4712 South 8th Rd.
Arlington, Va. 22204
11/30/91

Mr Randy Swart,
Past President,
Barcroft School
and Civic League
Arlington, Va. 22204

Dear Randy:

I have located an additional notebook written by my sister, Mildred Handy Ritchie, which will be of interest to you. This book was to be a "History of Barcroft" dedicated to our Father, Walter Kier Handy, Sr. Unfortunately, my sister died before she was able to complete the book. This book contains some of the information she had included in the other notebook I loaned you, however, you'll note that her research includes information back to 1669. She also included many more drawings of maps, location of various houses with names of owners, and pictures (with negatives) as well as newspaper clippings re the "Arlington Mill", etc.

Please feel free to copy this notebook for use in the "Barcroft History" you are working on!! I hope you will be in charge of such a History, along with Dan Noll, Phyllis Kinsey and Charlotte Manning. My brother & I would appreciate your giving credit to my sister for her information.

Sincerely, A Elizabeth Handy

P.S. - Congratulations on a good paint job on the Community House & the "WHITE" door!

"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want ....."

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me...."

"Let me live in a house by the side of the road and be a friend to man....."

Surely no man, woman or child who knew my father can doubt that these were the words by which he lived. His strength of character, his gentle kindliness, his sense of duty to God and man and country were evident to all in his actions, words and deeds. His life was, and is, an inspiration to all who were touched by his smile and his presence.

This book is dedicated
in loving memory
to my father,

WALTER KER HANDY
whose life was the Lord's,
and all of his fellowmen

NOTE:- THIS BOOK WRITTEN BY MILDRED HANDY RITCHIE

A.E. Handy

P R E F A C E

In the course of gathering bits and pieces, over the years, for the preparation of an histi~~e~~orical record of my family, many parts of the jig-saw puzzle, ~~always~~ often seem~~s~~ed to come back to the little village of Barcroft and its surrounding area. I had planned to start my "history" with places and people far distant, but, with the pressures of time and civilization encroaching upon us, have come to the conclusion that beginnings should be here - and now, and that Barcroft, long neglected and isolated from its neighbors in early days, by forests and distances, should have a history of its own.

Much has been written about the great people of our land, and of their lives, and homes. Many fine books are available about them. But, behind them, supporting them and surrounding them, were other legions whose homes and resources may have been smaller, but whose hearts were just as stout, and lives and loves as true; and each, in his way, filled a special niche in our web of history.

Many notes have been carefully preserved over the years, some gathered from dusty records and fading documents, some from people with loving, joyous or sad memories. As these fall into place it is my hope that ~~those~~ you who read will feel a source of pride and achievement and kinship with those whose early struggles and efforts, and hopes, ~~were~~ are woven ~~in~~into the Barcroft Story.

Walter Ker Handy, Sr.

Religious and Civic Leader

Walter Ker Handy, Sr., for many years a religious and civic leader in the Virginia and Washington area, died April 9, 1967 in Arlington.

Born in Richmond, Virginia, October 14, 1876, he moved to Arlington in 1908, where he resided at 4712 Eighth Road, South.

A graduate of Bliss Electrical School, with further studies in Electrical Engineering at George Washington University, he was a former executive of the Potomac Electric Power Company until his retirement in 1941 after 39 years.

Mr. Handy was a member of the Arlington Presbyterian Church where he was an Elder and a teacher, and was Sunday School Superintendent for over forty years. He became an Elder in 1914. He often occupied the pulpit as lay preacher in his church and in other churches in the Virginia-Washington-Maryland area. He was active in the Washington City Presbytery and was a member of its Steering Committee, and a Trustee of the Extension Society; he was also a member of the Finance Committee of the Washington City Federation of Churches.

Mr. Handy was an organizer and first President of the Arlington Council of Religious Education which initiated Week-Day Religious Education for all Denominations in the Public Schools of Arlington County. When the Arlington and Fairfax Councils of Religious Education were combined as the Arlington-Fairfax Board of Religious Education, he was elected its President.

He also served on the Executive Committee of the Virginia Council of Churches and on the Board of Directors of the Arlington Council of Churches.

Among Mr. Handy's most noteworthy activities was his work to provide training and employment for the blind. He worked with members of the Senate and House of Representatives, and others, and with strong backing of the Lions Club, to obtain the passage of the Randolph-Shepherd Act permitting the operation by blind persons of vending stands in Federal Buildings. He was a founder and first President of the Washington Society for the Blind which arranged for locations and supervised the operation of these vending stands. In addition, he was Secretary-Treasurer, and following retirement from PEPCO, was Executive Director of the National Society for the Blind which published books designed to encourage employers to provide employment for the blind in the business world.

He was a member of the Board of Directors of the National Library for the Blind which has had hundreds of books, including the Bible, translated into Braille.

He held various offices, including that of President, in the Washington City Lions Club, and helped organize two other Clubs; and also was Chairman of the Committee on Work for the Blind and Conservation of Sight.

He recently celebrated his 60th year as a Mason and was a Past Master of Potomac Lodge No. 5, F.A.A.M., in Washington.

A leader in many civic and community affairs as well as in religious work, he was an organizer and Director of the Arlington YMCA, and an organizer of the first Boy Scout Troop in Arlington. He was a

member of the Arlington County Civic Federation; an organizer of the Arlington County Chamber of Commerce, and an active member of the Alexandria Public Utilities Commission, when Arlington County was known as Alexandria County. He served on the Committees to select a suitable site for Arlington County's first High School, Washington-Lee; for the best route for Arlington Boulebard; and for the renaming of Alexandria County to Arlington County.

Mr. Handy married, in 1908, the former Grace B. Kerfoot, of Herndon, Virginia, who died in 1924. In 1933, he married the former Ethel M. Morrison, of Jackson, Mississippi, who also, in 1957, predeceased him. He is survived by a son, Walter Ker Handy, Jr., of Berryville, Virginia; and by two daughters, Miss A. Elizabeth Handy and Mrs. Mildred H. Ritchie, both of Arlington, Virginia; and by four grandchildren, W. Jean and Carol G. Handy, and James W. and Linda G. Ritchie. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Margaret P. Moss of Selma, Alabama.

Friends may call at the Ives Funeral Home until

Services will be held at the Arlington Presbyterian Church at

on , with Masonic Rites and burial in Columbia Gardens Cemetery.

WALTER KER HANDY (1876-1962)

Educated Bliss Electrical School & George Washington University.

Employed Potomac Electric Power Company, 1904-1942. Manager, Commercial Department.

Married and became resident of Barcroft, 1908.

Charter Member 1908 Barcroft School and Civic League. President 1921-22. Elected to Life Membership 1942.

Obtained more than 12 signatures required to extend poles and electricity one mile from Columbia to Barcroft. In 1913 wired first fourteen homes and school for electricity.

Elder, Sunday School Superintendant and Teacher, Arlington Presbyterian Church 1910-1967.

Member of:

Arlington County Civic Federation.

Arlington County Chamber of Commerce.

Arlington County YMCA, and also D.C.

Arlington County Committee to rename Alexandria County. Suggested name "Arlington".

County Group in favor of County Manager form of Government.

Arlington County Committee to select site for W & L High School.

Conferred with U.S. Bureau of Public Roads, then, Department of Agriculture, with idea of surfacing Columbia Pike (a dirt road) with sections of concrete for testing strength. Road was surfaced 1928 from area near present Pentagon to Taylor Street, Barcroft.

Arlington Committee to select route for Arlington Boulevard. Walked three routes from River to Fairfax County Line.

President Washington Host Lion's Club.

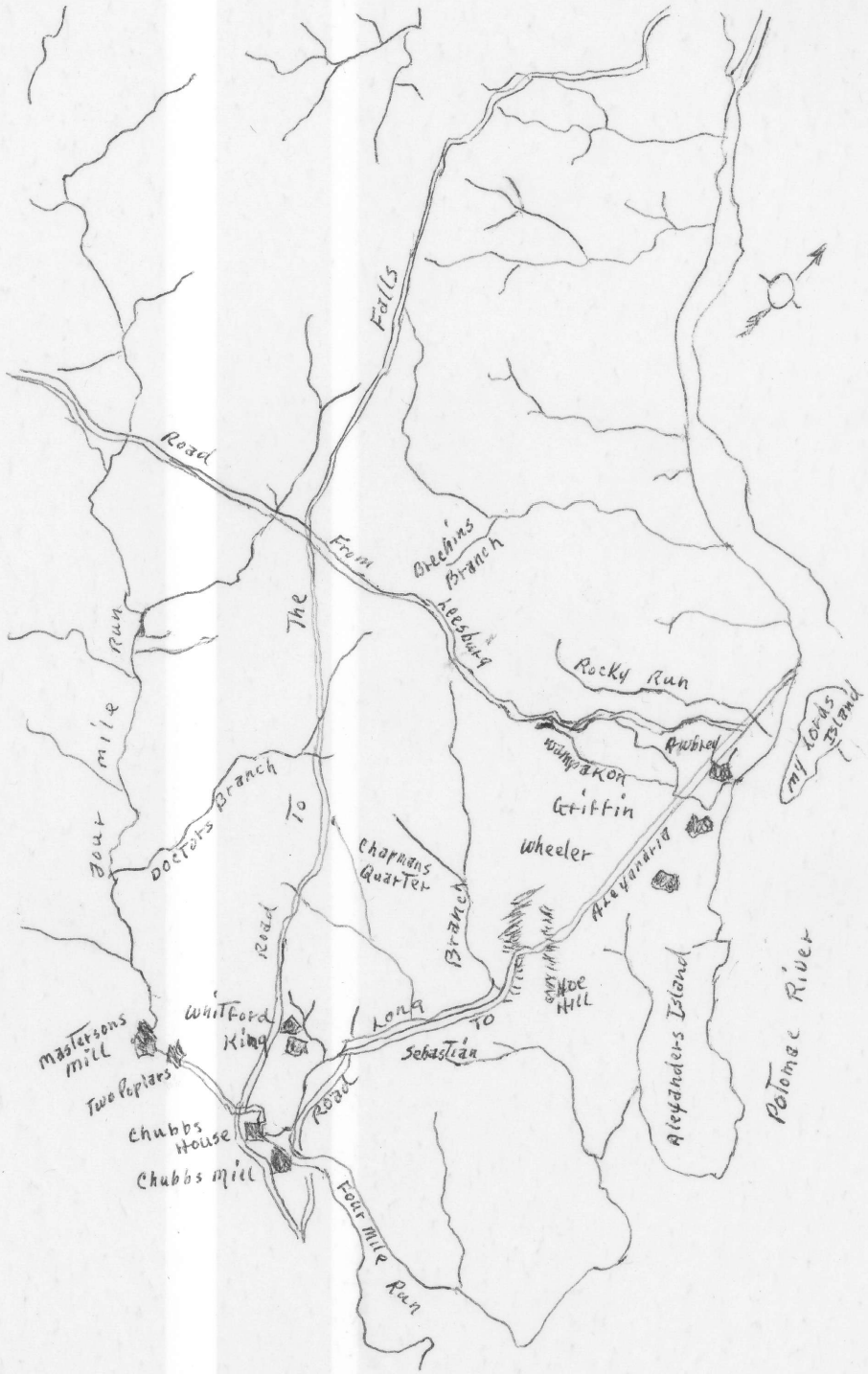
D. C. Board of Trade

D. C. Presbytery

Organizer and President of D. C. Society for the Blind, which later with others, organized National Society for the Blind. Became Secretary and Secretary Emeritus of National Society.

President Arlington Council for Religious Education

Past Master, Potomac Lodge #5, Georgetown.



Arlington
County
Eighteenth Century

Drafted by W. Bell & B. Sims

BARCROFT

Chapter I

Primeval Lands

Forests, streams, fields, skies - sun, rain, snow - Squirrels, Wildcats, Beavers, Buffalo - Cardinals, raucus jays, Robins, Bluebirds, the Songsparrows - all that is the peaceful quiet or noisy robustness of nature was once here.

Then, through the forest, over the trails worn by animals to watering holes or in migration, came, first the Redman, and afterward, the Whiteman ~~in ever-increasing numbers~~. A King in far-away England who never saw our forests gave, for favors and favoritism, a parcel here and acreage there, from Jamestown up the fingers of land divided by rivers and streams of breath-taking beauty. Men and women came in ever-increasing numbers over the years seeking a place to call home, pressing the animals and Redmen before them to other ground. They came with their God-given abilities to work, to ~~think~~ reason, to hate, to love and be loved, to invent and improvise and improve and to build lives of worth and integrity, each to the limits of his own capacity.

The first faint stirring of man's life in the area of Barcroft began along the rivers and streams, the highways of human endeavor, over three-hundred years ago when a ship-captain brought to the shores of a new land one-hundred and twenty persons. For this perilous effort ~~John~~ Robert Howson (or Howison) was awarded, at fifty acres "per head", Six Thousand acres in the freshes of Potomac river xxx by a small branch or run of W-------(Wampakan) opposite a small Island commonly

called and known by the name of my Lord's Island (Theodore Roosevelt Island) extending down Potomac xxx to a marked pohickory standing at a north point of a Creek named by the English, ~~(Hunting Creek)~~ Indian Cabin Creek xxx", xxx "west up said Creek xxx including several small Creeks or inlets for the quantity of land being due xxx". Robert Howson's Patent was probably a repatent of one for 6000 Acres first given in 1658. ~~dated~~ The Howson Patent was dated October 21, 1669, and one month later, November 13, 1669, he sold it to one, John Alexander, for six-thousand pounds (or six barrels) of tobacco. Still, many years were to pass before man timidly began to venture into so wild an area.

Three generations, John Alexander, his son Robert, and grandson Major Robert, continued for many years to reside on a previously granted patent of ~~one-thousand four hundred~~ fourteen-hundred and fifty acres on the Potomac, east of Fredericksburg, which they called "Caledon". The tract purchased by John Alexander, by surveys later, proved to be more nearly eight-thousand acres, and beginning at "Indian Cabin Creek" (now Hunting Creek) it ran North to Wampakin Creek (which emptied into the Potomac just North of Fort Myer) ~~(now probably~~ or possibly to Spout Run) with an approximate varying depth or distance back from the river of two miles.

¶ By 1700 a few venturesome (insert)

Two sons of Major Robert Alexander, Gerrard and John, were apparently the first of the family to reside on Four Mile Run, near its mouth. John, who built "Preston" on the south part of the tract, married Susanna Pearson, a daughter of Captain Simon Pearson, whose family also had many grants of land in the area. Susanna's sister, Contantia and her husband, Nathaniel Chapman, were near-neighbors at their home, "Summer Hill". A son of Nathaniel and Susanna Chapman, Pearson Chapman, inherited "Summer Hill" in 1760, but in 1766, sold it to his brother, George, who had married Amelia McRae, a

daughter of Elizabeth Pearson, another sister of Susannah and Constantia Pearson, and his cousin. Upon the deaths of George and Amelia Chapman their home was ~~willed~~ bequeathed in 1819 to a daughter, Louise, whose husband was Alexander Hunter, U. S. Marshall for the District of Columbia. These families were active in the early land transactions of Northern Virginia.

Some who took up residence or received patents along Four Mile Run are only shadowy figures. Although records are available for many, only fleeting glimpses remain of others in old suits. On the North and East side of Four Mile Run, moving up progressively by year, in 1713, the Reverend James Brechin (Brickin) took up a parcel of 795 acres which included much of present Balston.

In 1719, John Todd and Evan Thomas received a ~~patent~~ Grant ~~from the Proprietor~~ (from representative of Lady Lord Fairfax) of 1,215 acres adjoining the back line of the Alexander purchase and running along Four Mile Run about two miles to a small stream known as "Doctors ~~Branch~~ Run". Mention here of the name of this branch is important to our history of Barcroft, as will be seen later. John Todd seems to have sold his interest to Thomas and probably remained on land he owned below Hunting Creek. Evan Thomas, however, built a home for his family, but died soon after. His widow ~~remained, and~~ remarried, according ~~to a de~~ to a deposition in an old suit involving Alexander land, "one Rigby", a shoemaker. He used the Thomas cabin for his trade and built a better one for his family ~~- thus, possibly we have the first shoemaker in the county.~~ Rigby "run away', according to a witness, but Mrs. Rigby, with her son, William Thomas and two daughters remained. Their daughters married

Thomas Whitford and Robert King. Several Mills were built on this tract over the passing years. Lilliards Mill later became Chubb's Mill when Chubb married the widow. Another was that of Edward Masterson.

Some who lived along the Run were perhaps overseers for absent owners, others ~~may have taken~~ took up residence for a time, ~~regardless of ownership (squatters)~~ moving on to other inviting lands as they opened up. One of these, possibly, was Dr. Michael Dunghill (in a later deposition spelled Danghill) who lived for a time around 1715-20, in the upper part of the Todd patent, "and then absconded". (Todd, partner of Thomas in the patent of 1719, apparently made an arrangement of some sort with Dr. Dunghill to allow him to live there.)

In 1725, Robert Bates of Stafford County received a ~~patent~~ grant of 525 acres, above the Thomas and Todd property, which ~~probably~~ seems to have included the Northern part of present Barcroft. Arlington Boulevard ~~and Columbia Pike~~ runs through ~~it~~ the Bates Grant. The Thomas and Todd Grant included the area where Doctors Run empties into Four Mile Run, and the area of Barcroft North of Col. Pike to about present Sixth Street.

Above this, in 1731, a ~~patent~~ grant of Major John Colville of 148 acres included Lubber Run and ran towards Hall's Hill. This included land that later became the Henderson tract and land of James E. Ball. Also, in 1731, Simon Pearson patented land in the area of Wilson Boulevard and Four Mile Run.

On the West and South lower side of Four Mile Run ~~back of Alexander land, the Harrison, West and Pearson~~ families were active in adding to their holdings up into present Fairfax County.

Stephen Gray received a grant ~~above these~~ opposite Thomas & Todd & Bates along Four Mile Run, of which, later by 1773, George Mercer owned about 398 acres. The (Rewrite) ~~Pearsons, Thomas and Simon~~ had patents above this, Thomas's patent reaching up into the present Baileys Crossroads, part of their patent, adjoining Gray (later Mercer's) they sold to Gabriel Adams.

Above Thomas Pearson, along Four Mile Run, in 1729, William Gunnell of Westmoreland took a Patent~~s~~ of 400 and 250 acres, ~~each~~, at a place where large stones or large outcroppings of rock must have reminded settlers of home across the sea, for it is mentioned in at least five patents or deeds as "Brandimore Castle". These stones on a hill above the Run (perhaps then like a cliff or part of a moat) have recently been located in a still-unspoiled area of Arlington, near Falls Church, not the area called Minor Hill as has been believed for many years. Although some quarrying is apparent, it is hoped an effort will be made to preserve the area.

See Arl. Hist. Mag. Vol. ___

Adams and Pearson grants lay behind and beside Gunnell and, with others, stretched to present Route Seven and up toward Seven Corners, as well as to Pimmit Run from the Head of Four Mile Run.

It must be remembered that few of those who took these early Patents actually lived on this land along Four Mile Run themselves. Most had homes lower down on the Potomac or other rivers below and it was not until their expanding families needed homes, or the land was sold to others, that it really began to be cleared and used for homes. Since they were usually required to erect a cabin and plant fruit trees, an overseer was usually sent to live there for the purpose.

William Gunnell was one exception. Evidence shows he did live on his patent of 400 acres, later dividing the 250 acre parcel between two married daughters, and in 1730 he took out another patent in 1730 for 950 acres among Piney Branch Run and Difficult Run above the present Vienna, which he divided between his two married sons ten years later. Descendants still live on his land in Fairfax County and many are still in Northern Virginia or scattered across the land.

CHAPTER II

The Coming of Mills, Roads, and People, West of Four Mile Run.

In 1773, George Washington, always interested in adding to his holdings, was approached by James Mercer, brother of George Mercer offering sale of the acreage, formerly the Gray Patent, purchased some years before. George Mercer, who was ill, had asked his brother to act for him to assist and relieve him at a time of financial embarrassment. Washington was at first not interested, considering the area not particularly worthwhile. The following year, however, he found part of the Adams tract, adjoining, also available, and quantity and price being attractive, he changed his mind. In 1775, George Washington purchased 398 acres of land from George Mercer and 790 acres of the Gabriel Adams property, a total of approximately 1,200 acres for what amounted to about $7.00 an acre!

The War of the Revolution intervened in the years following and any plans Washington may have had for using the land were laid aside. It was included in the estate which he bequeathed at death in 1799 to Martha's young grandson, George Washington Parke Custis. Martha died in 1802 and her grandson married two years

later, ~~married~~ in 1804, Mary Lee Fitzhugh, age 16 born at Chatham on the Rappahannock ~~sixteen years earlier~~. Her father, William Henry Fitzhugh built the lovely Ravensworth near Annandale. George Washington Parke Custis, himself only 23, engrossed himself in building the beautiful Arlington Mansion for his bride and their family. ~~Had~~ By 1808 George W. P. Custis had established a saw mill on the Washington Tract on Four Mile Run at Columbia Pike ~~at Columbia Pike & Four Mile Run 1809~~. Perhaps ~~some of this area's lives went into the building of Arlington!~~ See Arl. Ct. records 41:5 Orlando Fitz to Sewell Corbett

The movement for a turnpike road here began about 1797 and Columbia Pike was built earlier, purposed by 1806 from a point near the River to connect the Alex.-Washington Road with the Alex.-Loudoun road (shown today as route 7). Andrew Wales and — Gladding had a small parcel of 119 acres West of the Washington-Custis tract and John Colville purchased this in 1794. This parcel embraced both sides of Columbia Pike and included the later farm of Kline and Kaldenbach between Four Mile Run and Baileys Crossroads. John Harrison had purchased a Gladding tract in the intervening years, believed to have been along Carlyn Springs Road. 409-8 Ac. on Col Pike nearly opposite sawmill of Mr. Custis

Did he first have sawmill there?

In 1836 George Washington Parke Custis built a Water Grist Mill on his Four Mile Run tract, and this seemingly replaced the sawmill at this point on Columbia Pike ~~where an East-West wagon road had been established about 1808~~. To supply water for his mill he built a dam about a half mile upstream with an earthen millrace four feet wide and four feet deep, along and parallel with the west side of the Run. His acreage surrounding this mill became known as Washington Forest. At his (? check on this date — of) death in 1857, his grandson through his mother, George Washington Parke Custis Lee (who preferred to be known simply as Custis Lee), son of Robert Edward Lee, later General Lee, inherited the mill.

The building of the Railroad, first named the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire, from Alexandria through the countryside toward the mountains had been rumoured for some years. It was a slow process. When it finally crept across Columbia Pike toward the North ~~about~~ and began operation on Aug. 9 1854 a new era began for the rural areas in transportation of goods as well as new residents. True, the freight and passenger service were quite ~~limited~~ understated and denied ~~and the mill~~ at first at Vienna. Six months later, ~~on~~ January 16, 1860, ~~a~~ regular daily round trips ~~daily round trip~~ was established to Farmwell (Auburn).

Any benefit to residents or to the mill, however, was short-lived. In May 1861, Virginia seceded from the Union.

~~probably benefitted too~~. ~~This was short-lived, however, for~~

During the Civil War in the next decade, the mill was destroyed, and the Railroad became a constant tug-of-war between the two opposing armies. Several miles to the West on Columbia Pike, another old mill site on Holmes Run was purchased in 1849 by Dr. John Woolverton Barcroft, of Rosemont, New Jersey. This had been, ~~an~~ earlier, a mill of the Adams family. Dr. Barcroft rebuilt and operated ~~the~~ this mill, on Holmes Run, then below the dam of the Alexandria Water Company, for some years, and had a home nearby. He returned to New Jersey when it, too, was badly damaged by Federal troops returning from the Second Battle of Manassas in the Civil War. Upon cessation of hostilities he returned to the area, this time purchasing, in 1880, 62 acres, including the destroyed Custis mill, on Four Mile Run, from Custis Lee. He built a home on top of the hill above the mill where it was surrounded by flowers and beautiful old trees ~~and flowers.~~ ~~He rebuilt~~ Rebuilding the mill, he operat~~ing~~ed it personally, or with assistance, for many years, and later rent~~ing~~ed it to other millers.

Put in later reference

The mill was operated by a huge thirty-six foot water-wheel, said to have been the largest on the Eastern seaboard, which, turning, set in motion the geared, intricate grinder wheels inside. The author can recall, as a little girl, on venturing inside, the terrifying noises of the wheels at work, the shuddering and trembling of the old building with each turn of the wheels, and the choking dust from the grain that pervaded the air as she watched the fascinating grinding process.

In 1792, a ~~part~~ portion of Fairfax County had been ceded to the Federal Government as a part of the new Federal City called Washington in the District of Columbia. This part of the District on the Virginia side of the Potomac River was

renamed Alexandria County of the District of Columbia, with its Courthouse in the Town of Alexandria. Divided by the River, citizenry of the area found this to be a difficult and disadvantageous bar to commerce and growth. By a referendum in 1847 it voted (though oddly enough, opposed by a majority of the suburban areas of the city of Alexandria), for the return of ~~that~~ this part of the ~~Territory~~ District to the State of Virginia. This was accomplished and upon return to the Virginia fold, the area became the smallest county in the State - still retaining the name Alexandria County.

Above the Fairfax County Line, along Columbia Pike, the Bailey family, descendants of that original Barnum and Bailey partner, of circus fame, continued to live on their lands and to attempt to overcome the War's aftermath at the crossing of the Alexandria-~~Loudoun~~ Leesburg turnpike known as Bailey's Crossroads. The home of Maria Bailey still stood for many years, from the veranda of which, as one story has it, President Lincoln and Julia Ward Howe, among others, watched the passing of the troops, giving the inspiration on her return to the old Willard Hotel that night, for her writing of that immortal "Battle Hymn of the Republic". ~~Another story has it it that they were~~ watched from a vantage point at ~~the Munson Hill Farm a little farther to the Northwest.~~

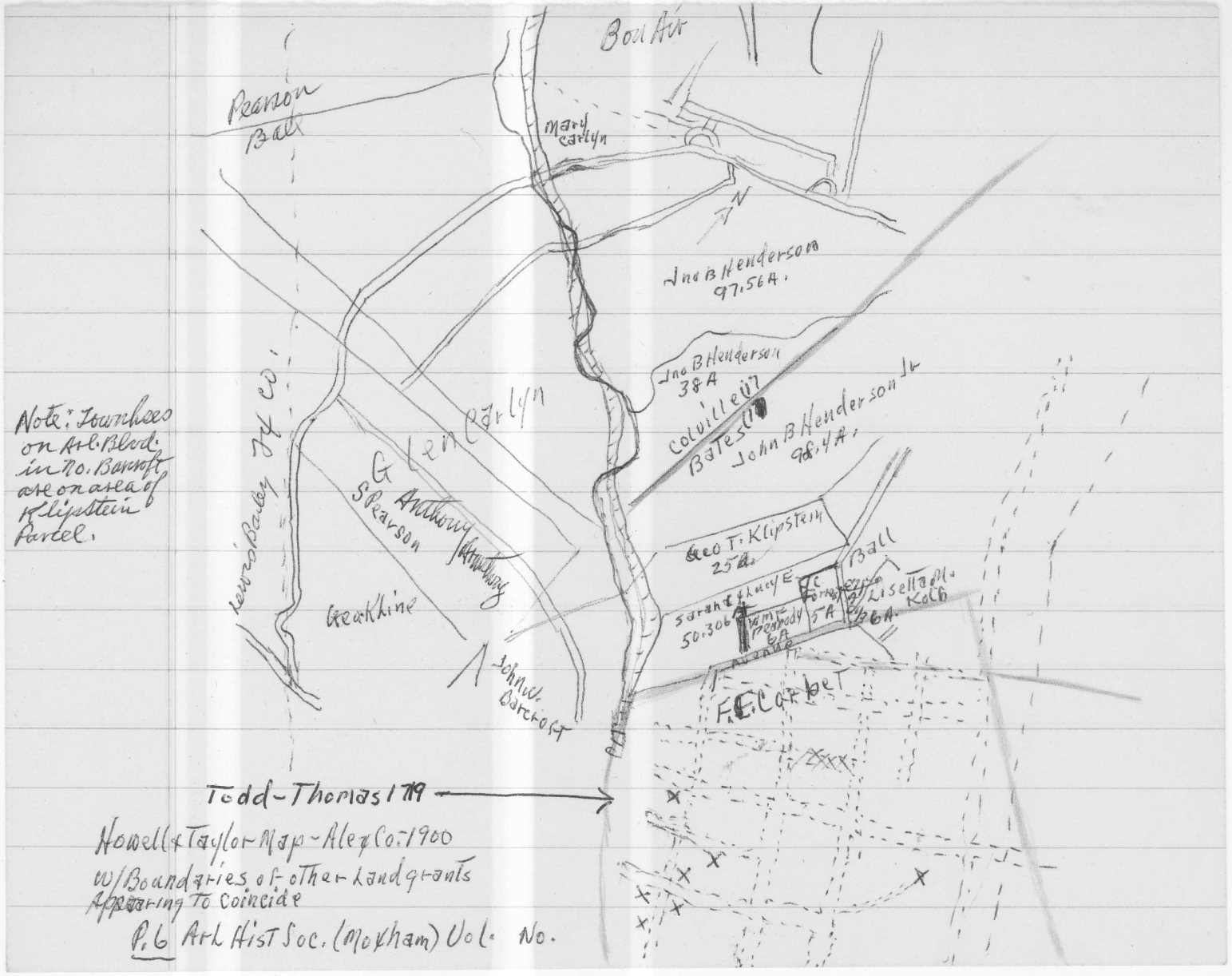
CHAPTER III

The East Side of Four Mile Run

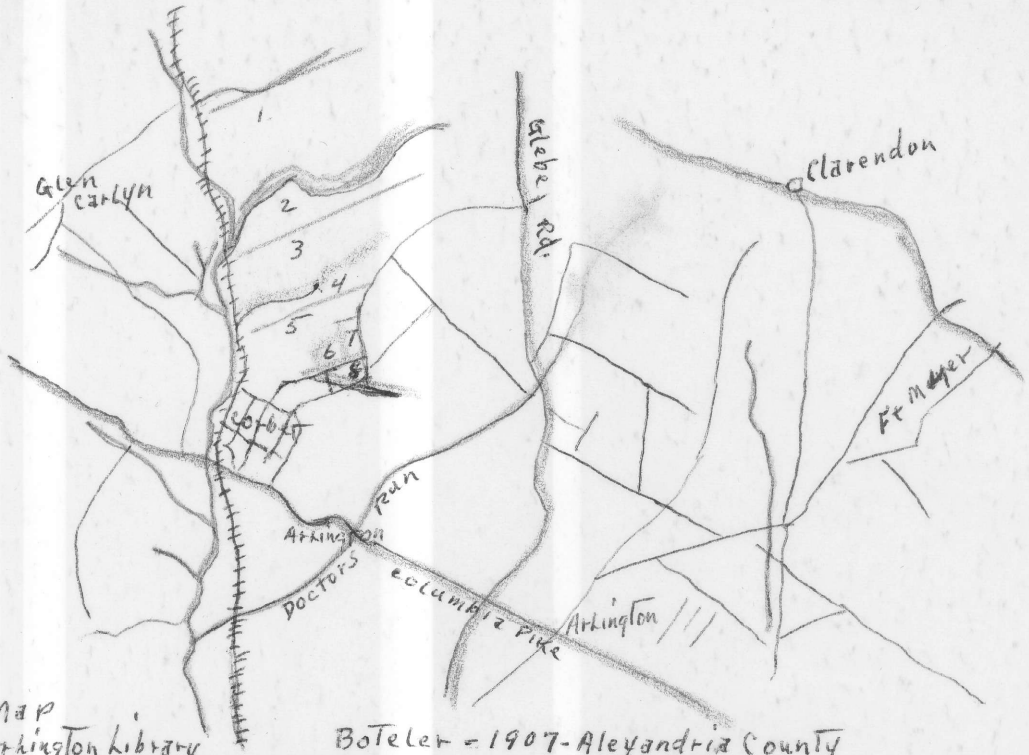
Metamorphosis

About three miles East of Four Mile Run, along Columbia Pike, but West of the lands where John Johnston later helped the freed slaves to build homes at "Freedman's Village", the lands began to swell with newcomers. Others from colder climates, ~~like~~ along with Dr. Barcroft, discovered the lovely Virginia Hills.

Like Dr. Barcroft, Sewell B. Corbett also came in 1849. He was born in 1819 in Corbettsville, New York, had married his childhood sweetheart at the age of 19 (and she 17). On April



Note: Townhses on Arl. Blvd. in No. Barcroft are on area of Klipstein Parcel.



1 - John Henderson Sr.
2 - John Henderson Sr.
3 - John Henderson Jr.
4 - Klipstein
5 - Ball
6 - Peabody
7 - Peabody
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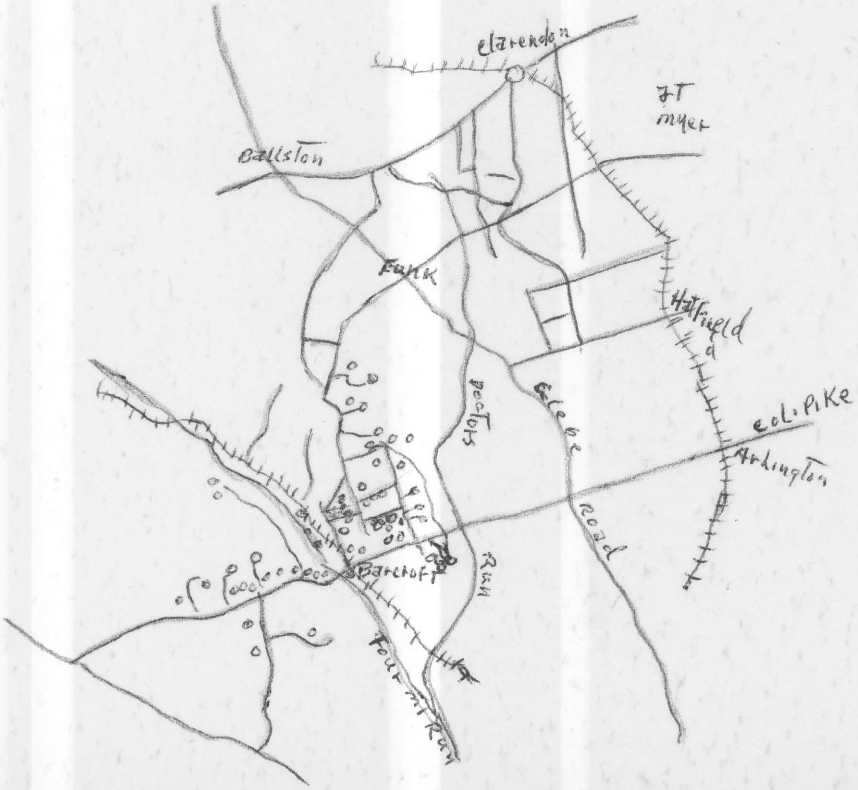
MAP
Arlington Library

Boteler - 1907 - Alexandria County



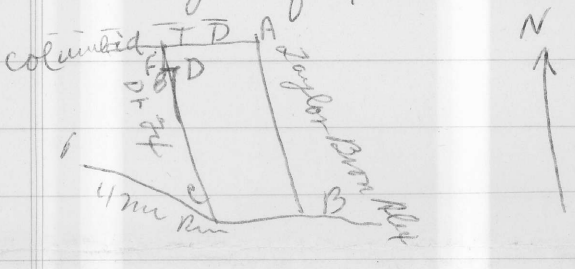
1920

Rural Delivery Routes
P.O. Dept. January 19, 1921

MAP
Arlington Library

1st Apr 1850 - Orlando Todd Surviving exec. Thos deceased of first Pt &
Reynold Td of Sec. Pt. & Sewell B. Corbett of 3rd Pt.
All of Co of Alex
proved and admitted 18 may 1846

Thos departed 1846 Will - 3rd clause "direct my tract
of land on 4 mi Run in DC (ab. 774 Ac.) & another small
tract of 8 Ac. adjoining purchased of Eliz. Taylor & my house
& lot in town of Alex & any other real prop. X X be sold &
proceeds divided equally betw ea of my sons"
(~~Henry~~ was other exec. & d. shortly thereafter)
50 side ~~Col~~ Turnpike rd & corner to Taylor land
w/ Taylor to Bronaughs lines S 18½° E 186 po to cor. Bronaugh
lots & cor Alexanders land w/ Alex S 39¼° E 236½ po to B
N. Edge of 4 mi Run X X X



480 - 1820 - Eliz Taylor (dau of Jos. Birch) to Thos. Td.
8 Ac (inherited)
1808 to Thos from Jno Carlyle Herbert & mary W/ of Pr Geo Co

409 Land on 4 mi Run on NO side of a road & nearly opposite
the new Saw mill of Mr Curtis, the beginning tree of
Thomas & Todd's patent

#1 Map of Corbett
N4-488
Land of Frank E. Corbett

Part of tract called Cedar Hill of Dec 1892

(Get copy)

Find Plat & descr. of remaining North, North East & East Part of Bancroft.

(123-213-)

MAP OF CORBETT

ALEXANDRIA CO

Virginia

Surveyed by
Tower & Son

Duke Avenue

Arlington Avenue

Fairfax

Arlington Avenue

W.O.&W.R.R.

