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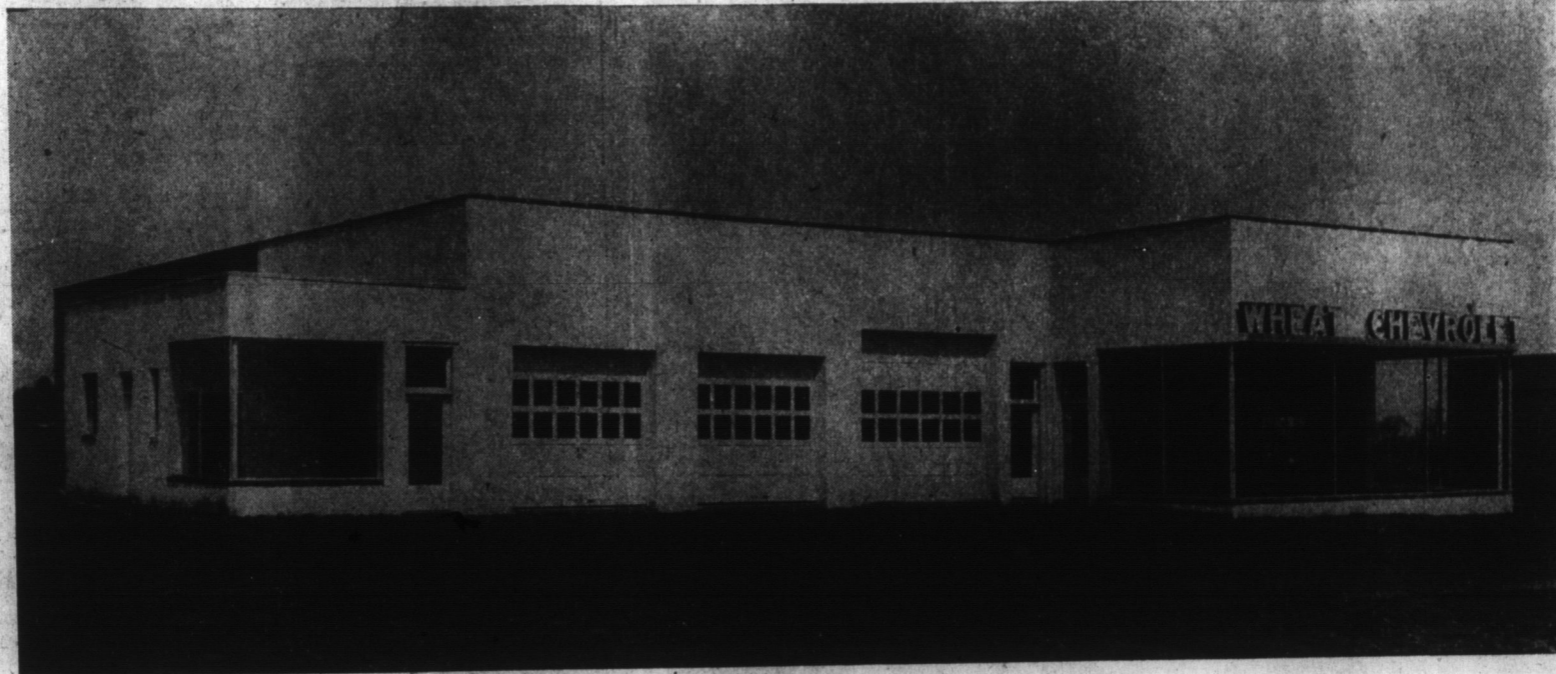
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## Wheat Chevrolet To Open New \$90,000 Plant Saturday Night



BEAUTIFUL NEW HOME OF WHEAT CHEVROLET ON CENTREVILLE ROAD

The newly-constructed, completely modern home of Wheat Chevrolet, Manassas, will be formally opened to the people of Manassas and Prince William County, Saturday night, April 21, at 7:30, as the company moves into its new \$90,000 building on the Centreville Road at the edge of town.

**One of Finest**  
Of cinder block construction with all steel roofing and decking, total floor space of approximately 16,000 square feet, and gives the people of Manassas and Prince William County one of the finest and most fully-equipped automotive centers in Northern Virginia.

