

Study Group Set On County Schools

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Henry PTA, one each from the "feeder" elementary school PTAs — Barrett, Barcroft, Clay-Fillmore, Drew, Ft. Myer, Hoffman-Boston, Maury, Page and Randolph.

In addition, three county-wide organizations — the Ministerial Association, Civic Federation and Chamber of Commerce — were asked to name delegates.

Non-voting members will be Dr. Theodore W. Taylor, representing the school board, and a member of the Superintendent's Committee.

Committee members already appointed are Dr. Saulmon, Crane, William Munson for Barcroft PTA; Hugo Brandts, John Daugherty, Mrs. M. C. Eckley and William T. Syphax for Jefferson PTA; Cecil C. Corry Jr., Maury PTA; Ernest Giusti, Page PTA, Victor Senechal, Randolph PTA, and Dr. Roland Riddick, pastor of Arlington Methodist Church, Ministerial Association.

Board chairman, James G. Stockard, Taylor, Crane and Superintendent Ray E. Reid will confer to set an initial meeting date for the committee.

IN PERSONNEL action, the school board appointed Richard G. Neal to succeed Dean Brundage as coordinator of adult education and the summer program.

Brundage, who had served part-time as coordinator and part-time as director of the Northern Virginia Extension program of the University of Virginia, resigned his Arlington post to assume full-time duties with the Extension program.

Supt. Reid pointed out that the adult education coordinator position will be a full-time job for Neal, who is leaving his post as director of guidance at Wakefield High School.

In answer to a letter from the Lee-Reed P-TA, Reid said that construction of four new classrooms and a library at the Reed School would be completed sometime in December.

He submitted a report on 10 years of busing of Arlington County public school children.

Figures contained in the report indicate that the percentage of busing has decreased in the past decade. Critics of the school board have charged that busing is on the increase.

"Through the last 10 years . .

between 40 and 45 per cent of our youngsters have been bused. The current year, at the 40 per cent level, contrasts with earlier years where, for example, over 45 per cent were bused in 1958-59," Reid stated in the report.

Mrs. Kitty Reynolds, the only person to address the board, questioned that a federally-funded Title III project might bring about the merger of three school jurisdictions in the area.

The superintendent explained that the public schools of Alexandria, Arlington and Falls Church, would cooperate, but not consolidate, as a result of their participation in the Interurban Planning Project study. The study was announced Monday.

THE INITIAL planning grant of \$79,000 is aimed at identifying special educational needs which might be met by coordination among the three communities.

In other action, the board selected Mrs. Ruth Cox as its representative at the Virginia Education Association convention next month. Edward R. Kingman will be the alternate delegate.

Dr. Saulmon Will Head Study Unit

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ARLINGTON — Dr. Ernest E. Saulmon will be chairman of a 20-member Citizen Action Committee which will study ways to improve and expand junior high school facilities in South Arlington.

Dr. Saulmon, president of the Jefferson Junior High School PTA, was named to head the special committee at the Arlington County School Board meeting last night.

Melvin Crane, who attended the school board session, was designated vice chairman of the committee.

THE FATHER of five school-age children, Crane pledged after the meeting "We will do our best to get the seventh, eighth and ninth graders back in the same building whether it's a new or improved structure."

Junior high students in South Arlington now attend classes in Jefferson and the separate Jefferson Annex. The Patrick Henry Elementary School, with more than 600 pupils, adjoins Jefferson.

Enrollment projections indicate that the Jefferson area will need junior high school facilities for about 1,300 students in five years. Current enrollment is about 900.

Crane, a patent advisor to the Naval Research Laboratory, is president of the Henry PTA. Dr. Saulmon is out of the country at present on assignment for the Department of Agriculture.

The school board set Dec. 1 as the target date for the committee to make a tentative report and Feb. 15 to submit its final report of findings and recommendations.

Board members agreed, however, that the committee might be unable to meet those deadlines if, as expected, it needs to seek professional engineering or architectural advice.

COMPOSITION of the Citizens Action Committee was agreed upon last month during a joint meeting of Jefferson area PTA and school board members.

Membership will consist of five delegates from (and appointed by) Jefferson PTA, three from

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