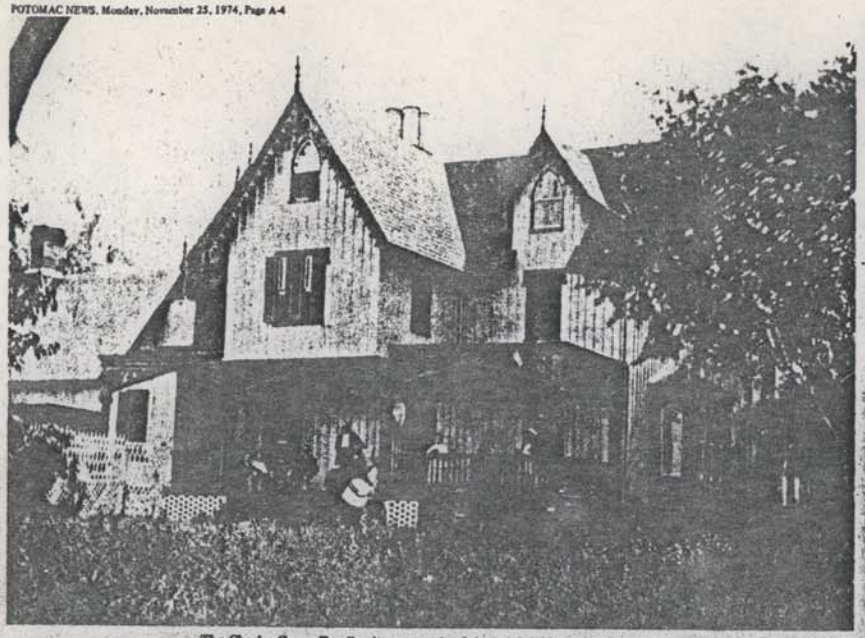

The Charles Green Family sits on porch of the original house at The Lawn

Cotton helped build The Lawn at Greenwich

By EILEEN MEAD

"Poor fella, poor fella! his breeches were worn out, a mass of holes and patches. Mosby, a picture of the declining south, bleeding to death but keeping poverty out of sight by sitting on it." Edward Green was to recall years later.

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Edward was just a small boy when Colonel John S. living room, Edward crept forward to examine him closely as he sat banging away at the piano and roaring a thunderous song. That is when he discovered the worn trousers.

Edward was one of the many children of Charles Green, an Englishman who apparently never took up American citizenship and made a fortune as a cotton "kross.

He married Miss Hunton and built an elaborate country summer home there in the 1850's. He raised English sheep on 470 acres. The mansion, perhaps the largest frame house in Virginia, included a ballroom.

Rations were scarce during the war and the large family survived on moldy ham, cabbage, rabbits and even

Green was described as a handsome erect gentleman with pink complexion, bright blue eyes and white hair set off by a black velvet suit — "a prepossessing sight." He owned three cotton ships: "The Higland Prince," "The Elsie" and "City of Savannah" which traveled between Liverpool and Savannah.

His elegant mansion in Savannah was taken over by

It was a great event whenever the family would get together at "The Lawn". The Greens came in from Savannah in their private railroad car, which was taken off the train at night so the family could sleep enroute. The men rode horses from the station at Nokesville and the ladies rode in carts. There was much visiting once they all arrived and conversation

English Tudor house now stands at The Lawn site

Potomac People

The schoolhouse and dairy as they are today

Potomac Auxiliary to hold Yule bazaar

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Mosby and his men paid a social visit to his home, "The Lawn" in Greenwich, Prince William County. Awed by the presence of the famous guerrilla leader in his own

shipper [illegible] in Savannah, Georgia.

While visiting his sister in Greenwich, Green fell in love with the country and with a country girl, Lucy Hunton.

Treasures, baked goods sold at DAR auction

Homemade breads, jellies, conserve and cookies exchanged hands concurrently with attic treasures at the annual auction of the Elizabeth McIntosh Hamill Chapter DAR. Mrs. John Buffington acted as auctioneer.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Susie Palmer of Manassas. Miss Ruth Torrance, vice regent, presided over the meeting in the place of Mrs. Robert George, regent. The president general's message was read by Mrs. Don Cowles.

