

Conner house at turn of the century and today, upper right

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ortheast of Manassas or tween there and Bull Run: Wessrs. McLean, Wilcoxen, incheloe and Brawner, Lizens of Uhis immediate cinity, it is their due to say, we placed me and the ountry under great oligations for the in-rmation relative to this gion, which has enabled me avail myself of its defen-avail myself of its defen-ve features and resources."

ive features and resources." Beauregard was staying at laberia, then the William J. Veir mansion, at the time of its report to the Confederate versident. Myra Kittrell, Manassas

Park Woman's Club project chairman, said the house was built of products of the land immediately around it. Red stone came from the Bloomingrove quarry nearby for the older portion of the house, built about 1820. A cornerstone on a newer slone spectro. ne on a newer 1855 inal, wooden addition onstructed in 1900 but en torn down, said Mrs. final. Kittrell

Kittrell. The house was the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Conner and their son. E. R. Conner III. curator of the

t, the club and othe unteers cleared the are-and the house, boarde openings and had th ice erected. Last November, Alfre the property, known as Bloom's Farm since the early 1900s, in 1960. The largest part of the original, 78%-acre farm was bought by the Prince William County School Board after 1971 while the house and word ware sold Last Alfred of fe

article hoes of irst step in salvaging ise was fencing out , said Mrs. Kittrell. In ty Council gave the \$500 for chain link With the help of the

register of historic houses. She also produced a copy of a letter, dated Sept. 15, 1976. from Calder Loth, senior architectural historic Loth, senior virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, to Roger J. Costello, then mayor of Manassas Park:

Manassas Park: "...This building (the Conner house) is ar-chitecturally interesting as an example of an indigenous dwelling-type and has associations with Civil War history...(it) stands as an important reminder of the deep roots of your com-munity. I hope that the city arks are import unity's identii al enrichment, conner House d on as a valuab r than a liability.

Kittrell said tion would cost a She said the Mrs through club projects such as the kickoff dinner in October and a December bake sale hat netted \$9-43. Mrs. Kittrell can be eached at 368-4285 for in-simulation about the current ind-raiser.

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## Id house is out of sync

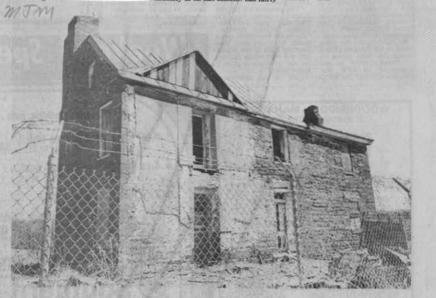
By MERRIE E. SPOR The historic Conner house just out-te the city limits of Manassas Park te the city limits of Manassas Park we borninion School parking lot. The quarry stone house, which pre-tes the Civil War, is out of sync with engishboring school nearby Obburn rick Righ School and wide, paved rees, No wond of life comes from the teriorating structure except wind method. Device the avection of the con-test and out the comes from the through expe

a danger of demolition until the city of Manassas Park, of the property in 1973, ruled a safety hazard because of its to New Dominion, then

School. se of the connection with Civil tory—there were Confederate the property-Woman's Club

toring the house g to Civil Wa art of the batta B. Walton, storing the house net to Civil War military part of the battalion led by m. B. Walton, Washington was ordered to the "farm he hill" on July 17,1861. T. Beauregard wrote from non the same date to Jefferson nentioning citizens living

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Historic Conner house is in disrepair

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