

EIGHTH DISTRICT TO BE IMPROVED

Matters of Interest to This Congressional District Receive Final Action.

SWANSON AND MOORE ACTIVE AT CLOSE

Closing Days of Congress Found Much Done for Eighth Congressional District.

Toward the end of the session of Congress which has just adjourned there were several matters of interest pertaining to the Eighth Virginia District which received final action, while other matters pending look hopeful in the new Congress.

Among some of the things accomplished by our representatives from the Eighth District is the proposal to establish an out-of-town residence for the President at Mount Weather. After a good deal of consideration, with which Senator Glass and Representatives Moore and Harrison were connected, the following provision was enacted:

"For Executive Mansion: For care, maintenance, protection and repair of the premises known as Mount Weather, in the counties of Loudoun and Clarke, in the State of Virginia, comprising approximately 84 83-100 acres of land, including buildings and other improvements thereon, and all machinery, tools, equipment and supplies used or in use in connection therewith, and including all alterations, refurnishing, improvement, heating, lighting, electric power and fixtures for buildings and grounds; and including traveling expenses; to be expended in the discretion of the President by contract or otherwise, as he may determine for the fiscal years 1929 and 1930, \$48,000; provided that the sum so expended, maintenance and improvement of the premises, hereby transferred from the Secretary of Agriculture to the director of public buildings and public parks of the National Capital; provided further that \$2,000 of the appropriation of 'salaries and expenses of Weather Bureau 1930' shall be transferred to this appropriation; and provided further that the act entitled 'An Act authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to sell the Weather Bureau station known as Mount Weather in the counties of Loudoun and Clarke in the State of Virginia,' approved March 13, 1928, (45 Stat. p. 311) is hereby repealed."

It will be noticed that the entire matter is placed within the discretion of the President, and thus it is up to Mr. Hoover to say whether the so-called Summer White House shall be located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia.

Bridges Cared For. By the Swanson-Moore bill, which the President signed Sunday, legislation was perfected which authorizes the construction of a bridge over the Potomac River immediately east of and in full view of the Great Falls. The bridge, as already designed, will be a beautiful structure, and it is expected that the work will soon be undertaken. It will be a link in a new route of travel between the North and South, avoiding the congestion of Washington City, and will be of great advantage to all of Northern Virginia.

Another act, sponsored by Senator Swanson and Representative Moore, extends the time for the construction of a bridge across the Potomac between Popes Creek, Maryland, and the Dahlgren Naval Proving Ground in King George County, Virginia. The bridge will be about a mile and a half in length, and it is said that capital has already been provided for its construction. It will not only afford a new route between Virginia and the North, but will give easy access to Wakefield, where the house in which General Washington was born is to be reproduced.

A liberal appropriation was made to restore the Arlington Mansion to its old-time condition and it is contemplated that as far as possible the furniture which was there in General Lee's day will be collected.

Postoffice Recommended at Culpeper. Recommendations sent in by the Treasury and Postoffice Departments during the last week show the speedy construction of the new postoffice building at Alexandria, at a cost of \$380,000. It is understood that the plans have already been made. Among the places recommended for new post-

P. D. COX COMES AS COUNTY AGENT

T. T. Curtis Has Been Appointed County Agent in Orange; Leaves Soon.

F. D. Cox has arrived in Manassas and is now working with T. T. Curtis, county agent, with a view of familiarizing himself with the field so that he will be ready to take up the work on March 15, at which time the resignation of Mr. Curtis, who has taken a similar position in Orange County, becomes effective.

Mr. Cox comes here from Grayson County, where he has been doing county agent work with great success. He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and taught Smith-Hughes work for several years in that state before going to Grayson County.

W. P. Moore, assistant director of extension work in the state, was visitor here on Monday and plans are under way for a vigorous campaign in county work in the spring.

P. D. LIPSCOMB DIED SATURDAY

Was Prominent in County Life; Funeral Held on Thursday in Trinity Church.

Mr. P. D. Lipscomb, of near Bristow, died at his home on Sunday morning and the funeral services were conducted at Trinity Episcopal Church, Manassas, on Tuesday, with the Rev. A. Stuart Gibson, rector, officiating.

Mr. Lipscomb, who was 73 years and 6 months old on the day of his death, was a native of Prince William County and was the son of the late P. D. Lipscomb, who was active in the county here for many years.

