



CITY OF HOPEWELL

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CITY COUNCIL

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August 31, 2023

SPECIAL MEETING

Closed Meeting: 7:30 PM

Open Meeting: 8:30 PM

7:30 p.m. Call to order, roll call, and welcome to visitors

CLOSED MEETING

SUGGESTED MOTION: Move to go into closed meeting pursuant to VA Code § 2.2-3711 (A) (3) to discuss or consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose or the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body and to the extent such discussion will be aided thereby;

Roll Call

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE § 2.2-3712 (D): Were only public business matters (1) lawfully exempted from open-meeting requirements and (2) identified in the closed-meeting motion discussed in closed meeting?

OPEN MEETING

R1- Grant Approval Request – Charles Bennett

R-2- Request for Approval of the support agreement and requested funding – Charles Bennett

R-3 –Public Safety Radio Equipment Request – Ben Ruppert

ADJOURNMENT

**CLOSED
MEETING**

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

REGULAR BUSINESS

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CITY OF HOPEWELL CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM

Strategic Operating Plan Vision Theme:

- Civic Engagement
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COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Shiloh Lodge Grant Application

ISSUE: Request to apply for African American Civil Rights (AACR) program for the Shiloh Lodge. Grant application is due on 10/10/2023.

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize Economic Development to apply for the AACR grant and spend the \$8,000.00 to prepare the application.

TIMING: Special City Council Meeting 8/31/2023

BACKGROUND: This is a request for permission to apply for grant to go towards the Preservation of Shiloh Lodge 601 Prince Henry.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

- National Park Service African American Civil Rights Grant overview.

STAFF: Charles Bennett, Director of Economic Development

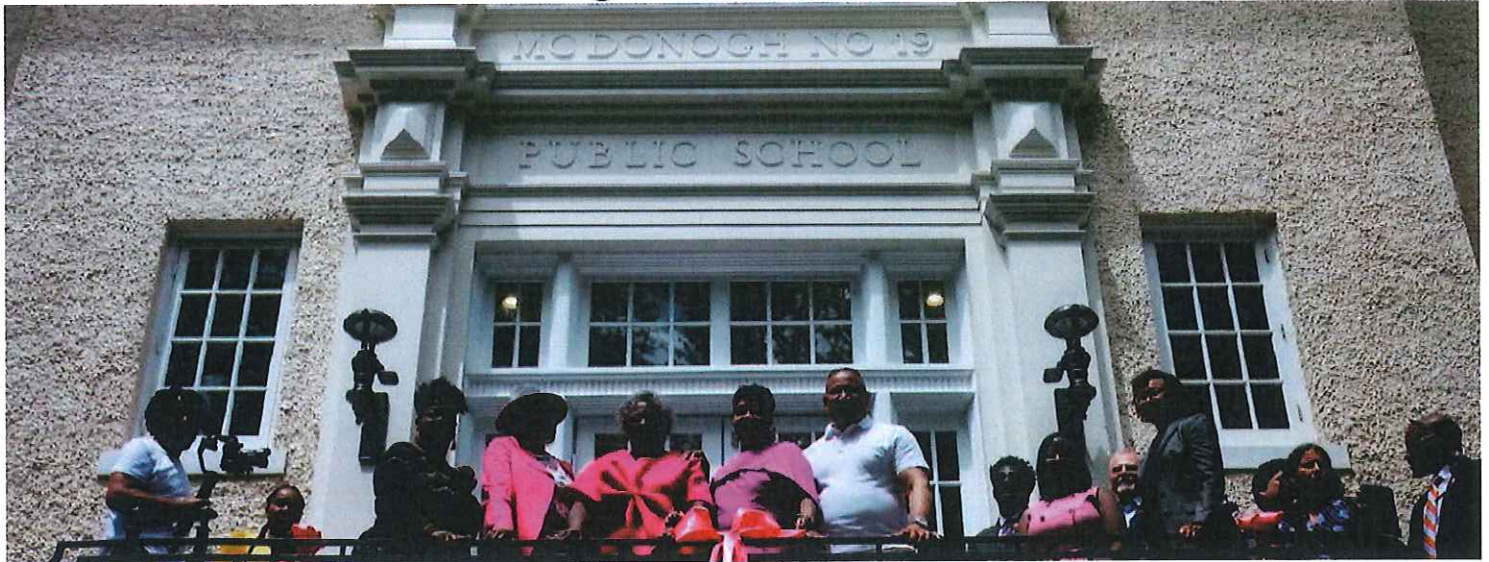
Chris Ward, Director of Development

FOR IN MEETING USE ONLY**SUMMARY:**

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African American Civil Rights (AACR)



