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A SURVEY OF LOUDOUN COUNTY WHITE SCHOOLS TO INDICATE
THE COMPLETED REORGANIZATION OR CONSOLIDATION

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Early consolidation of schools in Loudoun County took place at Hillsboro where the Salem and Edge Grove schools were closed and at Round Hill where the Cherry Grove school was closed, both about 1911. The pupils were taken to school in horse-drawn wagons. At about the same time horse-drawn vehicles, privately owned and operated, were used at Hamilton and Purcellville to transport high school pupils to Lincoln. Further, at this period plans for closing many of the county's one-room schools and transportation of pupils to central points in horse drawn vehicles were discussed by school officials.

In the early stages of the use of motor vehicles for pupil transportation the uniform practice of trying to adapt trucks designed for ordinary haul purposes did not much improve the conditions prevailing during the use of horse-drawn wagons. Comparatively these trucks were unsafe, insanitary, uncomfortable, and expensive because they could carry only a very small load.

Road conditions in the early stages of consolidation, and discussion thereof, were bad.

As a direct outcome of the energy and devotion to the cause of W. G. Edmondson, Division Superintendent of Schools from 1909 to 1917, the state-wide campaign for high schools to be made available to all pupils in Virginia bore abundant fruit in Loudoun County. Because there were so many towns in the county and because our people were really much interested in better school facilities for their children or the same facilities at points so located that their children could attend school from home daily, there resulted the erection of high school buildings partly or entirely financed by private contributions at a number of points.

So at the beginning of the service of the present Superintendent