

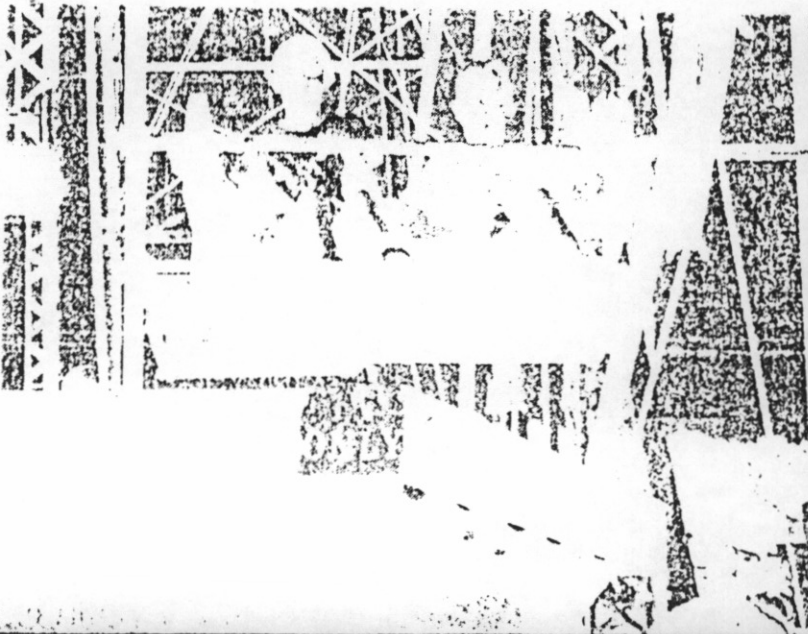
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Memo to File

I spoke with Joe White, archivist at the Virginia Department of Historic Resources on Thursday, August 5, 1993. I requested the survey form for Cloverland. Mr. White informed me that Cloverland was not surveyed because when surveyors attempted to survey it in 1974 they were "run off" the property by the owner. The only information which DHR has about this property are two newspaper articles from 1970. The articles are from the Washington Star, August 21, 1970 and the Manassas Journal Messenger, August 27, 1970. Both articles are now included in the County file on Cloverland.



IT'S COUNTY FAIR TIME

Everybody can find something to enjoy at a county fair. For kids it's mostly the carnival rides such as the ferris wheel, these two boys are riding at the Prince Georges County Fair

which opened yesterday at Rosecroft Raceway. Francis J. Ainsie, chairman of the board of county commissioners, cut a ribbon starting the fair which will run through Aug. 23.

—Star Photographer Phil Schmitt

Rock Show Unit Claims D.C. Sabotage

GUS CONSTANTINE
Star Staff Writer

Members of a rock concert band for Sunday at RFK stadium charged D.C. officials with an "organized effort to sabotage" the show.

Measure was brought to bear on D.C. officials the moment the city across that young ticket buyers from the Powder Ridge concert would be coming to Washington," said Bill Kennehan, vice president of Bethesda, at a news conference.

Informing the public of the concert.

But stadium officials, in announcing the cancellation of the Tuesday show, had said they cannot accept any tickets from Powder Ridge.

The Sunday concert is the first project of Benefit Inc., which is an offshoot of The National Welfare Rights Organization. The

aim is to raise funds for poor people's organizations across the country.

The new charges added fuel to a week-long controversy over whether there would be a combined concert, two separate ones, or only the originally scheduled Sunday evening at the Stadium," sponsored by Benefit Inc.

"The net effect of these man-

was two-fold, Briggs said. "First, the public is now thoroughly confused and many local ticket buyers think there is no concert this weekend, and second, many people who hold Powder Ridge tickets will be coming to Washington expecting their tickets to be honored."

A clause in the concert contract with the D.C. Army

Board prohibits honoring Powder Ridge tickets.

Briggs also charged that the "committee" sponsored by stadium officials has criminally sold tickets for the Sunday show.

"We had hoped to have 40,000 on hand but now our expectations have been scaled down to only 25,000 people," he said.

Arthur J. (Dutch) Bergman, manager of the Army, could not be reached for comment.

WRECKERS EYE HISTORIC HOME
Old Ghosts Must Hunt New Haunts

abrupt cancellation of a concert at Powder Ridge, earlier this month left 30,000 ticket-holders on the streets.

