# Louk Tract Ruling Upheld In Favor of Developer

The Virginia Supreme Court has upheld the ruling of the Fairfax County Circuit Court in favor of the developers of the "Louk Tract" in northeast Vienna. The Town Council had appealed the Circuit Court judgment handed down in July 1976, which enjoined Council from interfering with the property owners' plans to develop the tract for townhouses.

The Louk Tract contains approximately 12.17 acres bounded on the north by Ayr Hill Avenue, on the east by Kenyon Lane, on the south by Church Street and on the west by Beulah Road. East Street runs through the tract from Ayr Hill to Church.

The land was formerly zoned RS-16, which permits single-family detached residential 16,000 square foot lots. The owners divided the tract into three parcels and applied for a rezoning of two parcels to permit townhouse clusters and of the third parcel to RS-10 to permit 10,000 square foot residential lots. Council denied the application and rezoned the entire tract to RS-12.5, which permits single-family detached residential 12,500 square foot lots.

The Fairfax County Circuit Court found Council's action "arbitrary, capricious and unreasonable" with "no substantial relationship to the public health, safety and the general welfare."

Before the matter was brought to court, Council held a number of work sessions with the property owners, the Planning Commission and residents of the affected neighborhood. The work sessions were discontinued, however, when it became obvious that none of the development proposals was acceptable to neighborhood residents.

As the development plans now stand, parcel 1, 2.345 acres between East Street and Kenyon Lane, and parcel 2, 3.495 acres along Ayr Hill between Beulah and East, will retain the RS-12.5 zoning. Parcel 3, 6.330 acres along Church Street between Beulah and East, will be rezoned RTH (townhouses).

# Pools Must Now Be Filled From Hose Instead of Hydrant

This summer, residents will no longer be allowed to fill their swimming pools from fire hydrants. The sudden demand imposed on the water system from the use of hydrants stirs up precipitants inside the mains, and Public Works crews are diverted for the next several days bleeding the hydrants to run off the discolored water.

Swimming pools will now have to be filled from the home garden hose. Please notify the Department of Public Works before and after you fill your pool so that meter readings can be taken. The amount of water used to fill the pool, determined from the meter readings, can then be deducted from your sewer bill.

## Immunize Your Children

The Fairfax County Health Department has issued a special notice urging parents to have their children immunized against measles, the most serious of the common childhood diseases. Measles can cause pneumonia, blindness and encephalitis, or inflammation of the brain, which often leads to permanent brain damage and deafness.

The majority of measles cases reported so far this year in Fairfax County has occurred in older children, adolescents and adults. A large number of cases has been reported in the 10-18 age group.

Why is measles threatening again? Because millions of American children have not been immunized against it. More than 13 million children, or 30 percent of all children under the age of 14, have not been vaccinated. These children can catch measles and suffer its disabling complications.

Parents are reminded to review their immunization records to ensure that their families are adequately protected against measles. The Fairfax County Health Department offers routine immunizations free of charge.

#### Council Action

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Director of Public Works to proceed with the engineering of the lights. Engineering costs not exceeding \$500 were authorized from General Fund Bond funds.

- \* Took no action relative to the request of Mr. Sam DeFrawi concerning town water and sewer rates.
- \* Voted to take a full-page ad in the Virginia Municipal League convention issue of Virginia Town & City magazine at a cost not to exceed \$315.
- \* Took no action relative to the police pistol firing range.
- \* Took no action relative to underwriting the cost of a town softball team made up of town employees.
- \* Authorized the Director of Parks & Recreation to purchase a used power mower at a negotiated price of \$2,800 with payment to be made from budgeted funds.

#### Big Increase in Speeding Tickets

Vienna police issued over 200 speeding tickets throughout town during April. This is a substantial increase over the number of citations normally issued during a one-month period. The Town Council recently called for stepped-up radar operations to control speeding on residential streets.

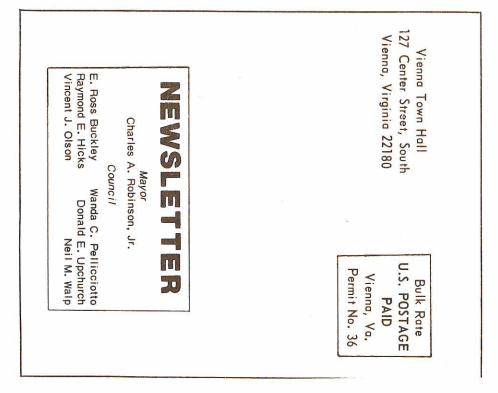
From March 29 through April 30, radar was operated 65 times, and 223 tickets were issued. In comparison, 56 drivers were ticketed in January and 87 in February.

