

$3,400 Previously Voted

The salary slash motion did not name the county manager but was drawn up in such a fashion to affect only him. Just a month before the commissioners agreed to give him a $3,400 raise, effective January 1.

Mr. Salovaara was left with $1,000 of the raise which will give him a salary of $12,000 as of the first of the year.

In calling for a strong Republican organization in Anne Arundel, Dr. Prendergast declared that one-party government was one of the worst monopolies possible. Almost every important office in the county is held by the Democrats.

He interpreted the salary slash measure as an attack upon the nonpolitical county manager system.

"Explanation Forthcoming"

"I think that in the next two months an explanation of this action will be forthcoming," the speaker said. "You will find it, in part, due to the insatiable ambition of one of the county commissioners to be a circuit court judge."

Earlier, J. Fift Symington, a Baltimore county Republican and defeated congressional candidate, spoke about the rebuilding of the Republican party in Maryland.

He said the situation in Anne Arundel was similar to that in Baltimore county in that Republicans were outnumbered by Democrats on the registration books.

Steps must be taken toward building a viable two-party system, he added.

A panel discussion on the county's $21,000,000 record high budget for 1960 was also held.
ARUNDEL AIDE CALLS RIGGER UNQUALIFIED

Russell Says Applicant For Finance Director Should Be Clerk

By NATHAN MILLER
(Sun Staff Correspondent)

Annapolis, March 16—An Anne Arundel County commissioner who voted tentatively to appoint a rigger to a ranking county financial post said today that he now believes the man is not qualified.

Commissioner Carl P. Russell (D., Sixth), said that since he has seen the application submitted by James Jerome Blackwell, Jr., he is convinced the applicant is not qualified to be director of finance.

"He should start as a clerk in the financial department, if anything, according to his application which I saw for the first time this morning," commented Dr. Russell, an Annapolis dentist.

Meeting is Private

Meeting in secret session yesterday, the commissioners voted by a 5-to-3 margin to appoint Mr. Blackwell to a job which may develop into the $6,000 post of director of Finance.

There was plenty of evidence indicating that none of them had seen the Annapolis resident's application. It states that he is presently employed as an $80-a-week helper in the rigger shop at the Naval Engineering Experimental Station here.

His previous employment was in a clerical capacity in an automobile agency operated by State Senator Louis N. Phipps, the county's ranking Democrat.

Dr. Russell pointed out that in the secret meeting, he had asked "point blank" if the applicant had any auditing experience and was assured that he had.

Check of Status Asked

"I wouldn't have voted for him if I had been told he was not qualified," the commissioner continued. "I feel that he should not be confirmed until a check of his status has been made."

Commissioner Louis A. Boehm (D., Second) who reportedly nominated Mr. Blackwell, had refused comment when asked for background on the man, but later allowed he thought his first name was "Jerome."
CONNELL NAMED
FINANCIAL CHIEF
Blackwell Withdraws His
Application In Arundel

By Nathan Miller
[Sun Staff Correspondent]
Annapolis, March 17—The man
who is the new financial chief
of the county commissioners
had tentatively approved for
the position by the county
commissioners had tentatively
approved for a ranking financial post
withdrew his application for the
job tonight.

The commissioners voted almost
immediately afterward to name
Jerome F. Connell, a Glen Burnie
attorney and substitute trial mag-
istrate, as the county’s new direc-
tor of finance.

“Change The Names”
Frank W. Wilde, board presi-
dent, and one of three com-
missioners voting against Mr. Con-
nell’s appointment, declared the
situation at tonight’s public ses-
sion was just about the same as
that in a secret meeting Tuesday.

“All you have to do is change
the names around and you can
use the same story you ran the
other day,” Mr. Wilde told news-
men. “Evidently this is another
move on the part of Senator
(Louis N.) Phipps.”

At Tuesday’s secret meeting, the
commissioners voted 5 to 3 tenta-
vively to appoint James Jerome
Blackwell, Jr., a general helper
in the rigger shop at the Naval
Engineering Experimental Station,
as finance director.

According to Mr. Blackwell’s
application, which was apparently
not presented to the commis-
sioners for consideration, his previ-
ous employment was in Senator
Phipps’s automobile agency in a
clerical position.

Accompanied By Attorney
At least one board member,
Commissioner Carl F. Russell
(D., Sixth) questioned Mr. Black-
well’s appointment after seeing his
application and said he did not
appear qualified for the post.

Tonight, Mr. Blackwell, ac-
companies by Douglas Lyons, an
attorney, put in appearance before
the commissioners.

Mr. Lyons stated that his client
was withdrawing his application
for the $4,000-a-year job and a
questioned the procedures under
which the county fills positions.

On Voice Vote
After Mr. Lyons’s statement,
Commissioner Joseph E. Collinson
(D., Eighth) and Louis A. Boehm
(D., Second) said they were still
convinced he was fully qualified.

Mr. Boehm was the man who
nominated Mr. Blackwell.

Commissioner Collinson moved
the nomination of Mr. Connell.
Mr. Connell then filled out an ap-
lication for the job.

On a voice vote, Commissioners
Boehm, Paul T. Pitcher (D.,
Third), Henry C. Wisley (D.,
Fourth), Edward J. Klima (D.,
Fifth) and Collinson voted for him.
Commissioners Samuel J. Carr
(D., First), Russell and Wilde were
in the negative.
Manager Of Anne Arundel Defines Powers, Sets Code

By NATHAN MILLER
(Sun Staff Correspondent)

Annapolis, April 5—J. J. Salovaara, Anne Arundel county business manager, today, in effect, drew a line about the powers of his office and dared the county commissioners to cross it.

The step was taken by distributing to the commissioners mimeographed copies of the county manager law setting forth the rights and duties of the office and a code of ethics stressing his right to hire and fire personnel.

In recent weeks, the commissioners have virtually ignored the manager in making a number of appointments to ranking jobs in secret session.

His Interference

Apparently Mr. Salovaara has had enough, for two sections of a ten-point code of ethics to which he said he subscribes read as follows:

"The county business manager, in order to preserve his integrity as a professional administrator, resists any encroachment of his responsibility for personnel, believes he should be free to carry out board policies without interference...."

"The county business manager handles all matters of personnel on the basis of merit. Fairness and impartiality govern the county business manager in all matters pertaining to appointments, promotions and discipline...."

Assistant Approved

And a section of the county manager law distributed by Mr. Salovaara states that the manager shall "appoint and, when necessary for the good of the service, remove any officers and employees of the county...."

A few minutes before submitting the documents to the commissioners, the manager scored at least a token victory as they voted to confirm a new personnel assistant recommended by him.

This man, Ellis B. Rinard, a 59-year-old retired naval officer, was chosen from nineteen applicants who applied for the $5,000-a-year job after it was advertised, Mr. Salovaara reported.

The manager said that Mr. Rinard, who lives in Edgewater, was hired after he and three other leading applicants were interviewed. He will report for duty tomorrow.

2 Appointees Withdrew

This method of selection was a far cry from that used by the commissioners in making at least three appointments in the last few weeks.

In one case, an $88-a-week rigger and former employee of State Senator Louis N. Phipps, the county's ranking Democrat, was named director of finance in a secret meeting in which apparently none of the commissioners saw his application.

When he withdrew, Jerome F. Connell, Glen Burnie attorney and substitute magistrate, was named to the finance post even before he submitted his application. He has since resigned, leaving the post open.

And in another case, Bruce L. Clark, of Odenton, was appointed a zoning inspector in a closed-door meeting. The Planning and Zoning Commission has protested this appointment.

James C. Morton, Jr., county solicitor, has said he feels "that the county manager law doesn't take away all the rights of the county commissioners."
Arundel Manager Study Pledged

By Raymond S. Gill

The chairman of Anne Arundel county's House delegation in the Legislature today pledged a study of the County Business Manager Law to determine whether revisions are necessary.

Delegate Ridgely P. Melvin, Jr., said such a review will be among business undertaken by the county's delegates at a series of conferences to begin within a month.

The meetings will aim at preparation of a legislative program for the 1961 General Assembly.

A newly organized civic group, the Citizens Committee of Anne Arundel County, has called for legislation to "strengthen" the county business manager system of government.

A spokesman for the organization said the law isn't clear enough in defining division of powers between the business manager and the county commissioners.

Policy-Making Body

Theoretically, the Board of County Commissioners is a policymaking body while the business manager is charged with administration.

But conflicts have arisen, particularly in matters of personnel administration.

The citizens committee, a combination of an older group and one formed to study effects of legalized gambling in the county, issued a statement voicing praise for J. J. Salevaara, county business manager.

Rumors that a majority of the county commissioners were planning to oust Mr. Salevaara were squashed recently when the county board handed the executive a unanimous vote of confidence.

Introduced by Klima

The motion, moreover, was introduced by a member of the majority, Fifth District Commissioner Edward J. Klima.

Despite Mr. Salevaara's present apparent security, however, there remains a question as to whether the law is sufficiently clear regarding definition of his functions contrasted with those of the county commissioners.

The county's legislators may be able to devise means of preventing future jurisdictional controversies.
Delays Claimed

Under the administrator's personnel procedures, he continued, "it sometimes takes as much as two months to fill a vacancy."

Mr. Boehm also remarked that such practices give no assurance that hiring will be in accord with "political realities."

He noted the county manager's system does not always assure sufficient consideration for employment of "the man who needs it most."

"When the county commissioners appoint an employee, he'll go ahead and get the job done because he knows he will be simultaneously helping the taxpayers, the party (Democratic) and the commissioner who secured his appointment."

Duty is Cited

"The commissioners," he observed, "are responsible to the taxpayers, not the county business manager, and have a duty to make sure that employees are men who can do an efficient job. "People criticize political appointments. How else was the county manager put in office? The commissioners appointed him."

"If we shouldn't have the power to hire county employees, then we were in error when we appointed Mr. Salovaara."

Mr. Boehm's remarks followed a meeting of the commissioners in which they heard a group of irate citizens accuse them of "usurping" the duties of the county manager in the employment field.
E. Churchill Murray Urges Review Of Arundel Manager-Type Government

By RAYMOND S. GILL

Annapolis, Jan. 18—E. Churchill Murray, one of the fathers of county manager-type government in Anne Arundel county, said today that the system "has not been permitted" to function properly since its birth more than a decade ago.

He called for a "thorough review of the situation—a study of not less than a year—to determine what corrective action should be taken."

And he stressed that such a survey should include "inquiries into the operation of the plan in other counties and cities in which it exists."

He said that "from its very inception, this county, members of the Board of Commissioners appear to have been unwilling to recognize fully the efficiency and economic benefits that could be derived from placing administrative authority in the hands of a professional business manager."

Reluctance Cited

"They have particularly been reluctant to relinquish the power to appoint and discharge county employees," he remarked.

In addition to a search for "corrective methods," Mr. Murray urged the county's people to continue and increase their demands that the commissioners permit the county to work.

He pointed out that the "people themselves approved this business-like form of government" in a 1948 referendum.

He said 1962 county elections suggest a "possible remedy" for the problems besetting manager-type government here: "public support of candidates pledged to back the business manager concept."

Reorganization Move

Mr. Murray's statements came after George M. Nutwell, county register of wills, who advocates legislation under which there would be an elected executive, recommended appointment of a committee to study possible reorganization of the government.

Mr. Nutwell says that the commissioners are responsible to the electorate for administration and therefore cannot be expected to delegate complete administrative authority to an appointed business manager.

He contends administration should be the role of an executive directly responsible to the electorate for this function of government.

And he has suggested that a committee to study the structure of government should consist not only of business and civic leaders, but also public officials "with practical knowledge of the rela-

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tives head both national and State government and contends there is no reason to suppose such a system wouldn't work successfully at the county level.

The register of wills has been attempting to enlist support for his plan of governmental reorganization. Among the persons with whom he has discussed the concept is Mr. Murray.

Although Mr. Murray declined to endorse the Nutwell recommendation, he had this to say:

"The proposal represents much thought, recognizes both human nature and political realities, and takes a positive approach toward improvement of the situation."

Backs Retention

While Mr. Nutwell proposes an alternative to county manager government, Mr. Murray feels the system should be retained and its application improved.

Mr. Murray said that "while corrective legislation may be needed, the nub of the matter is that the existing law is not being permitted to function, either as to the duties of the county manager or as to the operation of the Public Works Department on a county-wide basis under his direction."

The law specifies that all road personnel and equipment "shall be pooled for county-wide use and placed under the direct supervision and control of the county business manager."

In practice, each commissioner is able to exercise total jurisdiction over operations involving county roads in the election district he represents. He commands a district road force and equipment assigned on a district basis.

Economies Envisioned

Mr. Murray said, "Pooling of personnel and equipment and centralized direction of the department's operations were among the economies envisioned in the law."

Exempted from this law is the city, the Sixth Election district, which is an incorporated town with its own public works department.

Mr. Murray, head of an insurance firm here, was chairman of the citizens committee which in 1947 drafted legislation to establish manager-type government in the county.

He explained the body was appointed by the county's General Assembly delegation and emphasized that "from its origin, the plan never has had the support of the Board of County Commissioners."

Trained Executives

Despite this, he asserted, the presence of trained business executives has probably saved the county from "chaos" during years of vast growth and rapidly mounting needs for governmental services.

County manager government was recommended to the legislators only after the committee had considered a number of alternatives, said Mr. Murray.

One of the proposals involved a full-time president of the county commission, he explained, adding that this was ruled out because "there would be no assurances that the man elected would have adequate administrative training or experience."

Cites Examples

Mr. Nutwell's plan envisions a full-time president commissioner nominated and elected to the presidency in county-wide balloting.

He reasons that elected execu-
Measure Also Proposes Big Salary Increase

News-Post Annapolis Bureau

ANNAPOLIS, March 24—A move to vastly increase the powers of the Anne Arundel County manager has been instituted in the Legislature by the Arundel delegates, it was learned today.

In addition to giving the county manager added power, the bill would also give the berth a considerable salary boost, calling for a new range of $12,000 to $18,000 compared with the present range of $7,500 to $12,000.

Under terms of the House bill, which has been referred back to the delegation, the county manager would have "the sole authority" to hire or fire county employees.