HARING

Park

Store

Arlington Station

County

State of Virginia

City of Alexandria to wit

Frank E. Corbett whose name

acknowledged that the plat mentioned in said statement was made with the free co

of the land subdivided by said plat. Given under my hand this

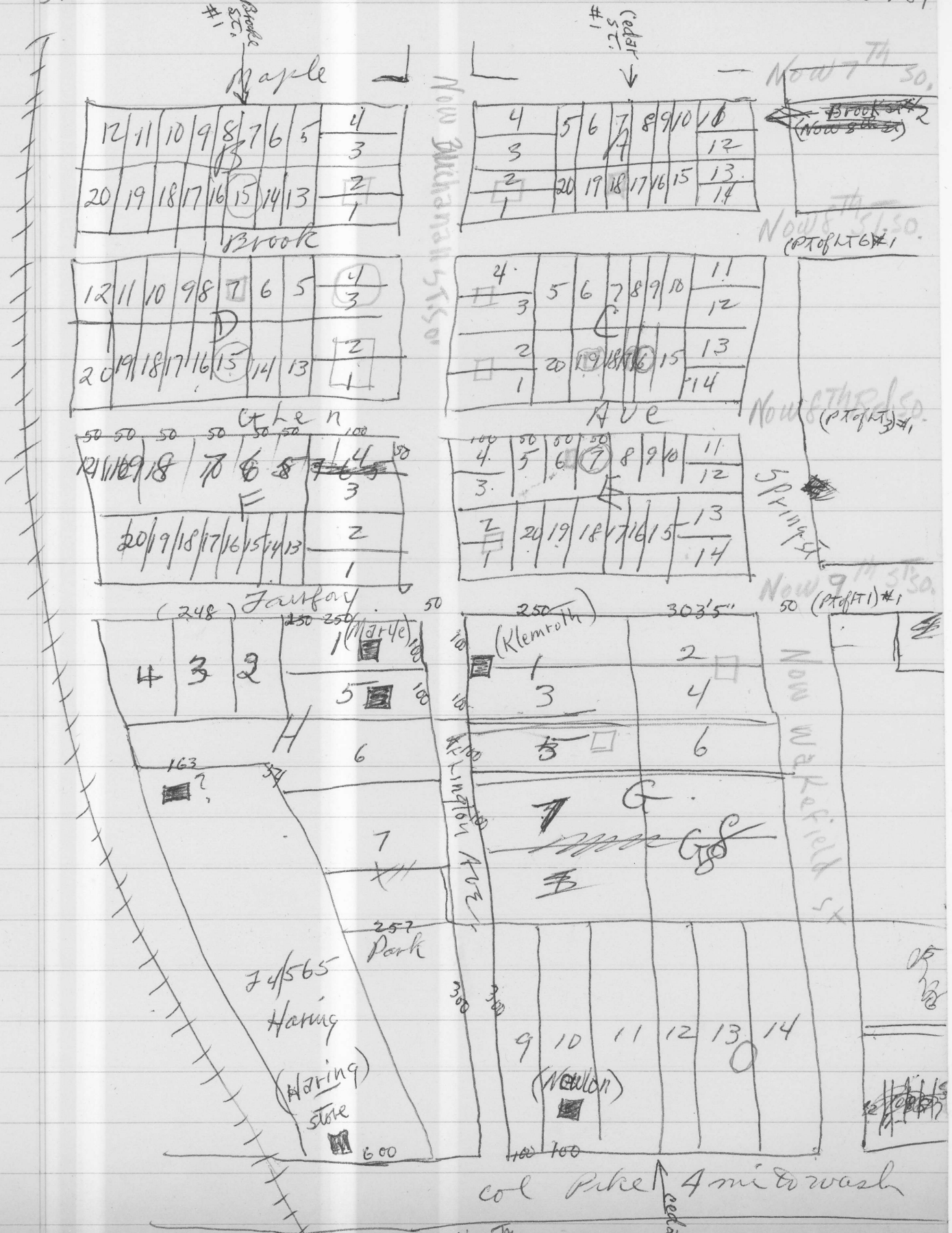
110-
53-

Deed of Sled. of "Barcroft"

22 Apr 1904 - Abbie G Foy's subdiv of "

Pt of tract conveyed by Wm C Wib. Surveying Sec (RW Armstrong was other) Feb 25 1903

DB 107-299. Same land subdiv Dec 9 1892 = 4-488 489



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East Barcroft
Alex, Co, Va.
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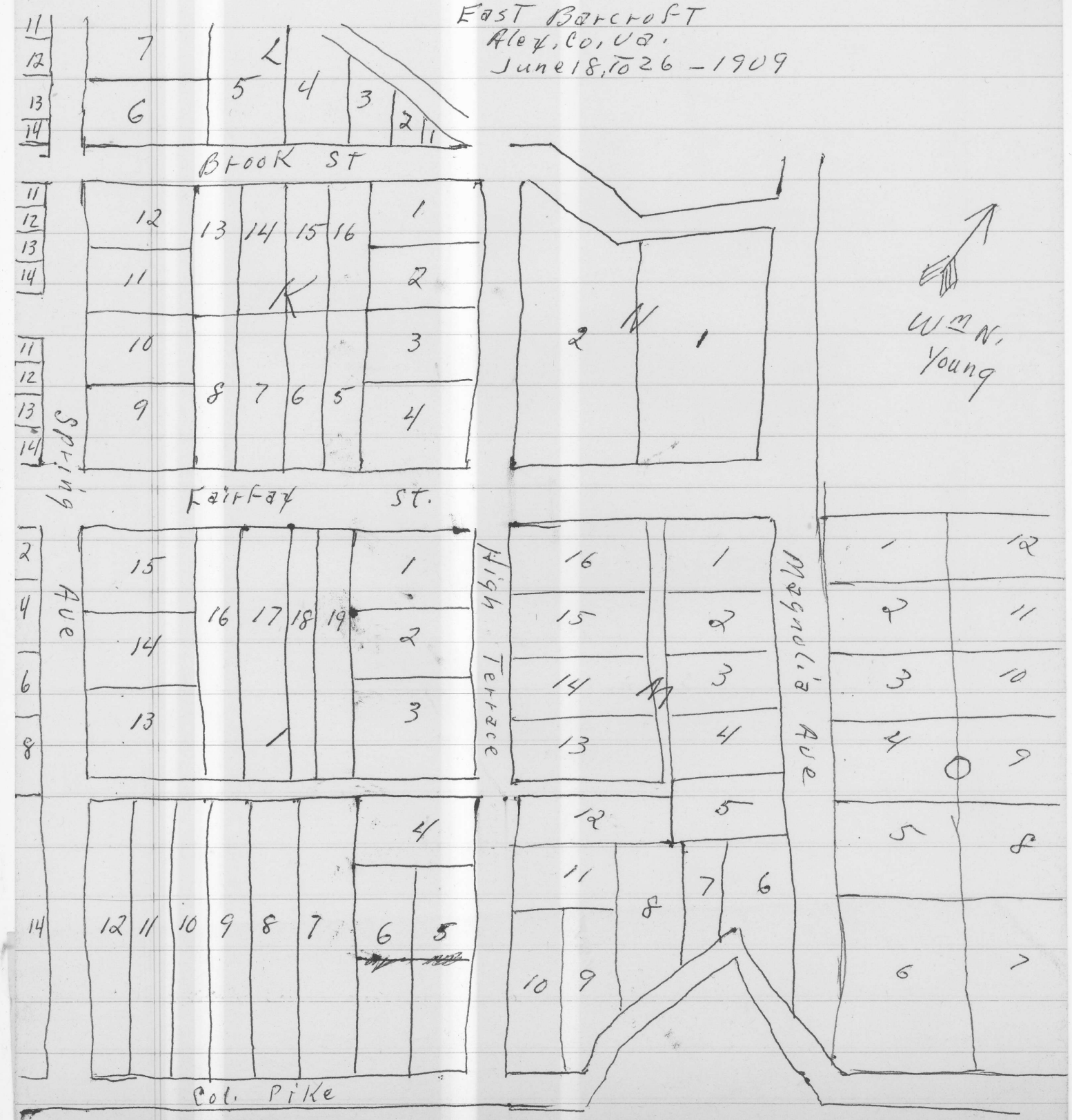

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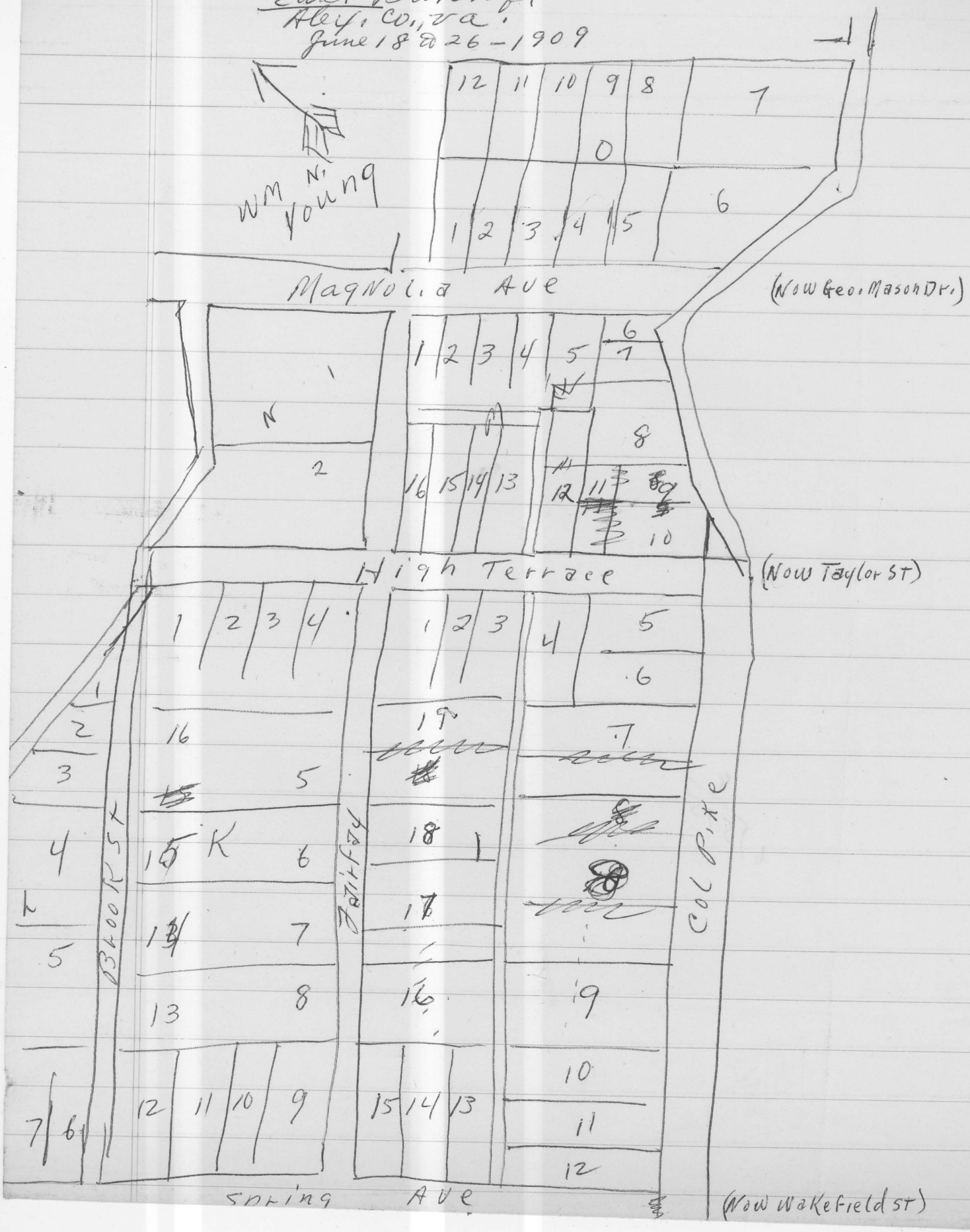
East Bancroft

Alex. Co., Va.

June 18 & 26 - 1909



Barcroft's History Goes Back To Second Battle Of Bull Run

(Can anyone recall the time in Arlington when the men of the community armed themselves, saddled horses and hunted down outlaws? Or when the county would not pay for a teacher for less than 10 children? Well, it happened! In Barcroft.

In view of its interesting aspects and the fact that April is Civic Month, The Daily Sun feels that its readers will enjoy reading this summarized history of Barcroft as prepared by Mrs. Milton B. Payne. Mrs. Payne presented the material at the April meeting of the Barcroft School and Civic League.)

By MRS. MILTON B. PAYNE

Our community was named in honor of Dr. John W. Barcroft, a native of New Jersey, and a graduate of the Philadelphia Medical College. He came to Fairfax County in 1849, locating on Columbia Pike near the present site of the Alexandria Water Company's Dam, where he built a residence and a mill. The remains of the old stone mill are still visible from the road.

Dr. Barcroft resided there, operating his mill and ministering to the community when the emergency arose, until the Civil War broke out and the Federal Army, on its retreat from the Second Battle of Bull Run, destroyed or so seriously damaged his property that he was compelled to return to the North until the cessation of hostilities. Shortly after the Battle of Appomattox, he returned to Virginia and located in this vicinity, building a residence on top of Barcroft Hill, and a water mill on the present site of the Ice Plant. The residence is still standing.

Previously this locality was known as Arlington Heights, and also as Corbett, the latter being the name of the first subdivision laid out, platted and recorded.

Dr. Barcroft was the grandfather of Milton Barcroft Payne, who still resides in Barcroft.

In 1905 the town boasted of a mill, railroad station or shed, a store, a blacksmith shop, a cattle pen, a stone quarry, a farm implement shop and about 20 residences.

The Mill, which stood on the site of the present ice plant, was built by Dr. Barcroft and all the grain was water-ground. He also built the dam and mill race which were necessary to power the mill.

Grain was shipped in from up country by rail and unloaded from freight cars on the Barcroft siding. Local and nearby grain was hauled in from the farms with horses.

Some years later coal was also shipped in and unloaded from this same siding but only for a short time.

Dr. Barcroft ran the mill himself for a number of years but later he rented it to different men.

John Newlon was one of the early millers to whom it was rented. He had been head miller for Herr & Cissel of Georgetown, now Wilkins-Rogers. He was miller at Barcroft in 1885 and again after leaving for a few years came back in 1906 as miller.

While Mr. Newlon was here in 1885 he lived in the big old white house back of the gas station at Buchanan and Columbia Pike. There his daughter, Bessie Newlon was born. She later married Patsy Kenyon who worked in the mill with her father. Bessie Newlon Kenyon is still living in North Arlington.

The railroad station was on the west side of the tracks and south of Columbia Pike. It was diagonally across the tracks from the present Government storehouse. The people of the community boarded the trains here for Washington, Alexandria, Bluemont and way stations.

If the residents wished to go to Washington by trolley they eith drove or walked to what is no Columbia, but what was then c led Arlington.

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These two trolley or electric lines, as we say today, are now merged into the Capital Transit Co. Much of the W.R.&E. has been replaced by busses.

The old trolley line at Columbia ran along what is today Walter Reed Drive and Fillmore Streets thence through Hunter, Penrose, Hatfield, Ft. Myer and Signal Corps to Rosslyn.

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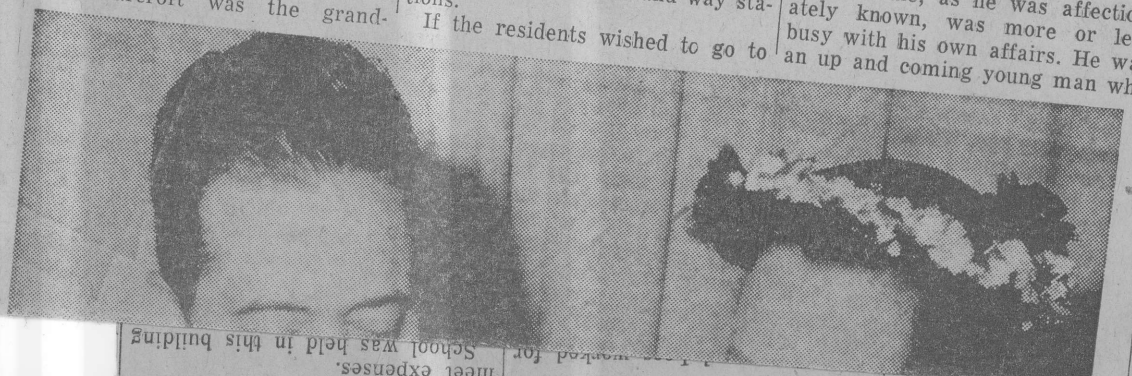

BARCROFT'S LONG HISTORY—Lance Hooks, current president of the Barcroft School and Civic League, and Mrs. Milton B. Payne, long-time resident of Arlington in Barcroft, check the League minutes of 1930. Mrs. Payne summarized the highlights of Barcroft's interesting history and presented it to the League.

(Daily Sun Staff Photo)

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Milton Payne, who was then a small boy, felt very important when he was allowed to help set type.

Ed was a very bright, likeable fellow and the hero of all the neighborhood belles and the ring leader in all the sports and social events as well.

Today he owns the Chrysler Agency in New Orleans.

The store was a typical squash center one, where all the men gathered to discuss crops and topics of the day around an old pot-bellied coal burning stove.

People who commuted to Washington kept warm around this old stove while waiting for the Southern, which was notorious in never being on time.

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ried) and the Palmers.

Billy Palmer was sheriff of Arlington County for a number of years when it was known as Alexandria County.

At the top of the hill on what is now Buchanan Street and facing each other were two families, Maryes and Klemroths.

Beyond these two houses there were two farms included in the Barcroft area, the Kolb farm, now the home of the Milton Paynes' and the S. P. Wright farm. The Wright farm extended from what is now Buchanan Street east on Columbia Pike to South Randolph, thence back to the Signal Corps, along South Fourth Street to Wakefield east on S. Eighth and back across Buchanan to the railroad tracks. This is approximately correct.

Along the tracks lived a family of Lovelaces and in the Haring barn lived old Tom Foley who was the town's handy man and also delivery boy for the store.

There were two colored families living in the woods back of the

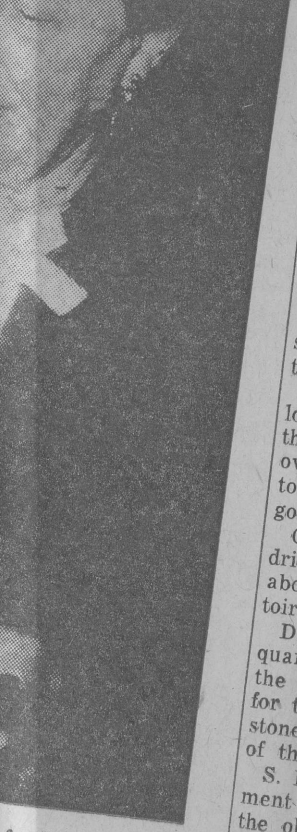
91, lives with her daughter Adaline Marye Robertson near Warrenton, Va.

As was stated before, in 1906 a number of new houses were built, which brought in more people and more children, thus creating a need for a larger school.

Again Mr. Marye took the lead in requesting contributions of money and labor to build the present Barcroft Community House. He was greatly aided by Reverend William Pierpont, a Methodist minister, the Harings and Miss Doremus who were interested in having a church in Barcroft.

Rev. Pierpont gave his time and with the help of William Gibson Garrett and many of the town's men built the Barcroft Community House, which was to serve as a school, church, and community house.

After the erection of the building an organization known as the Barcroft School and Civic League was formed by the townspeople to help pay for the building. This possibly would have been around



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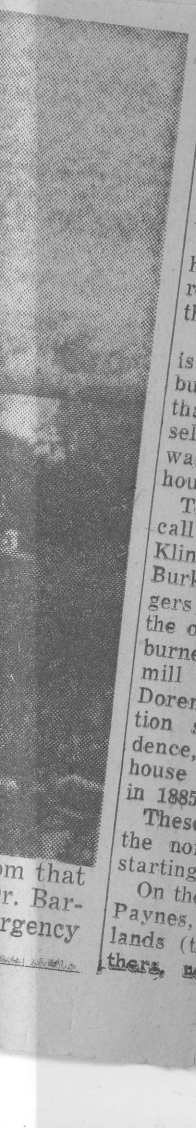

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The Lows and Lees worked for some of the neighborhood families.

As you can see there are very few people here at that time, therefore the social life of the community included young people from Arlington and Glencarlyn.

They had a lot of fun dancing at each others homes, riding horses, skating on the dam, playing tennis in Glencarlyn at the Backus House, on the Wright farm and the Kolb farm, and bob sledding on the Palmer and Barcroft Hills, named for the people whose property they adjoined.

Familiar sights on Columbia Pike in those days were droves of cattle and sheep being driven over the road to the Abattoir; big husksters wagons with canvas covered tops which collected farm products up country all during the week and then drove to Washington on Fridays to market; milk wagons daily, drawn by four horses; rigs, wagons, horses of every description and many people walking.

It was a very quiet community and the most excitement I can remember as a little girl was the time an elephant got loose from Luna Park (a resort near Alexandria) and wandered all around Bailey's Cross Roads scaring horses and people. It was finally caught by some cowboys from its own circus and peace was restored to the community.

The other exciting event to me was the time a salesman was held up on Columbia Pike and the men of the community armed themselves, saddled their horses and went in search of the robber. He was apprehended at the old Long Bridge. I had a slight part in that, inasmuch as I drove a milk wagon and three horses home for Eppie Oliver of Bailey's Cross Roads when he saddled the fourth horse to join the posse.

In 1906 Mr. Sidney T. Marye and his wife were instrumental in starting the first Barcroft school. They had two school-age children and there were seven more in the community old enough to start to school.

The county would not pay for a teacher for less than 10 children so Mr. Marye persuaded the parents of the seven children to agree to send their children and he persuaded Mrs. Edith Fairfax, who lived in the house adjoining the present Community House on the south, to teach the children and to include her four year old child in the class to get the required ten children.

The children attending the first school in Barcroft in Mrs. Fairfax's front room were: Paul and Odaline Marye, Pauline Palmer, Carol Wright, Beulah and Damon Loveless, Percy and Charles Tillett, Edith Fairfax and Dorothy Payne.

This house was torn down in 1954.

Mrs. S. T. Marye, who is now

School Board which also helped meet expenses.

School was held in this building until the completion of the New Barcroft School in 1925.

In 1914, Walter O'Hara arrived on the scene and started building. He built 143 houses which necessitated a bus line being started to get people back and forth from Washington.

The same bus line still serves the people of Barcroft.

Barcroft continues to grow, so that, the little sleepy town of the past is nearly forgotten.

NUMBER TEN

Orig. Plat = streets & Blocks in Black
Second & Resubdivision in Red = Brooke Ave (N+S) & Cedar Ave (N+S) Eliminated
Brooke Ave (E+W) Added No. of Glen Ave.

Streams
Early Roads & Streets
Roads and Streets after 1900

W B Henderson
Virgil P Corbell
Birch Est.
Old Georgetown
Columbus Alexander
Lee Taylor
Lee Taylor Road
Fannie R. Hunter
Geo. T. Klipstein
Peabody
Lisetta Kolb 6A
Gray
Wm Kolb Young
Peabody
Four Mile Run
Mary A. Payne
Mary A. Payne
Brook
Arlington
Frank E Corbett 162 A.
Cedar Spring
Arlington
Columbia
Turnpike
Wm A Young 208.25 A.
Nannie R Shelley
Mary Lazzo
Wm T Bailey
Planner F. Lewis
Sarah Smith
Geo. W. Grey
Miles A Munson
Wm C. Wibert 10 A
H. C. Corbett 10 A
C. F. Corbett 20 A
W. Wines
Whitehead
Frank Draper
F H Taylor
Chas A. Munson
Columbia Bertha E. Bradburn
Mac Aurch
Truman P. Hull
Lewis F. Smith
Mineral Springs
Emma C. Cothran
Mineral Springs Branch
Henry L. Holmes
Garrison
Dell Seifter
Edw B Van
Francis I. Smith
Mineral Spr.
Azrell Lee
F S Draper
Annie
Halls Spr.
Halls Spring Branch
Columbia Alexander
Ft Craig
Ft Craig Myer
Fort Craig
Long Branch
633 Scanland Est.
Nelson
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N4-476 11/30/1890 Frank Corbett to Oscar Haring

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O4-265 11/1/1893 Lizette Kolb (mrs. Chas.) - Estate of James T Ball - Farm fm ~~Chas D Ball~~ and others "adjoins land from Lucy D Ball & others to Kolb"

WB10-380 ~~July~~ 22, 1899 Probate of will of Frank Corbett

24-192 7/7/ 1899 Executors of Frank Corbett to Edgar Klemroth & Wife & Shick. Lts 1, 2 Bl G

110-299 Feb. 15, 1903 Executors of Frank Corbett to Abbie G. Foy - 162 Ac.

110-53 Apr 22, 1904 Re-Subdivision & rededication of "Corbett" renamed "Bancroft" & streets renamed

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F4-389 (?) 1906 ~~Nellie~~ To W W Wright

117-251 3/21/1907 Jas Head fm S P Wright

115-364 4/20/1907 Mrs Amy Fairfax

1908

123-205 6/18/1909 East Bancroft (Subdiv. Addrd)

04-308 - 12/30/93 - Jno B Henderson ( ) for Thos H Suppford (& Lee) 98.24A
04-450-51 " " " " Carlyn & Co from 38 Ac
04-413-4/10/94 " " " (W of Lubberton 77.56A) to J T Ball by French from Jno Lawrence W2-38

Look up at courthouse - Dates, etc.:

1874 - Tract adj to mill - at d of mary Ann Randolph Lee - to G.W.P.C. Lee X2-229 1/5/1838

E4-279
S4-194 12/1/1908 - Jno W Barnett to ~~Milton~~ Payne
04-265 about 1893 } Lessee Kolb (Farm) (Sarah & Lucy ~~Wash & Frank Corbett~~) Sewell? from ?
+ K4 373 to Murdock & Reed } (mrs charles)
W4-374 1896 do & Mrs Kolb from Ball

Bridges " (Payne) milton Lovett
(Corp. L.L. Bridges of Hyattsville)
Bridges - on Col. Pike (Mr. Louise (dau))

G4-461, 462 1881 (G.W.C. Lee) to Scanlon, D.J.P. - Pt. of Wash Tot. - Bridge over Mi. Run
117-454 - Oct 2 1907 - - - - - M.M. Bridges from ~~Abby Foy~~
18 - - S. P. Wright farm (& Abby) (mrs. Foy)

Photocopy N4-488-9 Plat of "Corbett" ~~subdiv~~ of part of "Cedar Hill" (Corbett - Barnett)
G4-376 + Plat Frank Beach Jas T Ball (Sarah & Lucy) Jas T Ball 1838
ab 1850 Corbell, Frank (~~was his home~~ sold to Kolb, then to Bridges?)
H4-412 Palmer, Mary E.
S4-194 12/1/1908 from J W Payne - on Col. Pike
Frank (Rogers - Wilkins - (miller in Wash.)) (So.) - Dorothy home in Ala. nieces from Ala. Thomasville
1885-6 Newlon (later Judge Pelham) they
F4-257 + Plat USA
F4-389 ~~+ Plat - Frank Beach~~ Chas Dove (Eliz, Carol, Sally, Bill)
F4-389 Wright, W.W. Dole, Chas F.
117-251 - 3/21/07 S P Wright - Jas Head (Jim, Nelson, Eliz.)
113-282 - 1906 from Abbie G Foy } Jo Kirston, mr & mrs (at ~~white house~~ for summer?) (wrote bk on Loudoun Co.)
N4-476 Nov 30 1890 From Frank Dove Oliver Haring (Lemmel) (Son O. Edwd - 18 in 1903 - ~~now~~ in New Orleans) 1959 Embrey
K4-465 1892-11/11/ to Annie C. Dorsey from Frank Corbett & Caroline (Paul, Adalyne) on Ark Ave & Brooke Dr.
189 Marye, Sidney T.
24-192 (1/1/1899) from A W Armstrong et al exr to Edgar H. from A W Armstrong et al exr
~~Mar 1/1 2 (1)~~ to K Lehrock (Willo &) (Mrs Schick - mother of mrs K?) Willo &
(Margt, Frances, Fred & Helen) Nat'l Bur of Identif & Investigat, N.C.
118-{25 5/15 & 5/20 to 116-516
26 1908 F C Handy (ab. 1920 - Cory) (Brooke, Son)
to Fremont 1917 - to Raleigh 7/18/19
118-26 5/15/1908 - ~~to 116 516 11.1908~~ Maj. F A G Handy (A.L.) {F C, Walt, Margt (mors), Al} {Reporter - Ind'ion, Treasury}
(moved to B. June 28, 1908 (Fremont))
118-267 7/1 1908 Abbie G Foy to Walter K. Handy (Mil. - Walt - Bet) (Repro)
118-366 to S. R Wright (Amy?) (Edith & Michel Hilda & Son) ? she was sister of Bill (Crosby)
115-364 4/20/07 Mrs. Jarbeau (later Nightingale)
Amy M.
(Sheriff) Billy Palmer (Pauline & Pettie) (later Brewer - "Marfarland) [Pritchard next door]
142-355 - 5/4/08 Adams Clarke - Coxdon - Mattingley - May - Doug
Lovelace (on RR) (Hamon & Beulah)
Cor. Ave & 8th St. - Gardiner
Walter
1914 O'Hara (143 houses) (Robt & Lewis) Bradley
- - - - - Partner "Honey" (He was cross-eyed, carried a umbrella, Sheriff always pottered in his office, said to be nephew of Bradleys)
ab. 1919-20 Robt May (Bus line) (Aline & Beverley)
(Chinaman) (earlier - Rosebery)
1925 new sch.
Wm C. from Foy
120-342 1909 Hamm - Lee (later Bradley) (Wm & Patrick) (now Ant. Women's Club)
Bradley, Hon. Walter (Cousin in Mobile) (Ryder)
~~Hamm~~, Ryder (later Mitchell) (Clifford, Hugh, Catherine)
132-398 4/15/12 Wm
By 1912 Housekneckt (Ruth) (now - musician)
132-350 3/23/1912 Payne - Jordan

1885
Scanlon, Friewald

125-89	7/1/1910	Richd W. McMahon (Eleanor) (Howard Woodruff) (Roby) (Sollenberger)
129-359	7/13/10	Jeannette Bullen
134-363	12/12/12	Updike Julia A. McMahon

107-508 10 June 1903 Fox, Abbie G. to Chas A Kolb 582 32 sq ft along land of Henry Wacker Fox to cor Fox, Kolb & Young

107-299 5 Feb 1903 " " G Fr W C Wibert Surv. Tr. (13000) (of D.C.) 162 Ac. (bounded) no plat w/this but says same land Fr Cooper to Frank Oct 18, 1854. (WB-2-212-220 corp ct Alex city & WB 10-380 of corp ct of Alex.)

Except:

F4-565 To Harring F 4-565 - 2 Ac.

12/3/1886 (Corbett of city of Alex)

G4-451 Jno W Newlon - Lt 6 Sec D, "Corbetts Subd. 100 X 303'5"

11/15/1892

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Nov 30, 1892 (or was it 1890)

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12/28/1892

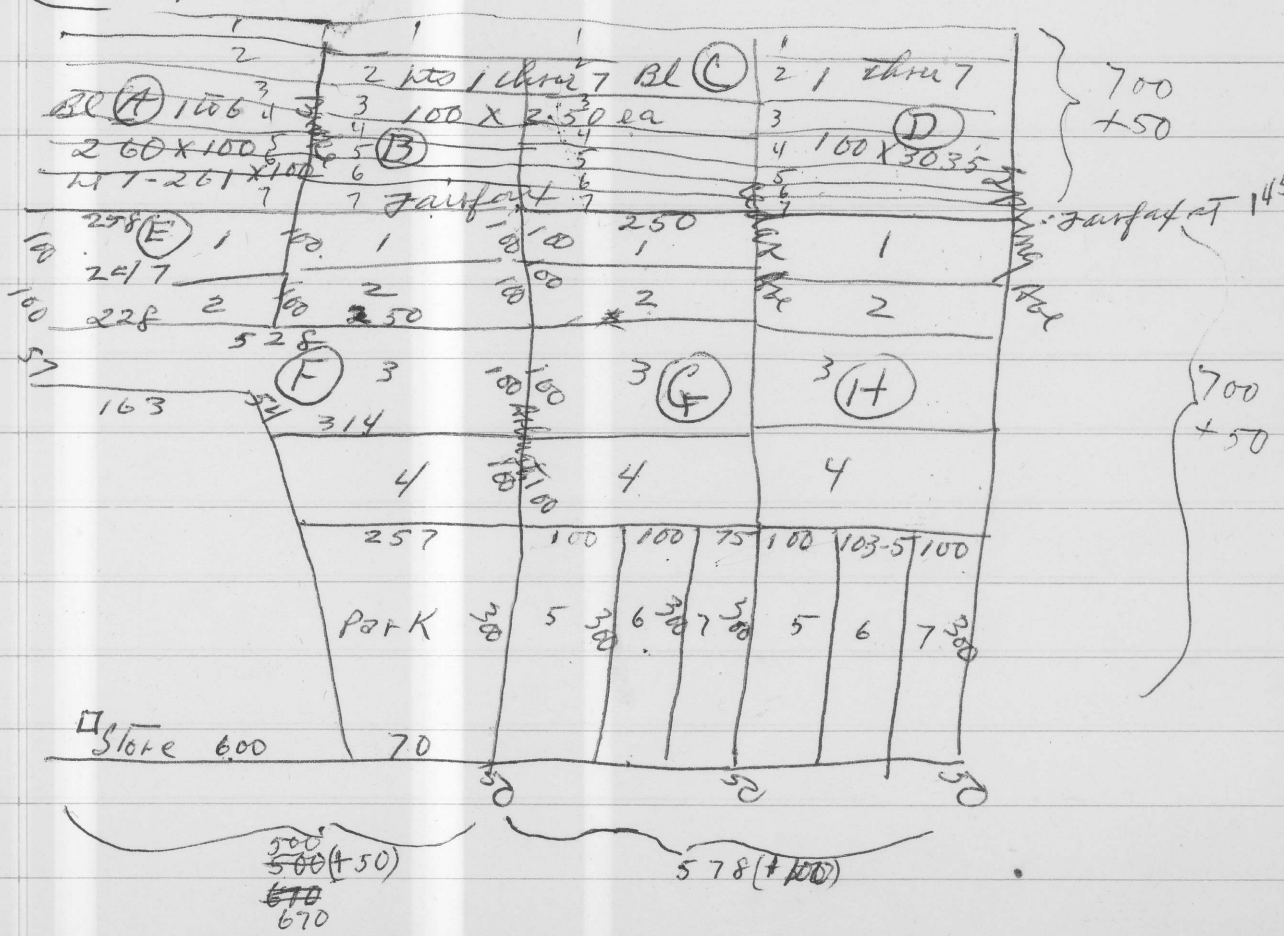
N4-488-9 - Subdiv of land called "Cedar Hill" to be called "Corbett"

G4-451 12/3/1886 Newlon, Harring "Town of Corbett" 6, Sec D in Survey

N4-488-9 Plat of Corbett by Power & Son Engrs & Surv

Lot fronting 100 ft on Arl. Turnpike & running back 300 ft & contg. 30000 sq ft

Newlon will put other impvs on sd lot, & that upon his failure to build sd house as above provided for that the lot hereby conveyed & all impvt thereon shall revert to the sd Frank E Corbett.



107-299 To Abbie G Fox ✓

122-65 11/1/09 S P Wright ~~fr~~ Abbie G Fox BS ← {Lts 5,6,7,8,9 & rear 13½ ft 3 & 4, Bl C & ~~Lts~~ 1,6 Bl G
122-293 12/3/09 " " " et al - BS R 48.32 72 Ac. ✓
123-328 3/1/1910 S P Wright to Armstrong, T. J. ✓
123-359 4/1/1910 " Wm Floyd ✓ (next to armstrong?)
125-89 7/1/1910 " Richd W McMahon (now 1976 Rose milson)
126-576 9/24/1910 " et ux to ~~Stephen~~ B.F. Perrow
127-75 11/15/10 " Frank Beach
129-359 7/13/10 " Jenneatte Bullen
~~130-76 9/12/11~~ " ~~Conservative Realty Co.~~ X (Maywood)
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132-561 3/8/11 " Abbie G. Fox
133-472 6/14/12 " Ray R Adams et ux (Probably - Rouse later Wilsons) ~~No - see over 11/1/09 12/1/97~~
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135-280 11/11/12 " Wm Floyd - next to T.J. Armstrong?
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137-498 9/5/12 " Emily S Palmer
137-562 3/2/13 " Va. D. Pepper ✓
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113-382 6/7/06 " Florence T. Johnston who was she?
115-94 5/1/06 " [illegible] to Billy

126-576	9/24/1910	"	et ux to ~~Stephen~~ B.F. Perrow
127-75	11/15/10	"	Frank Beach
129-359	7/13/10	"	Jenneatte Bullen
~~130-76~~	~~4/12/11~~	"	~~Conservative Realty Co.~~ X (Maywood)
132-350	3/23/12	"	Ray R Adams (Possibly ~~House~~ across from W K Handy at first - according to dau, Elaine) (see over 11/1/09)
132-398	4/15/12	"	Recheck Add. Lts. (Mims Darnell) Wm W Houseknecht Lt 1 Blk Blk 123-215, 4800 ft. cor Wm Young line
132-561	3/8/11	"	Abbie G. Fox
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115-364	4/24/07	"	Amy M Fairfax was she the "Teacher"?
117-251	3/21/07	"	Jas A Head
117-454	10/2/07	"	M M Bridges (on Ave Ave. across from Handy)?
118-25	5/15/08	"	Fredk C Handy
118-26	5/15/08	"	F A G H
118-267	7/1/08	"	Walter K H

9/14/08
118-531 ~~Bukey~~. Jean M Bukey
119-224 12/14/09 Henry H Cowherd
121-597 11/1/09 Ray R Adams (was this across fm WKH)
121-573 9/17/08 Baldwin Fray Ex A.W. (el ind) Fairfax (?)