### Four-way Stops on Agenda

The Highway Safety Commission will consider the installation of four-way stop signs at three intersections at its June 27 meeting. Interested citizens are invited to attend the meeting, which begins at 7:45 p.m. in the Council chamber at Town Hall.

Four-way stop signs have been requested at Kingsley and Ware, Tapawingo and Ware, and Cottage and Oak or Plum. The Town Council will probably schedule consideration of the Highway Safety Commission's recommendations for its July 3 meeting.

Now that the weather is warm, motorists should be on the lookout for increasing numbers of motorcyclists, bicyclists and pedestrians using the roadways. The Highway Safety Commission reminds motorists to stay alert.



Town of Vienna

# NEWSLETTER

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### Ready for June 5 Adoption

# \$5.8 Million Budget Proposed

Town Manager designate B. H. Bentley has proposed a \$5.8 million budget for fiscal year 1978-79, an increase of 5.6 percent over the current fiscal year. The budget will be formally presented to the Town Council at its June 5 meeting. Complete copies of the budget are available for public inspection in the Finance Department at Town Hall.

The proposed budget includes a recommended reduction in the real estate tax rate of 3 cents per \$100 assessed valuation to help offset the adverse impact of the recent reassessment of real property, and a request for an increase in sewer charges of 30 cents per 1,000 gallons to cover recent increases in sewage treatment costs. A public hearing on both of these proposed changes will be held on Monday, July 10, at 8 p.m. in Town Hall.

No increase in water rates is anticipated. A reduction in rates may even be possible when the town's two new wells are placed in operation.

Expenditures totaling \$6.1 million have been requested for the coming fiscal year. Since these will exceed the \$5.8 million in anticipated revenues, approximately \$280,000 will be taken from the town's surplus to balance the budget. The surplus at the close of fiscal year 1977 78 is expected to be over \$1 million.

A 5.5 percent cost-of-living increase is anticipated for town employees. Funds for this purpose will come from the contingent reserve fund, which is at its highest level in the town's history.

A new category of financial planning is being introduced in this budget that will add a multi-year dimension to the town's operational planning. The "Capital Improvements Budget" will integrate the resources of the 1977 bond issue directly into the budgetary process for the next four years and, in the future, resources such as general revenue sharing and grant funds can be added. Under this system, the town will be able to project its operations beyond the 12-month constraint of a fiscal year budget.

The new Town Manager hopes to convert the town's traditional "line item" budget into a "program" budget in which all municipal services will be divided into programs, the annual income will be forecast and the Town Council will determine the percentage of the annual revenue to be applied to each program. Departments will then operate their programs in accordance with Council-designated service levels.

## Participate in Newspaper Pickup Or Trash Truck May Pass You By

It is estimated that only half of the town's citizens are participating in the biweekly newspaper pickup program. The paper not collected represents a significant loss of revenue to the town.

The town currently receives \$20 per ton of newspaper. "We need to intensify our efforts in encouraging the citizens to save their waste paper," Town Manager C. Clay Harrell said. "Every ton of paper that goes to the landfill loses us \$20 plus the \$7 a ton that we pay Fairfax County to bury it."

The Town Manager is recommending that the town vigorously enforce its ordinance permitting trash collection crews to refuse to pick up garbage unless the newspapers are separated.

### Comment from the Council Table:

## How the Town Spends Its Funds

By Neil M. Walp

Vienna Town Councilman

Several months ago I prepared an article on sources of revenue and trends for the town between fiscal years 1970-71 and 1975-76. In that initial report I also indicated that there would be a follow-up covering expenditures.

In the first article, data were gleaned from audit reports and, because the audit for fiscal year 1977 was not yet available, no data for 1977 were presented. Though the 1977 audit is now available, I will for comparability remain in the 1971-1976 period of the first report when discussing expenditures. Also, as in the revenue report, I am including a table summarizing the level of expenditures in each department of your town government.

