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SCHOOL BOARD REPORT - DECEMBER 15

* A preliminary report to the Board from the Citizen's Action Committee from the Thomas Jefferson Area points out that five subcommittees have been appointed to 1) examine the adequacy of present arrangements and facilities to meet present and future needs of students in the Thomas Jefferson junior high school area; 2) examine the feasibility of redistricting or otherwise dividing present student body to permit use of both plants as full junior high schools; 3) examine the possibility of adjusting the present TJ boundary so that the school membership could be housed within the main building at 816 South Walter Reed Drive; 4) examine the feasibility of remodeling and expansion of the present TJ plant at 816 Walter Reed Drive to accommodate all students within the present Thomas Jefferson school boundaries; 5) examine and comment on construction of a new plant to house the present and future Thomas Jefferson enrollment. Also, committee chairman Dr. E. E. Saulmon said that his group "recognized in their deliberations the lack of available space that could be utilized for educational purposes in the Thomas Jefferson area." The committee has appeared before the County Board to ask that at least six acres of the Van Every tract, which is being purchased by the County for recreation space, be set aside "for future use for educational purposes" -- but not necessarily for uses in direct connection with the TJ study. The committee hopes to make its final report to the School Board in mid-February.

* The Board approved a motion authorizing purchase of the remaining properties needed to enable construction of the new Monroe-Wilson elementary school.

* The County Board will be asked to vacate certain streets and alleys intersecting school grounds at Cherrydale, Monroe and Woodlawn and the portion of North Montana street which dead-ends into the Reed school grounds. This action affects only the areas within already established school boundaries and will have no effect on any adjacent property.

* Arlington's newly appointed Coordinator of Adult Distributive Education is Harry B. Arthur, retired Navy Captain and former executive assistant of an Indiana business firm. Arthur holds a B. S. degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology and an M. B. A. from Harvard Graduate School of Business. Arthur will direct the rapidly expanding program of courses and seminars serving the general and specialized educational needs of businessmen in Arlington and the Northern Virginia area.

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* The Board discussed an exchange of correspondence with the Woodlawn