Triggs (Patterson)
Ham (Watts) ? Lee?
Tarrell (Ryder)
Hale
Mrs. George Schick (mother of Mrs Klemroth)

Mary Payne To Molar Stoneburner (Mill)
August Hoffman (Miller)

Stoneburner To Hopkins?
Hopkins To McCoy
Bill - sister, nightingale
To Spicer

Date & Deed

* Descendants still in area of Barnoft
# 10 oldest homes

To:

1880 E4-279* A# Barnoft JW
54-194 — 1908 (11 co Milton Payne
B S P Wright (Farm) + Abby Fox
B1 — Newlon, Pelham, W.W. Wright,
Nov 9 1890 C # Hating fm corbett
N4-476 & 113-292 1806 fm Fox
D Fairfax (1st School)
1896 — W4-344 Lm: from Ball
*#E (Kolb) Bridges, Payne
N4-465 11/1/1892 (Annie C Dorennus fm corbett)
* F# Marye, Robertson
G# Burke (w/moody Rangers)
118-257 1908 H Fredk C. Handy
118-210 7/15/1908 * I May F A G Handy
118-267 1908 * J Walter K. Handy
K Cozden, Mattingly, Doole
L Ellis, Cowles, Lorenzo
M Vincent, Hazel*
* N Houselknecht (House)
121-597 11/1/09 O Adams, Payne, Wilson*
OA — Mansfield -- (Stagle)
P Ashton Jones
* Q Pepper
R Bullen (w/agric — our lemontree)
S Palmer, Brewer, McFarland
T Palmer
U Smith
~~K4-153 2/3/90 AW — then AW Efes~~
V Armstrong
W Froyd, Nicholson
189 X Head (S.P. Wright?) "E. of Lake"

DD Lee, Bradley, Walls 120-342
(Ham, wm
(EE Ryder (mitchell)
FF Vining
GG McMahon McCray, Woodruff, Robey, Milan
*HH Printz, Fulton, Seymour, (Patterson)
* II Tapp
JJ Kirschner
KK O'Donnell, McPleeter
(He 9/1/1931 about 1932)
LL Klemroth, Schild fr A W Armstrong 7/7/99
(House dismantled, moved 1959 to Clarke Co.)
MM Hale, from
* NN Patterson
OO Loveland
PP Strutzman
QQ Lloyd
RR Scanlon — Freiwald
SS Lambkin — Wendell?
TT Jarman
UU May (Robt.)
VV Hennesey, Curtis, Kelley
WW① Bradley
WW② Smith, Roadhouse (Ret)
XX Shreve
Palmer, Billy
Pritchard
McCoy
Blake

K4-465 - 1/12/18 For 300 fm Annie C. Loremus - on Atl. Ave., Fairfax St & Brooke St.

O4-265 - 11/11/1893 (mus Chas. A.) To Lucella M. Kolb From Sarah C & Lucy E Ball part of estate of

See Survey of H A D Crocker 10/16-17/1893] part of tract of which J J (?) Ball

died seized, - adjoins land from Lucy D Ball & others to Kolb

K4-373 5/9/93 = 6 Ac. from Sarah C, Lucy E & Margt V (Ball) Murdock

(188 Ac.) (dau's of Jas T. Ball — less that allotted to Mary Peabody

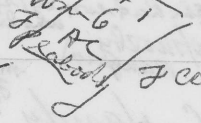
by Deed of Partition

W/R/W thru orig Ball Tract from W O & W R R North Ely

to the established road & R/W on no side of orig tract

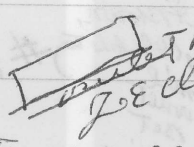
along U P Corbetts heirs line.

See B4-116 - 5/5/18 73 - Deed of Partition (Ball)



K4-595 ~~6 Ac to Peabody~~

595 2 Ac. to Mary J. Peabody



Land conveyed to Jas T Ball deed by D A French

X2-229 1/5/1838 & by French from John Lawrence W2-38

In 1903 (Barcroft News):

Judge Pelham ~~(built?)~~ formerly of Alabama lived in the large house at col. Pike & Arlington Avenue, which he called "Miles away". Had a son, Judge John Pelham of Anniston, Ala. Miss Emma Pelham, ~~a dau.~~ (or niece?) & ~~the~~ a niece Miss Johnston lived at "Miles Away". Miss Mary Pelham returned to her home in La. (a niece)

Is that correct? → was she a sister of Judge Pelham Jr.

Miss Edith Kolb & Miss Kolb were daughters of Mr. & Mrs. C A Kolb (Lisetta) of "Woodmead". Mrs. Maedel of Wash. was a sister of Mrs. Kolb.

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Name →

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(did she marry Pritchard?)

(were Palmers related to Palmer husband of Mary Tom Burke?)

Nettie & Pauline Palmer were daus of Wm W. Palmer. (who was later Sheriff.)

(& had a bro. who M. Teacher, Miss C

Barcroft News in 1903

Mrs Sadie Burkholder visited sister, Mrs. Frank Hale.

Preachers 7/9/1903 Contract has been let to Mr. Frank Hale for the building of a Presby. ch. near Whitehead's Blacksmith Shop "down the road a spice".

"Village Fair" success - on grounds of Presby. ch. (Not yet built.)

Mrs W H Palmer had as visitors Mrs Irene (Ralph) Clayton & son of Wash.

Mr Roy Pritchard of Balto. spent few days w/ Mr. Wm Palmer.

Mr Walter Palmer of Herndon was here last week.

This was on Glebe Rd. betw. Col Pike & Ballston — Mr & Mrs Pritchard moved into the (Col.) Shelley place near Arl.

Mr R W Johnston's bro-in-law, Mr. Jno Hopkins of Wash. died

Gertrude Wilson Howard
1921 216 So. Abingdon St.
Arl. Va. — 1 year, 6th grade

Susie Hunter Wiseman
1924 & '25 3820 S. 9th St

3+4 Bld

1. Lots Purchased · 23 May 1908
DB 118 page 53
~~to 21 Aug 1914 DB 141-59 to Civic League~~

2. Bldg. probably erected 1908, with plans for a Church.

School held in that Building nov. 1908 to June 1925, a period of 17 years, as shown by School Board records.

3. Bldg. has been used continuously as a Church Community House since 1908 and, in 1983, will be 75 years old. owned and erected first by Trustees of the Bareroft, Alex Co. Va ~~Methodist Episcopal~~ Church of Bareroft, the Building was sold to The Bareroft School and Civic League 21 August 1914 and was recorded in county records, DB 118 page 53.

Talked To (11/18/82)
Ann Noll - 892-6710

1892 Subdivision called "Corbett" on the Farm called "Cedar Hill" of Frank E. Corbett, was established and recorded in records of Alexandria County ~~DA~~ 9 Dec. 1892 Deed Book N4 Page 488-489, w/plate.

1897-8 Frank E. Corbett died

1903 "Cedar Hill" Farm with the Subdivision of "Corbett" was sold by Executors of Frank E Corbett's Estate to Mrs Abigail T. Foy, widow
Deed Book 107 Page 299, Feb. 25, 1903

1903 Plans laid for a community Bldg.

1904 "Corbett" was resubdivided and renamed "Barcroft" April 22 1904 Book 110 Page 55.

1907 Milton and wife, Amy, Fairfax purchased from Mrs. Abigail Foy Lots 1, 2 Block D in Barcroft, Alexandria County, and the newly erected home thereon.

1907-8 First school in that home

1908 Lots 3 & 4 Block D, Barcroft, Alexandria County, Va. was sold by Mrs. Abbigail Jay to Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Barcroft
Book 118 Page 187

~~Hard Book~~ Page

Insert

1908 Letter written to School Board, Alexandria County, Va., by Sidney T. Mayr, Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Barcroft, offering to rent a newly erected building on Lots Block D, for use as a school. School Board records. 1908

1908 Letter written to School Board requesting that a school be established in Barcroft, by Stephen P. Wright, of the committee of Barcroft.
1908
School Board records, Arlington District, at Administration Bldg.

1908- Miss Beulah Adams employed by
1909 School Board to teach at Barcroft.
School begun November 1908.
School Board records.

Arlington Historical Society

Historic Arlington Days

2 pm - 5 pm

Civic Association Tour

Sunday, October 10, 1982

The civic associations listed below will hold Open House on Sunday, October 10, 1982, from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. They invite you to drop in any time during those hours. There is no charge. Many of their meeting places are historic buildings. The important role civic associations played in the development of Arlington is well described by the article by Beth Sundquist, excerpts from which are printed inside this program.
ALSO: on this date the Miniature Show at the Arlington Museum located in the Old Hume School Building, 1805 South Arlington Ridge Road will be open to the public. In addition to the entries by local enthusiasts on loan to the Museum will be the Arlington House doll house and one which belonged to Alice Roosevelt Longworth.
(Numbers beside the associations correspond with their location on the map on the back of the program.) OPEN THE PAGE.

1 NORTH HIGHLANDS CIVIC ASSOCIATION - Taft Street
Now that I66 is completed it can be reached from Lee Highway by Vietch Street to 21st Street and then to Taft. The Dawson-Bailey stone house where this association meets may be much older than the 1859 carved beneath a window.

2 WOMAN'S CLUB OF ASHTON HEIGHTS
On Irving Street just of Pershing Drive

3 BARCROFT CIVIC LEAGUE
Located on South Buchanan Street between Columbia Pike and Arlington Blvd. this community house has served the Barcroft neighborhood as a school, a church, and meeting house for ~~80~~ 74 years.

4 GLEN CARLYN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
Carlin Hall, located at 5711 South 4th Street, is the first community house built in Arlington.

5 MUSEUM 1805 South Arlington Ridge Road

BETH R. SUNDQUIST, a valued member of the committee for The 18th Annual Historic Arlington Day died in April of 1982. Beth had worked in establishing the theme for this year's House Tour and her help is missed greatly. The following excerpts from an article Beth wrote for the Arlington Historical Magazine, October 1981, Vol. 7 No. 1, develops that theme.

ARLINGTON: CAPITAL REMNANT by Beth R. Sundquist

Arlington County's interest in preserving its historic landmarks came almost too late to save the few relics of its early life as a part of the ten-mile-square district set aside in 1791 to be the capital of the new nation. Its ten unique boundary marker stones, its twenty-two Civil War forts, and many of its notable houses were allowed to disappear or were bulldozed almost unnoticed as the rampant growth of the national government during and after two world wars spilled across the Potomac River and filled the tiny county's area with suburban homes.

Not until well into the Twentieth Century did Arlington approach any degree of mastery of its own fate.

As late as 1742, when Fairfax County was created, including the present-day Arlington County, the area was sparsely inhabited, isolated and forgotten on the banks of the Potomac River.

. . . When the government was moved to the District in 1800, . . . No more than a thousand people lived north of Four Mile Run, the present Arlington County boundary, making their livings from farms and mills. . . . Alexandria lobbied for retrocession, and in 1846 it was successful; . . . What is now Arlington was not receded to Fairfax County, but remained part of the New County of Alexandria. . . . But the county still bore the name of its sister city retaining the name of County of Alexandria. . . . In 1898, the county built its second courthouse on Ft. Myer Heights, the site of the present Arlington County Courthouse. . . . Finally, in 1920, the county gained its separate identity. It took a new name, borrowed from the Arlington Plantation, once the home of George Washington Parke Custis, whose daughter married Robert E. Lee in 1831. That mansion remains the county's most impressive landmark even with changing modern skyscraper silhouettes along the shore.

. . . Arlington was one of Washington's main suppliers of farm produce, and throughout most of the 19th century wagons crossed the bridges to the Saturday Farmers' markets in the growing city.

As transportation across the river improved, Arlington was gradually transformed from an agricultural hinterland into a residential suburb. . . .

Arlington's commercial and residential centers grew along the transportation corridors leading to the bridges ... Lee Highway ... Wilson Boulevard ... Ball's Crossroad ... Columbia Pike ... Glebe Road .. Little Falls Road ... Military Road was just that, cut through in a matter of a few days when the Federal army was building the forts and line of forts across Arlington.

The forerunner of Arlington's many planned subdivisions was Glencarlyn, a cooperative of 360 houses centered on the site of a once popular resort--Carlin Springs--when it closed in 1888. . . . The . . . Railroad line along Four Mile Run, which had served the recreation area, made it possible for the new suburban dwellers to get to jobs in the District with ease. A model for other developments that followed, Glencarlyn had its own parks, school and community center. The latter, a small frame structure survives today as one of Arlington's historic sites.

As electric rail lines were extended down the corridors from the Potomac bridges, other small self-sufficient neighborhoods appeared.

. . . those that developed along the corridors had strong identities, expressed in civic associations. Out of the local groups grew the Arlington County Civic Federation, which assumed the role of community watchdog and promoter of civic pride, particularly during the decades of rapid growth between 1940 and 1970, when the population expanded from 57,000 to 175,000. . . .

During its period of hectic growth, Arlington unfortunately paid little heed to the loss of its early landmarks. Not until 1956 was the Arlington Historical Society founded. It opened the old Hume School as its museum on Arlington Ridge Road. The Ball-Sellers House, one of the oldest in the county, was restored by the historical society.

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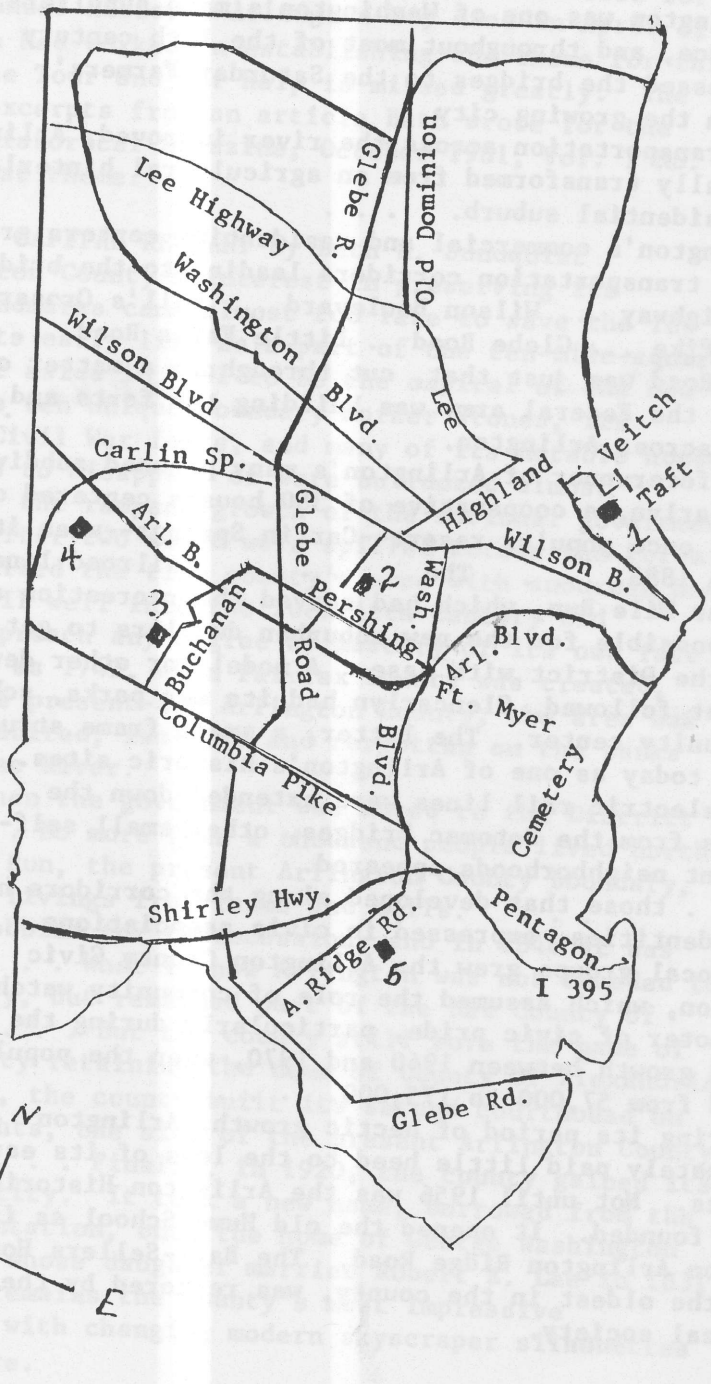
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By 1907	By 1910	No. Chn.	Location	Moved	1915
Families on ~~Pike~~ near Barnhoft					
Marye		2	Arl.-Fx.		
Tillet		2+	Pike at Mill	✓	
Payne.		1	" " "	✓	
Wright, W.W.		3+1	Pike at Arl.		
Wright, Stephen	X	2	Pike at Spring	✓	
Klemroth	X	0	Arl.-Fx.		
Fairfax		3+1	Arl-Glen		
Palmer		2	SE-on Pike		
Morgan		1		✓	
Loveless		2	on Railroad	✓	
~~Pepper~~		[illegible]	on Pike		
By 1910:					
Whitcraft (Marye)	✓	2	Arl-Fx.	✓	
Handy, F.C.	✓	3+1	Arl.		
Handy, FAG	X	0	Arl-Fx		
Handy, W.K.	✓	1+2	Glen		
Pepper	✓	2+2	Pike-Holer.		
Adams	✓	X 1+4	Glen	✓	
McRae	X	0+2	Arl-Glen	✓	
Armstrong	✓	1+3	Spring-Fx.		
Head	✓	X 2+1	Pike-Spring		
~~Pepper~~ Gawley	X	0	Spring		
Floyd		1+1	Spring		✓
Houseknecht		1	Nr. Magnolia		✓
Shreve		3+2	N. of Barnhoft		✓
Tapp		2+1	N. Barnhoft		✓
Ryder		2+2	Brook, W of Sch		✓
Babcock		2+1	Brook-Arl		✓
Printz		1+1	~~Glen~~		✓
Howard		2+1	Pike Nr. X Rds		✓
Bullen		2+2	High Terrace		✓
O'Hara		1+1	Brook		

Chrismon	1916 (2)	Bradley	1918 (2)	Gibson	(1) 1917	Mungale 1917	
Roseberry	1918 (3)	Hopkins	1917 (3)	Paturzo	(3) 1917	Fulton 1919	
Patterson	1918 (1)	Brewer	1919 (3)	McDonald	(2) 1917	Orphans 1915-16 (9)	
Cory	1918 (2)	Peach	1921 (3)	Payne	(1) 1920		
Weeks	1917 (4)	Hazel	1918 (2)	Blake	(2) 1918		
		Zyleneski	1918 (3)	Knisely	(1) 1916		

(1)

Frank E. Corbett - deed from Corbett 1864

Subdivision of part of "Cedar Hill", farm of Frank E. Corbett 9 Dec., 1892

Plat of Subdivision of "Corbett"
Liber N4, Page 488-489

Will of Frank E. Corbett
Exec. of Estate sold to Clemmitt & Shickles Bl. 189 1898
Subdivision known as "Corbett" and farm known as "Cedar Hill" sold by Executor of Frank E. Corbett to Abbie T. Fox of the City of Washington and formerly of Massachusetts
Book 107, Page 299 25 February, 1903

Deed of Vacation of Subdivision known as "Corbett" and Deed of Dedication of Subdivision of "Barcroft", with plat of re subdivision of original property Book 110, Page 55
22 April, 1904

"The Barcroft News" was published by O. Edward Haring, Editor, and printed by Sidney T. Marye, fortnightly June 3, 1903 - Nov. 23, 1903. It reported in the issue of Nov. 9, 1903:

"There is a movement on foot to raise a fund for the building of a city hall in Barcroft. Several of our citizens are enthusiastic upon the subject, and a meeting will be held soon in order to formulate plans."

(2)

Home erected by Stephen P. Wright on Columbia Pike on lots and , Block , at Spring Street (now Wakefield Street).

~~Stephen~~ Wright's ~~That~~ home adjoined the property and home on the Pike of Newlon, the Miller who operated the Mill for Dr. Barroft in earlier years. Dr. Barroft had the house built and sold it to Newlon, ~~formerly~~ with the Milling Company of Georgetown. Finding employment elsewhere later Mr. Newlon rented his home to Judge of Alabama, then working at the Department of Justice in Washington. He and his family occupied the home from about 1897 to 1905. When vacated (did he return to Ala.?) the home at Columbia Pike and Arlington Avenue (now So. Buchanan St.) was purchased by Wm W. Wright, brother of Stephen P. Wright, and an Attorney with the Dept. of Justice.

Ca. 1883-1904

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1906

Stephen Wright built a new home on lots and , Block , next to Sidney T. Mayer and

ca. 1906

Sold his home on Columbia Pike to James W. Head.

1906

Deed Book , Page

3 Another house was ~~were~~ begun at this time: one at Arlington and Glen Avenues (N.W. Corner). That was sold to and Amy Fairfax. Book , Page

Another was sold to , morgan 1907

other erected in the year that followed brought new residents to Barcroft. 1907

The house Stephen had occupied next to Sidney Mayo, for a short while, was sold to Frank C. Handy. Book , Page 1908

~~An organization had been formed by the residents called the~~

On 1907 Stephen P. Wright wrote to the Alexandria county School Board requesting that it consider establishing a school in Barcroft. He signed his letter as " of the , indicating the early formation of a civic group for that area.[1]

1. Records of Alex. Co. School Board.

Civic Assn. Apr. 1912

1 W.W. & Mrs Wright
2 J.C. & May Handy
3 S.T. & Annie Marye
4 May J A G & Lelia Handy
5 Walter K & Grace Handy
6 Milton & Amy Fairfax
7 Wm & Palmer
8 Ray & Adams
9 Thomas & Birdie Armstrong
10 Rider
11 Coeden
12 W W & Laura Houserknecht
13 Bullen
14 Jas. & Head
15 Geo & Virgie Pepper
16 Sanford & Smith
17 Bridges
18 Wm Floyd
19
20
21

To locate pictures of 2-Room Barcroft School Class of {1920-21 ~~1921-22~~

Examine, if possible, for names of Secretarys & Historians of PTA records for years:

1961-2
2-3
3-4
4-5
5-6
6-7 (Dadd.)
7-8

} Think pics were returned to an officer of PTA in this period.

1907-08 - School in Fairfax home

23, may 1908 Bk 118, P187, Lots 3 & 4 Bl D, Sold by Abbie G. Fox to Charles Kolb, B J Perrow, S T Marye, Wm Pierpont, John R Robinson, Benj. Smith, Harry Dye, Henry Fargens & Kate Robinson Trustees of the Barcroft Methodist Episcopal Church of Barcroft, Va. & successors in office xxx 14,500 sq. ft. (ab. August) 1908 - Stephen Pionght, Pres. of The Citizens Association of Barcroft Wrote School Board for a school

(ab. 1909) - Barcroft School & civic League formed when school held in new bldg.

~~8 June~~ 1914 orig Certificate of Incorporation of The Barcroft Sch & Civ League - by-laws.

21, Aug 1914, Bk 144, Page 59, Deed from Harry Force, Harry Dye, Ben H Smith, John R Robinson & S.T. Marye, Trustees of Barcroft Methodist Episcopal Church of Barcroft, Alex Co Va to The Barcroft School & Civic League Lts 3, 4 Bl D. = ~~Top of Bo~~

Aug 26 1932 - certificate of incorporation for a Non-Stock Corporation of the Bancroft School & Civic League.

Question - Is PTA now a separate organization from Civic League? Since when?

1912-14 - Community House Electrified by WKH.

1925 - new school opened.

Nov 15, 1926 - minutes note that Community House to be remodeled for sum of 600. To cover cost of a new roof, excavating for a furnace, building a stage and a front porch w/a new front door.

1937 contract awarded to install a ceiling in community House, and water connections installed that year.

[See if hanging lamp found by Phyllis in Attic put up there that year, by whom? Had it just then been taken down?]

copy of Leaflet distributed by League Members at "Open House" on October 10, 1982, sponsored by Arlington Historical Society.

Barcroft School and Civic League

8TH AND BUCHANAN STREETS, SOUTH
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22204

BARCROFT FOUNDERS' CELEBRATIONS IN 1983

The Barcroft School and Civic League was formed about 1908 ~~1912~~ by townspeople who ~~wanted to raise money for a community building.~~ The present building was erected in 1908-1 to be used as a church or chapel and was rented to the County for use as a school from 1908 to 1925. ~~the early 1920's, and~~ has been used by several churches and school bodies. The community and county residents have made history which the League wishes to continue to record and celebrate.

In 1983, several events will take place at the Barcroft Community House, which we hope will attract former residents, parishioners and students to attend and thereby enrich our recorded history. Announcements of each event will appear in local newspapers, on radio and television.

Do you know a former Barcroft resident, student, parishioner --or their descendants--who could add to our record of the Community House or the League? If you have such information, or have questions, please use the bottom of this sheet, or contact one of these two Barcroft S&C League members:

Mrs. Anne Noll 892-6710

Mrs. Margaret Davis 892-6742
4601 2nd Street South
Arlington, Va. 22204

Note:
Dates & Facts Re League & Erection of Building are in error. MH Ritchie, a Docent at The Tour, & a student 1915-1922, called Mrs. Anderson & asked that these erroneous leaflets not be distributed. Was told that League members knew they were wrong but decided to give them out anyway as it was too late to print another.
MHR

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Page 1, Last Paragraph, at bottom of page, line 4 -: "Mrs. Edith Fairfax" should be "Amy Fairfax. County records - DB Page 1

1907, Milton + Amy Fairfax purchased Lots 1 + 2, Bl. D, in the Subdivision of Barcroft.

~~Records of the Alexandria County School Board, Arlington District, show in their minutes that a petition under date of Oct 9, 1907, was read by the Clerk from the Wright who signed it as President of the Citizens Association of Barcroft, a regular meeting of the Board a Petition was read~~

Alexandria County School Board records show that at a Regular Meeting of the Board on October 9, 1907, a Petition was read by the Clerk from the Citizens of Barcroft, Virginia, to establish a school in Barcroft. The Clerk was ordered to write the following letter to the President of the Citizens Association:

Rosslyn Oct. 10, 1907

"Mr. Stephen P Wright, President, Citizens Association of Barcroft, Virginia:

It is inexpedient at this time to open a school at Barcroft as we have a capable teacher at Glen Carlyn, Virginia."

This action was immediately protested by ~~the~~ Barcroft ~~school~~ residents as most of

the children were ~~but and~~ less than seven years old and would have to walk up the railroad track to reach the Glencarlyn School. The School Board then instructed on October 19, 1907, Mr. C.B. Munson (Columbia) chairman of the Arlington District of the School Board to see what the expenses would be to maintain a school at Barcroft.

At a Regular meeting of the Board ~~October~~ 30, 1907, those present were: Chairman Munson, Ralph Baldwin, William A.B. McPhra, clerk, Mr. S.P. Wight, Mrs. A.M. Fairfax and Miss Lucy Lynn. A letter was filed from the Barcroft citizens stating that Mrs Amy Fairfax (Mrs. M.W.) was contacted and had consented to rent a room in her house for $10.00 per month for a school. She also agreed to accept employment as teacher and janitor for $25.00 until January 31, 1908.

On the same date, November 30, 1907. Mrs. A.M. Fairfax, Barcroft, Virginia, appears on the School Board Payroll.

At a meeting of the Board January 25, 1908, the minutes contain the following:

"Mrs. Amy Fairfax is Elected as Teacher to teach at Barcroft the balance of the school year of 1907-8."

* Minutes of the meeting of June 2, 1908, note:

All teachers who taught last year and who made application are reelected.

3 # Insert after End of last Page:

It was apparently expected that Mrs. Fairfax would continue. However, a problem developed that interfered. Milton and Amy Fairfax when they moved to Barcroft, had three little girls, Edith, ~~Ethel~~ and ~~Hilda~~ Edna. She was no longer able to teach when their little son was born the latter part of 1908 or in 1909.

* On October 31, 1908, School Board minutes report that an application was received from Miss Beulah Adams. ~~The Board~~ ~~It was~~ also heard a letter read from Mr. Sidney T. Marye, Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Barcroft accepting the Boards terms for rent of the Church for School purposes at $10.00 per month.

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* Page 2, Par. 1, line 2,

"xxx gave a deed for Lots 3 and 4, Block D, xxx ~~except~~ the rear 15 feet of each lot, the land now occupied by the Community House, to Charles Koch xxx. Square feet. The parcel adjoined the land of Mr. and Mrs. Fairfax. (Bk 118 xxx).

Par. 2, line 3 xxx Reverend Wm. Purpont, minister of the Arlington M.E. church, and various residents of the Barcroft area who had been attending that church, including the Oscar Hartings, Miss Virgie Lorenus (who later married the George Pepper) and others who xxx ~~Barcroft~~

Par. 3, xxx built the Barcroft Community House which was, later, to serve as xxx

Par. 4 (insert): The building, erected during the summer of 1908, became the focal point

for the community, but lacked a sufficient congregation to support a regular minister or to pay for its erection. Other means had to be found for this, ~~and~~ It developed during the summer that Mrs. Fairfax could no longer teach in her home and a school building would also be required.

insert "Miss Beylah Adams was employed and became one of the first teachers in the new Bldg."

Par. 4 change to Par. 5 ~~XXX~~ ~~purpose. Minutes of meetings of that organization taken by Major F.A.G. Handy,~~ a congressional correspondent, prior to his death in 1912, are of record. Those minutes, in Pittman shorthand, have not been transcribed. The earliest recorded ~~XXX~~ memberships XXX [NOTE: It would be of help to this history if names are listed in HR ~~continue~~ eliminate: The building was rented to the School Board XXX to end of Par.

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out of the first organization of citizens who worked for a school for Bancroft and whose President signed his letter to the School Board in 1907: "President, Citizens Association of Bancroft", the Bancroft School and Civic League was born. When the new building was rented for a School the League was formed to help pay for ~~the~~ its expenses. This organization gave suppers, lawn parties, plays, etc., to raise money for this purpose: Minutes of several meetings of the League taken by Major F.A.G. Handy (continue above)

"The whole effort ought to result in a lot of people getting jobs," said Wesley Caison,

other clerical tasks and several white collar jobs, Meisel said.

will be put on a master computer list. The records will be sent to the employment offices, where applicants will be matched with

a chance to advertise their credentials promotional spots and on the Jan. 14 li broadcast, according to Meisel. The stati

Bulgarian Church Finally Finds a Home

By GRACE YODER
Journal Staff Writer

It is an unlikely marriage of Old Arlington and new immigrants.

St. George Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church is the most exotic tenant to date in one of the Barcroft area's most historic buildings — a tiny frame church owned by the Barcroft Civic Association.

The building on South Buchanan Street, which once served as an Arlington county school, was built by local Methodists in 1908. Its past tenants have included churches, and Girl Scout and American Legion chapters.

"We're very happy with the Bulgarians," said Donna Anderson, president of the Barcroft Civic Association, which rents out the building.

The new congregation moved in Dec. 1 and held its first service Dec. 19.

St. George broke off from a larger metropolitan-area Bulgarian church because it came under Communist Party control, according to Konstantin Furness, president of the new congregation's church board.

"The communist control was absolutely unacceptable. We are American citizens," said Furness.

The congregation, which includes some 50 regular members, was founded two years ago, he said. At first the group met in a chapel of All Saints Cathedral in Washington, D.C. Members were looking for a place of their own when they learned the civic association building might be available.

Most members have immigrated to the United States within the last 20 years and are employed in blue-collar jobs. The congregation has spent most of its first month painting and installing insulation in the 1908 civic association building.

The congregation planned two Christmas services, Furness said — one Dec. 25 for the more Americanized members and a second Jan. 7, the traditional date of Christmas in Bulgaria.

"We had been feeling around for a new tenant," said Anderson, who cited "communications problems" as the reason for evicting the former tenant, St. Paul's Anglican Episcopal Church.

"We were quite shocked that they would tell us to go on such short notice," said Thomas Kleppinger, the Anglicans' minister. He admitted, though, that 30 days' notice was within the lease's terms.

The civic association has always stipulated to tenants that the building must be available to it for weekday meetings.

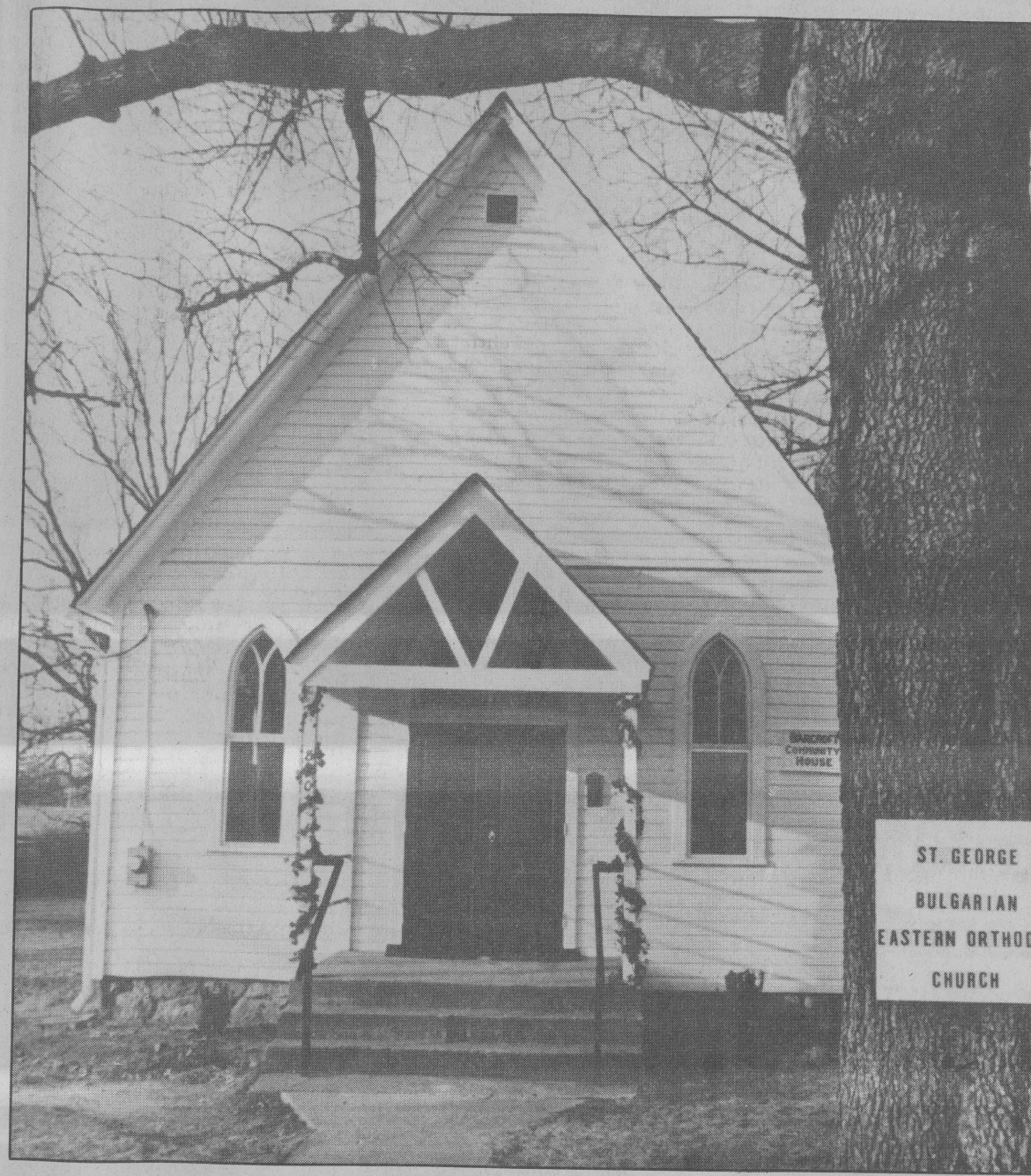
Anderson said the Anglicans "had not been cooperative" and that they were unable to shoulder utility bills, which had doubled in the past year.

Two groups wanted the building when St. Paul's moved out — the Bulgarians and a local Episcopal group seeking a home for its alcohol counseling service, said Anderson.

"Both groups looked very good, but our board of directors finally decided we would have better access ourselves with the Bulgarians." She said the Board voted unanimously to give them the lease.

So far the association has received no complaints about its choice, she said.

Furness foresees a happy marriage between his immigrant group and the historical building. "We are not a foreign church. Many of us were born here and are American citizens. We just want to preserve some of our native culture."



St. George Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church: *A home at last*

Staff photo by Tracy

State Agriculture '82: Coping with Tough Times

The Sun (Arlington Newspapers) Monday, June 29, 1959

Mrs. Payne Is Arlington Club's 'Woman Of Year'

By HATTIE LEISTER

MRS. MILTON Barcroft Payne, Arlington Woman's Club nominee as "Clubwoman of the year", can only be presented in her true role as a pioneer in Northern Virginia.

Mrs. Payne came to Virginia in 1905 from Georgetown, where she was born. Her mother who was a school teacher in the District of Columbia, brought "Lou" as she is known to her host of friends, to the area now known as Barcroft where they had a summer cottage, to escape the intense heat of the city.

"Lou" was educated as a teacher at the Wilson Teacher's College in Washington where she was president of her class. She went on to teach at the "E. V. Brown School" in Chevy Chase.

MISS LOU Bridges married her neighbor's son, Milton Barcroft Payne, grandson of Dr. John W. Barcroft, for whom the small settlement was named. Barcroft had all of twenty families and was on the railroad that went to Alexandria, Washington, and Bluemont. There was a general store, post office and mill. The mill belonged to Dr. Barcroft and the farmers brought their grain there to be water-ground. The remains of this old mill may be seen today on the site of the ice plant on Columbia Pike.

Columbia Pike in those days was a highway for the sheep and cattle that were shipped and driven to Barcroft and then over Columbia Pike to the abatoir, which was located where the Pentagon Annex now stands.

There were only seven children in the little community and the county would not provide a school for less than ten. Nothing daunted, the tiny Barcroft community built a school house and provided its own teacher.

Law inforcement also was a community project. Mrs. Payne was called into service to drive a neighbor's milk-wagon home for him while, he took one of the four horses and joined a posse of neighbors who had started to track down a highwayman who had held up a man on one of the main roads. They cornered him on the Long Bridge over the Potomac.

Everyone knew one another so well that a letter reaching the little post-office addressed "Mother", Barcroft Va. was immediately reconized by the handwriting and dispatched to the rightful owner.

Mrs. Payne's hobbies as a young woman were horses and athletics, at which she excelled at school. She rode in the picturesque tournaments of her day and remembered the riding tournaments at "Ravensworth" the

SUN Photo by Jim McDonald

MRS. MILTON BARCROFT PAYNE
. . . Arlington Woman's Club "Woman of Year" in her rose garden.