#### Distribution of Expenditures

For budget purposes, expenditures are divided among nine functional departments and one non-departmental account. (They are also allocated as general fund or sewer and water expenditures.) In terms of dollar expenditures, five of these are of considerably less significance in that each generally accounts for less than two percent of total expenditures. The

remaining five, on an individual basis, account for as low as eight percent to as high as 42 percent of town expenditures. (While some departmental expenditures are not large in relation to the total, the services provided are critical to the efficiency, viability and operation of your government.)

As is obvious from the accompanying table, expenditures have increased each year since fiscal year 1970-71 when they totaled over \$2.3 million. By 1976, expenditures had increased about 74 percent to just over \$4 million. Needless to say, expenditures in all departments increased between 1971 and 1976. In large measure, the upward trend results from salary increases (local government is primarily a service organization) and increases in the prices of materials and



Vienna Town Councilman

equipment. Inflation affects the town pocketbook as well as your own.

At this point let us look at the individual departments for a review of the services provided and the financial trend.

Legislative Department. This department consists of your Town Council and the Town Clerk's office. Expenditures go toward salaries, legal advertising and incidental expenses. While departmental expenses have increased some \$23,000 in six years, this is only a 48 percent increase - - the smallest increase of all the departments (excluding non-departmental expenses). Expenditures represented only 1.8 percent of total expenditures in 1976. The only slight increase in this budget item is largely the result of no change in the modest remuneration of your Councilmen and Mayor.

Executive Department, Within this department is the operation of the Town Manager's office. Expenditures are largely salary, office needs and travel. While expenses have increased 57 percent in six years, they still accounted for only 1.8 percent of total expenditures in 1976.

Law Department. The town's legal expenses are attributed to this department. The Town Attorney's salary for a "part-time" job (which, it seems, is more often than not a full-time job) and expenses of defending the town in legal disputes are included in this budget item. While expenses have increased 100 percent since 1971, this item constitutes less than one percent of the budget and, indeed, in 1973 was only 0.6 percent of the budget.

Increased expenditures are largely the result of increasing litigation expenses and a recent action of Council to increase the salary of a very competent Town Attorney.

Finance Department. This is the third largest department in terms of expenditures. Currently employing about 15 persons, this department is responsible for the billing and collecting of taxes and fees. It is headed by a Director of Finance (also the Town Treasurer). The department expenses have increased by about 128 percent in six years. By 1976, expenditures accounted for 12.8 percent of all expenditures. Well over one-half of the expenses charged to this department are for pension and insurance payments. There have been significant increases in these payments in the past years that are beyond the control of the town, for example, social security and hospitalization insurance payments. It is these increases that have resulted in the significant increase in this department's expenditures.

Planning and Zoning. This is one of the smallest departments. It is charged with administering town zoning and subdivision ordinances and supportive services for the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and Architectural Review Board. Only 1.2 percent of the 1976 expenditures of the town were attributed to this department.

Judicial Department, The Town of Vienna maintained its own municipal court until a change in state legislation delegated the court function to the county in the 1973-74 fiscal year. Although the town still provides court facilities, the expense is now negligible.

Public Safety Department. One of the more visible departments is the Police Department. With a total force of 35 officers, investigators and dispatchers, the department accounts for the second largest expenditure item. Its share of the total town expenditure budget has varied only slightly since 1971, being 13.9 percent in 1976. Departmental expenditures have increased only 78 percent in six years. This is attributed largely to salaries and the acquisition and maintenance of police vehicles.

#### Expenditure Trends - - Fiscal Year 1970-71 through 1975-76 (in thousands of dollars)

Expenditure Category	1970 <b>-</b> 71	1971 -72	1972 <b>-</b> 73	1973-74	1974-75	1975 <b>-</b> 76
Legislative	48	48	51	61	66	71
Executive	47	54	51	54	75	74
Law	18	18	19	21	24	36
Finance	226	281	312	31.7	405	515
Planning & Zoning	27	36	41	44	44	48
Judicial	17	19	25	Neg.	Neg.	1
Public Safety	317	355	400	431	487	563
Public Works	931	1076	1196	1282	1489	1676
Recreation	176	183	205	240	306	337
Non-departmental (includes debt service)	515	542	672	671	562	712
Total	\$2322	\$2612	\$2972	\$3122	\$3459	\$4033

Public Works Department. This department is by far the largest in both manpower and expenditures. It is responsible for your sewer and water, snow removal, trash collection, bi-weekly newspaper pickup, special spring and fall cleanups and street maintenance in addition to other services. In 1976. about 42 percent of the town's expenditures maintained the nearly 70-person staff, a fleet of vehicles and all the materials needed to maintain this department. Expenditures over the last six years have increased 80 percent. This is because a major portion of expenditures is for sewage treatment, a cost that has been escalating rapidly.