He would also have the right to appoint a personnel officer.

Both provisions are, and have long been, bones of contention ever since County Manager J. J. Salovaara was rebuked by the Board of County Commissioners in his attempt to hire a personnel officer.

LAST YEAR, the Commissioners refused to allow Salovaara to advertise for a personnel officer, delegating the duties instead to Benjamin Troutman, the county public relations man.

One county commissioner termed the bill "politically motivated," adding that "it was obviously introduced to embarrass State Sen. Louis N. Phipps, who would have to turn it down because it would eliminate our present system of checks and balances."

While the present law govern-
Arundel Officials Hit Bill To Raise Manager's Power

By Raymond Gill

Annapolis, March 27—Arundel county's treasurer charged today that a House bill to strengthen the county business manager's authority would merely shift control of political patronage from one faction to another.

Treasurer Edward M. Dunn, Jr., said J. J. Salovaara, business manager, has been "an influential member" of a political group which includes a minority bloc of county commissioners.

Mr. Dunn's assault on the proposed legislation was joined by George M. Nutwell, register of wills, and Louis A. Boehm, county commissioner.

Budgetary Power

Mr. Boehm warned that the Board of Commissioners has budgetary power and could abolish salaries of jobs occupied by the managers' appointees.

All three officials advocate a system of government in which there would be an elected executive instead of an appointed business manager.

A key provision of the bill sponsored by the county's House delegation, would make the business manager the "sole" authority for appointing and discharging county employees.

Current law gives the manager authority to appoint and fire, but does not specifically limit this power to the executive office.

Faction In Control

A majority faction of county commissioners, politically associated with State Senator Louis N. Phipps, has been exercising a large degree of control over appointments.

The bill's chances of passing the Senate, therefore, are not rated good by most observers.

Mr. Dunn, noting he is an elected official, said he is presently able to fire personnel for the Treasury Department when vacancies occur.

Cites Responsibility

"I am responsible to the electorate for the operation of the treasury department, and I do not relish the thought of an appointed official selecting its personnel," said Mr. Dunn.

On two occasions involving the tabulating department, he commented, "the county manager was asked to fill vacancies and failed to do so promptly. Important work was delayed, and there were complaints from taxpayers."

Mr. Nutwell said he is opposed to extending the business manager's authority because he believes administrative power should be vested only in an elected official or officials directly responsible to the voters.

Favors Elected Man

Mr. Nutwell has been a leader in a movement toward abandoning the county manager system in favor of an elected executive.

He said there is a threat of "dictatorship" in assigning broad powers to an appointed official.

Mr. Boehm cited similar objections to the bill. And he said the legislative move is a "political attempt to embarrass Senator Phipps."

He said that several bills introduced by the House delegation during this session have had that objective.

He called them costly legislation which the Senator will have to defeat if tax increases are to be avoided.
Commissioner Carl P. Russell (D., Sixth), a member of the minority faction supporting the manager, moved the action be rescinded. He apparently forgot to ask that the vote censure also be lifted.

Transfer Withdrawn
Before the vote was taken, Commissioner Frank W. Wilde (D., Seventh), the board president and member of the minority faction, and Commissioner Joseph F. Collinson (D., Eighth) of the majority, got into a shouting match.

It ended with Mr. Wilde trying to gavel the other commissioners down while Mr. Collinson attacked the board head for "Communist" tactics.

When it was all over the commissioners voted 4 to 2 to rescind their approval of the transfer of the tabulating department—a victory for Mr. Salovaara.

Commissioners Wilde, Russell, Samuel J. Cary (D., First) and Henry C. Wigley (D., Fourth), voted for it while Commissioners Collinson and Louis A. Boehm (D., Second) were against.

Absent were Commissioners Paul T. Pitcher (D., Third) and Edward J. Klima (D., Fifth), leaders of the majority faction.

No Action on Censure
While Mr. Salovaara’s next statement was concerned with a categorical refutation of the charges placed against him in the censure motion, this matter did not come up during the vote.

It was taken solely on the question raised by Mr. Salovaara as to whether or not the solicitor’s ruling on the classified system would stand.

The commissioners voted 3 to 3 and the tie defeated the motion. Commissioner Wigley switched sides.

When it was all over, Mr. Wilde sorted out the various actions for the benefit of newsmen and ruefully admitted the vote of censure against Mr. Salovaara still stood.

Contract Suit

The awarding of certain Anne Arundel county paving contracts was described today as "unreasonable and unjust" by an attorney in a taxpayer’s suit against the county commissioners.

Hyman A. Pressman, Baltimore lawyer, made the statement at the opening of the case in the Circuit Court in which he is contesting the legality of the $105,320 contract on grounds that it was not awarded to the low bidder. Suit was brought by Julian Bercol, of Severna Park.

The case, being heard by Judge O. Bowie Dukett will continue tomorrow.
Official Urges Abolition Of Own Job

[From a Staff Correspondent]

Annapolis, May 29—Anne Arundel county's treasurer, directed by the Board of Commissioners to study possible consolidation of financial offices, is probably the only politician in county history to propose abolishing his own job.

For the past two years, treasurer Edward M. Dunn, Jr., has been urging a merger of all county financial operations into a single agency.

Mr. Dunn has advocated combining the tabulating, treasury and budget and fiscal departments under an appointed comptroller qualified by education and experience.

Economy And Efficiency

As part of the plan which the treasurer contends would increase economy and efficiency in the administration of county finances, Mr. Dunn has suggested the elimination of his own elective office.

It is uncertain whether he would accept appointment as comptroller if the proposal were adopted. The 35-year-old Glen Burnie certified public accountant was elected county treasurer in 1958.

Mr. Dunn said today that the survey ordered by the commissioners will include conferences with State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein and finance officers of other counties.

Under the current organization of finance operations, Mr. Dunn and county business manager J. J. Salovaara have engaged in a dispute over control of the tabulating department.

Depending on which county commissioners were absent from debates and votes on the issue, jurisdiction over the department shifted between the treasurer and manager for two weeks.

Mr. Dunn argues that the tabulating department handles tax billing, a function which he says is assigned to the treasurer by the County Code.

Mr. Salovaara reasons that he has jurisdiction over tabulating by virtue of administrative authority he says is given him in the same code.

Possible Reorganization

It was this dispute which prompted the commissioners to order Mr. Dunn to conduct research and submit recommendations on the possible reorganization of Anne Arundel's financial policies.

The survey order followed a 4-3 vote in which the opposition consisted of commissioners traditionally aligned with Mr. Salovaara.

In effect, the board by-passed the county manager in favor of the treasurer.
Dunn Named To Arundel Board

BY RAYMOND GILL

Annapolis, Nov. 6—Anne Arundel county’s Democratic State Central Committee has selected Edward M. Dunn, Jr., county treasurer, to replace Paul T. Pitcher on the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Pitcher, 36, a Pasadena attorney, has been appointed by Governor Tawes to a $14,000-a-year post on the State Workmen’s Compensation Commission.

The Governor is responsible for appointing Mr. Pitcher’s successor as county commissioner on the recommendation of the Central Committee, which is dominated by the forces of State Senator Louis N. Phipps.

Both Mr. Pitcher’s resignation from the county body and Mr. Dunn’s assumption of the office are to become effective Thursday.

3rd District Replacement

Mr. Dunn, 36, will replace Mr. Pitcher as county commissioner from the Third election district, which embraces the area from Glen Burnie to Annapolis and from the Chesapeake Bay to the Severn River.

A certified public accountant, Mr. Dunn operates an accounting and insurance firm in Glen Burnie. He is a graduate of the University of Baltimore.

Mr. Dunn was elected treasurer in 1958. During the succeeding three years, the treasury department raised county investment earnings to an all-time high of more than $100,000 annually.

He was also the originator of a plan whereby tax bills can be paid at neighborhood bank collection stations.

Mr. Dunn has long been associated politically with Mr. Pitcher and County Commissioner Edward J. Klima.

As a member of the Board of Commissioners, he will probably vote with a faction which includes Commissioners Klima, Louis A. Boehm and Joseph F. Collins.

Commissioners Behm and Collins are considered Senator Phipps’s closest allies on the Board.
County Manager System Is Facing A Test

By LAWRENCE C. MC DANIEL
Annapolis, Nov. 15—The county manager form of government, in trouble in Anne Arundel county since its beginning some thirteen years ago, has never been in a more precarious position.

William S. Coburn, the county's chief administrator, resigned under political pressure in 1951. His successor, Edward R. Lonergan followed suit in 1959. And now J. J. Salovaara, Anne Arundel's present business manager, has been given his ultimatum: resign or be fired.

The county commissioners have voted 5-3 to suspend him for 30 days and then discharge him.

Politicians' whims

The administrations of all three managers were marked by one major similarity—when they bucked the whims of elected politicians they were subjected to a series of impassable road blocks which inevitably forced them down a dead-end street.

Mr. Lonergan, perhaps, was the most fortunate of the three. He was named to succeed Mr. Coburn by the political forces of Ralph L. Lowman, who headed the county's dominant Democratic wing for eight years. Since he was Mr. Lowman's personal choice, Mr. Lonergan suffered less interference during his tenure than either Mr. Coburn or Mr. Salovaara.

When the Lowman organization was defeated in the 1958 elections, the new board of county commissioners lost no time in charging Mr. Lonergan with suchancies as political interference with appointments, investigations, hassles over budgetary appropriations, and similar matters.

Hampered At Every Turn

Criticized, chastised, and hampered at every turn, he finally bowed to overwhelming pressures and resigned.

Advocates of the county manager system were convinced their problems were at an end when the present board of commissioners hired Mr. Salovaara in July, 1959.

A unanimous choice of the eight-man board, the 45-year-old attorney and civil engineer was selected from among approximately 50 applicants for the $11,000-a-year post.

Some of the roots of his later troubles were planted in the early days of his term. Department heads were irritated, for example, when he made no immediate effort to meet and become acquainted with them.

The next two and a half years saw opposition to Mr. Salovaara slowly grow and harden among a four-man bloc of the commissioners.

Now a fifth commissioner, Henry C. Wiegley, Sr., has joined the bloc, giving it sufficient votes for the outer move.

Dispute Grows More Bitter

The dispute over the manager system has become increasingly bitter between members of the divided board. Charges that he has occasionally usurped the policymaking functions of the commissioners have been countered with allegations that the anti-Salovaara bloc has meddled in administrative affairs, particularly personnel matters.

He has been accused of showing political favoritism to the three-member faction headed by Frank W. Wilde, board president, who long ago lost the support of the majority wing.

Mr. Wilde has contended that Mr. Salovaara is an efficient administrator who has not played politics with his position.

Beyond the specific issues, however, there is a widespread view that broad powers, administrative or policy-making, cannot properly be vested in an appointed official.

Want System Changed

Those holding this point of view, which now is receiving growing support, want the county manager system abolished in favor of an elected executive.

They say there is this basic flaw in the managerial form of government: The manager is the employee of the elected commissioners, but the commissioners are supposed to have no control over what he does in his administrative capacity.

As employers, the commissioners have always been very reluctant to divorce themselves from their employee's (the county manager's) functions.

The situation becomes aggravated when the manager must work under a situation in which his eight-headed superior may have divided opinions.

There is a need, it is argued, for the exercise of strong administrative powers in a county developing with the speed of Anne Arundel, where the population is now over 200,000.

Elected Executive

This could be achieved, it is suggested, by an elected executive directly responsible to the electorate and therefore able to withstand attempts to interfere with authority vested in him.

There is also a movement under way in the county for the adoption of a home-rule charter. It is uncertain whether such a charter would enable the county manager system or make provision for an elected executive, as in Baltimore county.

At any rate, the immediate concern of the commissioners, if Mr. Salovaara is removed, will be the selection of a new manager.

The board would have three general choices: a professionally trained government administrator; an inside political hack, or a compromise of the two.

The present plight of Mrs. Salovaara, like that of his predecessor, Mr. Coburn, is proof that considerable risk is attached to the selection of an outside professional.

Political In-Fighting

An outsider is not as familiar with the political machinations and in-fighting that have been the source of so much trouble in the past, in addition to the county's problems and needs.

Moreover, Anne Arundel is an ever-changing, booming area that has the reputation of being one of the toughest political spots in the State. It is difficult enough to survive armed with the knowledge that comes with long residence and exposure to local politics.

For Mr. Salovaara, the situation has become almost impossible. But if he succeeds in the mounting pressures now against him, most observers are convinced that the existing county manager system will topple with him.
Court To Hear Dispute Over Salovaara

Raymond Gill

Annapolis, Dec. 19—Arguments concerning a resolution to suspend Anne Arundel county's business manager, J. J. Salovaara, were scheduled to be heard in Circuit Court today.

The resolution, acted upon by the county commissioners on November 9, lists charges against the manager and is aimed toward his dismissal.

Commissioners Edward J. Kilmer, Joseph F. Collinson and Edward M. Dunn, Jr., have asked the court to issue a writ of mandamus ordering Frank W. Wilde, president of the commissioners, to certify the document.

Mr. Wilde has claimed the resolution is illegal.

The petition contends that Mr. Wilde has failed to carry out a duty prescribed by law by not certifying the measure.

"Mandate Of Majority"

It alleges that he has "ignored, defied and disobeyed a mandate of the majority of the Board of County Commissioners." Mr. Salovaara has long been the center of a storm of controversy in Anne Arundel county. Judge James Macgill, of Howard county Circuit Court, has been asked to hear the case in the Anne Arundel court here.

The petition states that the Board of Commissioners adopted by majority vote a resolution setting forth reasons for removing Mr. Salovaara.

It notes that the document was signed by five commissioners, a majority of the board.

The suit also contends that the resolution suspended Mr. Salovaara pending enactment of a final resolution of dismissal.

Wilde's Position

In an answer to the petition, Mr. Wilde denied that the resolution was legally and formally adopted.

The record of the November 9 meeting, he argued, does not show that five members of the board voted affirmatively for the adoption.

The answer also contends that, contrary to law, the resolution makes no provision for the manager's salary for three months following adoption of the measure.

