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## The Prince William County Story

As the Washington Metropolitan area increases in growth, new residents are spilling into Prince William County at a rate never before equalled. Many of these newcomers are not aware of the rich history of Prince William County. It's this story we're going to tell.

It was in the sixteenth century that settlements began springing up along the Potomac, when explorers discovered waterways which would lead to inland territory. As travel became comparatively sophisticated, the county, which included five present-day surrounding counties, gained people and business. In 1759 the General Assembly of Virginia derived the county's present boundaries.

The town of Dumfries was the settlement of significance. Because of location near the water, it became a trading center and hub of the county. To the north Occoquan was likewise in its initial stages of development with its many taverns attracting travelers and Washington residents alike.

The eastern end of the county experienced a population drop when silting in the Potomac River began to block boat traffic and the emphasis was shifted to the inland towns. In 1798 Buckland was formed as the first of these

towns. One year later Haymarket was incorporated and drew more attention when the district court was established there in 1802.

The glaring spotlight was thrown on Prince William County during the Civil War. The first and second battles of Manassas saw Union and Confederate forces clash in bloody battle. Homes were hurriedly converted to hospitals while both forces grappled for control of the strategic Manassas railway junction.

Due to shifts in population, the county seat has been in five locations. The first courthouse was situated on the lower side of Cocoquan Creek in 1731. When Fairfax County was created from the northern portion of Prince William, the courthouse was moved close to Cedar Run in 1742. After Fauquier bolted from the county in 1761, the courthouse was moved to Dumfries, but continued decrease in the population in that area required its move to Brentsville in 1822. The final move to Manassas was accomplished in 1893.

Following the Civil War, the county was divided into Magisterial districts. Road and school modernization followed, until today the county has become an integral part of the Washington Metropolitan area.



THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY COURT HOUSE

**FILL YOUR GAS TANK ... GET YOUR CAR WASHED FREE  
DETAILS ON PAGE 8**

## DON'T TAX YOURSELF

By John N. Langdon &  
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Most taxpayers are unaware of many of the legal deductions which they are entitled to. These are expenses which are ordinary and necessary in the performance of their employment. For example, an employee may deduct transportation expenses (actual expense or mileage rate), meals and lodging while away from home, gifts and entertainment, tools and uniforms and laundry in certain cases.



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### EXAMPLE:

Mr. Doe, a salesman is an employee of Mr. Jones. Mr. Doe was purchased a vehicle and uniform because he was required to do so by his employer if he wanted to work. Mr. Doe can deduct the following:

- A. Transportation expenses either actual business expense on vehicle plus depreciation or mileage rate of 10¢ per mile for the first 15,000 miles; and 7¢ per mile thereafter.
- B. Deduct the cost of the uniform and laundry expenses.

## MANASSAS...YOUR KIND OF TOWN



### MANASSAS TOWN HALL

**RETIREMENT INCOME CREDIT--** If you are retired or are 65 years of age or older, you may be entitled to a credit against your tax. In certain cases there may be a credit up to 15¢.

**INVESTMENT CREDIT--** If you are in business...new or used depreciable tangible personal property (other than livestock) with a useful life of at least four years for use in the business may reduce your tax liability by seven (7¢) per cent.

**ADDITIONAL FIRST YEAR DEPRECIATION--** If you acquire personal property for use in your business, or for the production of

income, you may be entitled, in the first year, to deduct 20% of the cost of such property in addition to your regular depreciation. The property must have a useful life of at least six years.

These are just a very few of the helpful tax hints which are available to taxpayers who consult a consultant firm which keeps up with all the latest Internal Revenue directives.

It's important to remember that only a full-time tax service can give you the kind of service you need and deserve. While there are many so-called "bargain priced" tax services

which open up just prior to tax season, due to their tremendous customer volume, your tax return is not often handled on an individual basis. Many tax deduction advantages are lost because of the production-line tactics used by many tax services.

This tax season, consult a professional full-time accountant and tax specialist. The dollars you'll save...will be your own.

Mr. Pobs and Mr. Langdon operate P&L Business Services Assoc., Manassas Shopping Center, Manassas, Virginia. Both men are senior accountants.