McDonogh 19 Elementary School, one of two sites where school desegregation took place in New Orleans in 1960, now the Tate, Etienne, and Prevost (TEP) Interpretive Center.
Photo courtesy of the TEP Interpretive Center

The goal of the African American Civil Rights grant program is to preserve and protect sites associated with the struggle for equality from the transatlantic slave trade forward. Additional funding will also be available to tell the civil rights story of all Americans through a separate notice of funding for fiscal year (FY) 2023.

Who May Apply

- States and Territories
- Indian Tribes that meet the definition in 54 USC 300309 and Native Hawaiian Organizations that meet the definition in 54 USC 300314
- Local Governments, including Certified Local Governments
- Non-profit Organizations

What Is Funded

Pre-preservation and Preservation Projects

- Preservation projects must range from \$75,000 to \$750,000 in federal share, of which 20% may go toward pre-preservation costs such as architectural or engineering services. Grant applications that solely involve pre-preservation work must range from \$15,000 to \$75,000.
- Preservation projects fund physical preservation of a historic site to include historic districts, buildings, sites, structures, and objects. Projects must comply with laws, such as Section 106 and NEPA, and execute a preservation covenant/easement.
- Eligible costs: pre-preservation studies, architectural plans and specifications, historic structure reports, and the repair and rehabilitation of historic properties according to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Archeology and Historic Preservation.
- Properties must be listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or designated a National Historic Landmark either individually or as part of a district.

History Projects

- History grant projects must range from \$15,000 to \$75,000 in federal share.
- Eligible costs include survey, planning, and documentation of historic sites/events, creation of interpretive and educational materials around significant sites (including oral histories), and conservation of significant civil rights collections.
- Successful applications will emphasize innovative strategies, creative projects with measurable results, and include cross-generational engagement that promote and preserve the community's civil rights resources. Projects should involve public-private partnerships and serve as models to communities nationwide. Your project must fit one of the categories listed below. If a project overlaps more than one category, select the dominant category.

1. Survey and Planning

2. Research and Documentation

3. Interpretation and Education

4. Collections Conservation

What Is Not Funded

- Construction of new buildings
- Acquisition of collections or historic sites
- Long-term maintenance or curatorial work beyond the grant period
- Reconstructing historic properties (recreating all or a significant portion that no longer exists)
- Moving or work on moved historic properties that are no longer eligible for listing in the NRHP
- Cash reserves, endowments, revolving funds, or fund-raising costs
- Work performed prior to announcement of award
- Lobbying or advocacy activities
- Costs for work already completed or funded through other federal programs
- Administrative costs may not be over 25% of project budget
- Miscellaneous costs, contingencies, reserves, and overhead

Selection Process

NPS personnel and qualified Federal employees will review all complete proposals using the criteria outlined below. Reviewers' evaluations are based solely on the material provided in the application. **Additional materials not specifically required by the application, and materials sent separately from the application, will not be considered.** A summary of the review panel comments may be provided to the applicant if requested after the grant process is complete. Panel recommendations will be made to the Secretary of the Interior who will select successful applicants and forward to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations. NPS will conduct risk assessments on all projects prior to funding. Matching funds are not required but may be considered as part of the evaluation process.

Evaluation and Selection Criteria

Project descriptions must address, and applications will be rated on, each of the criteria listed below. NPS will evaluate and consider only **complete** applications that separately address each of the four criteria. All criteria are rated equally. You are required to provide a detailed narrative of these elements using the project description and budget justification worksheets.

