

appearances in Florida. Carter launches a 12-state swing, with stops today in Birmingham, Ala., Oklahoma City and Phoenix, Ariz., after spending the weekend at home in Plains, Ga.

### Money Is Big Item Presently In Congress

WASHINGTON (AP)—Money is the big item before Congress this week, with decisions on how much will be collected in taxes and how much will be spent by the government as the lawmakers push to adjourn Oct. 2. First on the agenda is Senate action on a \$41.9-billion revenue-sharing bill that would extend for five years and nine months the program that allocates federal funds with no strings to localities throughout the country.

The extension bill before the Senate would allocate \$6.9 billion the first year and increase the amount by \$150 million each year after that. Unless it is extended, the program expires this Dec. 31. When action on revenue-sharing is completed by the Senate, the measure probably will have to go to a conference committee to resolve differences with the House version. The House passed last June a three-year extension of revenue sharing that would continue the payments at the current \$4.65-billion annual rate. Also scheduled for action in the Senate today is the \$104.3-billion defense appropriations bill, as approved by a House-Senate conference committee.



### Frustrations of a Losing Effort

The agony of a losing effort is caught on the face of Jackie Watkins of Osbourn Park as he sits dejectedly at the far end of the bench in the waning moments of Friday's losing contest against James Monroe. Jackie, along with his two brothers Stanley and Bentley, became the center of nationwide news when they said they wanted to play (which they did) football despite their doctor's refusal to give permission. They are hemophiliacs or "bleeders." See the sports section for more details.

## Quantico Cemetery Running into Snag

Establishment of a new national veterans' cemetery at Quantico has bogged down in a U. S. Senate subcommittee, according to 8th District Rep. Herbert E. Harris II. Harris introduced in the House last Dec. 12 a bill to transfer 620 acres at the base to the Veterans' Administration for the new cemetery.

After House subcommittee and committee action, the Harris bill passed the full House 358 to 8 on April 5 and was sent to the Senate for action.

Despite Senate inaction for the past five months, establishment of the cemetery is not a dead issue, according to Jack Sweeney, Harris' press secretary.

Simultaneously, the Navy is working through administrative channels to secure the property for the VA. Sweeney said Navy officials

received congressional approval to open negotiations with the General Services Administration to have the proposed cemetery site declared excess and to seek its transfer to the VA, which would then develop the cemetery. Harris has been aware of the administrative process, Sweeney said, but he introduced the bill because it appeared that the legislative process would be quicker. Sweeney described the administrative method as "complicated, time consuming and somewhat risky." According to the Harris spokesman, there is the risk that some other federal agency may request title to the property for some use other than the cemetery for which it is sought. Harris has written for a status

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Run Bridge may be under construction in 1977 if everything goes according to schedule, says Frank Gee, assistant resident engineer for the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation.

A location and design hearing for the widening of the heavily traveled primary road and a new bridge over Bull Run will be held in early November, Gee says. A time and location for the public hearing will be announced in several weeks.

## Mullen Mulls Reinstating Cop

By BONNIE ATWOOD  
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Prince William County executive Clinton B. Mullen has taken under advisement a recommendation to reinstate police officer Daniel Taber with the rank of sergeant and to suspend him for five days without pay.

Taber had been demoted as a result of his actions at a July 4 brawl in Woodbridge. The policeman had appealed his case through a personnel appeals board for county employees.

Six county policemen were disciplined action resulting from their attempt to break up a large party that night at the adjoining homes of Robert C. Drummond, 25, and Eddie Williams, 26. Taber was the only policeman to file an appeal.

Taber, a five-year veteran who was supervisor of the shift when the melee occurred, was reduced in rank because allegedly certain departmental procedures had not been enforced. There were no charges against Taber personally.

public an idea of the proposed location and design of the new road. Pamphlets describing the proposed construction will be available to the public in early October.

If there are no strong objections to the highway improvement project raised at the November hearing, highway officials in Manassas predict it will be put out for bid in 1977. Gee said construction time for the project will take about 360 days.

Before construction can begin, all of the right of way for the five-lane undivided road will have to be acquired, Gee said. According to the VDH&T official, much of the right of way is ready to be donated to the highway department. Acquisition of the remainder is expected to take less than six months.

Highway department funds have been earmarked for the project, Gee said, and he anticipates no trouble with the financing. Construction of a

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According to Gee, improved Va. 28 is planned to have two traffic lanes in each direction with a fifth lane in the middle for left turns. He explained the highway design calls for the additional lanes to be built on either side of the existing roadway. Motorists will continue to use the existing Bull Run Bridge during the construction period, he added.

District Engineer D.B. Hope will conduct the location and design hearing.

## Board Could Act on Sewage Plant Bids

After more than a year of dicker with the U. S. Department of Labor over wage rates to be paid workers who will build the Potomac Regional Sewage Plant in Woodbridge, Prince William County has resolved the matter and is scheduled to authorize advertisement for bids during the Tuesday afternoon session of the board of supervisors.

The possibility of erecting street lights in Dale City will also be discussed under sanitary district matters Tuesday afternoon.

A management audit, sparked by citizen complaints against Occoquan-Woodbridge and Dumfries-Triangle Sanitary District rate increases, will be presented to the board. The supervisors may discuss the audit results in more detail in a 7 p.m. work session if they do not take action during regular agenda time.

Sanitary district matters are scheduled to be considered between Continued on page 3-A

## Park Woman's Club Opens Drive To Save Historic Conner House

By BENNIE SCARTON JR.  
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"We are a gung-ho group who really like to get out in the community and get things accomplished."

So said Mrs. Kathy McLallen, president of the Manassas Park Woman's Club, as she took a moment's rest from swinging an ax during a clean-up drive Saturday at the historic Conner house which her group is trying to save from being demolished.

The house and property on which it stands is owned by the City of Manassas Park and because several council members felt that it was a liability to the city, they wanted it torn down.

However, the Woman's club asked that it be permitted to clean up the area surrounding the house and determine whether the structure itself can be saved, possibly for use as a museum or a community meeting place.

"We just felt the place had so much historic significance that it would be a shame to tear it down," said Mrs. McLallen as she directed a clean-up

work force on Saturday that included interested volunteers and a group of Explorers from Explorer Post 1371, sponsored by the Manassas Park PTA. Mrs. McLallen said the club was



Mrs. Kathy McLallen

given a month to get the building secure, including a fence around it or the city will have the building destroyed.

The building sits within 50 yards of the western Prince William special education school on Blooms Road and



adjacent to one of the city's new elementary schools and councilmen felt that students from one of the schools might get into the structure and get hurt.

Mrs. McLallen said the house and farm known as the Conner house and also "Blooms" and "Blooms Grove" was owned by Hohn Hooe Jr. before 1843 according to a deed on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Prince William County.

He was from a family of prominent landowners in the county before the Continued on page 3-A



Saving the Building  
A group of women from the Manassas Park Woman's Club and Explorer Post 1371 were out in full force Saturday to help clean up the property around the Conner house in an effort to save the historic building from being torn down. Tossing aside a beam from the old porch are from the left, Claire Graver, Donna Murphy, Kitty Gunter, Myra Kittrell, Tina Reed, Robert Graver, Gladys Reed and Delinda Hinnant.

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