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From a tiny railroad junction, Manassas has enjoyed continued growth, until today there is the bustle of the typical metropolitan area satellite community.

From its humble rural beginning in 1853, Manassas now is attracting families from all over the National Capital area.

The Town of the Manassas came to life without fanfare. Nestled at the junction of the Manassas Gap and the Alexandria Railroads, the town was situated on the only direct rail connection between Washington and Richmond, Virginia. Growth was slow in this sleepy southern town.

In July of 1861 the spotlight focused on Manassas...as Confederate and Union troops slammed together in one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War. The quiet countryside came alive with cannon fire and rifle shots. The still air was pierced with the mournful shrieks of dying soldiers. Bull Run's rippling waters ran red with blood.

In August of 1862 the Second Battle of Manassas took place and the death and destruction was repeated. Homes were turned into field hospitals and innocent citizens were drawn into the fray.

On the site of those battles today stands the Manassas National Battlefield Park. The park is under the able direction of Mr. Francis Wilshin.

Manassas was incorporated as a Town in 1873 and enjoyed its rural atmosphere until the early 1950's when an unexpected spurt in population took place. As we head into the 1970's conservative population figures have been tossed out and it's expected that the town's population figures will more than triple in the coming decade.

The school system in Prince William County has been steadily improved and is recognized as one of the finest in the Old Dominion.

Manassas, Virginia 1968--a nice place to live.



