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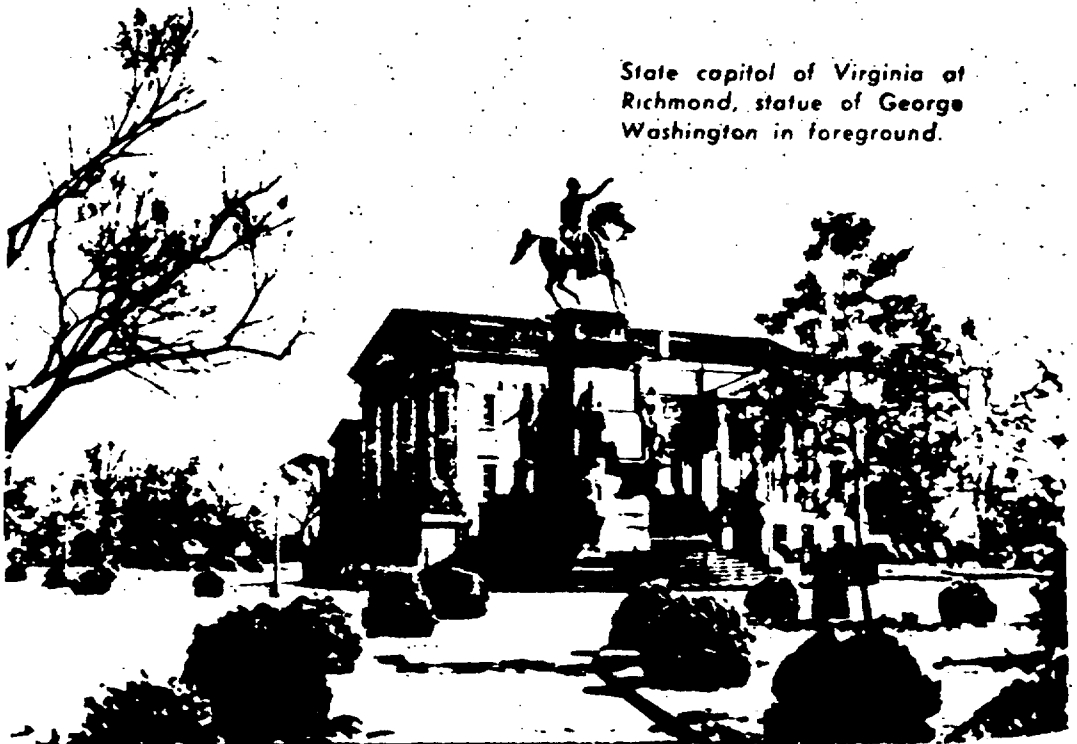
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# Virginia

## HISTORICAL CHRONICLE

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### PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY



State capitol of Virginia at Richmond, statue of George Washington in foreground.



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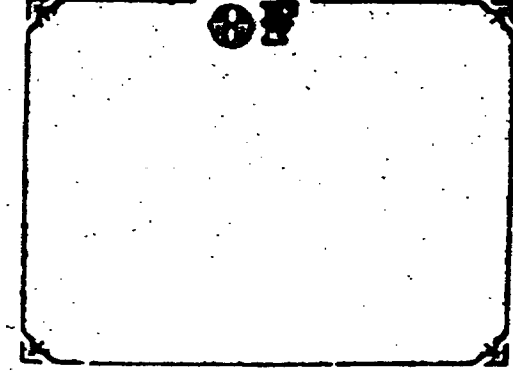
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# THE WILDLIFE OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

As for Fish, both Fresh and Salt-Water, of Shell-Fish, and others, no Country can boast of more Variety, greater Plenty, or of better in their several Kinds.

In the Spring of the Year, Herrings come up in such abundance into their Brooks and Fords, to spawn, that it is almost impossible to ride through, without treading on them. Thus do those poor Creatures expose their own Lives to some Hazard, out of their Care to find a more convenient Reception for their Young, which are not yet alive. Thence it is, that at this Time of the Year, the Freshes of the Rivers, like that of the *Broadruck*, stink to Fish.

Besides these Herrings, there come up likewise into the Freshes from the Sea, Multitudes of Shads, Rocks, Sturgeon, and some few Lampreys, which fasten themselves to the Shad, as the *Remora* of *Imperatus* is said to do to the Shark of *Tiburone*. They continue their stay there about Three Months.

The Shads at their first coming up, are fat and fleshy; but they waste so extremely in Milting and Spawning, that at their going down they are poor, and seem fuller of Bones, only cause they have less Flesh. It is upon this Account, (I suppose) that those in the *Severn*, which in *Gloucester* they call *Twaits*, are said at first to want those intermuscular Bones, which afterwards they abound with. As these are in the Freshes, so the Salts afford at certain Times of the Year, many other Kinds of Fish in infinite Shoals, such as the Old-Wife, a Fish not much unlike an Herring, and the Sheep's-Head, a Sort of Fish, which they esteem in the Number of their best.



There is likewise great Plenty of other Fish all the Summer long; and almost in every Part of the River and Brooks, there are found of different Kinds: Wherefore I shall not pretend to give a Detail of them; but venture to mention the Names only of such as I have eaten and seen my self, and so leave the rest as I have eaten and seen my self, and so leave the rest to those, that are better skill'd in Natural History. However, I may add, that besides all those that I have met with my self, I have heard of a great many very good sorts, both in the Salts and Freshes; and such People too, as have not always spent their Time in that Country have commended them to me, beyond any they had ever



eat before.

Those which I know of my self, I remember by the Names Of Herrings, Rocks, Sturgeons, Shads, Old-Wives, Sheep's-Heads, Black and red Drums, Trouts, Taylors, Green-Fish, Sun-Fish, Bass, Chub, Place, Flounders, Whittings, Fatbacks, Maids, Wives, Small-Turtle, Crabs, Oysters, Mussels, Cockles, Shrimps, Needle-Fish, Brems, Carp, Pike, Jack, Mulletts, Eels, Conger-Eels, Perch, and Cats.

Those which I remember to have seen there, of the Kinds that are not eaten, are the Whale, Porpus, Shark, Dog-Fish, Garr, Stingray, Thornback, Saw-Fish, Toad-Fish, Frog-Fish, Land-Crabs, Fidlars, and Periwinkles. One Day as I was haling a Sain upon the Salts, I caught a small Fish, about Two Inches and an Half long, in Shape something resembling a Scorpion, but of a Dirty dark Colour; I was a little shie of handling it, though, I believe, there was no Hurt in it. This I judged to be that Fish, which Mr. *Purchase* in his *Pilgrims*, and Capt. *Smith* in his *General History* affirm to be extremely like St. *George's* Dragon, except only that it wants Feet and Wings.

Before the arrival of the *English* there, the *Indians* had Fish in such vast Plenty, that the Boys and Girls wou'd take a pointed Stick, and strike the lesser sort, as they Swam upon the Flats. The larger Fish, that kept in deeper Water, they were put to a little more Difficulty to take; But for these they made Weys; that is, a Hedge of small riv'd Sticks, or Reeds, of the Thickness of a Man's Finger, these they wove together in a Row, with Straps of Green Oak, or other tough Wood, so close that the small Fish cou'd not pass through. Upon High-Water Mark, they pitched one End of this Hedge, and the other they extended into the River, to the Depth of Eight or Ten Foot, fastening it with Stakes, making Cods out from the Hedge on one side, almost at the End, and leaving a Gap for the Fish to go into them, which were contrived so, that the Fish could easily find their Passage into those Cods, when they were at the Gap, but not see their Way out again, when they were in: Thus if they offered to pass through, they were taken.

Sometimes they made such a Hege as this, quite a-cross a Creek at High-Water, and at Low wou'd go into the Run, so contracted into a narrow Compass, and take out what Fish they pleased.

At the Falls of the Rivers, where the Water is shallow, and the Current strong, the *Indians* use another kind of Weir, thus made: They make a Dam of loose Stone, whereof there is plenty at hand, quite a-cross the River, leaving One, Two, or more, Spaces or Trumpets, for the

Water to pass thro', at the Mouth of which they set a Pot of Reeds, wove in Form of a Cone, whose Base is about Three Foot, and perpendicular Ten, into which the Swiftness of the Current carries the Fish, and wedges them so fast, that they cannot possibly return.

The *Indian* Way of Catching Sturgeon, when they came into the narrow part of the Rivers, was by a Man's clapping a Noose over their Tail, and by keeping fast his hold. Thus a Fish finding it self intangled, wou'd flounce, and often pull him under Water, and then that Man was counted a *Cocharouse*, or brave Fellow, that wou'd not let go; till with Swimming, Wading, and Diving, he had tired the Sturgeon, and brought it ashore. These Sturgeons would also often leap into their Canoes, in crossing the River, as many of them do still every Year, into the Boats of the *English*.

They have also another Way of Fishing like those on the *Euaine* Sea, by the Help of a blazing Fire by Night. They make a Hearth in the Middle of their Canoe, raising it within Two Inches of the Edge; upon this they lay their burning Light-Wood, split into small Shivers, each Splinter whereof will blaze and burn End from End, like a Candle: 'Tis one Man's Work to tend this Fire and keep it flaming. At each End of the Canoe stands an *Indian*, with a Gig, or pointed Spear, setting the Canoe forward with the Butt-end of the Spear, as gently as he can, by that Means stealing upon the Fish, without any Noise, or disturbing of the Water. Then they with great Dexterity, dart these Spears into the Fish, and so take 'em. Now there is a double Convenience in the Blaze of this Fire; for it not only dazzles the Eyes of the Fish, which will lie still, glaring upon it, but likewise discovers the Bottom of the River clearly to the Fisherman, which the Day-light does not.



'Tis a good Diversion to observe the Manner of the Fishing-Hawks preying upon Fish, which may be seen every fair day all the Summer long, and especially in a Morning. At the first coming of the Fish in the Spring, these Birds of Prey are surprizingly eager. I believe, in the Dead of Winter, they Fish farther off at Sea, or remain among the craggy uninhabited Islands, upon the Sea Coast. I have often been pleasantly entertain'd, by seeing these Hawks take the Fish out of the Water, and as they were flying away with their Quarry, the bald Eagles take it from them again. I have often observ'd the first of those hover over the Water, and rest upon the Wing, some Minutes together, without the least change of Place, and then from a vast Height, dart directly into the Water, and there plunge down for the Space of Half a Minute, or more, and at last bring up with him a Fish, which he could hardly rise with; then, having got upon the Wing again, he wou'd

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## VIKING RESTAURANT & SMORGASBORD

Pete Voytko/Owner - Welcomes You!



Viking Restaurant & Smorgasbord, located at 13271 Gordon Blvd. (in Gordon Plaza Shopping Center) in Woodbridge, phone

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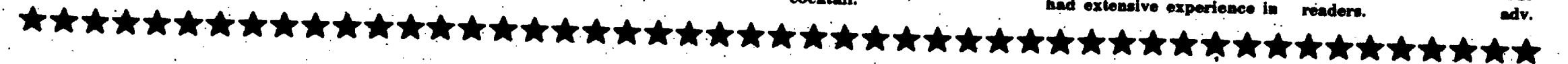
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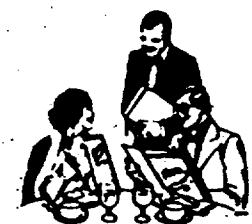
staff at Blue Grass Acres Farm are ready to assist their customers in purchasing the right type and amount of sod for their individual needs in the friendliest manner. Again, we, the editors of this 1986 Virginia Historical Chronicle, remind our readers that when it comes to getting the right product for the right job, call the shop with the experience, Blue Grass Acres Farm, at 361-5555. We're sure you'll be glad you did! adv.



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The research board of this 1986 Virginia Historical Chronicle place special emphasis on the P. F. Dennis Air Conditioning & Heating firm for their untiring efforts of service to this community. adv.



# THE WILDLIFE OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

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Represents the Indians in a Canoe with a Fire in the Middle, tended by a Boy and a Girl. In one End is a Net made of Silk Grass, which they use in Fishing their Weirs. Above is the Shape of their Weirs, and the Manner of setting a Weir-Wedge, across the Mouth of a Creek.

Note, That in Fishing their Weirs, they lay the Side Canoe to the Cods of the Weir, for the more convenient coming at them, and not with the End going into the Cods, as is set down in the Print: But

we could not otherwise represent it here, lest we should have confounded the Shape of the Weir, with the Canoe.

