

HISTORY OF OUR AREA - NEXTDOOR, James Winsboro

several people have mentioned the "golf courses" in the area, including Pine Crest, located on Little River Turnpike and Braddock Road in Annandale. This land was also a Civil War encampment. The main part of it was located up on the hill at Old Columbia Road. A friend of mine (now dead) and I collected about 100 lead-filled Civil War bullets, using metal detectors, back before the golf course was built. Another interesting thing, Annandale back in the 1950's and early 1960's had a farmer's market on Saturdays. The local farmers used to bring their fresh produce to the market (which was located on the land that is now Meadows Nursery on Backlick Road) via horse drawn wagons. Their food was better than what you would buy in the stores at the time. The A&P (Ann Page, a west coast company) located where Aldi is now in Annandale was basically the number one grocery store to buy from (before Giant or anything-else worth mentioning existed). OH, on our way to this store we would stop on Gallows Road at the farms there before you get to Aldi and purchase food that we would pick from their plants and get fresh milk, eggs, cottage cheese, etc..., which were even fresher than what the store or farmer's market had to offer. Again, this is when Gallows road was a dirt road. Of course, we also had a "milk box" on our front porch from Thompson's Dairy that they would stock daily. Oh, the best cottage cheese ever was the "Garden Vegetable", which you could only get from the private dairies, such as Thompson's or Alexandria, etc... You can't even find this stuff anymore, anywhere today. What a shame for the younger generation. A person living on Van Winkle Drive asked if that street used to be a "race track" for horses. The answer is no. However, Congressional School on Sleepy Hollow Road used to ride their horses for exercise down that road back in the 1950's. Here is another interesting thing. A friend of mine (now dead) and I used to go to the area in Washington, D.C. to the area where Peace Cross is located and gathered hundreds of prehistoric sharks teeth, which came from the time when the Atlantic Ocean used to come all the way up to that part of the District.