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probably erected about 1760. The inn undoubtedly was a bustling seaport.

Ben Lomond: Named for a Scotland Mountain

One of Prince William's attractive estates, Ben Lomond, is being enveloped by a large subdivision, Sudley.

The name of Ben Lomond, this mansion, was so called for a mountain, located on the east side of the Lake of Loch Lomond in central Scotland. This mountain has a height of 3,192 feet, while the Lake of Loch Lomond is more than 27 square miles.

Robert "King" Carter, who secured grants of tremendous acreage in this section, as he did in other sections of Virginia, devised to his son, Robert, the greater part of this particular tract, in and around Ben Lomond, of more than 5,000 acres. Part of this tract lay in what is now Fairfax County.

The son, Robert, had one son and two daughters. These became devisees of Robert's inheritance. Robert's son, George, came in for a big

slice of acreage in the northern section of the large tract, which in later years comprised four large farms, namely, "The Commons," formerly the Haydon homeplace; "Portici" for many years the Lewis' farm, the "Conrad House," given to Mrs. Weir (second wife of William Weir) then later sold to the Conrads; and the fourth large farm was the "Henry House," from which emanated a tragic incident during the War Between the States.

During the course of events, the two daughters were generously remembered by their father, Robert. The one received an extensive acreage, enhanced by the mansion "Liberia," which after some years was given to her daughter, Ben Lomond, together with the part which lay in Fairfax County, was bequeathed to the other daughter.

Historically, Ben Lomond is

best known for its association with episodes during the War Between the States. It was near this place that Colonel Jubal Early led his brigade to strengthen the Confederate lines; it was near this place that the cannon's boom was heard, with the skies lit by the flames of conflict, and as near to the battlefield as Ben Lomond lay, it could not escape the rumble of artillery or the ravages which war imposes.

The original house is yet standing and in good condition. It is believed to date back to the late 1700's. The simplicity

of layout is revealed in the plan of this place designed by the "King" Carter heirs.

The two-storied house, containing eight or more rooms, together with basement, is constructed of stone, with its pattern following a colonial design similar to the Old Stone House, a few miles distant. The beautiful recessed windows flooding the rooms with light add charm to the high-ceilinged rooms.

Some of the interior has been remodeled for conveniences of the present day, but this does not in any way detract from its originality. In fact, the entire building

has met with very few changes.

Ben Lomond has, over the years, had many owners. Even as late as 1910, or later, a large apple orchard was planted in the field parallel to Sudley Road—Route 234. Hundreds of trees were planted, and their growth was rapid, but with another owner, the fruit trees were neglected. Later on, the trees were taken out, and the land put to grass.

Now the subdivisions of West Gate and Sudley occupy portions of the former apple orchard.

Has Active Program

ated to attend.

It was decided by mutual consent of both groups that the local Boys' Club program would be continued under a new organization—The Boys' Club of Greater Woodbridge, affiliated with the Boys' Clubs of Greater Washington. In the spring of 1966 Kit Boyd was elected the first president of the board.

In May 1967 a clubroom facility was located and rented at 90 Featherstone Road. Bill Lovell became the first club director and served until November 1, 1967. At this time Oliver Macchle became club director.

It was in November of 1967 that the Boys' Club of Greater Woodbridge received its

leadership of adult coaches. Each team participated in a single game elimination tournament. At the end of the season a basketball recognition and awards banquet was held. Club games were played at the Fred Lynn and Rippon Junior High School.

The Club's present indoor facilities include a large game room, where boys enjoy the friendly play and association with other Club members of their own age, with Donald Helbringer and Arthur Zetts directing the game room activities.

The board of directors includes Frank M. Russell,

president, William Hayhurst, vice-president, William Mulgrew, secretary; Manuel Grontas treasurer; Harold Walker, club advisor; William McCann, legal counsel, and the following board members: Ralph Boyd, H. A. Tyrell, Brownie Cummins, Franklin Parker, Walter Byerley, Glen McLaren, Bartie Woods, John Butler, Gordon Stott, Samuel Cox, William Zimmerman, Grover Manderfield, Jay Powell, Donald Hendrix, Olin Bockes, Don Howard, Don Cass, Edward Bass, Dennis Burke, Rushford Fleshman, B. E. Mountcastle, and Richard Beamer.

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