**Large Show Windows**  
Facing on the Centreville Road, the building, which is situated on more than an acre of land, features an expensive show-room encased in large plate glass, and a modern drive-in-service station at the front. The showroom, furnished with bright chrome and leather furniture and an asphalt tile floor, can display four vehicles at one time. Its windows, in seven large sections, are 11 feet in height.

To the immediate rear of the display area are the firm's offices—one executive and one general.

The new building is readily accessible either from the front or rear through electrically controlled doors, large enough to accommodate all passenger cars and any size commercial vehicle. There are also separate doors to the modern, fully-equipped body and paint shop, comprising 1,120 square feet and located at the extreme rear of the structure.

**Service Department**  
More than 4,400 square feet of space is devoted to the service department where expert mechanics and service personnel will offer a complete automotive service through utilization of the most modern equipment available.

Included among the new features of the service area are: 8 repair stalls; 2 lubrication racks—1 outside and 1 inside; 1 large wash rack; 2 twin post lifts; 1 single post lift; new front end machine; motor analyzer; steam cleaner; and all the latest testing and repair equipment. Each repair stall is complete with convenient outlets for both air and water.

**Modern Lighting**  
Thirty-three fluorescent overhead lights, ten newly-designed reel lights, and a large amount of natural light made possible by the hundreds of square feet of glass area, make the shop one of the best lighted service departments in this area. There are 593 links of individual window glass. This system was planned by Westinghouse Industrial.

The mechanics will have a private room where there are individual lockers, showers, and a lavatory. There are a total of three sets of rest rooms of modern design.

A new improved ventilation system will provide for the comfort of both customers and working personnel throughout the day and evening. There is an underground, steam-heated system equipped with pressure blower under the floor and a central drainage system.

**Parts Department**  
Beyond the showroom and offices is the dealership's parts department with its full stock of factory-engineered parts in new, neatly stocked bins. In conjunction with the parts department customers will find displays typical of the large stock of Chevrolet accessories and service accessories such as polishes, cleaning fluid, waxes, etc. A new on-story stock room for bulk storage, accessible by means of a staircase leading from the first floor gives the parts department a total of more than 2,160 square feet of space.

**Used Car Lot**  
Adjacent to the main building is a modern used car lot covering more than 10,000 square feet of space, complete with colorful neon valences and "OK" used car signposts. There is ample parking area all around the building for the conveniences of customers.

Twenty-four hour towing service is available at Wheat Chevrolet, and in addition the firm recently placed in operation a new pick-up truck service.

**Too Late to Classify**  
WANTED: Apartment or small house with bath. In or near Manassas. Permanent residents. Phone Donald Kines, Wheat Chevrolet.

### Heavy Space Booking For Legion Fair

Although the American Legion third annual exposition will not be held until the first week of July, plans already completed indicate that this outstanding local display of merchandise will break all previous records.

The main exhibit tent is twice as large as last year, about 80 percent of the space having been sold. Most of the remaining spaces are reserved, pending arrangements by local merchants with agents and manufacturers. This year a few metropolitan area dealers have been given space when their lines would not conflict with local merchants.

Many completely new and outstanding exhibits are already booked and others are being planned. The entertainment features have also been greatly improved and enlarged this year. Several new and attractive tests of skill are to be presented and many of the popular games will be returned. The rides that have been booked are the kind and size that ordinarily visit state fairs and major celebrations. This year the members of the Legion and Auxiliary will operate all phases of the midway, personally, except for mechanics for each ride.

### High Award Is Given To County Man

Mr. H. H. Huda, of Prince William County, resident in the Cataraugus area, was honored at the national convention of the Isak Walton League of America for his work in the cause of conservation.

Huda received an honorary life membership in the Isak Walton League which is a national organization of sportsmen-conservationists. He was presented with the League's highest award during their convention in Cincinnati where he addressed the delegates from 48 states.

The citation scroll Huda received stated: "The Isak Walton League of America does commend Michael Huda, Associate Editor, 'Sports Afield' magazine an honorary life membership in recognition of outstanding service to publication and education through careful analysis and timely reporting in the pages of 'Sports Afield' developments in our Nation's Capital vital to the conservation of natural resources."