In the Air you see a Fishing-Hawk flying away with a Fish, and a Bald-Eagle pursuing, to take it from him; the Bald-Eagle has always his Head and Tail white, and they carry such a Lustre with them, that the White whereof may be discern'd as far as you can see the Shape of the Bird.



shake himself so powerfully, that he threw the Water like a Mist about him; afterwards away he'd fly to the Woods with his Game, if he were not overlook'd by the Bald-Eagle, and robb'd by the Way, which very frequently happens. For the Bald-Eagle no sooner perceives a Hawk that has taken his Prey, but he immediately pursues, and strives to get above him in the Air, which it he can once attain, the Hawk for fear of being torn by him, lets the Fish drop, and so by the Loss of his Dinner, compounds for his own Safety. The poor Fish is no sooner loosed from the Hawk's Talons, but the Eagle shoots himself, with wonderful Swiftness, after it, and catches it in the Air, leaving all further Pursuit of the Hawk, which has no other Remedy, but to go and fish for another.

Walking once with a Gentleman in an Orchard by the River-side, early in the Spring, before the Fish were by us perceiv'd to appear in Shoal-Water, or near the Shores, and before any had been caught by the People; we heard a great Noise in the Air just over our Heads, and looking up, we see an Eagle in close pursuit of a Hawk, that had a great Fish in his Pounces. The Hawk was as low as the Apple-Trees, before he wou'd let go his Fish, thinking to recover

the Wood, which was just by, where the Eagles dare never follow, for fear of bruising themselves. But, notwithstanding the Fish was dropp'd so low, and tho' it did not fall above Thirty Yards from us, yet we with out Hollowing, Running, and casting up our Hats, could hardly save the Fish from the Eagle, and if it had been dropp'd Two Yards higher, he wou'd have got it: But we at last took Possession of it alive, carried it Home, and had it dressed forthwith. It serv'd Five of us very plentifully, without any other Addition, and some to the Servants. This Fish was a Rock near Two Foot long, very fat, and a great Rarity for the Time of Year, as well as for the Manner of its being taken.

These Fishing-Hawks, in more plentiful Seasons, will catch a Fish, and loiter about with it in the Air, on purpose to have a Chace with an Eagle; and when he does not appear soon enough, the Hawk will make a sawcy Noise, and insolently defie him. This has been frequently seen, by Persons who have observ'd their Fishings.

As in Summer, the Rivers and Creeks are fill'd with Fish, so in Winter they are in many Places cover'd with Fowl. There are such a Multitude of Swans, Geese, Brants, Sheldrakes, Ducks of several Sorts, Mallard, Teal, Blewings, and many other Kinds of Water-Fowl, that the Plenty of them is incredible. I am but a small Sports-man, yet with a Fowling-Peice, have kill'd above Twenty of them at a Shot. In like manner are the Mill-Ponds, and great Runs in the Woods stor'd with these Wild-Fowl, at certain Seasons of the Year.

The Shores, Marshy Grounds, Swamps, and Savanna's, are also stor'd with the like Plenty of other Game, of all Sorts, as Cranes, Curlews, Herons, Snipes, Woodcocks, Saurers, Ox-eyes, Plover, Larks, and many other good Birds for the Table that they have not yet found a Name for. Not to mention Beavers, Otters, Musk-Rats, Minxes, and an infinite Number of other wild Creatures.

Altho' the Inner Lands want these Benefits,

(which, however, no Pond of Slash is without,) yet even they, have the Advantage of Wild Turkeys, of an incredible Bigness, Pheasants, Partridges, Pigeons, and an Infinity of small Birds, as well as Deer, Hairs, Foxes, Raccoons, Squirrels, Possums. And upon the Frontier Plantations, they meet with Bears, Panthers, Wild-Cats, Elks, Buffaloes, and Wild Hogs, which yield Pleasure, as well as Profit to the Sports-man. And tho' some of these Names may seem frightful to the English, who hear not of them in their own Country; yet they are not so there; for all these Creatures ever fly from the Face of Man, doing no Damage but to the Cattle and Hogs, which the Indians, never troubled themselves about.

Here I can't omit a strange Rarity in the Female Possum, which I my self have seen. They have a false Belly, or loose Skin quite over the Belly; this never sticks to the Flesh of the Belly, but may be look'd into at all Times, after they have been concern'd in Procreation. In the Hinder-part of this, is an Overture big enough for a small Hand to pass into: Hither the young Ones, after they are full hair'd, and strong enough to run about, do fly when ever any Danger appears, or when they go to rest, or suck. This they continue till they have learn'd to live without the Dam: But, what is yet stranger, the young Ones are bred in this false Belly, without ever being within the true One. They are form'd at the Teat, and there they grow for several Weeks



together into perfect Shape, becoming visibly larger, till at last they get Strength, Sight, and Hair; and then they drop off, and rest in this false Belly, going in and out at Pleasure. I have observed them thus fasten'd at the Teat, from the Bigness of a Flie, until they became as large as a Mouse. Neither is it any Hurt to the old One to open this Budget, and look in upon her Young.

The Indians had no other Way of taking their Water or Land-Fowl, but by the Help of Bows, and Arrows: Yet, so great was their Plenty that with this Weapon only, they kill'd what Numbers they pleased. And then the Water-Fowl kept far from Shore, (as in warmer Weather they sometimes did,) they took their Canoes, and paddl'd after them.

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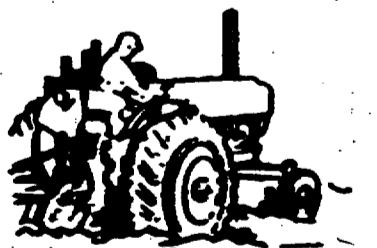
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# THE WILDLIFE OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

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But they have a better Way of killing the Elks, Buffaloes, Deer, and greater Game, by a Method which we call Fire-Hunting: That is a Company of them would go together back into the Woods, any time in the Winter, when the Leaves were fallen, and so dry, that they would burn; and being come to the Place design'd, they would Fire the Woods, in a Circle of Five or Six Miles Compass; and when they had compleated the first Round, they retreated inward, each at his due Distance, and put Fire to the Leaves and Grass afresh, to accelerate the Work, which ought to be finished with the Day. This they repeat, till the Circle be so contracted, that they can see their Game herded all together in the Middle, painting and almost stifled with Heat and smook; for the poor Creatures being frighten'd at the Flame, keep running continually round, thinking to run from it, and dare not pass through the Fire; by which Means they are brought at last into a very narrow Compass. Then the *Indians* let fire their Arrows at them, and (which is very strange) tho' they stand all round quite clouded in Smoak, yet they rarely shoot each other. By this means they destroy all the Beasts, collected within that Circle. They make all this Slaughter only for the sake of the Skins, leaving the Carcasses to perish in the Woods.

Father *Verbiest*, in his Description of the Emperor of *China's Voyage* into the Eastern *Tartary*, Anno 1682, gives an Account of a Way of Hurting the *Tartars* have, not much unlike this, only whereas the *Indians* surround their Game with Fire, the *Tartars* do it with a great Body of armed Men, who having environ'd the Ground they design to drive, march equally inwards, which, still as the Ring lessens, brings the Men nearer each other, till at length the

wild Beasts are encompassed with a living Wall.

The *Indians* have many pretty Inventions, to discover and come up to the Deer, Turkeys and other Game undiscern'd; but that being an Art, known to very few *English* there, I will not be so accessory to the Destruction of their Game, as to make it publick. I shall therefore only tell you, that when they go Hunting into the Out-lands, they commonly go out for the whole Season, with their Wives and Family. At the Place where they find the most Game, they build up a convenient Number of small Cabbins, wherein they live during that Season. These Cabbins are both begun, and finished in Two or Three Days, and after the Season is over, they make no further Account of them.

This and a great deal more was the natural Production of that Country, which the Native *Indians* enjoy'd, without the Curse of Industry, their Diversion alone, and not their Labour, supplying their Necessities. The Women and Children indeed, were so far provident, as to lay up some of the Nuts, and Fruits of the Earth, in their Season, for their further Occasions: But none of the Toils of Husbandry were exercised by this happy People; except the bare planting a little Corn, and Melons, which took up only a few Days in the Summer, the rest being wholly spent in the Pursuit of their Pleasures. And indeed all that the *English* have done, since their going thither, has been only to make some of these Native Pleasures more scarce, by an inordinate and unseasonable Use of them, hardly making Improvements equivalent to the Damage.

I shall in the next Book give an Account of the *Indians* themselves, their Religion, Laws, and Customs; that so, both the Country, and its primitive Inhabitants may be consider'd together, in that original State of Nature, in which the *English* found them. Afterwards I will treat of the present State of the *English* there, and the Alterations, I can't call them Improvements, they have made at this Day.



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# PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY GROWING PAINS

## Wilderness Beginnings

It is generally conceded Capt. John Smith was the first white to seek the territory of old Prince William (around 1608).

He became quite friendly with 3 tribes of the Northern neck area including the Piscataways, Anacostans, and Doegs.

The history of these people can be briefly touched upon. These were not savages but rather of the highest stage of neolithic culture. They had lived here for countless centuries and had become expert fisherman and corn growers.

Apart from the glimpse of Indian life, Smith's writings afforded us, little else was known of the heavily forested Virginia outside here for over a century. Expeditions into the Prince Williams area and writings there of give us quite a glimpse into the ways of living then.

A narrator for Smith's voyage up Aquia Creek described a mine in use, where natives obtained pigment. Capt. Argall, years later, told of even more. He said as he came into the country he found many large cattle (buffalo) and spoke of the excellence of their meats. The natives inhabiting the lands included the Manahoac, a tribe known for their "merriness" as their name implied.

These residents have been traced to the Siouan stock of Southern Ohio. Their tragic history is known to many. Around 1540, the 5 nations of New York (better known as the Iroquois), were intent on domination of all the Indians of eastern America and were already visiting the upper Potomac and Western Virginia, 1632, saw Henry Fleet trading with them. Sometime before 1656 they had driven the Erie from their long residence on the lake. They, it is believed, trekked to Virginia and were befriended by the Manahoac and Monacan. They became known as the Rickahockians of Virginia history. Whether in revenge or for other reasons, the Iroquois declared un-ending war on the Piedmont Indians. This resulted in the Manahoac being driven away. They soon lost their individuality, merging with the Monacan and after 1669, disappearing from record.

The mighty Iroquois let it be known while they had no intention of living here, it was their private hunting preserve and not intended for the white man's use. A treaty in 1684, affirmed this right to the lands and once again a curtain fell in the piedmont. Hunting was conducted as far as the confluence of the Rapidan and Hedgman but no Englishman ventured into the highlands for the purpose of hunting. As a result, even by 1720, the people were nearly as ignorant of what lay beyond the Blue Ridge as Capt. Smith had been.

The mystery and intrigue of the area was lifted by Gov. Spotswood who, thru treaty, opened the area by 1722.



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# PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY GROWING PAINS

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Curious settlers swarmed the highlands. Maps of such were sent to England by Gov. Gooch as early as 1731.

The northern neck survey of 1737 completed the picture. On John Warner's map we find the "Blue Ridge" depicted pierced by Williams Gap (later Snickers), "Ashby's Bent Gap," "Happy Creek Gap" and more.

The Bull Run Mountains and Rappahannock, while not named, certainly were sketched in. It was a quite well-rounded survey as last showing and revealing much of the wilderness that was Prince William County.

The northern bank, as we have seen, was laid out as a county in 1648 and was soon divided into two distinct neighborhoods on the Potomac and on the Rappahannock.

In 1651, a part of Northumberland was made into a new county, Lancaster. Other counties followed suit -- Westmoreland (1653), Stafford (1664), Rappahannock (1656), King George (1721).

After the population began to increase in the Stafford area, it was felt a new county on the frontier was needed. This almost came about in 1726, a county to be named Hartford was proposed but rejected.



The demand was still strong, so a proposal to set up a parish as well as a county came in 1730. It was to be an experimental operation to see its feasibility.

Much boundary finagling was required due to political and other factions before the Prince William County we know came into existence.

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The writers of this 1966 Virginia Historical Chronicle would like to give our wholehearted recommendation to George's Family Restaurant. We commend them on their high quality food and the fine service they offer to residents and visitors in this area. Dine with them soon for the best ribs in town. You'll be glad you did! adv.