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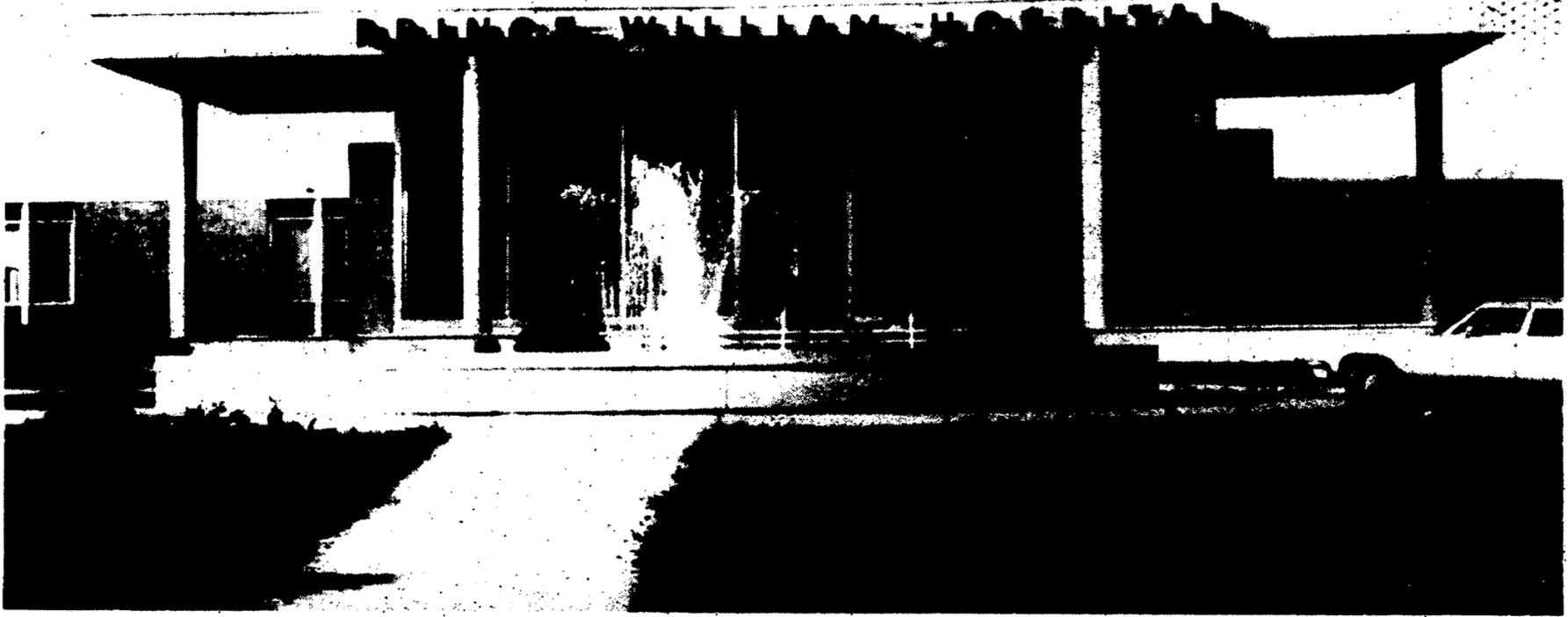
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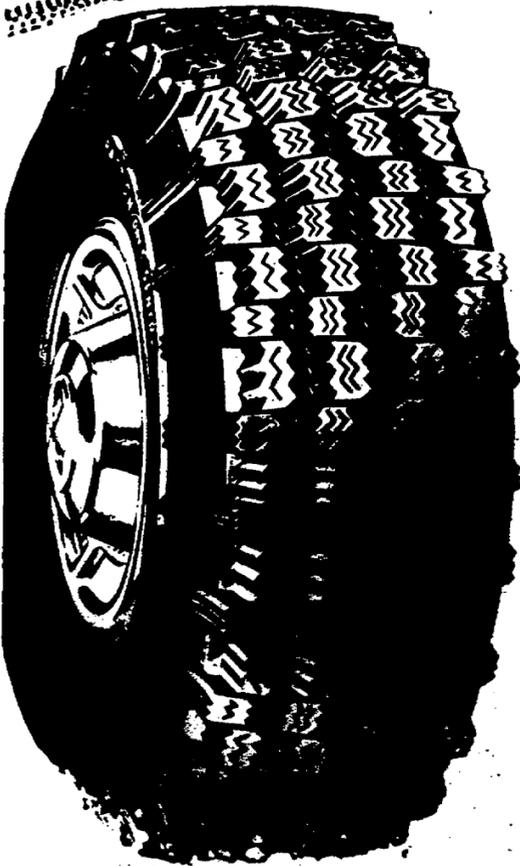
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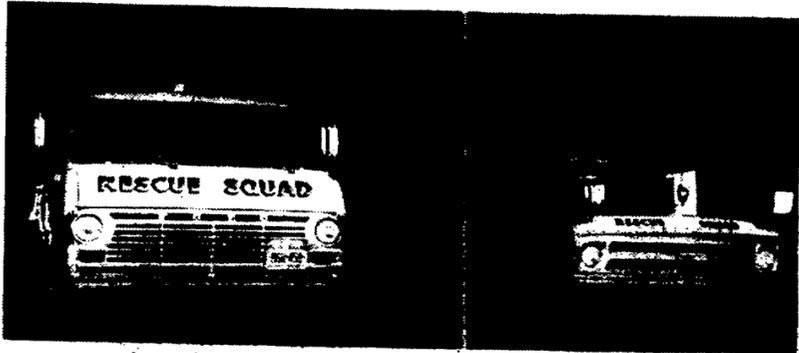
# YOUR PROTECTION... IS THEIR BUSINESS



Sergeant Lyles and the men of the Manassas Police Department are on the job twenty-four hours a day, protecting the lives and property of its citizens. Under the command of Police Chief Bernard Reed, the role of a police officer in Manassas is one of respect.



SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY. With no county-wide Police Department, the burden of law enforcement has been placed on the shoulders of the Sheriff's Department under Sheriff Ralph Shumate. Pictured above is Sheriff Ralph Shumate (l) and Deputy Cecil Fewell.



