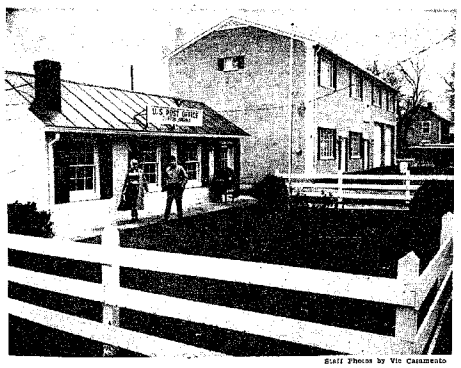

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Clifton's remodeled Post Office is at left. Warehouse beyond is in late Federal style.

Restoration of Clifton's old town hotel is in the plans.

Clifton Looks to Its Past

By Helen Dewar
Staff Reporter

The town of Clifton, in the western reaches of Fairfax County, is about to step ceremoniously back into the Victorian era.

Signs on shaky old buildings proclaim proudly that Clifton's past will soon catch up with it. Townspeople, of whom there are less than 300, look on with detached interest.

Clifton's past began in the 1870s when the Southern Railroad decided to establish another station on its route through Fairfax. Logging flourished, farmers rode in from miles around to Buckley's general store, and the Clifton Hotel drew a fashionable clientele from as far north as New York.

Once (so the legend goes) the hotel provided a private gathering point for President Grant and former Confederate Col. John S. Mosby, who were to discuss Mosby's appointment to a diplomatic post in China. Later, the hotel's famed Southern cuisine drew Theodore Roosevelt, and the Chester Arthurs journeyed out in their private railroad car.

But with the decline of the railroads and the local logging industry, the sparkle dimmed. And time seemed to stand still in Clifton.

In 1952, a Fairfax developer, A. Frank Krause Jr., saw the quiet little town and decided it was a "place where things were bound to start happening quickly." When he returned seven years later and "nothing at all had happened," he became interested.

Now Krause is building five-acre estates at Cloverleaf Farms outside Clifton and is serving as the town's restoration adviser.

He has already built a sturdy, brick-painted-gray structure in the late Federal style that is being used temporarily as a warehouse, and has given the tiny Post Office next door a snappy new exterior.

The three-story, 15-room old frame hotel, with its sweeping balcony and sagging roof, and two townhouses ("in the Victorian style but with their gingerbread gone") are scheduled for renovation by September.

Buckley's store still stands, but is beyond repair. When it was cleaned out several years ago, Krause noted, among the articles found was a pair of bright, new high-buttoned shoes.

Krause hopes his endeavors will spark other renovation activities, which will be encouraged by a recently adopted ordinance aimed at keeping out buildings that are not in character.

Town fathers can veto inappropriate buildings or renovation projects. Exterior signs must have their approval also, and neon signs are absolutely forbidden.

Although a sewer — the usual forerunner of suburban sprawl — is being built, it envisions a population of only 600 and no high-density development is planned.

There are at least 35 "worthwhile structures in Clifton that can be restored to their former elegance," Krause believes. One of them, now dilapidated, served as General Pope's headquarters during the Civil War.

Krause see the general area, which lies just east of Bull Run in Southwestern Fairfax, as a community of estates with Clifton as its picturesque "hub."

"It will never become another Williamsburg, but it has the possibility of being a nice, quiet little American town of 75 years ago," Krause said.

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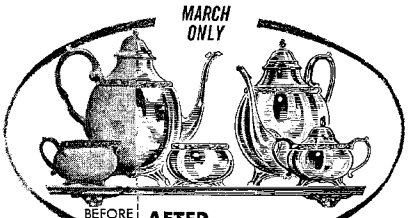

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