Moreover, it said, the resolution purports to suspend the business manager under a section of law which relates to dog licensing.

30-Day Provision

Beyond the issue of suspension, Mr. Wilde said, the measure "purports to immediately remove him (Mr. Salovaara) from office without a further vote of the board being required."

He claims that, under the law, a final resolution of removal would be required at least 30 days after the preliminary resolution.

His answer said a resolution to remove the manager immediately could render useless his right to a public hearing.
Salovaara Is Suspended

BY RAYMOND GILL

Annapolis, Jan. 9—The Anne Arundel county commissioners today adopted a new resolution to suspend the county business manager, J. J. Salovaara, as a move preliminary to his dismissal.

Mr. Salovaara vacated his seat at the meeting and Vincent T. Bull, assessment supervisor, was appointed acting county manager by the commissioners.

Moments later, Mr. Salovaara was conferring with one of his attorneys, Frank C. Serin, in the manager's office. The suspended administrator has a right to a public hearing if he requests it.

Salovaara Files Suit

The resolution lists charges against the manager and provides for immediate suspension for 30 days and payment of 90 days' salary.

Earlier today attorneys for Mr. Salovaara filed suit in Circuit Court here, attacking the validity of another resolution, adopted November 9, which had the same intent as the one enacted today.

The resolution passed today repealed the old resolution. The new measure apparently was drafted to eliminate any possible objections to the validity of the earlier move.

The vote was 5 to 2, with Commissioners Frank W. Wilde, Samuel J. Carr and Carl P. Russell opposed.

The resolution was introduced by Commissioner Edward J. Klima and seconded by Commissioner Edward A. Dunn, Jr.

Charges Listed

Among charges against the manager were allegations that he failed to execute policy directives of the commissioners, failed to sign vouchers for prompt payment of county bills, and "procrastinated" in filling vacancies in county jobs.

There were more than ten charges in the document.

Mr. Wilde, board president, asked that the motion to adopt the resolution be withdrawn so it could be studied by all members of the board.

He noted that the document was lengthy and complex.

Well Known, He Says

Mr. Klima, however, said "the topic and intent are not strange to the board," and observed that there is no need for much time to study the resolution.

Dr. Russell moved that the resolution be tabled to give time for study, but this motion was struck down by a 5-to-3 vote.

Following the roll-call vote in which the resolution was enacted, Mr. Wilde said: "This is one of the saddest days in the history of the county.

Sees "Machine Control"

He asserted that the act "paves the way for machine control." Commissioner Dunn, at that point, said: "I want it understood, Mr. Wilde, that is your opinion alone you are expressing."

Mr. Wilde asked the law department to rule on the validity of the resolution. Assistant County Solicitor Marvin J. Anderson ruled that it was valid.

Mr. Bull, the assessment supervisor, was appointed acting county manager on a motion by Commissioner Louis A. Boehm. It was passed by a 5-to-3 vote.
Resolution On Salovaara Called Valid By Solicitor

BY STUART S. SMITH
Sun Staff Correspondent

Annapolis, Jan. 8 — The Anne Arundel county solicitor declined today that the November 9 resolution suspending J. J. Salovaara as a preliminary step to firing is valid and in effect.

The supporters of Mr. Salovaara, the embattled county business manager, quickly challenged the opinion and promised to petition the Circuit Court again to morrow for relief.

Controversy Remains

One issue in the protracted governmental crisis was settled this morning when Judge James Macgill ruled that Frank W. Wilde, president of the Board of Commissioners, did not have to sign the resolution.

However, a controversy still revolved around the legality of the suspension, a question that Judge Macgill did not explore.

“I think that Mr. Salovaara ought to have the right to a hearing,” the solicitor, James W. Blackhurst, Jr., noted.

The 30-day suspension period would begin “from the date of filing” of Judge Macgill’s opinion, that is, today, he commented, adding:

McWilliams Comments

“The court said nothing about the validity” of the board’s November action.

“The resolution is not valid,” William J. McWilliams asserted.

Mr. McWilliams, senior partner in the firm representing Mr. Wilde, maintained that the five commissioners opposing the manager could “at any time” suspend and then fire him with a motion containing the proper language.

“But until they do so we will keep him on the job,” Mr. McWilliams observed. “And if they do come up with a proper resolution, we will ask for a hearing.”

He added that his firm would ask the court “at 9 o’clock tomorrow morning” to block the latest suspension attempt.

“Delaying Tactics” Hit

Commissioner Edward J. Klima, who voted for the suspension, said that he agreed with Mr. Blackhurst that the resolution was valid and effective.

He attacked the “delaying tactics” employed by the manager’s supporters and claimed that they were “just trying to drag this all out to the May primaries.

“But from now on the shoe is on the other foot. Now they’re the bad guys and we’re the good guys.”

“They know and the court knows that we have five votes to suspend Mr. Salovaara, and”
Commissioners Vote To Fire Salovaara

BY RAYMOND GILL

The Anne Arundel County commissioners today fired the county business manager, J. J. Salovaara.

The 5 to 3 vote was taken on a motion by Commissioner Edward J. Klima. It was seconded by Commissioner Joseph F. Collinson, Jr.

Frank W. Wilde, president of the county commissioners and a supporter of Mr. Salovaara, described the vote as "the lowest ebb to which Anne Arundel county could possibly sink."

"The Political Mire"

He said it is "beyond my comprehension" how the commissioners could vote to dismiss the manager on the basis of evidence presented during a public hearing last week.

"I thought it was possible for this county to lift its head above the political mire we are in, but apparently we cannot," he declared.

Commissioner Klima said that he has no quarrel with the law that sets up the county business manager system of government. "It does not follow, however, that all county business managers are good county business managers," he said in explanation of his vote.

"Our Only Hope"

Commissioner Carl P. Russell, a backer of Mr. Salovaara, said: "Our only hope is the courts. A good honest decision will be rendered by the courts."

Charles C. Hartman, Jr., an attorney for Mr. Salovaara, said the present intentions of his client are to file suit in Circuit Court in an effort to regain the business manager's office.

The manager has been suspended since January 9, when a majority of the commissioners enacted a resolution which listed ten formal charges against the administrator. A public hearing on the charges was held last week.

Mr. Salovaara assumed the county's top administrative job on July 1, 1969, and within a few months was embroiled in controversy. Turbulence surrounding his performance in the office has been raging off and on for approximately two years.
SALOVAARA
ANSWER DUE
BY APRIL 13

Arundel Board Told To
Show Why He Should
Not Be Reinstated

By STUART S. SMITH
(Sun Staff Correspondent)

Annapolis, March 27—Judge
Benjamin Michaelson today
ordered the Anne Arundel county
commissioners to show cause by
April 13 why J. J. Salovaara
should not be reinstated as busi-
ness manager.

The order was the result of a
suit filed to overthrow the March
13 dismissal of the county's chief
executive officer.

Five memers of the com-
mittee which drew up Anne
Arundel's 1947 business-manager
law joined Mr. Salovaara in the
legal action, giving the 1½-year-
long battle to purge the official
an important new aspect.

In addition to Mr. Salovaara, E.
Churchill Murray, F. Marion Lo-
senby, William U. McCreary, Os-
car F. Grimes, Sr., and Richard
H. Elliott asked the Circuit Court
to prevent the Pipkin-faction com-
missioners from hiring a new
manager.

Mr. Salovaara was fired two
weeks ago by a 5-to-3 vote after a
three-day public hearing on six
charges.

Allegations Listed
The suit, filed by Charles C.
Hartman, Jr., and Frank C. Serio,
the deposed manager's attorneys,
alleges that:

1. The county commissioners
failed to give full consideration
to the evidence presented at the
hearing.

2. No legally sufficient evidence
was exhibited to prove the
charges.

3. None of the evidence was suf-
ficient to remove Mr. Salovaara
from office.

4. The hearing denied the man-
ger due process of law because
the commissioners acted as
judges, prosecutors and witnesses
at one and the same time.

What Suit Seeks
The suit asks that the commis-
sioners restore Mr. Salovaara to
his job, that the board hire no one
else for the position and that the
manager receive all his back pay.

Mr. Salovaara's five new allies
noted in a written statement to-
today:

"The desire to discharge the
county business manager appears
to be due to a bitter political fac-
tional fight within the county and
within the Board of County Com-
missioners rather than due to any
of the charges brought against
Mr. Salovaara."

"At the recent hearing those
bringing the charges became wit-
nesses against the accused and
then sat in judgment of him, a
device totally improper and ab-
horrent to English speaking
peoples.

Loss Seen In Future
"If the practices be permitted,
no competent, experienced and
professional . . . manager will
ever seek the position in Anne
Arundel county in the future, to
the great loss of all citizens and
taxpayers of the county . . . ."

taxpayers of the county.

"We . . . former members of
the committee . . . have a special
and peculiar interest in the matter
and a moral responsibility to the
citizens of our county.

Mr. Murray, chairman of the
former committee, was present
at Mr. Salovaara's hearing and
heard all the testimony.

He said today that he was so
concerned with the "trumped-up
charges" that he approached Mr.
Salovaara's legal counsel and sug-
gested that he and his former col-
leagues do something about it.

Served On Committee
Mr. Murray also has served on
the Special Conflicts of Interest
Committee, which produced the
county's code of ethical conduct,
and as chairman of the Board of
County Commissioners' Finance
Advisory Committee.

Other county residents are solic-
iting funds for Mr. Salovaara's de-
fense in court. He has been off
the county payroll since January
9 when he was paid three months
in advance as required by the
ouster resolution.
SALOVAARA DISMISSAL IS UPHELD

Judge MacGill Rules County Board Acted Within Its Rights

BY STUART S. SMITH

Annapolis, May 29—J. J. Salovaara lost his fight today for reinstatement as Anne Arundel county business manager.

In a decision which he filed with the Circuit Court here, Judge James MacGill dismissed Mr. Salovaara's suit to get his old job back on the grounds that the county commissioners were acting within their rights when they fired him last March 13.

"I am more disappointed than I am surprised," commented E. Churchill Murray, chairman of the committee which drafted the 1947 county business manager law.

"Need For An Amendment"

Judge MacGill's decision "shows the need for an amendment to the law to clarify and strengthen the position of the county business manager," Mr. Murray noted, adding, however:

"The county's new delegation to the General Assembly is not likely to be disposed to such a piece of legislation."

Five of the six Democratic candidates for county House seats nominated during the recent primary are allies of State Senator Louis N. Phipps (D., Anne Arundel).

The court decision and the results of the primary taken together can be considered a major victory for the Senator and his faction on the Board of County Commissioners.

Defenders Defeated

It took the Phipps faction more than a year from the time it first forced through a motion censuring Mr. Salovaara, over the vehement protests of his minority-faction allies, to arrive at today's results.

In the interim, however, all of the manager's defenders were defeated at the polls.

Mr. Murray noted that he feels "extremely apprehensive" over this turn of events and expressed the hope that the victors "will not take this as a mandate" to do what they please to the county.

Meanwhile, Mr. Salovaara is reliably reported to be looking for a new job.

The ousted official, who has a wife and five children, has received no salary since April 9.

Looking For A Job

With the encouragement of the three-man minority faction, which strongly supported him, Mr. Salovaara has cut off seeking new employment in order to fight the removal action.

He was aided in this by a number of county residents who agreed to assume a share of the legal expenses.

At Pleasure Of Board

In sum, Judge MacGill, who heard arguments in the case in Ellicott City May 3, ruled today that the county business manager holds his job at the pleasure of the board and his ouster is not reviewable by the courts.

Referring to a 1939 Rhode Island case similar to Mr. Salovaara's petition, Judge MacGill found that the commissioners had to give reasons for the firing if they were demanded.

He added, however, that the reasons need not amount to causes sufficient to fire a public official, as Mr. Salovaara's attorneys had argued they must.

Judge MacGill wrote: "The court finds . . . that the wording of the section of the county code referring to the business manager's must be construed as permitting the Board of County Commissioners, at its pleasure, to remove the . . . manager . . ."

"Cause for his removal need not be shown or established. In view of this conclusion, no merit is found in the contention of the manager and his co-petitioners that Mr. Salovaara was denied due process because certain members of the board, at the hearing, testified against him and then participated in the decision to remove him from office . . ."

"Mr. Salovaara was, therefore, denied no rights which the law afforded him.

"Restraining Influence"

"The question might naturally arise as to why the Legislature required the procedure . . . if it intended to provide for no more than a removal at will . . ."

"(It was) apparently intended to serve as a restraining influence against arbitrary action by the exercise of its discretion."

Both Marvin H. Anderson and Charles C. Hartman, Jr., who represented the county commissioners and Mr. Salovaara, respectively, commented today that in preparing their arguments they had not discovered the Rhode Island case which Judge MacGill cited.
Dunn Suggests
Local Man As
Manager

By RAYMOND S. GILL

Annapolis, May 31—An Anne Arundel county commissioner said today he would favor appointment of a local man to the office of county business manager "if we can find one with the necessary qualifications."

Commissioner Edward M. Dunn, Jr., said the value of placing a "county resident and taxpayer" in the job is that he would be acquainted with the county's problems, its people and the local political structure.

Mr. Dunn joined Commissioner Edward J. Klima, however, in a view that the county should advertise nationally for a new business manager to replace J. J. Salovaara.

Preferred Media

The advertisement would be placed in publications of the city and county manager profession.

Commissioner Klima said he would give consideration to qualified local applicants as well as those from other areas of the nation.

"But I will not vote to accept a political hack," he asserted on the question of a local man for the job.

"This is an appointment which will require very careful scrutiny," he said.

Wants Diplomacy, Tact

In addition to the qualities of education and experience, Commissioner Klima said he would be particularly attentive to an applicant's "diplomacy and tact."

He advocated close investigation of an applicant's previous employment record.

The comments of Commissioners Klima and Dunn followed Circuit Court dismissal of a petition in which Mr. Salovaara sought reinstatement to the job from which he was removed by the county commissioners.

3 Have Held Job

Mr. Salovaara, who assumed the position a little less than three years ago, was Anne Arundel county's third business manager.

The first, William S. Coburn, occupied the office from 1949 to 1951. Then came Edward R. Lonergan, who was manager until 1959.

