

## 2 Newcomers Get Arlington School Posts

Lightsey, Spicer  
Named; Joy Cut;  
Stockard in Again

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A strong opponent of segregated schools and a former college dean were named to the Arlington School Board yesterday by the county board which also reappointed James G. Stockard to the school body.

In the process, retiring county board member Ernest D. Wilt declined a school board post

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his colleagues offered him, while Barnard M. Joy, a school board member for 16 years, was dropped.

Climaxing a week of bitter dissension in Arlington political and school circles, the county board selected Mr. Stockard and newcomers William M. Lightsey and John Reed Spicer for the four-year terms on the school board.

Mr. Lightsey, 52, staff secretary for the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, was an organizer of the Virginia Committee to Preserve Public Schools in the late 1950's. He has been an outspoken opponent of Virginia's "massive resistance" policy to school integration.

Mr. Spicer, 55, an administrator with the Central Intelligence Agency, holds a doctorate in educational administration from Columbia University and was dean of the liberal arts college at Kent State University in Ohio for five years.

### Stockard's Third Term

Mr. Stockard, a strong advocate of eliminating all racial discrimination in the public school system, will be starting his third term.

The three men represent the liberal coalition of Arlingtonians for a Better County, whose leaders have dominated the school and county boards in recent years. Mr. Lightsey, a member of the ABC Council, was chairman of the organization's precinct operations in the county board race this fall in which the ABC and Republicans split the board seats. Mr. Spicer is an ABC member.

The county board had studied the qualifications of more than 20 school board candidates before making the appointments yesterday.

When his colleagues voted unanimously yesterday to give him a school post, Mr. Wilt said it would be unfair for him to accept it while Mr. Joy was being considered for reappointment.

### Decision to Leave Politics

Mr. Wilt, an Independent who received the indorsement of all three political factions in Arlington in his race for the county board in 1960, cited his decision last summer to retire from politics and spend more time vacationing in Florida each year. Mr. Wilt, a leader in the business community, also is president of the Arlington Trust Co.

However, when his board colleagues pointed out that the school board needed someone with his business acumen and expertise in capital financing, he agreed to consider the position.

But Mr. Wilt explained to the audience in the county board room yesterday his decision following the controversy over the impending appointments: "I did not think it would be fair to accept an appointment to the school board if either incumbent were not to be reappointed."

He added that some county board members had strong feelings against re-appointing Mr. Joy and it would be in the best interests of Arlington to avoid a situation where some enmity existed between members of the two boards.

As a result of his decision, Mr. Wilt said, "I will go away from here today with the ap-  
proval of the board."

### Had Encouraged Wilt

Board Chairman Thomas W. Richards, saying it was he who first encouraged Mr. Wilt's candidacy for the school post, declared: "This is a severe disappointment."

Board members gave no reason for their unanimous decision to drop Mr. Joy from the school board, although they have said privately that 16 years is long enough for any man to serve the school body.

Mr. Joy, a leader of the school reform movement of the late 1940s that brought about improvements in the Arlington schools, greeted the county board's action with a statement urging his friends and Arlington citizens to give the new school board their "wholehearted support."

Mr. Lightsey, who retired in 1959 from the Department of Agriculture, is the father of three daughters who received their public school education in Arlington.

Mr. Spicer is a father of four, three of them graduates of Washington-Lee High School in Arlington. Two daughters, now living overseas with their husbands, taught in Northern Virginia for a short time, and a son, James, attends Colorado College at Colorado Springs.

Mr. Spicer has been active in parent-teacher groups and Mr. Lightsey twice was president of the Arlington Council of PTA's and now is on the board of managers for the Virginia Council of PTA's.

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JOHN R. SPICER



JAMES G. STOCKARD



WILLIAM LIGHTSEY

### NEW MEMBERS NAMED TO SCHOOL BOARD

These men were appointed yesterday to the school board by the Arlington County Board. Mr. Spicer is a former dean of the liberal arts college at Kent State University in Ohio. Mr. Lightsey led the fight against Virginia's "massive resistance" to integrated schools in the 1950s. Mr. Stockard is an incumbent. (Story on Page D-1.)