Clinton Enterprises, promoters of the Powder Ridge concert, scheduled a new concert at Stadium for next Tuesday, which tickets for the aborted concert show were to be sold.

Last Tuesday, RFK Stadium officials canceled that show, saying they would stadium seats to honor the Powder Ridge tickets at this Sunday's concert. He asked them to have service announcements over radio and TV stations

By JAMES BIRCHFIELD
Star Staff Writer

The ghosts at one of Prince William County's historic 18th-century homes may soon be looking for new haunts if the place is razed to make way for a proposed gun club.

Traditionally, two ghosts have been seen at Cloverland, a 1780 vintage clapboard two-story structure with scary looking gables and dark pine woodwork and staircases.

One of the ghosts, according to one who said she has seen her, is a friendly female type who wears slippers and crinolines petticoats that make a rustling sound.

The other ghost is a more frightening vision who roams about the grounds carrying his head under his arm. The legend is that John Hill Carter, son of the man who built Cloverland, Charles Carter, used to see the man walking about. He once saw the ghost in a discussion with the elder Carter, according to legend.

Mrs. Samuel Claggett, last mistress of Cloverland, said she never fully saw the female ghost. She said she caught a glimpse of the woman's silhouette and heard her petticoats swish five times, after as the vision rounded the head of the stairs.

"This wasn't anything you would dread," Mrs. Claggett said. "You wouldn't come down stairs with your hair standing on end, or anything like that."

"I always had a pleasant feeling after seeing the ghost. I have no idea who she may have been."

Located near Thoroughfare, in the western edge of the county, Cloverland was built by the elder Carter, a grandson of "King" Carter of Virginia. Both Charles Carter and his son, John, who built near-by Falkland in the early 1800s, are buried in a private cemetery on the estate.

Ben T. Roma, who heads a Bethesda construction firm, now owns Cloverland and said he is considering tearing it down. He said, however, that he "is open to other suggestions."

The Prince William County Historical Commission, a semi-official organization set up last year by the board of supervisors, has other suggestions. Commission members have said Cloverland should be preserved and suggested that it would make a far finer club house if restored than would a new building.

W. Brown Morton III, architect See CLOVERLAND, Page B-4

Census Gives Northern Virginia Big Stake in Districting

By NANCY BECKHAM
Star Staff Writer

Northern Virginia politicians are practicing their arithmetic these days as they consider the effects new census results are having on their districts.

Virginia last redistricted in 1963, after the U.S. Supreme Court applied its "one man, one vote" ruling to both houses of the General Assembly. Now the legislature must draw new lines for congressional and state senate and house districts on the basis of new population data.

A General Assembly commission will hold four public hearings around the state beginning today to study what should be done about population shifts. The legislature will act on the commission's recommendations early next year.

cause they hold a larger proportion of the state's population.

Rep. Joel T. Broyhill's Base, the 10th District, now has about 63,000 more persons than its fair share of Virginians, determined by taking the number of congressional districts (10) and dividing the total state population (4,943,748, by preliminary count) among them.

Some of its voters will be shifted to the 8th District, represented by William L. Scott. But the 8th, which stretches from the Chesapeake Bay into the Shenandoah Valley, has also gained proportionately and is likely to lose some of its southern area, while possibly gaining in the northwest. Both Broyhill and Scott are Republicans.

Fairfax County now is partially in the 10th and partially in the 8th District. It is likely to become mostly 8th District, but

the 8th and the 10th Districts. It has not yet been determined, however, how close the number of people living within the beltway comes to the number that, ideally, a Virginia congressman should represent.

Fairfax is likely to gain one or two state senators, but beyond that observers are uncertain about what will happen. If, as appears likely, the "floater" seat shared by Arlington and Fairfax is retained, Fairfax may only get one more. Alexandria and Arlington appear likely to retain one full senator each.

Most of the politicking that inevitably accompanies reapportionment so far appears to center on House of Delegates districts. Arlington, which now has four delegates, will almost surely lose one at the end of the current term next year, because the county's population is now

Falls Church would have less than one-tenth of the total vote in such a new district.

In Alexandria, which has had two delegates of its own and shares a third floater seat with Fairfax County, there has been some interest in sharing the floater with Arlington. Indeed, Alexandria has frequently been ignored by floater delegates because their largest constituency has been in Fairfax.

Arlington and Alexandria are more nearly equal in population (although Arlington is half again as large as Alexandria and the city would have more influence over a delegate shared with Arlington. In that case, Falls Church would remain attached to Fairfax county.