Mr. Salovaara was city manager of Newark, Del., before coming to Anne Arundel county. Earlier, he was city manager at Albany, Ore., and Xenia, Ohio.
National Search Approved To Find Arundel Manager

BY NATHAN MILLER
[Sun Staff Correspondent]

Annapolis, June 5 — After a brief hassle, the Anne Arundel county commissioners voted today to begin a national search for a new county manager.

The vote was 5 to 2 to launch a national advertising campaign to find a manager to replace J. J. Salovaara, who was fired by the commissioners.

Those voting against the motion were Commissioners Frank W. Wilde (D., Seventh), board president, and Louis A. Boehm (D., Second).

"Wasting Money"

"Knowing the political situation in the county, we're just wasting money for advertising," said Mr. Wilde. "Why doesn't the Senate go ahead and appoint the manager now?"

This was a reference to Senator Louis N. Phipps, leader of a Democratic faction, opposed by Mr. Wilde. The board head was defeated for renomination in the May 15 primary.

Mr. Boehm argued that it was unnecessary to go outside of Anne Arundel county for a new manager.

"We've got qualified people here who can do the job," he commented.

Mr. Boehm also maintained that a local man would better understand the problems facing the county than someone brought in from the outside.

Klima Motion

The motion to start the national hunt for a new manager was introduced by Commissioner Edward J. Klima (D., Fifth). He suggested that the same method of attracting candidates for the job be used as when Mr. Salovaara was hired.

Advertising in national professional journals was part of the program used then.

Voting with Mr. Klima were Commissioners Samuel J. Carr (D., First), Edward Duna (D., Third), Carl P. Russell (D., Sixth) and Joseph F. Collins (D., Eighth).

Commissioner Henry C. Wigley, Sr. (D., Fourth) was absent.

Dr. Russell, who often voted with Mr. Wilde, voted with the majority today after being assured by Mr. Klima that the search would be nation-wide.

In his remarks, Mr. Wilde said it was a "crime and sin" for another man to be brought into the county "and then be destroyed as happened to the man we had."

"He did it to himself," snapped Mr. Boehm.

Fired March 13

The exchange involved Mr. Salovaara, who was fired by the board by a split vote last March 13. He was forced out by a minority faction aligned with the Phipps forces and was defended by a minority anti-Phipps group.

The controversy went on for more than a year and finally ended up in the courts, where Judge James Magill ruled last week that the board was within its rights in firing Mr. Salovaara.

Meanwhile, most of his supporters had been beaten at the polls.
Status Of Arundel County Manager Job Is Unclear

By LAWRENCE C. McDaniel

Annapolis, June 27 — Several weeks ago, the Board of Anne Arundel County Commissioners voted to advertise nationally for a new county business manager. To date, no action has been taken on the matter.

Benjamin Iber Troutman, personnel director, said he has received "no specifics" as yet on what procedures to follow, nor has he been authorized to spend any money for such advertising.

"Actually," he explained, "the status of the office formerly occupied by J. J. Salovaara still is unclear."

Mr. Troutman said he referred to a recent legal move by Mr. Salovaara, who was fired by the commissioners March 13.

Still Pending

Following the dismissal, the county manager filed suit in Circuit Court to get his job back. Judge James Macgill ruled that the commissioners were within their legal rights in firing the administrator.

Mr. Salovaara has since filed a motion for reappraisal, and the matter is still pending.

"Once this case is settled," Mr. Troutman said, "I shall place an advertisement in the monthly bulletin issued by the International City Managers Association, of Chicago, Illinois.

"This newsletter is distributed to cities and counties throughout the United States, and I feel certain we will receive many applicants for the job."

Two Applications

In addition, he stated, similar ads will be placed in Baltimore and Annapolis newspapers.

The personnel director said he has so far received two applications for the position. He identified the petitioners as "a retired Navy commander" and Warren W. Kershaw, head of the county's Recreation Department.

Also reportedly interested in the $7,500 to $12,000-a-year administrative job are Edward M. Dunn, Jr., who represents the county's Third Election district on the Board of Commissioners, and Friedrich E. von Schwerdtner, county zoning administrator.
Arundel Seeks Successor To Salovaara

BY RAYMOND GILL
(Sen Correspondent)

Annapolis, July 13—An advertisement of the vacancy in the job of Anne Arundel county business manager has been sent to a national publication of the International City Managers Association, the county personnel director said today.

Benjamin I. Troutman, the personnel officer, said the advertisement should appear in the July 15 edition of the City Managers Newsletter.

The letter he sent to the publication noted that the county has a population of 210,000, a budget of $27,851,987 and 922 employees.

He observed that the county has had three managers since 1980 and that the position carries a salary of $7,500 to $12,000.

The vacancy developed when J. J. Salovaara was fired by a 5-to-3 vote of the county commissioners after two years of controversy surrounding the manager's office.

A Circuit Court decision subsequently upheld the discharge action of the commissioners.

It has been reported that Mr. Salovaara may be appointed business manager of Pompano Beach, Fla., a city of 20,000 population which has had five managers since 1947.

The Florida city has a budget of $3,400,000 and 250 employees.

Sources there said Mr. Salovaara would receive $13,325 annually. His highest annual salary in Anne Arundel county was $12,000.
15 Seeking Post Of Arundel Manager

By LAWRENCE C. McDaniel

Annapolis, July 24—Fifteen persons have applied for the vacant county manager post in Anne Arundel, B. Iber Troutman, director of personnel, said today.

In a report to the Board of County Commissioners, Mr. Troutman said he expects "many more" applicants.

He said the fifteen represent an initial response to an advertisement inserted in a national publication devoted to the profession.

The personnel director noted that six applications were received from county residents, while nine were from men currently holding such jobs in other states.

The $11,000-a-year managerial position was formerly held by J. J. Salovaara, who was fired by the commissioners in March.

Mr. Salovaara assumed the county's top administrative job in July, 1959. He was preceded by Edward R. Lonergan, who served from 1951 to 1959, and William S. Coburn, who occupied the office from 1949 to 1951.
Nine Of Them Are Residents Of County

[From a Staff Correspondent]

Annapolis, August 8—The Anne Arundel County Commissioners have received 26 applications for the office of county business manager.

Benjamin L. Troutman, personnel director, said they have come from places throughout the nation.

He said approximately nine have been submitted by persons living within the county.

The director said the commissioners "will select five of the many applicants for additional screening and final selection."

Notification Pending

Notification will probably reach the five by late August or early September, he remarked.

He added that "there is no desire on behalf of the county commissioners to reach a hasty decision on this important matter."

The position of county manager has been vacant since March when the commissioners fired J. J. Salovaara.

The action was challenged in Circuit Court, but at the end of May Judge James Macqill upheld the dismissal.

Temporary Performance

Meanwhile, Vinton T. Bull, assessment supervisor, has been performing some of the functions of county manager.

There has been some talk among the commissioners of temporarily hiring another person to replace Mr. Bull until a final appointment can be made.

Commissioner Joseph F. Collinson, Jr., said the present arrangement is "a hardship" on the assessment chief and the work of his office.

Local Sentiment

There is sentiment among some commissioners, perhaps a majority, for appointing a local resident to the managerial post if a qualified person is available.

This view is based on reasoning that a county resident would already have a grasp of the county's problems, governmental structure and politics.

Other commissioners, however, favor appointment of a professional manager from another part of the nation.
ARUNDEL POST
STAYS VACANT
Naming Business Manager
Seen Awaiting Election
By STUART S. SMITH
[Sun Staff Correspondent]
Annapolis, Sept. 22—Anne Arundel county has had no full-time business manager since January 9, 1962, and apparently will not get a new one until after election day.

Although 42 men answered advertisements for an executive to replace J. J. Salovaara, the commissioners have made no effort to review the applications.

Await New Board
Commissioners Louis A. Boehm (D., Second) and Edward M. Dunn, Jr. (D., Third) stated that there will be no final selection until a new board has been elected.

The commissioners indicated that they want no lame-duck colleagues to saddle their successors with a manager they did not help choose.

Mr. Salovaara was fired by the board's majority faction in a 5-3 vote after a protracted political battle.

His routine duties were assumed partially by Vinton T. B. the

strict instructions by his superiors in the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to restrict himself to the absolute minimum tasks required by the law.

Thus far, thirteen local applicants have sought the manager's job and 26 inquiries have been received from persons in sixteen different states.

The commissioners will select five applications for additional screening and personal interviews. Frank W. Wilde (D., Seventh), the board president, who was defeated in the May primary for reelection, noted he has made no attempt to get the commissioners to go over the applications.

"It would be fruitless," he observed.

His majority-faction opponents have no intention of appointing a county manager until after the election," he added.

The new executive is surely going to be a local person, Mr. Wilde said.

The man who is finally going to be picked probably has not even submitted an application yet, one courthouse observer pointed out today.

Among the persons being considered as likely board choices are Frederich E. von Schwedering, county planning administrator; Benjamin L. Troutman, county personnel officer; Vicente A. Sills, the local Democratic party campaign manager, and Lee J. Sosnowski, a member of the Public Works Department.
Anne Arundel Report

The outgoing grand jury in Anne Arundel county dug deeper into county affairs with more scathing results than any in some time. The jurors report having found political influence, low morale, ticket fixing and other "forms of corruption" in the county police department, particularly in the period prior to the recent change in police chiefs. The county jail, the jurors say, is "wholly inadequate and unfit for human habitation."

The operation of slot machines, in the studied opinion of the jurors, is a "sordid mess," with "highly illegal" ramifications. The regulations governing the operation of slots were found to be "wholly inadequate," with little enforcement of the prohibition against minors playing the machines. Turning to the critical problems involving sewage, the jurors found political influence once again at work in the county's sanitary commission and "financial mismanagement" which the jury labeled "indefensible."

None of this comes as any surprise. If the jurors had sat longer, no doubt they could have developed criticism of comparable order concerning other aspects of county government. Anne Arundel long ago outgrew its form of government and is now burdened with a politically saturated system that would be hard put to keep pace with the demands of an urbanized population, even if top-flight men could be induced into it. The only question is whether enough countians care about their government, or are sufficiently suspicious of it, to put it on a stronger and more modern and somewhat more foolproof footing.

The Anne Arundel ballots in November will include a referendum on the creation of a home-rule charter board and the drafting of a new form of county government, such as Baltimore and Montgomery counties previously have done. The creation of a new form of government by no means guarantees better government. The quality of government is determined by the type of men elected to run it. But in Anne Arundel's case a reorganization of governmental machinery is required in any event, and a favorable vote next month is not a commitment to specifics. Anne Arundel countians are asked to approve having a charter board to prepare a governmental plan that will be submitted to county voters two years from now. How countians respond to this reform move will be an indication of whether or not they personally care about the county conditions on which their grand jurors and others have reported.
Arundel Sanitary Post Given Edwards Graff

By Raymond Gill

J. Edwards Graff, 52-year-old administrative engineer with a Baltimore firm of consulting engineers, has been appointed director of departments for the Anne Arundel County Sanitary Commission.

Mr. Graff’s salary is $11,000 a year, according to Charles A. Plutzer, commission chairman.

Mr. Plutzer said Mr. Graff’s job will involve over-all direction and coordination of departments, personnel administration, establishment of an improved system of personnel records, and supervision of the maintenance, repair and replacement of equipment.

A recent grand jury report noted that steps are being taken to correct management deficiencies in the county water and sewer authority. Mr. Plutzer, who became chairman in June, described the appointment of Mr. Graff as among the moves being made to achieve greater efficiency.

The agency has four departments: Finance, engineering, administration and legal.

Mr. Graff, a graduate of Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, is a registered professional engineer and a registered land surveyor. He was project manager for route planning of the Baltimore Beltway and also for the design of some sections of that artery.

He is a fellow in the American Society of Civil Engineers and a member of the Maryland Association of Engineers and the Institute of Traffic Engineering.

Mr. Graff is administrative engineer with the firm Kline, Klepper & Kahl. In addition to other phases of engineering, the company is active in the planning and design of sanitary facilities.

Mr. Graff lives at 1339 Howard road, Harundale. He and his wife Jane, have a 19-year-old daughter Mary, who is a student at the University of Maryland.
Front Runner Said To Be Chambers

By Lawrence C. McDaniel

Annapolis, Dec. 19—The board of Anne Arundel County Commissioners is expected to select a new county manager within the next several weeks.

Front-runner for the $11,000-a-year post is said to be Roy C. Chambers, a 57-year-old superintendent for the Annapolis branch of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company.

Others mentioned as possible successors to J. J. Salovaara, who was fired by the old Board of Commissioners in March, include Victor A. Sulin, currently the State Tobacco Inspector; Lee J. Sosnowski, an official in the county Public Works Department and B. Iber Troutman, county personnel director.

Mr. Chambers filed an application for the administrative position December 7, presumably with the knowledge and consent of his present employer. He has been with the telephone company for 33 years and is reportedly eligible for retirement.

Friend Of Phipps

A close personal friend of former State Senator Louis N. Phipps, now clerk of the Circuit Court, Mr. Chambers was an unsuccessful Democratic candidate for commissioner from the Second district in May’s primary election.

He was defeated by Commissioner Louis A. Boeheim, who was subsequently reelected in November.

The telephone company executive lives at 146 Riverview avenue, in the Weems Creek section of Annapolis. Born in Sidney, Nebraska, he was educated in grammar and high schools there, and holds a bachelor of science degree from Western Maryland College.

A veteran of World War II and Korea, Mr. Chambers is a past president of the Annapolis chamber of commerce, and the Annapolis Rotary Club, a member of the Elks Club, and the Military Order of World Wars and is an usher at St. Anne’s Episcopal Church.

45 Applications

To date, 45 applications have been received from those interested in the county manager’s job here.

A majority of the commissioners are believed to favor the appointment of a local man to the administrative post on the theory that he would be better acquainted with the county’s problems and political makeup.

The new manager will be the fourth since the system was inaugurated thirteen years ago.

Anne Arundel’s three previous administrators all quit under fire, victims of the county’s ever-changing political tides.

Their terms were marked by feuds with elected officials and difficulties with county employees.