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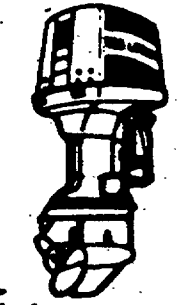
the more reputable schools in this section.

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# A CLOSE LOOK AT PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY



quite well off. Alexander Henderson, the founder of the "chain store" system in America, came to Dumfries and was so successful he soon became able to open stores on Colchester, Occoquan and Alexandria.

His home was built in 1785, and with the exception of the Stage Coach Inn, has the distinction of being the only remaining early building. Dumfries was a one community town - tobacco. When the Revolution came, it also deprived the merchants of Scotland of American tobacco and the Quantico Creek became unnavigable due to the constant build-up over the year of silt. These two factors combined to make Dumfries a ghost town.

## THE HERITAGE THAT WAS PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

It was generally conceded John Smith came to the falls in 1608, while settlers were not seen there for at least another 50 years.

The first patent occurred in 1653 (Thomas Burbage).

The enormous acreage of the "Leesylvania" area was patented in 1658 by a Jervais Dobson, soon conveying it to Henry Corbin of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. Corbin's daughter, Letitia, was granted it and she, in turn, married Richard Lee II. The grandson, Henry Lee II, moved to the lands along with his wife Lucy Grymes, and began the famous Lee line. Among the children born to them included Henry III (Lighthorse Harry); Governor and father of Robert E. Lee; Attorney General Charles Lee; Rep. Richard B. Lee, and Edmund Jennings Lee, Major of Alexandria.

In 1728, copper was supposedly found on Frying Pan Run. Robert Carter wished to cross the Lee lands to mine the deposits and was refused. Hence he opened up the Ox Road from the Occoquan to the mine. Although the "ore" turned out to be green sandstone, the road stood to be of greater importance for the development and future growth of the interior. In 1755, John Ballendine, along with John Taylor and Presley Thornton, worked out an agreement for an iron works on the Occoquan. By 1759, Occoquan was of manufacturing status with stores, mills, and warehouses.

Perhaps the most impressive residence was that of Bellendines "Rockledge". It was designed by William Buckland, a truly fine architect of the day.

The Rockledge was turned over to John Simple of Maryland in the 1760's, due to Ballendine's need for money (the partnership had folded by that time). Simple converted the mills into flour manufacturing. These were, in turn, bought in 1800 by Nathaniel Ellicott, a Quaker.

By 1828, yet another ownership came about, as Nat & Samuel Janney operated them.

The town of Dumfries was organized in 1749 by Scot merchants from Glasgow. These thrifty and early businessmen soon became major landholders and men of prominence. Thru sound business techniques and economical handling, they became

in 1685, one Nicolas Hayward came up with the idea of establishing a colony for the Huguenots, the persecuted of France. He purchased 30,000 acres from Lord Culpeper in Stafford County. His partners included Robert Briston, Robert Brent and Richard Foote.

He (Hayward) tried earnestly to recruit colonists for "Brent town", but there was much competition, especially from Carolina.

The lands were passed on to the descendants of the partners. With boundaries being hazy at best trouble was not long in coming. "King" Carter became an agent and immediately set up issuing grants (1722) at one time the family owned 90,000 acres in what is now Fauquier, Fairfax and Prince Williams Counties. They even had a Lower Bull Run tract divided into 12 plantations, each with a name corresponding to the zodiac signs.

In the 1720's, it was realized a frontier county division was needed. In May, 1730, 2 bills passes, one created Prince Williams County. The courthouse was to be erected on the upper site of the Occoquan River at a ferry landing on the Mason estate.

The county itself was named for William Augustus, Duke of Cumberland, son of King George the II.

Due to rapidly inflowing colonists, further divisions were necessary. 1st Truro Parish, then Fairfax County. The courthouse then was felt to be not ideally situated for the brutal regions of the county, so a site on the P. Waters plantation, 1759, Fauquier County, was found. Dumfries was the courthouse site until its demise. It was then moved to Brentsville. Manassas was chosen fifth and last site for the courthouse of Prince Williams County and is still in use.

Other facts about the Prince William County area: 1. A district court was set up at Dumfries in 1788. Four years later the circuit court system was established.

2. Oldest known tombstone in Prince Williams County was one of a Rose Peters (1690). Next oldest was of Martin Scarlet and son (1699).

# A TOUR OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

At the STONE BRIDGE (R), 24.5 m., the First Battle of Manassas began on July 21, 1861. Along the stream here - Bull Run - and the hills to the west, the first major battle of the War between the States was fought. Commanded by Generals Joseph E. Johnston and P.G.T. Beauregard, the Confederate army was south of the bridge when General Irvin McDowell attacked here with one division and sent two other divisions three miles north to sweep down Bull Run in a flank attack. A Confederate observer six miles south signaled by wigwag and the Confederates were able to hold McDowell on Matthews Hill until late in the morning, when they fell back to the turnpike. There, reinforced, they held McDowell for two hours until forced to withdraw to Henry Hill. It was here that General Bernard E. Bee exclaimed, "There stands Jackson like a stone wall." The Confederates rallied, held their position while reinforcements were hurried forward, and two hours later drove the Federals from the hill. Again on the turnpike, McDowell's lines were broken and, in his own words, "The retreat soon became a rout, and this degenerated into a panic."

The STONE HOUSE (R) 25.5 m. a well-preserved two-story building of brown sandstone, served as a hospital for both Union and Confederate soldiers. It was used by John Esten Cooke for a ghostly episode in his nove, *Surry of Eagle's Nest*.



1. Right from the Stone House on State 234 to MATTHEWS HILL (R), 1 m., where a small force from the Stone Bridge was posted to delay McDowell-flank movement.

2. Left from the Stone House on State 234, a shale road, 0.3 m.; L. here 0.4 m. to HENRY HILL, on which there are numerous markers that indicate battle maneuvers. The possession of Henry Hill gave victory to the Confederate army in the First Battle of Manassas and largely determined the fate of a retreating Federal army August 30, 1862, in the Second Battle of Manassas.

The fighting of August 30, 1862, is sometimes designated the Second Battle of Manassas, but the designation is more generally applied to the fighting from August 28 to 30, 1862.

The rebuilt HENRY HOUSE (*adm. free*), a small two-story frame building here on the hill, is now a museum, containing many battlefield relics. Badly damaged during both battles, the house was later

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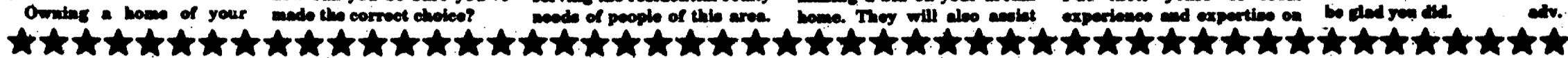
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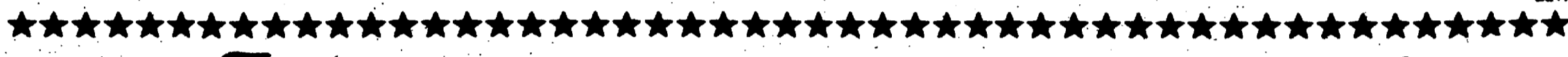
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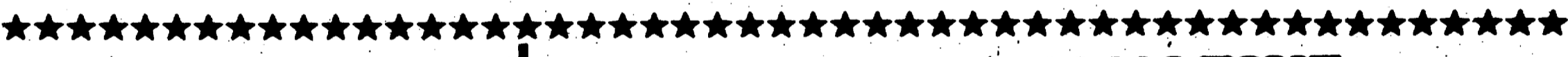
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## PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY GROWING PAINS

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The site for the first Courthouse was made in 1742. The house was subsequently moved four times. The first came in 1742 by the creation of Fairfax County. It was only natural the planters of the back country (a rapidly populating area) to want a more convenient courthouse. Five sites were proposed and went into arbitration. It was finally decided upon the Water's plantation site which was near the village now known as Orlando.

In 1759, when Farquier County came into existence, a second move was contemplated. Dumfries was in her heyday and was chosen as the second site.

When Dumfries began her decline, the shift was necessary again. Both sides of Broad Run was now prospering, and in 1822, they saw to it the courthouse came to them.

The fourth site occurred on the Dumfries Road leading to Thoroughfare Gap. After this transfer, a town was established about the courthouse with the name of Brentsville.

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1808, food and drink is more than just a topic of conversation, it is a most enjoyable reality. This outstanding establishment has become a favorite gathering place for particular people who know how to appreciate the best in

fine dining. This is one of the finest restaurants in this area, and they specialize in "country flavors served with flair and elegance", and cocktails served in the Occoquan tradition. The specialties of the house

are: Seared Venison Cutlet, Golden Baked Quail and Twin Crab Cakes. They also have a lovely cocktail lounge and banquet facilities for dinners and receptions. The editors of this 1986 Virginia Historical Chronicle

heartily recommend Occoquan Inn to our readers. Remember, if you appreciate outstanding service and really good food and drink served at the peak of perfection, we suggest you drop in soon and enjoy hospitality at its best. adv.



## HAPPY PICKLE SUB SHOP

Your Sub Specialists

For a real treat, be sure to visit Happy Pickle Sub Shop, located at 18728 Fuller Heights Road in Triangle, phone 221-7141. Their menu features something for everyone, including ham, beef, meatballs and much more... where you can eat here or take out.



Happy Pickle Sub Shop offers only the finest foods, prepared in a spotlessly clean kitchen and features the fastest service to be found anywhere. You are always welcome here, no

matter if you want a complete meal or just a cold drink. The management will make you feel right at home.

anywhere, and the whole family will enjoy a trip to Happy Pickle Sub Shop. Take-out orders and delivery service to the Triangle and Quantico area is available by

calling 221-7141. Your order will be ready when you arrive, and the delivery service is prompt, efficient and reliable.

Whether you want a quick snack, a full meal or are planning a picnic, Happy Pickle Sub Shop is the place to go.

We, the editors of this 1986 Virginia Historical Chronicle, highly recommend Happy Pickle Sub Shop for their fast, efficient service and the outstanding food they serve. adv.

## PROPPS GROCERY & SERVICE STATION

Bill Shumate - Owner

There are quite a few service stations in this area. What makes one stand out above all others? It's not so much the gas they sell, although Propps Grocery & Service Station's products have proved their excellence over the years for your car, but it's the extra friendly service that this station provides, along with their fair prices, that have given them a reputation well thought of by the people of this area.

Propps Grocery & Service Station carries a complete line of hardware, auto parts,

stop and pick up those extra grocery items, whether for dinner that night or just a quick snack. Be sure to visit their Snack Bar for a hearty breakfast or lunch.

While you're at Propps Grocery & Service Station, do like so many other people do, and let their friendly attendants fill the tank, check the oil, and just in general give your car the once over to make sure it's safe to travel. The editors of this 1986 Virginia Historical Chronicle take pleasure in presenting

our complete commendation to the management of Propps Grocery & Service Station for the fine service they render to the people of this area. We suggest you stop in soon and fill up the tank and visit the store and Snack Bar. We know you'll be glad you did. adv.

## BEST WESTERN QUANTICO INN

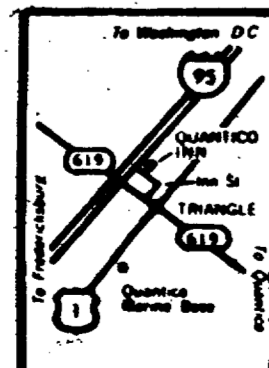
Pat Larson - General Manager



Best Western Quantico Inn is located at 4316 Inn Street in Triangle, phone 221-1181 for reservations.

One of the things that has made America strong is the ability of her business people to meet ever changing conditions, and the needs of the demanding public. The motel industry, for example, is recognized today as a vital and necessary part of our American economy.

We wish to direct our readers' attention to this motel which has ample accommodations to please even the most discriminating guest. Here you will find air



conditioned rooms, telephones in the rooms, AM-FM radio, color TV, a fine restaurant and lounge, pool and washers

and dryers - just to mention a few - and all of this with reasonable rates. Consequently, many travelers prefer to travel extra miles in order to stay here, and thus assure themselves of a good night's rest in comfortable surroundings.