Depending on what happens to the floater, Fairfax County, including Fairfax City, is likely to gain four or five delegates.

of their members are Republicans, neither of them from Northern Virginia.

Del. James M. Thomson of Alexandria, house majority leader, heads the commission. Arlington's General Assembly delegation is entirely Republican, while the Fairfax delegation is divided. This is likely to give Arlington less of a voice in reapportionment than its representatives would like.

"Our only hope," said one Arlington delegate, "is to give them such a clear-cut outline that they can't argue with our proposal."

But the figures are at present in doubt because only preliminary (and, in some cases, contested) census figures are available. The final 1970 figures will be issued at the end of the year.

Reapportionment will be dis-

District representation enacted on the floor of the Senate as an addition to other amendments for direct election of the President or to that governing women equal rights, whichever comes up first.

The District amendment cannot be brought up separately because the measure has been blocked in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Kennedy said he hopes to meet with members of the Senate and leaders of the District on Sept. 8 to discuss strategy again for the two measures.

At a meeting Tuesday night, a majority of District Democrats and House Rule leaders told Kennedy they would rather the delegate bill be taken up quickly, to minimize the risk that a parliamentary maneuver at the end of the session of Congress might kill the bill.

Girl Found Stabbed To Death

A young Alexandria woman was found stabbed to death yesterday in her apartment at 1511 N. Pitt St., Arlington, police said. She apparently had been dead for two or three days.

Commonwealth's Atty. John E. Kennehan identified the dead woman as Yvonne Dowdy, about 23, a National Airlines reservations clerk who worked in the Alexandria office.

Miss Dowdy was found lying dead on a blood-stained mattress in her bedroom, her hands tied behind her back. She had been stabbed at least twice in the chest, Kennehan said.

There was no indication of forcible entry into the first floor apartment, according to Kennehan. It will not be known until an autopsy is performed whether she had been sexually assaulted.

Kennehan said the apartment was not in a disorderly condition. He said some records and books were lying around.

According to reports given police, Miss Dowdy had last been seen at work Sunday night. A National Airlines supervisor became worried about her yesterday and obtained a key to the apartment where she lived alone.

Kennehan said there were no leads in the case, which he said had "all the features of the (Dorcas Sea) O'Leary murder," referring to the still-unresolved stabbing death of an 18-year-old Alexandria FBI clerk in February.

Miss O'Leary was stabbed to death with cutters in her apartment at 2727 Duke St., about 2 miles from Miss Dowdy's apartment.

He also said the murder was similar to the also unsolved deaths of a Montgomery County woman and 14-year-old girl early this year.

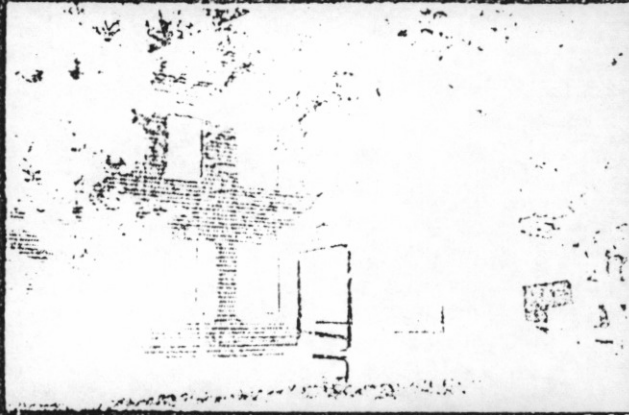
Sherry Kennedy, 14, of Potomac Park, died in January from seven ice pick wounds and two bullets in her head.

Earlier in the month, Catherine Katherer, a 32-year-old Montgomery County high school teacher, was found slashed and stabbed to death in a car outside her Bethesda garden apartment.

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Ghosts Hunt New Haunts

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... of these, he said, in the James Semple's house in colonial Williamsburg.

Morton said the house, while not unique, is one of about five or six in Virginia of similar design. The most widely known of these, he said, is the James Semple's house in colonial Williamsburg.

The house is unusual because its gable ends form the back and front of the building. The cornice continues across the front to form a pediment.

Porches have been added, but apparently some of the original clapboard siding is still in place. The house has been painted white.

The inside woodwork, according to Morton, is unusually fine. The ceilings are 12 feet or higher.