The people of Washington, who were not in sympathy with women suffrage, recalls Mrs. Payne, "formed a mob to try to stop the parade." The cavalry from Fort Meyer was called out to quell the dissidents and rescue the ladies. This experience did not daunt "Lou". She rode in the next parade for the same cause. Mrs. Payne was one of the intrepid suffragettes who went to Capitol Hill with Carrie Chapman Catt to fight for "this priceless priviledge of voting". Those who knew "Lou" in those days knew they'd win! Mrs. Payne was closely associated with Mrs. Catt, Alice Paul and the other leaders of the sufferagette movement.

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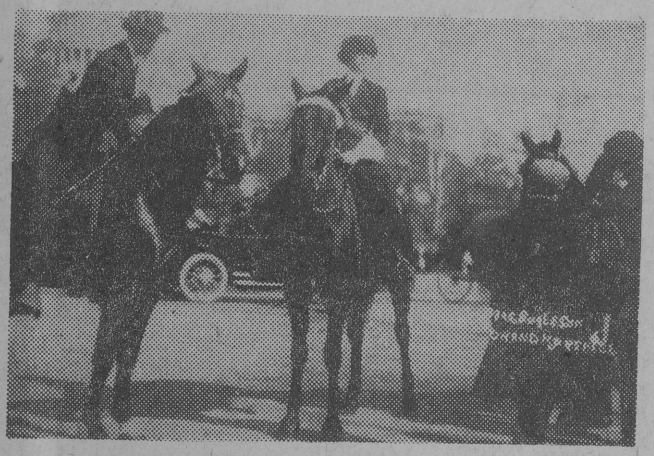
SHE WAS A pioneer also in the Women's Club movement in Arlington County. She joined the small group of women who formed the first Arlington Woman's Club in the sourthern part of the county. They had banded together to obtain a library for their community. It was the nucleus of Arlington's string of libraries in existance today. They were women dedicated to bringing cultural advantages to this rural area.



Mrs. 'Lou' Payne, left, is mounting her horse to ride beside the grand marshall, right, in Washington's first big suffragette parade along Pennsylvania Avenue in March, 1913. When an angry mob attempted to stop the "we-want-the-vote-for-women" demonstration, the cavalry from Fort Myer was called out to rescue the suffragettes.

on the building committee and the board of directors, and at present is chairman of building maintance, for the beautiful new club house at 700 S. Buchanan St. in Arlington. This building has been her project for many years. She was a member of the Organized Woman's Voters and represented them at the Arlington 133 S. Pershing Drive.

SHE TRULY deserves the title of pioneer, placing herself in the forefront of every worthwhile project for the growth and advancement of her community and county.

Arlington Hall — No Park Yet

"Limited to 150 girls. Only 15 minutes from the heart of Washington. A campus of wooded park of 100 acres. Lake and indoor pool, all water sports. Two years of college and four years of high school. Music, art, expression, dramatics, home economics and secretarial work combined with the cultural advantages of Washington. Buildings new; every room a connecting bed." — School directory description of Arlington Junior College for Women, circa 1930.

"A federal court order has been entered giving the government the right of immediate possession pending disposition of a condemnation suit now on file in Alexandria." — Newspaper clipping, June 12, 1942.

By Lynn Dunson
Washington Star Staff Writer

Not long after World War II ended, Arlington County started a campaign to get back what some citizens thought rightfully belonged to them — Arlington Hall.

In 1946, Daniel A. Dugan, a member of the county board, campaigned on a promise to acquire the then-92-acre site, formally a finishing school for young ladies so that the county could open a junior college.

For a while, it seemed he might make good his promise. The U.S. government in 1951 announced it was relocating the Army Signal Corps and vacating the premises.

The Signal Corps did not move but Dugan had set in motion a recurring project that has become dear to the hearts of Arlingtonians.

So far, however, the military establishment, with its super-secret operations behind the walls of the onetime girls school, has held all the cards.

See HALL,

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NEXT MEETING

ALL THE THINGS YOU SHOULD BE ASKING ABOUT METRO

A frank discussion of the Metro transportation system's burgeoning costs and progress given by its versitile, wide-ranging public relations expert Cody Pfanstiehl will highlight the next meeting on Thursday, September 5, 1974 of the Barcroft School and Civic League. The location of the meeting is the historical Barcroft Community House at the corner of 8th and Buchanan Streets, South.

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NEW GOVERNMENT SERVICE

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by Patty Bradberry

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ARLINGTON: CAPITAL REMNANT by Beth R. Sundquist

Arlington County's interest in preserving its historic landmarks came almost too late to save the few relics of its early life as a part of the ten-mile-square district set aside in 1791 to be the capital of the new nation. Its ten unique boundary marker stones, its twenty-two Civil War forts, and many of its notable houses were allowed to disappear or were bulldozed almost unnoticed as the rampant growth of the national government during and after two world wars spilled across the Potomac River and filled the tiny county's area with suburban homes.

Not until well into the Twentieth Century did Arlington approach any degree of mastery of its own fate.

As late as 1742, when Fairfax County was created, including the present-day Arlington County, the area was sparsely inhabited, isolated and forgotten on the banks of the Potomac River.

. . . When the government was moved to the District in 1800, . . . No more than a thousand people lived north of Four Mile Run, the present Arlington County boundary, making their livings from farms and mills. . . . Alexandria lobbied for retrocession, and in 1846 it was successful; . . . What is now Arlington was not receded to Fairfax County, but remained part of the New County of Alexandria. . . . But the county still bore the name of its sister city retaining the name of County of Alexandria. . . . In 1898, the county built its second courthouse on Ft. Myer Heights, the site of the present Arlington County Courthouse. . . . Finally, in 1920, the county gained its separate identity. It took a new name, borrowed from the Arlington Plantation, once the home of George Washington Parke Custis, whose daughter married Robert E. Lee in 1831. That mansion remains the county's most impressive landmark even with changing modern skyscraper silhouettes along the shore.

. . . Arlington was one of Washington's main suppliers of farm produce, and throughout most of the 19th century wagons crossed the bridges to the Saturday Farmers' markets in the growing city.

As transportation across the river improved, Arlington was gradually transformed from an agricultural hinterland into a residential suburb. . . .

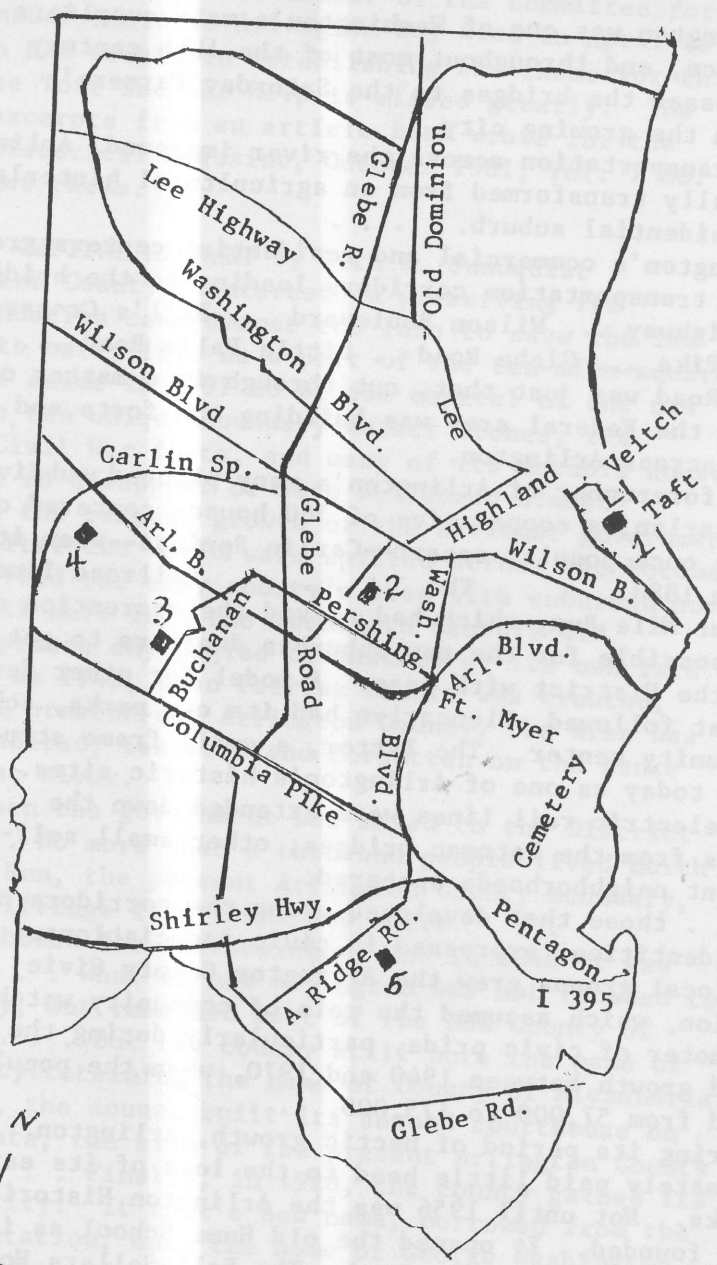
Arlington's commercial and residential centers grew along the transportation corridors leading to the bridges ... Lee Highway ... Wilson Boulevard ... Ball's Crossroad ... Columbia Pike ... Glebe Road .. Little Falls Road ... Military Road was just that, cut through in a matter of a few days when the Federal army was building the forts and line of forts across Arlington.

The forerunner of Arlington's many planned subdivisions was Glencarlyn, a cooperative of 360 houses centered on the site of a once popular resort--Carlin Springs--when it closed in 1888. . . . The . . . Railroad line along Four Mile Run, which had served the recreation area, made it possible for the new suburban dwellers to get to jobs in the District with ease. A model for other developments that followed, Glencarlyn had its own parks, school and community center. The latter, a small frame structure survives today as one of Arlington's historic sites.

As electric rail lines were extended down the corridors from the Potomac bridges, other small self-sufficient neighborhoods appeared.

. . . those that developed along the corridors had strong identities, expressed in civic associations. Out of the local groups grew the Arlington County Civic Federation, which assumed the role of community watchdog and promoter of civic pride, particularly during the decades of rapid growth between 1940 and 1970, when the population expanded from 57,000 to 175,000. . . .

During its period of hectic growth, Arlington unfortunately paid little heed to the loss of its early landmarks. Not until 1956 was the Arlington Historical Society founded. It opened the old Hume School as its museum on Arlington Ridge Road. The Ball-Sellers House, one of the oldest in the county, was restored by the historical society.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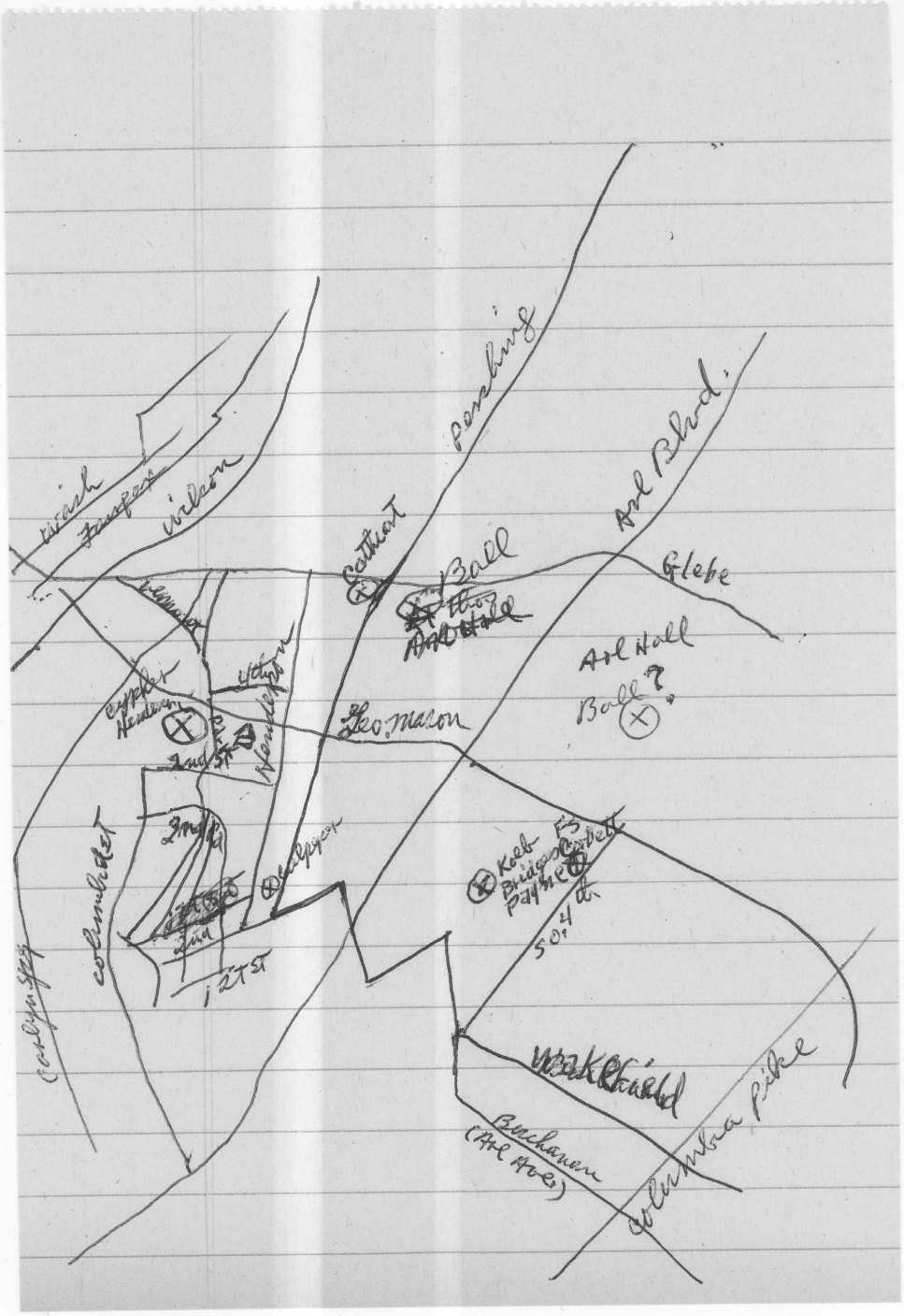
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Wilson & Hebe Feed store Sutton

Grocery "

Blacksmith shop

on NW - Presby Ch.

" " Mr Ashton Mr. Henderson Rd.

which I was a boy: NEW Rd fm Hebe to Henderson Rd.

Mockorange hedge lined it

circles in

Farmhse was cyphers & remodeled.

MRS. Related " incorporated into

MRS. Sutton center of Henderson

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later by School bd.

used to walk by a spring to cat hear

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where they had picnics. young Hendo had

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span Amer war.

Side II:

Henderson acquired abt 4 Acreson

ab. School St. & Hebe Rd. a negro area (Lee Slaves)

Mr. Ashton from Shannon

Edwards then swing

across from collins farm

on N side of Hebe old cem. few stones

Side I

Col. Carl Porter — Taped by Mr. True for Hist. (Arl. library project) 3/26/75

Clar cir to 4 mi Run
Wilson to col Pike } -1900

b. Saratoga N.Y. to Arl. w/parents @ ab. 14 yr
Father blt log cabin for Henderson Feb. oct - 1896
" blt log campus
" stone of stoksville N.Y.
Father
bro. b 1892 - at Henderson castle - moved to se side of Mass ave 9th st NW.

Brot back to add to

Glebe Rd. to Perch then S-w/dogleg, over the hill to 4 mi run

He says it took in Barnett & the mill & across the creek, up thru Glen Carlyn.
Moses Jackson "uncle Moze" was an old retainer on the place.

Recall Mrs. Ball w/ Arl blvd & Perch Dr.
heard cannon at battle of Falls Church.

worked at Steap, Montg. in WW I as enlisted man. Heard 2 vets talking of Battle of FC & Skirmish of Lubbers Run.
Path from Barn to 4 mi run + Lubbers Run to swimming Hole called "Round Hole"

Family on Carlyn Spr Rd - Campbell
" Paul, Robert Colheart
Mr. C. had sister named Amy
on no side of Rd. - 7th da Advent
" Veitch almost to Glebe Rd.

Mentions Dr. Welborn
Dad blt. carbarn for RR
Built reservoir for C Club

Porter's:
mother's bro, Carl Swanson came to live w/us on Zlebe Rd., Raised Race Horses, Had a breaking track behind barn.
Key Bridge Carl had contr to remove old abutmt on Va side - was on a of white Pine timber, still good.
Moved to Clar.
Porters Addition, to Clar ~~#~~ - at Wilson Blvd - Dad got subd. underway
Arthur J. Porter (father)
Clar. Ave. & Wilson Blvd uncle Carl had stables behind the area of the 3 streets.
Mothers Bro in law of Dad Porter was Edw Wilson (bldr. along Jackson, ST)

Nowlin St
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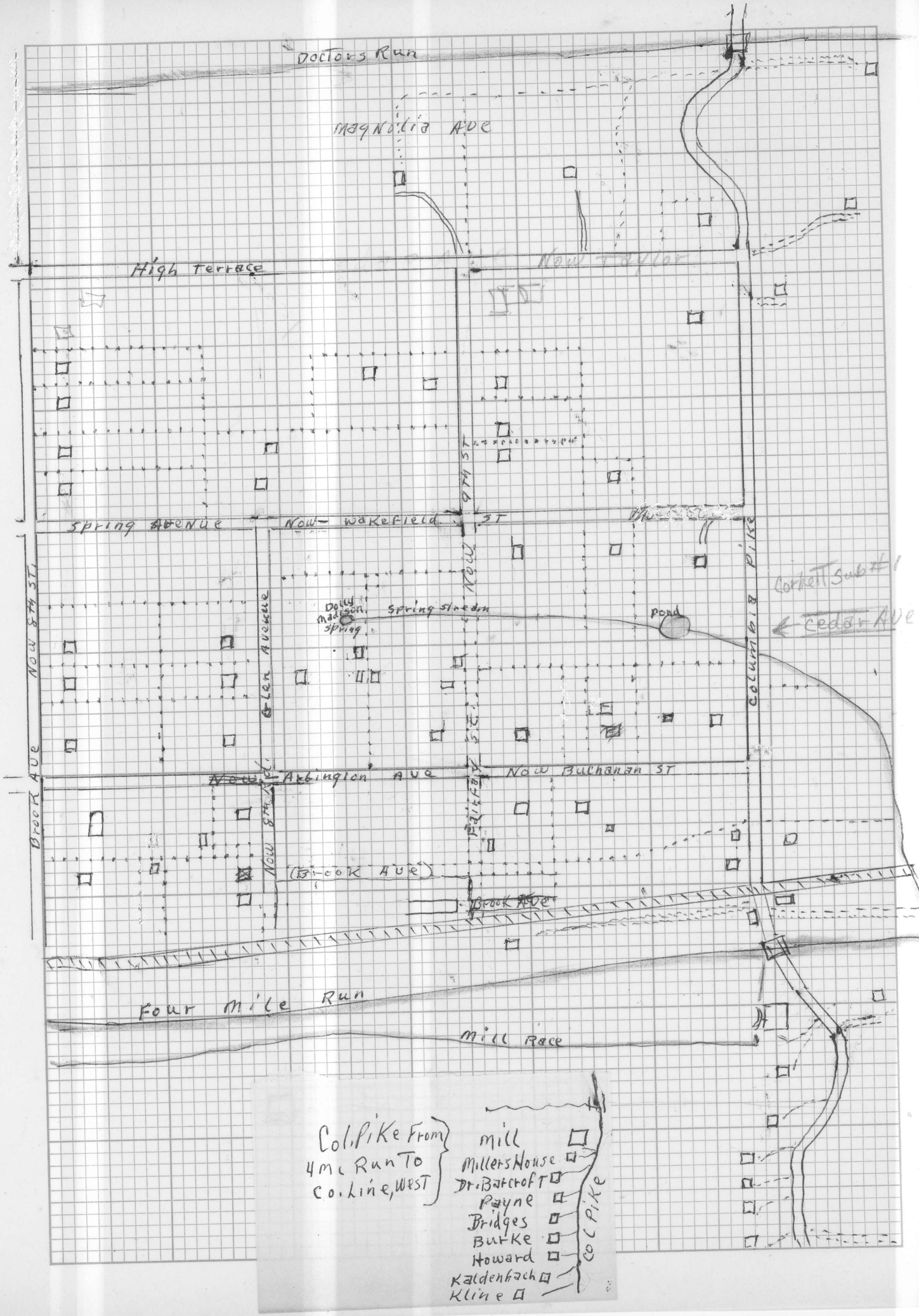

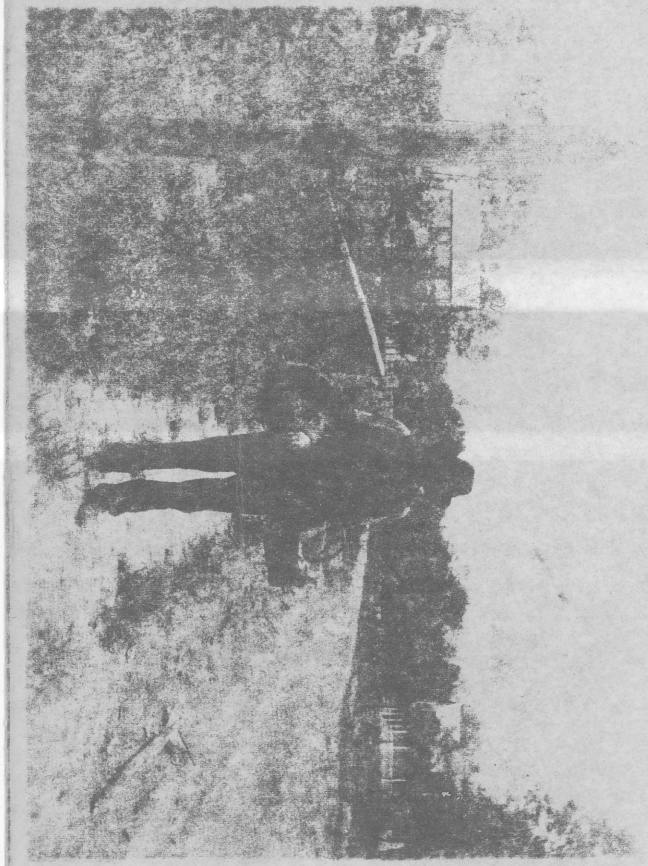

Parcel Delivery- Barcroft, Va.

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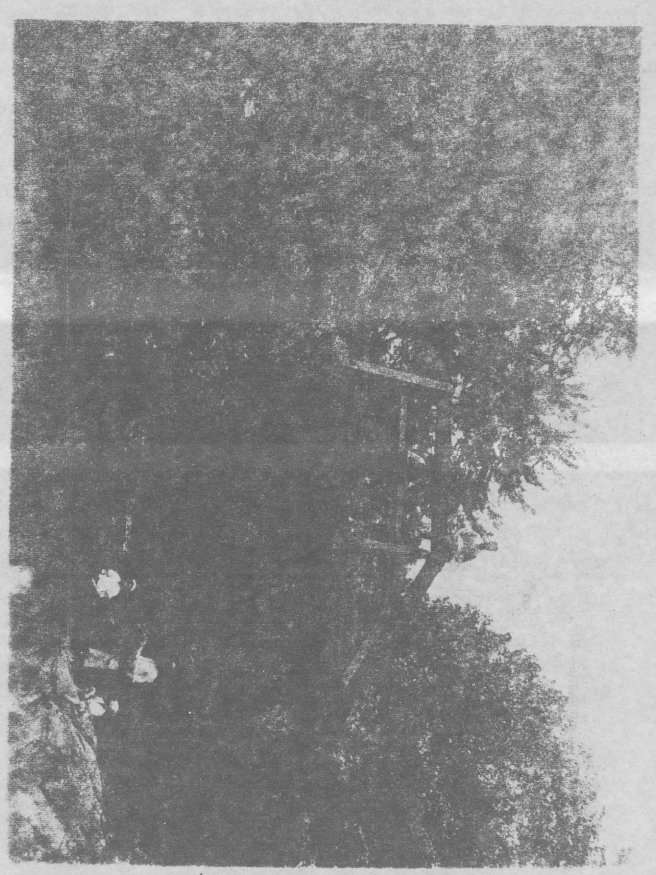

Four-mile-run. Bridge
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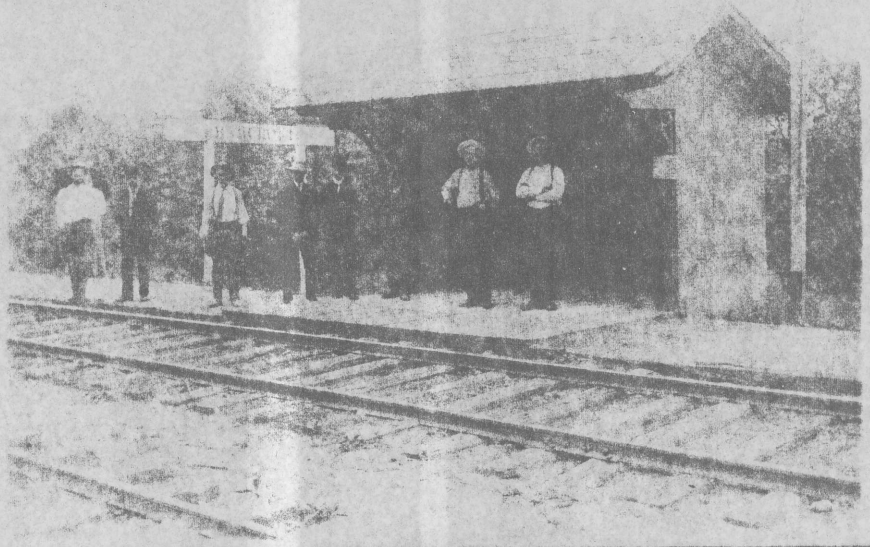

Arlington Heritage No. 41

Arlington's Mills Are Gone

By ELEANOR LEE TEMPLEMAN

Songs have been written about old mills; and their charm has inspired artists and poets throughout the ages. They are symbolic of man's first harnessing of natural power. It is tragic that the Civil War and later "development" of this area destroyed all of our county's picturesque mills.

The earliest recorded mill was built by Mr. Lilliard on Four Mile Run in the Shirlington area between Doctor's Branch and Long Branch. His widow married Mr. Chubb, and the mill is recorded as "Chubb's" in a land patent of 1719. A transaction of the 1740's mentions Edward Masterson's Mill near the site of the former, and another document of the 1760's spots Carlyle's Mill a bit further upsteam.

* * *

GEORGE Washington's diary of April, 22, 1785 states, "Took an early breakfast at Abingdon and accompanied by Dr. Stewart (who married the widow of Martha Washington's grandson) and Lund Washington, and having sent for Mr. Moses Ball (who attended), I went to a corner of the above land . . . below the RUINS OF AN OLD MILL. . . ." This apparently was Moses Ball's mill. John Ball's is shown as a small square labeled "Mill House" on Balls side of Four Mile Run, on the 1755 survey of John Colville's Lubber Run tract.

An inspection of the traditional location in Glencarlyn Parks shows a dozen or more drill holes in the rocks at the assumed dam site. Below is evidence of an outlet millrace. Upstream, the railroad embankment has destroyed all trace of the race. John Ball probably built his mill when he patented his land in 1742. His will (died 1766) refers to his "mill stock," and the estate inventory mentions, "a broken pair of millstones" and "a pair of new millstones, frog and spindle."

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THE FAIRFAX Order Book shows that in 1754, John Colville was granted permission to erect a water grist mill on Lubber Run near its confluence with Four Mile Run. In 1803, Philip Alexander appears to have had a mill on "Mill Branch of Shallow Creek," now "Roach's Run." James Roach who bought that tract and built "Prospect Hill" in 1841, also purchased 36 acres in 1852 on Four Mile Run adjacent to the "Columbian Factory and Mill"; a cotton mill. The 1864 map shows Roach's Mill near the crossing of Old Glebe Road; it was burned by Union soldiers.

G. W. P. Curtis built a water grist mill in 1836 on Four Mile Run at Columbia Pike on land bequeathed to him by George Washington It was in turn inherited by G. W. P. Custis Lee. The mill was ravaged during the Civil War, rebuilt by Dr. John Woolverton Barcroft and used until burned in the 1920's. The dam and 4' by 8' race through Glen Park were intact until a few years ago. The 36' wheel was the largest on the eastern seaboard, and was used as a ferris-wheel by the children of the neighborhood.

In the 1920's, the entire tract along the run could have been bought inexpensively by the County, to connect with Glencarlyn and Four Mile Run Parks, and the mill restored as a museum tea house. The Scanland family who had been living at Ossian Hall had acquired the adjacent property in 1880, built the barn nearby, now silvergray with age, and the Victorian house at 4998 Columbia Pike. The Freiwalds purchased the Scanland property in 1925. The millsite was purchased by a company which built an ice plant on the foundations.

MASON'S MILL, of the early 1800's was probably on Spout Run at its confluence with the Potomac, as traces of a millrace and foundations were there until recently destroyed by the extension of the Parkway.

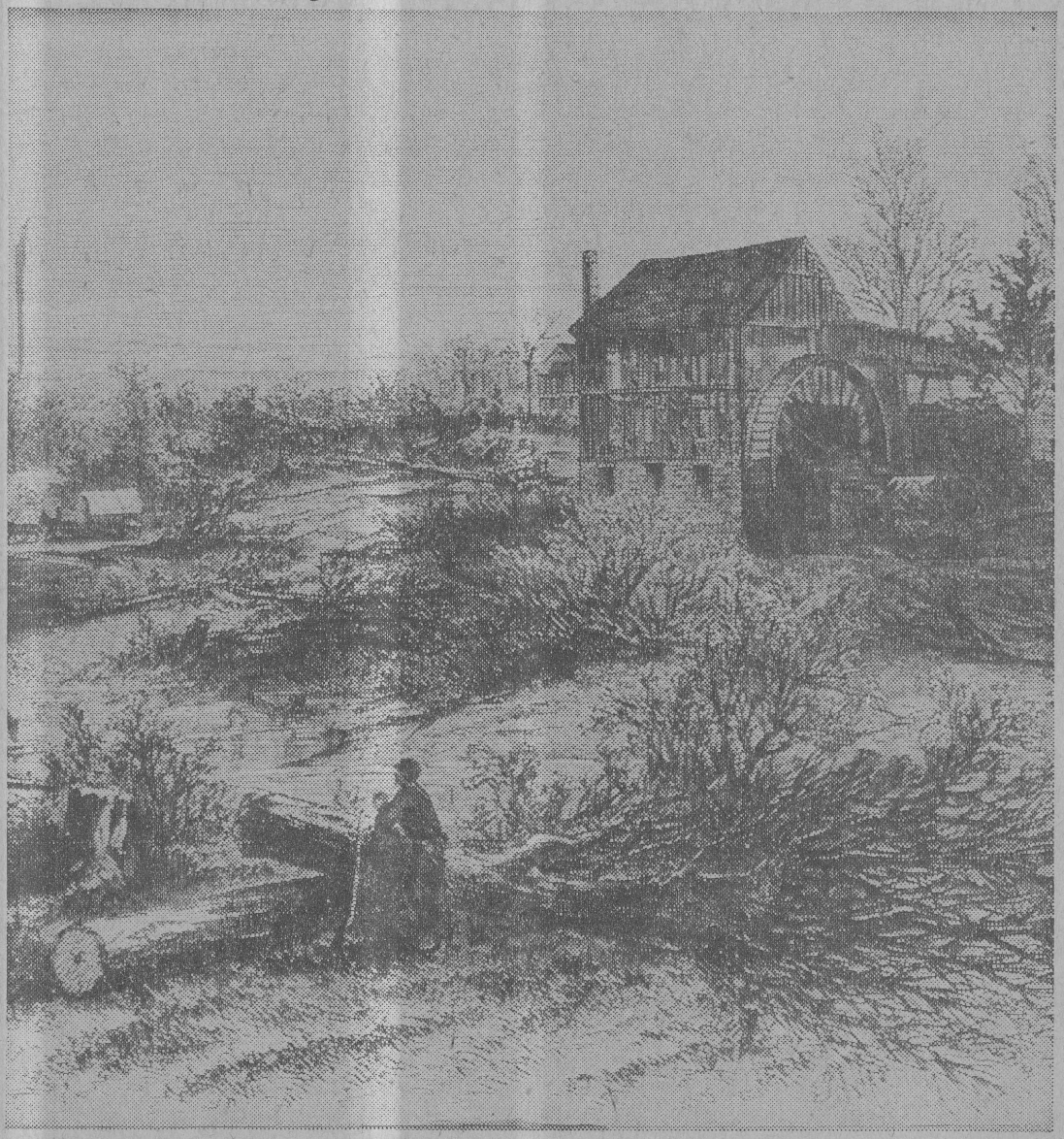
The Civil War map of 1864 shows "Burnt Mill" at the mouth of Pimmit Run adjacent to Chain Bridge. This was probably Hill's Paper Mill, which involves the tale of a duel with Gilbert Vanderwerken of Arlington about 1860.

The Vanderwerken's town house was in Georgetown on the northwest corner of 30th and M Streets, and Mr. Hill lived next door. Both these houses are preserved and have the fine lines typical of Georgetown architecture.

Charlotte Eleanor Vanderberg (who later married Henry Lockwood of Easter Spring Farm on Glebe Road) was spending the winter with the family of her uncle, Gilbert Vanderwerken, to attend school with her cousin, Emma. Tension had been building up between Mr. Vanderwerken and neighbor Hill, whose cellars connected. Mr. Hill collected odiferous rags for his paper mill and stored them in his basement, with an overflow into the Vanderwerken basement.

Repeated entreaty and warnings had been ignored. One afternoon as the two girls returned from school, Charlotte took a short cut into the house via the side basement door. She was terrified to see her uncle and Mr. Hill with drawn pistols, each behind a stone pillar, and her cousin Charles on the staircase with a sword. Shots rang out, and Hill fell, seriously wounded. He eventually recovered, the threatened suit was finally dropped, and at sometime within the past century, a separating wall has been built between the two cellars.

Arlington Mill On Four Mile Run



RARE PRINT—This, and another sketch showing Union soldiers enroute to Munsun Hill passing the mill, are the only two pictures extant of any mill in Arlington County.

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RURAL DELIVERY, ALEXANDRIA NO. 5

T. MARSHALL KEELY
BARCROFT, VA.

June 3, 1922

Miss Donovan,
Barcroft School,
Barcroft, Va.
Dear Miss Donovan:-

As President of the Barcroft School and Civic League I am taking it upon myself to request that you remain as teacher in the Barcroft School for the coming school year.

You have now been with us for several years and are familiar with the children, and their parents all know you and your ability.

You know how difficult it is to get a good teacher in a country school especially at the prices they are able to pay, and we trust that you may be able to see your way clear to remain with us during the coming year.

You can rest assured that your services in the past have been highly appreciated both by the parents and students, and we hope that our cordial relations may be continued.

Very truly yours,

T. Marshall Keely

President Barcroft School
and Civic League.

NEWSLETS.

Judge Pelham has been toting a potato weighing (so he says) 33 ounces about the neighborhood. He claims to have raised the tuber, and challenges the county to show a larger one.

Through the efforts of Sheriff Palmer, Mr. Robert Dye has been appointed special officer for Johnson's Hill, Arlington, etc.

WHERE TO SHOP.

Misses Johnston and Pelham have returned from Canada to Miles Away. They represent "Tronter" as the finest shopping city they have ever seen. They say that the Boston House, the Palais Royal, Kann's and King's Palace, with the 10-cent stores thrown in for good measure, are "not in it" with Eaton's, at Toronto, where 5,000 are employed—equal to the subscription list of the News. They also visited Niagara Falls and the Thousand Islands, and gathered ferns at Watkins' Glen.

LAWN FETE.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Arlington M. E. Church is to give a lawn party on the grounds adjoining the church on the 9th of September, commencing at 5 o'clock and continuing until 11 o'clock p. m. A dainty luuch will be served, and an abundance of ice cream, cake and candy will be offered for sale. Several novel features will serve to entertain the large crowd expected, among which will be that of a fish-pond. Many species of fish will bite at the silver hooks, and those sons of Isaac Walton who boast of catching two-pound bass will be given ample opportunity to demonstrate their skill. A splendid time is promised.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. T. T. Burke has returned from a much-enjoyed visit to her son, Mr. Maurice Palmer, of Pleasant Valley.

Miss Lucile Lovelace, of Washington, is spending a few days with her aunt Mrs. F. C. Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Newlon and daughter, Miss Bessie, spent the Sunday before last with the Harings.

Miss Edith C. Kolb, spent Friday last with Miss Haddassah Backus, of Glen Carlyn.

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THE BUZZARD.

It Accomplishes All Claimed for It, and Much More.

Through the courtesy of Prof. Langley, a reporter of the News a few nights since was granted the honor of being a passenger upon the "Buzzard" on its first flight. As a public exhibition of this bird's prowess is soon to be made, the professor could make no objections to our describing its construction.

"I am a close student of Nature," said the professor in explaining the "innards" of his fowl, "and believe that the nearer I adhere thereto the greater will be my success. You will notice how closely I have followed this idea in making the gizzard, liver, heart and lungs; but my greatest difficulty has been in the reproduction of the 'gall.'" The News man suggested that some valuable ideas on that score might be obtained from the newspaper men in the treetops thereabout.

