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The New Town That Largest in County

Route 50. Approved in this subdivision were 17 lots on 23 acres.

Also approved was the preliminary plat of the 12-lot Arl-eith subdivision on the Sterling road near Route 7.

Fire Destroys Her Home as Housewife Is Away Shopping

Purcellville Firemen were called out five times this week to fight fires. Four were chimney fires.

The most disastrous of the fires was Wednesday noon on the Joe Dillon farm near Purcellville. Presumably starting from an overheated stove in the garage apartment occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Tinsman, the fire quickly gutted the interior of the building. No one was home at the time. Mrs. Tinsman was shopping in Washington.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Dillon who noticed a thick smoke around her house. When she looked toward the garage,

DONATIONS for the family of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Tinsman, who were burned out yesterday, are being received by Mrs. John Alder at the Purcellville Pharmacy.

she saw it ablaze. Two engines from the Purcellville company responded to the call. Personal effects in the apartment were totally destroyed and the building was badly damaged.

A car in the garage belonging to Dillon was driven to safety by a neighbor.

The Purcellville company joined the Round Hill company in extinguishing a blaze at Blue-

Midnight Fire Costs Life of 11 Year Old Boy

Robert Edward Lee Gray jr., 11-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. L. Gray sr., lost his life in a fire Tuesday night.

The fire totally destroyed the tenant house in which the Grays lived on the farm of Dr. J. D. Wynkoop, north of Leesburg. He was a fourth grade pupil at Leesburg elementary school.

Two of Robert's sisters, Agnes 16 and Peggy 12, were admitted to Loudoun hospital suffering with severe burns. The other two children in the family, one three and a half years and one four months were rescued.

Christmas Gifts Lost

All of their personal possessions were lost including \$200 worth of Christmas presents which had been purchased for their Christmas celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray were awakened by the smoke and heat about midnight. They called the Leesburg fire company and made their way up the stairs in an effort to save the children. Robert answered when his father called him. Mrs. Gray and the older girls got out on the porch roof and were rescued by Mr. Gray who put a ladder to the roof.

The father tried to find his son but he was not in bed when he tried to reach him.

The fire company fought to save the house but it was too far gone when they reached the building to put out the blaze. The family ran to the Wynkoop home in their night clothes after the flames had enveloped their house.

Funeral services for Robert

Mail Delay

This mad Christmas mess. Pictures for this edition of The Herald are mislaid somewhere between here and the engraver's this week. Deadline came and we had to go to press without pictures. They would have made this a more interesting newspaper. We deeply regret their loss.

And here and now is as good a time as any to say Merry Christmas Happy New Year and Thank You to post office personnel who, every week in the year, do a wonderful job getting our materials to us, and our news to you.

Gray Meeting Set For Friday Night At Loudoun High

In spite of a change in speakers, a public meeting will be held as scheduled at 8 p.m. Friday night at Loudoun high school.

State senator-elect Armistead Boothe of Alexandria will speak against the Gray referendum which if passed would authorize, eventually, the use of public funds for tuition grants to parents who wish to send their children to private schools.

State senator Charles Fenwick, Gray commission member, originally scheduled to speak for the plan Friday night, will not be present. In his stead will be Delegate-elect James Thompson, Alexandria. Thompson is a staunch supporter of the proposed constitutional amendment.

Leaders Support

State-wide, Democratic political leaders announced support for the proposed amendment. Led by U. S. Senator Harry F. Byrd, all urged a Yes vote on January 9.

Former Gov. Colgate W.arden jr. called for "categorical assurance" that the public school system would be maintained

Emerick Says

Anti-Gray Vote Would Be Go Sign To Integration

Superintendent of schools O. L. Emerick said this week a vote January 9 against the Gray bill would give a "go ahead sign to those who would integrate (our schools recklessly) now."

The Loudoun school official's statement, in full, on the January referendum said—

The Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that Prince Edward county, Virginia, must integrate its public schools with "deliberate speed."

This becomes indirectly a notice to all Virginia school boards to act accordingly. No time has been set anywhere in Virginia to integrate, but we do know time is running out rapidly.

Majority Must Favor

The time to integrate the white and colored races in the public schools is whenever pupils and teachers who go into a school of another race will find the welcome mats at the doors and a spirit of cordiality and friendliness prevailing among all concerned. This means practically that a large majority of parents of both white and colored pupils must favor integration. To integrate sooner would amount to reckless speed, not deliberate (or unhurried) speed.

There is a tendency on the part of supporters of integration to resort to reckless speed and thus to do incalculable damage to education.

Also, we can have no way of knowing the exact definition of "deliberate speed" that is in the minds of the members of the U. S. Supreme Court who have boldly reversed the former decision of the same Court (different members) who had said that segregation or integration was within the constitutional power of the State Legislature

Gray Plan Is Futile, Law Expert Says To Loudouner

A former Loudoun county PTA president in a letter to the Herald today cited "outstanding authority" as saying the Gray Commission plan is futile to prevent public school integration.

Loren Pope, Arcola, a beef cattle farmer, newspaperman, and former PTA official, wrote—

"One of the nation's outstanding authorities on constitutional law affecting civil rights cases says the Gray Commission plan is 'a thing of complete and utter futility so far as the Supreme Court is concerned.'

Assisted Justice Murphy

"This man (Pope writes), Eugene Gressman, a Washington attorney and a former assistant to the late Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy, writes extensively for law reviews.

The Michigan Law Review, on its golden anniversary, had Gressman write a history of civil rights court actions.

White Primaries Compared

"Gressman says the fate of the Gray plan already has been decided—by the Supreme Court's decision outlawing the white primary. The court held that organizing so-called private political parties was only a subterfuge to try to avoid letting the Negro vote in the primary.

"This white primary case, says Gressman, 'is a direct precedent' for the Virginia Gray plan case.

Calls Plan Ludicrous

"The Gray thing," he added, "is a rather ludicrous effort to get around the court."

"Gressman also said that the Supreme Court's segregation de-