1. **Significance:** Describe the historic resource(s) in the proposed project that played a role in the African American struggle for civil rights. Describe the community and the historic resources affected by this project including its significance and whether they are listed in the National Register of Historic Places and/or designated at the state, tribal, or local level. Discuss how your project will help identify and preserve places seminal to the story of African American civil rights.
2. **Need/Urgency/Threat:** Describe the need, urgency, and threat the project addresses and how the activities are necessary and will mitigate that threat. Discuss how the project is the next logical step toward the resource's preservation.
3. **Feasibility:** Describe all tasks and their results. Discuss your timeline (located below) and budget justification (separate document) to show that costs are necessary, reasonable, and allowable. Demonstrate how you will successfully complete the project within the given time frame (2-3 years) and with the given resources while meeting all federal requirements and guidelines. Briefly describe who will be involved in carrying out the project and their qualifications, attach resumes/CVs as applicable.
4. **Sustainability:** Describe the impacts of the project after completion, including long lasting effects. Describe the public-private partnerships and community engagement involved in the project and how these partnerships will sustain and continue to support the resources after the grant project is complete. For Preservation projects, describe the plan for continued maintenance. If previously funded, please describe the progress made to date.

Process and Deadlines

This program is administered by the National Park Service. Congress has appropriated \$24,000,000 for this grant program in Fiscal Year 2023. Applications are anticipated to open in Summer of 2023 and are due in Fall of 2023. All applications must be made through Grants.gov. No paper applications will be accepted. Registration in Grants.gov, SAM.gov, and other federal systems can take up to four weeks, so please start early. To be notified when the opportunity opens, please go to Grants.gov and subscribe to a saved search for CFDA 15.904.

Additional Information

Visit <http://go.nps.gov/civilrightsggrant> for more information about this grant program.

For more information on our other programs, please visit www.nps.gov/stlpg

For application assistance:
National Park Service
STLPG@nps.gov
202-354-2020

For Grants.gov assistance:
support@grants.gov
1-800-518-4726

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COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Health Care District Support Agreement

ISSUE: Request for Counsel to approve a support agreement with EDA for property acquisition in Industrial Property 15 Rev CW Harris Street

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the support agreement and requested funding

TIMING: Special City Council Meeting 8/31/2023

BACKGROUND: This support agreement is for the acquisition of 1.95 acres of Industrial land and structure identified as historic African American School House Building located at 15 Rev CW Harris Street. This property has been identified in the City of Hopewell as a both a significant historical site and industrial development opportunity due to M1 Zoning.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

- Support Agreement between City of Hopewell and the Economic Development Authority of the City of Hopewell
- Historical Documentation

STAFF: Charles Bennett, Director of Economic Development
Danielle Ferguson Smith, City Attorney

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SUMMARY:

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July 27, 2023

BGWG LLC
C/O Justin Faison
406 Randolph Rd E
Hopewell, VA 23860

Re: Letter of Intent to purchase property at 15 Rev CW Harris Street
Hopewell, VA

Dear Justin,

I am pleased to present this letter of Intent from the City of Hopewell for the purchase of the property at 15 Rev CW Harris Street (Parcel ID 0480339) including total of 1.95 Acres of Land and all improvements.

Outline of Offer: The City of Hopewell (Buyer) intends to purchase the property for the total sum of \$191,100.00 which is the current assessment for the value of the land. The Buyer's contribution is fixed at \$191,100.00 the current assessed value of the land. Buyer and Seller shall each pay their own legal fees related to the sale of the Property. Buyer shall pay (i) all costs associated with its investigation of the Property, including the cost of appraisals, architectural, engineering, credit and environmental reports, (ii) all title insurance premiums for the Title Policy and any endorsements to the Title Policy required by Buyer, and (iii) grantee's taxes and recording costs associated with the Deed. Seller shall pay (1) all grantor's taxes and (3) recording fees in connection with the removal of encumbrances. Buyer and Seller shall share equally the cost of all escrow charges. The cost of Phase I and Phase II environmental inspections are excluded from the purchase price and will be the sole responsibility of the **Buyer**. Remediation of any environmentally significant findings uncovered during the due diligence inspections will be the responsibility of the **Seller**.

Due Diligence Period: The Buyer request 3 month due diligence period with an option for two 30 days extensions if necessary to coordinate all environmental testing and inspections.

Closing: Closing shall occur 30 days after the expiration of the Due Diligence Period.

Deposit: The Buyer shall place a deposit into escrow in the amount of \$10,000 within 3 business days of executing the Purchase Sale Agreement and which shall become non-refundable to the Buyer upon expiration of the Due Diligence Period.

