

# Preserving Civil War sites important to heritage

## Tinkering Around

by LOUISE OKRUTSKY

aren't being criticized history buffs are dreading the thought of what the park might bring in the way of neighboring business.

They are hoping that the bill proposed by Sen. Herb Harris to take over another 1,715 acres for the park will someday pass both the Senate and the House and become law.

FOR A WHILE it looked like a slim chance. While Harris' bill passed the House of Representatives five times, it failed miserably in the Senate through the efforts of Virginia's own Sen. William Scott. Scott has been replaced by Sen. John Warner, who has his own bill to propose.

Warner wants the National Park Service to add 700 acres to the 3,000-acre park. That way the locals get a chance to cash in on their historical spot and the history buffs get their land.

Warner, it should be noted, is known in the North for being the national chairman of the Bicentennial Committee in 1976 and for marrying Elizabeth Taylor.

There are some history buffs who figure that Warner should have quit while he was ahead and spent his time as Mr. Taylor.

They're fighting to get the Harris proposal passed. To do that they must first insure that the Senate take a look at Warner's bill. After all, a colleague's bill deserves first crack.

After that, they hope that the nation's officials see the light and vote for the larger Harris bill. This way they're sure that the entire battlefield will become a monument.

Meanwhile, the Prince William County officials are fuming over the loss of the tax dollar.

BUT HISTORY BUFFS have an answer to the argument that the site will take away money from the county's coffers.

Other counties around Prince William, in which Manassas is located, have experienced a building boom and a corresponding increase in their tax base.

Prince William officials figure that the best land in the neighboring counties has been gobbled up by developers and they're next to benefit from the building boom.

But citizens such as members of the Civil War Round Table in the area are working to burst that administrative bubble. Where officials see dollar signs, they see a historic area overrun with tourist joints and candy wrappers.

They're working to have the National Park Service take over more of the land in the Manassas battlefield area. Not all of the battlefield is part of the national park. While Marriott's plans

Manassas face 20th century urban blight from the likes of tourist trap shops selling gaudy little knick-knacks which only complement an attic's decor.

Manassas is in the middle of a controversy over enlarging its historical park area, but bit of local and legislative discontent started when the Marriott Corp. decided it wanted to erect a historical theme amusement park next door to the Battle of Bull Run.

THIS WOULD GIVE VISITORS the opportunity to walk through and almost play in an honest to gosh Civil War battlefield. The advent of the park plans signaled to Prince William County administrators that the land around the battlefield could draw some pretty tax dollars in the county's coffers.

Both battles became better known than Meade, yet it's ironic that Old Baldy's head has fared better than the ground on which men from both sides of the Civil War fought and died.

Baldy was spruced up recently in tribute to Meade. But Gettysburg and

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Eastern Michigan University conferred degrees upon 1,067 students during its recent winter commencement. About 737 seniors received bachelor's degrees and about 330 graduate students received advanced degrees.

These Farmington Hills students are among those graduated: Craig Gordon

**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING**

Farmington Hills City Hall  
31555 Eleven Mile Road  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48018  
January 17, 1980  
8:00 P.M.

The City of Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to an application for Special Approval (SA 104-12-79), which requests approval for a brake, shock absorber, and muffler installation shop in a B-3, General Business District. The property involved is located at 20403 Grand River Avenue and Middlebelt Road.

The applicant in this matter is Mr. John A. Allen, Architect, on behalf of Messrs. Phil Charlet and Al Charlet, who seek this approval in order to use a vacuum gas station, plus an addition, as a brake, shock absorber, and muffler installation shop.

Any person who is interested is invited to participate in the discussion of the Special Approval request. The application for Special Approval and the zoning text and map may be observed at the Farmington Hills City Hall on any business day between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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The applicant in this matter is Dennis M. Staley, who seeks this approval in order to bring his existing outdoor storage of construction of equipment into conformance with the zoning ordinance.

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