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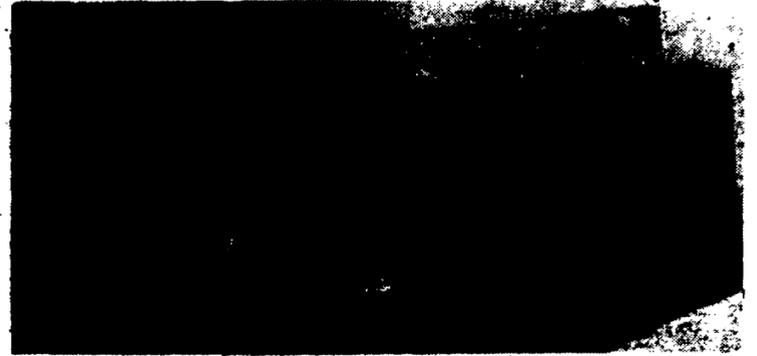
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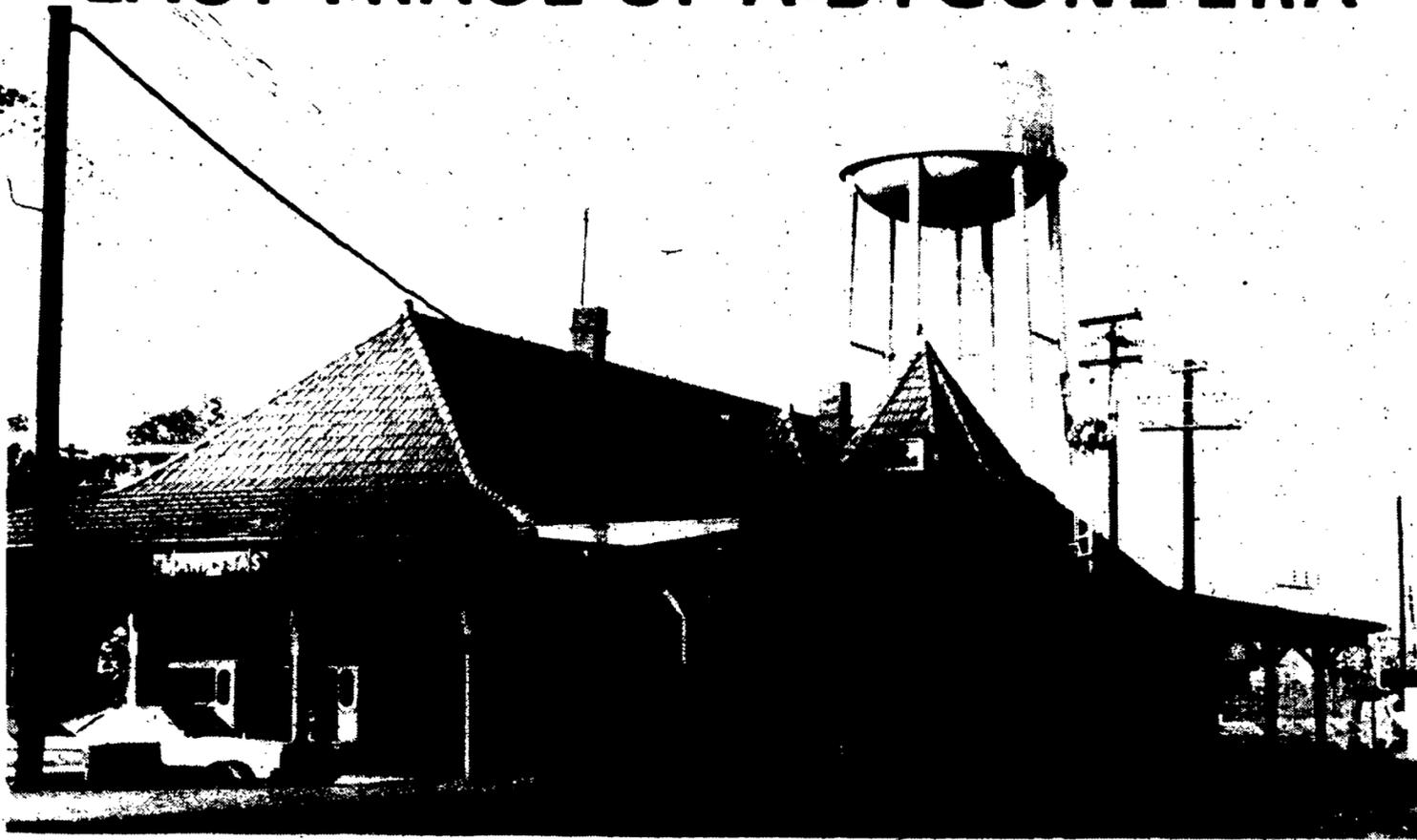
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