Recreation Department. With a small staff of about 16 full-time employees, this department oversees, coordinates and operates outdoor recreation programs and the Community Center. In addition, it maintains our public grounds. Headed by a Director of Parks and Recreation, its expenditures accounted for only 8.4 percent of the 1976 total. Its expenditures have been increased about 92 percent in six years.

Non-departmental. Within this budget category are the many expenditures often taken for granted. For example, expenses for this newsletter and the other functions of the Public Information Office are included in this expenditure item. In addition, support for commissions and several town-serving organizations such as the fire department, the library and youth recreation organizations is given through this expenditure category. I have also included in this budget item the payments made to retire bond issues. In 1976, these payments added up to \$455,000, or 65 percent of non-departmental

In past years, non-departmental expenses have amounted to as high as 22.6 percent of the total expenditures budget. In 1976, it was only 17.7 percent. In six years, expenditures have increased only 38 percent, considerably less than the overall 74 percent increase.

#### Summary

The town government should always seek economy in its operation, but despite the sincere efforts of the current Council and those that have preceded it to keep expenses in check, costs do rise. Salary increases for the town staff are justified and must remain competitive with other jurisdictions. Nevertheless, we should seek the most efficient means for providing services and staff reductions should be considered when appropriate. Competitive bidding is followed in town purchases, and to the extent that the lowest bid is the best overall, it is accepted.

Vienna provides basic services with few frills. To cut back significantly for a reduction in expenditures (and taxes) is a decision that would require much thought and input from you the taxpayers. I hope that all of you will take a more active interest in the town budget and supply input such that the town administration can keep taxes at a level considered adequate for the services you expect to be provided.

# Council Action



- \* Reaffirmed its previous position of a Metrorail terminal station at Spring Hill Rd. as being preferable to a terminal station at Nutley Rd. If the decision is to terminate at Nutley, Council strongly urges that the K line be continued west of Vienna to serve better the residents of Northern Virginia.
- \* Requested the Town Manager to ask the Fairfax County School Board if it would be willing to defray half the cost of installing a concrete sidewalk on Orchard St., N.W., between Nutley and Lewis on the assumption that the town will pay the other half of the cost. Requested the president of the Malcolm-Windover Civic Association to determine the residents' choice of concrete sidewalks so constructed with one-half town funds and allowing the present status of the street to remain. Directed the Town Manager to consult prior Council action on the matter and report back to Council before taking any further action.
- \* Authorized the Town Manager to proceed with the necessary engineering and securing of bids for improvements on Beulah Rd. between Edwin Ln. and MacArthur Ave. Improvements will include 1) lowering of the Cynthia Ln. intersection adequate to provide the necessary site distance, 2) resurfacing of the entire section, retaining the present roadway width, and 3) realignment of the storm drainage from the MacArthur intersection to divert the water away from the property of the Episcopal Church. The improvements will be made from bond funds with the cost to be determined based on bids received.
- \* Took no action relative to town sponsorship of the president of the Vienna Jaycees in the Walk for Mankind on April 23.
- \* Approved the installation of traffic control lights at the Nutley Rd.-Tapawingo intersection in accordance with state approval. Authorized the

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Vienna Band	Kaliediscope Jazz Ensemble	Piano Duet	"Reunion" Kings Park Student Ensemble	Jazz Masters	"Paddle House Pickers" Bluegrass	September 10 Vienna Band	All concerts havin at 7 mm
June 4	June 18	9 ying	July 23	August 6	August 20	September 10	IIA
Summer Concerts in the	Minipark						

### June Calendar



4 - - Vienna Band at the Minipark, 7 p.m.

5 - - Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

Registration begins for summer classes at the Community Center and for Vienna's ninth annual tennis tournament. 7 -- Newspaper Pickup Dav.

