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 THE HOME PAPER

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**Community Backs School Band Carnival Next Week**

**Shoe Footwear Corporation Plant to Cease Operation**

Operations of the Manassas Shoe Footwear Corporation will cease approximately two weeks. Machinery will be moved to New York and the plant will be re-absorbed in Lar Shoes, Inc., the parent company. Announcement was made by W. A. Lewis, manager of the local plant, who said that the 14 months' trial operation in this locality had not been propitious for launch of a shoe factory here. The plant, which has operated since 1946, was only a temporary unit for employees for operation on a larger scale. The plant operation itself was intended to be profitable. Preparation for the operation of the factory, employing 300 people, beginning in October next year. Building costs, however, had against proceeding with construction at this time. Lewis was favorably impressed with the workers here, between 45 and 50 are employed. He said that it is open to both work executives in the New York plant, if any wished to go to Manassas, however, in the future plans. The plant machinery will be moved and shipped to Manassas immediately after completion of shoe processing now in progress.

**Factory Closing Discussion**

A discussion was evoked at a meeting of the Prince William County Chamber of Commerce by the announcement of the imminent closing of the Manassas Shoe Footwear Corporation. J. Brown, Jr., stated that the matter with footwear on executives and that of lost hope of securing a decision of their decision. He said, incidentally, he had been informed that a pilot plant experience had resulted in a loss of \$75,000. A general discussion was held, but he was unable to say definitely whether the company would give up the Manassas venture.

Gothwaite said that he has in Manassas had done what was possible to cooperate with the company and further plans here. He, together with George B. Cocke, Edgar and Carl Kincheloe had a local corporation and



THE "DOGAN HOUSE," HISTORIC LANDMARK, TO BE ADDED TO BATTLEFIELD PARK

**P.T.A. To Stage Adult vs. Children Spelling Showdown**

The argument over whether schoolchildren of today are learning to spell as well as previous generations is going to be brought to a showdown in Manassas. The Manassas Parent-Teacher Association is inviting ten civic organizations to form a team which will go up against a team of 10 Osbourne High School students in a public spelling match Thursday evening, October 9.

Announcement of the coming spelling match was made at a record-breaking P.T.A. gathering Thursday night of last week by Mrs. B. Higgs Lewis, vice-president and program chairman. Over 200 attended the meeting, which was the opening meeting of the year and which included a reception for the faculty of the Manassas schools. Invited to name representatives on the adult team for the spelling match are Kiwanis, Lions, Chamber of Commerce, Woman's Club, Junior Woman's Club, American Legion, V.F.W., and Auxiliaries, Bethlehem Good Housekeepers Club and the Manassas Garden Club.

An important innovation in the P.T.A. program, which will be included at each meeting this year, was a review of international developments affecting world peace by Dr. Floyd Riddick, chairman of the committee on World Citizenship. The Marshall Plan, the Rio Conference, the present meeting of the United Nations Assembly, the recent

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**Lions Plan Local Government Study**

Two projects of extraordinary importance were embarked upon by the Manassas Lions Club Wednesday night. The projects, which will be more fully outlined in next week's issue of the Messenger, include a plan for promoting better service to customers by Manassas merchants and

**Health Center Mass Meeting Thursday Night**

A mass meeting is being held Thursday evening, September 25, at the Prince William County Court House for a full discussion of the proposed War Memorial Health Center. Dudley J. Martin, chairman of the drive, Dr. E. H. Marsteller, Wheatley M. Johnson, member of the Board of Supervisors, R. Worth Peters, superintendent of schools, Mrs. Marion Davis, county health director, Dr. J. W. Sfik county health officer, T. R. Ritter, American Legion post commander, and John Gregory, V.F.W. post commander, are among those scheduled to speak. There will also be a general discussion in which any questions are invited, and citizens from all sections of the county are urged to attend.

**M. Bruce Whitmore's Sudden Death Shocks Community**

The Manassas community was shocked and saddened this week by the loss of one of its outstanding business men in the sudden death of Martin Bruce Whitmore on Monday morning. Mr. Whitmore had gone to his office as usual. Shortly after arriving there about 10 a.m. apparently in good health and spirits, he suffered a heart attack from which he succumbed before medical aid could reach him.