The developers of this 1986 Virginia Historical Chronicle recommend the people of our area stop at Best Western Quantico Inn the next time they are in town, and commend the management upon the excellence of their service. adv.

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demolished. Mrs. Henry, an 85-year-old invalid and widow of Dr. Isaac Henry, was killed by a shell during the first battle.

At 26.8 m. is the GROVETON CONFEDERATE CEMETERY (R), with monuments to regiments that fought in this vicinity. Near by are other war memorials.

The DOGAN HOUSE (R), 27 m., a small barnlike frame structure, was in the center of fighting during the Second Battle of Manassas, August 29-30, 1862. This battle brought to a close a series of events that gave victory to a co-ordinated Confederate army and defeat to a confused and mis-directed Federal army.

General John Pope, confused by Confederate tactics to relieve Richmond, scattered his army and exhausted his cavalry. He ordered it successively to Warrenton, Gainesville, Manassas, and Centerville, and finally concentrated it at Groveton. Orders were delayed and lost. He refused for days to believe that Jackson was in his rear or to acknowledge the presence of Lee and Longstreet, despite Porter's protest, until he was finally defeated and routed, with Longstreet in pursuit. He ordered a pursuit of Jackson while Jackson lay in wait for him to attack. He lost his communications at Bristow, a vast store of supplies at Manassas, and his personal papers at Cattlet's Station. And, as a climax, he centered blame on Fitz-John Porter. With an initial force equal to Lee's about 50,000 men - he was thwarted in his attempts to derive material aid from McClellan's 100,000 men, who were hurried to him by way of the Potomac River. General George H. Gordon, under Pope, stated that the army fought gloriously, but that 'Whipped in detail should be Pope's epitaph.'

During the two days of battle Jackson's corps, in an abandoned railroad cut to the north, withstood repeated Federal assaults by Pope, now commanding 75,000 men, while Longstreet, to the south, was ignored until his artillery, with an enfilading fire, broke the Tinal charge. Routed and pursued by Longstreet, the defeated troops streamed down the same road followed one year before by McDowell's

Commercial and residential wiring is a specialty with B & B Enterprises, located at 6615 Hoody Road in Manassas, phone 791-5529. This firm is well known throughout this area for fast and dependable wiring service.

B & B Enterprises has been in this type of business for some time now. They have the know-how to handle any job. Experience does make a difference in the electric contracting field. Reasonable

## B & B ENTERPRISES

Complete Commercial & Residential Electrical Service  
SERVING THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY AREA FOR OVER 10 YEARS

bids can only be made when the contractor you call is thoroughly familiar with the problems involved. You can rest assured that B & B Enterprises will be reasonable in all dealings.

B & B Enterprises offers commercial and residential service calls, new home and remodeling work, service changes, heavy ups, additional circuits, fire restoration and security system installation.

Their popularity has increased each year they have been in business, and B & B Enterprises is now recognized as a leader in the electrical contracting field. We, the editors of this

1986 Virginia Historical Chronicle, highly recommend B & B Enterprises to all our readers. For all your commercial and residential electrical contracting needs, be sure to call B & B Enterprises at 791-5529. You'll be glad you did. adv.

## HAIR CONNECTIONS

Your Redken Retail Center  
A FULL SERVICE STYLING SALON

Today, more than ever before, a man and woman's total image depends a great deal on their hair.

In this area, style conscious men and women stop at Hair Connections, conveniently located at 7411 B Centerville

Road in Manassas, phone 361-3888 for an appointment. Hair Connections is a styling salon where the average person can go to begin looking outstanding. Here you can relax and unwind in their pleasant

atmosphere while a professional hair stylist shows you the latest up-to-date approach to hair care. Styling, permanents, precision hair cutting, coloring and blow drying are but a few of the services featured

at Hair Connections. We, the editors of this 1986 Virginia Historical Chronicle, suggest you make an appointment at Hair Connections and see what a difference their changing hair trends can mean to you. adv.

## MARY KAY COSMETICS

Patti Leonard - Independent Sales Director

For the finest in cosmetics, be sure to contact Patti Leonard in Manassas. Phone 369-2928 for an appointment.

Mary Kay Cosmetics are manufactured to suit every type of skin. Regardless of whether your complexion is fair or dark, dry or oily, this line of cosmetics is for you. Your beauty consultant will be happy to demonstrate their cosmetics and help you determine what type of skin



you have so you will know exactly what products you should use.

They offer a total skin care program for men and women,

glamour products, plus a complete assortment of boutique items and fragrances, all beautifully packaged. Every color and shade is

well balanced to assure you of make-up that will glamorize you. If you have not tried these cosmetics, you're missing a real treat in the new look of natural beauty. Call for a complimentary facial and makeover today.

In this 1986 Virginia Historical Chronicle, we, the editors, suggest that you make an appointment with Patti Leonard. Phone 369-2928 for the best in skin care. adv.

## ROYAL VALET

One-Hour Dry Cleaning  
& Coin-Operated Laundry Facility



The important thing about a dry cleaner is how your clothes look when you pick them up. When you take your clothing to Royal Valet, located in the Forestdale Plaza, in Dale City, phone

670-7300, your clothes will come back to you with a new, crisp, clean appearance.

They handle all your clothing with the utmost care. Even your shirts are just right when you pick up your cleaning from Royal Valet. You'll notice that your clothes even smell clean, this means

that the ultimate in modern dry cleaning service has been given them.

They also feature a complete coin operated laundry facility, offering washers and dryers

in good repair, supplies and plenty of hot water. The attendants are always friendly, courteous and very helpful.

Present customers of Royal Valet return again and again because of all the amenities offered here.

Royal Valet has the equipment to get the job done fast and efficiently. They also have an experienced staff who know how to operate this equipment. Combine all these attributes with the lowest possible

cost, and you have the best dry cleaner to be found anywhere.

So if you want to make your old clothes look like new, and keep your new clothing looking good, send them to Royal Valet - where the experts are.

We, the editors of this 1986 Virginia Historical Chronicle, highly recommend Royal Valet as one of the finest in dry cleaning and complete coin operated laundry facilities in this area. adv.

## SKATE CITY

"Family Skating"

Enjoy the delight of roller skating at Skate City, located at 8907 Mathis Avenue in Manassas, phone 361-0425.

This roller rink is open year round and excels at offering the best maintained facility available anywhere. You don't even need your own skates! They have a complete stock of all sizes for children or adults which you can rent.

If you want to purchase

skates or any accessories, their pro shop can satisfy your every need. Skate City also offers lessons in group sessions or on an individual basis.

There is always music to fit your mood and skating ability, whether beginner or advanced.

Skate City has a great snack bar with a large variety of foods and beverages.

Their private party arrangements can make your next group outing loads of fun for skaters or non-skaters. Ask them about their special nights and group rates.

It's fun to skate, but even if you don't, Skate City can assure you of a good time.

We, the editors of this 1986 Virginia Historical Chronicle, suggest you call or visit Skate City soon or phone



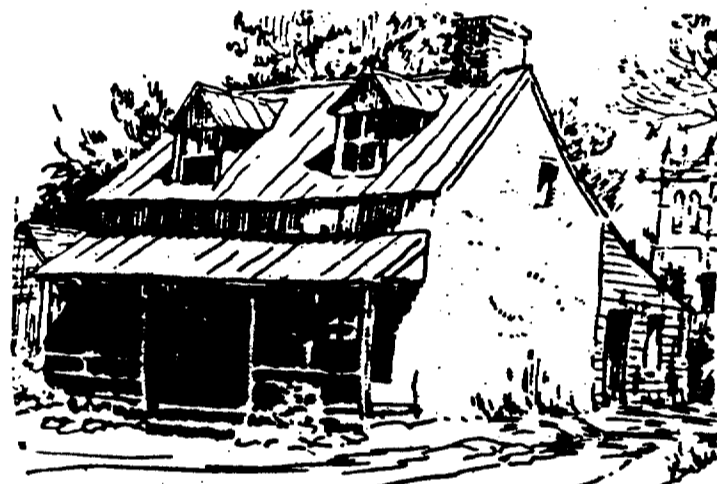
them at 361-0425. Skate City is highly recommended for their contribution to good, clean fun. adv.



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The ruins of the **MERCHANT'S GRIST MILL**, built in 1759 and destroyed in 1924, are close to the bridge. The high stone walls (L) are the remnants of one of the first **COTTON MILLS** in Virginia. Built in 1828 by Nathaniel Janney, the four stories hummed with 1,000 spindles until they were silenced by fire during the War between the States. South of these ruins, stands **ROCKLEDGE**, now called The Den, a two-story rock house with dormers, built in 1759 by John Ballentine, on designs by Mathew Buckland. Under the gabled roof runs a fine denticulated cornice. With window panes that time has made iridescent and a crane swinging in the huge kitchen fireplace, Rockledge preserves the solid qualities of its builder, one of the earliest captains of industry in the agricultural south.



Legended gateposts mark the entrance (L), 24.3 m., to **RIPPON LODGE**, a story-and-a-half frame house, now much modernized. Three dormers, piercing a gabled roof, project just above the balustraded roof of a recessed porch with six small Doric columns. The hall and dining room are paneled. In the upper hall an aperture in the north wall formerly led to a secret stairway that connected with a tunnel extending from the basement to a ravine. The brick office is still standing as is also the guardhouse with iron-grilled windows, in which Thomas Blackburn quartered troops during the Revolution.

Rippon Lodge was built about 1725 by Colone Richard Blackburn of Ripon, England, an architect who later designed both the original Mount Vernon and the first Falls Church. Two daughters of the house of Blackburn became mistresses of Mount Vernon: Julie Ann, daughter of Colonel Thomas Blackburn, married Bushrod Washington; and Jane Charlotte, her niece, became the bride of John Augustine Washington.

1. Right here to a junction with County 638, 0.1 m.; R. again 0.3 m. to a footbridge that crosses once navigable **NEABSCO CREEK** (Ind., at the point of rock) on which in 1697 four houses for stores and garrisons were built for use in fighting Indians. On the shore of the creek, covered by briars, are the ruins of the **NEABSCO IRON FOUNDRY** which John Tayloe (1687-1747) operated in 1734 after he had abandoned Bristol Iron Works.

At 4.9 m. from US 1 on County 610 is a junction with a narrow lane; L. here to the entrance gate (L) of **BEL AIR** 5.2 m., a small gabled brick house. Bel Air, on a hilltop, has fine paneling in its large first-floor rooms, a wide-treaded stairway, and high basement kitchen. The view from the house is exceptional; on clear days Washington landmarks are visible.

Bel Air was built about 1740 by Major Charles Ewell. Marianne Ewell, his daughter, was married here to Dr. James Craik, surgeon general of the Continental armies; and in 1795, Fanny Ewell, granddaughter of the builder, married Mason Locke Weems (1759-1825). Weems a Marylander, was

ordained a clergyman by the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1784 and returned to take charge of a Maryland parish. He was not particularly happy in the church and had such difficulty making a living that he exchanged preaching for book peddling. Marriage anchored him only temporarily. After the death of this father-in-law, Colonel Jesse Ewell, in 1806, Parson Weems, who had become both author and bookseller, moved his family to Bel Air (on which he held a mortgage), where he visited them briefly at intervals as he journeyed up and down the Atlantic seaboard. His many moral tracts and his biographies of William Penn and General Francis Marion were eclipsed by that egregious mixture of fact and fiction: *A History of the Life and Death, Virtues and Exploits of General George Washington, With Curious Anecdotes Equally Honorable to Himself and Exemplary to His Young Countrymen*. The chronicler of the 'cherry tree' and 'Spanish dollar' episodes lies in the Ewell graveyard behind the house.

2. Left from US 1 on County 610, 0.3 m.; R. here on a sharply ascending path to the **SITE OF LEESYLVANIA**, 1 m., birthplace of Henry 'Lighthouse Harry' Lee (1756-1818), Princeton graduate (1773). Revolutionary officer, governor of Virginia, and father of Robert E. Lee.

