

MONDAY

May 20, 1985

Weather

Tonight fair. Lows in the low 60s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Tuesday partly sunny with a 40 percent chance of afternoon showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Yesterday

High 78°F/25.6°C
 Low 60°F/15.6°C
 Quantico Marine Base

Today's fact

The Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles was created in 1924 to take unify all functions relating to cars and trucks. At that time there were 3,000 miles of highway and some 80,000 registered vehicles. The maximum rate of speed allowed on highways was 20 mph.

Our opinion

"(Mr. Brickley's) ideas encompass the immediate future and the distant future. His ideas should not be so readily made into political footballs."

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Your opinion

"We ponder the inequities of a judicial system which sentences one man who robbed and attacked a woman to 98 years in jail versus a man who committed murder to only 22 years with a possible parole in five years."

— John Barker

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Government to purchase Brawner farm

By DEBORAH HENLEY
 of the Potomac News

A request for emergency purchase of 312 acres of private property adjacent to the Manassas National Battlefield Park passed its final congressional hurdle last week, and legal proceedings are expected to begin this week, according to a spokesman with the National Park Service.

A "declaration of taking," a form of land condemnation, against the owners of the Brawner Farm property is expected to be filed this week by the Assistant U.S. Attorney's office in Alexandria, according to the spokesman.

The parcel is the single most important tract included in the 1,500-acre battlefield park expansion approved by Congress in 1980. Manassas National Battlefield Park now includes about 3,000 acres.

This action begins the final formalities on the emergency request made by Manassas National Battlefield Park Superintendent Rolland Swain in July. "That area has been worked by relic hunters for a number of years (and) it's disturbing to us because it's a loss of information," he said.

Mr. Swain said the situation took on a new urgency late last summer when artifact hunters who regularly comb the tract discovered the skeletal remains of a soldier in Virginia Military Institute uniform.

The emergency request became

entangled in red tape and was delayed for several months in procedural disputes between congressional committees and the Interior Department.

The request received approval of the House and Senate Appropriations committees and the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and is currently being processed by the Justice Department, according to the National Park Service spokesman.

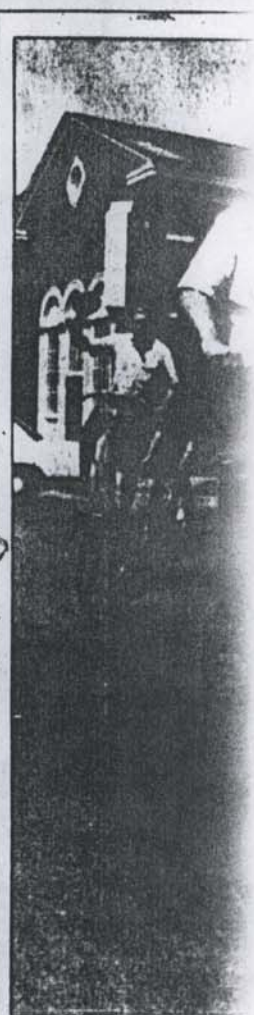
The "declaration of taking" provides for the federal government to acquire immediate title and possession of the 312 acres. The federal government must deposit an amount equal to the estimated value of the property in an account which will be used eventually to buy the land from its owners, according to the spokesman.

The details of the settlement with the property's owners will be administered in federal court. The amount of settlement will be determined at that time, the spokesman said.

The national park has long sought the valuable historic site, but had been unable to come to an agreement with the property's owners, Mr. Swain said. The farm includes the site of the beginning of the Second Battle of Manassas.

The farm is a priority portion of 1,500 acres of historically valuable

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from The Basic School and demonstrations by the Silent Drill Platoon of Washington's historic Marine Barracks, whose members twirled their M-1 rifles with nary a spoken command.

Not long after, a speck could be seen low in the sky over Larson Gymnasium, a speck which rapidly grew into an A-6 Intruder jet that roared over the field. Following on its heels were two A-4 Skyhawks and a pair of F-4 Phantoms.

The jets set the stage for a KC-130 Hercules cargo plane, which had squatted patiently at the end of the runway, waiting for the cue.

Reving its four engines, the Hercules rolled 1,400 feet down the tarmac, then ignited eight rocket boosters strapped to its sides and flung itself into the air.

"It's amazing; this gets better every year," said Cpl. Bruce Wallace, a Marine attending his third Quantico airshow. "I come to every one I can attend."

Gorden Bateup, a retired Australian visiting Virginia to see his daughter, most enjoyed the jets' mock bombing runs and the Hercules' flight. "We have planes in Australia, of course," he said. "But we don't have nearly as many as you do."

Later, enlisted Marine instructors rappelled to the ground from a hovering UH-1 Huey, only to be yanked into the air later by another rope trailing from another helicopter. Marine reconnaissance teams use the technique, known as "spie-rigging," to drop quietly into or be plucked from enemy terrain.