Miss Lucy Coone announced that Col. William Grayson Society C.A.R. membership had increased by nine new members. Meetings will be held monthly in Vienna and Manassas.

Mrs. James E. King read the American Revolutionary pension papers of John Burch of Prince William County. The DAR is collecting all pension papers on Prince William County patriots of 1776.

Mrs. Susie Palmer's national defense program was on the fuel crisis. She urged all members to conserve fuel.

Delta Omicron chapter holds pledge ritual

Delta Omicron chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held a pledge ritual and ritual of jewels Monday night, at the home of Rachel Jones.

The candlelight ceremony welcomed new pledges, Sally Dunnigan, Loraine Lash, and Suzie Murphy. The pledges received a long stemmed yellow rose and pledge pin.

The ritual of jewels, which is the second degree of Beta Sigma Phi was given to Joan Bell. She also received her ritual of jewel pin. The chapter also welcomed two transferees, Pat Bennett, and Lydia McMullen who were presented with yellow roses also.

Last month the chapter held a rush party for the pledges at Carolyn Hurst's. The theme was "An Evening in Italy" with guest and members coming dressed for the occasion.

For the month of December the chapter plans to have a cocktail party with their husbands and do some Christmas caroling.

Holiday pie sale planned

Delta Delta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority is having a Thanksgiving pie sale Nov. 23, at Marumsco Plaza, starting at 9 a.m. Besides pumpkin and cherry pies, they will have pumpkin, strawberry, and cranberry-nut breads, and candied apples for sale.

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One day, the children rushed out when they heard horses thundering by and were thrown a box containing Turkish delights (candy) by some of Mosby's men who shouted, "Bagged a Yankee Train!" The children hoped that the Yankee soldier's following in hot pursuit did not catch up with them.

Charles Green seldom appeared on the Virginia scene during these times as his cotton interests in Savannah caused him to travel frequently. He carried messages, it is said, and hotly espoused the Southern cause until convicted for a trifle, smuggling in a pair of scarlet Russian leather boots. He spent six months in jail at Fort Warren, reputedly not suffering much other than that he was forced to share a cell with a particularly "detested friend and partner."

The story is that during the war Green ran a British flag up over his house in Virginia and protected the Greenwich Presbyterian Church, which he had helped to build, because of a certain clause he placed in the deed when he gave the land.

The children ran barefoot shooting, fishing and riding after their Irish tutor was discovered to be a spy early in the war and Green had him deposited within the Federal lines.

Reconstruction was light in Virginia and when life once again became normal, the Green children were made to wear shoes and good clothing that fit them, and went back to the books.

The slaves were freed but left one morning and returned that night to stay.

General Sherman during the war. It is now owned by the Episcopal Church.

Both Green and his wife became interested in the Presbyterian Church at Greenwich and he purchased land on which to build the new brick church. His wife raised most of the funds for the church and he personally donated between $3,000 and $4,000 towards it.

When the Northern soldiers wanted to use it as a hospital he told them that should the church be used for any purpose the land would revert to the heirs and that would make it English property, "as I am English!"

The church was not molested, which is the only instance of its kind that is known in this part of the country. The older log church no longer used as a church, which stood nearby was used as a hospital and later burned.

After his wife, Lucy, died, Green married Aminta Elizabeth Fisher of Baltimore "who could see no reason why she should mother the four youngish children and six more-or-less adult sons and shipped the girls off to boarding school and the three boys abroad."

During the first world war, the ladies of Greenwich gathered in the gazebo in the yard of "The Lawn" to sew and make bandages. Soon after the war ended the greatest part of the house burned. Only the kitchen with a slate roof and some of the outbuildings remain.

An English Tudor house was built on the site in 1926. The schoolhouse was rebuilt in the style of the original one at that time. The Henry M. Rosses live at "The Lawn" now.

Membership at the Greenwich Presbyterian Church is still active and an education building was added to the site.

The Potomac Hospital Auxiliary will hold its first Christmas bazaar Dec. 1 in the hospital lobby from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Hand-crafted and home-decorating items including candles, nut trees and quilts donated by auxiliary volunteers will be available for purchase by the general public.

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