Purchase Sale Agreement: Upon acceptance of this letter of intent, the Parties will proceed to negotiate in good faith a formal purchase agreement which will include, among other matters, the conveyance of a fee simple marketable title to the Purchaser of the Property by reference to an accurate survey (which shall be obtained at Buyer's expense) subject only to matters of records as are approved by the Buyer, typical representations and warranties of the parties and other similar matters contained in commercial real estate purchase agreements.


The City of Hopewell (Buyer) reserves the right to assign this purchase to the City of Hopewell Economic Development Authority (EDA).

Sincerely,



Charles Bennett

Director of Economic Development and Tourism

Accepted by :  Date: 7/27/2023



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Updated 7/17/2023)

City Council
c/o Mayor Partin
300 East Main Street
Hopewell, VA 23860

15 Rev CW Harris Street Property Acquisition and Historic African American School house preservation.

Dear City Counsel,

I am writing to update the request City Council to fund the Hopewell Economic Development Authority to purchase the property located at 15 CW Harris Street in Hopewell Virginia.

Recent Background

The property is 1.95 acres of land that recently was used by Custom Comfort Windom Mattress Factory until destroyed by fire on March 20th 2023. I was able to find a new location for the mattress factory a few blocks away and they were able to resume operations in Hopewell in a matter of weeks. Rebuilding on this site is cost prohibitive for them.

Historical background on the property

Shortly after the fire I was contacted by Mr. Ray Edmonds, lifelong residence of the City of Hopewell and African American business man. Mr. Edmonds is now 93 years old and has a depth of knowledge concerning African American historical sites here in the city of Hopewell. Mr. Edmonds informed me that on this property was a very old school house that had been moved to this property when the Carter G Woodson School building was built in the early 1940. I conducted historical research of Hopewell News archives and was able to piece together the history of this small historic building.

(Please see attached Hopewell News Paper 1950 article for reference).

The original school house building was actually YMCA Church Building located at what is currently the City of Hopewell Public Works yard. In 1916 Reverend Samuel L. Perry began to instruct African American Students in this building until the Plant (DuPont) could complete the original "Colored School" building in early 1920s. The YMCA Church building remained in service as two class rooms until 1936 when it was

converted to a Home Economics Classroom using WPA monies. (Please see attached 1936, 1937 Hopewell News articles for reference).

In 1937 the building was dedicated as a Home Economics Cottage by Professor C.B. Taylor, professor of sciences at the school, and Rev J.B. Brown of Petersburg.

In 1941 the building relocated from behind the Fire Station to its current location and was clad with bricks to match the 1941 Carter G. Woodson School building. The building was used as the Home Economics Class for several years and later as a library.

Historical Photo of what the Home Economics Cottage may have looked like before it was moved the site and bricks placed around it.



Current day photo of the historic building as it existing today with brick added to exterior and a building addition on the rear portion, likely added for the kitchen in "Home Economics Class"



Proposed preservation plan and future use of School House

The Department of Economic Development and Tourism proposes to purchase the 1.95 acres of property and subdivide a lot for this historic building as shown on the attached drawing. The building would be restored and become an African American Education Museum that would be operated by a future commission / board responsible for the preservation and education of the City of Hopewell African American Heritage. An example of this is what has been done in Smithfield, VA <http://www.theschoolhousemuseum.org/>

Proposed use for the other parts of the property

The Department of Economic Development and Tourism proposes to combine the 1.5 acres of property (part that is not used for the school house museum) with the city owned property behind and beside it to create a 9.25 acre industrial site. This property would be marketed for industrial use as it is already zoned M-1 and is located close to the manufacturing center of Hopewell. The most likely use will be commercial logistics distribution or flex warehouse space. The current 7.78 acres of land owned by city has limited road frontage and therefore less marketable to redevelopment. By adding the 1.5 acres of road frontage we will take a non-revenue contributing property and position it to be adding to our tax revenue.