An added danger to the new manager is the current movement to draft a home rule charter for Anne Arundel, which, if adopted, might eliminate the post in favor of an elected executive.
Survey 'Direly Needed,' Says Wilde

By Raymond Gill

The former president of the Anne Arundel County Commissioners said today that a governmental "efficiency survey" under way is "direly needed" and will be of great value regardless of whether a home-rule charter is accepted by the voters in a 1964 referendum.

Frank W. Wilde, the ex-president, expressed dismay that half of the present county commissioners apparently have been reluctant to financially support the survey being conducted by a management consultant team working for the county's charter board.

Among the final official acts of the former board headed by Mr. Wilde was appropriation of $40,000 for the study. The funds were sought by a five-member unit preparing a tentative charter which is to be submitted to the voters in 1964.

4 To 4 Split

The new Board of Commissioners split, 4-4, on a move to reaffirm the action.

Efforts to block the allocation, however, have been thwarted by a Circuit Court ruling and by decisions of the county solicitor and the attorney general.

Mr. Wilde, who said he has long been an advocate of an efficiency survey, particularly criticized what he described as frequent efforts of county commissioners to pose as experts in road engineering, finance, law and even architecture.

Better Judgment

Some commissioners, he asserted, "have forced trained personnel to do things against their better judgment for political reasons."

"Some commissioners have actually operated road equipment and tried their best to force public works personnel to do something by an improper method," Mr. Wilde said.

Problems that require professional action "should be handled by the appropriate county department," said Mr. Wilde, who last May lost his bid for renomination in the Seventh Election district.

He predicted the present government survey will expose "some very strong weaknesses in the manner in which the county government is being conducted."
NEW MANAGER
DUE APRIL 2
Anne Arundel Board Sets Date For Filling Post
BY DEWITT BLISS
[By a Sun Staff Correspondent]
Annapolis, Jan. 22 — The Anne Arundel county commissioners today agreed to pick a man as county manager, a post which has been empty for slightly more than a year, on April 2.
The commissioners also voted favorably on a schedule under which they will narrow down their choices for the post last filled by J. J. Salovery, who was suspended last January 9 and finally fired in March.
The schedule was proposed by Edward J. Klima (D., Pitts), who suggested that Vincent J. Bull, assistant supervisor, has already served longer than was intended when he was chosen as a temporary replacement for Salovery.
Choice Due on April 2
Mr. Klima noted that Mr. Bull is really a State employee and that his employers probably would not like to see him back on a full time basis.
Under the schedule no more applications will be accepted for the job after February 1. After the 40 or more applicants have been cut to about ten by the commissioners, the remaining men will be interviewed on February 21 and 22.
After a check on the references of those surviving the interview, the commissioners will make their final choice during a regular Tuesday meeting on April 2.
The results of another personnel matter brought up at today's meeting, were less conclusive.
Personnel Action Held Up
A series of appointments and transfers held over from the January 15 meeting were again held over for discussion in executive session with the county personnel manager.
They included the appointment of Mrs. Nora Brown as secretary to the county legislative delegation; the hiring of Hugh B. Moore as a right of way engineer, and a series of resignations and promotions.
The board also withheld action on two requests on behalf of Louis N. Phipps, the former State Senator who recently was elected clerk of the Circuit Court.
In the latter position, Mr. Phipps asked the commissioners to take over responsibility for cleaning his offices in the county-owned courthouse.
The commissioners were told that he has been allowed to use State money for the work which would cost the county more than $3,000 a year.
Mr. Phipps, according to county officials, had earlier agreed to try to pay a share of the cost, but has since contended that his office is the second largest collection agency for county money and should be cleaned on the same basis as the rest of the building.
The commissioners asked for further study of the matter as they did on a personal request from the former senator.
Mr. Phipps asked for a $2,500 reduction in assessment on a two-acre portion of a farm of which he is part owner.
Trailer Park Protest
The commissioners questioned the amount of the valuation on the land, located just inside the city of Annapolis near Forest drive, and Mr. Phipps later said that it had been zoned improperly as other than agricultural.
The commissioners also heard a protest from Charles A. Platzer, Sr., and other members of the Maryland Mobile Homes Association.
The group protested the inclusion of the county in a law allowing property assessments on house trailers, a procedure which is legal in some other counties.
Mr. Platzer said that the amendment, which has been introduced in the Legislature by the county delegation, would be acceptable if it applied only to trailers outside licensed trailer parks.
The group contended that trailer parks already contribute heavily to the county in other taxes and services.
Roads To Hospital
The commissioners also voted to ask the Legislature to approve county participation in Federally aided urban renewal programs, on a motion by Mr. Klima.
It also agreed to negotiate terms for final plans for roads to serve the new North Arundel Hospital.
The new hospital would be cut off from direct access by an extension of Mountain road, without the new roads, according to Edward M. Dunn, Jr. (D., Third)
Government Setup Being Reorganized

BY ROY GREGORY

Anne Arundel County is on the verge of complete and almost total "rejuvenation" of its governmental structure.

One of the first great changes to be presented to the people will be a charter currently being prepared by a committee of respected citizens headed by former Circuit Court Judge Benjamin Michaelson.

Although the charter will not be presented for study until next month, indications are that it will contain provisions for a change in representation on the Board of County Commissioners, an elected head of state and many other major innovations on the local government level.

After its presentation, the charter will be voted upon by the people. It is bound to be the subject of political attack from the professionals who would rather have the status quo.

Even if the new book is rejected at the polls, changes are inevitable. Legislation calling for redistricting of the county and a change in the make-up of the Board of County Commissioners is now pending at the State House.

Several Bills Introduced

THE COUNTY LEGISLATORS, along with State Sen. Joseph W. Alton Jr., have also introduced bills calling for election of the president of the board; establishment of a Peoples' Court which will eliminate the present magistrate system and a bill which will eliminate the present Police Board, replacing it with a superintendent of police selected by the governor.

The most popular bill is that calling for election of the president of the board of county commissioners. For years, the tussle over this position of prominence has resulted in commissioners starting fresh terms all split into factions.

The split, at least during the last eight years, has resulted in petty squabbling and more effort being put into the in-fighting than into major work.

All of the various factions, and there are several, seem in accord on one issue and that is the election of a leader by the people rather than by the members of the board.

Green Bag Seen Lighter

THE PEOPLES' COURT BILL is still being argued among the politicians but it seems that nothing can stop it, thus making the future green bag for Anne Arundel County lighter by the weight of five magistrates.

Members of the Police Board stoutly defend their non-political make-up but Sen. Alton apparently doesn't believe it.

His Senate bill calls for the abolition of the board and the appointment of a "career man" to the post of superintendent, one who doesn't necessarily have to hail from within county borders.

The Police Board feels that it is doing a good job and that the answer would be to keep it in business and allow it to appoint a couple of inspectors. The only thing is that the Police Board doesn't have the right to vote in the Legislature, so guess who wins this one!

Would 'Freeze' Liquor Permits

THERE IS ALSO A BILL in the Legislature which would "freeze" liquor permits in Anne Arundel County on the basis of population figures. This one is most popular with the present holders of permits and is not expected to stem the tide of alcohol which is always rated "high" when it comes time to compute the Anne Arundel tax share from Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein.

Like it or not, Anne Arundel is destined for a great revamping along governmental lines. If the Charter Board doesn't do it, there is sufficient legislation to accomplish it.
Arundel Names Sulin County Manager

[Special to The Evening Sun]

Annapolis, April 2—The Anne Arundel County Commissioners today appointed Victor A. Sulin to the position of county business manager.

Mr. Sulin, State tobacco inspector and former campaign manager for the Anne Arundel county Democratic party, succeeds J. J. Solovaa, who was fired from the post by the commissioners in March, 1962.

The acting business manager since that time has been Vinton Bull, the director of the county assessment department.

Called “Power Play”

The commissioners today voted, 5 to 2, in favor of Mr. Sulin's appointment.

One commissioner who objected was Edward M. Dunn, Jr., who termed the appointment “a political power play” on the part of former State Senator Louis N. Phipps, with whom the majority of the commissioners are aligned.

Prior to its decision today, the commissioners had considered 101 applications for the job of business manager. Mr. Sulin, who was a candidate for the job several years ago, had not submitted a formal application for the position.

Mr. Sulin’s job is secure for at least a year and a half. However, if the county charter form of government is accepted by voters in a November, 1964 referendum, the manager's job as presently constituted would be eliminated.

Allied Of Phipps

The 58-year-old Mr. Sulin, who lives on a tobacco farm in Severn, has been a political ally of former Senator Phipps.

He became State tobacco inspector January 4, 1969, after his appointment by Governor Tawes. He has been president of the Anne Arundel County Farm Bureau and has been a member of the executive board of the State Farm Bureau.

He served as a member of the County Supervisors of Elections from 1956 to 1969 and later as a clerk of the county liquor board.

A graduate of the University of Baltimore, he served last fall as campaign manager for the Anne Arundel County Democratic party in the general election.

He also served as county campaign manager for Governor Tawes during May's primary election.
In The Nutwell Family

Arundel Official, Ancestor Both Felt Political Adversity

George M. Nutwell prefers the political tradition of his clan to that of horse breeding and fox hunting.

Mr. Nutwell, 50, now in his second term as Anne Arundel county's register of wills, looks back in history to one John Nuttwell, who became a justice of St. Marys county court in 1700.

Somewhere in the interim, the family lost a "i" and gained another public official.

Elected Sheriff

Both John Nuttwell and George H. Nutwell experienced trying times in their first attempts at an elected office. It may be a toss-up as to which was more frustrating.

Old John was elected sheriff of St. Marys county in 1699, but the Provincial Assembly later ruled the election invalid.

The Assembly's action followed complaints that the voting was conducted "at a remote place... a place of no resort... a neck of land altogether out of the way" and that it was accompanied by "fighting and riotous actions."

Tied For Nomination

John may have been finished as sheriff, but made his comeback in 1700 as justice.

The modern Mr. Nutwell also saw political victory slip away, but he, too, returned successfully to the scene.

In 1964, Mr. Nutwell tied with Mrs. Paulina W. Remy in a race for the Democratic nomination for county commissioner in the Seventh Election District.

The Democratic State Central Committee picked Mrs. Remy to be its candidate.

Register Of Wills

Four years later, Mr. Nutwell won the register of wills office and has been there ever since.

The political beliefs of John Nuttwell were not well recorded. His descendant makes his known.

Whereas John Nuttwell may have limited his political activity to the problems of local jurisprudence in a colony, Mr. Nutwell is quite concerned with the functions of local government in modern society.

In attempting to improve roads in the southern part of the county, Mr. Nutwell has lobbied with county commissioners, written to...
Too Many Boards

One aspect of the reforms proposed in the home-rule charter for Anne Arundel county deserves particular emphasis. This is the shift from a loose board and commission form of government to one in which the executive branch will have clearly defined responsibilities and designated individuals to discharge them. Under the present system the eight-man Board of County Commissioners is the biggest offender of all as it tries to wield both collective executive and legislative responsibilities—and permits its individual commissioners to act as eight separate executives as well. But it is surrounded with other boards and commissions in which responsibility is also diffused.

Under the charter, although a number of boards would be kept either for advisory functions or for policy determination, in most cases operating and administrative responsibility would be put clearly in the hands of one man. Thus there would be a director of recreation and parks responsible directly to the county executive but assisted by an advisory board. The independent Sanitary Commission would be dissolved and its responsibilities given to appropriate officials in the Department of Public Works and other offices. The office of planning and zoning would be headed by one man, who would be assisted by a planning advisory board.

One proposed organization plan, however, is open to question. This would place the chief of police directly under the county executive. While this makes for a theoretically clean line of command, it also lays the Police Department open to possible political pressures from an official dependent upon votes and politicians for his election. An independent police commissioner, interposed between the uniformed police chief and the county executive might well be a better arrangement. But apart from such reservations in particular cases, the new charter ought to give the county a far better and more efficient form of government than it now enjoys under its collection of boards and commissioners.
Executive, Council Urged In Arundel
Revamping Study

By Raymond Gill

Annapolis, April 5—In the Anne Arundel county Courthouse here, there reportedly is a man assigned full time to changing light bulbs.

This, cited as an example of overstaffing and wasted manpower, is among the findings of a firm which conducted detailed studies of county government for the proposed charter involves public works.

There is a "splitting of control, manpower and equipment into commissioner-dominated district kingdoms," the report continued.

"Each county commissioner retains a proprietary interest in the selection of road-work personnel for his district as well as equipment, facilities and financing."

The charter contemplates a consolidation of road equipment and manpower which could save an estimated $280,000 a year, the report of the consultants asserted.

Personnel is an area of county Government which is operated "largely on a patronage basis," the report noted.

Merit System Called For

"The spoilsman in the tradition of 'the Last Hurrah' still exists in Anne Arundel county although he has all but disappeared elsewhere in the nation," it continued.

The charter would provide a merit system for personnel practices.

The consultants also criticized "malapportionment" of the County Commissioners.

They observed that rural, southern election districts with 16 percent of the county's population have four of the eight county commissioners.

The charter provides a pattern of councilmanic districts which will give northern urban and suburban areas a representation consistent with population.

Tentative Charter

A tentative charter, prepared by a five-man board created by referendum last November, is aimed at the correction of such conditions.

The board, headed by former Circuit Court Judge Benjamin Michaelson, must present the final version of the document to the county commissioners by May 5 in order for the question of its adoption to be decided in a referendum in November of 1964.

Major features of the proposed charter are an elected county executive with broad administrative powers, a legislative and policy-making county council, and changes in virtually all areas of county government.

Present System

Abolished would be the present governmental system in which eight county commissioners act as both executives and policymakers and hire a business manager to carry out administrative chores under their direction.

In a report submitted to the charter board, the management consultants firm of John A. Donahoe & Associates focused on the governmental problems the tentative charter is designed to correct.

"The laws which established the form of government in Anne Arundel county," it noted, "developed without pattern, direction or consistency. In consequence, there are conflicts and gaps . . . which are increasingly costly in terms of wasted dollars and dwindling services."