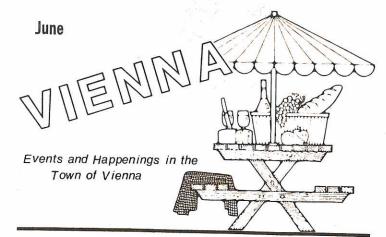
- 10 - Vienna Youth Inc. football registration at the Community Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 14 - Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Flag Day.
- 15 - Board of Architectural Review meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 16 -- "School's Out" concert on the Community Center grounds, 2:30-5:30 p.m.
- 17 - Town of Vienna Hall of Fame Track Meet at James Madison High School, 10 a.m. Wolftrap Soccer Clinic registration at the Community Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 18 - Kaliediscope Jazz Ensemble at the Minipark, 7 p.m. Father's Day.
- 19 -- Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 21 - Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Newspaper Pickup Day.
- 24 Friends of the Animals Bazaar at the Community Center, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Registration for Vienna Youth Inc. football and Wolftrap Soccer Clinic, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Community Center.
- 26 Summer Playground Program begins at Meadow Lane, Glyndon and Southside Parks.
- 27 - Highway Safety Commission meeting, 7:45 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 28 - Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

### Film Highlights King Tut's Treasures

Vienna residents are invited to a screening of "Of Time, Tombs and Treasure," an Academy Award nominee based on last year's King Tut exhibit at the National Gallery of Art.

The film will be presented by the Vienna Woman's Club at the Community Center on June 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Former Town Councilman Paul Lyons, Vice President for Production Services with Charlie/Papa Productions, Inc., was editor and post-production manager of the film. He will show the movie and answer questions.



### Plan to Participate In July 4 Celebration

Plans are well underway for this year's Fourth of July celebration, which will begin at 11 a.m. and conclude with the fireworks display that will start at about 9:15 p.m.

The July 4th activities will be held on the grounds of the Community Center and Vienna Elementary School.

The established favorites such as Pet-A -Pet Farm, the greased pole climb, the Jaycee refreshment stand and the Jaycee dunking booth will again be part of the festivities. Midday will be highlighted with games and races for the young and old. Musical entertainment including bluegrass, country rock and hard rock is scheduled for various times throughout the afternoon.

Mayor Charles A. Robinson, Jr., will be present to make welcoming remarks and introduce the evening program. The evening program will begin at about 7:30 p.m. and will feature the Vienna Community Band under the direction of Geoffrey Seffens. The Vienna Band will be followed by the Vienna-Falls Sweet Adeline Chapter who will close out the program as the fireworks begin.

The day will be filled with food and drink and a wide variety of booths exhibiting arts and crafts and flea market items. Individuals may contact Virginia Johnson, 938-9229, for booth space to exhibit and sell crafts or antiques. Organizations desiring booth space for food and drink sales should call the Community Center at 938-8000.

# Hall of Fame Track Meet Open to Youngsters 10-15

The Town of Vienna Hall of Fame Track Meet, sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation, will be held Saturday, June 17, at James Madison High School beginning at 10 a.m.

The meet is open to Vienna and surrounding area youth ages 10 to 15, and all eligible youth are strongly encouraged to participate in the program. It is not designed for chosen individuals or athletes. Anyone who has received a varsity letter or certificate in junior or senior high school track and field competition is not eligible to enter this meet.

Entrants are limited to three of the following events: 50 yard dash, standing long jump, 100 yard dash, softball throw, 220 yard run, 440 yard run, 880 yard run and mile run. A 440 yard relay will be run with the first place winners of the running events in each age group.

The age brackets for competition are 10-11, 12-13 and 14-15. A birth certificate or other valid proof of age must be presented at the time of registration.

All entrants must register at the Community Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. the week before the meet or at James Madison High School on June 17 before participating in any event. There is no fee.

Competitors must wear a jersey or blouse with boxer type shorts or a gym uniform and shoes. Special equipment such as starting blocks will not be allowed.

