

CIVIC LEADERS ASK AVENUE EXTENSION

Prince Georges Citizens in Plea to Join Central and Crain Highway.

COUNTY HOSPITAL URGED

Extension of Central avenue to the Crain Highway and other county improvements were advocated at a mass meeting of Prince Georges County civic leaders held last night under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce of the Eighteenth Election District of the county at the Maryland Park High School. President Thomas J. Lockett, of the chamber, presided.

James C. Blackwell, Seat Pleasant, vice president of the chamber, urged those present to get together and push the project, telling the gathering that the county has been allotted \$134,000 in funds for road construction. He also advocated a Prince Georges County Hospital, declaring that the county is paying \$4,000 yearly to District of Columbia hospitals which could be diverted to a county hospital. He advocated a central location, probably at District Heights, for the hospital.

Robert McCullough, president of the Northeast Business Men's Association of Washington, spoke in favor of the extension of Central avenue, which he declared would be a boom to the residents of Capitol Heights and the adjacent communities. George Palmer, chairman of the Maryland State Democratic committee and a member of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, was present.

William Frerle, president of the Bladensburg Chamber of Commerce, spoke in favor of the extension of River road to the Defense highway. A number of prominent civic leaders also spoke in behalf of the project.

Among the other prominent civic leaders who spoke in favor of the projects and urged cooperation were:

President Arthur B. Owen, former President L. L. Gray and Secretary C. D. Anderson, all of Hyattsville Chamber of Commerce; Frank E. James, president of the Benning Chamber of Commerce; J. E. Downin and Edward A. Fuller, of the Hyattsville Chamber of Commerce; the Rev. W. E. Balderson, of Benning; George H. James, first vice president of the Benning Chamber; Frank Fierstin and John Alsop, Bladensburg.

The meeting indorsed a plan for cooperation with Washington civic associations for the extension of Massachusetts avenue and East Capitol street and discussed a report that the former State roads commission had failed to cooperate with the citizens on the Hyattsville grade crossing. Music was furnished by the Capitol Heights Boys Band.