Born in Parnassus, Augusta County, July 27, 1868, the son of Martin F. and Susan Myers Whitmore, Mr. Whitmore came to Prince William 28 years ago to become one of the county's successful farm-owners and businessmen. He entered into the real estate business now operating as Whitmore and Hixon and for a number of years was a member of the Manassas Town Council as well as the local representative of the Federal Land Bank. He was also a charter member of the Manassas Kiwanis

**"Dogan House" To Be Preserved In Battlefield Park**

Through the public-spirited cooperation of the Prince William County Chamber of Commerce and Mr. and Mrs. William H. Dogan, owners of the old "Dogan House," this famous historic landmark of the War between the States, last week passed into possession of the Chamber of Commerce to be held for donation to the United States government as an outstanding feature of the Manassas National Battlefield Park. The ancient log and stone structure, standing at "Groveton," crossroads in the northwest corner between Lee Highway and the Groveton-Sudley road, has been long threatened with ruin through decay, or possible purchase and exploitation by private interests owing to its conspicuous location. It is the intention of the Chamber to so far repair and stabilize the building that it will remain in good condition for a complete restoration by the National Park Service when it is turned over to the government.

Built by an earlier generation of the Dogan family soon after the turn of the nineteenth century on land purchased from Mann Page which was originally part of Robert ("King") Carter's Big Bull Run tract, the house was erected as a home for an overseer. But after the destruction by fire early in 1861 of the family residence, "Peachgrove," the Dogans themselves moved into it and lived there during the war. On August 29-30, 1862, it was in the vortex of the fighting of the second battle and changed hands several times.

There is a local tradition which unfortunately cannot be confirmed, that Generals Lee and

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**Bankers of Three Counties Dinner Meeting in Manassas**

P. W. Anderson, executive vice-president of the Marshall Bank and Trust Co. and past president of the Virginia Bankers' Association

**9-Club Carnival Underway**

Nearly 100 Manassas are at least the ninth annual carnival drive to Manassas instrument to visit the cause to make it

In fact, usually be held in September is expected tonight, already a day when we met and the whole as possible attractive the carnival blast Sunday, through giving. The athletic club where getting.

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## Coming Events IN MANASSAS

**Friday, September 26**  
Home Demonstration planning meeting, 10 a.m., Assembly room, Post Office Bldg.  
Kiwanis Club, 6:45 p.m., Prince William Hotel  
Southern States Annual Patrons' meeting, 8 p.m., Osbourn High School

**Monday, September 29**  
Town Council, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall  
Boy Scout Troop No. 219, I.O.O.F., 7:30 p.m., Legion rooms

**Tuesday, September 30**  
Prince William County Chamber of Commerce, 12 Noon, Prince William Hotel  
Highland Lodge, No. 252, I.O.O.F., 8 p.m., Odd Fellows Hall  
Manassas Community Chorus, 8 p.m., Grace Methodist Church

**Wednesday, October 1**  
Manassas Chapter, U. D. C., meets at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Charles Lynn, with Mrs. Hallie Dogan and Mrs. William Wheeler co-hostesses.  
Daughters of America, 8 p.m., Odd Fellow Hall

**Thursday, October 2**  
Bobby Sox, 7:30 p.m., Recreation Hall, Shop Bldg., Vocational School  
W.S.C.S. meets with Mrs. Roy Blakemore at 8 p.m.  
Sarah Rebekah Lodge No. 52, I.O.O.F., 8 p.m., Odd Fellows Hall  
Veterans of Foreign Wars, 8 p.m., Manassas Town Hall

### Here and There In Manassas

Miss Barbara Beane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Beane, was a member of the class receiving diplomas at Garfield Memorial Hospital, Washington, on Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Beane, Mrs. Edgar Parrish, Misses Nancy and Betty Parrish, Miss Fanelle Pickering and Miss Lucille Upshur attended the exercises. Mr. and Mrs. Beane also attended the Baccalaureate Service in the Washington Cathedral on Sunday.

Mrs. S. A. Rodgers spent one day last week as a guest of Mrs. A. A. Hooff. Mrs. Rodgers, the former Miss Ruth Smith, has sold her plantation near Atlanta, Ga., and plans to buy or build a home in Manassas and return here to live.

Mrs. Harold Deitler and children, Barbara and Harold, of Hackensack, N. J., are spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Beane.

Mrs. William A. Leigh, East Providence, R.I., Mrs. Grace Leland, Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Angus M. Griffin, Washington, were week-end visitors at the home of Major and Mrs. Joseph Mills Hanson.

Miss May Maynard, Baltimore, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Eugenia Osbourn.

Mrs. James C. Johnston is spending this week-end with Mrs. A. A. Hooff.

Keith Lyons who returned home last week-end from the hospital will be confined to his home for a month with a leg injury received while on a vacation in North Carolina last month.

Jack Compton, Arlington, spent the week-end as the guest of Jackie Martin.