The elaborate mantels and over mantels have broken scrolls pediments flanked by fluted pilasters. There are carved cornices in the rooms, and the plastering appears to

be original. The woodwork, of pine, appears never to have been painted.

Cloverland came down from the Carters through the Dulneys to Thomas J. Chew, and eventually to Chew's grandson, Samuel Claggett.

The Claggetts sold to Rome several years ago. The land originally was deeded to "King" Carter by Thomas, Lord Fairfax.

No one lives there now. . . but that is not to say that no body lives there. . .

NEW FUND HELPS

600 Latins Applying For English Classes

By LYNN DUNSON
Star Staff Writer

Marcelo R. Fernandez-Zayas, a former teacher of Spanish at Woodrow Wilson High School, is looking at 600 applications and \$100,000 and wondering how to get them together.

The applications are from Spanish-speaking residents who want to learn English. The money is part of a \$480,000 grant from Department of Health, Education and Welfare to the D.C. Board of Education for adult education courses at the Demonstration Center in the Franklin Building, 13th and K Streets NW.

"The needs of the community are so much more, but we are trying to do our best," Fernandez said in a recent interview in his office in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 1417 Irving St. NW. The District has an estimated 50,000 Spanish-speaking residents.

Fernandez does not know how

many of the 600 applicants will be admitted to the program. Because money is limited, only six part-time teachers and five teacher aides have been hired. Other teachers have volunteered their help.

"Our aim is to teach how to become part of the American society," Fernandez explained. In addition to English, the courses, which will begin next month, will include instruction in American history, citizenship, laws, and modern social problems.

In an attempt to bring the classes as close to Spanish-speaking residents as possible, Fernandez has set up his office and plans to hold the classes in the Columbia Road-Mount Pleasant area where most Spanish-speaking residents live, rather than in the Franklin Building downtown.

Some have had embarrassing experiences because of the language barriers and, as a result, restrict themselves to their own neighborhoods, he explained.

Other groups of foreigners sometimes have problems in Washington, which has become something of a mecca for the foreign-speaking, according to Fernandez, himself a native of Cuba.

"Excluding New York, Washington is one of the few cosmopolitan cities in the U.S. Foreigners are attracted to it because no one looks at them oddly when they speak a strange language.

"But there are no industrial complexes to absorb these people. Many who come here looking for technical work, and who are qualified in their own countries, take menial and low-paying jobs because they have not mastered the language," he added.

The language program here is designed to help ease some into better-paying jobs. The program proposal was written by EOUFLA (Educational Organizations for United Latin Americans), a cooperating group of 13 organizations.

YOUNG BANDITS ARE SCARED OFF BY OWN WEAPON

ROCKSVILLE, Va. (AP) — Two young men tried to rob a bank in this Prince William County community yesterday but, apparently were scared off when their pocket pistols fired accidentally, the FBI says.

The bank entered the American National Bank about 9:30 a.m. and ordered the two bank employees to turn around while they snatched up money from the teller's cages.

But the shotgun carried by one of the men apparently fired into a wall by accident, and the men fled without taking any money, investigators said.

Abbitt Cites 'Intrusion' In Campaign

Rep. Watkins M. Abbit, D-Va., is contending that District of Columbia residents are being recruited by outside forces to help in a voter registration drive on his home 4th District before the Nov. 3 general election.

Abbitt said yesterday the Vietnam Moratorium Committee, operating at the National Institute of Mental Health, is openly recruiting workers here.

Abbitt said in a news release the group is using a District telephone number under the code name "Dial A Dove." He said after learning of the move he investigated and found the "Dial A Dove" message referred callers to a Marie Pinho at her office and home telephone numbers.

Abbitt said the office telephone was that of an NIH department—a federal agency. He said Marie Pinho is a government employe earning \$16,700 who lives in Washington.

Contacted at her office in the National Library of Medicine at NIH, Miss Pinho said that she was a member of the Vietnam Moratorium Committee and had permitted her name to be included in a recorded message.

The message, she said, was part of a drive to register minority groups in various congressional districts.

"I know some people who were going down to help register people in southern Virginia and I wanted to find out if anyone else was interested," she said.

The congressman said he believes the moratorium committee is linked with some ultra-liberal organizations outside Virginia that support Ben Ragsdale of Waverly, an independent candidate in the congressional race.

"I believe that the electorate in the 4th District will resent this intrusion and will act accordingly," Abbit said.

