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# Haymarket Opens Town to Public

By Tommye S. Burton

The Town of Haymarket will present the third annual Haymarket Day, sponsored by the Town and Country Garden Club, in cooperation with the Town Council merchants, residents, and many organizations, Saturday, June 2, beginning at 10 a.m.

Focusing on history, many events have been scheduled for the celebration. A historical tour will include St. Paul's Episcopal Church (once a courthouse), the McCormick House, the Town Hall and the Red House Tavern.

The Bull run Lions Club will sponsor an All-Western Horse Show at Peter's Field, the horse show ground in Haymarket. This is the only event of the day where admission will be charged.

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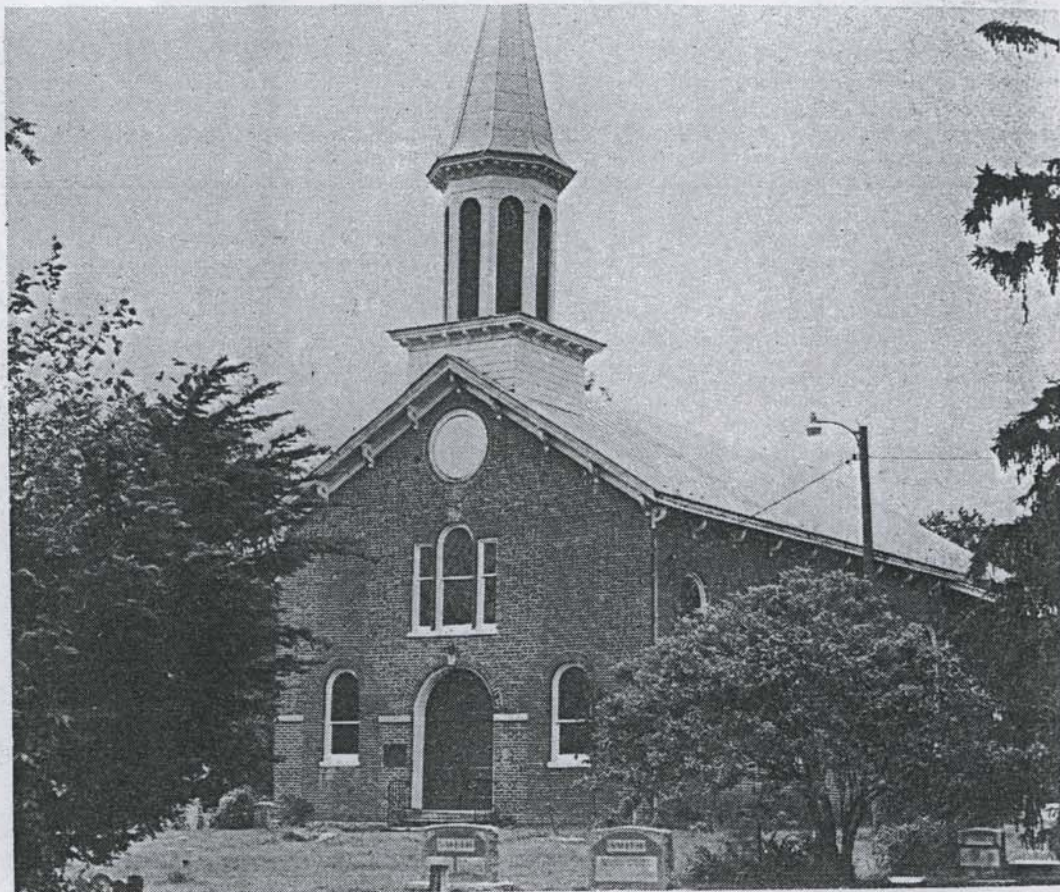
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The country around settled rapidly after the Treaty of Albany and in 1730 a new county was established and designated Prince William.

The town, as Haymarket, was first mentioned in the Virginia Gazette, October 4, 1787, announcing the opening of the Haymarket Inn. There is some confusion about how many inns or taverns were located in Haymarket in those early days, but this one is not believed to have been the "Red House" tavern.

The original "Red House" was replaced by another which operated until it was burned in the 1862 fire.

Rebuilt again after the Civil War, the existing building is still referred to as Red House Tavern, and will be in the historical tour on Haymarket Day.

In 1799, Haymarket was chartered as a town. A district court soon convened at Haymarket for the district composed of the counties of Prince William, Loudoun, Fairfax and Fauquier. Haymarket was a court town for a short time, as state

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The Northwest Manassas Community Association met last night. The featured speaker was Mayor Harry Parrish, Manassas Man of the Century.

Congratulations to all those who worked so hard on the float for the Centennial parade, which won first prize in the civic group category. The float, a replica of Beverley's Mill located at Thoroughfare was a joint effort of the Northeast Manassas Community Association, The Musket Hill Garden and Craft Club and the Landmark Square Home and Garden Club. Many of the area women spent countless hours "in therapy" making the more than four thousand tissue paper flowers used to decorate the float!

The Landmark Square Home and Garden Club met May 22 at Bethel Lutheran Church. Mrs. Vera Breen, president conducted an interesting and productive business meeting. The Club will send a welfare child to Camp Highroad this summer, contribute \$50 to Didlake School to be used to send a handicapped child to camp, and to help dress several area children for school in

September.

Plans for the June social were finalized also at this meeting. The social, to be held June 2 at 7:30, will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Lepnew, corner of Grant Avenue and Fort Drive. A contribution of \$2 per couple to cover the cost of the food is asked by May 30 and may be paid to any one of the hostesses Lou Cooper, Maureen Worthington, Mary Jo Smith, Selena Kilmoyer, Naomi Lepnew or to Hospital Chairman, Alice Myers. Members will provide their own "liquid" refreshment.

After refreshments were served by the hostesses for the evening, Bernadine White, Mary Cutting, Mary Ann Morey, Aurora Lamm and Alice Myers, a program was presented by Mrs. Ellen Fetter, a Landmark resident and an associate of the Yamaha School of Music.

The school, which provides the basic fundamentals of music for children from ages four through eight, originated in Japan about fifteen years ago. Mrs. Fetter described the background and teaching methods of the school and demonstrated teaching techniques. A film of actual students at different levels was shown. Mrs. Fetter hopes to be

able to start a school here in Manassas by September if there is enough interest.

For further information contact Mrs. Fetter at her home, 8810 Barnett Street.

Another new baby Congratulations this time to Mr. and Mrs. George Simpson, Barnett who became the happy parents on May 17 of a boy, George, 8 lbs. 3 ozs., born at Prince William Hospital. joins two brothers, Gregor Wayne and a sister, Stacey

Mr. and Mrs. Danny 8710 Jackson had as their guests recently, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Snow. Their guests left, the Amy, enjoyed a week with some old friends in Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. Heitmuller, 8705 enjoyed a quiet weekend driving Virginia countryside. Their good friends, Harry Mason, managed fairly good shape the Heitmuller Gretchen and weekend