Sincerely,

Charles J Bennett

Charles Bennett
Director of Economic Development and Tourism

Carter G. Woodson Began In 1916

Present School Plant Occupied September 1941

By BERNARD EPPS
Principal Carter G. Woodson

The forerunner of the present Carter G. Woodson School was founded in a local Young Men's Christian Association Building by the DuPont Plant in 1916. This was the first school for Negroes in the City. There were approximately eighty pupils in this school with the Reverend Samuel L. Perry as the first instructor. Shortly after the beginning of this school, the plant erected a regular building to take care of this educational venture.

When operations at the plant ceased, the function of this school (concerned primarily with teaching Negro employees to sign payrolls) was no longer necessary and the work at the school stopped. In 1921, this Colored school building was purchased from the school board.

25 Years Ago

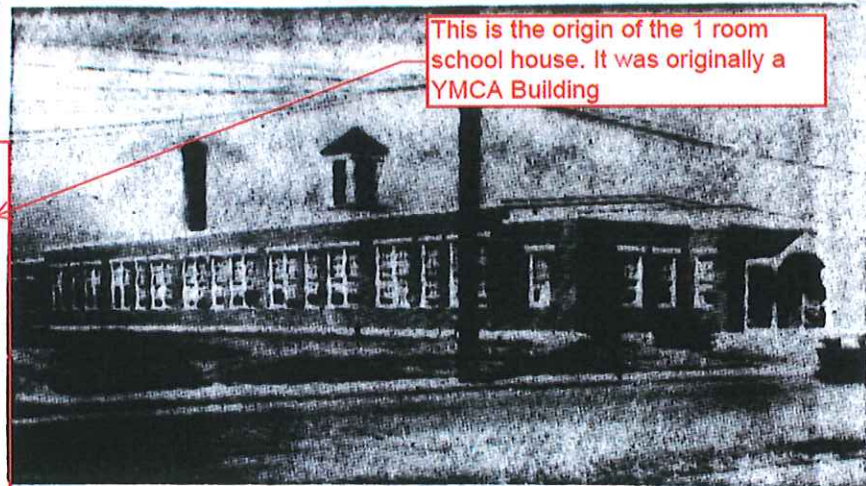
During the school term 1924-25, the beginning of the twenty-five year period, the enrollment of this school was 249; there were 242 pupils in the elementary school and seven in the high school. The eighth grade was the only high school grade. There were six teachers, including the Principal for the term. It was this year that the school became known as the Carter G. Woodson School upon the recommendation of the Reverend Harry E. James who had assumed the principalship of the school.

The normal range of elementary subjects were taught in the elementary school—predominated by reading, writing and arithmetic. At this time no teacher was assigned especially for the high school work.

Reverend James served as Principal from 1924 until June 1946. During this period the faculty grew from six members, including the Principal, to nine elementary and four high school teachers. This peak was reached during the school term 1937-38, a year which saw improvements in many lines. For this same year, the schools enrollment was 418 pupils. A regular coach of Athletics was employed for the first time

capacity of considerably more than this. The company owns about 900 acres of land, situated in the Plant Area.

The Hopewell plant is considered one of the finest knitting and dyeing plants in the United States today, using the most modern equipment and methods throughout.



CARTER G. WOODSON SCHOOL

and the football team played through a full schedule.

State Champions

The girls basketball team was unusually successful, reaching their peak during the school term 1942 as girl basketball Champions for the State. A new Home Economic building of three rooms, nicely equipped was provided. All of the girls in the high school were given the opportunity to learn cooking, sewing and homemaking.

The enrollment of the school was cut almost at mid-point in 1939 after the completion of the new elementary school in Arlington Heights, at which time the elementary children in that area went to school there.

New Building

In September 1941 the pupils at Woodson transferred from the old plant which was in a state of serious disrepair to a new building, the present Carter G. Woodson School. The new plant contained ten standard size classrooms, an office and small library. In addition, the home economics building was transferred from the old location (rear of fire department) to the new plant site (Davisville project area).

In September, 1946, Bernard Epps became Principal of the School. With him were seven elementary teachers and four high school teachers, and 351 pupils. The following year, 1947-48 there were 289, the loss of enrollment being due to the return of two elementary classes to Arlington School after the restoration of their school following a fire.

During the 1947-48 term a school chorus was organized. This group has participated in the

Music Festival at Virginia State College for two consecutive years. In the 1948-49 term a first attempt of a school band was made. This organization has grown slowly but steadily until today a nineteen piece group is practicing.