The professor and the News reporter were the only ones aboard, and the noble bird rose easily from its perch on the top of the houseboat, circled about several times as if undetermined which course to pursue, and then took a bee-line up the river. As Patsy Mann's place hove in sight a look of deep concern o'erspread the professor's face that became one of agony, and only by the most Rooseveltian strenuousness did he prevent the carrion-consumer coming within smelling distance of this odoriferous establishment. On account of a slight disarrangement of the craw, the professor's assistant having neglected to supply a sufficient amount of sand (the reporter had plenty and to spare), a temporary roost was taken on top the monument, after which the flight was resumed. After passing over Philadelphia, New York, Oyster Bay and Boston, the tail was depressed to the starboard and the course changed to the westward. Soon the noise and commotion below notified the travelers that Chicago had been reached. A few minutes more and St. Louis appeared on the horizon; but the professor refused to approach closer to that city, claiming that no effort upon his part could prevent the vulture alighting there, so he headed eastward, and within 2:23:09—elapsed time—Barcroft in all her beauty lay slumbering below. Widewater was reached a few minutes later, and the "Buzzard," having demonstrated the skill of her inventor, gracefully perched herself upon the houseboat, all unbeknownst to the slumbering reporters.

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For greater convenience, and to avoid the further breaking of the Sabbath, the publication-day of the News will be changed to Monday, beginning with the next issue.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

The administration, probably believing that many of the dire effects of a strike, and possibly the strike itself, may be averted thereby, has ordered that the oath of allegiance be administered to all employees of the Government Printing Office and of the Navy Yard. There can certainly be no objection to the taking of this oath; but what effect this will have upon a prospective strike is not so apparent. In taking this oath does the employee surrender all right of protest against unfair treatment? And if he considers himself unfairly treated and does protest is he guilty of high treason? It is not unreasonable to suppose that an emyloyee belonging to a trades union is as patriotic and has as much love for his country as one who does not. This move may have the effect of deterring a strike where the provocation is not too great; but we much doubt its efficacy in causing an abandoning of the principle of trades unionism. However, we do not wish to be understood as imputing such motive to the administration. Administer this oath to all, union and non-union, and then the union man will not feel as though he alone were under suspicion. The uniting of tradesmen would be beneficial to all concerned were it possible for the conservative element to control their organizations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Sheriff of Alexandria County,
WILLIAM H. PALMER.

For Commonwealth's Attorney, of Alexandria County.
R. C. L. MONCURE.

For State Senator, Fourteenth District,
ALEX. J. WEDDERBURN.

For Commissioner of Revenue for Alexandria County,
ODEN B. GRAY.

ARLINGTON TIPS.

The Misses Margaret Petty and Margaret Robinson are, we are sorry to say, on the sick-list.

Mrs. T. Neidfeldt returned to her home in Washington on Monday last. She had been visiting Mrs. Reed.

Miss Jennie Hipkins, of Washington, is visiting friends here.

Mr. Wm. T. Hull is enjoying the company of his son, Mr. J. B. Hull, of Cleveland, O.

Rev. J. E. Allender and Mr. E. T. Burner attended the district conference at Elvan, Va., last week.

Mr. E. S. O'Connor has gone to New York to spend a fortnight.

Mr. R. C. L. Moncure, of Overlook, attorney for the new electric line we are so anxiously awaiting, was here last week on business.

PERSONAL.

Mr. J. E. Dyer, of Georgetown, and his family visited Barcroft on Sunday last.

Mrs. S. J. Dewey and her son, Stuart, have been spending some time with Mrs. E. H. Klemroth. Stuart bids fair to be a second Sousa. His rendition of the national airs on his cornet delighted the entire neighborhood.

Mrs. S. P. Wright and Miss Abbie Wright have returned from Castleton, Vt., where they spent the early summer.

Miss Virginia Doremus has been spending a few days of this week with Mrs. C. A. Kolb, of Woodmead.

BAILEY'S X-ROADS.

Mr. Rippen, the Bailey's X-Roads miller is quite ill. We hope he will soon be about again.

Misses Mamie and Bessie Bayless have been spending the past two weeks with their cousin Miss Katie McCoy, of this place.

Mrs. L. E. Payne is quite ill with typhoid fever.

Mr. Noble Rice spent Sunday last with his brother, Nelson.

Mr. F. L. Payne, Sr., purchased of Senator Stuart, of Ashburn, quite a number of his fine thoroughbred milch cows.

Mr. James White, of Arlington, has been spending a few weeks with Mrs. T. Terrett.

Mr. Crupper is running the Cross-Roads mill during the absence of Mr. Rippen.

MICK.

The Harings, father and son, have been painting the town red—their roofs.

THREE BY FIVE INCHES SIZE OF THIS PAPER

"Barcroft News" Molds Public Opinion In a Section of Alexandria County.

The Times has received the third copy of the "Barcroft (Va.) News," probably the smallest and most novel newspaper published in America. The "News" is a newsy little fortnightly sheet, with a hustling juvenile editor, who knows news when he sees it, and who has no hesitancy in sticking the "stuff" into his columns for the sages and wiseacres of the Old Dominion to read.

The sheet is about three inches in width and five inches long. It has four pages, containing eight columns. All of the reading matter, advertisements dramatic criticisms, and editorials would not take up more than a quarter of a column in The Times. On the front page of the paper are to be found per- [illegible] heading in large-face type [illegible] as many names as possible are [illegible] On the second page is the [illegible] column, which in this week's [illegible] devoted to a gentle roast on the railroads for running crowded cars in and out of Barcroft.

Some Model Newslets.

Then, too, the "News" publishes a series of "newslets," which are appropriately captioned. Among the pithy newslets is to be found the following: "Mr. Collins, of West Falls Church, is one of the 'rising' young men of the State. He always yields his seat in a crowded car to a lady or elderly person." The editor, not content to rest on his laurels, follows that pun up in this wise: "A certain Barcrofter is so filled with pride in the contemplation of his son and heir, that, it is rumored, he has been obliged to have the seams of his coat let out a number of times because of chestites."

Two other newslets are found on the second page. A congratulatory letter to the editor, which the latter has seen fit to head up in this wise, "A Pat on the Back," and an itemlet in regard to a social affair at a Barcrofter's home, together with a grocery store advertisement, takes up the third page.

Dramatic Criticism.

On the fourth page the editor reproduces a letter from a reader who takes advantage of an opportunity and "gets back" at a contemporary for criticising the size and make-up of a steeple recently erected on a church in the vicinity of Barcroft. Under the caption of "Dramatic," the editor has to say:

"'Grandmother's Family Album' was given at the Arlington Methodist Church on June 26, to the delight of a large and appreciative audience. Miss Rachel Lewis' rendition was one quite out of the ordinary. It was splendid. Miss Lewis is a native of Fairfax county, and is a great credit to the Old Dominion. She will be heard from in the lecture field in the near future. The entertainment was for the benefit of the church, and even Miss Kate Roberson was satisfied with the amount realized. Much credit is due to Miss Minnie Keys for the success achieved in exhibiting the living pictures."

The next items on the page follow: "Paul Marye is the best single-hand eater in this county."

"President Roosevelt passe[illegible] Barcroft two weeks ago today just too late to get his name in our last issue. He knows a good thing when he sees it, and we would not be surprised to hear of his buying a site here." A printer's advertisement and one in regard to the sale of lots and mill feed finish out the last page.

O. Edward Haring, Editor.

The youthful editor of the "News" is O. Edward Haring, who has been in the business for six weeks now and has not cold feet yet. He supports William H. Palmer for sheriff of Alexandria county and charges 50 per year for his paper, which is well worth the price. It's the quality and not the quantity of the stuff in the "News" that makes it a paper well worth reading. Almost all of the papers to whom the editor has sent copies of the "News" have referred to it as "an acorn from which a giant oak will spring some day."

Young Haring wishes to announce that if his alleged contemporaries do not let up on the acorn gag he will be driven nutty and be forced to abandon the stylus and parchment racket which he has so successfully worked up to date. The Times has no intention to compare Haring's paper to such a lowly thing as an acorn, but merely wishes to say that it has a bright future. It has had a humble beginning, but will be all the better for it in after years, when its illustrious editor will in all probability have profited by his experiences in the journalistic field.

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BEARING FRUIT.

We are pleased in being able to announce that our criticisms of the management of the Southern railroad have borne fruit to the extent of meeting the general approval of our readers. There is a movement on foot which, insignificant though it may now appear, may pave the way to the complishment of the end we all earnestly desire—better facil- of travel. This movement view the "getting together" of as many of the road's suffering patrons as have the manhood (and womanhood, too) to express their opinion and to sign a round-robin to the management of the road that will inform them in unmistakable terms "where we are at" in this matter. We wish to repeat a sentiment expressed in our last issue: that the policy of the road is one of short-sightedness. Were the facilities anywhere within the bounds of reason, this part of Virginia would rapidly build up, and the amount of travel would treble within two years.

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JINGO VERSE.

A lady of Woodmead—you've met her—
Says the whippoorwills sadly do fret her.
Their concerts at night
So enrage her she'd fight!
Could she catch them, they'd not soon forget her.

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COMPARATIVE.

The cantaloupe is honey-sweet,
The peach-cheek round and rosy,
And dearer to our hearts are they
Than e'en the fragrant posy;
But sweetest of all cantaloupes,
Most beauteous of all peaches,
Do lack the rare perfection that
The girl from Poulan reaches.

THE R.-H. W.

The train was forty-two minutes late, and the hope of reporting at their respective offices on time had been abandoned by all; but the train made a spurt and and ran from the junction to the brickyards without a stop, and this so elated Col. W. H. Itneigh, of Weddeburn, as to start him on his hobby, the red-headed woodpecker, which he praised as a non-sapsucking destroyer of the eggs of borers, sawyers, and grubs. He was ably seconded by Gen. Bird-ate, of Glen Carlyn, who told of how the R.-H. W. before the war enabled the Missouri farmers to save enough money to arm the bushwhackers. Col. S. Lack, of Hunter's Mill, also stood for his woodpeckership and thought that their killing should be made a crime. Col. S. Myth, of Munson's Hill, however, took the opposite side, claiming that he picked a dead tree for insects and a live one for sap to aid in their digestion. The opposition had a worthy seconded in Judge Pelt-him, of this city, who remembered that in Alabama he suffered very much on account of the scarcity of hard cider occasioned by the visitation of a large flock of these woodpeckers driven out of the North by the Yankees. At this point in the debate the train reached Long Bridge, and the discussion was temporarily abandoned in order to spend part of the thirty-minute wait in seeing a barge go through the draw, counting the brick-wagons, and admiring the group in front of "Joe's."

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HERNDON.

There will be a colt show here on September 9 and 10 which gives promise of being an entertaining affair.

In a game of base ball on the Fourth the Adams Express team of Washington, defeated our local club by a score of 8 to 5.

Mr. Tom Buell has had a couple of his college chums, Mr. Hamilton Burch, of New York, and Mr. Anderson, of Montana, spending a part of their vacation here.

The cotillion given by Miss Lydia Russell on the 7th will be long remembered by those present as a very enjoyable occasion. There were many present from Fairfax Court House and Washington. An orchestra from the Capitol City furnished the selections of the evening.

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PERSONAL.

Mrs. Chas. A. Kolb entertained a few friends at her home on the evening of the 10th. She was assisted by her sister Mrs. Julius A. Maedel, of Washington, who is paying a visit to Woodmead.

The Misses Mary and Emma Pelham have shown the true spirit of patriotism and love of country. On the 10th inst. they paid a visit to the tomb of the father of his country.

Mrs. S. P. Wright and daughter will leave to-morrow on an extended visit to Castleton, Vt.

Mr. Maurice Palmer and family, of Pleasant Valley, have been spending the past week with Mrs. T. T. Burke.

Mrs. Henry Smith is threateued with typhoid fever.

Miss Mary Pelham returned to her home in Georgia last week.

Miss Emma Pelham will attend the Elks carnival in Baltimore this week as the guest of Mrs. Banks, of Parkwood avenue.

Judge Pelham called on Miss Doremus on Friday evening.

Miss Edith C. Kolb. of Woodmead, spent yesterday visiting friends at Glen Carlyn.

NEWSLETS.

Work is progressing rapidly upon the cottage being erected by Mr. S. P. Wright, and several prospective buyers are beginning to realize that this is one of the many that will soon be building.

Mrs. Mary Payne was the first in Barcroft to enjoy roasting ears while August Hoffman had the first tomatoes.

Just now the Barcroft youth finds a plunge in Four-Mile Run quite enjoyable. Bathing suits are to him an unknown quantity, but shrubbery serves to screen him from prying eyes.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Martha Horsman and Mr. J. H. Davie, to take place at the residence of the bride on July 21.

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DIED.

At Washington, on Sunday, July 12, 1903, Mrs. Frances V. Gray, mother of Messrs. Thomas and Oden Gray.

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The Barcroft News.

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PERSONAL.

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. S. P. Wright has so far recovered from her recent indisposition as to be about again.

Dr. Nora Moyer and her mother, Mrs. Moyer, both of Washington, spent Sunday last with Mrs. Oscar Haring. This was Dr. Moyer's first visit to these parts, and she was so pleased as to gladly accept an invitation to call again.

Master Paul Marye held a reception at his home on the morning of the 10th. Among his most enthusiastic admirers were Mrs. Maedel and Mrs. Kolb.

Mr. Roy Pritchard, of Baltimore is spending a few days at the residence of Mr. Wm. Palmer.

The contract has been let to Mr. Frank Hale for the building of a Presybterian church near Whitehead's blackmith shop, down the road aniece.

Mrs. Mary A. Payne and her son, Milton, spent a few days at Hyattsville last week, visiting Mr. Elias Rowell, a relative.

Mr. Frank Payne, Jr., has begun the erection of a dairy and a barn on his place near Barcroft.

Mrs. Irene Dayton and son, of Washington, were among last Sunday's visitors to Mrs. W. H Palmer.

VILLAGE FAIR.

The village fair on the lawn of the Presbyterian Church last week was a highly successful affair both financially and socially. Everybody was there, and the girls looked their very best. The grounds were ablaze with lanterns and the booths were well patronized. The Barcroft delegation was chaperoned by Mrs. Haring, Miss Johnston, and Mrs. Kolb.

The first prize, a gold watch, was awarded to Miss Gertrude Young, and the second, a ring, to Miss Elsie Jordan. Miss Ruth Young received honorable mention. Mr. Clements made the presentation speeches.

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GOOD JUDGMENT.

The home of the President's mascot is to be on Holmes' Run, Fairfax county, not far from here. Parties who are said to be acting for the President have purchased about 1,000 acres of improved and unimproved land on the banks of this stream. The tract includes a magnificent building spot on Mason's hill, about half way between Barcroft and Anandale, which commands an extensive view to the east and south, including Washington and a considerable stretch of the Potomac.

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Published fortnightly by
O. Edw. Haring - - Editor.

PERSONAL.

Miss Nettie Palmer has returned from a two weeks' visit to friends and relatives in Baltimore. She has enjoyed her visit very much, but says that there is no place like home—if the home is in old Virginia.

Mr. Nathan Westcott visited Barcroft last Monday. He gives a glowing account of crop prospects around Vienna.

Mrs. Oscar Haring was the first in the neighborhood to rejoice in spring lamb and green peas.

Judge John Pelham, of Anniston, Ala., is spending a few days with his father at Miles Away.

Mrs. W. W. Chamberlain, of Beaumont, Texas, with her two daughters, is paying a visit to her brother, Mr. S. T. Marye.

Milton Payne has recovered from an attack of mumps and he can now use vinegar on his salad with impunity.

Master Paul Marye, dressed in his new spring pants, met his "Pops" at the depot last week.

Mrs. S. A. Marye is testing the virtues of the famous "Erup" waters near Glen Carlyn.

Mrs. Wilson, of Loudoun county, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Col. Tom Burke.

Mrs. George Schick is expecting her daughter, Mrs. Klemroth, of Brunswick, Ga., to spend the summer with her.

Miss Edith Kolb's new tennis court will soon be ready for the "sweet girl-graduates."

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NEWSLETS.

The "White House," near the mill, is soon to be occupied by Mr. W. D. Johnston.

The Barcroft Mill, under the new management, is furnishing an abundance of the best "water-ground" meal.

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WRIGHT MAN IN RIGHT PLACE.

Mr. S. P. Wright is making many improvements in the property recently purchased by Mrs. Fox. He is building a beautiful cottage just east of the lake on Cedar street, and has sold two lots adjoining Miles Away to Miss Johnston and another lot to Mr. Kolb.

A SUCCESSFUL FETE.

The lawn fete of the Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church on Wednesday evening was a very enjoyable, entertaining and successful affair. Miss Buckley's lawn, where the party was held, was beautifully decorated with Chinese lanterns, and the booths were artistically and appropriately ornamented. A very novel feature was a fish-pond, and the anglers were so numerous that the finny tribe were completely exhausted. The success of the entertainment is in a great measure due to the untiring zeal of Miss Kate Roberson. The talking machine so kindly loaned by S. Kann & Sons was a source of great amusement.

BOSTON SIGHTS.

Mr. A. J. Tolman, who has returned from a trip to Boston, gives an interesting account of the many sights in and about that city. The trains to the many resorts travel at a speed even exceeding that of our own branch road. This part of his story is difficult to believe. He took a trip on a submarine boat, which dived down into the briny deep, and he says that the monsters he saw through the small windows vividly brought to his mind the days before he signed the pledge. Thousands upon thousands were gathered about the seashore resorts and there seemed to be absolutely no disorder. The trip to Boston was made by steamer from Baltimore, and after a few hours' experience he had fully mastered the art of splicing the main brace.

NEWSLETS.

Five passengers stood on the platform at Barcroft and frantically but fruitlessly waved their handkerchiefs as the 7:22 train thundered by at 8:12 on Saturday last. They had to foot it down to the electric cars. When will our new superintendent begin to superintend?

A number of applications for houses in Barcroft were received during the past week. The fact that this is the finest situation about Washington for a suburban residence is getting to be generally recognized, and another year will see great improvement.

Send in your subscriptions to the News.

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VOL. I. BARCROFT, VA., SEPTEMBER 14, 1903. No. 8.

LABOR DAY SPORT.

Stoneburner Again Delights a Jolly Crowd.

The tournament and base ball game at Stoneburner's Park on Labor Day proved to be a drawing card. The riding was excellent, and the contest in the professional class for the honor of crowning the queen was hotly contested, several riders of the twelve entered securing all nine rings. Harry Palmer, who secured every ring, even the three-quarter and half-inch, was the victor, and crowned Mrs. R. C. L. Moncure. First maid, by J. S. Blanford, Miss Ida Haas; second, by Estler Palmer, Miss Janie McCallicott; third, by Wm. Herring, Miss Mary Hall.

In the amateur class, Arthur Stoneburner carried off the honor of crowning the queen, having taken eight of the rings. He chose Miss Sarah Wheatley as queen. First maid, by John Stoneburner, Miss Grace Stoneburner; second, by Fenton Fitzhugh, Mrs. Fitzhugh; third, by Clay Downs, Miss Grace Terrett.

Marshal, Luther V. Cleveland; orator of the morning, Walter Varney; orator of the evening, R. C. L. Moncure; judges, Hon. Chas. Pelham and Sheriff Wm. Palmer.

In the base ball game the Egleston Club, crossed bats with the Bailey's X-Roads team and the score seemed to revive memories of '96, the score being 16 to 1 in favor of the Cross-Roads boys.

FLAG RAISING.

Nearly the entire population of Barcroft turned out on Labor Day to witness the raising of the national colors on the new sixty-five-foot flagpole of our patriotic postmaster, Mr. Oscar Haring. Miss Inez Bales, of Braddock Heights, hoisted the noble flag to its lofty position, and a gentle breeze at once wafted it to the northward, as though extending greeting from Dixie to those beyond the Potomac.

WHO CAN TELL US.

Look at the schedule of rates on the W. & O. division. Take Falls Church, for instance. The round-trip fare is 45 cents. A 25-trip yearly ticket costs $7.50. Twelve and one-half round trips could be made for $5.62 1-2, or for $1.87 1-2 less than by purchasing the 25-trip ticket. This applies as well to nearly all stations on this line. Query: Are certain goods worth more at wholesale than at retail.

The candidates are kissing all babies in the county.

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A GRAIN OF COMFORT.

By appointment, several commuters of the W. & O. division of the Southern railway called on Mr. Finley, vice-president of the Southern, on the 2d inst., with a view to remedying conditions on said division. Mr. Finley extended every courtesy to his callers and listened with no small degree of interest to the complaints made and the remedies suggested. He frankly admitted that the road has been managed in a manner far from perfection, and agreed that a vigorous "kick" was fully justifiable. His explanation of the matter was that the immense increase in the road's business, together with the vast improvements now being made on the main line, have taxed it to its utmost capacity, added to which a machinist strike threw the repair work back more than a year. He held out hopes of considerable improvement in the near future, and led the committee to believe that when the new bridge is completed the service will be raised to a much higher standard. Several changes in the schedule and stopping-places of trains were requested; but Mr. Finley made no promises of complying with them. It is believed, however, that some change will soon be made.

RETIRING.

A lady of Barcroft—you've met her—
Had a beau who longed so to get her
That he came once a week:
But his heart failed to speak,
So his reticence only did fret her.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Sheriff of Alexandria County,
WILLIAM H. PALMER.

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For State Senator, Fourteenth District,
ALEX. J. WEDDERBURN.

For Commissioner of Revenue for Alexandria County,
ODEN B. GRAY.

PERSONAL.

Capt. Bales and his daughter, Miss Inez, of Braddock Heights, spent Labor Day with Miss F. T. Johnston.

Mr. W. A. Wayne, of the Capital City, was Judge Pelham's guest Monday.

Mr. Walter Whitcraft and Chauncey, his son, of Forest Glen, were here Sunday last.

Mr. S. P. Wright has returned from a visit to his father, residing near Buffalo.

Miss Lydia Milton came down from Paeonian Springs to enjoy a week with Miss Edith Kolb at Woodmead.

Miss Audry Palmer, of Herndon, has been Miss Mamie Palmer's guest the past fortnight.

Mrs. Chamberlain, who has been spending the summer with the Maryes, has moved to the city in order to have her two daughters take advantage of the schools.

Mrs. H. B. Hoffeldt and Miss Clair A. Erck, were the guests of Mrs. Haring yesterday.

Mr. Roy Pritchard, of Pittsburgh, is visiting Barcroft.

Mr. Nathan Westcott, of Vienna, was here last Monday. Mr. Westcott has purchased a farm near Vienna and intends making for himself a home.

Miss Annie Rowell, of Washington, spent a couple of days last week with Mrs. Mary Payne.

BAILEY'S X-ROADS.

Mr. F. L. Payne is building a new cow-stable preparatory to starting in the milk business.

Grant Warner is having a residence built by Theo. Bailey and sons.

Miss Bessie Daniels has been entertaining Miss Mary Flynn, of Washinton, and Miss Nettie Daniels, of Lewinsville, Va.

Mrs. L. E. Payne is recovering from an attack of typhoid fever.

Mr. Butler Rippen, we are sorry to say, is still critically ill.

Mrs. F. L. Hale has returned from a visit to her mother at Winchester. MICK.

The annual tournament at the Confederate Soldiers' Home near Baltimore on the 12th inst. was a great success. Barcroft was represented by Judge Pelham, Messrs. W. L. Clark, H. T. Palmer, Howard Fields and others. Miss Pelham, of Poulan, Ga., and Mrs. W. L. Clark went with the Barcrofters.

NEWSLETS.

Judge Pelham has been toting a potato weighing (so he says) 33 ounces about the neighborhood. He claims to have raised the tuber, and challenges the county to show a larger one.

Through the efforts of Sheriff Palmer, Mr. Robert Dye has been appointed special officer for Johnson's Hill, Arlington, etc.

WHERE TO SHOP.

Misses Johnston and Pelham have returned from Canada to Miles Away. They represent "Tronter" as the finest shopping city they have ever seen. They say that the Boston House, the Palais Royal, Kann's and King's Palace, with the 10-cent stores thrown in for good measure, are "not in it" with Eaton's, at Toronto, where 5,000 are employed—equal to the subscription list of the News. They also visited Niagara Falls and the Thousand Islands, and gathered ferns at Watkins' Glen.

LAWN FETE.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Arlington M. E. Church is to give a lawn party on the grounds adjoining the church on the 9th of September, commencing at 5 o'clock and continuing until 11 o'clock p. m. A dainty luuch will be served, and an abundance of ice cream, cake and candy will be offered for sale. Several novel features will serve to entertain the large crowd expected, among which will be that of a fish-pond. Many species of fish will bite at the silver hooks, and those sons of Isaac Walton who boast of catching two-pound bass will be given ample opportunity to demonstrate their skill. A splendid time is promised.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. T. T. Burke has returned from a much-enjoyed visit to her son, Mr. Maurice Palmer, of Pleasant Valley.

Miss Lucile Lovelace, of Washington, is spending a few days with her aunt Mrs. F. C. Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Newlon and daughter, Miss Bessie, spent the Sunday before last with the Harings.

Miss Edith C. Kolb, spent Friday last with Miss Haddassah Backus, of Glen Carlyn.

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VOL. I. BARCROFT, VA., AUGUST 30, 1903. No. 7.

THE BUZZARD.

It Accomplishes All Claimed for It, and Much More.

Through the courtesy of Prof. Langley, a reporter of the News a few nights since was granted the honor of being a passenger upon the "Buzzard" on its first flight. As a public exhibition of this bird's prowess is soon to be made, the professor could make no objections to our describing its construction.

"I am a close student of Nature," said the professor in explaining the "innards" of his fowl, "and believe that the nearer I adhere thereto the greater will be my success. You will notice how closely I have followed this idea in making the gizzard, liver, heart and lungs; but my greatest difficulty has been in the reproduction of the 'gall.'" The News man suggested that some valuable ideas on that score might be obtained from the newspaper men in the treetops thereabout.

The professor and the News reporter were the only ones aboard, and the noble bird rose easily from its perch on the top of the houseboat, circled about several times as if undetermined which course to pursue, and then took a bee-line up the river. As Patsy Mann's place hove in sight a look of deep concern o'erspread the professor's face that became one of agony, and only by the most Roosevelt'an strenuousness did he prevent the carrion-consumer coming within smelling distance of this odoriferous establishment. On account of a slight disarrangement of the craw, the professor's assistant having neglected to supply a sufficient amount of sand (the reporter had plenty and to spare), a temporary roost was taken on top the monument, after which the flight was resumed. After passing over Philadelphia, New York, Oyster Bay and Boston, the tail was depressed to the starboard and the course changed to the westward. Soon the noise and commotion below notified the travelers that Chicago had been reached. A few minutes more and St. Louis appeared on the horizon; but the professor refused to approach closer to that city, claiming that no effort upon his part could prevent the vulture alighting there, so he headed eastward, and within 2:23:09—elapsed time—Barcroft in all her beauty lay slumbering below. Widewater was reached a few minutes later, and the "Buzzard," having demonstrated the skill of her inventor, gracefully perched herself upon the houseboat, all unbeknownst to the slumbering reporters.

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AUGUST 30, 1903.

For greater convenience, and to avoid the further breaking of the Sabbath, the publication-day of the News will be changed to Monday, beginning with the next issue.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

The administration, probably believing that many of the dire effects of a strike, and possibly the strike itself, may be averted thereby, has ordered that the oath of allegiance be administered to all employees of the Government Printing Office and of the Navy Yard. There can certainly be no objection to the taking of this oath; but what effect this will have upon a prospective strike is not so apparent. In taking this oath does the employee surrender all right of protest against unfair treatment? And if he considers himself unfairly treated and does protest is he guilty of high treason? It is not unreasonable to suppose that an emyloyee belonging to a trades union is as patriotic and has as much love for his country as one who does not. This move may have the effect of deterring a strike where the provocation is not too great; but we much doubt its efficacy in causing an abandoning of the principle of trades unionism. However, we do not wish to be understood as imputing such motive to the administration. Administer this oath to all, union and non-union, and then the union man will not feel as though he alone were under suspicion. The uniting of tradesmen would be beneficial to all concerned were it possible for the conservative element to control their organizations.

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ARLINGTON TIPS.

The Misses Margaret Petty and Margaret Robinson are, we are sorry to say, on the sick-list.

Mrs. T. Neidfeldt returned to her home in Washington on Monday last. She had been visiting Mrs. Reed.

Miss Jennie Hipkins, of Washington, is visiting friends here.

Mr. Wm. T. Hull is enjoying the company of his son, Mr. J. B. Hull, of Cleveland, O.

Rev. J. E. Allender and Mr. E. T. Burner attended the district conference at Elvan, Va., last week.

Mr. E. S. O'Connor has gone to New York to spend a fortnight.

Mr. R. C. L. Moncure, of Overlook, attorney for the new electric line we are so anxiously awaiting, was here last week on business.

PERSONAL.

Mr. J. E. Dyer, of Georgetown, and his family visited Barcroft on Sunday last.

Mrs. S. J. Dewey and her son, Stuart, have been spending some time with Mrs. E. H. Klemroth. Stuart bids fair to be a second Sousa. His rendition of the national airs on his cornet delighted the entire neighborhood.

Mrs. S. P. Wright and Miss Abbie Wright have returned from Castleton, Vt., where they spent the early summer.

Miss Virginia Doremus has been spending a few days of this week with Mrs. C. A. Kolb, of Woodmead.

BAILEY'S X-ROADS.

Mr. Rippen, the Bailey's X-Roads miller is quite ill. We hope he will soon be about again.

Misses Mamie and Bessie Bayless have been spending the past two weeks with their cousin Miss Katie McCoy, of this place.

Mrs. L. E. Payne is quite ill with typhoid fever.

Mr. Noble Rice spent Sunday last with his brother, Nelson.

Mr. F. L. Payne, Sr., purchased of Senator Stuart, of Ashburn, quite a number of his fine thoroughbred milch cows.

Mr. James White, of Arlington, has been spending a few weeks with Mrs. T. Terrett.

Mr. Crupper is running the Cross-Roads mill during the absence of Mr. Rippen.

MICK.

The Harings, father and son, have been painting the town red—their roofs.

PERSONAL.

Miss Coyne Fletcher, who has just returned from abroad, spent last Sunday with Miss Johnston at Miles Away. Miss F. brought with her hundreds of interesting and instructive pictures of places she visited. After riding over the roads in Ireland she is clear upon the point that it would be wise in Mr. Carnegie to hold up on his gifts to libraries and devote some of his surplus cash to building good roads in Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker Cutter, Misses Cook and Thatcher, Monsieur M. DuPerow and Mr. C. C. Williams were the guests of Mrs. Klemroth at Klemwood a week ago yesterday.

Misses Ethel Smith and Mamie Palmer spent the evening with Miss Doremus one day last week.

Mr. S. P. Wright is playing a better game of high-five and has been admitted to full membership in the club.

Mr. Chewning and Miss Mamie Palmer are the champion ping-pong players.

Mrs. Mary Payne has sold the Barcroft mill to Mr. Moler Stoneburner, who intends making improvements soon.

Mrs. Margaret Smith has made public sale of her personal property and will go to Connecticut.

Mrs. Klemroth entertained several lady friends at luncheon on Friday afternoon.

The Misses Constance and Hadassah Backus and Ella and Jennie Olcutt, of Glen Carlyn, spent the last day of their vacation with Miss Edith Kolb at Woodmead. Tennis and other games were resorted to in the endeavor to forget that the next day they'd have to go back to school.

Mrs. C. Noland, of France, has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Garvey, and her newly-arrived granddaughter. Mrs. Noland left for New York last Saturday.

Mrs. S. T. Marye gave a dinner party on Wednesday in honor of her cousin, Miss Estelle Doremus.

Miss Estelle Doremus, of Closter, N. J., has been spending the past week here with her cousin, Mrs. Oscar Haring. Miss Doremus has received much attention during her stay among us, dinners, luncheons and theater-parties being given in her honor.

Miss Edith Kolb entertained a number of young city people at Woodmead last Saturday a week ago. Tennis was indulged in.

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VOL. I. BARCROFT, VA., OCTOBER 12, 1903. No. 10.

MR. BURLAP'S STORY.

Mr. Burlap had just returned from his fishing trip to Occoquan, and Mrs. Burlap met him at the depot. Walking homeward with her, he lit his pipe and was telling of the enormous bass he came in an ace of catching.

"George," said Mrs. B., "your story is fishy enough; but that pipe's foul."

He considerately knocked the pipe on a fence-post and stuck it in his pistol-pocket.

"Now, my dear," said he, "I hope I may die if that fish wasn't at least—— Gee whiz! Hold on! Here, hold my coat and vest."

He had neglected knocking the fire from his pipe; but he succeeded in smothering the incipient conflagration, and a liberal application of witch hazel eased the pain, and he resumed:

"As I was saying, Johnson and I had both hooked the same fish, and were both reeling in for dear life when —— My goodness, Cordelia. What's this?"

A sheet of tanglefoot had been left upon a chair and now clung tenaciously to quite a large area in the immediate vicinity of the crimson souvenir of his first mishap. Soap, pearline, sapolio and kerosene were resorted to in vain, and the gum was removed only by means of a vigorous application of sandpaper.

DANGEROUS.

The high grading on the pike between the railroad and Four-Mile Run was the other day the scene of what came near being a serious accident, when Mr. Geo. Klein's horse became frightened and backed the wagon off, spilling about eighty gallons of milk and bruising Mr. Klein considerably. This makes the fourth time such a mishap has occurred, and it's about time a railing or some other protection was placed along the side of this dangerous place.

John R. McLean is trying to get the right of way across Aqueduct bridge and to the new Union station for his electric road. His success will mean much to this county. This is not the first attempt at breaking the monopoly of the Pa. R. R. Co., and the outcome will be watched with much interest.

Americans built bridges in Africa within ninety days from letting of contract. It's been two years since work was started on the new bridge across the river, and we would not be surprised if President Gorman in 1905 should ride on the first train to cross it.

Chambolukl is having a rather serious time shedding his teeth.

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MILLER CASE.

Our President does not mince words. His position on the point of organized labor in the G. P. O. is so clearly defined as to preclude misunderstanding. That there has heretofore been quasi-recognition of unionism in the printing office seems evident. Trades unions should have been content with this. Threats of defeating Mr. Roosevelt next year on account of the stand he has taken will make more enemies than friends for united labor, and it is to be hoped that such threats do not emanate from the conservative, sober-minded advocates of the workingman's rights.

NEW SCHEDULE.

The new schedule has now been in force a week, much to the delight of many commuters. There was a mistake ma le, however, in timing the second train to reach town at 7.40. This is not sufficient latitude to allow for the frequent and at present unavoidable delays between the junction and town, and, as a consequence, a number of "8-o'clock people" are forced to take the early train. The commuters hate dreadfully to go to Mr. Finley about the matter after his granting them just what they asked; but they need not be, for if he were fully convinced of the facts he would no doubt make a change. Get this train in at 7.30 and all the commuters will praise the management of our road.

The county political pot ought to boil. Several candidates have money to burn.

Still they come! Several parties were here the past week inspecting Barcroft's many handsome building-sites.

What is the matter with our road supervisor? Does he mean to prevent people using Columbia pike? The bridge near Dr. Corbett's has been a veritable death-trap for several days. Will the "natives" of Fairfax county be forced to repair that bridge, as they did the roads last winter? Somebody is liable to lose votes if that bridge remains in its present condition until November 3.

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NEWSLETS.

The governors of North Carolina and South Carolina would not have found time for drinks between the arrivals of the three up-trains last Friday evening.

Mr. T. T. Burke has opened up his stone quarry and is selling a fine grade of granite to Glen Carlyn builders. This quarry has an almost inexhaustible supply of excellent stone, and we hope soon to see it used in constructing residences in Barcroft.

Mr. George Head has sold his sixty-acre farm at Merrifield to to Mr. Thomas Estress.

It is said that Judge Pelham has taught a woodcock to speak a whole sentence.

It is with regret we announce the death last Friday of the infant of Mr. T. T. Terrett, Jr., at Bailey's X-Roads.

Three young men, on mischief bent, stuffed rags into the chimney of the Bailey's Cross-Roads school-house and tore up some fence-posts, anticipating Hallowe'en by several weeks.

Judge Pelham has had a door and window cut in one of his big pumpkins and will house three dogs in it.

ARLINGTON TIPS.

Mr. Robert R. Dye has sold his house and lot to Mrs. Birch, of Ballston.

Mr. Walter Palmer, of Herndon, was here last week.

Mr. John Hipkins, of Washington, brother-in-law of Mr. R. W. Johnston, died last week.

Mr. Harry Dye and bride have returned home.

Rev Graves, of Falls Church, is holding a series of meetings at the Columbia school-house.

GAME LAWS.

A rig'd enforcement of game-laws would afford ample protection to game—something sorely needed. It's exasperating to see a crowd of strangers scouring the woods and killing off what little game is left. Make an example of a few of these marauders and the evil will abate.

FOR SALE.—Almost new, upright piano; $100 cash or $125 on easy terms. Address Box 4, Barcroft, Va.

NEWSLETS.

Carpenters and plasterers are busy at Mr. Marye's residence, corner of Arlington and Fairfax avenues, providing for his increasing family. Paul will soon need a room all to himself and a night-latch key.

Mr. Fred. Corbett is contesting the election of Mr. Will Douglass as supervisor of this district on the ground that Douglass served as one of the registrars just previous to the recent election.

August Hoffman has sold his deutchhund.

Sparks from the trains are setting fire to the woods.

Col. Slack, of Hunter's Mill, is the proud possessor of two new heifer calves of his famous Beal breed. Col. S. is a model up-to-date farmer, and he entertains in lavish style at "Devil's Woodyard," on Calvin Run. He is an expert with rod and gun, and we understand he slaughtered hogs enough to have 1000 pounds of pork. We advise our readers to never decline an invitation to the Colonel's hospitable home.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. S. A. Marye is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Chamberlain, in the city.

Judge Pelham will leave for Alabama about December 15 to spend the holidays with his son, John.

Miss Sadie Burkholder spent last Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Frank Hale.

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THE CONTEST.

The answers were filed Saturday evening in the contest case for commonwealth attorney. If the charges made can be proved, there is a probability of Mr. Varney winning out.

BAILEY'S X-ROADS.

Mr. O'Shaughnessey is finishing his barn.

On Wednesday evening there will be an oyster supper at the residence of Mr. Lemuel Dowden.

The little daughter of James Carter, of Lincolnia, is dead.

Mr. Burdett Hunter is clerking for T. Terrett & Son.

The youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. A. McCoy is ill.

Mr. Frank Payne is harvesting a large crop of turnips.

Miss Jessie Bell has returned from Lincolnia.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Terrett, Jr., gave a party in honor of the third birthday of their son, Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland of the Capital City, spent last week visiting Mr. T. E. Saules.

Mrs. C. H. Powell is ill.

Mr. J. M. Moore has moved to Washington.

The public-school children are practicing for an entertainment to be given Thanksgiving-Day.

Mr. M. C. Hunter has been quite ill the past week.

PERSONAL.

Miss C. Victoria Brown, of Del Roy, Pa., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Mary A. Payne, and the young men of Barcroft are getting out their sleighs, with the hope of having snow while Miss B. is in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Ed. Klemroth has gone to Brunswick, Ga., where she will remain until about Christmas-time, when Mr. Klem., who is superintending construction of a public building there, will return with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard have moved into the Shelley place, near Arlington, and will receive their friends on and after the 1st of December.

Mrs. Palmer spent several days last week in the city with her sister, Mrs. Ralph Dayton.

Mrs. C. A. Kolb spent a day last week with Mrs. Haring.

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NOVEMBER 23, 1903.

TO OUR READERS.

With this issue the regular publication of the Barcroft News ceases. The object of its publication has been rather that of pleasure than of profit. The editor has accepted a position in the city which requires so much of his time that he can no longer devote that care and attention necessary to the fortnightly production of a paper in keeping with his ideals. However, not wishing to sever entirely our connection with our readers, the paper will continue to appear, but at irregular intervals. We have much enjoyed our six months' experience in the field of journalism; but there is a possibility of getting a surfeit of a good thing. Those subscribers who have paid beyond this issue will be given the option of having the excess returned or of having it placed to their credit in payment for the occasional issue. Every endeavor will be made to make the spasmodic publication as worthy of your patronage as was the regular edition, and we hope to have most patrons remain with us.

Eleven-cent cotton and bright prospects for the isthmian canal have served to wreathe in smiles the faces of our friends of the far South.

NEWSLETS.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Wright have moved into their new house. Mr. Wright has given us an object-lesson in making a comfortable home in the country. He has hot and cold water all through the house and other modern conveniences, and has an abundance of spring-water in his barn.

Judge Pelham is complaining of rheumatism, cold, sore throat, gout, toothache, lumbago, headache, phthisis, indigestion, and heart-disease. With all these, however, he retains full control of his temper, and woe to the unwary one who cracks a joke at the Judge's expense.

Mr. T. R. Stoneburner is building the foundation for his new bank-barn, which is to be 40 by 60 feet.

Our near neighbor, Mr. Fred. Bell, had the misfortune to be "touched" for several hundred dollars in the city one day last week. Country people should be more on the alert and look out for the light-fingered gentry of the city.

There's a big persimmon-crop, so look out for a severe winter.

ARLINGTON TIPS.

Miss Kate N. Munson spent Saturday and Sunday in Baltimore.

Mrs. C. D. Stoneburner and her daughter will leave for Baltimore to-day on a visit to Mrs. Stoneburner's parents.

Rev. Wm. Pierpont last evening began a series of meetings at Arlington M. E. Church. A cordial invitation is tendered all to attend.

Mrs. Sarah Newton, who has been seriously ill for the past several days, is, we are sorry to say, growing worse.

Mr. Leay's little daughter, of Johnson's Hill, is suffering from a serious attack of lock jaw.

Mr. L. M. Walter has gone into the poultry business. We wish him success.

Chicken-thieves visited Mr. C. D. Stoneburner's hen-house a few nights since, bagging thirty-eight fowls.

Mrs. Margaret O'Dowd and son have moved to the city.

Mr. Harry Palmer has bought out the company's interest in the feed-store at Rosslyn and has bought and moved into a palatial residence at Ballston. We rejoice to see the Barcroft boys floating upon the "prosperity" wave.

One of Barcroft's belles is out in a new gray suit to match the hair of her steady company.

Miss Johnston is the proud possessor of eight new collie puppies, which are not for sale, as she is a little short on cats, having only twenty-three at the present time.

PERSONAL.

Mr. James Wood, of the Government Printing Office, spent Sunday of last week with Mr. Marye. Mr. Wood is much interested in the subject of unionism, and one of our citizens introduced him to several of the "open shops" of Alexandria county. Mr. Wood's reputation as a "high-five" player received a serious set-back during his visit.

Capt. and Mrs. Frank R. Perkins and their daughter, Miss Rachel, of Buffalo, N. Y., spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Wright at the latter's new villa, fronting on Columbia Pike. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers, of the Capital City, were also guests of the Wrights. Capt. P. is a veteran of the civil war, and he appears able to command another squadron of cavalry in case we should have a brush with Colombia over the Panama affair.

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EXTRA!

THE RESULT.

The Vote in Washington District Yesterday.

Up to the time this paper went to press these were the only returns we could obtain. The editor regrets he could not obtain more.

For State Senate:

Lewis H. Machen	286
F. M. Brooks	70

For Delegate:

James R. Caton	382

ARLINGTON DISTRICT.

For Justice:

M. L. Garrison	75
W. W. Douglas	165
F. S. Corbett	157

For Attorney:

R. W. Johnston	178
Crandall Mackey	171
W. U. Varney	41

For Sheriff:

Homer T. Works	10
George Marcey	110
Wm. H. Palmer	207
Wm. Duncan	62

For Treasurer:

W. C. Wibirt	250
R. W. Darby	161

For Commissioner:

O. B. Gray	46
H. R. Thomas	89
C. B. Graham	164
H. L. Holmes	102

Yesterday's election was carried out more quietly than any election that has been held in Alexandria County for years.

PLEASING NEWS.

Miss Lena Louise Hartman and Mr. Frank H. Bushby were married on the 21st inst., and will be at home to their numerous friends at 1137 Tenth street, Washington, D. C. after Nov. 15. We congratulate our friend Mr. Bushby upon his good luck and wish both bride and groom a long and happy life

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A GOOD MAN GONE.

Rev. J. E. Allender, after a lingering illness of several weeks, died at Sibley Hospital, Washington, on the 22d instant and was buried at Ivy Hill Cemetery, this county, on Saturday. Mr. Allender had charge of the Methodist Church at Arlington for several years and had endeared himself to the entire community. He was a gifted and eloquent speaker and had unusual ability as an organizer. His life was blameless, and he died, as all Christians should, with a firm belief that he was entering a blissful home beyond the skies.

He leaves three daughters and a son to mourn his departure, his wife having preceded him about a year to her reward in heaven. The entire community loved, respected and honored this good man and sympathize with his bereaved children.

NEWSLETS.

Work on the new school-house at Columbia station is progressing rapidly. Excavation for the foundation has been made and most of the material is on hand.

The ladies of Trinity P. E. Church will give an oyster supper at St. John's Episcopal Orphanage, Arlington, on Wednesday evening the 28th instant. Supper, 25 cts. Ice cream and cake will also be served and fancy articles will also be for sale. The beauty and chivalry of Alexandria county are expected to be present and the young man who does not attend may hear that his girl has "gone off with a handsomer man."

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We hear and also read in the papers that there are to be elections in Maryland, New York, Ohio and other States the coming week; but if you want to hear "politics as is politics" just come over into Alexandria county and you will see and hear enough to last you until the coming presidential election at least.

Many regrets are expressed by new members of the High-Five Club that Judge Pelham and his formidable partner have found it expedient to enroll themselves as honorary instead of active members.

Mr. Lemuel Dowden has purchased Mrs. Margaret Smith's property.

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THE BRIDGE MONOPOLY.

The disaster at Long Bridge last week is calculated to bring to the attention of the fair-minded observer a condition of affairs that is deplorable. The fact that the giving away of a portion of this bridge should almost completely cut off all communication southward is a strong argument in favor of more bridges across the Potomac. And why have we no more? Simply because the Pennsylvania Railway Company is able to out-lobby any competitor and prevent the granting of permission to build any more. The monopoly of this bridge has served more than all other causes combined to retard development of the entire northern portion of Virginia. In all justice to this State there should be no fewer than eight bridges across the Potomac. And but little improvement can be hoped for with the completion of the bridge now building, for exorbitant charges will serve to keep out competitive lines.

EXPECTED.

The costly and fatal accident at Long Bridge might have been foreseen and foretold more than a generation ago. Its shaking timbers and weather-beaten appearance have long held a dread foreboding for those traveling to and from the National Capital over this particular route. That an appalling loss of life did not result can be due only to the working of a Divine Providence.

I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for constable of Arlington district, Alexandria county.

HARRY COLLINS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Sheriff of Alexandria County,
WILLIAM H. PALMER.

For Commissioner of Revenue for Alexandria County,
ODEN B. GRAY.

For Constable Arlington District, Alex. Co.,
HARRY COLLINS.

JUST FOR FUN.

Barcrofters were very highly amused one evening last week at an entertainment at Mr. Marye's. Our local artist had clandestinely made sketches of all present and exhibited them by shadow pictures. Among these were: Mrs. Shick, with her market-basket, catching a train: Judge Pelham, with his "shawl-neck" and "war-horse" game roosters; Miss Johnston welcomed home by a string of cats; Mrs. Klemroth gathering up her skirts in a rainstorm: Mr. and Mrs. Haring on Broadway, New York, after the settlement of the Harlem litigation: Mrs. S. A. Marye in a battle-royal with Captain Kidd; Miss Virgie Doremus and one of her devoted admirers; the residence Miss Estelle Doremus hopes to build in Barcroft; Mrs. Syd Marye in her red-devil automobile on Columbia pike; Mr. Syd Marye hastening up Arlington avenue, a pair of scales in his hand, bawling out "it's a boy! it's a boy!" to everyone; and our village blacksmith.

Everyone enjoyed the hits, even when they struck home.

Mrs. W. W Chamberlain and Mr. Edward Haring are deserving of much credit for having conceived and so successfully carried out the novel entertainment.

The Wright cottage, on Columbia pike, was again visited last Sunday by several couples who desire to domicile themselves in this vicinity. Others who seem to contemplate becoming coupled in the near future also inspected the premises and surroundings.

CONSIDERATE.

Last Tuesday the 4:35 local left town about ten minutes ahead of the 4:30 express. It was the first W. & O. train to cross after the accident. The express would have gone out first, but the Falls Church people aboard became so frightened at the prospect that the management, in pity, concluded to send the local ahead as a test of the temporary structure. Each passenger had his window up—ostensibly to see what was going on, but really in order to climb out if the draw went down. Upon reaching terra firma on this side a general sigh of relief was heard, and numerous handkerchiefs were brought into service to mop the moisture from cold brows.

Mr. Charles D. Erck, formerly of Barcroft, is now established in business at Buffalo, N. Y., and bids fair to become a prosperous merchant. Mr. Erck possesses many of those qualities of mind and heart which go to make the successful business man. His friends in Barcroft will rejoice at his prospsrity.

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D. Sunday May 18, 1975 (Wash. Post)

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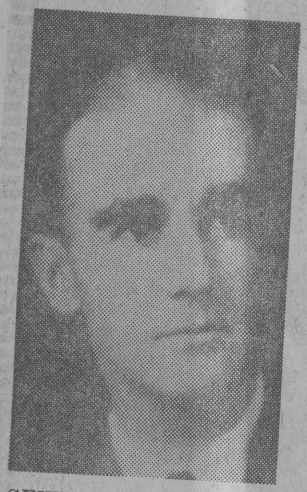

SEWELL M. CORBETT

Retired Army Col. Sewell Munson Corbett, 85, a physician in the Medical Corps and former deputy commander of Walter Reed Army Medical Center, died Saturday at Winchester Memorial Hospital.

He had been admitted there May 12 after he was injured in a fall at his home in Upperville, Va.

Born and reared in Arlington County, Col Corbett graduated from Emerson Electrical Institute before entering George Washington University medical school in 1913.

He was commissined in the Army Medical Corps in 1916 and served in the Mexican border campaign. He was stationed for a period at Trippler General Hospital in Hawaii.

Later, Col. Corbett taught public health and military science at George Washington University. In 1930, he accompanied a group of Gold Star mothers to France as medical officer.

Col. Corbett served at Ft. Bragg, N.C., and was commanding medical officer of the Gorgas General Hospital in the Panama Canal Zone.

He joined the staff at Walter Reed in 1938 and became deputy commander before his appointment in 1942 as chief medical officer for the Eastern Defense Command Governor's Island, N.Y., where he remained until 1945.

Col. Corbett retired in 1946 but was recalled to serve another two years, seeing duty in Ottawa, Ontario, before his second retirement.

In addition to the home in Upperville, he and his wife, Marie Baird Corbett, also maintained a home in Lake Wales, Fla.

Also surviving are a son, retired Army Col. William Henry Corbett, of Arlington; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, two stepsons and a stepdaughter.

Robert Cady, 56, Analyst With IBM

Robert William Cady, 56, a lifelong resident of the Washington area, died Sunday at Washington Hospital Center after a heart attack.

For the past 32 years, he had been with International Business Machines, starting as a shipping clerk in the press room and becoming an administrative analyst.

Born in Washington, Mr. Cady was a graduate of St. John's College High School and coached baseball for the Catholic Youth Organization.

He served in Europe with the Army during World War II and received the Purple Heart. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Ernie Pyle Chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Cady belonged to St. Catherine Laboure Catholic Parish.

He is survived by his wife, Mary E. Cady, of the home, 2901 Harris Ave., Wheaton; a son, Michael, of Silver Spring; a daughter, Linda Ward, of Centreville, Va., and a grandson.

The family suggests that expressions of sympathy may be in the form of contributions to the American Heart Association.

Everest Group Returns

Reuter

KATMANDU, May 20—The Japanese women's expedition, which put the first woman on the summit of Everest, and their Sherpa guides, have safely returned to base camp, the Nepalese Foreign Ministry said today.

GARY ESTELLE T

Ex-Feder Librarian

Gary Estelle Tur retired federal libr of cancer Monday at mac Valley Nursing Rockville.

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ARLINGTON COUNTY
VIRGINIA

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COLUMBIA PIKE

Recollections of Places, People and Events
In Arlington

Mildred H. Ritchie

June 1975 (Tape Given To Arlington Library)

My father, Walter K. Handy, and my mother, Grace, bought a home about a month after their marriage in 1908, at the corner of Arlington and Glen Avenues (now Buchanan and Eighth Road, South) in the, then, new subdivision of Barcroft. His father, Major F. A. G. Handy was already living in the big white house next door, and his elder brother lived a block to the South of them. My father and grandfather owned all but four lots of their block, and for about fifty years theirs were the only two houses in the block. The block was a lovely woodsy area where birds sang. Dad's garden was down near the the cool spring that bubbled up in the center of his place, flowing southwesterly through other properties until it entered Four Mile Run on the ~~other~~ southeast side of nearby Columbia Pike. [This was called the Dolly Madison Spring.] I was born there, at my fathers home, as were my brother and sister.

The village of Barcroft is along Columbia Pike where Four Mile Run crosses, in Arlington County. The Alexandria spur of the Washington and Old Dominion Branch of the Southern Railway crossed the Pike just East of the Run, with a small three-sided yellow wooden station at its crossing. The fourth side was open along the track and cold in winter. A bench seating six or eight patrons ran along the back wall. That was the sole furniture.

¶ Dad's office was at the Potomac Electric Power Company in Washington, then ~~on~~ at Fourteenth Street between ~~Gold~~ B Street (now Constitution Ave.). Transportation to Washington at that time was by steam train toward Alexandria to the little station of St. Elmo, where, one could change to the Electric Railway operating between Alexandria and

or North to Bluemont Junction, where one could transfer to a train coming down from Bluemont, Leesburg, Herndon, etc., to go into Georgetown over the old Aqueduct Bridge (replaced by Key Bridge).
Washington. The total ride took about an hour. There were about three passenger trains each way on weekdays and a number of freight trains on the steam line. If the train for work or appointments was missed one could walk a little over a mile East along Columbia Pike, dusty and rocky in dry weather, muddy and full of ruts in rainy weather, to the Columbia Station and the trolley line to Rosslyn and Georgetown in the west end of town.

Walking along Columbia Pike became quite a familiar habit to us over the years. My father, an ardent Christian, had been a member of the Church of the Covenant in Washington. Soon after he became a resident of Barcroft, he and my mother joined the newly organized Arlington Presbyterian Church, then in its new edifice on Columbia Pike in what is now the 3800 Block West of Monroe Street. We walked to Church every Sunday for years, where Dad was Sunday School Superintendant for about fifty years.

Across the Pike from the Church lived Dr. Henry Corbett, our nearest Doctor. His wife was a sister of Mrs. Thomas DeLashmut who, with her husband and family, lived near Columbia Station. These families were also members of the Church, as was the related Munson family nearby.

East of Glebe Road, the land of the present Westmont Shopping Center and Subdivision, was part of the large Dairy farm of the Snoots family ((?) formerly a Munson farm). Across from this on Columbia Pike lived Albert Dye and nearby were the Brewers, former Barcroft residents. on the SE corner here stood for some years a vacant lot and remains of an old shed, remains of Blacksmith's shop.

Until about 1924 when the present school was erected, Barcroft's two-room school, now known as the Community House, could acommodate only the first six grades, three to each room, and heated by a large pot-bellied stove in the middle of the larger room. Upon completing the sixth grade, students either walked to the Columbia School or went to Washington to the Seventh and Eighth Grades. Until 1925 Arlington had no High School in its northern area and all students went to Washington for that part of their education. (Alexandria had annexed another "bite" of Arlington, taking its only High School at Del Ray.)

My father, always interested in civic affairs and in improvements for Arlington, suggested to friends in the Department of Agriculture, then in charge of building roads, that Columbia Pike would be a good road for a testing program. Concrete was then being tested for use in road building and, after due consideration, the Department agreed. As a result the Pike was laid with a two-lane strip of concrete (the first concrete road in the country!)* in sections of varying types from which cores would be taken from time to time for examination and testing. This was completed in 1926, its construction beginning at the Lower Alexandria Road (now the Jefferson Davis Highway) and stopping at the top of Palmer's Hill, where Taylor Street enters the Pike, in Barcroft. The "Pike" at that time ran on an almost straight course from the Jefferson Davis Highway west, past the West Brothers and Columbia till it reached the hairpin curve on Patrick's Hill at Barcroft. Road through Buck Yard crossing

One chilly Sunday afternoon in about 1925 we received a call. The Church was on fire and help was urgently needed as there was no Fire Department. By the time we reached the scene a few of the pews had been dragged out. The fire was burning fiercely and s and spreading so rapidly that little could be saved. Some pews were carried across the Pike to Corbett's yard and some of us youngsters sat there watching as the belfry caught fire. The heavy mellow-toned bell that could be heard for miles soon fell

*Records of Agriculture Dept.

with a clatter amid a shower of sparks and flame.

The Arlington Methodist Church, then on the corner of what is now Walter Reed Drive at Columbia Pike, across from the Station and Norton's Cafe, offered the use of its building, and for a year or so Services were held there on Sunday afternoons. A small wooden Chapel, erected on the back of the present Arlington Presbyterian Church lot, later served for five or more years until the new church could be built.

During this early period of the Century many areas of Arlington County grew rapidly in population. Some Hundred and Fifty houses were erected in Barcroft between 1914 and 1925, many by Walter O'Hara, a new builder resident. Alcova Heights at Glebe Road on the farm of J. Cloyd Byars, came into being and "mushroomed". Other areas along the Pike also expanded. With the growth in population came the need for more efficient transportation. Robert L. May, a former Washington Policeman who had lived for a time on a tract along Columbia Pike near the Fairfax County line, where he cut and sold wood, moved into Barcroft across from the two-room School about 1920. He equipped two trucks, similar to those in which he hauled wood, with long benches along each side, a tarpaulin roof, and steps at the back. He drove one and his wife, the other, with regular schedules from his backyard garage in Barcroft. From this small beginning he soon graduated to two buses, affectionately called by patrons, the "Pie-wagons". These, also, were entered from rear steps, but had hard-topped roofs and windows, and were more comfortable. Suburbanites could now even attend an evening theater show in

Washington, provided they could catch the last night bus at 11:15! Thus was born our AB&W Bus line, with, eventually, even special school buses direct to and from several Washington schools attended by area children. Later quite a protest was raised when the regular fare was raised to Eighteen Cents one way!

Palmer's Hill on Columbia Pike was a source of delight to the young at heart, parents and children alike, for miles around in winter-time snows. The Pike from Taylor Street East for a distance of three long, downhill blocks, ran in an "S" curve to the little bridge over Doctor's Run at the bottom. Few, if any, cars travelled in snow or ice at night, and the hill was always filled with sleds as soon as the snow was deep enough. Bonfires were kept going at the top for warming frostbitten fingers and toes, and storytelling. Sometimes, too, we could also use Palmer's cow-field hill, a long sweeping stretch, wonderful and fast when there was a crust on top!

The swimming hole under the old bridge at Four Mile Run was popular in summer. Many a young one learned his first dog paddle there, and could later dive from the big rock into deeper water. The turning of the huge wheel on which we used to swing, at the mill nearby, was music to our ears.

Dad was a Charter, and active, member of the Barcroft School and Civic League. My grandfather, a Congressional Correspondent, and Charter member of the Gridiron Club in Washington, was, for a year or so, the League Secretary. I still have his Graham Shorthand minutes of its early meetings.

Dad was on the Committee to choose a site for the County's first High School, Washington-Lee, erected in 1925-6. About that time also, he was one of the Committee to select a route for the present Arlington Boulevard. Starting at the river, they walked three different routes all the way through the County to the Fairfax County line, finally choosing its present location. Then, however, it was a rough and rural route.

Among our neighbors in Barcroft in those early years were the families of Marye, Head, Wright, Pepper, House, Bridges, Payne, Clemroth and Hale. Harring's Store at Barcroft was later Gemmel's. Seigel's Store at Columbia was later Sher's. Some of the early families along the Pike and at Columbia were those of Wibert, Gray, Craig, Tapp, Sheffel, Floyd, MacPherson, Ernst, Lyle, Coe, Figgins and Floyd, and Howell.

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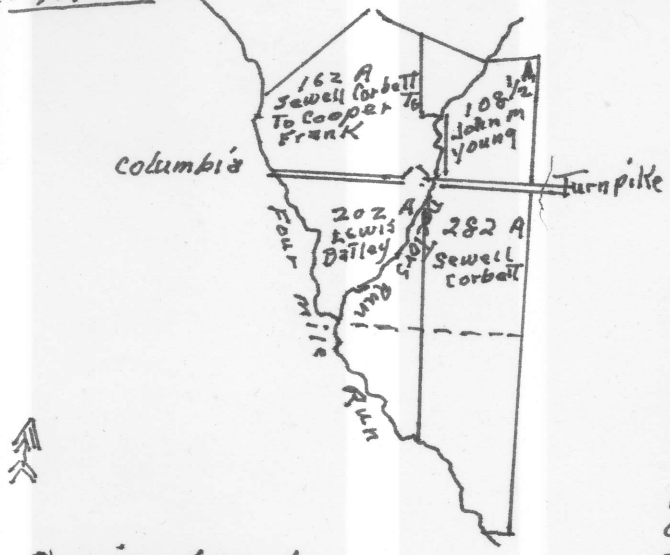
(Fairfax To Corbett)

Thomas Fairfax 1762- Apr. 21 1846



Drawing based on G.P. Strum's 1900 detailed map of Alexandria, now Arlington Co.

Purchase May 27, 1808 From John Carlyle Herbert & w/Mary 774 1/2 Ac. Part of original grant, 1215 Ac. To Evan Thomas + John Todd in 1719.

Sewell Corbett To Va. 1849 Apr. 1, 1850 From Orlando & Reginald Fairfax 282 Ac.

John M. Young 108 1/2 Ac. Sept. 12 1850 From Orlando Fairfax, Adjoining 100 Ac. purch. From Thos. Hedges 1836

Nov 22 1850, Orlando Fairfax & Sewell B. Corbett agreement For 162 Ac E of Four Mile Run N of Columbia Pike, adjoining Young. on Oct. 18

1854 Conveyed To Cooper Corbett, Father of Sewell 162 A.

Dec. 21, 1850, 202 Ac. From Orlando Fairfax To Lewis & Maria Bailey

18 To Frank Corbett 162 Ac.

1/1/58 Cooper To Virgil Corbett - 162 Ac. (Son)

12/24/1864 Virgil To Frank Corbett

3 Aug. 1719 1215 Ac. To Evan Thomas & John Todd

6/3/38, 5/2/62, 5/2/63 - Geo & Lau Frances & Hanover Awbrey to John Carlyle ab. 800 A

5/27/1808 John Carlyle Herbert To Thomas Fairfax 774 1/2 Ac.

1. - The 162 Acre Parcel of Cooper Corbett was Deeded To his Son, Frank Corbett, in 1864. He erected a Large Home in The North East corner and, clearing a portion, operated a small Farm, While also owning a Store in Alexandria. The Rail Laid its Track Through The western side, East of Four Mile Run, by about 1860 and Steam Trains ran From Alexandria To Snickersville (Now Bluemont). A small yellow Station was erected on the West side of The Track, South of The Columbia Pike Crossing and at First Bore The name "Arlington". Frank Corbett Subdivided about Forty acres of his Farm in 18 ; into Lots, in The Southwest Corner, along the railroad, calling it "Cedar Hill", The name of his Farm. He died, however, before selling more Than one or two parcels. The purchaser of his estate, Mrs. Abbie Fox, had it resub-divided, and in 1903, with her son-in-law, Stephen P. Wright, began to sell Lots in The village of Barcroft.

2. Sewell Corbett and his wife raised a family of several children & are buried in a small cemetery beside Their home. A portion of The Tract of 282 Ac. became the home of a son, Dr. Henry C. Corbett, on Columbia Pike. Adjoining him on the West the home of W.C. Wibert was erected. The lower portion, along Four Mile Run became the Farm of Lloyd, now an apartment complex.

3. The lower part below the 202 Ac. of Lewis Bailey became the farm home

of the Deuterman family.

3. The upper part, northwest of Doctors Run, largely a lovely forested area for many years, was eventually acquired for construction of Bareroft Apartments about 1940, by the Dekashmull Brothers. The large house on a hill high above Doctors Run at Columbia Pike erected about 1900, was the home of Sheriff Wm Palmer whose family gave its name to the curving Pike Hill.

4. The 108 1/2 Ac. of John M. Young was inherited by his son. (It adjoined his previously purchased 100 Ac. tract.) When quite elderly the son married M Bailey, who became the owner only a few years later at his death. She married her farm manager, Thomas Gray. They lived there many years. After her death, the estate was sold about 1921 to former state Senator J. Lloyd Byars. He named the home Alcova and gave the name to the subdivision he constructed on the tract. Mrs. Gray gave the land for the Arlington Presbyterian church on Columbia Pike which was erected about 1904. When that church (at present Nelson St.) was destroyed by fire in 1924, a parcel was purchased at Lincoln Street on which the present church was later erected. Lincoln Street was originally the lane that led from Columbia Pike to the Alcova mansion.

P. 260 - "Beginning at a white oak"

Patent 3 Aug 1719 to Thomas & Todd 1215 A.

3 June 1738 John Todd of NC to John Awbrey "land" beginning at mouth of small br. out of side of main run of 4 mi creek ab 2 1/4 mi above the mill

2 May 1763 }
12 May 1762 } Francis Awbrey St Marys co., Md. and Owen Brady and Hanover his wife, dau's of John Awbrey recovered from Todd and sold their rights to John Carlyle Ab. 800 Ac.

20 Jan 1742 Wm Thomas of Pr Wm co to Robt. King lower land of tract bequeathed by Evan Thomas to son, Wm, bounded by lines of Howson, Alexander and Four mile Run where Mr Ridley (Rigby) & Mr Robt. King live 100 Ac

24 Nov 1745 Robt King to Hugh West part of 300 Ac of Evan Thomas 100 A.

8 Mar 1745 Thomas Whitford, Fx. Co., to Hugh West part of 300 A. on Four Mile Run willed by Evan Thomas to his son Wm and sold by Wm to Thomas Whitford 198 3/4 A

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Ab. 400 Ac.

Columbia ca. 1920

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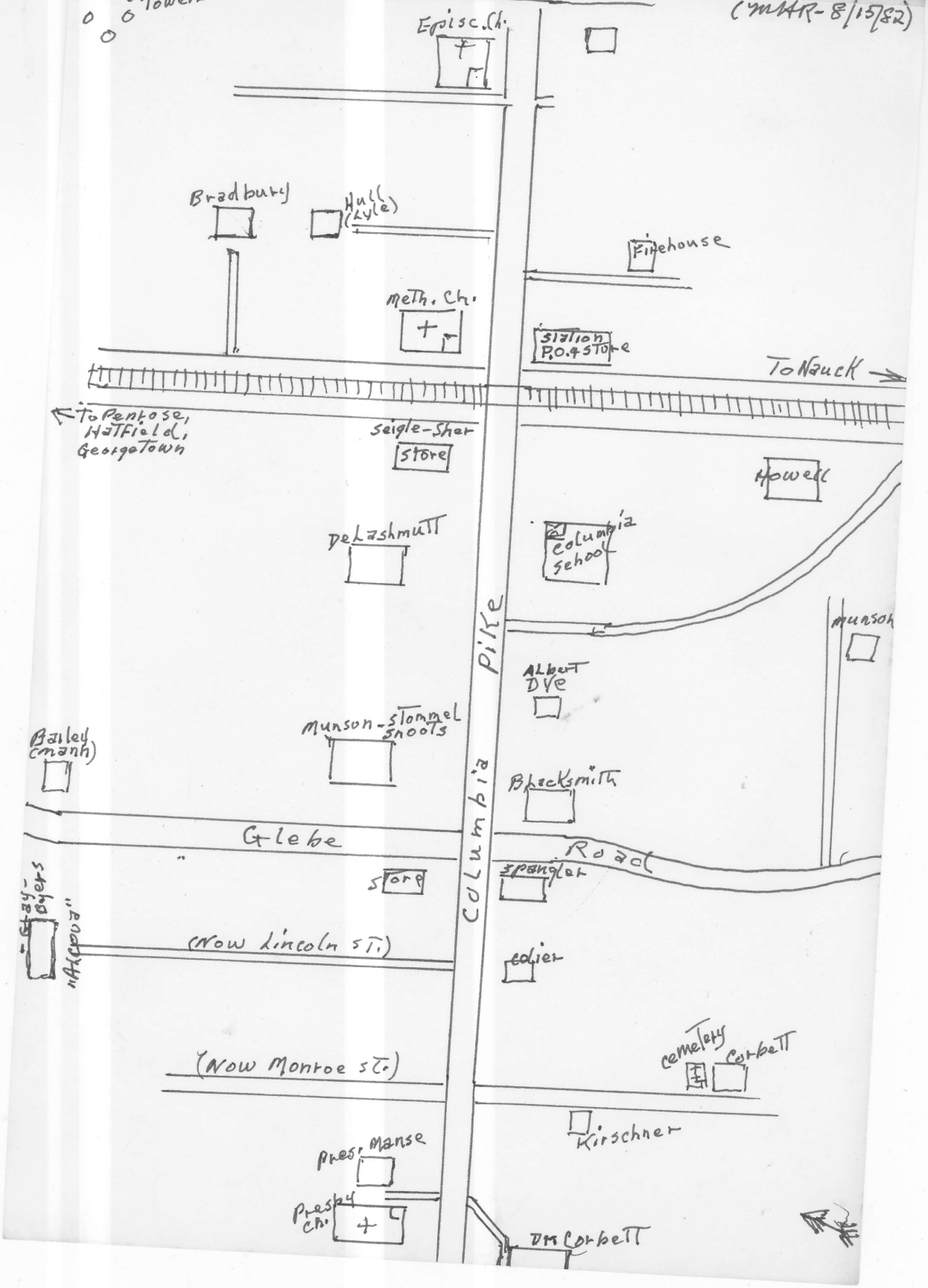


School - Barcroft
(AHS-1980, p. 29)

1907-8 - 10 pupils, Amy Fairfax, First Teacher, in her home at Arlington & Glen Avenues.

Nov. 1908 - A building had been erected next door at Arlington Ave. and Brook Street by the Methodists as a church. Mrs. Fairfax, with three little girls, could not teach that year as she was soon to add a fourth child, a son, to her family. The Barcroft School & Civic League, formed that year made arrangements to rent the church building during the week for a school. Miss Beulah Adams was employed by the County as the first teacher at Barcroft to teach in the new little building.

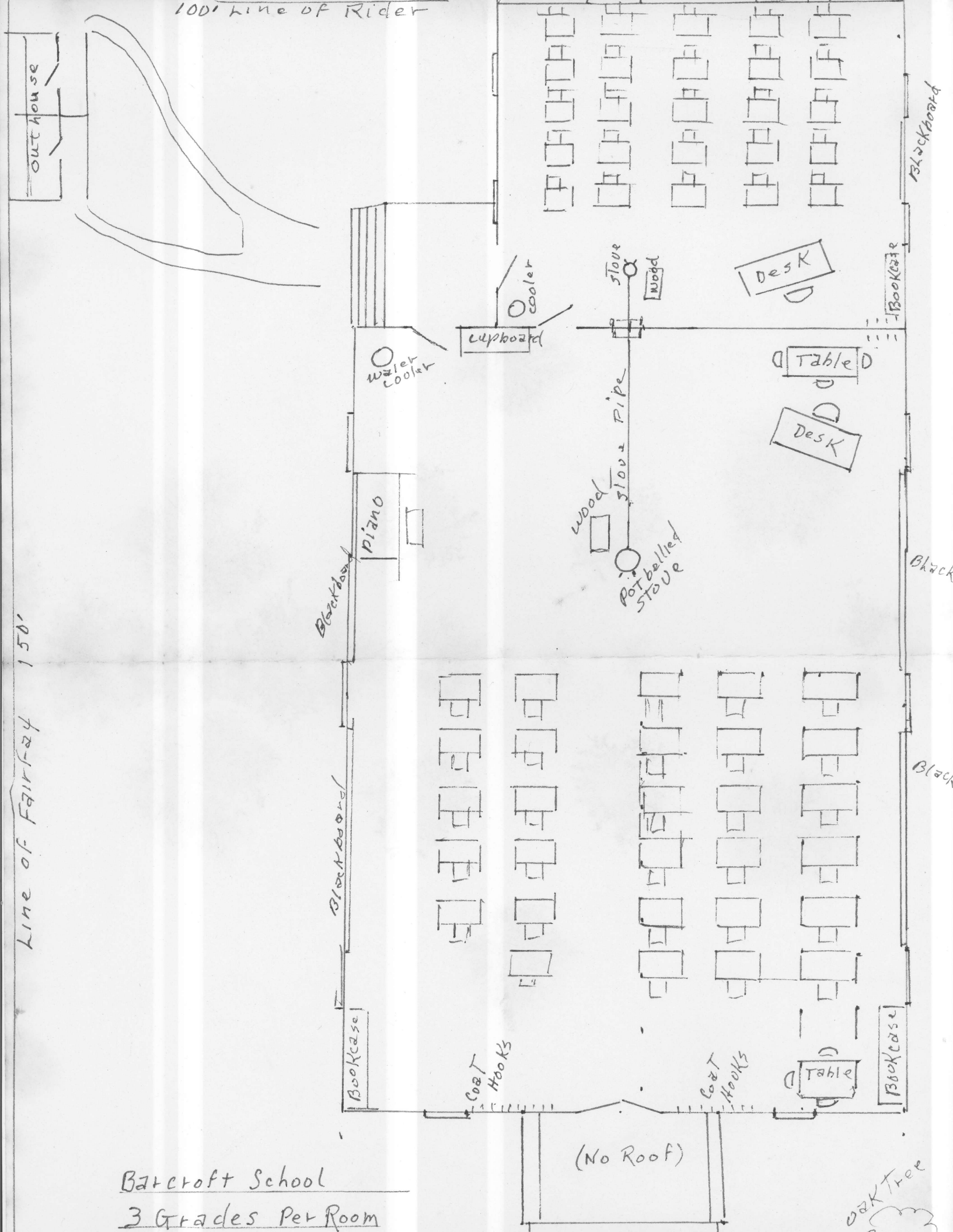
1913 - Within four years the fast-growing area had need for more ~~space~~ for its pupils and a second small room was added. Miss Margaret Handy had been the second teacher in the little building and was followed by Miss Grace Crowell who became Principal and teacher of the upper grades in 1913. She was joined by Miss Grace Crowell who taught the lower grades.

Through the war years of World War I and the years of recovery which followed

the School continued to grow.

1925 - By 1925 the county had erected a new brick school about three blocks away on land that had first been left mostly in scrub-Pine, and later was rented and planted in potatoes and corn for some years.

1925 - Since 1925 the building now known as the Bancroft Community House has continued under the care and direction of the Bancroft Civic Association.