**DUMFRIES**, 29 m. (325 pop.), clings to a curve in the highway overlooking the creek that once gave it life. After the bars to Virginia's profitable tobacco trade were lifted by the Navigation Law of 1707, Scottish merchants immediately concentrated their activities around Quantico Creek. As early as 1713 a 'factory' and an 'agent's house' had been built and by 1749 the town had been established. In 1759 Dumfries became the seat of Prince William County. Filled at the apogee of its commercial activity with 2,000 people concerned only with exporting tobacco, Dumfries reckoned without the vagaries of nature and more insidious mankind. Silt began to clog Quantico Creek and boats, in search of flour as well as tobacco, sailed by its entry to Alexandria's more approachable wharfs. Improvident Dumfries gradually forwent its tea drinking, ball, and drama, and dwindled to comparative nothingness.

Two-stories brick **STAGECOACH INN** (R), a pre-Revolutionary hostelry known as William's Ordinary, then as Love's Tavern, has stone quoins on the front corners and around the doorway.

The brick, limestone-trimmed **HENDERSON HOUSE** corner of Duke and Fairfax Sts., was built about 1785 by Colonel Alexander Henderson. The old house has preserved its dignified air despite additions. Alexander Henderson organized what was probably the first chain of stores in America with shops in Alexandria, Colchester, Occoquan, and Dumfries. One of his six sons, Archibald Henderson, was the first commander of the U.S. Marine Corps, from 1820 to 1859.

At **TRIANGLE**, 30.5 m., a cluster of neon-decorated buildings, is the landscaped entrance (L) to the **MARINE CORPS BASE** (visitor's pass at post gate), eastern training center of the U.S. Marine Corps. The little town of **QUANTICO** stretched out from the railroad station, neon-festooned restaurants, little hotels, and other structures. The large government reservation fringing the curving Potomac is dotted with regimental and disciplinary barracks, three storehouses, commissary, bakery, a rifle range, Brown Flying Field, and numerous other buildings and equipment sufficient to accommodate some 400 officers and 3,000 enlisted men. The Marine Corps School is attended, sometime during their career, by all Marine officers.



The site of Quantico (Ind., by the long stream) was a 'naval base,' established to serve the vessels of the 'Potomac Navy' during the Revolution. When the United States entered the World War in 1917, Quantico was selected as a training camp and maneuver field for the Marine Corps, and in 1918 became a permanent post.

Right from Triangle on County 626 to **CHOPAWAMSI RECREATIONAL DEMONSTRATION AREA**, 2 m., about 14,500 acres of submarginal land being developed by the National Park Service. At present (1940) there are four camps with recreational facilities and cabins with accommodations for 435 persons, besides picnic areas.

**CHOPAWAMSI CREEK** (Ind., by the separation of the outlet), 32.7 m., was long a difficult problem for the early road builders and one of the causes for the near-disappearance of the road for a time. Testy John Randolph of Roanoke likened the Chopawamsic Swamp to the Serbonian bog that swallowed the unwary forever. The advent of the automobile stimulated engineers to efforts that eventually brought the road back to utility.

The large bronze **CRUCIFIX** 36.3 m., designed by George J. Lober, is a memorial to the first English Catholic settlers in Virginia - Giles, Margaret, and Mary Brent had arrived in Maryland in 1638 and for many years were prominently identified with affairs there. In 1650 Giles Brent first patented land in

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# TOWN "N" COUNTRY RESTAURANT

Jim & Vicki Grafas - Owners

If you, like many people today, enjoy eating out with friends or family but have a tough decision regarding WHERE to go, you will certainly appreciate the fine food and friendly atmosphere of Town "N" Country Restaurant.

the right place to DINE

Dine at their convenient location on Route 29 & 211 in New Baltimore, Virginia, phone 347-3614. Enjoy your choice from their inviting menu which includes many taste-tempting, home-cooked items.

Residents and tourists alike who have been seeking a

fine dining establishment with just the right combination of delicious foods, competitive prices and prompt, friendly service will certainly find Town "N" Country Restaurant to their liking.

This restaurant has been newly remodeled, with the facilities designed to better

serve their valued patronage. You may enhance your dining experience here with your favorite beer, wine or cocktail. Town "N" Country Restaurant offers excellent catering services, either on or off premises. Banquet facilities are available with catering on premises to accommodate 250 guests. Off premise catering service is available for any size party. Enjoy your next party more by letting Town "N" Country Restaurant cater to you!

The management and employees of Town "N" Country

Restaurant extend an open invitation to everyone to visit them. They are open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Carry-out service is available as well.

Their hours are from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

The writers of this 1966 Virginia Historical Chronicle are pleased to call Town "N" Country Restaurant to your attention. We suggest you make plans to dine in these pleasant surroundings soon. adv.



Yes! **HISTORIC OLDE TOWNE MANASSAS** is a place for everyone! Start with the walking tour of Olde Towne Manassas, starting at Manassas Museum at 9406 Main Street. Here you will relish in the history of a former rail-junction town. Manassas Museum was formerly the original National Bank of Manassas, built in 1896 by John A. Cannon. Then, from 1912 - 1949, the structure served as a law office. In 1973, the Manassas Museum came into existence to provide the public with a fine display of city artifacts and memorabilia of days gone by - thanks to the efforts of civic-minded museum supporters. Bake ovens, flour barrels and cannon shells have been discoveries in the immediate vicinity as a result of recent excavations.

**ON TO THE FORMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Located at the intersection of Main and Church Streets, the red stone structure here is the oldest

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## A A BOOKKEEPING & TAX SERVICE

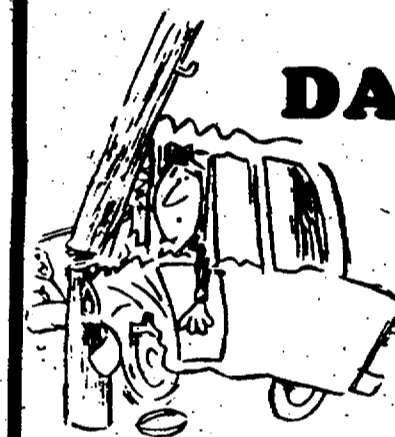
Almost everyone today, from the businessman to the self-employed individual, finds it essential to keep some form of books to show money taken in and the expense of operating a business for the purpose of accurately reporting their income. Even the salaried individual has the same problem in properly keeping an account of the many things necessary to give a comprehensive report of income and expense.

A A Bookkeeping & Tax Service, located at 8020-A Mathis Avenue in Manassas, phone 361-8880, is the firm in Prince William County to call for an appointment to

discuss your bookkeeping and tax needs. A A Bookkeeping & Tax Service features complete computerized service, ledger and payroll service, tax preparation and planning service.

With so many possible deductions available today, it is comforting for those of us who are not familiar with tax laws to know that we can rely on A A Bookkeeping & Tax Service.

We, the editors of this 1966 Virginia Historical Chronicle, suggest you call A A Bookkeeping & Tax Service at 361-8880 today for all your bookkeeping and tax planning needs. You'll be glad you did! adv.



Many people have looked far and wide for someone who does good body work. The automobiles of today

## DALE CITY AUTO BODY

require a specialist to repair or replace body panels and fiberglass repainting and to refinish it to its original beauty by matching the new paint with the original paint.

The professional body shop in this area to see is Dale City Auto Body, located at 14007 Telegraph Road (Dale City), Woodbridge, phone 494-4391 or 491-5707.

The personnel at this firm understand body and fender

work, as well as auto painting and fiberglass repairing. These men work the body so as to require the least amount of filler, then sand the surface until it's smooth before laying on the paint. They have gained a reputation second to none throughout this entire area. So whether the job is a small crease or a complete roll-over, we know you will be entirely satisfied with Dale City Auto Body.

Please remember that insurance companies now permit you to choose the body shop you like best to repair your car, so choose Dale City Auto Body to do all your insurance work. We, the editors of this 1966 Virginia Historical Chronicle, advise you to see Dale City Auto Body for all your bent fenders, fiberglass repair or repaint work. You'll be glad you did! adv.

DEL-RON Inc. Creative KITCHENS & FLOORS

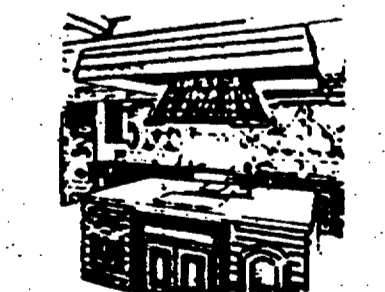
## DEL-RON, INC. Creative Kitchens & Floors

If you want your kitchen or bath remodeled or modernized, it is to your advantage to see a reliable company with enough experience to do the work properly and reasonably.

Del-Ron, Inc. has years of experience and are well known as kitchen and bath remodelers in this area. The many jobs they have completed for miles around are a

testimony of their ability. Only quality lines of merchandise are featured. Their cabinets are considered the finest on the market. They are available in a wide variety of finishes and styles with a vast selection of hardware to highlight most any decor.

Let the professional designers at Del-Ron, Inc. plan every detail for you from layout,



cabinet and appliance selection to proper lighting effects. We suggest you visit their

THE KITCHEN OF YOUR DREAMS... TAILORED TO YOUR TASTE

showroom now. They have a large selection of accessories that will bring "New Life" to your present kitchen. Del-Ron, Inc. is located at 9408 Main Street in Manassas or phone 361-3126 for more information.

We, the editors of this 1966 Virginia Historical Chronicle, suggest you visit Del-Ron, Inc. soon. You will be glad that you did! adv.

## SMOKETOWN SUNOCO

When the people of this area look to someone to take care of any mechanical problems they might have with their car, van or light duty truck, many of them head straight for Smoketown Sunoco. They are conveniently located at 2125 Davis Ford Road in Woodbridge, phone 870-3323 or metro 8690-1901.

This well-known service center specializes in all types of expert automotive repairs and service. They use only the latest equipment, and they handle almost any size job in the shortest time possible and at reasonable rates.

With the automobile as complex as it is today, you owe it to yourself to let the

qualified people at Smoketown Sunoco take care of your problems. They feature engine and transmission work, tune-ups, brake service and exhaust work on foreign and domestic cars, vans and light duty trucks. Smoketown Sunoco also offers a good choice of tires and batteries, as well as quality gasoline and motor oils.

Remember -- a good reputation in the auto repair business is not attained by luck or an act of fate. It is the result of prompt workmanship and reasonable rates. You'll get both at Smoketown Sunoco. For these reasons, we, the editors of this 1966 Virginia Historical Chronicle, highly recommend Smoketown Sunoco to all of our readers. adv.



# "HISTORIC OLDE TOWNE MANASSAS" -- A Well Kept Secret

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unmodified church in Manassas. Now serving as a restaurant, the outward structure appears unchanged since its construction in 1875.

## PROCEED TO THE FIRST MILITARY RAILROAD

At the intersection of Church and West Streets, this railroad was built in the fall of 1861 by the confederates. It is the world's first military railroad and ran from the main line of the Orange & Alexandria Railroad - (now the Norfolk Southern Railroad) - six miles northeast to Centreville. Used to supply the Confederate Army about Centreville during the winter of 1861-62, the railroad roughly follows State Route 28.

B & O RAILS, near Harper's Ferry, was seized by Stonewall Jackson in early 1861 to make the tracks near Centreville; but they were returned to B & O by the Federals after the Confederates left Manassas in

March of 1862.

## THE COURTHOUSE AND THE 1911 PEACE JUBILEE SITE

The Peace Jubilee, celebrating the 50th anniversary of Bull Run (the 1st Battle of Manassas), was held on these very grounds on July 21, 1911. President Taft was the principal speaker at the Peace Jubilee. The anchors, cannon and monument commemorate the event. The theme was a "re-united" states. Built in 1892, the present building is the fifth courthouse of Prince William County.

## ROHR'S MUSEUM

Located at the intersection of West and Center Streets, you will explore a fine collection of antique cars on the first floor and a collection of antique toys, dolls, hats, music boxes, etc., on the second floor.

## THE RAILROAD DEPOT AND DEFENSES OF MANASSAS

Manassas was used as a supply base for both sides during the Civil War. Numerous earthen forts were erected to protect the many tents, sheds and dumps on both sides of the tracks, east of this point. About 300 yards west of here, atop a high mound, stood one of the larger forts. It was stormed on the night of August 26, 1862, by General Stonewall Jackson's troops.

In the early 1900's a hotel was built on this spot, and the fort was demolished. In 1905 the hotel burned.

Manassas owes its existence to the joining together of the Orange & Alexandria and Manassas Gap Railroads, just west of here in the early 1850's. About 1/4 mile east of here, the original log or frame depot, built in 1851, apparently stood.