Church Sets Cruise

Mount Airy Baptist Church will sponsor a Potomac River cruise on the Wilson Line's Mount Vernon from 8 p.m. to midnight Sunday, with a stopover at Marshall Hall amusement park. The Mount Vernon will leave from Pier 4, Maine

Capt. Robert G. Tower, 50, Naval District Official

Capt. Robert Gray Tower, 50, a 1945 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, died of cancer Tuesday in Bethesda Naval Hospital. He died at 707 A. 21st St., Arlington.

Capt. Tower, born in Evanston, Ill., served in the South and Southwest Pacific areas during World War II, after which he was on the heavy cruiser Oregon City in the Atlantic area.

Later assignments included duty as assistant naval attaché at Taipei in the early 1950s and mid-1950s, and command of the Destroyer escort William B. Eberle and the Destroyer Barnfield.

He was deputy director of the Naval Intelligence School here from 1959 to 1961, followed by duty as assistant chief of staff for intelligence with the Iceland Defense Force.

After assignment to the office of the assistant general of the Defense Intelligence Agency here Capt. Tower was program director of the Naval District of Washington.

He leaves his wife, the former Zoe Mitchell; two daughters, Mrs. Steven Miller of Alexandria



CAPT. ROBERT G. TOWER

and Neryl Tower, at home, and a brother, Irving, of Charlotte, N.C.

Memorial services will be at 8 p.m. tomorrow in Congregation at Christian Church of Fairfax County, 8410 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria.

Jewish Marchers Here Hit Russian Oppression

By WILLIAM TAAFFE
Star Staff Writer

About 100 footcandle representatives of the militant Jewish Defense League, many wearing Israeli army fatigues, marched into the Washington area yesterday to deplore the plight of Russian Jews.

The members rallied last night on the parking lot of a Silver Spring school—a solemn gathering after nearly completing a hike from Philadelphia.

They heard an assortment of Hebrew readings, the Star Spangled Banner and a stomp speech from a Montgomery County politician. Then their leader, a 25-year-old New York rabbi, Meir Kahane, appeared.

He described the life of the Russian Jew—a life, he said, of "second-class citizenship," in which good jobs and college education are non-sustainable. Synagogues are repressed and Jews are liable to arrest for wishing to move to Israel.

Asked if the league intended to be as militant as it looked, Kahane said: "Most emphatically yes. If the Soviet government doesn't allow democratic protest, then it should not have the right to oppose violence."

"No Soviet personnel or installation in this nation will be safe so long as those in Russia who want to be free are not," said the rabbi who founded the league in 1962.

Claims 9,000 Members

Since its creation, the league has blocked Negro militant James Forman from demanding reparations from a Manhattan synagogue, occupied a Soviet commercial jet at Kennedy Airport, and polled a Model Cities council election in Brooklyn where blacks had allegedly threatened Jews.

The league says it has 8,000 members predominantly from lower and middle classes in cities across the nation and in Canada. They feel anti-semitism particularly in the inner cities of the United States, has become increasingly overt.

"Never Again!" Is the slogan

of instructors at a military summer camp in Woodbourne, N.Y. where last week many of the marchers finished two months training in gumnanship and tactics.

Council Criticized
Kahane criticized the Jewish Community Council of Great Washington for counseling an synagogue to shun the league.

The march began Sunday morning and had stopped at V. Forge, Havre de Grace, Md., Baltimore and Laurel. It was planned to end at the Obey Solomon synagogue at 15th and J Street NW today.

The marchers will demonstrate Sunday at Lafayette Park and deliver a protest note press the Soviets on Jewish emigration. They planned to deliver a similar letter to the Russian embassy today.

Escamilla On Bond in Arctic Slaying

A 23-year-old California charged with murder in shooting death of the head Navy Weather Research Station on an Arctic ice floe has been released from the Alcatraz jail on \$10,000 bond.

Mario J. Escamilla, who flew to Alexandria from nesting island near the N. Pole, was released Wednesday on condition that he report weekly to a federal probation officer near his home in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Bond was set Aug. 18 three-judge panel in the F. Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals Baltimore after Judge Har Winter in that court had ordered Judge Owen R. Lewis refuse bond in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, in Alexandria.

Escamilla is accused of slaying Benjie Lighty of Louisville, head of a 19-man research operation on Field ice island, where Escamilla is a civilian technician.