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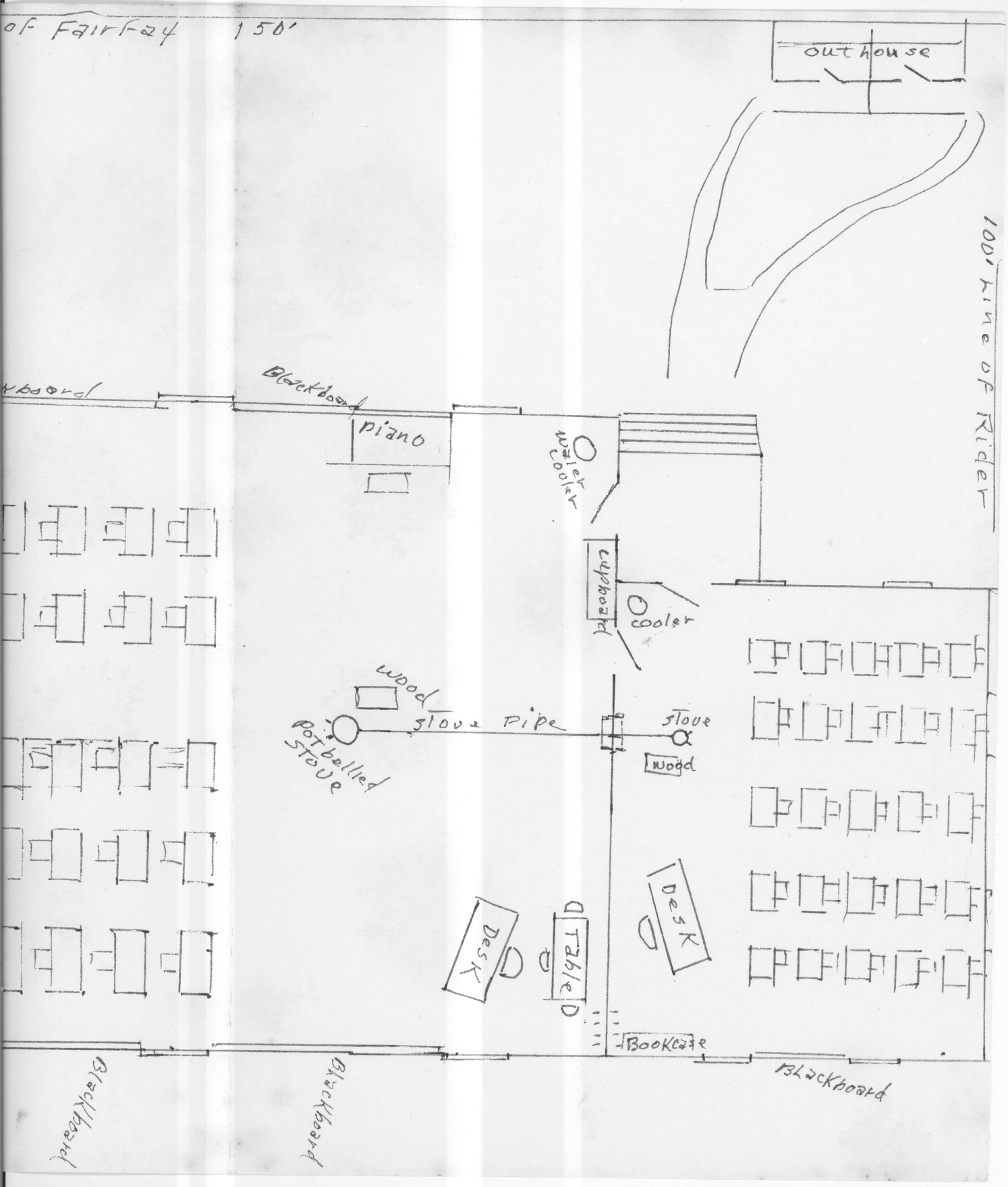
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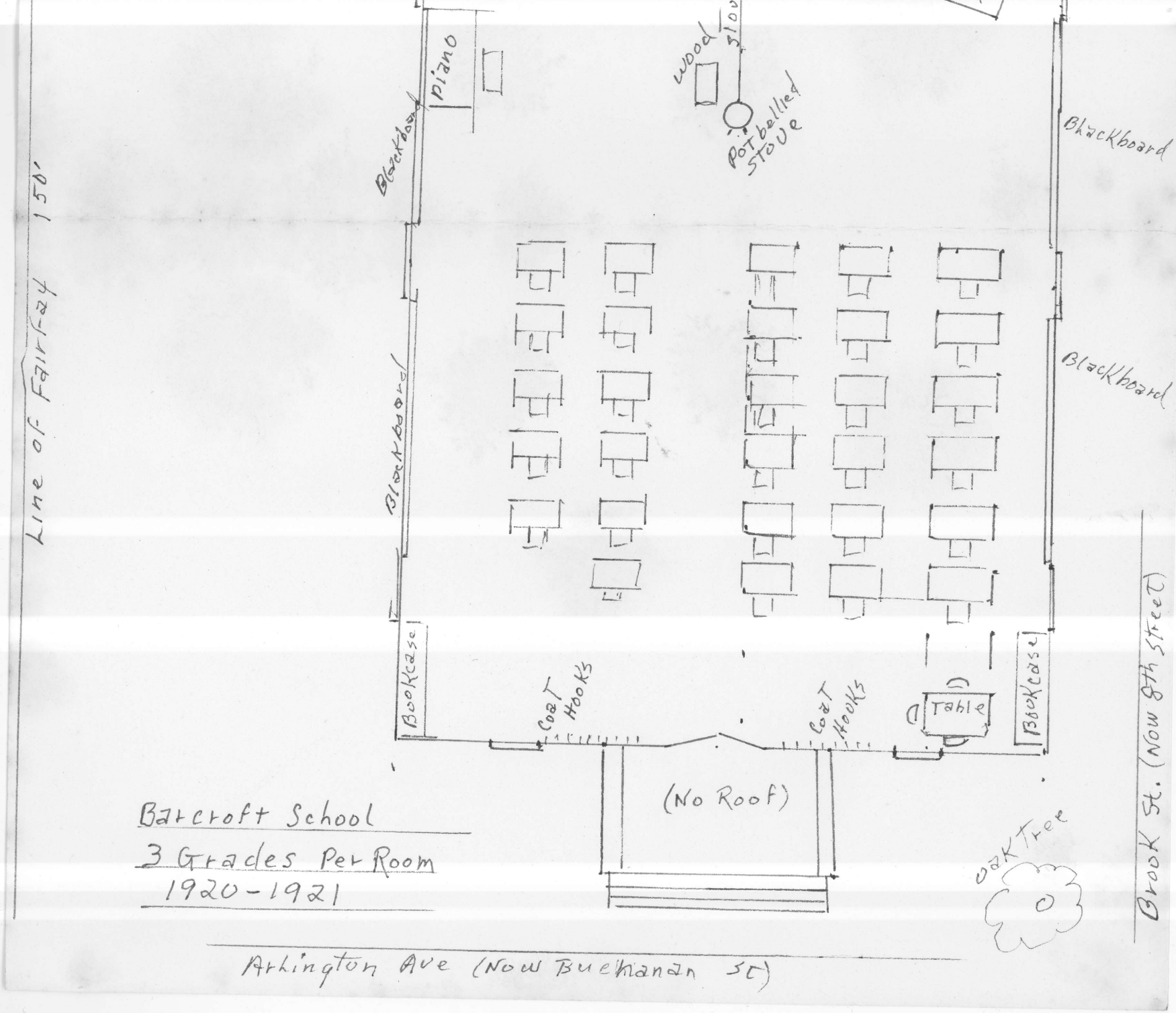

Barcroft School
3 Grades Per Room
1920-1921

Barcroft Store - Va.

Memories

Arlington residents in front of Barcroft Community House in the 800 block of Buchanan Street, circa 1928. (Robert C. Robey).

Send us your interesting old area photos: Journal Newspapers, 6885 Commercial Drive, Springfield, Va., 22151. Include a caption and self-addressed envelope. We pay $5 for each photo printed.

✓ Oscar Haring Store

✓ Mill Picture

✓ Alexandria Gazette - Corbett Suicide

✓ Lots in Barcroft ad

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✓ Washington Times re Barcroft News Story

✓ Train station picture

✓ Tomey Foley picture

✓ School kids picture

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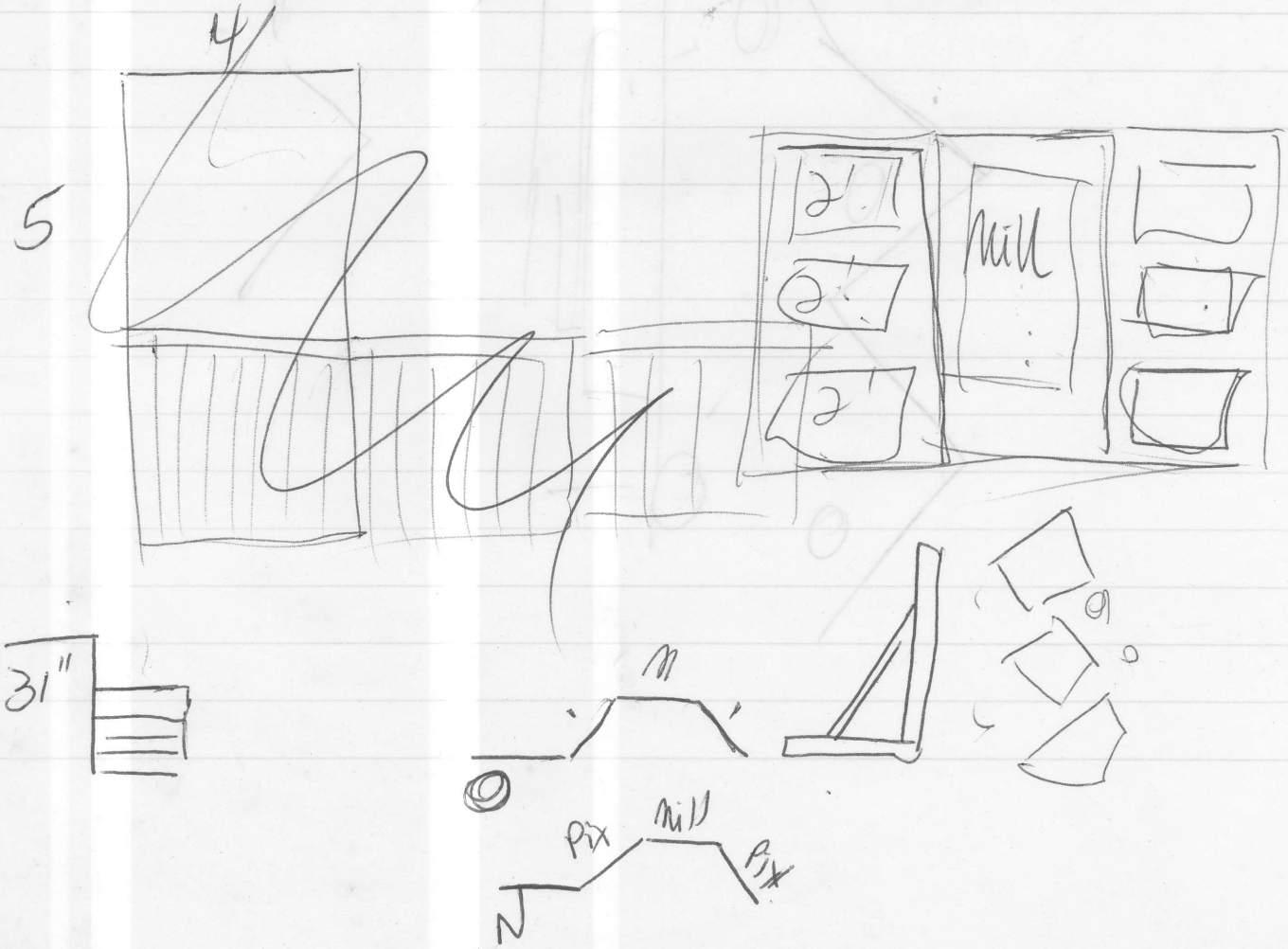

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Alexandria Gazette.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 19, 1897.

LOCAL MATTERS.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—For this section fair to-night and Thursday; slight changes in temperature; northerly winds becoming variable.

ANOTHER SUICIDE.—Considerable sensation was caused in this city about five o'clock yesterday afternoon by the announcement that Mr. Frank E. Corbett, one of Alexandria's best known citizens, had swallowed a large dose of chloral with suicidal intent. Drs. Smith, Howard and Purvis were summoned, and though they used all the skill at their command his death followed about half-past seven o'clock. Mr. Corbett had been laboring under a severe mental strain for several years, and of late had been addicted to the use of opiates. His friends had been apprehensive concerning him for some time, as he had often in his gloomy moods spoken rashly. His excessive use of opiates had caused some druggists to refuse to sell them to him, but he had managed to obtain them in some way. Yesterday he was in the street as usual, and he passed down King street about four o'clock and entered the Old Dominion Cigar Manufactory, which he had been conducting for some time. He took a seat at his desk, attracting no special attention from the others in the place. Later it was noticed that he had lapsed into a remarkably quiet condition, and upon examination he was found to be semi conscious. A bottle labelled "Chloral" told the tale; he had swallowed 240 grains, while the usual dose is 15. As stated above, physicians were summoned and he was removed to his bed room in the building. The physicians worked earnestly upon him, but he never rallied, and gradually sank until about half past seven o'clock when his attendants pronounced life extinct. The body was removed to the undertaking establishment of Mr. Wheatley where it will be prepared for burial. To-day the remains were taken to the Masonic Temple, whence the funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon, at 5 o'clock. Mr. Corbett was a native of Binghamton, N. Y., and came to this city in the year 1870. He began business on the east side of Royal street, between King and Cameron, opening what he called a "Chinese Tea Store." His store was neat and attractive and his stock choice, but the enterprise proved a failure, and he subsequently was appointed Deputy Collector of the Port under Mr. David Turner, and he held the same position in subsequent years under Mr. A. A. Wardald. When the latter relinquished the position of Collector Mr. Corbett took charge of the Old Dominion Cigar Manufactorery, a business in which he threw most of his energies. He was

PERSONAL.—Mr. J. J. Jamieson, Past Grand Regent of Virginia, has gone to Baltimore to attend the 20th anniversary of the organization of the Supreme Council, Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Frank Harper, formerly of this city, but now of Fredericksburg, is in the city for a short visit.

Col. W. A. Smoot will be chief marshal of the Memorial Day parade.

Miss Sara Daingerfield last night most charmingly entertained a number of her friends from Baltimore, Washington, this city and elsewhere at a lawn party and dance given at the country residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Daingerfield, "Malvern," on Seminary Hill, near this city. The entertainment was given in honor of Misses Cornelia Boykin and Mary C. Stokes, of Baltimore. Prof. Donch furnished the music and during the evening refreshments were most deliciously served. A large number of young people were present and seldom was a more enjoyable evening spent in this neighborhood.

MR. GILBERT SIMPSON'S CANDIDACY. Mr. Gilbert Simpson has issued circulars announcing himself a candidate for Mayor at the coming election. He says he has had a great deal of experience with that office for fifteen years while acting as an officer of the police force, and is satisfied that he will give entire satisfaction in that capacity. He claims he was put off the police force through jealousy of some of the members, for fear he would be promoted. He further says: "This city never had a better and more conscientious servant than I proved to be. I would rather be elected Mayor of Alexandria this time than to be President of the United States for the next ten years. When I was dismissed from the police force I questioned all the members of the Council and Board of Aldermen and have never found one but what said he voted for me, and how it was that I was defeated I cannot tell."

EPWORTH LEAGUE.—The first business meeting of the union chapters of the Epworth leagues in the Southern Methodist Episcopal churches embraced in Washington district, Baltimore conference, was held Monday evening at Epworth M. E. Church South, Washington. Among the delegates present were Messrs. Fred Peake and E. B. Kemp, of this city. Mr. S. H. Lamar, of Gaithersburg, was elected president; Mr. L. Pierce Boteler, of Washington, and Mr. E. B. Kemp and Miss Anna Summers, both of Alexandria, vice-president and treasurer, respectively. A paper on "Department Work" was read by Miss Anna Summers, of Alexandria.

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RECEPTION.—Last night the Second Presbyterian Church was the scene of a most delightful reception tendered its new pastor, Rev. J. Ernest Thacker, and his wife by the congregation of that church. The church was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and potted plants, and the pulpit was banked with palms. Mr. K. Kemper was master of ceremonies and made an address of welcome for the congregation and Rev. [illegible] Butler, of the Baptist Church, for

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DISORDERLY YOUNGSTERS. — Last night about twelve o'clock several young men became involved in a difficulty on King street, between Washington and Columbus, and created considerable excitement. Officer Bettis soon appeared and captured one of the offenders and later Special Officer Genzberger secured another at the corner of Fairfax and Prince streets. The names of the others were obtained and this morning three of the accused were brought before the Mayor. It seems that the trouble arose in an upper King street saloon where one of the party had not been invited to drink. They were fined $5 each.

POLICE COURT.—The following cases were disposed of this morning:

Matze Hicks, arrested by Officer Lyles for assault on Ed. Bell and for carrying a pistol, was fined $20 or given 30 days in jail.

Three young men, arrested by Officer Bettis and Special Officer Genzberger for drunken and disorderly conduct, were fined $5 each.

Celia Keys, colored, arrested by Officer Proctor for drunken and disorderly conduct, was fined $5 and in default of payment sent to the work house for 30 days.

Martha Woodlawn and James Robinson, both colored, arrested by Officers Proctor and Ferguson for disorderly and indecent conduct, were fined $10 each.

Night Report.—Last night was clear and cool. Four prisoners and three lodgers were at the station house.

ANNUAL MEETING.—The annual meeting of Alexandria Real Estate Investment Trust and Title Company was held yesterday at its office in this city, 107 south Royal street, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Park Agnew, President; James R. Caton, Vice President; M. B. Harlow, Secretary and Treasurer, and James R. Caton, Archibald Greenlees and Geo. H. Harlow, Board of Directors. A resolution was adopted authorizing the secretary to advertise and sell the property owned by the company in this city and Chattanooga, Tenn.

BASEBALL.—The Episcopal High School nine played a game yesterday evening against a team from Columbian University, and won in the ninth inning by a score of 16 to 12. The feature of the game was the batting of the High School boys against three pitchers put

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1908-9 Marye, W.W. Wright, Head, Hale, Morgan

1909-10 Handy, F.C., W.K., FAG (Whitcraft), Martin, Triggs

1910-11 Armstrong, Floyd, Adams, McMahon, Perrow, Beach

1911-12 Bullen, Ryder, Cozden, Sanford Smith

1912-13 Houseknecht, Robinson, Smith, Alberta

1913-14 Pepper, C.W. Jones, Printz, Bridges, Allin

1914-15 Japp, Kirschner, Kinchelow, Payne, M., Shaw

1915-16 O'Hara, Weeks, Gawley, Vincent, Chrisman

1916-17 Babcock, Babcock R., Pattison, Miller, Hymel

1917-18 Roseberry, Brewer, McRae, Bradley. Weeks, Hopkins, Howard, Hartman, Fulton (Adams House)

1918-19 - Roadhouse, Knisley, Beach, Hazek, Zylinski, Maury

1919-20 - Payne (Rams), Printz, McDonald, Blake, Wyburn, Kelly

1920-21 - McCoy, McPhinnale, Walker, Beach, Roberts, Mayr, May C., Kinchelow, Roth

1921-22 - Wilson, Coles, Brasse, Devivar, Cleveland, Tilson, Wiking

1922-23 - McAlister, Nelson, Mitchell, Yates

1923-24 - Huff, Robey, Foster, Chew, Freiwald,

24-25 - Hranth, Wessels, Whalen, Nichols.

25-26 - Seymour, Dove, Miller (Roy), ~~Nichols~~

26-27 - Maupin, Johnson

27-28 - ~~Potts~~ Tolbert, West, Potts

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29-30 - ~~W Kinchelow~~ .

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33-34 - Solomon, W/Rose,

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39-40 -

40-41 - Thomas, (H & Pm), Flaherty

41-42 -

42-43 -

43-44

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Presidents:

✓ 1907-8 - Bancroft Citizens Assn.
Stephen P. Wright, Pres.

1908-9 - Bancroft School and civic League
Probably S.T. Mayer or W.W. Wright

1909-10 - " " " "

1910-11 - " " " " F.C. Handy

1911-12 - " " " " "

1912-13 - " " " " "

1913-14 - Sanford W. Smith (at time of Cert. of Incorp.)

1914-15 - Possibly "

1915-16 - " Armstrong

1917-18 - " "

1918-19 - " Bradley

1919-20 - " Babcock

✓ 1920-21 } Walt Handy ✓
✓ 1921-22 } Walter K. Handy ✓

✓ 1922-23 - T. Marshall Kelly ✓

1923-24 - Possibly " or Woodruff

1924-25 - "

1925-26 - "

1926-27 - " Mrs Krauth?

1927-28 - "

1928-29 - "

✓ 1929-30 } R W Kinchelow ✓
✓ 1930-31 }
✓ 1931-32 } C. Ottie Potts ✓
✓ 1932-33 }
✓ 1933-34 }
1934-35 }
1935-36 }

✓ 1936-37 } J. Geo. Pepper
✓ 1937-38 }

✓ 1938-39 } F. V. Denson
(over) 39-40 }

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~~The~~ Bancroft school ~~which~~ began with Ten first and second graders ~~grew gradually~~ ~~with~~ Bancroft. ~~School began~~ Eventually, Bancroft School with Seven Grades in one room. More space became necessary and by 1913 a small additional room was added in the rear of the original structure. School board records show that two teachers were regularly employed to teach at Bancroft from December 1913 to June 1925.

At least three members of the class first held in a private home, in 1907, still survive. Many more are living who attended school in the Community House building that was rented by the County for use as a school for seventeen years. ~~from 1908~~ ~~from 1906~~ A large number are still residents of Arlington and the nearby area.

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The farm estate and unsold lots of the subdivision were sold in 1903. The subdivision was resurveyed, resubdivided and named "Barcroft" in 1904. Plans were laid by its new owner, Mrs Abigal Fox, and her son-in-law, Stephen P. Wright, the developer ~~pioneer~~ to offer newly constructed homes for sale.

Stephen P. Wright ~~with a young daughter~~ erected a home east of the Newlon house on the Pike. His brother, W. W. Wright, with two small children, in 1906, purchased the home of Newlon which had been rented for several years. Stephen sold his home in 1907 to James W. Read.

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~~Slowly, sales of new homes brought new residents~~

In northern Virginia, following the war that had torn the country asunder, Alexandria county was dusting itself off and beginning slowly to put the pieces together for a new life. Dr. Barroft had returned from new grove and, by 1886, had rebuilt the old destroyed Arlington mill on Columbia Pike at Four Mile Run, naming it "Barroft Mill." ~~On a parcel of land~~ On the Pike, a block East of the Railroad, a home was erected for Mr. Newlon, the mill operator, on a small parcel purchased from Frank E. Corbett. In 1890, Oscar Haring purchased six acres ~~from~~ of Frank Corbett's "Cedar Hill" farm on Columbia Pike at the Railroad crossing. There, he built a home, opening a general store in the large front room planned for the purpose.

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In 1892 Frank Corbett subdivided approximately 80 acres of his 262 acre farm on Columbia Pike East of Four Mile Run. ~~Annie Hormus erected the~~ The Store of Oscar Haring and Home of Mr Newlon were within that subdivision. In 1894 Annie Hormus, sister-in-law of Mr Haring built a home on Arlington Avenue at Fairfax St. (So. Buchanan & 9th St.) which she rented for about six years. Mr. Klemroth rented an imposing house across from this in 1900. When Annie Hormus and Sidney T. Marye were married in 1901, they occupied the house she had built.

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renaming of streets, with changes in lot sizes, the subdivision was renamed "Barcroft". Mrs. Foy took up residence in the old Corbett house on the northeast corner of the farm. Her son-in-law, Stephen R. Wright, ~~built a home east of the farm and became manager and developer of the subdivision.~~ moved into the Newlon house on Columbia Pike. He became the developer & manager of the subdivision.

In 1906 the Newlon Home was sold to W. W. Wright, brother of Stephen and in 1907 James W. Head purchased Stephen's ~~home~~ home.

Subdivided of Barcroft

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M.A.D.O.4, aided by her son-in-law, Stephen P. Wright, planned to construct small homes in Barcroft and to develop the community. Stephen Wright erected a home about 1904, East of the Newlon home, ~~and~~ In 1906 his brother, W W Wright purchased the Newlon property.

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From the Minutes and Payroll of the Alexandria County School Board, and from Deeds of the County - as indicated in attached notes, it will be seen that previously prepared Histories are at variance with actual facts.

1. The first School was held in Bancroft from Nov. 30, 1907 to June 1908 in the home of Mrs. Amy Fairfax, who was the Teacher. (not Edith)
2. Milton & Amy Fairfax purchased their home on Lots 1, 2, Bl. D on Apr 20, 1907. (Did not live in Bancroft in 1906.) Their three daughters were Edith, Hilda and Ethel.
3. The Alexandria Co School Board at first turned down the Petition of the Citizens Association of Bancroft on October 10 1907 "as we have a capable Teacher at Glen Carlyn". They did not consider the school at Bailys Crossroads as it was in Fairfax Co.
4. Lots 3, 4 Bl. D, Bancroft, were purchased May 23, 1908, by Trustees of the Meth. Epsc. Church of Bancroft.
5. From records of the School Board it is clear that the one-room church building was erected during the Summer of 1908. The Trustees and other residents of Bancroft were affiliated with the Bal. Meth. Ch. and, with the minister of that church, joined in the construction.
6. It is known that Mrs Fairfax later had a little son. The School Board & Parents evidently learned during the summer that Mrs Fairfax would be unable to teach & her home would not be available in 1908-09. Thus,

according to School Board minutes & Payroll, arrangements were made to rent the new Building for use as a school and Miss Beulah Adams was employed to teach from Nov. 6, 1908 to June 1909.

7. On Sept. 19, 1909, Miss Adams was ordered to report as Teacher at Clarendon. Miss Margaret Handy, a new applicant, who had moved to Barcroft with her parents in April 1908, was ordered to teach at Barcroft for the school Term 1909-10.

8. Pupils who attended in 1909-10, and also Miss Handy, have told of the destructive storm which tore off the roof.

9. The building was enlarged by addition of a second small room in 1913, and School Board records show that from December 1913 to June 1925 two teachers were employed each year to teach at Barcroft.

10. The building was wired for electricity in 1913.

(8, 9, 10, above are included to be added to the list of repairs & improvements. They would probably be recorded in minutes of the Barcroft School & Civic League if the early records can be found.)

11. The town, first known as the Village of Barcroft, was a small subdivision of about ~~150~~ 80 Acres of the farm of Frank E. Corbett made in 1892. In 1907 it consisted of ~~[illegible]~~ East-West streets, from present Wakefield Street (then Spring St.) to the Railroad tracks, ~~[illegible]~~ There were Fairfax St, Glen Ave. and Brook St and Maple St., now 9th Street, So., 8th Rd., So., 8th St. So, and 7th St, So. It had two North-South streets from Columbia Pike to Maple St., Arlington Ave. and Spring St., now So. Buchanan and Wakefield streets.

12. Within that subdivision in 1907, the first home had been erected in 1896 on Columbia Pike at Arlington Ave., before the subdivision was made, for Mr. Newlon who operated the Mill for Dr. Barcroft. The second house had been erected in 1898 by ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ on a 6-Acre plot on Columbia Pike at the Railroad Crossing. In this, he opened a General Store in a large front room planned for the purpose. He and his family, a wife and their son, and two sisters of his wife, made their home in the rest of the house. The third house, built in 1894 by Annie Hoffmus at Arlington Ave. and Fairfax St. was the first to be built after the subdivision was made in 1892. It was rented for about 6 years until her marriage to Sidney T. Moye in 1901. Across from the Hoffmus house the Klemroth home was erected in 1900. The only other home in the original subdivision was erected about 1904 by Stephen P. Wright on Columbia Pike, East of the first house of Mr. Newlon. These six were all until 1907.

On the farm on which the subdivision had been established, the farmhouse stood on its northeast corner and was occupied by its new owner, Mrs. Joy, some distance from the subdivision. North of that on a 6-Acre parcel stood ~~a house~~ on a portion of the old Ball farm. Across the Pike, to the South, the home of the County Sheriff was on part of another farm.

~~To the West of the subdivision~~ Several small houses had been erected west of the subdivision between the railroad and Four Mile Run for railroad workers along Col. Pike. From Four Mile Run to the Fairfax County line near Baileys Crossroads, stood the Barcroft Mill, Dr. Barcrofts home, the Payne house, and about 6 small homes on the north side. On the South side the Scanlands lived across from the mill, and beyond were homes of the Toins and another Payne family.

When a Post office was established about 1884 at Barroft in the General Store Miss. Virgie Llorenus was named Postmistress. Because it was the only Post office in that area, people outside of the Sub-division of Barroft began to receive mail addressed there. They began then to consider that they were living at Barroft.

The first of the small homes planned by the Barroft developer, Stephen P. Wright, was purchased on Apr. 20, 1907, by Milton and Amy Fairfax. Families ~~of the~~ who followed suit in the next months were those of Martin, Jarrett, Ham and Griggs.

In 1906, the family of W. N. Wright had purchased the old Newton house. They had a small son and daughter. In 1907 S. Wright sold his home to James Head who, then, had a small son.

Within the subdivision, with small children soon to need schooling were families of Fairfax (3 girls) 1 ready; Marye 2; Wright 2, 1 ready. In the surrounding area on col. Pike, others were Palmer 1, Payne 1, Tillett, then running the mill, 2; and along the RR track Loveland, 2.

open a school at Barcroft as we have a capable teacher at Glen Carlyn, Virginia".

According to the record this action was immediately protested by the Barcroft residents. Most of the children were under the age of seven and the only ~~connection~~ direct route to Glen Carlyn was via the railroad track on which they would have a walk of over a mile.

The School Board on October 19, 1907, then instructed Mr. C. B. Munson of Columbia, Chairman of the Arlington District, to look into the matter and see what the expenses would be to maintain a school at Barcroft.

School began Nov. 1907 in
Fairfax home for:

Carol Wright, son of W.W.
~~Elizabeth~~
Pauline Palmer, dau. of Sheriff
Beulah Lovelace dau. of a Railroad Worker
Llamon Lovelace son " " " "
Percy Tillett, son of man then operating mill
Charles " " " " " "
Edith Fairfax, eldest dau. of H.
Dorothy Payne - a granddau of Mr. Barnett
Paul Marye, son of Sidney T.
Adalyne " dau of " " (under school age but added to make 10 required)

1907-8 Fairfax	1908-9 Adams	1909-10 Handy	10-11 Beatty	11-12 Beatty	12-13 Beatty	13-14 Beatty-Crews	Escaped Lyle
Paul Marye b 3/02	Whitecraft	Whitecraft	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Adaline " b 7/03	"	"	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Chas. Tillett	Carol Wright	Carol Wright	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Percy "	Elsy Wright	Elsy "	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Carol Wright	Paul Marye	Paul Marye	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Pauline Palmer	Adaline "	Adaline "	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Edith Fairfax	Margt. Handy	Margt Handy					
Dorothy Payne	Fannie Morgan		✓				
Beulah Lockhart	Pauline Palmer	Pauline Palmer	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Damon Lockhart	Edith Fairfax	Edith Fy	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Dorothy Payne	Dorothy Payne	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Beulah Lockhart	Beula Lockhart	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Damon "	Damon "	✓	✓	✓	✓	
			Hilda Fy.	Frances Handy	✓	✓	
				Mabel Bullen	~~Eleanor Tapp~~ ✓	✓	

1 — Earlock	2 Earlock	3 ~~Hancock~~	4 Hancock	5 ~~Bancroft~~	Leo Ryder	Eleanor Tapp	Julian Tapp
1915-16	1916-17	1917-18	1918-19	19-20		Clifford Ryder	✓
Mal Handy	✓	✓				~~Norman Walker~~	✓
Ruth Houseknecht	✓	✓			M. Bullen	✓	✓
Bell Armstrong	✓	✓			~~Beatty~~ ~~Bancroft~~	~~Banks~~ ~~Rhea~~	Brand. Shreve
Gladys Shreve	✓	✓			1920-21		
Brandeis "	✓	✓					
Lawrence Floyd	✓ Kath. Ryder	Eddie Rosebrug					
	Matilda Hopkins	Richard "					
	Jane Hopkins	✓	Evelyn Zyliuski			Gertrude Wilson	"
	Joan Printz	✓	Otis Printz			Mary Besley	"
		Wm Bradley	Patty Bradley			Jo McAlister	"
		+ orphans	Cory			Esther Fulton	"
			Helen " Weeks Palmer	Hazel Beach			

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Adaline " b 7/03	"	"	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Chas. Jillett	Carol Wright	Carol Wright	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Percy "	Eliz. Wright	Eliz. "	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Carol Wright	Paul Marye	Paul Marye	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Pauline Palmer	Adaline "	Adaline "	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Edith Fairfax	Margt. Handy	Margt Handy					
Dorothy Payne	Fannie Morgan						
Beulah Lovelace	Pauline Palmer	Pauline Palmer	✓				
Damon Lovelace	Edith Fairfax	Edith Fx	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Dorothy Payne	Dorothy Payne	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Beulah Lovelace	Beula Lovelace	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Damon "	Damon "	✓	✓	✓	✓	
			Hilda Fx.		✓	✓	
				Frances Handy	✓	✓	
				Mabel Bullen	✓	✓	
					~~Eleanor Tapp~~	✓	

1st Grade	1 Eastlack 1915-16	2 Eastlack 1916-17	3 ~~Hancock~~ 1917-18	4 Hancock 1918-19	5 ~~Hancock~~ 19-20			
	Mil Handy	✓	✓			Leo Ryder	Eleanor Tapp	Julian Tapp
	Ruth Horseknecht	✓	✓				✓	✓
	Bell Armstrong	✓	✓				Clifford Ryder	✓
	Gladys Shreve	✓	✓				~~Norman Weeks~~	✓
	Brandeis "	✓	✓			M. Bullen	✓	✓
	Lawrence Floyd	✓	✓			~~Beeby~~ ~~Bamford~~	~~Banks~~ ~~Kraus~~	Brand. Shreve
						1920-21		
		Kath. Ryder	Eddie Roseburg					
		Matilda Hopkins	Richard "					
		Jane Hopkins	✓	Evelyn Zyhinski		Gertrude Wilson	"	
		Joan Printz	✓	Otis Printz		Mary Besley		
			Wm Bradley	Patk Bradley		Jo McAlister		
			+ orphans	Cory "		Esther Fulton		
				Helen " Weeks	Hazel Beach			

Corrections or changes and additions:

Page 1, Par. 4 xxx The Marye house was the first to be built on top of the hill in the Corbett subdivision. Lot 1, Block F, Corbett, was purchased November 11, 1892 by Annie C. Doremus from Frank E. Corbett. DB K4 Page 465. The house was erected about 1894 and, for about six years, was rented to a family whose name is not now known.

On July 7, 1899, Lots 1, 2 Bl G ~~was~~ were sold by the executor of Frank E. Corbett's estate to Edgar K. Lemroth and his wife —, and her mother Mrs. Schick. They rented the house of Annie C. Doremus during 1900 while their new home across Arlington Avenue was under construction. DB 24 Page 192.

Mr. Sidney T. Marye and his bride, Annie C. Doremus, moved into their home after their marriage May 1, 1901. Paul 3/25/02 Adalyne 7/20/03

Mr. S.P. Wright, son-in-law of Mrs. Abigail Foy, built a home on Lots 12, 13, 14, Bl. G, of the R subdivision named Barcroft, about 1904. He and his family lived there until he sold it in 1907 to James W. Head. DB 117 Pg. 251.

In 1906 W W Wright bought from Newton-

Mr. Stephen P. Wright brought in Mr. B.F. Perrow, a builder, of Remington, Va., to build the homes planned for Barcroft. ~~The first of three to be sold~~ ~~purchased~~ ~~was that of Mr.~~ Milton W. and Amy M. Fairfax ~~at Arlington and Glen Hornbrook on April 20, 1907. They~~ purchased lots 1 and 2, Block D, Subdiv of Barcroft on April 20, 1907, and the newly erected house thereon. (DB 115, Page 364). At that time they had three little girls, Edith, Hilda and Ethel.

On Oct. 8, 1907, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, Bl. F were recorded (DB 117, Pg. 434) as sold to M.M. Bridges ~~of Mt. Ranier, Md.~~ He and his wife and young daughter had rented a small house on Columbia Pike near Barry's Crossroads during the summers for several years, while living in Georgetown, D.C. No house was built on their lots in Barcroft until ~~they were~~ sold some years later.

By Fall of 1907 the area had a number of small children who were ready for school. The residents banded together to seek the assistance of the County.

4/ (Begin page 2 of attached)
School Board records,
Alexandria County, show that
at a Regular Meeting of the
Board on October 9, 1907, a
Petition was read by the Clerk
from —

Note Page 2 Par. 4 Manning Hist.
Where can minutes of 1912 of
civic Assn be found showing the
33 members for that year?

Page 3, Par. 3 — Early minutes
should show:

1. In year 1909-10 necessity for
repairs to roof damaged by
storm when school held in a
home nearby.

2. 1912-14 Wiring for electricity.

3. In addition to remodelling of
1926 - new roof, Excavation for
furnace, bldg stage, front porch
& new front door.

4. and contracts for ceiling & water
connections 1937

Prior to 1900 there were only ~~few~~ houses on the 262 Acre farm on Columbia Pike at Four Mile Run, known as "Cedar Hill" in Alexandria County, and the Subdivision thereon known as "Corbett", of ~~the estate of~~ Frank E. Corbett, ~~recently deceased.~~

The first, and oldest home was that of Frank Corbett, the farm house, which stood on the Northeast corner of the farm. The second was a large house erected at Arlington Avenue on Columbia Pike in 1886. This home had been built on a parcel of Frank Corbett's land before he made the subdivision, for Mr. Newton, who was employed by Mr. Bancroft to operate his Mill.

Also, prior to the subdivision, a large home, part of which was later the store, had been built in 1890 on Columbia Pike just East of the railroad on a 6-acre tract purchased by Oscar Haring and his wife from Frank Corbett. DB N4 P. 476

In 1892 ~~Lot~~ Bl. J, Arlington Avenue and Fairfax street, on top of the hill in the newly dedicated and ~~platted~~ Subdivision of "Corbett", was purchased by Annie C. Dormus, sister of Mrs. Lorella Haring. About 1894 Miss Dormus had a large house erected on her lot. This she rented for several years to a family whose name is not now recalled.
DB K4 P. 465

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DB 24/P192.

Other homes in the area near the Frank Corbett estate at the time were scattered along the Pike. One, on the South side of Columbia Pike, stood on a parcel across from the South East corner of "Cedar Hill" farm. This was the home of Wm C. Palmer who later became Sheriff of Alexandria County.