Norfolk-Southern Railroad owns the present building, representing a typical American depot used during the "hey-day" of the railroad years.

## CANARY FACTORY

Built in 1908, the three-story brick building served as the former Candy Factory owned by the Hopkins Company, the largest industrial building in Manassas at that time. In 1916 The Manassas Milling Company remodeled this building into a flour and feed mill, employing the largest engine-powered mill in the county. The building closed in the 1950's.

## CONNER OPERA HOUSE

Located on Center Street and built in 1906, the second floor of the two-story red brick structure served as the local theater, dance hall and civic center. It was known as Conner Opera House until the late 1940's. Mosby's command also held their last reunions here.

From 1873 until recent years, this street was the heart of commercial Manassas. Much of the area south of Center Street was destroyed in the great fires of 1905 and 1911. Many replacement buildings are to be seen in this area - the 1905 Post Office and the three-story Masonic Temple, along with Conner Opera House.

## DESTRUCTION OF MANASSAS JUNCTION

At this site was a supply base which extended on both sides of the tract east and west of here. In March, 1862, the Confederate Army had to quickly evacuate Manassas to meet a threat to Richmond. They set this site on fire to prevent the Federals from getting their hands on it. Everything of any use was destroyed in the fire, including buildings, sheds, railroad repair shops, supplies, many railway cars and an engine.

The Federals did set up base here five months later. They were raided and burned out on August 27, 1862 by Stonewall Jackson.

Manassas suffered two additional fires in 1905 and 1911, which greatly damaged the downtown area, having very little of anything that dates before 1905.

## CITY HALL

Located on Center Street, built in 1914, the two-story brick structure was designed by Albert Speiden, a local architect. Serving originally as a combination town hall and fire house, it now serves

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Virginia. His other patents and those of his sisters followed in quick succession.

Mistress Margaret Brent, who is called in Maryland records 'Margaret Brent, Gentlemen,' was one of the most remarkable women in Colonial history. She appears frequently in the records of her two States, negotiating transactions of her own and acting as attorney for her brother, her sister, and neighbors who needed her help. She was the first woman in America to ask for 'voyce & vote also.' Because Leonard Calver, governor of Maryland, made her his sole executrix in an oral will that tersely instructed her 'to take all and pay all,' and because the Maryland Council made her administratrix of Lord Baltimore's revenues, she arrived before the assembly in 1648 that she should be given full rights of citizenship. When the request was denied, she declared that she would protest all action taken by the assembly if she were not present and granted 'as aforesaid voyce & vote also.' Her brother's difficulties with Lord Baltimore, arising from Giles Brent's claims to land he considered due

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We, the writers of this 1986 Virginia Historical Chronicle, unhesitatingly recommend Suh's Custom Tailors to all of our readers for the finest workmanship available anywhere at any price. Remember ... now is



the time to update your wardrobe, so visit Suh's Custom Tailors in Manassas. You'll be glad you did! adv.



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## DeRAY'S MARKET



Visit DeRay's Market, located at 14224 Jefferson Davis Highway in Woodbridge, phone 491-5637, if you are interested in real bargains. You will find their shelves stocked with a complete variety of vegetables, fruits, cereals, as well as all the staple groceries. To assure you of top quality merchandise, DeRay's Market handles only the better known name brand products.

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We, the editors of this 1986 Virginia Historical Chronicle, highly recommend DeRay's Market to all of our readers. Visit them soon, and you will recommend them too. adv.

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Allstate Paving, located at 14119 Mt. Pleasant Drive in Woodbridge, phone 491-3480 or 643-1343, are contractors for all types of commercial paving, including road building, highways and parking lots.

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## WOODBIDGE GARAGE

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will help your auto run longer without major repairs. This is a specialty here. Be a wise owner and keep your car in top running order. For guaranteed satisfaction, we, the editors of this 1986 Virginia Historical Chronicle, suggest you take your car to Woodbridge Garage, where the experts are! adv.

## ROCCO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

Two Locations To Serve You

Whether you are a permanent resident, or a visitor in the Prince William County area, we are sure you will enjoy a visit to Rocco's Italian Restaurant, with two locations to serve you: At 8412 Sudley Road in Manassas, phone 361-1310; and at 14304 Jefferson Davis

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aware of this, and only the highest quality meats and produce go into their dishes.

So, the next time you want to eat out and really enjoy a good meal, at reasonable prices, go to Rocco's Italian Restaurant. We, the editors of this 1986 Virginia Historical Chronicle know you'll be glad you did! adv.

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STARTERS ALTERNATORS

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for you!

If you have a wrecked car or truck that you want to sell, Penny's Used Auto Parts pays top prices for late model wrecked or junk cars and trucks.

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## WRIGHT'S BUICK, INC.

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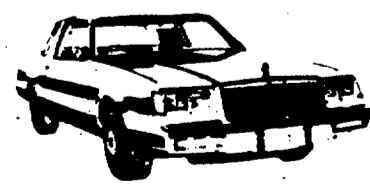
the prospective new car buyer know which automobile is best for him? In this area, consumers are very fortunate in having a dealer like Wright's Buick, Inc. conveniently located at 9651 Centreville Road in Manassas, phone 361-6161 or metro #631-0184. They are your authorized representative for Buick cars. Besides offering a full line of quality products, this community-minded dealership bases its

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We, the editors of this 1986 Virginia Historical Chronicle, are both proud

and pleased to point our recommendation to their reputation and advise our readers who are in need of either a new or previously owned car or truck to visit the people they can trust first: Wright's Buick, Inc. adv.



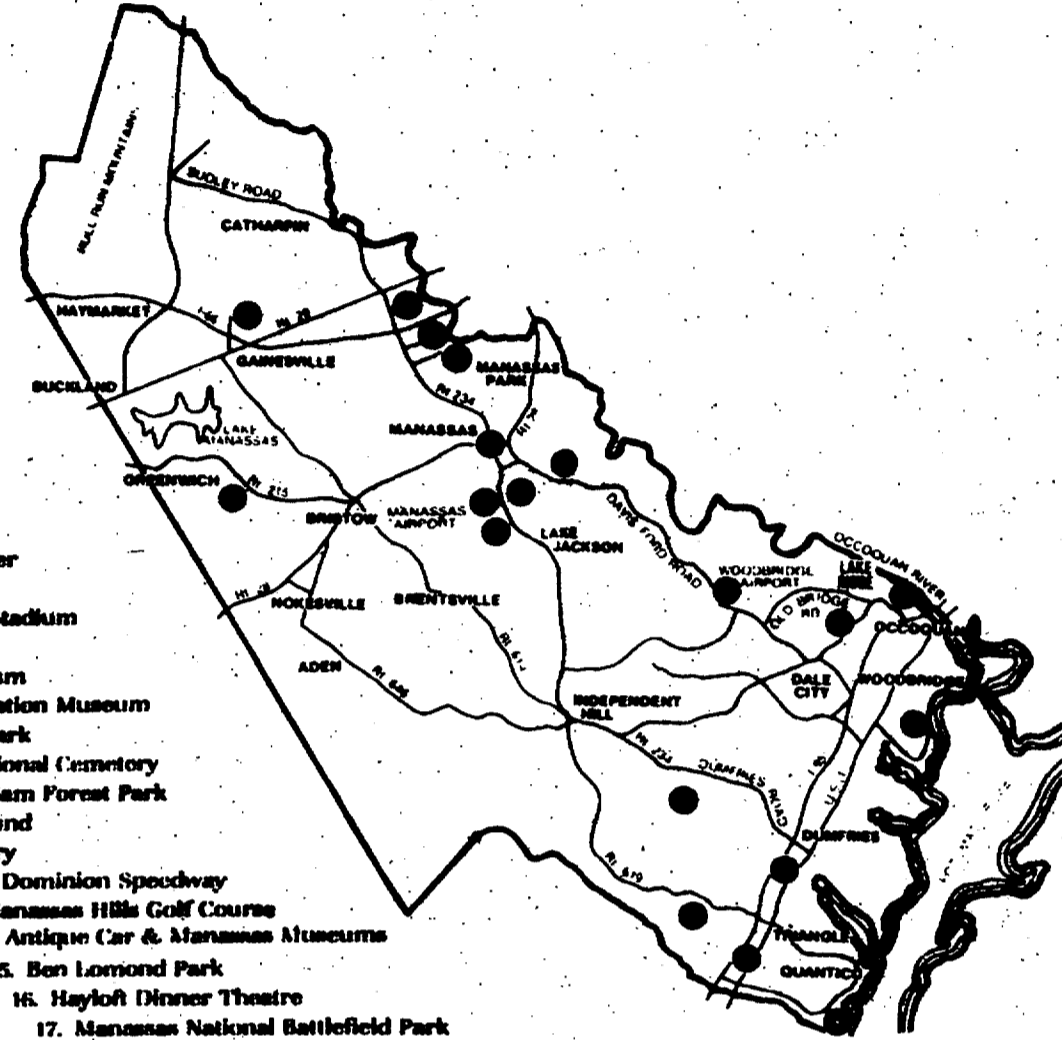
With so many of the new car models being similar in features and price, how does

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## Location List

1. Mill House Museum
2. Tackett's Mill
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5. Veterans Park
6. Weems-Botts Museum
7. Marine Corps Aviation Museum
8. Locust Shade Park
9. Quantico National Cemetery
10. Prince William Forest Park
11. Fairground
12. Armory
13. Old Dominion Speedway
14. Manassas Hills Golf Course
15. Antique Car & Manassas Museums
16. Ben Lomond Park
17. Hayloft Dinner Theatre
18. Manassas National Battlefield Park
19. Conway Robinson State Forest
20. Prince William Golf Course



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as the City Hall. The Manassas Volunteer Fire Company was located on the ground floor until 1956. Behind the building were the engine turntable and 1861-62 railroad sidings, destroyed in the Confederate evacuation.

### CIVIL WAR RAILROAD BUILDINGS

The Civil War Railroad Buildings are located at the corner of Center and Fairview. Around this site stood a complex of shops and buildings, probably those of the Orange & Alexandria Railroad, until the Confederate evacuation and fire in 1862.

### TUDOR HALL

Located at the intersection of Fairview and Tudor Lane is one of the earliest dwellings, dating back to the late 1700's or early 1800's. Tudor Hall, farm, gave its name to the locality until the 1860's when Manassas Junction supplanted it.

### DEFENSES OF MANASSAS

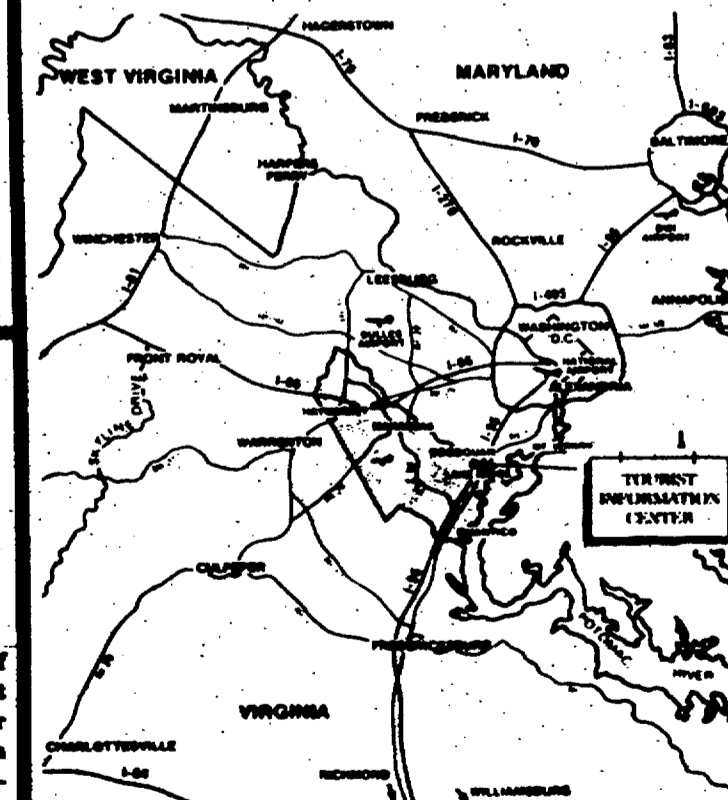
At the corner of Prescott and Quarry Street is where Brady's cameramen took photos of different views of the eastern earthworks of Manassas in March of 1862. There were also some small forts close to the site of Tudor Hall, whose outlines are still faintly visible from this site.