### New Cub Scout Troop To Be Organized Here

Clyde Gartley, district commission chairman, of Boy Scout work, was present at a meeting of parents and interested persons Monday night, at Grace Methodist Church in Manassas. The object of the meeting was to discover if enough parents are interested enough to enroll in Cub Scouting with their sons.

Gartley presented the work of Cub Scouting in a very challenging way. This form of Scouting is for boys 8, 9, and 10 years of age. It is home centered and of value as a child and parent work together.

All interested parents are invited to be present at another meeting Tuesday night, April 24, at 8:00 at the Methodist Church. The group will be sponsored by the Men's Bible Class which will carry on the work on a non-denominational basis.

Kenneth Aldrich, R. L. Schroeder and Sanford Bassett will be nominated as committeemen. In order for the son to be a member the parent must attend the training sessions.

### Recommend Town Proceed With Annexation

The town committee on annexation has voted to recommend to the Manassas Town Council that it proceed with the project for annexation as proposed.

The committee, headed by Councilman Frances Saunders, met last Friday night with Town Attorney W. Hill Brown to acquaint themselves with the technicalities in-

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### Natural Gas Shortage Hits New Customers For Heating

The Virginia Gas Distributor Corporation, which serves Manassas and other communities in this section of Virginia, has permission from the State Corporation Commission to decline to serve gas to any customer for new or additional equipment designed to provide space heating in any building unless proof is furnished that the gas-fired equipment was registered with the company and approval for such installation was given prior to April 2, 1951.

The authorization for declining such service is granted, pending a hearing on the application set for May 2.

In denying gas for additional space heating, company officials pointed out that its supplier, the Virginia Gas Transmission Corporation, is experiencing an acute shortage of natural gas.

The company stated among other reasons that the increase in the demand for natural gas for space heating, which is unparalleled in the natural gas industry, has been caused primarily by the increase in new construction, and by the conversion from other space heating fuels to natural gas.

The company said it will continue to do everything possible to increase the volume of natural gas available throughout the territory served, and as rapidly as pipe is available and supplies of additional gas can be brought to the market the current situation will be relieved.

### Strawbridge Will Address Local Chamber

Dueane Strawbridge, program adviser for the southeastern division of the United States Chamber of Commerce, will address the Prince William County Chamber Wednesday evening, April 24, at a specially arranged meeting 6:30 p. m.

This meeting takes the place of the regular scheduled Tuesday dinner meeting.

Strawbridge is visiting local chambers to discuss the outlook for business as observed in Washington, with special reference to the mobilization program, controls, taxes, etc.

At this week's meeting of the local chamber, a committee composed of Harry Parrish, R. Jackson Ratcliffe, Mrs. Mildred McBryde, and Frank Cox was named to join with other local organizations in planning a farewell celebration for the local National Guard unit.

### Maloney Takes Position With Brown and Hoofi

John Maloney, well-known Manassas resident, has become associated with Brown and Hoofi, Inc., local lumber dealers. Mr. Maloney will have charge of the firm's newly expanded hardware department.

### Local Guard Unit Is Given Physical Exam

Physical examinations were taken Tuesday by the members of local unit of the Virginia National Guard, which has been alerted for active duty.

The exams were given to the guardsmen at Fort Belvoir, Va., and from all indications the local boys are in good physical shape. A final report on the outcome of the exams is expected to be made Friday of this week.

The local company, which is designated as the 177th Anti-Aircraft Operations Detachment, V. N. G., has received orders to report for active duty May 15th and will leave for Camp Stewart, Ga., about May 23rd.

To go in A-1 shape for more strenuous service, the local guardsmen are holding drills three nights a week and Sundays at the Manassas armory.

Plans for a farewell party for the unit is in the making through the combined efforts of local organizations.

It was learned today that Capt. William F. Haie, of Nokesville, commanding officer, has received a promotion to the rank of major.

### County Pasture Program Off To Good Start; Contest Explained

Progress of the 1951 pasture development program to date was evaluated and further plans made for the project for the coming months at a meeting of the Prince William County pasture committee Tuesday night.