Auditorium-Gymnasium

Many advances have been registered with the advent of the 1950-51 school term. A newly completed building has provided the school with a fine Auditorium-Gymnasium combination, boys shop, cafeteria, and boys and girls showers and locker rooms. A teacher of Music is employed for the first time and again a coach of Athletics is on the faculty. The school is a member of the Virginia Interscholastic Athletic League and a full program of basketball has already been approved by the school and league.

The present enrollment is 347 pupils—122 in the high school, 225 in the elementary grades.

The faculty, numbering fourteen persons are: Miss Thelma O. A Gilliam, 1st grade; Mrs. Queen S. Brown, 2nd grade; Mrs. Beatrice L. Blue, 3rd grade; Mrs. Lydia P. Johnson, 4th grade; Mrs. Senora S. Lowe, 5th grade; Miss Edna M. Randolph, 6th grade; Mrs. Charlie R. Goode, 7th grade; Mrs. Mary P. Goode, 8th grade; Mrs. Mildred A. Epps, 9th grade; Miss Queen A. Palmer, 10th grade. (Home Economics); Mrs. Sadie W. McCoy, 11th grade; Ralph C. Hensley, Coach and Shop; Russell MacInn, Music and History; Bernard F. Epps, Principal; Mrs. Thelma C. Lee, School Secretary; and Mrs. Ethel Cunningham, Cafeteria Manager. The Parent-Teachers Association The Parent-Teachers Associ-

ation of this school has been active for many years. Many projects for school and community betterment have been carried out by this body.

In 1947-48, under the presidency of Mrs. Ethel Cunningham, the organization gave the school \$80.85 for a piano, \$151.97 for musical instruments for the band, and \$75.00 to aid in a dental clinic. In 1948-49, \$136.64 was spent by the P. T. A. for choir robes.

Under Mrs. Jessie Sessoms leadership, a recording machine was purchased by the P. T. A. for the school, and the local association became affiliated with the State P. T. A. In addition to these things many smaller grants have been made to further the schools program.

The officers for the present term are: Curtis Harris, president; Henry McCoy, vice president; Mrs. Martha Miles, recording secretary; Mrs. William Roberts, financial secretary; Mrs. Annie McCoy, Chairman Ways and Means Committee; Bernard F. Epps, Treasurer.

Several organizations have contributed to the history of this school. The most noticeable one has been the Young Ladies Improvement Club, which has contributed financially and morally to the school.

The Home Economics Cottage was originally the YMCA Church building. See 1936 Newspaper article.

COLORED NEWS

Julla A. Gilliam--Phone 2371

Christmas Program At Friendship Baptist

The Christmas program which is being given at the Friendship Baptist Church by the Sunday School Monday night, December 27, will begin at 7:30 P. M. The program will consist of solos, contributed by the members of the school; recitations, contributed by individuals of the school, and the singing of Christmas carols by the school.

The participants of the program will be mostly those belonging to the Sunday School.

Gifts will be given to the members as well as the exchange of gifts.

The public is cordially invited to attend this program.

Rev. Sanderlin At Union Baptist Church

Rev. W. E. Sanderlin, formerly of Petersburg, but now of Washington, D. C., will be guest speaker at the Union Baptist Church of this city for morning service Sunday, December 26. The Union Baptist Church choir will render music for the occasion. The public is invited to be present and hear Rev. Sanderlin.

Dedication Of Home Economics Building At Carter G. Woodson

On Friday afternoon of last week dedication exercises were held for the Home Economics Building at Carter G. Woodson School, in front of the building.

The dedicatory prayer was offered by Prof. C. B. Taylor, professor of sciences at the school. The dedicatory speaker, Rev. J. B. Brown of Petersburg, was introduced by Rev. H. E. James, principal of the school. Rev. Brown delivered an interesting and inspiring message. The exercises were witnessed by a large number of friends, patrons, members of the faculty and students.

tersburg as the guest of Miss Doris Powell.

Miss Jean Thomas and Miss Rachel Thomas of Dinwiddie were the guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest James, last week at their home in Dreamland.

Mrs. Sidney Belfield and small son Alfred Belfield are spending the Christmas holidays in City Point as the guests of her husband, Mr. Sidney Belfield, who has been in the city for the past two months with his brother, Mr. Alfred Belfield.

