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### Starts Sunday

Prince William County along with other jurisdictions in the Metropolitan Washington Area will go on Daylight Saving Time Sunday, April 24.

Clocks should be turned ahead one hour before retiring Saturday night to be on the safe side.

While the county will officially be on fast time, some persons, particularly dairy farmers, are expected to remain on slow time.

dispute, granted a petition for the league and the towns to file a brief as a friend of the court.

The high court is expected to consider the case early this fall. The League of Virginia Counties of which Prince William is a charter member and a number of individual counties are supporting Hanover's position in the case, but as yet have not sought to intervene before the court.

Creating widespread interest among Virginia localities, the law in dispute forbids both the county and a town within a county to levy a license tax. Thus if a town has authority to levy such a tax the surrounding county could not.

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# \$150,000 Asked In Quarry Blast Suit

The owner of Occoquan's historic Rockledge, Laurence A. Barnes, has filed a \$150,000 damage suit against the Graham Virginia Quarries, Inc., charging that blasting at the nearby quarry has brought the 11-room stone house to the point of "structural disaster."

Barnes, who, along with his family, evacuated the 200-year-old colonial mansion in January, has asked the Fairfax County Circuit Court to order the firm to stop the blasting operations and to restore his home or pay damages estimated at \$150,000.

In the suit filed on Friday, April 15, Barnes claimed that blasting on the 3,600-acre quarry

across the Occoquan Creek in Fairfax County first became a problem late last year and that heavy shocks have downed plaster, separated seams and, in places, cracked through the eight-inch stone walls.

Barnes, an engineer for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co., said he finally had to move out on Jan. 24, leaving the property marked by "danger" and "no trespassing" signs to safeguard passersby from entering.

Rockledge was designed in 1758 by William Buckland, colonial architect famed in Maryland for his Hammond Harwood house in

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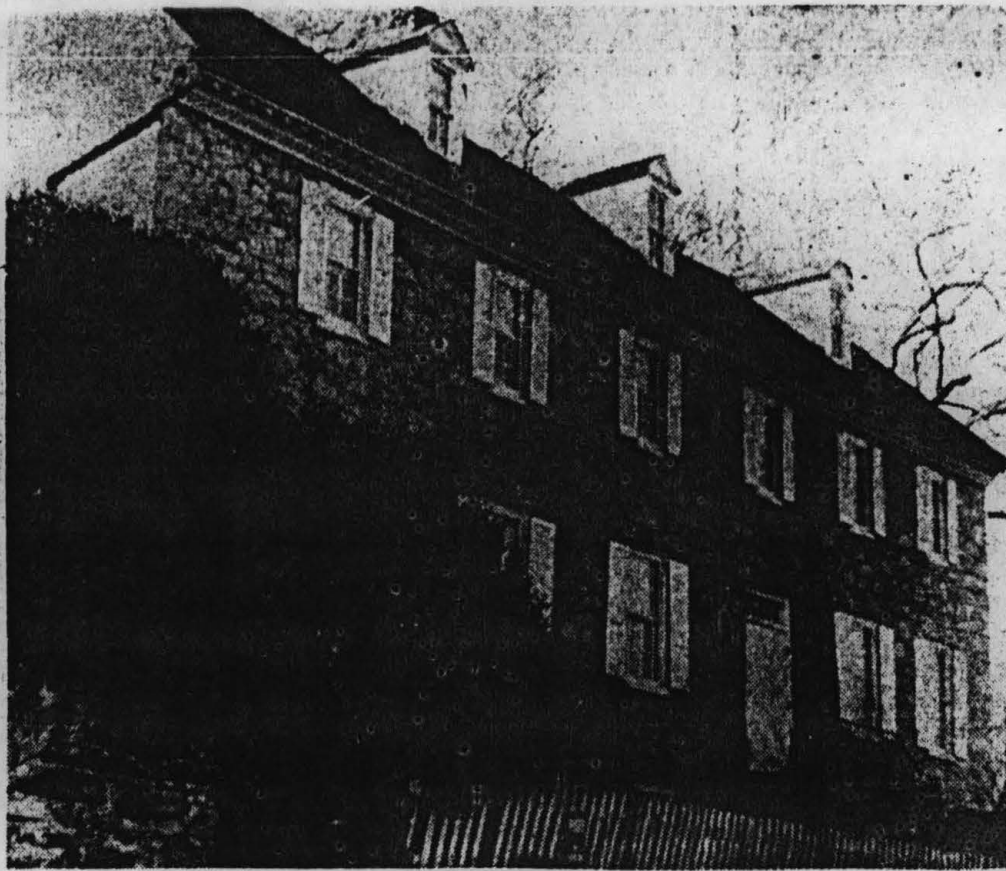
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*Historic Rockledge at Occoquan*

## *Occoquan Quarry Sued For \$150,000 Rockledge Damage*

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Annapolis. He also drew the plans for Gunston Hall and Pohick Church in Fairfax County.

History books call the famous Prince William landmark unique in Virginia for its stone construction, simple but elegant woodwork, chimney pieces and a carved cornice similar to the interior cornice at Pohick Church.

Rockledge was built for John Ballendine, owner of grist mills and an iron foundry at Occoquan, on a rocky hillside over looking the roaring Occoquan Gorge which has since been tamed by reservoir dams.

The house, according to Barnes, has been in almost continuous use since its construction and in his family since the early 1930s.

From without, the house commands a panoramic view of the projecting cliffs of the quarry and the waterfront of historic Occoquan.

The once proud Rockledge now stands empty since Mr. and Mrs. Barnes and four children were driven from the structure when the place was termed by an insurance firm to be "wholly unsafe for occupancy." Original wrought iron hinges and their hand wrought nails are still holding fast against the passing of time and the blasts.

The rugged house survived both the Revolution and Civil War.



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