The program got well underway at a supper meeting at Manassas early this month which was attended by members of the County Pasture Committee, farmers, bankers, agricultural workers, newspapermen, machinery dealers and representatives of seed and fertilizer companies.

There is one outstanding difference between the Prince William pasture program and similar ones in other counties and states. The program is in the form of a contest, but the score card for judging results of pasture improvement in the county has been so arranged that the farmer with extremely poor pastures will have an equal chance against the dairy and beef farmers who already have creditable pastures.

The score card is divided into three parts, pasture improvement with 30 points, management with a weight of 40 points, and total production with a weight of 30 points. This method of judging will enable a farmer to start from scratch and with improvements and good management practices equal the score of the farmer who already has pastures in the advanced stages.

This year's Prince William pasture improvement program will work like this: Farmers in each of the county's magisterial districts entering the contest will have their pastures judged by a local committee. Two winners will be selected in each district, and the three county winners will then be selected from these district winners by a group of outside judges.

During the year, several tours are being planned so that farmers from various sections of the county will be able to see what their neighbors are doing. A grand tour of county pastures will wind up the contest early next fall.

Because of the extensive participation in the supper pasture meeting recently held at Manassas, it was decided by the pasture committee to hold another cooperative "dutch" supper at the Brentsville District High School gymnasium at Nokesville at 7 p. m. on Monday April 30. W. A. Minor, assistant to the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture and leader of the National Grasslands program, will be the main speaker and a new agricultural movie made on Prince William County farms will be shown. A bounteous meal can be expected from the Kensington Club which will serve. Reservations for plates should be made as early as possible with P. B. Reading, Nokesville.

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not easy to assemble our for this column this week. It is too much "wheat." So we're on the subject, it's a to start by adding our to the great many to "Buck" Wheat of his modern, new plant, which opens us to the public on Saturday. The new building is in every respect. It's a contribution to the progress and county. It exemplifies the faith that the owner in the future growth of Manassas and Prince William County.

Manassas sure enjoyed the given by V. C. "Pat" Jones regular meeting Friday night. Experiences in writing a book most interestingly described. Most of many humorous incidents that occurred in securing data books, "Ranger Moseby" and "The Hatfield-McCoy Feud."

ast week we noted here that prominent business man was believed he would take Florida and a nice rest. It George Cooke. He is now in the Florida sunshine. He is expected to return about May 6th.

an-Up Week observance, officially opens in the county week, recalls the recent week adopted by the Manassas Council, which has for its the cleaning up of vacant the community. Weeds, rubbish and trash of all kinds must be removed by the owners or be to fine. Its enforcement to be a great start in putting the clean-up, paint-up, fix-up.

from all reports the banquet by the Legion Post to members of the basketball teams at the wall Jackson Hotel last Saturday night was quite an affair. A it was the mock town counciling, with some clever impersonations of local councilmen and

een and Heard: . . . Worth about to do some Spring . . . Cation Merchant driving new car . . . Keith Lyons and Wells telling of seeing a wild in a field at the end of avenue . . . James E. Rice, back at work and looking every the happy bridegroom.

to remind our readers that in this issue of Journal are by Howard Church the rush of going to press, lines were omitted.

Mr. Rohr has added another to his collection of old models. It is a 1916 Paragon touring, with red body, black fenders and natural wood wheels. It's a snappy job. Mr. Rohr went to O. last week and brought it back with him.

### orean Vet Pays Homes This Area

Sgt. Joseph Spudic, 50, who recently returned from action Korea, has purchased a home Manassas and another near Lake Manassas. The latter property was purchased from Connie Kincheloe, representing the Claude Hixon Real Estate firm, of Manassas.

Sgt. Spudic, who hails from Chicago, has taken up his residence Dumfries.

Chicago newspapers gave wide publicity to the sergeant's return. A picture shows the combat veteran at his sister's home in Chicago, being on endive provided by his sister, Mary. Spudic says he developed a terrific appetite for greens after seven months in combat.

Another picture shows Spudic and other veterans with a Red Cross banner, lauding the Red Cross for what it is giving men in the field.

Spudic spoke at Red Cross headquarters in Chicago during the fund campaign.

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