IN THE CHURCHES

First Baptist, City Point:—
 Sunday School 9:30 p. m.
 Morning Service 11 a. m.
 Evening Service 8 p. m.
 Rev. S. L. Ferry, pastor.

Union Baptist, City—
 Sunday School 10 a. m.
 Morning Service, 11 a. m.
 Evening Service 6 p. m.
 Rev. E. Spratley, pastor.

Mt. Carmel Baptist, S. B. Village—
 Sunday School 10 a. m.
 Morning Service 11 a. m.
 Evening Service 8 p. m.
 Rev. J. J. E. Hays, pastor.

Friendship Baptist, Arlington Hts.--
 Sunday School 9:30 a. m.

the Fredericksburg State Teachers College.

Miss Virginia Makovsky, who is attending Schaffler's Business College in Cleveland, Ohio, arrived Saturday to spend two weeks with her parents, Rev. and Mr. Adolph Makovsky.

Mr. Edward Belschan of Richmond spent the past week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Belschan.

The Begonia Congregational Church will present its Christmas program on Friday night, Christmas Eve. There will be recitations and Christmas carols by the younger group and a play entitled "Christmas Come to Bethany" by the Christian Endeavor members.

Misses Ruth and Lean Tomko are arriving Wednesday from Charlottesville where they are the members of a school faculty to spend two weeks with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Tomko.

Miss Pauline Bresko of Lurey is spending Christmas holidays with her parents in Prince George.

Mrs. S. F. Brown left Saturday for Houston, Texas, where she will be the guest of her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Holt.

PRINCE GEORGE TRIAL JUSTICE COURT NEWS

Several driving drunk charges were on the docket in the Trial Justice court of Prince George coun-

Negro School Addition Is Approved By W.P.A.

A two-room addition to the Carter G. Woodson School for Negroes, in rear of the fire department, has been approved by the Richmond office of the Works Progress Administration, it was announced this week by Supt. R. W. Copeland.

This new project will cost approximately \$4,000 and the money is expected to be allotted in the immediate future. This expenditure will take care of the two classrooms, grading, excavation and needed repairs to the present building.

A church on the school property which is now used for two classrooms, will be converted into a home economics cottage, Mr. Copeland said. This will be done as soon as the two-room addition is completed and the children now in the church can be moved into the new building. The present plan is to rebuild the church, turning it into a cottage suitable for teaching home economics.

At Tuesday night's meeting of the City Council repairs amounting to about \$200 were authorized upon recommendation of City Manager Ancell, who submitted a report of his recent inspection of the Negro school.

Mr. Ancell's report pointed out that a number of improvements were necessary to make the building comfortable until other provisions could be made for the Negro children. He recommended that leaky skylights in both the boys and girls toilets be repaired, as well as sags in some of the classroom ceilings caused by a leaking roof, installation of new window glasses and repairs to classroom stoves, most of which are broken.

The roof is now undergoing repairs and other improvements will be started immediately. A full-time janitor will also be employed at this school.

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COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Identification of Funds to Purchase New UPS for City Public Safety Radio System.

ISSUE: The City is in need of a new Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) to replace the current broken, beyond service life unit, for the Hopewell Public Safety Radio System.

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the City Manager to utilize \$69,000 in City funds (formally ARPA) to order a new UPS for the City’s Public Safety Radio System.

TIMING: Council action is requested on 8/31/23

BACKGROUND: The Uninterrupted Power Supply (or UPS) for the City’s Radio System went out of service last week, and is unrepairable. This equipment keeps the radio system up during power outages until the generator kicks on, the same way the UPS system works for the IT infrastructure. This is the original equipment that was installed with the City’s first 800 Mhz. system which was installed back in the late 90s. It is 25+ years old, and is no longer serviceable. This equipment was not replaced in the 2015 Radio system upgrade as a cost savings measure at the time.

The Radio System is the communications platform for Police, Fire, Public Works, Recreation, and Engineering, and is a critical life safety system for both Police and Fire. This is an emergency purchase that should be completed as soon as possible.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS: None

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STAFF: Benjamin Ruppert, Fire Chief, Acting Assistant City Manager

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