Testimony at a pretrial hearing early this month indicated that the shooting on July 16 on Lighty was triggered a dispute over 13 1/2 of homemade wine.

The charge against Escamilla, a native of Mexico who is an American citizen in 1956, is presented to a federal jury Sept. 14. The suspect and five children live in

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County's Referendum

The Board of Supervisors will meet on August 27, 1970, to consider the referendum on the 1968 bond issue.

When Was the Prince William County Bond Issue Approved?
In 1968 Prince William County voters approved the 6 per cent bond issue.

When Did the General Assembly Take Action?
In 1970 the General Assembly approved the removal of the 6 per cent bond issue.

Can the Supervisors Presently Sell the Bonds at 6 Per Cent?
Yes. This can be done without a referendum if the supervisors choose to do so.

Why Don't They Do So?
The bonds would have to be sold at a short term maturity.

What Can the Outcome Be With Voter Approval?
1. School construction can continue as mandated by the voters when they approve the 1968 bond referendum.

2. Bonds can be sold for construction commitments and much-needed classroom space will become available.

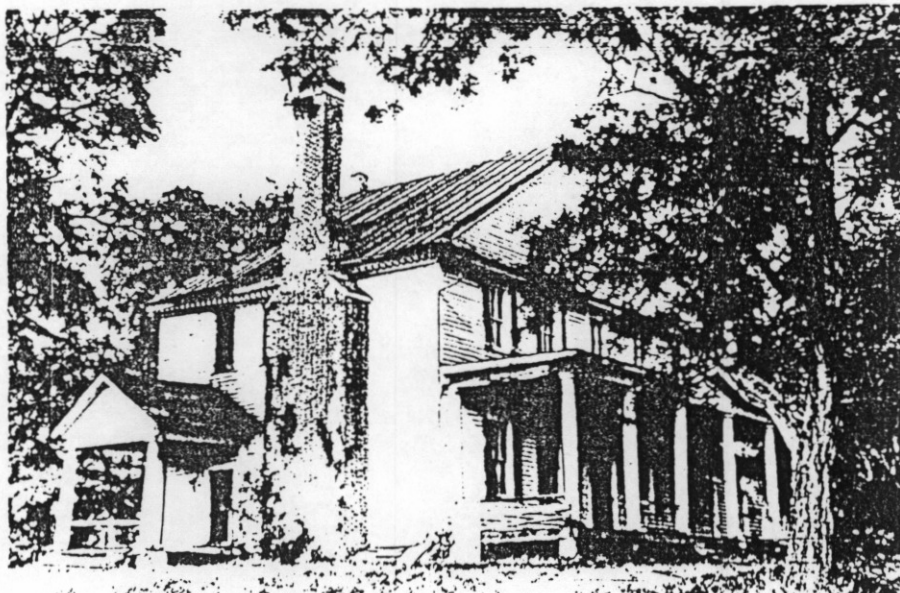
3. Extensive time and energy already put in to planning and developing of buildings and programs can be made to pay off for the Prince William County citizens.

4. Removal of the 6 per cent limitation will make Prince William County bond anticipation notes easier to sell at a lower interest rate.

5. Lower interest rates will produce a savings to the county taxpayers.

6. Construction can be expedited and early completion of buildings can save the taxpayers money as construction costs have been increasing from one-half to one per cent per month for the last several years.

7. Sold at an interest rate of 6 per cent or less.



Old Cloverland Mansion, near Thoroughfare

Old House May Be Razed

Cloverland, a clapboard mansion dating back to 1790 or thereabouts is being considered for razing to make way for a proposed gun club.

Ben T. Rome of Bethesda, present owner of the property, said he is considering tearing down the old house, but that he "is open to suggestions."

One suggestion forwarded by members of the Prince William County Historical Commission was that a renovated Cloverland would be a far finer club house than any new building on the site.

Cloverland is described as being important architecturally by W. Brown Morton III, architect for the National Landmarks Program of the National Park Service. He says

it is one of about five or six remaining in Virginia; the type is most handsomely represented by the James Semple house in Colonial Williamsburg.

Cloverland was built by Charles Carter, a grandson of "King" Carter of Virginia. Both Charles Carter and his son, John, who built nearby Falkland in the early 1800s, are buried on the estate.

A legend attached to the house has it that two ghosts—one benign, one malignant—still occupy Cloverland. The pleasant apparition is a female figure wearing slippers and rustling petticoats. The scary ghost is a male figure, carrying his head under his arm.