The events are as follows:

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9 a.m. Registration
10 a.m. Girls and Boys Standing Long Jump (all ages)
10 a.m. Girls and Boys Softball Throw (all ages)
10:05 a.m. Girls 50 Yard Dash (10-11)
10:10 a.m. Boys 50 Yard Dash (10-11)
10:15 a.m. Girls 50 Yard Dash (12-13)
10:20 a.m. Boys 50 Yard Dash (12 -13)
10:25 a.m. Girls 50 Yard Dash (14-15)
10:30 a.m. Boys Mile Run (14-15)
10:35 a.m. Gilrs 100 Yard Dash (10-11)
10:40 a.m. Boys 100 Yard Dash (10-11)
10:45 a.m. Girls 100 Yard Dash (12-13)
10:50 a.m. Boys 100 Yard Dash (12 -13)
10:55 a.m. Girls 100 Yard Dash (14-15)
11 a.m. Boys 100 Yard Dash (14-15)
11:05 a.m. Girls 220 Yard Run (10-11)
11:10 a.m. Boys 220 Yard Run (10-11)
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11:15 a.m. Boys 220 Yard Run (14 15)
11:20 a.m. Girls 440 Yard Run (10-11)
11:25 a.m. Boys 440 Yard Run (10-11)
11:10 a.m. Girls 440 Yard Run (12-13)
11:35 a.m. Boys 440 Yard Run (12-13)
11:40 a.m. Girls 440 Yard Run (14-15)
11:45 a.m. Boys 440 Yard Run (14-15)
11:50 a.m. Girls 880 Yard Run (12-13)
11:55 a.m. Boys 880 Yard Run (12-13)
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12:05 p.m. Girls 440 Yard Relay (10-11)
12:10 p.m. Boys 440 Yard Relay (10-11)
12:15 p.m. Girls 440 Yard Relay (12-13)
12:20 p.m. Boys 440 Yard Relay (12-13)
12:25 p.m. Girls 440 Yard Relay (14-15)
12:30 p.m. Boys 440 Yard Relay (14-15)
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#### School's Out!

The Department of Parks and Recreation will hold a "School's Out" concert on Friday, June 16, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. This will be an outdoor concert on the grounds of the Community Center. Music will be provided by the rock band "Sea." Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

#### Summer Jobs at the Odd Job Bank

Youngsters looking for employment during the summer are invited to contact the town's Odd Job Bank. Young people aged 12 to 16 may register for odd jobs such as babysitting, yard work, washing cars and house work. The Odd Job Bank is located in the Bowman House at 211 Center Street, South, and is open from 2:30 to 5:30 each weekday afternoon. For information, call 938: 5008.

#### Public Reception for Clay Harrell

The Tribute to Clay Harrell Committee will hold a public reception to honor retiring Town Manager C. Clay Harrell on Sunday, June 4, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Community Center. All town residents are invited to attend and families are welcome.

### Freeman Store News

Historic Vienna, Inc., is interested in obtaining names of area craftsmen to demonstrate at the Freeman Store on Sunday afternoons. If you would like to participate, please submit a short resume giving your name, address, phone number, craft speciality and a brief biography including awards, special education, etc. suitable for use in an announcement. Send resumes to: Historic Vienna, Inc., P.O. Box 53, Vienna, Va. 22180, Attn.: Mr. Robert Dowler.

Historic Vienna has also announced that it is considering opening the Freeman Store (but not the upstairs of the Freeman House) on Fridays and Saturdays from noon until 5 p.m., in addition to the regular Sunday hours. Interest has been repeatedly expressed to expand the hours.

This expansion of hours is being considered on an experimental basis for the summer to see if there is sufficient interest. Watch for an official announcement in local newspapers.

# Host a Foreign Student

Approximately 40 American Field Service students from various countries will arrive in Vienna on Saturday, July 8, to spend four days as guests in the homes of local families. Having completed a year with families throughout the United States, the AFS scholars will make Vienna their third and final community visit before they return to their own lands.

The Vienna AFS chapter is now seeking homes to accommodate these young people from July 8 until July 12. It is an excellent opportunity for Vienna families to share themselves and the Town of Vienna with these students in exchange for their friendship and knowledge of the countries they represent. If you would like to host a student, or if you want more information about "Bus Stop," call Elly Mehl at 938-7336 or Mary Walp at 281-3458.

Vienna's own AFS'ers, Henrik Pedersen from Denmark, Mamar Mezidi from France and Alice Barouta from Greece, will leave Vienna June 30 by bus to visit three communities. They will depart the United States on July 12 from the Washington area.