### KATIE HOE HOUSE

Located at the intersection of Quarry Street and Zebedee Street, the original dwelling and work center of the hamlet of Tudor Hall was located on this plain between the railroad and the present nursing home, two blocks north of here. Perhaps a dozen houses and shops stood in this vicinity in the 1860's. The census showed there were 155 people living in the greater Tudor Hall district. It was then Manassas Junction and later Manassas.

### ANNABURG

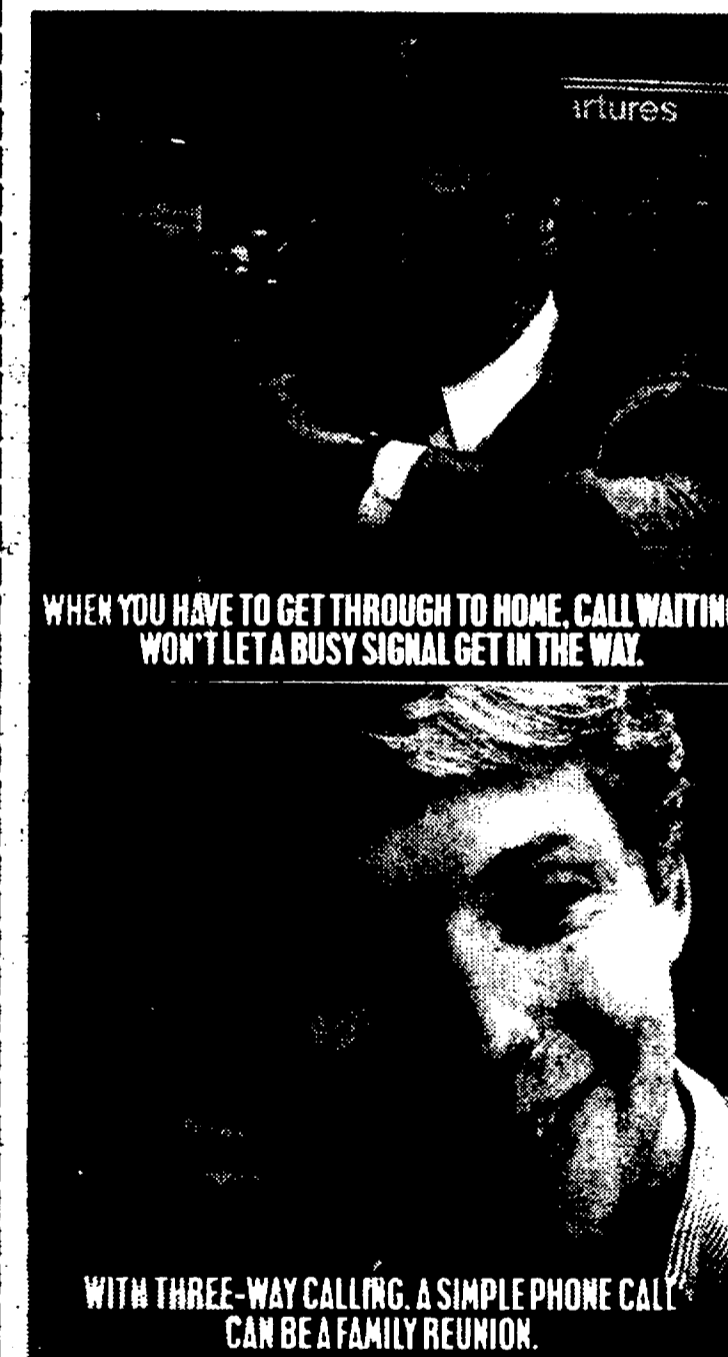
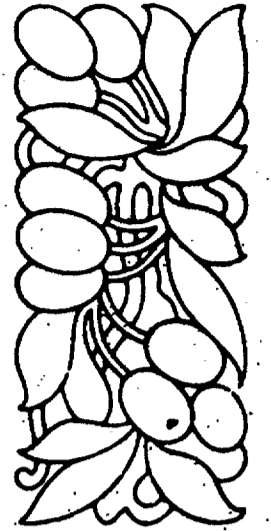
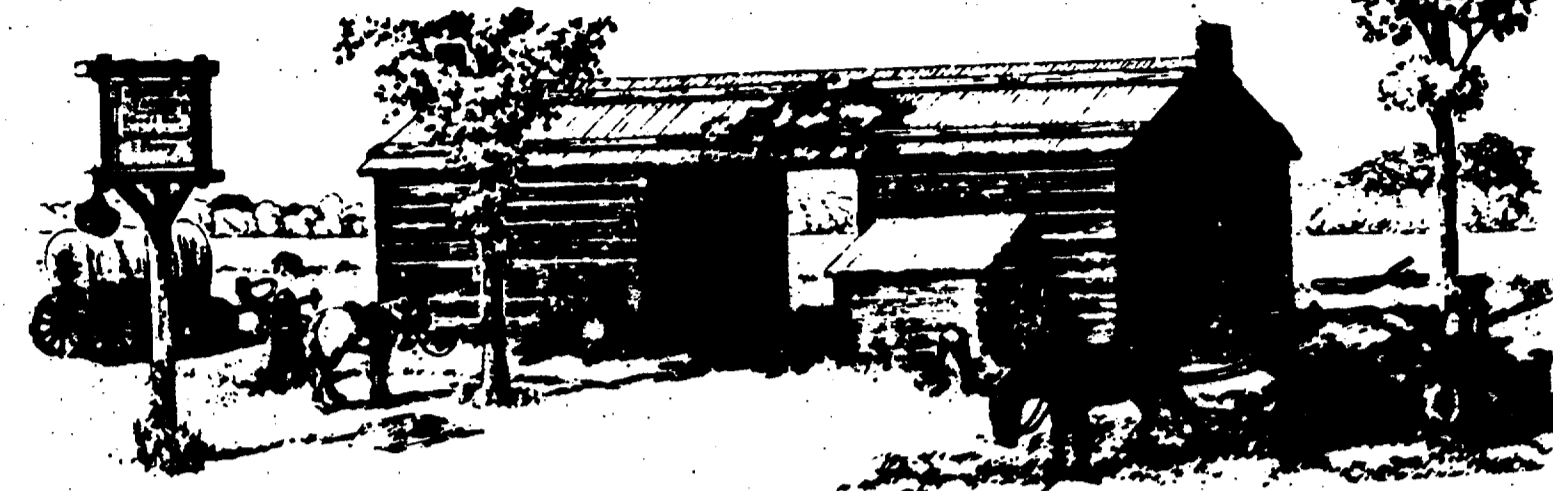
Now a nursing home, the center portion was once the showplace of Manassas. It was the home of beer baron Robert Portner. Presidents Taft and T. R. Roosevelt were both said to have visited here.



Skilled European craftsmen, imported materials, and the latest technological ideas combined to make this the best constructed building of its kind. Portner had it constructed as a home for his wife.

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Anna. He died in 1906, six years after the home was completed. Anna died in 1912. They are buried together, along with several of their children, on the west edge of present Olde Towne Manassas, in the Manassas City Cemetery.

At the Manassas Museum, you can pick up maps for the walking tour and information on the new self-guided driving tour, starting on May 1st.

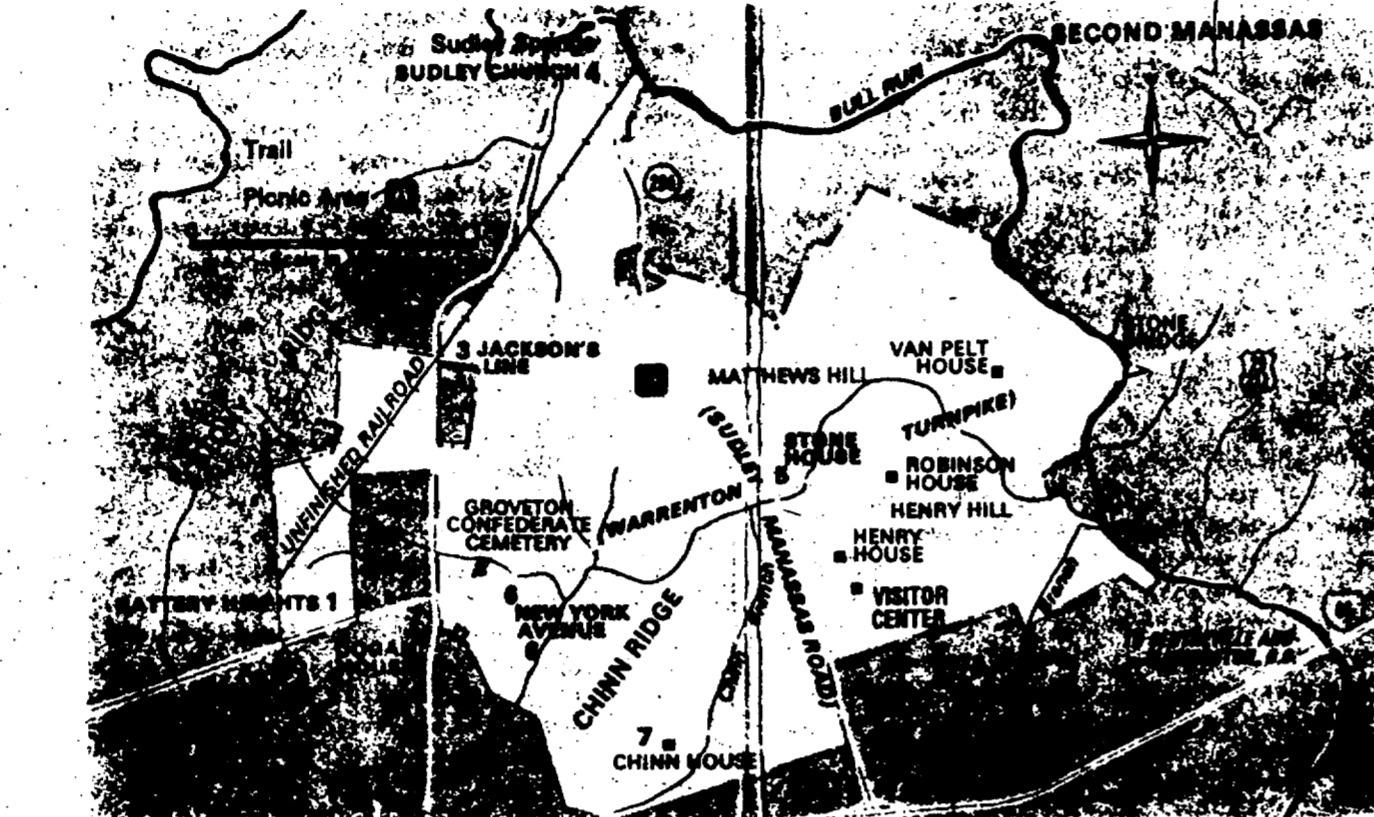
Olde Towne Manassas will delight you with fine dining, many shops, modern or quaint, featuring everything from rare antiques and original art work to inexpensive souvenirs. Special events are featured throughout all seasons of the year: including theatrical productions, concerts, fine arts and craft shows, spectator sports, equestrian shows and historical re-enactments, all for your viewing pleasure.

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THE HAYLOFT DINNER HEATER, in Manassas, will give you an enjoyable evening of live entertainment. Often well-known stage and screen personalities star in their professional productions.

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## MANASSAS NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK FIRST MANASSAS

The War wasn't going to be short or easy for either side. (The South won the first major land battle of the Civil War).

### POINTS OF INTEREST

1. STONE BRIDGE - First Manassas began here.
2. MATTHEWS HILL and STONE HOUSE - The Confederates were forced back at Matthews Hill. Originally a tavern stop, the Stone House was converted to a field hospital where doctors and patients were captured by the Confederates.
3. HENRY HILL - Fighting raged here as both sides fought for control.
4. CHINN RIDGE - The Confederates attacked the Union Army. The Union Army routed.

### SECOND MANASSAS

The South won the second battle. Lee carried the war into Maryland after more heavy fighting here.