Letters to the Editor

A Telephone Customer Complains

To the Editor:

I am writing in regard to the service I and many others have received from Commonwealth Telephone Company of Virginia.

On August 17, I received the most disgraceful and unbecoming service (if you can call it that) from two employees of the company.

To start at the beginning: While we were out of town, trouble was reported on our line by the other connection on the party line. As I

was not home they disconnected my telephone and left it that way for four days in order or so they say that the other party line could have telephone service.

My neighbor was told the trouble was at the office, but I was told my receiver was off the hook. This was false, as we were on vacation ten days before the party line had trouble, and she said she had made calls prior to the date of my disconnection.

I reported my telephone

out of order on August 16. They said it would be repaired Monday morning, August 17.

As of noon they had not repaired the telephone, so I had to inconvenience my neighbor to call repair service again. This time I received, unfortunately, one of the most rude operators any company would be ashamed to have on their staff. She was impatient and even made unnecessary sassy remarks. She stated that my receiver was off the hook — which was false. She passed her opinion of me along to the repairman, so he could and did tell me what she thought of me.

The repairman, also, stated that my receiver was off the hook. I did not even know our telephone was out of order until it rang, and when I answered, heard nothing on the other end.

The repairman was very rude, and indeed an injustice to the telephone company. He wouldn't give his name, so I could not report him. He even stated that his telephone company was as good as its customers, when I was questioning him regarding the disconnection. He also told me to get another telephone company to put in a telephone if I didn't like their service — as if I had a choice. He reconnected my telephone outside and left

without one word to me or my husband.

By having my telephone disconnected, it cost my husband a half day of work. The reason is because I am scheduled for major surgery and my husband tried several times to reach me by telephone regarding this matter. Finally, he took off from work at noon to come home from Maryland, to take me to the hospital.

This isn't the first time I've had trouble with this telephone company. In two years, I've had three new phones installed, plus many repairs for faulty equipment.

You would be doing the public a great service if you would publish this as a public service and perhaps help wake up the telephone company.

Mrs. J. Wilson
Manassas

Paper Enjoyed

To the Editor: I want to thank The Journal Messenger for sending the paper for the past eleven and a half months. I really enjoyed reading the paper. I liked to keep up with the happenings. Thank you again for sending it. I will be home on the 5th of September. S.P. William Bolton
Vietnam

Role of Dissenters in Vietnam War Questioned

doing a seemingly thankless job with little support from their "friends" at home. The papers here are filled with stories of the violent protests at home by those misfit few who would destroy those things for which so many millions of people have worked. These people wrack our country with a conflict potentially more dangerous than that which they purport to oppose while proclaiming peace. I am at a loss to justify this apparent contradiction. The ability to think rationally does not appear to be a characteristic of the modern revolutionary.

are involved in this conflict have no choice at the moment. These young men are typical of the majority of young people in America and I have every faith and confidence that they will return to their homes as concerned adults to begin finding solutions to the many problems which exist in our country.

So isn't it about time we stop glorifying the rabble that would destroy us and begin supporting those that need our support so badly? Give your respect to the man who is there and give him a chance to respect himself.

H. Charles E. (Ed) Melton
25th Division
Cu Chi, RVN

'Phasing' Hasn't Worked So Far

To the Editor: It seems that a few comments are justified by Dr. Ferlazzo's observations con-

Customer Questions SD Penalty Charge

To the Editor: I have always been disturbed by the notation on my Sanitary District quarterly bill that a "ten per cent penalty will be added if not paid by" etc.

Nowhere on the bill does the words "please" or "kindly" appear, or any similar words denoting simple courtesies. None of the words seen daily and routinely used by companies in the business world have found their way into the world of our public servant, the Sanitary District.

But, let's get back to the more disturbing ten per cent penalty for late payment notation.

Our neighbor, Fairfax County, makes no penalty charge but it does properly disconnect water after three notices. When the bill is paid, Fairfax County charges \$1.50 to re-connect. The same re-connection charge would be \$4 in the Occoquan-Woodbridge Sanitary District.

If, in fact, my non-legal review of the Code is correct, then several other questions come to mind:

(1) What kind of consideration did the Board of Supervisors show for its citizens when it imposed a penalty that would make the Mafia blush?

(2) Where was the Commonwealth's Attorney, the legal

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