

## Old courthouse to be converted for recreation

The historic Brentsville courthouse complex has been saved from a continued, crumbling death.

Prince William's supervisors voted 5 to 1 on Tuesday to turn the complex over to the Parks and Recreation Department for a \$42,000 restoration project and control of the complex for recreation use.

The Brentsville courthouse and jail were at one time in the county's history the county seat. Over the years, the buildings have deteriorated.

Supervisor C. Scott Winfield, the lone opponent of giving Parks and Recreation control of the Brentsville project, said it should instead be turned over to the Historical Commission for restoration. In addition, Winfield said the "farmers out there have enough land for their own recreation." Supervisor Donald W. Turner was absent.

Supervisor Roy W. Doggett declared that when the county paid \$12,000 for restoration at the Brentsville complex before he was a board member, the complex "looked pretty good, but it didn't last long."

Dr. A. J. Ferlazzo reminded his fellow boardmen that approval of Parks and Recreation's taking over the complex implies that the board will ensure that money is provided for the necessary work in the new budget.

Arrangements worked out with the neighbor church by Harry French Parks and Recreation director and Brentsville Supervisor Ralph Mauler include allowing the church to continue to use the well and recreation activities not beginning before 1 p.m. Sunday nor during a funeral.

### Five arrested on pot charge

Five Woodbridge youths were charged with drug and related charges April 6 when police discovered marijuana in their car.

According to Officer Roger Rollins, a police officer had stopped a truck at the intersection of Neabsco Road and Rt. 1 on an apparent traffic violation. When officers detected the strong odor of marijuana, the occupants were taken from the vehicle.

The driver, a juvenile, was charged with possession of marijuana and will be charged with possession of a controlled drug.

Two adults, James D. Carver, and Yvonne Pissano were charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Two other juveniles in the truck were charged with habits and behavior and released to their parents.

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