### POINTS OF INTEREST

1. BATTERY HEIGHTS - The opening phase of the second Manassas.
2. DOGAN HOUSE - Last surviving building of the village of Groveton.
3. JACKSON'S LINE - Unfinished railroad.
4. SUDLEY CHURCH - During the battle it was used as a field hospital.
5. STONE HOUSE - General Pope's headquarters and later a field hospital.
6. NEW YORK AVENUE - The Union Army retreated and slowed the Confederate advances.
7. CHINN RIDGE - The Union Army was pushed back across this ridge, preventing a complete rout.

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# A TOUR OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

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him because of his marriage to the daughter of the Piscataway chief, and Margaret Brent's indignation that Lord Baltimore should resent her having paid hired soldiers out of his revenues, were responsible for the Brents' moving to Virginia and for the speedy colonization of much of that territory then known as Northumberland County.

On Aquia Creek (Ind., bush nut), the northern frontier of Virginia for ten years after the Indian War of 1676, was established the first English speaking Catholic colony in Virginia. Close by the bank of the creek rose the Catholic town of Aquia near which, in mis-eighteenth century, was built a small log chapel. This community was frequently visited by John Carroll, who in 1789 became the first Catholic bishop of the United States.

Left from the Crucifix on County 637 to a junction with a private road, 0.2 m., R. here to the AQUIA (or BRENT) ROMAN CATHOLIC CEMETERY (R), 0.5 m., salvaged from a tangle of briars and enclosed by a brick wall since its discovery in 1924. Within this graveyard lie five generations of Brents. Decipherable still are tombstones to 'Flora, 1681'; to George Brent's second wife, Mary (died in 1683), daughter of Lady Baltimore by her first husband, Henry Sewell, Secretary of Maryland; and to Pettyjohn Doyle who ended his life July 18, 1725, 50 years upward.

By the cemetery wall is a bronze tablet dedicated to the memory of Jesuits who in the 1850's established a mission in the vicinity and shortly afterward were killed by the Indians, one of whose sons they had enslaved. Reprisals by the Spanish from St. Augustine aroused among the natives hostility that had not been forgotten when the Jamestown colonists arrived.

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## THE HAPPY SOOTCHASER Locally Owned & Operated By James & Louise Mendoza

Residents of Prince William County and the surrounding area are truly appreciative of the services offered by The Happy Sootchaser, located at 13903 Mapledale Avenue in Dale City, phone 590-4599.

This firm is known by the people in this area as a real friend to all who need their services. They specialize in not only sweeping for the protection of your family, but also offer full service on all types of fireplaces and wood burning stoves. The Happy Sootchaser also features a full line of chimney caps. They will clean and vacuum your chimney expertly and

professionally. They have always proven themselves to be reliable and trustworthy in all business dealings.

You may not need their services often, but you will be remembered when you return, and you will always be welcome, whether you want advice or service. The friendly, courteous management and employees of The Happy Sootchaser welcome any opportunity to be of assistance to you.

In this 1986 Virginia Historical Chronicle, we, the editors, take pleasure in recommending The Happy Sootchaser to all our readers. Phone 590-4599 for service. You will be glad you did! adv.

# SERVPRO OF LAKERIDGE

Serving All Of Prince William County

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We, the editors of this 1986 Virginia Historical Chronicle, highly recommend Servpro of Lakeridge to all our readers. If you call on them, you will recommend them too! adv.



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What sport or sports are you interested in? If you want to be outfitted for any sport, whether it be baseball, softball, soccer, football, basketball or swimming, the place to go is Sloper's Sport Center Inc., located at 8080

Sudley Road in Manassas, phone 368-4088. This sporting goods shop is noted for their top quality goods and services.

Whether you want to equip yourself or an entire team, Sloper's Sport Center Inc. can do both. They carry a

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If you want top quality sporting goods at reasonable prices, see Sloper's Sport Center Inc. for the best in total sporting goods service in this area. The friendly personnel employed by this well-liked sporting goods store know their stock and can help you with any need related to sporting equipment.

We, the editors of this 1986 Virginia Historical Chronicle, highly recommend Sloper's Sport Center Inc. to all of our readers. This is the oldest established sporting goods store in this entire area. adv.

## THE MASTERS TOUCH A Professional Styling Salon For Men & Women

The fashion conscious men and women of the 80's realize that to complete any look you need the proper hair style, and in Woodbridge the headquarters for hair styles of the 80's is The Masters Touch, located at 4319 Davis Ford Road (in Ridgewood Professional Center) in Woodbridge, phone 670-7779 or 670-7011 for an appointment.

Here, trained, licensed stylists will create the look that's just right for your lifestyle. As specialists in



contemporary hair styling for both men and women, the professionals at The Masters Touch have kept abreast of the latest fashion trends, and with their expertise they can

assist you in creating a totally new image or in updating your present one. Perms, coloring, scissor cuts, blow dry styles and the latest in trendy layer cuts

are featured here. An European Goldwell International Retail Center, The Masters Touch features the full line of quality shampoos and other hair care products to assist you in maintaining your hair's good health and vitality.

For hair fashions for the 80's, the writers of this 1986 Virginia Historical Chronicle suggest you visit The Masters Touch in Woodbridge. Phone 670-7779 or 670-7011 for an appointment. You'll be glad you did! adv.

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## JUNCTION Travel inc.

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Regardless of where you are planning to travel, they offer complete service. Junction Travel Inc. suggests you make your plans in

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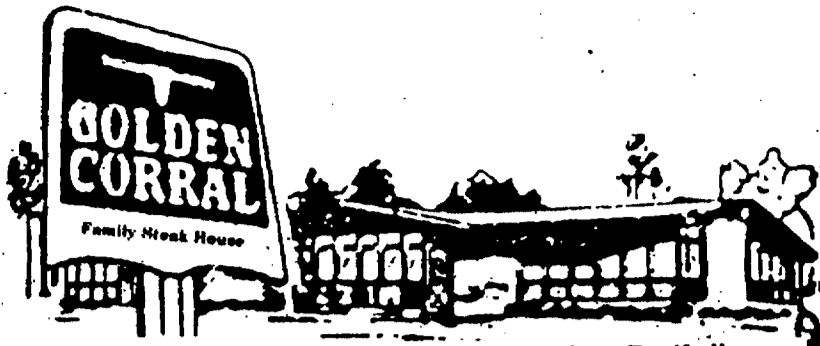
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they can save you because of their expertise in the travel business. You may also arrange to have your vacation planned for your convenience - so call or stop in today.

The authors of this 1986 Virginia Historical Chronicle highly recommend Junction Travel Inc. for the fine service they offer. Remember to contact Junction Travel Inc. whenever you decide to travel. And remember - there is NEVER a charge for service. adv.



"Fresh USDA Choice Beef Cut Daily"

When the people of this area sit back and relax in comfortable, friendly surroundings to enjoy a mouth-watering, taste-tempting steak dinner, they are most probably sitting in the pleasant family atmosphere of the Golden Corral Family Steak House, located at 8503 Rixlew Lane (across from the Mall) in Manassas, Virginia, phone

361-4240. The Fredericksburg location is at 2105 Jefferson Davis Highway in nearby Fredericksburg, phone 371-0385.

A new location just opened in Stafford at 1189 Garrisonville Road (Route 610), phone 859-1149.

These well-known steak houses are known in this

area as the finest place to obtain a delicious steak, prepared exactly the way you want it and served with all the trimmings. You'll really enjoy their famous 50-item salad bar (including two hot soups daily) and their complete Potato Bar.

When the owners here decided to open, they had

one primary goal in mind, and that was to offer the people of this area the finest steaks, served among friendly people in a pleasant atmosphere, and always with some of the best service in town. The fact that they have achieved just exactly that is evidenced by the ever returning groups of people that have

made Golden Corral Family Steak House their place to dine. At all three locations, all items are available for carry-out, and you'll find their ten minute service very efficient. Free refills on soda, coffee and tea let you "come back for more".

All three locations are open from 11:00 a.m. to

10:00 p.m. on Sundays thru Thursdays and from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

The editing staff of this 1986 Virginia Historical Chronicle would like to take this opportunity to recommend this steak house to all of our readers. Banquet facilities are available - just call to make arrangements. adv.

## CUSTOM CRAFT

Offering the finest in custom cabinets, bookcases, and built-in cabinets, Custom Craft, located at 8494-B Signal Hill Road in Manassas, phone 369-5907, is one of the most outstanding cabinet shops in this area.

Both experience and proper equipment is required to really do a good job of cabinet making, and Custom

Craft features both. The craftsmen here have had many years of experience and training, enabling them to design durable and beautiful cabinets. Their shop has many of the very latest wood working tools and equipment, so they can complete the job in the shortest time possible.

When you call Custom

Craft at 369-5907, they will be happy to go over your plans, and make suggestions and give cost estimates. When you entrust work to them, you can be sure that it will be done right and your satisfaction is guaranteed. Over the years they have been in business here, they have won the friendship of

hundreds of satisfied customers, who return again and again.

We, the editors of this 1986 Virginia Historical Chronicle, suggest to all our readers who are building, remodeling or redecorating, to contact Custom Craft. The quality and workmanship you receive here will satisfy even the most discriminating. adv.

## ASTORIA PIZZA RESTAURANT

"Where The Family Can Afford To Dine Out"

Astoria Pizza Restaurant is in Woodbridge, located at 13436 Jefferson Davis Highway, phone 491-5044. The management invites you to drop in for some of the fine pizza and subs in which they specialize.

In making this 1986 edition, we, the editors, wish to point out to our readers why this restaurant is a popular dining place for families in this area.

A friendly family atmosphere,



good food, thought to the quality of the meals, the service you receive and management that believes that everyone who works in this restaurant is important

to the operation; that, in itself, will tell you that when you visit a restaurant whose interest is in people, you will be served by people whose interest is to create pleasurable dining for you.

The food is prepared in extremely sanitary surroundings, and all meals offered on the menu will satisfy your dining tastes and won't break your budget. As well as delicious pizzas and subs, you can enjoy salads, sand-

wiches, seafoods, dinners, and beer and wine to accompany your meal.

So the next time you're planning on being in the Woodbridge area, why not see for yourself by driving out to Astoria Pizza Restaurant to meet the nice people that you'll find here and enjoy a great meal!

For lunch, dinner or just a quick snack, you'll enjoy dining at Astoria Pizza Restaurant. adv.

## CUSTOM MASONRY & HOME IMPROVEMENTS

"We Build Custom Homes"

Thinking of a new home? Many people in this area have been relying on Custom Masonry & Home Improvements for that extra measure of service in custom-built homes. Known as "the builder who cares," Custom Masonry & Home Improvements does not build with tangibles alone. They build with foresight and planning, as well as pride in craftsmanship.

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to complete on-the-job supervision, Custom Masonry & Home Improvements maintains their high standards while using only top-grade building materials. Their experienced craftsmen and workers recognize quality and are quite proud to be able to offer it.

Featuring a complete construction, home improvement and custom paving service, Custom Masonry &

Home Improvements has the flexibility to work with you in planning and designing for your individual needs. In fact, this builder cares enough to know that you want the very best in stylish, well-planned living comfort.

You can contact Custom Masonry & Home Improvements at 8927 Sudley Road in Manassas, phone 368-6142, for all the details concerning your custom



building or remodeling.

We, the editors of this 1986 Virginia Historical Chronicle, feel that once you have seen their work, you'll understand why Custom Masonry & Home Improvements has become synonymous with quality craftsmanship in this area. adv.

## K & D ENTERPRISES

People who care about their property and beauty of their lawn know who to visit for the best in lawn and garden equipment. K & D Enterprises, located at 1250 E Easy Street in Woodbridge, phone 494-9675, have become experts in lawn

and garden equipment.

They feature a complete line of mowers and chain saws, such as Jacobson, AMF, Dynamark, Poulan, Briggs & Stratton, McCulloch, Snapper, Stihl and Tecumseh, as well as lawn and garden tools. K & D Enterprises

offers small engine repair, plus the extra convenience of replacement parts.

They carry a complete line of everything pertaining to lawn and garden care at low prices, making lawn care affordable to everyone.

We, the editors of this

1986 Virginia Historical Chronicle, take great pleasure in recommending K & D Enterprises to everyone in this community. Be sure to visit them for the best in lawn and garden equipment and service. You'll be glad you did! adv.

### EDITORS NOTE

On History

Some of the places featured in the historical accounts may have changed locations, no longer exist or have a different statement of purpose. They are presented only for their historic theme in consideration of public interest.



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