A CH-53 Sea Stallion dropped a 150mm howitzer on the field and off-loaded five more instructors from The Basic School, the Quantico institution that trains young Marine lieutenants in essential

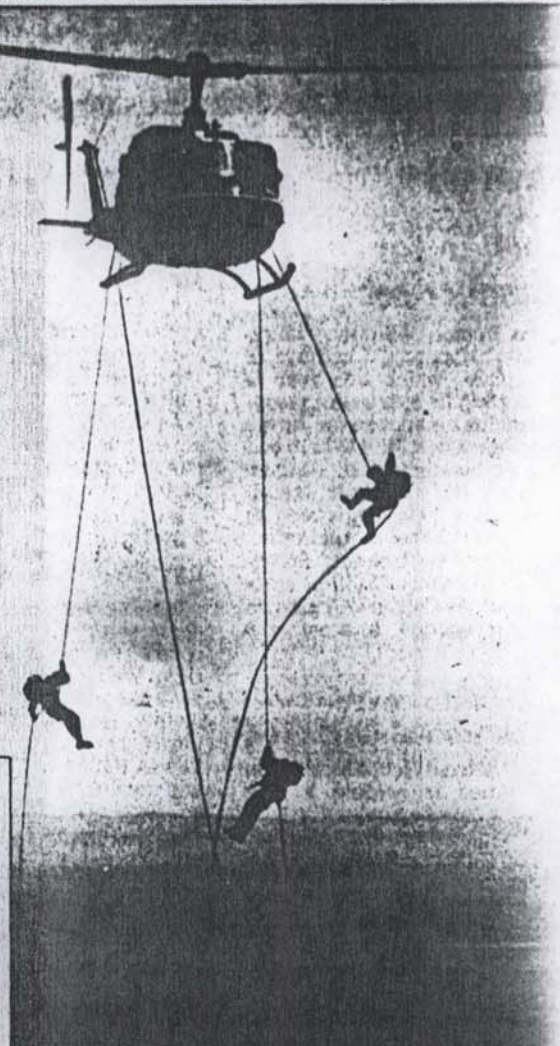
warfighting skills. Running pell-mell from the aircraft, the Marines took less than a minute to load and begin firing the gun.

But the biggest crowd-pleaser came at the finale, when two five-man teams fell 7,500 feet to the earth from CH-46 Sea Knights, braking their descents with colorful cloth chutes. Their pinpoint landings, some less than 30 yards from the bleachers, brought cheers and wild applause from the spectators.

"This is the first time I've been to an airshow since I was a little kid," said Dumfries resident Dolores Woolfenden, touring Marine aircraft parked by the bleachers. "It brings back a lot of fond memories."

While most people focused their attention on the airshow, others trooped through exhibits and briefings at the Marine Security Guard Battalion, which trains Marines for hazardous duty safekeeping U.S. embassies overseas.

The Marine Air-Ground Museum also hosted visitors, and Turner Field's Hangar 2101 displayed infantry weapons and aircraft.



By Mark Milligan—Potomac News
A Marine helicopter drops a reconnaissance squad in a demonstration of inserting technique at the Quantico open house Saturday. At left Skip Piggott of Quantico watches the air show.

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land surrounding the park which the National Park Service plans to buy. Congress approved the plan to acquire the 1,500 acres in 1980 and the first appropriation for purchase of property was provided in 1984, according to Mr. Swain.

Half of the land will be purchased for use by the park while agreements on the other half of the property will provide scenic easements to buffer the park property from surrounding development, Mr. Swain said. The park has al-

ready acquired about 260 additional acres.

"The importance to us [of the Brawner Farm] would be locating those items to develop a pattern ... to exactly locate battle lines," he said. "It's disturbing to us because it's a loss of information, of historic material."

Artillery remnants have been unearthed that are believed to mark the site of the 1862 position of Col. S.D. Lee. Musket balls, friction primers from artillery and other artifacts have been recovered by relic hunters scanning the farm with metal detectors.

business phone.

The rates for business phones are higher because they are used substantially more than residential phones, said Jean Byrne Gordon of

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turnover," said Sue Hummel, president of the Manassas Park Teachers Association.

Mrs. Hummel said many teachers are looking for other jobs because teachers' pay in Manassas Park is lower than other school systems and the city only budgeted a 5-percent salary increase for next year. Teachers also received a 3-percent step increase. They had asked for a 10 percent increase.

"I think we're going to lose more than ever before because we are falling far behind [other jurisdictions]," she said.

"The monies were there to give a 10-percent increase," she said. "They had the money to do it if they wanted to."

"We're a very close faculty here

started its school system.

Miss Hilleary said her new job will allow her to work near home, not far from Alexandria, and she will get an immediate salary increase of about \$3,000. It was an offer so good, she said, she "couldn't pass it up."

Earlier this school year Miss Hilleary was recognized as Manassas Park's Teacher of the Year and she was one of 13 teachers in the Washington area to receive the Agnes Meyer award for excellence in education. Miss Hilleary was judged most encouraging, inspiring and instructive both in fundamental learning and interpersonal management.

The Washington Post established the award and named it after the wife of former publisher Eugene Meyer, because of her concern

Home business means higher