Organizational Failings

The report observed that the county suffers from an organizational structure which defies a logical defense. At least sixteen distinct functions report directly to the Board of County Commissioners, a span too wide for effective control.

The charter, it was pointed out, would provide only eight primary functions reporting to the county executive.

The county commissioners currently work as eight executives, and "some department heads, being so frustrated by conflicting orders from individual commissioners, literally hide from them," the consultants said.

Single Executive

The report notes that a "strong, single executive . . . would greatly strengthen the effectiveness of all county offices and departments."

The engineering, design and other activities of the Sanitary Commission have counterparts in the county government, the study shows.

"Yet, in the face of common sense or legal requirements, the Sanitary Commission remains aloof from the remainder of the county government," the report said.

The proposed charter would abolish the Sanitary Commission and merge its functions with the county Government, mainly the Public Works Department.

Public Works Problem

This "promises not only economies but improved coordination and better public service," the consultants said.

Another problem assaulted by
Says Board Decides Important Matters In Secrecy

By Lawrence McDaniel

Annapolis, July 3—Public business is being conducted by the Anne Arundel county commissioners in sessions closed to the public, a board member charged today.

Commissioner Edward M. Dunn, Jr., attacked the six-member majority bloc for "deciding virtually all important matters in secret meetings. "This is not in the public interest," asserted Mr. Dunn, a minority member of the eight-man board.

"Instead of issues being raised in open hearings and subjected to full discussion in public, decisions are reached in the back room and later brought to open sessions for formal ratification," he said.

"I take every opportunity," he added, "to force discussions on these matters at public meetings."

Reluctant Attendance

Noting that he "strenuously objected" to secret board sessions, the commissioner acknowledged that he has reluctantly attended such meetings in order to keep himself informed on majority thinking, and to voice minority opinion in the decision-making process.

In a June 18 closed session, the majority acted on seven personnel appointments, discussed an insurance matter, pension systems and a roads study, and voted to authorize $6,082,000 in bonds for capital improvements.

In the same closed meeting, the group also voted against authorizing $3,000,000 in bonds for road construction in the Third and Fifth election districts, the constituencies of Mr. Dunn and Commissioner Edward J. Klima, also a minority board member.

Debt Warning Disputed

Richard W. Case, bond counsel, had advised the commissioners that the county is carrying a heavy debt burden in relation to its assessable basis, a point disputed by Mr. Dunn.

The letter from Mr. Case was dated June 11, but was not made public until June 23, as part of the minutes of the executive session.

"The release of such minutes cannot take the place of public meetings," declared Mr. Dunn. He remarked that minutes of meetings do not give a full account of discussions which take place, but only summarize.
New Kingfish, Maybe

ANAPOLIS

A SPARKLE—half-serious, half-devilish but bright blue and shining—lit up the eye of William J. McWilliams when he heard the inquiry coming through the earpiece of his telephone:

"Is this the new boss of Anne Arundel county?"

Mr. McWilliams leaned back in his law-office swivel chair and thoughtfully examined a polished mahogany shoetip.

"I am able to inform you," he said, savoring the phrase, "that you are talking to the Kingfish himself."

Perhaps it was more a prediction than yet an established fact. Perhaps multiplying signs that the county's political crown is once again in transit will fall, as has happened before, back upon themselves. The same old crowd may manage once more to hold Anne Arundel government safely across the fence from the Twentieth Century.

Mr. McWilliams is not alone, however, in his belief that this time things are going to be different. His elevation last week to the county chairmanship of the Democratic State Central Committee—whence his airy claim on the Kingfish tag—was a stroke of the old order resisted desperately and for sound reason. It symbolized their collapse at the heart of the party structure, a spectacle any political professional from precinct worker to governor must instantly recognize as telling.

That Mr. McWilliams—once a circuit-court judge, now foremost at the county bar—was the instrument of the old order's humiliation also suggests the new day dawning must be brighter for Anne Arundel.

It would be a mistake to assume, on the basis of Mr. McWilliams's arrival alone, that Louis N. Phipps and the cracker-barrel regime over which he presides are yet ready for the scrap heap. Some wandered into that belief last year when his political seismographs tickled ominously. Mr. Phipps arose from his State Senate seat and let it go at election time to the Republicans. But instead of expiring politically, he regrouped on safer ground.

He became clerk of the court, transferred his bossing operations from the State House to the courthouse and, until last week, carried on much as he had before.

Still, Mr. Phipps had given up with the Senate ground he could ill afford to lose. The patronage flow from the Governor's office, once a Phipps preserve, began to flow instead to his Republican successor—Senator Joseph W. Alton, Jr. Governors deal in realities—this one does, anyway—so the diversion of political favors became more pronounced as it appeared that, of the county's seven all-Democratic members of the House, a majority of four preferred Senator Alton's leadership to that of Mr. Phipps, party lines or not. Indeed, the whole legislative section of the Phipps empire began to fade away and, with it, one of his central claims to bossdom.

What remained to Mr. Phipps as of last spring were two final political bastions—the county commissioners, held 6 to 2 mostly by Phipps adherents, and the county central committee, Phipps-slanted 4 to 2. It seemed a tidy holding, but in June a Mr. Blackhurst's death suddenly imperiled another flank. The committee, deprived of Mr. Blackhurst's pro-Phipps vote, was tied up 3 to 3. The best Phipps efforts over several months could not break the tie. The break when it came was a break the other way: a Phipps vote, that of a Mr. Colburn, was converted by processes still undisclosed to an anti-Phipps vote, and the jig was up.

Promptly, the anti-Phipps forces moved to the kill. Now aligned 4 to 2 against the Phippes, they filled the Blackhurst vacancy with a fifth anti-Phipps member and thus braced themselves for the big blow. They turned out the pro-Phipps chairman, J. Nelson Clark, and installed in his place Mr. McWilliams, a relative political amateur but among the most tireless in the county, in his pursuit of Mr. Phipps's scalp. Last night, McWilliams ran election, still another anti-Phipps member, though losing one ally temporarily in the process. Another Phipps stronghold is plainly breached and probably conquered.

These first heady days find even the engineers of the anti-Phipps, pro-McWilliams victory somewhat confused as to who did most of the engineering. Mr. McWilliams seems to stand out front as the new party chief, and on him future undertakings are likely to focus. Hard by the McWilliams elbows, however, stand two political professionals as deeply seasoned as Mr. Phipps himself. One is Delegate John F. McNulty, a disenchanted graduate of the Phipps school. The other is the remarkable Senator Alton, a Republican who not only can draw a heavy Democratic vote but also, in company with Mr. McWilliams and Mr. McNulty, sketched the plans for the internal Democratic upset.

And yet by one vital measure, each member of this rather oddly constituted trio fits into the common cause: all believe that the day of Phippism, as an excuse for modern county government, is done in Anne Arundel. Unlike Mr. Phipps, they recognize the county's stake in cooperation with Baltimore city. They also welcome the prospect of home rule, of an executive form of government, of zoning that works, of an adequate sanitary system, of nonpolitical police—all items of repugnance to Mr. Phipps.

In winning these things, they feel, time is on their side. Election time next year furnishes the opportunity to get a proposed county charter adopted. Shortly afterward, in a special election officers will be chosen to fill out the new county government as set forth in the charter. For Mr. Phipps, the last ditch will be at hand—unless, of course, he can devise some way in the meantime to tumble his tormentors into it instead.
GRAND JURY ENDS STUDY

Arundel Unit Recommends Government Changes

BY DEWITT ELISS
(Sun Staff Correspondent)

Annapolis, Oct. 18—The Anne Arundel county grand jury today recommended that the functions of the county government be turned over to administrative, legislative and judicial bodies.

The proposal, similar to the proposed structure of the government under the suggested charter which will be voted upon next year, was the result of the jury's finding that a "part-time" eight-man board cannot properly supervise 18 county agencies.

The jurors, in a report submitted today, also noted that several of the sixteen agencies reporting directly to the county commissioners "consider that they are independent of any control except when they wish to borrow money."

"Conflict Of Interest"
The jury also suggested that a "conflict of interest" law be adopted and cited the case of a member of an un-named county commission as an example.

The member sold a large amount of land to a development, the report charges. The report indicates that the man did not vote on two occasions when the area came before his commission and describes this refusal as proper.

However, the report says that this deprived the commission of his experience, knowledge and judgment and that other matters concerning the area will come up in the future and that there are ways other than a vote to influence the action of the commission in favor of he corporation.

Schools' Conditions Cited

Another section of the report describes profits, either direct or indirect, by county officials from dealings with Anne Arundel county as being of "doubtful morality" and possibly jeopardizing efficient and economical conduct of county business.

The jury also recommended that two county schools, Meade Heights Elementary and Bates Junior High, be condemned and torn down.

Meade Heights was described as a "disgrace to the county" with a leaky roof, cracked walls, a sinking foundation, dampness and a lack of ventilation.

Bates, according to the report, should be replaced because of need for repairs, general deterioration of the building, the need for a cafeteria and other facilities and a lack of room for expansion or improvements.

Advice For New Jury

The jury also suggested that employees of the sanitary commission be hired and allowed to work without regard to political influence and that the new grand jury which will be chosen Monday make itself familiar with operations of the commission early in its term through a small committee of men with knowledge of business, engineering and finance.

It also suggested that the progress of the Crofton and Maryland City developments and sewage plans for the Broadneck Peninsula be studied.

The jury also recommended all of the magistrates courts be made full time and that the new jury study the Montgomery county courts to see how the local courts might be improved.

Replaced By People's Court

The Montgomery county trial magistrate system was replaced by a People's Court in 1955.

Other recommendations also made suggestions for procedural rules for the next jury and asked for registration of small arms.

Conditions at the county jail were criticized, but attempts at improvement were praised.
Anne Arundel County

Jury Urges Separate Government Units
[From a Staff Correspondent]

Annapolis, Oct. 21—The Anne Arundel county grand jury has recommended a reorganization of the county government to establish separate legislative and administrative branches.

Although the jury did not specifically endorse the county's proposed home-rule charter, the charter provides for such a reorganization.

The jury pointed out that the county government has sixteen agencies which report directly to the Board of County Commissioners.

Assertion Made

The panel asserted that eight "part-time" county commissioners "cannot coordinate, direct and control the activities of sixteen different agencies."

Under the present form of government, the county commissioners have both policy-making and administrative powers and limited legislative authority delegated by the General Assembly.

Council Plan

The proposed home-rule charter provides for a county executive with broad administrative authority and a seven-member county council with legislative and policy-making powers.

Authority to enact public local laws would be transferred from the State level to the county council.

The proposed charter will be submitted to referendum in November, 1964.
Wilde Called 'Sure Bet' for Arundel Post

By Roy Gregory
News-Post Annapolis Bureau

Annapolis, Dec. 4 — The former president of the Anne Arundel Board of County Commissioners, Frank W. Wilde, was reported here today to be a "sure bet" to succeed Mrs. Paulina W. Remey as county commissioner.

Shortly after noon yesterday, Mrs. Remey was informed by Gov. Tawes that she abandoned her position as commissioner when she took the oath of office as a notary public.

Tomorrow afternoon, the Democratic State Central Committee will meet here to designate a successor to Mrs. Remey. This choice is then forwarded to the Governor, who is bound to accept it.

The name of Wilde popped into the news almost as quickly as the official letter to Mrs. Remey had arrived at the courthouse.

He is said to have "more than enough votes" to gain approval by the committee which is in the rigid control of Annapolis Attorney William J. McWilliams, the chairman of the group.

If Mrs. Remey's first reaction to her ouster holds, it is certain that she will bring the matter to court before giving up her chair on the Board of County Commissioners.

After receiving the letter, Mrs. Remey remarked that she will continue as county commissioner "until the courts tell me I'm out."

The only woman commissioner added that since she accepted her commission as a notary she has never performed an act under the commission. A lawyer herself, Mrs. Remey further contended that the attorney general is not the authoritative body but that a direct ruling from the courts would be needed.

In contrast to Mrs. Remey's position, yesterday Gov. Tawes made it known that three officials who also lost their jobs under the notary ruling would be reappointed after resigning as notaries.

Mrs. Remey, an elected official, in order to be reinstated as commissioner must first gain approval of the local State Central Committee. The prerogative is not the governor's as in the case of appointed officials.

However, the possibility of Mrs. Remey gaining the nod of the Central Committee is virtually nil as that group is in control of a faction politically opposed to her.

For the past dozen years, Mrs. Remey and Mr. Wilde have staged torrid election battles for the commissionership from the tiny Seventh District in the southern end of the county.

During his recent term as head of the board, Mr. Wilde staged an all-out fight on legalized slot machines and many attributed that stand to his close defeat last year.

The defeat did not deter Mr. Wilde and he has continually led the battle against the machines as the head of a state-wide committee which successfully brought legislation spelling doom to the slots.

Although Mr. Wilde would not comment on the possibility of his returning to the board, it is known that the votes have been mustered to insure his active return to the political wars of the county.

As a member of the board, he will no doubt join with Commissioner Edward J. Lima to make up a two-man minority faction on the eight-member commission.
GRAND JURY ASKS CHANGE IN ARUNDEL

Wants Faults Removed Before Electorate Takes A Hand

BY JOHN T. DOOLEY, JR.
(Sun Staff Correspondent)

Annapolis, April 16 — The report issued by the retiring grand jury for Anne Arundel County today called upon the county government to rectify its continuing faults before the electorate takes the matter into its own hands.

With frequent references to the proposed home-rule charter the 38-page report made the following recommendations:

1. That civil defense as a county function be abolished.
2. That the school board step up integration of schools and appoint trustees for the secondary schools.
3. That the Sanitary Commission be merged with the Public Works Department.
4. That a strong conflict-of-interest law be enacted immediately.

Other Recommendations
5. That the County Commissioners strictly adhere to the existing mental system.
7. That more stringent requirements be specified in the purchase of firearms.
8. That the continuing inadequacies of the County Jail be immediately remedied and steps be taken to build a new jail.
9. That the County Court House be enlarged to provide for more adequate office space.

The grand jury report also stated that the State’s Attorney has been asked to look into undisclosed irregularities in the Sanitary Commission and the Magistrates Court for possible prosecution.

