Associates.

The indenture allows St. Charles Associates to build 174 single-family detached homes, 127 apartments, and 85 townhouses on the property.

Although duplexes are not permitted, zero-lot line homes will be allowed as replacements. Single family homes will not be permitted on lots of less than 8,000 square feet.

Density and housing mix were the issues that divided the commissioners and the developers months ago, when James Wilson, president of Interstate General Company, called the commissioners "elitist"

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suspended, sentence of 27 years.

"It's obvious you were active in controlled dangerous substance distribution in the Malcolm area," Circuit Judge George W. Bowling told Chapman just before sentencing. "People living in that area, as in any other community, have the right to be protected from that type of activity."

Kindergarten registration

Children may be registered for kindergarten and first grade classes April 17-28, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the school the child will attend. Wade students will register at either Jenifer or Middleton, until construction of Wade is completed.

Kindergarten students must have been born on or before Jan. 1, 1985; first graders must have been born on or before Jan. 1, 1984. Immunization in DPT, oral, polio, measles and rubella is required. Bring a birth certificate for registration.

Contact Robert Pender, director of pupil services, at 932-6610 or 870-3814 for more information.

2 more students expel[illegible]

BY LISA M. QUILL

In keeping with previous actions, Superintendent John H. Bloom last week suspended two more students who were found to have guns on school property.

After the February expulsion of four other middle school students, Bloom had said, "My general position is that students bringing weapons to school will be expelled."

Bloom announced his "policy" after initially expelling four middle school students and sending three others to the alternative school on Bumpy Oak Road. The seven juveniles—along with one other who withdrew from the county school system—were suspended to the superintendent after four of the juveniles were arrested in January for handgun thefts.

Bloom's decision came shortly after a 16-year-old Lackey High School boy became the tenth county student in less than two months to be suspended for handgun-related crimes. All were indefinitely suspended to the superintendent pending reviews.

The Lackey juvenile was arrested Feb. 22 and charged with possession of a handgun of school property and possession of a handgun without a permit. He was subsequently released to his parents.

His arrest happened one day after school officials discovered that the student was carrying an unloaded .22-caliber Derringer handgun, the sheriff's department reported.

The Lackey student and a 14-year-old General Smallwood Middle School student—who was arrested in February for carrying a

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Bookmobile blues: Funds needed to get reading rolling in county again

What could be the final chapter of the Charles County Bookmobile currently rests at Owen's Auto Body in Faulkner. (photo by Michelle Denney)

BY MICHELLE DENNEY

Tragedy struck bibliophiles everywhere last month when bookmobile service—a 38-year epic in the county—went out of circulation.

"The bookmobile died. It is absolutely dead," said Kitty Hurrey, director of Southern Maryland Regional Library Association. "We've spent a considerable amount of money in the past couple of years trying to keep the bloody thing on the road."

And to some in the county, who live as much as 40 miles from the nearest public library, the story won't be over until the county buys a new bookmobile.

"One more bridge to knowledge will be lost with children as well as adults being the losers if the bookmobile is not replaced," stated a letter from the staff, students and parents of the Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy Elementary School.

The entire student body saw the bookmobile Dec. 2 last year, when librarians brought it for a special visit to Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy.

"Most of them didn't know what a bookmobile is," Carol Massingill, the school's media specialist, said. "We walked every class out, let them see [the bookmobile], and gave them a bookmark. This got everybody excited again; they said, 'Is it possible to [bring it] back?' "

But as the students later learned, the bookmobile would not be back. Instead it was parked, with a blown engine, outside an automobile repair garage.

Sixty-two staff, students, and parents at the school signed a petition requesting that the county finance the $45,000 needed for a new bookmobile in the fiscal year 1990 budget.

The visit to Nanjemoy was only one stop in a regular schedule of the bookmobile—when it was not in the repair shop—that included: Clifton on the Potomac/Bel Alton; Cobb Island; Indian Head/Marbury; White Plains/Pomfret; Hughesville; Briarwood; Westwood; and Pinefield.

Although plagued with continuous breakdowns and a less-than-dependable generator—occasionally resulting in temperatures over 100 degrees inside the bookmobile—about 26,000 to 30,000 items are circulated from the bookmobile in a good year, library officials said.

Latchkey kids, senior citizens, homemakers, residents of rural areas are among the bookmobile's greatest fans. The biggest surprise, however, may be that the bookmobile has a large—possibly the largest—circulation of all the library branches to teenagers, according to two employees for the public library system who worked on the bookmobile.

"We have some pockets where we have teenage girls with one or two

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