When quite young, Mr. Lipscomb went to Warrenton, where he engaged in the mercantile business, later going to W. B. Moses & Co., in Washington, where he remained for 30 years and rose to the position of manager of the first floor department, which position he held at time of his resignation. Since his retirement he has been engaged in farming in Prince William, his 600-acre property near Bristow being one of the best in this section. The deceased found time to keep in touch with his friends and was a frequent visitor to the county seat and other parts of the county. He was active in all civic affairs of the community and his kindly and cordial disposition will be long remembered by a large group of friends.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Bertha B. Lipscomb, and the following children: Mrs. J. Arthur Peterson, New York City; Mr. P. B. Lipscomb, Washington; William G. Lipscomb, Washington; E. Maurice Lipscomb, Baltimore; Mrs. William D. Miller, Waynesboro, Va.; and Ernest Lipscomb, Bristow, Va.

Those acting as pallbearers at the funeral Tuesday were Hon. Thomas H. Lion, E. H. Hibbs, Robert M. Weir, Harry P. Davis, C. J. Meete and Reuben Jenkins.

RED CROSS MEETING.

There will be a meeting of the Red Cross nursing committee of Prince William County today at 2 o'clock in the office of Mr. Richard S. Haydon, school superintendent, in the Court-house. Miss Alice B. Dugger, American Red Cross field representative, will be present.

offices is Culpeper, and it is expected that at the next session a further authorization of expenditures for the purpose of constructing that and other buildings will be made. The places designated are those where the annual postoffice receipts exceed \$20,000.

A further appropriation was made to complete the work of putting the new highway bridge across the Potomac River in first-class condition, the Chain Bridge having already been restored by the use of appropriations made early in the present Congress.

A bill providing for the proper policing of the military roads in Arlington County failed of enactment because of a disagreement as to details between the Senate and House, but there is little doubt that the new Congress will handle this matter satisfactorily.

NEED FOR COUNTY ROAD IS STRESSED BY FRED E. SCHNEPFE IN REPORT ON COUNTY PLANNING

PROCEDURE FOR SURVEY FOR MODEL HIGHWAY FOR PRINCE WILLIAM IS OUTLINED IN DETAIL

Paper Read at Roadbuilders' Convention at Cleveland Telling of Dr. S. M. Johnson's Plan Stirs Interest.

By FRED E. SCHNEPFE, Highway Engineering Bureau, Washington, D. C.

The problem of providing a county with a system of highways is first of all an economic one. The economics of the situation deserve a thorough study before any effort is made to develop a program for highway improvement. A county with a sound plan for highway development based on sound conclusions reached after making an intelligent economic survey should have no difficulty in financing such a program.

Investment of funds for the construction of highways, whether undertaken by nations, states or counties, can be made to pay dividends if properly planned and satisfactorily managed. Dividends in this instance should not be measured alone in increased land values, but lowered transportation costs, ability to move crops and other commodities at all times, thus making it possible to take advantage of a favorable market, stimulation of population increases due to persons from other places being attracted to a county having satisfactory highway transportation facilities, the convenience and satisfaction to be derived by the inhabitants, adding to their happiness and contentment, and other reasons are all factors that have a money value.

Instances can be cited where such expenditures have produced most unsatisfactory results. Should these be investigated, the fault could most likely be traced to a failure to prepare in a sound and satisfactory plan or program of highway improvement to fit the requirements of the transportation needs of the county, and adjusted to keep within the county's ability to finance such improvements. There are many counties today in the predicament of having reached the limit of bonded indebtedness for road construction, and having only a disconnected number of short completed projects to show for the money expended. Lack of intelligent preliminary planning is no doubt in a great measure responsible in most instances for failure to realize satisfactory returns for the expenditure of funds for road improvement.

Federal aid highways and state highways have been developed to high standards, but the condition of county highway systems is for the greater part highly unsatisfactory. The question naturally follows, what can be the reason for the average county being so backward in the management of its highway affairs. The real reason, we believe, to be a lack of knowledge of highway matters on the part of those in authority. The development of a county highway system carries with it in principle all the problems that are encountered in state highway work, an additional ones as well. The preparation of a plan for a highway system and program of improvement extending over a period of years, usually five, and a financial plan that is adequate and economical are problems requiring for their solution a thorough knowledge of the subject.

Prince William as Demonstrator. Dr. S. M. Johnson, general director of the Lee Highway Association, conceived the idea that much good may be accomplished if an actual demonstration of county highway planning and improvement be undertaken. In order to be of assistance to the counties in this regard, it was suggested that an average county be selected for the purpose of making a demonstration, the principal object being to provide an example illustrating the methods to be used, beginning with an economic survey and preparation of a program of improvement, the preparation of a financial plan and then the actual construction and maintenance of the highways. In order that other counties may receive the full benefit of such a study it was suggested that bulletins be issued at certain intervals describing the methods adopted and results obtained and distributed to all the county officials in the United States who may

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MRS. I. M. DONOHOE BURIED TODAY

Died on Tuesday, Following Brief Illness—Was Brother of Mr. C. C. Cushing.