Charter Backed

The grand jury came just short of an outright endorsement of the county’s proposed home-rule charter, saying, “This is a purely political matter, requiring the individual objective consideration of the county electorate.”

The report observed, however, that the charter committee and the jury had made similar inquiries into county government procedures and activities, and it was not possible to fail to observe that the recommended charter recognized these ills and provided a means for their elimination or correction.”

Pointing to the nonpartisan basis of the charter, the report stated, “The grand jury recommends to the electorate of the county a serious consideration of the proposed charter.”

The County Commissioners are asked to enact immediately the conflict-of-interest provisions that are contained in the proposed charter.

More than one-third of the report was devoted to the county’s school system.

The report said “The continued existence of numerous all-Negro schools in the county raises serious questions as to the direction and extent of school board policies to effect compliance with the 1954 Supreme Court school decision.”

The report also recommended that boards of trustees be appointed for secondary schools, stating “it should not be within the province of school authorities to decide how and where they will enforce this (the school trustee) law.”

Implying that the school administration should be more cooperative in public inspection of school buildings, the grand jury reported substantial physical inadequacies in 47 of the county’s 79 schools.
MRS. REMEY REGAINS POST
Reappointed, Sworn In as Arundel Commissioner

BY JOHN T. DOOLITTLE, JR.
(Sun Staff Correspondent)

Annapolis, April 23—Mrs. Paulina W. Remey was sworn in as the county commissioner for the Seventh election district of Anne Arundel county in a small surprise ceremony at the county Court House late this afternoon.

The reappointment of Mrs. Remey was the successful culmination of a campaign to outflank the county's Democratic State Central Committee.

The central committee had nominated Frank W. Wilde, former chairman of the county commission, to succeed Mrs. Remey after the attorney general ruled that she had vacated her chair when she took oath as a notary public last May!

'Glad It Is All Over'

Mrs. Remey was given the oath of office by Louis W. Phipps, former State senator and now clerk of the court.

The county's first woman commissioner would only comment, "I'm very glad it is all over."

Senator Phipps was jubilant. "This is one of the most pleasant duties I have had to perform since taking office as clerk of the court," he gleefully admitted this afternoon.

The brief ceremony was held with little pomp and circumstance just after the close of working hours in the Courthouse. Among those present were Commissioners Samuel J. Carr (D., First) and James C. Morton, Jr., a member of Governor Tawes's executive staff, who brought Mrs. Remey's commission from the Governor.

The reappointment of Mrs. Remey has been the objective of a series of recent maneuvers by county politicians.

The nomination of Mr. Wilde by the central committee was considered a slap in the face for Mrs. Remey and Senator Phipps. It was engineered by central committee chairman William J. McWilliams, and was carried by the party group by a vote of 6 to 2 last December.

Since that time Mrs. Remey has filed a suit to prevent a successor from being named, and has retained her seat by court order.

Mr. McWilliams said today that no formal steps have been taken to replace Mrs. Remey's name in nomination for reappointment by the Governor, who is required by law to follow the recommendation of the central committee in filling vacancies on the county commission.

Asks Name Be Withdrawn

Mr. Wilde recently asked that his name be withdrawn from nomination and five members of the central committee sent a letter to the Governor asking that the Wilde nomination be rescinded and Mrs. Remey be appointed.

But since this letter was not the result of a formal action during a meeting of the central committee, there is some question as to its sufficiency.

The signatures were obtained by Mrs. Alice Birchhead, a member of the central committee, who is also clerk to the county Liquor Board.

Mrs. Birchhead petitioned the central committee for the signatures after she was given a letter by Joseph M. Collinson, Jr., chairman of the county commission, assuring her of payment of back wages if Mrs. Remey were reappointed.
Dulin To Run For County Executive

By Lawrence C. McDaniel

Annapolis, Nov. 19 — Wilbur H. Dulin, who represented Anne Arundel county in the House of Delegates from 1935 to 1939 and in the State Senate from 1943 to 1950, announced today he will be a candidate for county executive in the January 26 election.

Mr. Dulin, also a former member of the State Racing Commission, offered a six-point platform which he said would be "subject to additional planks as the campaign progresses."

As a starter, however, the attorney made the following promises:

1. "To give Anne Arundel county an honest, efficient government."

2. "To create a new department for the purpose of promoting the economic and industrial expansion of the county."

3. "To adjust salaries of county school teachers, police and firemen in order to acquire and keep qualified personnel."

4. "To recommend to the County Council adequate funds or bond issues for capital improvements for needed schools and county administrative offices."

5. "To appoint immediately a committee of competent, outstanding citizens to study the fiscal policies of the county, looking toward the establishment of improved county credit rating for sale of its bonds and other fiscal improvements."

6. "To recommend to the County Council a master zoning plan in addition to reorganizing the zoning ordinances as suggested in the charter."

In a statement announcing his candidacy, Mr. Dulin said he felt his experience and accomplishments in public office qualify him for the executive post.

"For more than a decade," he said, "this county has been torn asunder by political strife and confusion. Interests have been divided into factional groups. Our county has prospered and grown despite these differences.

Refers To Support

"Now, the charter form of government, adopted this November by the people of Anne Arundel county, has given us the opportunity for single leadership by the county executive. Used wisely and judiciously, this leadership will attract more industry and develop our recreational facilities, which will result in greater prosperity, growth and progress in the county."

Calling on the voters to back him "regardless of factions or political differences," Mr. Dulin said he has also been assured "of considerable support by prominent individuals and political groups.

Mr. Dulin is reported to have backing from C. Bowie Rose and Jerome F. Connell, who lead political organizations in the heavily populated northern area of the county.

These organizations fought against adoption of the charter in the referendum campaign.

Veiled Slap At Alton

Meanwhile, the board which drafted Anne Arundel's new home rule charter said today that the first county executive "should be a person of wide experience in business or professional fields."

In a prepared statement, the charter board took a veiled slap at the possible candidacy of State Senator Joseph W. Alton, Jr., for the executive office, although Mr. Alton consistently supported the charter movement.

The statement said "mere personal popularity" would not be sufficient qualification for an office which will face the problems of transition to the new form of county government.

The charter, adopted by referendum November 3, will establish a seven-member legislative County Council.

The charter board is believed sympathetic to the possible candidacy of Annapolis attorney William J. McWilliams for the executive office.

Guiding Force

Mr. McWilliams, who once served as secretary of State, is a Circuit Court judge. It is still said, "this county has been torn asunder by political strife and confusion. Although our leaders have guiding forces in the county's been capable men and women, there is a strong will and sincere in pursuit..."

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Anne Arundel Is Borrowing 3 Executives

By Lawrence C. McDaniel

Annapolis, Feb. 3—Anne Arundel county will "borrow" three top officials from the Westinghouse Electric Corporation's plant near Friendship Airport to assist the county in its changeover to a charter form of government.

The officials have been granted a 60-day leave of absence by the company and will assume their new duties on Tuesday.

"These men are specialists in the field in which the county needs help at the moment," a company official explained.

He said Westinghouse was making them available "in the interest of good government."

Qualified People

The move was initiated by Joseph W. Alton, Jr., the new county executive.

"I felt it was the best way we could fill these important offices quickly with qualified people," he said.

"In addition, it will give us time to carefully screen those we will later hire to fill these positions permanently. We are extremely grateful to the Westinghouse Corporation for their assistance at this most critical period in the transition to the new form of government."

Acting as the county's first director of administration will be Richard W. McClelland, a 31-year-old bachelor of Manhattan Beach, Anne Arundel county.
Complaint Desk Opens In Arundel

Annapolis, March 22 — Anne Arundel countians who have a bone to pick with their home rule government or who have a suggestion or two to make now have the opportunity — officially five days a week.

County Executive Joseph W. Alton, Jr., today opened a "complaint and suggestion desk" in the executive offices in the courthouse.

"I want to keep in touch with the people," the 45-year-old former Republican State senator said.

Carroll Cole, of Glen Burnie, who was formerly a Republican member of the Board of Election Supervisors, has been appointed complaint officer.

Mr. Alton said he will personally see each complaint and suggestion which would be forwarded to the proper department for action. A copy of the dispositions of each problem would also go to the executive, he said.

Close To The People

"We must keep the government close and responsive to the wills and needs of the people," he said, adding:

"We expect to gain a great deal of perspective from the people. In this way the government can be much more representative of the individuals it serves."

Mr. Alton said the Complaint and Suggestion Department would end the old style of people-to-commissioner contact and "bring the new home rule government closer to the citizens."

Mr. Cole has been an active tobacco farmer. He served on the county's liquor board during the McKeldin Administration. In 1950 he was defeated by 219 votes in his bid for election to the House of Delegates.
Rice Given Works Job In Arundel

BY ROBERT A. ERLANDSON
Annapolis, May 5—Joseph W. Alton, Jr., Anne Arundel county executive, today appointed a 34-year-old Erie (Pa.) engineer as the county's first director of public works.

Frank J. Rice, Jr., now Erie's public works director, will assume the $14,500 Anne Arundel post May 24, Mr. Alton said.

Mr. Rice will succeed Robert L. Dwight, one of the Westinghouse executives lent by the company for the transition to charter government. Mr. Dwight has been reorganizing the county's public works services and incorporating the activities of the former Sanitary Commission into the new department.

First Major Appointment

The naming of Mr. Rice is the first of Mr. Alton's major appointments to top executive posts in his Administration. It is widely believed that Richard W. McClelland, now No. 2 man as acting director of administration, will accept that job permanently.

Mr. Rice, a native of Elmwood Park, Ill., graduated from the University of Illinois in 1952 with a degree in civil engineering. He is a registered professional engineer in both Indiana and Pennsylvania.

In Erie, Mr. Rice is in charge of the bureaus of water, sewers, engineering, streets and the municipal garage. These bureaus have a $4,000,000 operating budget and 280 employees.

Lancaster Post

From 1959 until 1962, Mr. Rice was supervisor of public services of Lancaster, Pa. There he was also responsible for the waters, sewers, streets and engineering departments, and had charge of 140 employees and a $1,000,000 annual budget.

Rice is married and the father of three children, aged 11, 9 & 6.
Arundel County Functions Due For Centralization

By O. M. Outland, Jr.

Annapolis, March 8 -- Arundel county will officially open March 13 new department to "expand, centralize and streamline" different phases of the county administration.

Designed by County Executive Joseph W. Atton, Jr., the new department will be known as the Bureau of Community and Industrial Affair, and will operate until July 1 under a supplemental appropriation of $16,440 approved by county council in January.

An appropriation request for about $10,000 to run the bureau during fiscal 1968 will be acted upon by council in the forthcoming budget sessions this spring.

Primary Function

The B.C.I.A.'s primary function will be to act as a clearing house for all problems and inquiries arising from the some 160 incorporated communities within the county.

"These things have always been funneled into the various departments on a more or less haphazard basis," said Jerome T. May, co-chairman of the county executive. "And in a county of 200,000 people, this new bureau becomes a necessity."

On routine matters above, the county officers are now being swamped with about 900 telephone queries each week.

One citizen recently requested

and the county executive will be able to handle the situation with the new equipment.

Outlook

"It took almost an hour to answer that one question, which was passed along to three persons including, finally, the county administrator," Mr. May said.

Out of 10 Programs

Thus, a function tentatively labeled "complaints" is one of 10 programs which are expected to fall within the bureau's area of responsibility.

A survey is now being conducted on the exact number of phone calls the county receives each day, concerning complaints and requests for information and services.

When the tally is complete, Mr. May said the result may be a new telephone directory listing, which would enumerate a list of county agencies and the number of calls the county receives each day.

Other programs include: Community Associations -- before any county project, a contract is made with the county; any development that may be made will be made under the direction of a county engineer; Baltimore Gas and Electric Company.

Additional Programs

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Additional Programs

In addition to the activities of the B.C.I.A., a number of other programs are being established that will fall under the jurisdiction of the county executive.

2. Economic Development -- An expansion of the present program aimed at drawing more "quality industry" to Anne Arundel County.

3. Education -- To aid department heads in the gathering, writing and distribution of news releases. One administrative assistant will spend full-time on the job, pegged at an annual salary (for a grade 30) of between $6,500 and $8,000.

4. Aid to County Council -- Will assist the seven man council in researching and reviewing the group on new county programs. The councilmen work part-time at regular jobs.

5. Headquarters Aid to Commissioners and Committees -- To help the county administration in setting up committees for county programs. The committees work part-time at regular jobs.

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New Bureau Informs Citizens

By JOHN H. DOWNS
Administrator Bureau of Industrial Affairs

Created by a legislative act of the County Council, the Bureau of Community and Industrial Affairs became a working part of the Budget Office in March of this year.

Incorporated in the Bureau are the Administrator of Economic Development, the Complaints and Suggestions Officer, the Community Association liaison administrators, and the individuals who devote a great deal of time to acquiring and disseminating information that should be general public knowledge.

MUCH of the method of operating the $65 million dollar business which is Anne Arundel County remains a mystery to the citizens even after the two and a half years of operation of Anne Arundel County under the Home Rule Charter.

In many instances the citizens are unaware of the regular day-to-day services offered by the County, and the special services available upon request. In other cases, citizens become aware of available services and have difficulty in understanding why everything can’t be done everywhere all at the same time. These are some of the problems the solving of which become projects for the Bureau.

IN A COUNTY whose present population is estimated at 390,000 means must be devised to place all of this information before the citizens on a personal interest basis, but it obviously would be impossible to do it all person to person.

Therefore, the Bureau has encouraged Community Associations to become more active in the affairs of the County Government. It is an absolute necessity that these associations become spokesmen for the groups of residents they represent with similar problems and desires. Every department head realizes that the greatest plans and programs are valueless if they don’t reflect the wants and needs of the citizens.

LAST MAY, a seminar was held at the Earleigh Heights Fire Hall where some 400 representatives of the County’s community associations met with department heads and bureau personnel for an exchange of ideas. The session was extremely valuable to both the association representatives and county personnel. It was discovered, for example, that communities have three types of problems. The County-wide situations that will be remedied through capital project planning, the regional problems that require special coordination of county and state projects, and individual community projects that require individual considerations.

