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Flower Hill History Mar.'21

At the Board of Trustees meeting on January 3rd 1951, a resolution was passed to allow the Flower Hill Association to meet at the Village Hall but all other services including food of any kind were to be denied.

There have been a number of Flower Hill contested elections. However the election of Trustees in 1951 was about food.

The new Flower Hill Village Hall, erected starting in 1948 was a highlight of activity. The problem centered on coffee and donuts. The Flower Hill Association held this meeting at the Strathmore Bath Club. Members voted 99 to 55 to nominate candidates for the forth coming election who were willing to serve refreshments in the Village Hall. Any of the present trustees who voted in December 1950 meeting to stop food being served in the Village Hall, were not to be put on the ballot. Attorneys, William H. Woodley and Daniel Smith were nominated by the Flower Hill Association to oppose incumbents Julius C. Davenport and Ralph B. Meeks.

The meeting lasted for three hours and was entirely related to "gastronomical" concerns. Mayor Lawrence R. Bradley was quoted as saying "If liking coffee and cake is a qualification for trustee, then I am ashamed of my post.

Meeks and Davenport were elected. No food was served.

Sources: Newsday, Feb. 20th 1951

Village minutes Jan. 3rd, and Jan.8th 1951, Feb 13th 1951.