Miss Nancy Parrish is spending the week-end in Richmond and

### "DOGAN HOUSE" TO BE PRESERVED IN BATTLEFIELD PARK

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Longstreet ate breakfast in the house on the morning of the last day of the second battle. But there is no question that artillery fighting was intense around this critical point, nor of the fact, attested by members of the family and many others, that after the conflict the fields of the Dogan farm, sloping up for half a mile from the crossroads to the old railroad grade held by Stonewall Jackson's corps, were so thickly covered with Union dead, killed in vain assaults on the Confederate position, that it appeared possible to walk on bodies the entire distance without stepping on the ground.

The precarious condition of the historic structure and its importance as a battlefield memorial having been called to the attention of the Chamber by Custodian Joseph Mills Hanson of the national park, the organization resolved to do something about its preservation, if possible.

Through the initiative of the National Park Committee of the Chamber, composed of Dr. George B. Cocke, chairman, and Paul J. Cooksey, Eugene Davis and E. R. Conner, together with R. Jackson Ratcliffe and Judge C. Lacey Compton, the needs of the situation were determined. The owners of the property, Mr. and Mrs. Dogan, who had been long concerned about the future of the old building, gladly agreed to sell it at an exceedingly modest figure, considering its location for incorporation in the park. The amount necessary for the transfer of ownership was at once made available. That which will be required for the work of stabilization will be produced as needed.

The Dogan House and lot will be the first real estate donation to the battlefield park since the latter was established in 1940. The action attests the interest of the people of Prince William County in this memorial of great events in the building of the American nation.

### REV. SHUMATE TO PREACH AT DUMFRIES SUNDAY

The Rev. A. H. Shumate will deliver the sermon at the evening service at Dumfries Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, September 28.

### M. BRUCE WHITMORE'S SUDDEN DEATH

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Rev. Emory C. Fritz. Burial was at Little Georgetown Cemetery, Broad Run, with Hunton Tiffany, Eugene Davis, J. E. Bradford, Robert Newman, A. R. Cullen and Claude E. Hixon acting as pallbearers.

In addition to his widow, Mrs. Anne Filling Whitmore, the deceased is survived by two sons, Wallace P. of Woodstock, and M. Rudolph Whitmore, of Arlington, a daughter, Mrs. Allen F. S. Mackensie of Washington, and two grand-children, Peggy Whitmore of Woodstock and Stuart Whitmore Mackensie of Washington.

### TRAP-SHOOTING SATURDAY

The trap-shooting at the Porter Estate (sponsored by the Izaak Walton League, will be resumed Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock, the weather permitting.



Manassas  
**LIVESTOCK MARKET**

Prices at Tuesday's sale at the Manassas Livestock Market were quoted as follows:

Butcher cows, 100 pounds, \$9.00 to \$14.25
Choice calves, 100 pounds, \$24.00 to \$26.50
Good calves, 100 pounds, \$20.00 to \$24.00
Medium calves, 100 pounds, \$15.00 to \$20.00
Butcher hogs, 100 pounds, \$25.00 to \$28.10
Sows, 100 pounds, \$20.00 to \$22.60
Stock hogs, 100 pounds, \$25.00 to \$28.00
Heavy hens, pound, 28c to 32c
Light hens, pound, 20c to 24c
Fryers, pound, 40c to 45c
Roosters, pound 47c to 20c
Turkeys, pound, 43c to 46c
Eggs, dozen, 65c to 73c
Butter, pound, 70c to 80c
Lard, pound, 21c to 27c
Honey pound, 35c to 39c
Hams, pound, 70c to 85c
Side and shoulder, pound, 45c to 55c
Rabbits, each, 50c to \$1.40
Irish potatoes, bushel, \$1.30 to \$1.60

### P.T.A. SPELLING

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statements of Secret Marshall and Russ Vishinsky and the sions, were among t of Dr. Riddick's de ing summary at The ng. While admittin of the situation, the not entirely pessimi much encouragement Inter-American C Rio, which he said firm bases for last, least in this Hemis In the brief bus Col. Benjamin Muse, dent, announced th convention of the Education Associa held in Norfolk O and 23, and invited who would be able gates to notify Mrs. pion, secretary. Loc were increased fro 75 cents. Mrs. Ea nounced the membe take place from Octo ber 9, inclusive.

Col. Muse also rents to get behind t to equip the conten band and told of th carnival September. Mrs. J. D. Barro means chairman. v P.T.A. participation Homemade food de taken away will b P.T.A. and each ho requested to bring ca a jar of preserves else for the sale.

The next P.T.A. was changed from October 9 owing to the former date v with the State con Virginia Education which would preven dent, principals an ers from attendi meeting.

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