For the needs of individual communities, bureau personnel meet with the association at its regular meeting, and then follow up meetings with the association representatives.

The prime purpose of the bureau is to establish lines of communication and stimulate the two-way flow with all of the citizens of the county.

But that is not all the bureau has initiated in its short existence. Within the county government, the bureau is working with many departments on intra-government projects such as an employee award program, an employee newsletter, a new telephone system to facilitate incoming calls to employees, a strong economic development program, a tourist promotion program and a special group of programs for public school students.

At the same time, bureau personnel is available and interested to hear any and all citizens’ complaints and suggestions.

Readers Invited To Send
Letters To The Editor
Crain Leaving Legal Post in Arundel

By William Mock

Annapolis—County Executive Joseph W. Alton, Jr., confirmed reports today that his legal officer, Bennett Crain, Jr., will resign his $15,000-a-year position to devote more time to a law partnership.

Mr. Crain, 34, who was secretary for the five-member Citizens for Charter Board, headed by retired Circuit Court Judge Benjamin Michaelson, joined Mr. Alton’s Administration in 1965, with the adoption of home rule.

Scheibe Mentioned

Although Mr. Alton would not reveal Mr. Crain’s successor, it is widely speculated that Phillip C. Scheibe, recently named by Mr. Alton as head of the Bureau of Inspections and Permits, will take over Mr. Crain’s duties.

The 34-year-old Mr. Scheibe was scheduled to assume his duties as head of inspection and permits Monday a week ago, but has yet to be sworn into the office, temporarily held by Willard P. McCrone, acting director.

Mr. Crain reportedly is leaving the county Administration to devote more time to his private law practice. Mr. Crain said he would have a statement on the matter late today.

Fourth Resignation

Mr. Crain’s departure is the fourth such resignation in the Alton Administration since late August, with William A. Hasheider, head of public services; John J. Boland, chief of the Utilities Bureau, and Robert R. Strott, the county’s purchasing agent, already having resigned.

Arundel Selects 25

Housing Program Advisers Named

Annapolis—Joseph W. Alton, Jr., Anne Arundel County Executive, today appointed a 25-member citizens’ advisory committee to set 8 P.M. August 30 as its first meeting date.

By the appointment of this group, with seven Negro members, the county has filled the last requirement necessary in order to apply for certification from the Federal Government for a Workable Program for Community improvement.

Mr. Alton said that the county’s application for certification would be mailed to the Department of Housing and Urban Development officials in Philadelphia today.

To Formulate Policy

Certification will make the county eligible for a number of Federal grants, one of which is available in the area of public housing.

The advisory committee will help formulate major public policies which will have to be made in connection with implementing programs under the Workable Program, Mr. Alton said.

The committee members were informed of their appointment and duties by means of personal letters from the County Executive.

Those named are:

Adam Boudris, president, Brooklyn Park High School; Brooklyn Park; Richard Drake, president, Harmans Community Association, Harmans; Mrs. Harriet Hull, Edgewater; George Bozek, president, Solley Improvement Association, Solley; Mrs. Jeanne Pitzer, president Teachers Association of Anne Arundel county, Annapolis;

Others Listed

Also, Charles A. St. Clair, American Legion Post 40; E. W. Harvey, Cape St. Clair; the Rev. James D. Manning, pastor, Nichols-Bethel Methodist Church, Odenton; Mrs. Sarah Carter, Cedar Hill; Mrs. Yvonne Jacobs, Annapolis.

Also, Alexander R. Dowgwillo, Millersville; Mrs. Jean Sack, Republican Women of Anne Arundel county; Barse Stemberger, president, Mayo Community Association, Edgewater; Samuel Gilmer, president, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; J. C. Wilkerson, Annapolis, Annapolis County Welfare Board, Bristol; David Fordham, president, Local 582, AFSCHE; Roy Gregory, Edgewater; James League, president, Anne Arundel County Council of Civic Associations.

Also, Elliott Siskind, president, B’nai B’rith, Annapolis; Mrs. Sylvia McMillan, University of Maryland Extension Service, Annapolis; Harvey E. Gorden, Westinghouse engineer; the Rev. Wilbert Dennis, Severna Park; Thomas Baldwin, Millersville; Frank Krommer, Riviera Beach; and Leo Babington, president, Odenton Chamber of Commerce, Odenton.
Schlossman Seen Succeeding Marx

By William Mock

[Anne Arundel County Bureau]

Annapolis—Melvin B. Schlossman, a local retail merchant, is expected to be named to the County Board of Appeals seat vacated by Marcus Samuel Marx.

Mr. Marx, 44, resigned Friday after being appointed by County Executive Joseph W. Alton, Jr., to head the Department of Inspection and Permits, a $12,360 to $15,450 position open for more than a year.

Mr. Schlossman, 50, a member of the Annapolis Historic District and president of the Annapolis Businessmen's Association, has been the only name mentioned as a successor to Mr. Marx.

Recommended By Whitmore

John M. Whitmore (D., 6th), County Council chairman, who recommended the appointment of Mr. Marx, said he would recommend Mr. Schlossman's appointment by the seven-member County Council, the body responsible for Board of Appeals appointments.

"Mr. Schlossman, with his past experience as an active participant in Annapolis activities, will make a very good board member," Mr. Whitmore said.

"Although I realize that most of the appeal cases coming before the board do not deal with Annapolis, I think his past experience and close relationship with community activities will place him in good stead," the chairman added.

Mr. Whitmore said he would make his recommendation to the other six council members at the next legislative session, scheduled for 1 P.M. November 20.

Until 1970 Elections

Mr. Schlossman, if approved would fill the unexpired term of Mr. Marx until the 1970 county elections, with board terms running concurrently with those of the County Council.

A seat on the five-member Board of Appeals pays an annual salary of $1,200.

Mr. Schlossman and his wife, Ruth live at 1423 Poplar road, Annapolis. He was founder of the Committee for Annapolis, a body responsible for establishing new life in downtown Annapolis.

The 50-year-old Mr. Schlossman was also an active participant in the county's charter movement, and was defeated for the Eighth District city alderman seat by Louis Hyatt in the city's 1965 Democratic primary.

Wider Road Need Shown In Survey

[Anne Arundel County Bureau]

Annapolis—Frank J. Rice, Jr., head of the Public Works Department, contends a recently completed traffic survey of Hammonds lane has substantiated the need to make the artery a four-lane system.

The Administration earlier had requested $600,000 for the four-lane project but was requested by the County Council to make a survey to determine the immediate need for such a road.

The study, conducted by August J. Saccoccio, county traffic engineer, and Raymond E. Streib, traffic planning and designing engineer, reports that more than 7,400 vehicles use the roadway on a daily average.

15,000 By 1987

The study estimated that nearly 15,000 automobiles will be traveling Hammonds lane by 1987, which is now used as a connecting link to the Curtis Bay industrial area and between Linthicum, Brooklyn Park and Ritchie highway shopping centers.

Mr. Rice is scheduled to meet at 8 P.M. November 27 with Hammonds lane residents who oppose the four-lane system, to explain the findings of the 40-page survey.

Hammonds lane runs 1.6 miles from Ritchie highway to Route 648.
Top Alton Assistant
To Quit March 8

By William Nock

Annapolis—Richard W. McClelland, the highest paid employee in the Anne Arundel County government, today said he will resign from the administration of Joseph W. Alton, Jr., the county executive, effective March 8.

Although the 34-year-old Alton aide offered no explanation for his resignation, informed sources said he is quitting because of pressure from the executive to appoint a former fiscal analyst to the county budget officer's seat.

Mr. Alton and Mr. McClelland have been meeting behind closed doors for three weeks to reach an agreement on who will get the budget officer's seat being vacated by John V. Witherspoon, 53, who is resigning March 1 to assume a county manager's post in North Carolina.

Under Charter Terms

Mr. McClelland is director of administration.

The appointment, under terms of the County Charter, is to be made by the director of administration, who earlier had advertised in metropolitan newspapers to obtain candidates for the post, which pays up to $16,500 a year.

The newspaper ads resulted in 27 budget officer candidates, many of whom "appeared to be well qualified" to hold the county's key fiscal seat, Mr. McClelland has said.

Offered To Shubnell

Mr. Alton, however, without consulting his No. 1 administrator, had offered the post to Lawrence D. Shubnell, 27, a former budget analyst who quit his Government post in December for a higher salary with a nation-wide accounting firm in Baltimore.

Last week, the strained relations reached a peak when Mr. Alton placed a "personal authorization request" on Mr. McClelland's desk for signature, a move which was an ultimatum for him to authorize the executive's choice for the post or find another job. The appointment of Mr. Shubnell is pending.

Mr. McClelland refused to approve the appointment of Mr. Shubnell and the authorization request remains unsigned on his desk today.

Left December 17

Mr. Strott left the County Government December 17, after two and a half years' service. He holds a master's degree in business administration from George Washington University and lives at 1415 Putty Hill Road, Baltimore.

Mr. Alton said that Mr. Strott, who currently is employed by Bendix, will come back to the county at a lower salary than he now is making, but did not specify what Mr. Strott's salary would be.

"He has the local experience and wants to stay for the duration (the remaining three years of Mr. Alton's term), and that is important," Mr. Alton said.

Earlier, Mr. Alton, when asked if he was attempting to influence the appointment, said he was not interested in debates and even suggested the voters did not care if charter terms were explicitly followed.
Alton Picks Strott As Top County Aide

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 28 — The Anne Arundel County executive confirmed today that Robert R. Strott, former purchasing agent of the county, has been appointed director of administration.

Joseph W. Alton Jr. said Strott will assume the government's second-ranking administrative position on March 11.

The 35-year-old Strott will replace Richard W. McClelland, whose increasingly strained relationship with Alton reached the breaking point in a dispute over appointment of a new county budget officer.

McClelland has resigned effective March 9 rather than surrender his authority under law to appoint a budget officer to replace John V. Witherspoon, who leaves March 1 to become business manager of a large county in North Carolina.

Lawrence D. Shubnell, a former county budget analyst designated by Alton to become budget officer, is scheduled to take the job when Strott takes over as director of administration.

Strott served as county purchasing agent for two and a half years until leaving in December for a position in private industry.

During his time as purchasing agent, he was the principal organizer of cost-saving arrangements between Anne Arundel County, Baltimore County and Baltimore City for cooperative purchasing of equipment and materials.

Strott has a bachelor's degree in business administration Loyola College and a master's degree in business administration from George Washington University.

Shubnell, 28, a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, is completing work toward a master's degree in business administration at George Washington University.

McClelland was recruited from Westinghouse Corporation three years ago when Alton, newly elected as executive, was avidly seeking professional talent to completely reorganize the government under the new home-rule charter.

Alton relied heavily on McClelland for the total restructuring of government, and the executive today praised the administrator.

“If I had come into this position three years ago without the benefit of his brilliant mind, our achievements in fiscal affairs and administrative procedures would surely not have been as dramatic as I believe them to be,” said Alton.

Only a month ago, Alton raised McClelland's salary by $2,000 a year to $19,500, which is $1,500 more than the executive makes.

The relationship between the executive and McClelland had been troubled for months, however, and it snapped when the administrator declined to accept Alton's choice of a new budget officer.

The charter authorizes the director of administration to appoint the budget officer, but Alton insisted that Shubnell, with experience in county budgetary affairs, is needed immediately because the administration is entering preparation of the 1968-69 county budget.

McClelland, with 27 applications at hand, wanted to review the professional qualifications and experience of a number of candidates before making the appointment.

He was forced into a position at which he had to appoint Shubnell or leave the government, however, and McClelland opted to leave.

Ironically, he has just been notified that he will be included in the 1968 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America," a national who's who type of listing of exceptional young men.
An Annapolis attorney today vowed to continue his one-man war against what he feels is "wasteful spending" of county tax dollars.

Eugene M. Lerner, the attorney, said he may even carry his battle to court, if necessary, to "wipe out" the county's Bureau of Community and Industrial Affairs.

Lerner said the bureau is in his opinion "nothing but a catch-all" and that the county executive has "used it to pay off all of his political debts." The bureau is staffed, he said, by "political cronies."

The attorney charged the ten-man bureau is "the biggest waste of money in the government, and everybody knows it. It's just that no one wants to do anything about it anymore. They've all given up."

John H. Downs, the bureau's director, said this morning he would have no objection to Lerner taking the issue to court. "It is every citizen's right to question and test in the courts anything this government undertakes, and I would never put myself in a position of discouraging that," he said.

Lerner has taken the position the bureau was created illegally by the County Council. He has said the CIA violates the charter. "The charter specifically states that the council may create no new department without amending the charter. The charter has not been amended. Yet, we have this new department. But they don't call it a department, they call it a bureau and place it under the Department of the Budget."

"But," Lerner said, "that bureau has no legal connection whatsoever with the budget office. It is just a convenient dodge."

Downs counters that the bureau serves community associations and individual citizens throughout the country with answers to questions concerning expenditure of public funds. "We also try to solve the problems of citizens at the grassroots level who need some public service," he said.

He explained that citizens may call the bureau and complain they are not receiving proper refuse collection service, or ask for a street light, or request that a road be paved.

"The bureau checks with the budget people and with the public works people, or whoever is involved, gathers information on how or when this or that can or may be accomplished and reports back to the citizen. In many cases, we can solve their problems or answer their questions within a very short time."

Asked about Down's remark that the bureau gives invaluable aid to individual citizens and community associations, Lerner snapped, "Baloney. That's all I have to say to that. Baloney."

About $100,000 of county money was spent on the bureau last year, according to the budget office. Downs is asking for $80,000 to operate the bureau in fiscal 1969.

At the request of the County Council, to whom Lerner sent a letter outlining his objections to the bureau, the county law office has rendered an opinion as to the legality of establishing the bureau.

Creation of the bureau, the law office said, was "a legitimate and valid exercise of the legislative powers of the County Council" and "its continued existence is entirely lawful."

But that answer did not appear to satisfy Lerner, who says: "I may take this thing to court. Somebody has got to do something."

"If the county executive is looking for some place to save money, he ought to start right here," the attorney said.