The death of Mrs. Ida M. Donohoe, which occurred on Tuesday afternoon, was a distinct shock to her large circle of friends, following, as it did, a brief illness.

Mrs. Donohoe was a native of Prince William County and was born May 5, 1858, near Catharpin, the daughter of the late Charles L. and Sarah Caroline Cushing. Mrs. Donohoe had been twice married, her first husband being the late Thomas Buckingham, of Alexandria, Va. After her marriage to S. R. Donohoe, of Omaha, Neb., she moved to that city, remaining there until the death of her husband a few years ago.

Mrs. Donohoe was an active member of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and upon her return to Manassas resumed her active connections with the various societies of that church, as well as her interest in the social life of the town.

The funeral was held today at 1:30 p. m. in Grace Church, with the Rev. George Hasel, the pastor, officiating. Interment was in the Manassas Cemetery.

Surviving are a son, Thomas Cushing, of Washington State, and the following: Louise Gregg, Whitefish, Mont.; Mrs. LeRoy Van Vleet, Glasgow, Mont.; a son, Ross M. Donohoe, Whitefish, Mont., and three daughters, Miss Katherine Donohoe, of Baltimore, and Sarah and Claudia Donohoe, of Manassas; a brother, Mrs. C. C. Cushing, of Manassas; and two half brothers, A. H. and H. B. Richards, of Alexandria.

TWO STANDARD CLUBS IN COUNTY

Prince William Has Standard Home Demonstration Clubs at Greenwich and Nokesville.

There are two standard home demonstration clubs in the county, according to Miss Mary E. Bell, county home demonstration agent, one at Nokesville, while the other is conducted at Greenwich. There are many other home demonstration clubs in operation, but only the two mentioned have attained the distinction of being standard.

To be standard a club must hold at least ten meetings a year, have an attendance of 75 per cent of its membership, have 60 per cent of its members take part in programs, and the club must complete one unit of work (four demonstrations) within the year, as well as carry on some community project.

The annual report of the Nokesville Home Demonstration Club, made to R. Belle Burke, district home demonstration agent, at University, submitted by Mrs. Alice Spitzer, secretary, showed the club to have had a most successful year, while the report of the Greenwich Club indicates a year of activity.

BENNETT SCHOOL FIVE-POINTERS

Large List of Students Measure Up to Five-Point Health Standards.

Only one county in the state exceeded Prince William in the percentage of five-point children last year.

A "five-point" pupil is one who measures up to the present minimum standard by physical inspection of vision, hearing, teeth, throat and weight, and the following pupils enrolled at Bennett School have been found free from defects in any of the five points.

HAYDON ELECTED SUPERINTENDENT

School Board Names R. S. Haydon to Succeed Himself as Superintendent of Schools.

Richard S. Haydon, of Manassas, was yesterday appointed division superintendent of the schools of Prince William County for the four-year term beginning July 1. The appointment was made by the County School Board in executive session.

Mr. Haydon, who has been county superintendent of schools for the last four years, came here from Alexandria, where he had been principal of the Alexandria High School. He had previously taught in the schools of this county.

The reappointment of Mr. Haydon to this important office will cause rejoicing among the parents in the county, as well as among all those who have the advancement of the county at heart. Under his guidance numerous improvements have been effected in the school system during the four years just ending, among them being additional buildings, more teachers and higher rating for requirements.

When Mr. Haydon took over the duties of his office Prince William County had an educational efficiency rating of forty-second in the counties of the state. In 1926 the rating had moved up to thirty-second; in 1927, to twenty-eighth and last year found the Department of Education rating Prince William schools as fourteenth in educational efficiency.

Members of the School Board are D. J. Arrington, Manassas district, chairman; Mrs. D. C. Cline, Dumfries district; W. L. Lloyd, Brentsville, and Jim Russell, Cole's district.

J. F. HALE HIGH HERD IN FEBRUARY

J. F. Miller Has High Cow in Prince William Dairy Herd Association.

J. F. Hale, of Nokesville, had the high herd in February, according to the report of Arthur J. Brady, tester for the Prince William Dairy Herd Improvement Association. His herd of 34 cows showed an average of 919.3 pounds of milk and 32.36 pounds of fat.

J. F. Miller, of Nokesville, had the high cow for the month, his Black Beauty, giving 1,458 pounds of milk and 62.7 pounds of fat, while Broadview Farm had an average herd milk test of 4.4 per cent in February.

There were 598 cows in the association on test and of this group 530 were tested and 68 were dry. Sixty-one cows produced 40 pounds of butterfat and more than 16 cows produced 50 pounds or over.