To the West of Four Mile Run, on Columbia Pike, stood the Barroft Mill, on the site of the earlier ~~the~~ Arlington Mill, and the homes of Mr. Barroft and of his Son-in-law and daughter. Beyond these, toward the Fairfax County line, were about five small homes, one of which was the home of Tom Burke, a friend of Moorby. On the South side of the Pike stood the farm home of Mr. Scanlon and his sisters, opposite the Mill. Beyond, to the West, was the Toins nursery farm ~~of the Toins~~, and in a grove of trees near a ~~lovely~~ small spring, the Payne home.

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Mr. Newlon, the miller, now living ~~back in Washington~~ elsewhere, had rented his house to Judge Pelham of the Justice Department.

On April 22, 1904, the subdivision of "Corbett" was vacated, resubdivided, dedicated and renamed "Barcroft."

Mrs. Foy's son-in-law, Stephen P. Wright, built a home at this time on Columbia Pike, east of the Newlon house, beside a small lake. He became the manager of subdivision sales and planned the building of many homes in Barcroft. For this he brought in Mr. B. F. Perrow, a builder, of Remington, Va. A long, narrow building was constructed on the North side of the Pike between the railroad and Four Mile Run. This was used as a bunkroom for carpenters, and storage of building supplies brought in by railroad.

In 1906, the oldest home in the Barcroft subdivision, lots 9, 10, 11, Blk 6, Barcroft, of Mr. Newlon, was sold to W. W. Wright, brother of Stephen P. Wright. DB 4 P 389.

On March 21, 1907 Stephen P. Wright sold his home, lots 12, 13, 14 Blk 6, Barcroft, on Colombia Pike, next to his brother, to James W. Head.

The first house, built by B F Perrow for S.P. Wright, ~~[illegible]~~ subdivision of Barcroft stood on Arlington Avenue at 4th Avenue. On April 1907 Mrs. Abbie Foy sold the house on lots 1, 2 Blk 7 to

Mr. Milton W. Fairfax and his wife, Amy. DB P

On October 8, 1907, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 Bl. F were sold to M.M. Bridges. These lots on Arlington Avenue between Fairfax St. and Glen Ave., remained unimproved for some twenty or more years when they were sold and homes were built. DB 117 P. 454

It was not until 1908 that sales of new homes under construction began to grow. On May 15, 1908 Frederick C. Handy purchased Lot 5, Bl. H in the Subdivision of Barcroft from Mrs. Abbie Fox. DB 118 P. 25. This house had been erected East of the Mayer home and the properties adjoined.

On the same day, May 15, 1908, the deed of his father, Major J.A.G. Handy to lots 1, 2, 18, 19, 20, Block E was recorded.

Then, on May 23, 1908, a deed was recorded by Charles Kolb, B.F. Perrow, S.T. Mayer, Wm. Pierpont, John R. Robinson, Benj. Smith, Harry Dye, Henry Feagans and Kate Robinson, Trustees of Barcroft M.E. Church of Barcroft, Virginia. By this deed Mrs. Abbie Fairfax sold to the Trustees Lots 3, 4 Block D, adjoining the Fairfax home on Arlington Avenue.

These Trustees had been attending the Arlington Methodist church at Columbia and Mr. Pierpont was the minister there. They planned a small church in Barcroft and with the help of others, erected a simple,

one-room building with windows shaped like those of a church.

On July 1, 1908, Walter K. Handy, the second son of Major F.A.G. Handy, and his bride, Grace, newly married in April, purchased lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Bl. E, adjoining his father. The house, on lot 5, faced on Elm Avenue. In relating the story of the purchase later he said the transaction was at first in doubt. He learned that the two lots, 3 and 4, facing on Arlington Avenue were being reserved for a Community House. Not wanting the building next to him, he bought those also.

(1a) Oscar Harring F4-565 - 2 Ac. 3 Dec. 1886
(1b) Oscar Harring G4-451 - 2½ 2 Bl F 100 x 250' 30 Nov. 1890
(1) Annie C. Doremus purchased Lots 1 Bl. F 100' x 250' "Subdiv. of Corbett" 11 Nov. 1892
DB K4 P. 465
She built hoper by 1895, and she & her sister, Virgie, lived there together about 2 years. About 1898 Annie Married
(2) Sidney T. Marye and they took up residence in her Barcroft home May 1, ~~1898~~ 1901
(3) Edgar K. Klemroth & wife, and her mother Mrs Schick, purchased Lts 1, 2 Block G Subdivision of "Corbett". 7 July 1899
While Klemroth house being built they boarded across the street ~~with Mrs~~ & Mrs. ~~Marye~~ Doremus 1899-1900 1900
(4) Paul Marye b. 1902
(5) "Cedar Hill Farm" & Subdiv. of "Corbett" Mar. 25 1902
Estate of Frank E. Corbett sold by Executor to Mrs Abbie Foy 5 Feb 1903
DB 110 P 299
(6) Adaline Marye b. 1903 July 20 1903
(7) S.P. Wright built home "next to lake" (Barcroft House) on Cedar St. 1903
(8) "Corbett" resubdivided and renamed "Barcroft DB 110 P 53 22 Apr 1904
(9) Newlon (The Miller) home on Col. Pike at Arlington Ave., built ab. 1885-6, sold to W.W. Wright DB 4-389 1906
(10) Jas. W. Head purchased home next to W.W. Wright, which had been built about 1903-4 and lived in by S.P. Wright - from S.P. Wright DB 117 P. 251 Lts 12, 13, 14 Bl G 21 Mar 1907
(11) Milton W. & Amy Fairfax purchased from Abbie Foy Lots 1, 2 Bl D, and new house thereon DB 115 P 364 20 Apr. 1907
(12) M.M. Bridges purchased Lts. 1, 2, 3, 4 Bl F 8 Oct 1907
DB 117 P. 454

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15 May 1908 DB118 P.26 F.A.G. Handy fm Abbie G Fox 3 sons 1 dau., all grown Lts 1, 2, 18, 19, 20 Bl E

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1 July 1908 Walter K. Handy fm Abbie G Fox 2 dau 1 son

14 Sept. 1908 DB118 P531 Jean M. Bakey - no chn DB121 P. 597 Lts 11, 12 Bl E

15 May 1909 Ray Adams fm Abbie G Fox 4 dau 1 son Lts 6, 7 Bl E

1909 DB120 P.342 — Hamm fm Abbie G Fox (later Bradley)

18 June 1909 DB123 P.205 Subdivision of East Barn

20 Aug 1909 Clarence, ~~Gertrude~~ A no chn.

1 Nov 1909 ~~Barnhart~~ Ray R Adams

14 Dec. 1909 Henry H. Cowherd fr. Abbie Fox no chn

1 Mar 1910 DB123 P.358 Thos. J. Armstrong fm Abbie Fox Lts 2, 4 Bl G 2 sons 2 dau

1 Apr 1910 DB123 P.359 Wm. Floyd Lts 6, 8 Bl G 1 son 1 dau

1 July 1910 DB125 P.89 Rich'd W. McMahon Lts 1, 2 Bl G .. 2 dau

13 July 1910 DB129 P.359 Jennette Bullen 3 dau 1 son

24 Sept. 1910 DB126 P.576 B.F. Perrow no chn

15 Nov. 1910 DB127 P.75 Frank Brach chn?

23 Mar. 1912 DB132 P.350 Ray R Adams

15 Apr 1912 DB132 P.398 Wm W Hoverkuecht Bl N 1 dau

14 June 1912 DB133-472 Ray R Adams

8 Aug 1912 DB134-216 Mary Lowe 1 son 1 dau

(3)

12 Dec. 1912 DB 134 P. 363 Julia A. Updike no chn

2 Mar. 1913 DB 137 P. 562 Virginia D. Pepper 4 chn 3 dau 1 son
Lts 9, 10 Bl M

21 Aug. 1914 DB 144 P 59
The Barcroft School & Civic League
From Trustees of Barcroft M E Church
of Barcroft, Va. - Lts. 3, 4, Bl. D.

~~4 May 1914~~ -

Residents Prior to 1914 whose purchase deeds have not been checked for D.B. & date:

Frank Hale & Wife. He was a carpenter, built Arlington Presby ch. (orig. room). Lived on Arlington Ave., hillside, between Newlon (later W.W. Wright) and Klemtoh. Had dau., Minnie. Mrs. Hale had a sister who visited her, Mrs. Burkholder. They were in Barcroft prior to 1903, so may have bought from Corbett or from his estate before Fox bought.

_____ Griggs

_____ Jarrett

_____ Ryder 3 sons, 1 dau

_____ Dove? (later Hall, Alberta, Ellis, Cowles

Sanford Smith, on Fairfax St. ab 1912?

_____, Fulton, Printz, Seymour

Families in area surrounding Barcroft prior to 1904, but not living in subdivision boundaries of Barcroft:

Wm Palmer, South side Columbia Pike, across from East portion of Corbett Farm, at top of hill. Purchase small farm parcel prior 1900, was Elected County Sheriff. 2 dau. & a son.

Capt. Bridges, wife & young daughter, about ~~1899~~ 1905, rented a small house on Columbia Pike, North side, near Fairfax County line. They used it at first as a Summer home, living in the winter in Washington where he was employed, and their daughter went to school.

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Charles & Lizetta Kolb had purchased about 6 acres, in 1893, of the property of ~~Frances~~ Ball along the north boundary of Frank Corbett farm. In 1903 they purchased an additional 6 acres (approx.) from Ball heirs. Had two young daughters.

Page 3, Par. 5

With regard to major improvements:

1. 1910 Part of roof destroyed in storm & replaced.
2. 1912-13 - Building had first electric wiring.
3. 1912-13 - A small second room was added in the rear of the original room.
4. 1926 - New roof, cupola for furnace, stage & front porch & door.
5. 1937 - Ceiling added, and water connections made.

Note: 1. Early pupils and the teacher for the year 1909-10 (Miss Margaret Handy, now deceased) recall that in that school year a destructive wind storm blew off a part of the roof. Pupils and teacher met for a period of nearly two months in a nearby private home for continuation of classes

(1) May be in civic year minutes 1909-10

2. Additional space was needed as pupil population was growing rapidly between 1910-13. A small rear room was added by 1913 and school opened that Fall with two teachers.

(2) Should be in civic year min. 1910-13

3. Bancroft had no electricity until about 1912-13, when 14 subscribers signed a request that electric lines be extended the extra mile from Columbia: Walter Handy, an electrician, wired those homes and also the Community House by 1914.

(3) Electric wiring by 1914 - may be in min. 1912-15.

(Prepared by MHR as guideline for Ann Noll) Feb. 21, 1983

C O P Y

(Date)

Historic Affairs and Landmarks
Review Board of Arlington County
c/o Mrs. Sara Collins
1015 North Quincy Street
Arlington, Virginia 22205

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
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1/18/1983

New Arlington County Historical Preservation Commission formed this date.

1/19/1983

Description & History of "The Bancroft Community House" (The Bancroft School) - by Mildred H. Ritchie, Jan 10, 1983, given to Catharine Saulmon ("Jeddy") to be presented to Commission This date. She is representative of Arlington Historical Society on the Commission. Building will be considered for registry by National Association for Historic Preservation.

MHR

At request of the Commission, a letter, prepared by MHR, was forwarded March 2, 1983, by officers of the Bancroft School and Civic League requesting that "The Bancroft Community House" be placed on the National Register for Historic Preservation.


MIL
Congratulations!!
You Did IT! Love
Bev

JOURNAL 12/83

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Journal photo by George Borsfay

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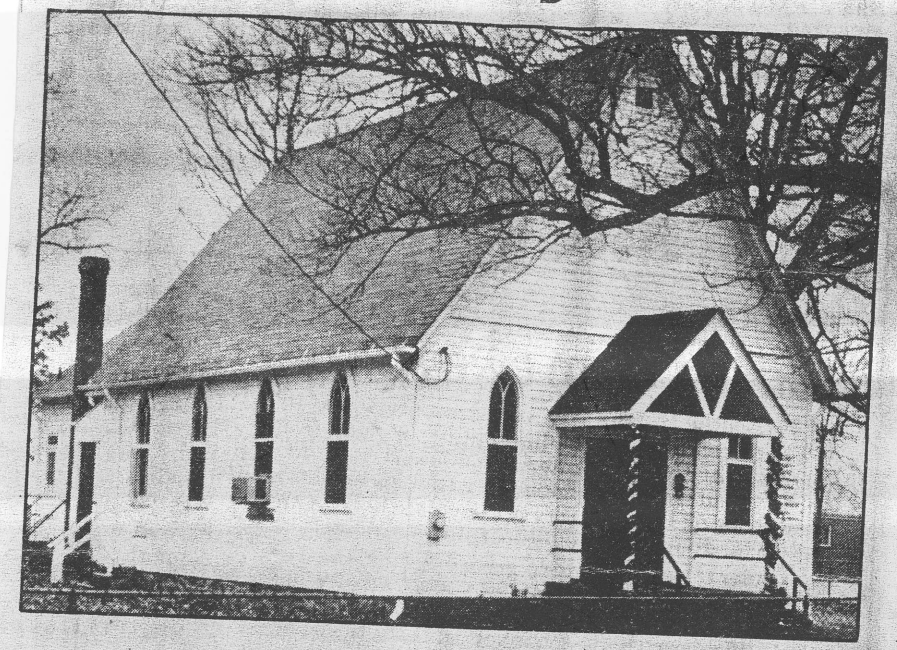

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But the owners can keep using the property for purposes that are consistent with the S-3A zoning category, which covers schools, quasi-public- and public land uses, she added. The owners can sell or lease the property, or change the inside of the building if they choose.

St. George's Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church, an offshoot of a Metropolitan area Bulgarian Church, rents the building from the

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Mike
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Journal Dec '87

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CHURCH from A1

Barcroft School and Civic League, said Ann Noll, a long-time member of the league.

Mildred Ritchie, a former Barcroft resident who attended first through sixth grades at the Barcroft Civic Association building when it served as a school, presented the petition to the Landmark Review Board.

"The county's landmarks are disappearing very fast with all the building going on . . . I believe that we need to preserve some of the county's earlier landmarks for later generations," she said.

Arlington County first rented the building from the Methodist-Episcopal Church of Barcroft, which built the facility, for use as a school in the fall of 1908, Ritchie said. The structure adjoined the home of Amy Fairfax, the site of Barcroft's earlier school.

Although the Methodist-Episcopal Church sold the land to the Barcroft School and Civic League in 1914, Arlington County continued to rent the schoolroom until 1925, she said. Several other community groups, including the Boys Club, have rented the structure throughout its history.

The 15-member Landmark Review Board, a County Board-appointed group representing the American Institute of Architects, the local Historical Society and the Arlington Bar Association, voted unanimously to support making the building an historic district.

The panel also wants to establish historic districts at the former Maury School — now the Arlington Arts Center — located at 3550 Wilson Blvd., and the Harry Gray house, a two-story brick townhouse at 1005 South Quinn St., built in 1881 by Gray, a son of slaves who helped build Arlington House, Gebhardt said.

Arlington's Planning Commission and the County Board will hold public hearings on the historic proposals on Dec. 19 and Jan. 7, respectively.

Mil Note the quotes from Mildred Ritchie (too bad they didn't say Mildred Handy Ritchie so "old-timers" would recognize you.
You did a good job in your interview.

Bets

Copies of History of
Bancroft Community
House as Church,
School & Headquarters
of Bancroft School &
Civic League —
As prepared for Atl.
Hist. Commission for
Preservation on Nat'l
Register — By MHR 1/10/83

ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

PUBLIC NOTICE

Application has been received for a

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Public Hearing

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on, May 21, 1997 the ARLINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL AFFAIRS LANDMARK REVIEW BOARD in Conference Room 715, of the Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, beginning at 7:30 p.m. will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on an application for a CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS for the following property:

BARCROFT COMMUNITY HOUSE HISTORIC DISTRICT
Z-2256-84-HD

800 South Buchanan Street (RPC: 23006033) - a request for exterior modifications.

This application may be examined in the Housing and Neighborhood Division, Suite 701, 2100 Clarendon Boulevard and the Columbia Pike Library.

1880 E-4-P.279 John W Barcroft from Curtis Lee

30 Nov. 1890 DB N-4 P.476 Corbett to Oscar Haring

N-4

9 Dec 1892 DB ~~N-4~~ P 486-89

Frank E. Corbett Dedication & Survey of Subdivision called "Corbett", a part of his "Cedar Hill Farm".

11 Nov. 1892 DB K4 P465 Lt 1 Bl F Corbett to Annie C. Dorsmus

Frank E. Corbett ~~Resurvey and Resubdivision of "Corbett" and Renaming of Streets~~ who married Sidney T. Marye in 1888 2 children.

7 July 1899 DB 24-P192 2 Executors to Edgar Klemroth, Schirk Lts 1,17 Bl G (Joyce Soil)

WB 10 P 380

22 July, 1899 Will of Frank E. Corbett - Probate authorizing sale of Estate.

5 Feb. 1903 DB 110 P299 Sale of "Cedar Hill Farm" and unsold portions of Subdivision of "Corbett" by Executor of Estate of Frank E. Corbett to Mrs Abigail G. Joy.

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Lts 9, 10, 11 Bl G Barcroft

DB 117 Page 251

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800 So. Buchanan Street, Arlington.
Church, School - 17 years(1908-1925).
The Barcroft School & Civic League -
75 years (1908-83), Community House-
75 years.
Owner: Barcroft School & Civic Leagu
(History - Mildred Handy Ritchie '83)

Barcroft School and Civic League

8TH AND BUCHANAN STREETS, SOUTH
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22204

March 2, 1983

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Anne M. Noll	Anne M. Noll
Pauline Storey	Pauline L Storey

BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
The Barcroft School and Civic League

Attachments (2)

January 10, 1983

1. Building Name: The Barcroft Community House

2. Address: 800 South Buchanan Street
Barcroft, Arlington County, Virginia

3. Original Owner: Trustees, Methodist Episcopal Church of Barcroft

4. Original Use: Church

5. Present Owner: The Barcroft School and Civic League

6. Present Use: The Barcroft School and Civic League Meetings: rentals by that Organization for use as a Church and for various Community affairs

7. Legal Description: Lots 3, 4, Block D, in the Subdivision of Barcroft as per plat of same duly of record in the Clerk's Office of Alexandria County, Virginia, in Deed Book Number 110, page 53 one of the Land Records of the County, save and except the rear 15 feet of each lot, the amount of ground hereby conveyed being 14,500 square feet, May 23, 1908 (Vol. 118, page 187). Also described August 21, 1914 (Vol. 44, page 159)

8. Description and History:

The Village which became Barcroft was first established as a subdivision of a small portion of "Cedar Hill Farm" on Columbia Pike at Four Mile Run in 1892. At that early date it had, within its boundary, two residences. One was the home of the Mill operator, John Newlon, erected about 1886

a block East of the Railroad. The other, erected in 1890 on a six-acre tract beside the Railroad, was the home of Oscar Haring. In a large front room planned for the purpose he opened a general store. Both of these residences faced South along Columbia Pike. A station, first known as "Arlington", then "Corbett", then "Barcroft, stood on the Southwest corner of the crossing of the Pike and the Railroad (later the W&OD Ry.) which ran from Alexandria to Bluemont. Beyond his Subdivision Frank E. Corbett lived in the old farmhouse on the Northeast corner of his "Cedar Hill Farm" of 262 Acres.

In 1892, Annie Doremus, sister-in-law of Oscar Haring, purchased the first two lots in the Subdivision of "Barcroft" on top of the hill on Arlington Avenue, and by 1894 had erected the first house. This was rented until she and Sidney T. Marye married in 1901, when they made it their home.

Frank E. Corbett died in 1898 and his executors sold two lots across from the Doremus house to Edgar Klemroth who erected his imposing home in 1900.

The farm estate and remaining unsold lots of the subdivision were sold in 1903. The subdivision was resurveyed, resubdivided, and named "Barcroft" in 1904. The new owner,

Mrs. Abigail Fox, with her son-in-law, Stephen P. Wright, as developer, laid plans for erecting homes on their new lots to attract city dwellers "to the fresh country air". Stephen erected and occupied a home East of the Newlon house.

After the establishment of the Barcroft Post Office in the general store, people living in the area surrounding the subdivision and using it as a mailing address began to consider themselves as living at Barcroft. Among these was William Palmer, Sheriff of Alexandria County. His home stood on a hill on the Pike, opposite the Southeast corner of Corbett's farm. Several railroad workers occupied small homes between the railroad track and the Creek. To the West, beyond the Mill and Dr. Barcroft's home at Four Mile Run, there were six or seven more homes in the County to the Fairfax County line. Then, North of the boundary of Cedar Hill Farm, on a six-acre parcel of the estate of James Ball, lived Charles Kolb at "Woodmeade".

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By 1907, construction of new houses in the subdivision of Barcroft was proceeding well. Milton and Amy Fairfax, with three little girls, bought the first of these on lots 1 and 2, Block D, at Arlington and Glen Avenues (Buchanan Street and Eighth Road, South), on April 20, 1907. Other families taking up residence were those of Martin, Hamm and Grigg.

The nearest schools and churches were at Columbia and Glen Carlyn, over a mile away. With no transportation in either direction the need for both had grown with the increase in population. Older children walked the long distance or took the steam train to the city for education. But small children of many families moving in were too young to go so far alone. The need for action grew more apparent during the summer.

Alexandria County School Board Minutes record that at a regular meeting of the Board on October 7, 1907, the Clerk read a Petition from the Citizens of Barcroft, requesting that a school be established in Barcroft. It was ordered that the Clerk write a letter (as contained in the minutes) to The Citizens Association of Barcroft:

> "Rosslyn, October 10, 1907
> Mr. Stephen P. Wright, President
> Citizen's Association of Barcroft, Virginia
>
> It is inexpedient at this time to open a school at Barcroft as we have a capable teacher at Glen Carlyn, Virginia."

Most of the children in need of schooling were under the age of seven and to reach the Glen Carlyn School it would require that they walk along the railroad track, a distance of over a mile, or three miles over dirt roads. There was no transportation. The Board's action was immediately protested by the Barcroft residents. On October 19, 1907, the Board instructed Mr. C. B. Munson, Chairman of Arlington District of the Board, to look into the matter and see what the expenses would be to maintain a school at Barcroft.

At a Regular Meeting of the Board on November 30, 1907, it was reported that those present were Chairman, C. B. Munson, Ralph Baldwin, William A. B. McPhea, Clerk, Mr. S. P. Wright, Mrs. Amy Fairfax and Miss Lucy Lynn. A letter had been filed from the Barcroft citizens stating that Mrs. Amy Fairfax had been contacted and had consented to rent a room in her home for $10.00 per month for a school. She further agreed to accept employment as a teacher and to provide janitor service for $25.00 per month until January 30, 1908. On the same date Mrs. Fairfax was entered on the payroll. On January 25, 1908, the minutes note the following:

> "Mrs. Amy Fairfax is elected to teach at Barcroft as Teacher the balance of the school year, 1907-08."

Pupils in that first class taught by Mrs. Amy Fairfax were Carol, son of W. W. Wright; Paul and Adalyne, children of Sidney T. Marye; and Edith, daughter of Amy Fairfax, all of the Barcroft Subdivision. A group of at least ten was required for approval as a school. Thus, to these were added Pauline, daughter of Sheriff Palmer; Percy and Charles Tillett, children of a Mill worker; Beulah and Damon Loveless, children of a railroad worker; and Dorothy Payne, related to the Barcrofts.

On May 23, 1908, Lots 3 and 4, Block D, adjoining the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fairfax, were purchased by Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Barcroft. During the summer months, residents of Barcroft affiliated with the Arlington Methodist Church and others interested, joined in erecting a small one-room frame Church on a stone foundation. Work on the structure was done lovingly and reverently, even to equipping the little building with mullioned windows, rounded at the top like those of a church. Plans for such a project had begun about 1904 and many fund-raising affairs had been held in the community toward that end. Much more would be needed to keep the church a going concern.

Sales of new homes increased in 1908. During the summer, while the Church was under construction, parents and the School Board learned that Mrs. Fairfax would be unable to teach during the next term and that her home would not be available. Among applications received to teach was

that of Miss Beulah Adams of Hunter Station in Fairfax County. On October 3, 1908, a letter was read at the School Board Meeting from Mr. Sidney T. Marye, Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Barcroft, accepting the terms of the School Board for rent of the Church Building for school purposes at $10.00 per month. This agreement was approved by the Board and it was ordered that Mr. Marye be notified. On November 8, 1908, Miss Beulah Adams was accepted by the Board as Substitute Teacher at Barcroft. She remained to teach for the full term, the first in the new building.

On September 17, 1909, although contracts had not been made, Miss Adams was ordered to teach at Clarendon, and a new applicant, Miss Margaret P. Handy, was ordered to report as teacher at Barcroft, and their names were placed on the payroll.

Miss Handy, living with her parents, Major and Mrs. F. A. G. Handy, who purchased their home on Arlington Avenue at Fairfax Street in April 1908, thus became the second to teach in the Barcroft School. Her brother, Frederick C. Handy, had purchased a home the same month, adjoining Mr. Marye, and her brother, Walter K. Handy, purchased the home adjoining his father, but facing on Glen Avenue, in July of that year. Pupils and teacher of that term recall a disastrous storm which ripped off a goodly portion of the School roof.

Until repairs could be made, school was held for some time in a nearby home.

The school which began with ten First and Second Graders grew gradually with, eventually, seven Grades in one room. More space and the assistance of a second teacher became necessary. By 1913 a small second room was added in the rear of the original structure. School Board records show that two teachers were regularly employed to teach at Barcroft from December 1913 to 1925, when the School was closed in June.

Oil lamps, hung from the beams, were first used in the Community House, as they were in private homes. In 1912, spurred by efforts of Walter K. Handy, a Petition of fourteen residents was presented requesting that poles be added to extend electric lines from Columbia to Barcroft. In 1913, he with the help of his brothers and neighbors wired those first fourteen homes as well as The Community House.

The "Citizens Association of Barcroft" of 1907 evolved into "The Barcroft School and Civic League" in 1908 at the time the new Church Building was occupied and known as "The Barcroft School House". Untranscribed Minutes of early meetings exist, taken in Pittman Shorthand by Major Handy, a Congressional Correspondent, prior to his death in 1912. In 1914, The Barcroft School and Civic League

obtained State Certification of Incorporation. On August 21, 1914, the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Barcroft sold the building on Lots 3 and 4, Block D, Barcroft, Virginia, to The Barcroft School and Civic League.

The original roof with its wooden shingles, a dangerous fire hazzard, was replaced in 1926. At that time, too, the front stoop, or small porch, was repaired and a small, protective porch roof was added. Excavating under the original room provided space to install a furnace, replacing the pot-bellied stoves that had provided heat up to that time. Plumbing was installed in 1937 when facilities were added in the basement to replace the cold little "Chick-Sale" house that had long occupied a corner of the back yard. At that time, also, a new ceiling was installed, adding to summer and winter comfort. Originally, the space above the huge cross-beams rose to a peak under the roof, the underside of which was covered with grooved panelling, matching the chair-rail height panelling around the lower part of the room.

The small room has lost some of its space since the stairway to the basement was installed there, and some furnace ducts were also run through it. The original larger room remains essentially the same.

Although originally planned as a Church, the Barcroft Congregation was not large enough to support a regular Minister. Reverend Pierpoint, Minister of the Arlington Methodist Church, assisted in the construction and served as Ministerwhen he could spare the time. Over the years Bible Study groups met there, and many young students of the Episcopal Theological Seminary gained preaching experience and helped with young people's groups. Other Ministers who gave time and service were Maurice E. Derr and Lionel Capers, Episcopal; W. L. Purier, Baptist; D. E. Day, Methodist; and David Hicks, Congregationalist.

In addition to religious groups the Building has served as a meeting place for various organizations, among them:

Boys Club
Kiwanis Boys Band
Camp Fire Girls
Girl Scouts
Rod and Reel Club
South Arlington A.A.'s
American Legion

Sponsored by the Barcroft School and Civic League, Community groups helped to raise funds for care of the Building by presenting home talent plays, card parties, social evenings, square dances, and lectures on subjects of interest. Young people had dances for which High School and College Bands played.

Through the years, The Barcroft School and Civic League has held its meetings at The Community House. Guest speakers are frequent visitors, coming from various Departments of the County or State Governments or from one of the many Organizations eager to offer information in our diversified area.

At least three members of the first class, held in the home of Mrs. Fairfax, still survive. Many present residents of Arlington and the nearby area attended school in the little building rented by the County from 1908 for seventeen years for use as a School.

The Barcroft Community House has served Barcroft and Arlington County well for Seventy-five years as a Church, a School, a Community gathering place, and as headquarters for The Barcroft School and Civic League. It is probably best and most lovingly remembered, however, by the many pupils who attended it as "The Barcroft School" where its dedicated teachers guided many young feet on the paths to education. It is believed to be the only original little one-room wooden School Building remaining in Arlington County.

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BARCROFT, ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA
A VILLAGE METAMORPHOSIS

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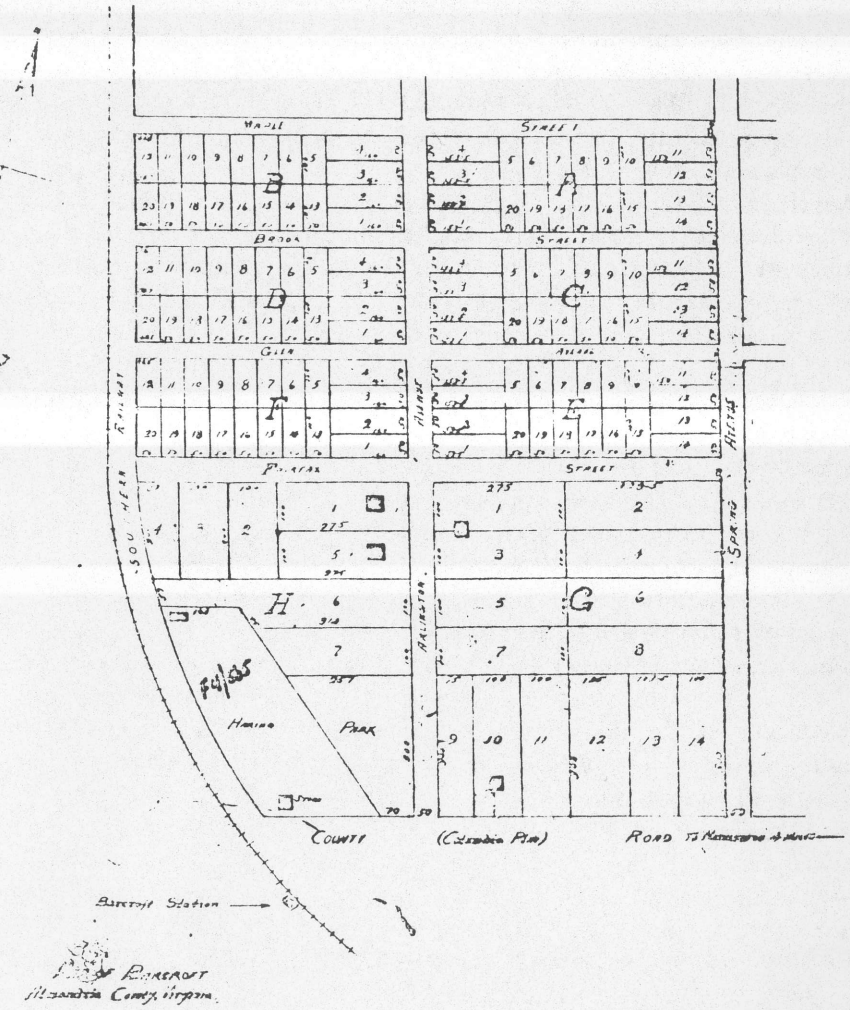
A twenty-year old Water Grist Mill; a Grocery-drygoods store; a twelve foot square yellow Station on a single-track railroad line; a large cattle pen nearby; and, perhaps, six houses scattered about within a half mile of the station on Columbia Turnpike — this was Barcroft in 1903! In an area of small farms, the railraod with a struggling existence since 1850, supplied a sporadic means of transportation for people, produce and cattle between Alexandria and Bluemont at the foot of the Blue Ridge. The line through Alexandria County ran, generally, north, through the valley of four Mile Run, overlooking or within a few yards of the creek.

Columbia Turnpike, running east-west through the Counties of Alexandria and Fairfax, connected the Lower Road from Washington to Alexandria with the Little River Turnpike at Annandale. A large abattoir had been erected on the lower end of the Pike, and to this cattle were brought for processing from all parts of Northern Virginia. Farms along the railroad shipped cattle to Barcroft where they were held at the pens until they could be driven in herds down the Pike to the plant. This practice was discontinued about 1905 when a new spur route was available near the river.

The Pike, as it became known, a major thoroughfare, was a narrow two-lane dirt road — rocky, rough and dusty, and in rainy weather, a quagmire of mud with deep ruts. It was travelled by draymen, drovers, buggies and walkers. The road wound through the sleepy countryside with many twists and turns and over many hills. The first area which became Barcroft was situated between two of these hills on the Pike, each having turns in an "S" shape to reach the top. The village grew to the north of the Pike on higher ground.

The Mill, rebuilt after its destruction during the Civil War on the foundation of an earlier one erected by George Washington Parke Custis (and another by Custis Lee), stood to the west of the railroad and creek, and on the north side of the Pike. An even earlier mill may have been built here by George Washington who owned the Washington Forest lands. To turn the immense mill wheel, said to have been the largest on the Eastern Seaboard, which operated the heavy machinery for grinding, a dam had been constructed on the creek, almost a mile upstream. From this water was diverted by an earthen mill race, almost eight feet wide, flowing down to the mill. From the race to the top of the wheel, the water was led, first by great troughs of wood, later, of metal.

Returning from New Jersey after the War, Dr. John Wolverton Barcroft (who had formerly owned a mill on the Pike some five miles beyond, also



"Subdivision of Barcroft" — 1903, formerly the "Subdivision of Corbett", a part of "Cedar Hill" Farm, Alexandria County, Virginia.

Many of those early records are incomplete or unavailable. The following list has been compiled from School Board Books, supplemented by personal knowledge of former pupils and of some of the teachers themselves.

Teacher-Principal	Teacher	School	Year
Mrs. Amy Fairfax		Fairfax Home	1907-1908
Miss Beulah Adams		1 Room	1908-1909
Miss Margaret Handy		1 Room	1909-1910
Miss Annie Beattie		1 Room	1910-1911
Miss Annie Beattie		1 Room	1911-1912
Miss Annie Beattie		1 Room	1912-1913
Miss Annie Beattie	Miss Grace Croswell	2 Room	1913-1914
Miss Grace Croswell	Miss Mary Eastlack	2 Room	1914-1915
Miss Grace Croswell	Miss Mary Eastlack	2 Room	1915-1916
Miss Grace Croswell	Miss Mary Eastlack	2 Room	1916-1917
Miss Elizabeth Hancock	Miss Mary Eastlack	2 Room	1917-1918
Miss Elizabeth Hancock	Miss Minnie Dunavant	2 Room	1918-1919
Miss Alma Barefoot	Miss Minnie Dunavant	2 Room	1919-1920
Miss Julia Banks	Miss Minnie Dunavant	2 Room	1920-1921
Mrs. Eppa Tracey	Miss Minnie Dunavant	2 Room	1921-1922
Mrs. Eppa Tracey	Miss Alice Snyder	2 Room	1922-1923
Mrs. Susie Hunter	Miss Elizabeth Butts	2 Room	1923-1924
Mrs. Susie Hunter	Miss Elizabeth Butts	2 Room	1924-1925

These dedicated women taught in the period from 1907 to 1925, in a home and in "the Barcroft Community House" from the time a school was first authorized in Barcroft until the opening of the new brick school in 1925.[6]

The Barcroft School, 1921. Calisthenics for Pupils.

It is known that five of these teachers, Mrs. Fairfax, Miss Handy, Eastlack, Miss Hancock and Mrs. Hunter, are now deceased. Witl exception of Miss Dunavant, nothing has been learned of the rema teachers after their service at Barcroft.

The Community House at Barcroft was never under county operatio was rented for use as a school. The School Board contracted for and appo teachers, prescribing duties and curriculum and supervising educational cedures to be followed.

A large pot-bellied stove supplied warmth for the one big room of the school. It occupied the center of the room, its long pipe held by wires to r the chimney at the back. Cut wood, paid for by the County, was supplied b residents, but it was the teacher's job, in addition to teaching, to build the f the morning and keep it going during the day. She was to see that the roon kept clean and that the water-cooler was filled with fresh water from the w a nearby house. She was also the policeman of the "Chick-Sale" outhou long, narrow, unheated building about 40 feet from the back door. It divided in half, each side a three-holer, with a high board fence shieldi doors from view. West end was for boys, east end for girls.

In periods of heavy snows, there were times when the teacher coul make it from home, so school did not open. There were stormy times when she could not go home. Then she was always a welcome guest c family of one of her pupils.

The telephone came to Barcroft in 1917, with six customers on a That line was 819 F (2-3-4-5-6-7). The last numbers represent the numb signed to a customer and indicate the number of turns of the crank of the hung phone, or bells to be heard for an individual family. One ring wa "Central" for help in calling other lines. All parties on a line knew each oth #3 wanted #2 he simply rang twice and the rings would be heard by all pa on the line. Anyone on the line could pick up the receiver and join i conversation (or be told to get off!).

Fires were the most dreaded scourge of the rural area. The County ha system of control until volunteer groups were begun about 1921. In 191 community was most distressed when a large home beyond the Corbett was completely destroyed. So quickly did the old house burn that the fa lost everything. Clothing for adults and children, furniture and food assembled and the family remained in a small building beside the ruins. beautiful stone-faced home of the Jeffersons was erected about 1921 on th of the ruined home of the Shreve family. It later was known as the To Home of Mrs. Goldie Smith, which was recently demolished for the erecti townhouses on South Pershing Drive at Arlington Boulevard.[7]

Early one morning in 1917 the young son of the new store-ke Gemmel, arrived at the Handy home with a delivery, just as the phone ran was an urgent alarm! The old steam train had gone down about an hour be