The association average in February was 606.7 pounds of milk and 25.15 pounds of fat. Eight cows were culled.

Honor Roll Cows.

J. F. Miller, owner-grade Holsteins, Black Beauty, 1,458 pounds of milk and 62.7 pounds of fat; Mike, 1,647 milk and 57.6 fat; J. F. Hale, Nokesville, owner-grade Holsteins, Shepherd, 1,885 milk, 52.6 fat; Ret, 1,739 milk, 53.9 fat; and Joseph, 1,293 milk and 57.9 fat; J. K. Brown Bristow, owner-grade Holstein, No. 16, 1,135 milk and 52.2 fat; Clover Hill Farm, Manassas, owner P. B. Jersey, Major's Noble Sue, 845 milk and 54.7 fat.

Richard S. Hynson, Manassas, grade Holstein, No. 15, 1,491 milk and 55.2 fat; Harley & Kline, Manassas, grade Holstein, No. 6, 1,247 milk and 52.4 fat; C. C. Lynn, Manassas-P. B., Beauty, 1,565 milk and 51.6 fat, and No. 19, 1,662 milk and 56.5 fat; P. A. Lewis, Manassas grade Holstein, Tillie, 2,025 milk and 56.7 fat; J. E. Barrett, Manassas, grade Holsteins, Nancy, 1,165 milk, 52.4 fat, and Rose, 1,739 milk and 58.6 fat; Francis M. Lewis, Manassas, grade Holstein, Spot, 1,678 milk and 50.3 pounds of fat.

YOUTHFUL OFFENDER VIOLATES PROHIBITION LAW

Danville, Va., March 6.—The youngest offender ever brought before the United States court in Danville was on five years' probation today. He was Cliff Satliffe, 14, accused of violating the Volstead act.

STATE ROAD IN PITIFUL SHAPE

Horses and Tractors Used on Manassas-Centerville Road

COMMISSION FAILS TO KEEP ROAD PASSABLE

Farmers and Dairymen Seriously Damaged by Conditions

Save for the fact that there is no water running over the bridge, the condition of the road between Manassas and Centerville is similar in every respect to the black days when people of the county were unable to travel in the direction of Fairfax during severe rains or snows, nor for several days after their abatement.

While there have been times, both last year and this, that the road, which has been in the state highway system for several years, and therefore must be kept open, has been unfit for comfortable travel, it has never been in the condition which has existed since last week.

Massie's Promise Idle.

Despite the promises of Wade Massie, of the State Highway Commission, to a joint committee of the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club of Manassas that the road would be kept open this winter and improved later, nothing appears to have been accomplished in making the road satisfactory, and for two weeks tractors and teams of horses have been stationed on the road to pull automobiles and other vehicles out of the mud.

Citizens of Prince William and nearby Fairfax are up in arms over the condition of this state highway and many have already registered vigorous protests with the commission at Richmond, while others plan to take some concerted action in an effort to get relief from the disastrous condition.

Fourteen-day Protests headed for the ceremonies in Washington knew nothing of the condition of the roads and most of them had the disagreeable experience of having to be pulled through the mud by teams.

While the weather has been unusual and has made many other roads almost impassible, it is not believed by the citizens of this section that this excuses the State Highway Department in its utter fall-down on a section of road which has been in its hands for years, and something more than a miracle will have to happen to get the commissioners back in the good graces of this community. The consensus of opinion is that the Manassas-Centerville highway is a disgrace to the State of Virginia.

AGED RESIDENT DIED ON SATURDAY

Mrs. Virginia D. McDonald, Aged 80, Is Buried on Tuesday Afternoon.

Mrs. Virginia D. McDonald, who has been confined to her home for several years, died on Saturday at the MacDonald place on Sudley road, near Manassas. Mrs. McDonald had suffered an attack of pneumonia in December and had failed to recuperate fully from the effects of this illness.

The deceased, who came to this section from Warren County about ten years ago, was 80 years of age. She had endeared herself to all in this community and a large circle of friends will mourn her loss.

The funeral was conducted from the residence on Tuesday afternoon, with the Rev. A. Stuart Gibson, rector of Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church, officiating. A large number of friends and numerous handsome floral pieces attested to the popularity of the deceased.

Surviving are the husband, Joseph S. McDonald; two sons, William A. and George B.; two daughters, Claudia and Gertrude, and a granddaughter, Frances.

LONG PRISON TERM.

Rocky Mount, Va., March 6.—Judge Peter Dillard has imposed sentences of ten years each on Dallas Smithers and Ernest Hodges, convicted of robbing Cecil St. Clair, a watchmaker, near here last month.