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## Raleigh Report

by Ernest Messer

Changes in primary election dates now being considered by the General Assembly may have far reaching effects on political activity and on political parties in North Carolina.

It is contended that moving the primary to late August or early September will reduce the cost of political campaigns. It will reduce the cost to political parties but may increase the cost to candidates running in the primary.

The Governor's race is already beginning, and, instead of getting it over with in May, the candidates will have to continue to run until August or September. The cost of these extra months of campaigning will have to be borne by the candidates rather than the political party.

The Presidential Primary, now tentatively scheduled for March, will drain thousands of dollars from North Carolinians. Terry Sanford will expect his North Carolina supporters to mount and pay for his campaign in North Carolina. George Wallace will also receive substantial political contributions in North Carolina.

Other candidates in the primary will have to raise large sums of money to pay for longer campaigns.

It is believed that by the time we get to the General Election people will be tired of giving, and political contributions will dry up to the extent that it will be difficult for parties to raise money. Of course, due to the shortened campaign, political parties won't need much money.

Shifting the primary dates will encourage independent, non-partisan campaigns. One of the arguments advanced in favor of moving the primary is that when a candidate in the primary gets his organization set up and his billboards out, he can use his same organization and advertisements to continue his campaign right up to the General Election. This means running independently of the party. And this running independent may be necessary, because there won't be much time left for the party to help.

In states where the time between elections is held to a minimum, voters have a greater tendency to cross party lines and to lose their political identity.

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Much heat was generated last week around a proposal to freeze capital spending for a few weeks. The intent is that the General Assembly reexamine \$84 million in projects for which money has been appropriated but construction not started, and that they be evaluated in the light of declining revenue and the possibility that programs - mostly educational - will have to be curtailed.

These are difficult decisions to make, but since the mid-thirties, times have not been like they are today.

Latest revenue estimates indicate that the revenue shortage now stands at \$240 million, an increase of \$8 million over estimates of a few weeks ago. There are indications, however, that the decline is slowing and an upturn may begin soon.

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Bills poured out of committees last week as committee chairmen tried to meet the May 15 deadline for processing all bills in preparation for mid-June adjournment. A number of important bills remain in committees and committees will have to continue to work, but the big push seems to be over.

## Letters to the Editor:

### LAND USE

I hope the County Commissioners will favorably consider a Land Use Ordinance for the remaining two-thirds of Madison County. Action now will prevent, for example, someone from starting a noisy, mechanical business next to someone's home. Those of us who are already suffering from similar actions know that when people live near each other, they have to accept some regulation of land use.

- Ron Miller  
Long Branch Rd.,  
Marshall

### THANKS

The North Carolina Heart Association very much appreciates your efforts in their behalf during this past year's Fund Raising campaign.

It is interesting such as yours that will enable the North Carolina Heart Association to reach its goal of eventually eradicating death and disability due to cardiovascular disease.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,  
- Kay Mathieson  
Seasonal Field Consultant  
N. C. Heart Assoc.

people who inhabit it... We are bound together in patriotism and our attachment to our country... While some of us may differ in political opinions, still we are united... Our reliance is in the love of liberty...

Our country has flourished because of the guaranteed freedom of individual independence of thought and action. As interested citizens in this great land, our duty is to keep informed on issues confronting our town, county, state, nation and world. We must constantly strive to make our own decisions no matter how those around may react. Lincoln said: "Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it... Let none falter who thinks he is right..."

Now that Bicentennial celebrations have begun, Americans can recall with gratitude lessons provided by Abraham Lincoln and others in establishing the freedom of individual independence for each citizen as a practical example of democracy demonstrated!

Max E. Shively  
Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## Summer Jobs For Youth Encouraged

Recession or no recession, State Labor Commissioner Billy Creel is urging Tar Heel business and industry to provide all the job opportunities they possibly can for North Carolina's young people this summer.

"For many of our young people between 16 and 21 years of age, working at a summer job or in part-time employment means the whole difference between dropping out or being able to continue in high school or college," declares Commissioner Creel. "And for three out of every four young people, a summer or part-time job is the only vocational experience and training they ever have prior to their entrance into the adult labor force."

Other reasons Creel cites in urging summer jobs for youth:

"(1) A job helps to keep many young students in school. Those who graduate from high school are more

## U.S. Sen. Morgan Releases Opinion Of Ship Capture

U. S. Senator Robert Morgan made the following statement concerning Cambodian action of capturing the cargo ship:

When the Communist government of Cambodia fired upon and then captured a cargo ship flying the American flag on May 12, 1975, I immediately dispatched a letter to the President urging that he take the necessary steps to recover it.

This hostile action, taken in international waters by the Cambodian government, was nothing less than an act of piracy. And if we are to bow to such acts without taking necessary remedial measures, then we have lost all of the stature among nations that we have long possessed.

I felt that after our withdrawal from Vietnam and the overthrow of that country and Cambodia, that it would not be long until unfriendly nations tested our will and our resolution. It came sooner than I expected.

The foreign policy setbacks that we have undergone recently in Southeast Asia gave the new regime in Cambodia the opportunity to probe for our national reaction by capturing American civilians and seizing American property.

And if our reaction had been anything other than a determination to recover our people and the American-owned ship, then we would have reached a nadir in our international standing. We can all be sure that other Communist nations watched closely to see our reaction and if it had not been a positive one, then we could have expected other abuses on other fronts.

I do not want us to get into

another situation similar to the one we have just left in Vietnam. I do not believe the American people would support another long, drawn-out land war in Asia and in view of what went on before, I do not believe it would be productive.

But neither do I believe that the American people want to

go through another "Pueblo" episode, as we did several years ago when the North Korean government seized one of our ships and its crew.

This year we are celebrating our 200th anniversary as a liberated nation. We can only keep that liberty by defending it.

## Heard and Seen

by Pop Story

Last Saturday night was the first time I had been in the Sleepy Valley Community Building near Hot Springs...the occasion was the annual Awards Night which proved most successful...some 75 persons attended the affair which included many members from various county Extension Homemakers Clubs...to start with "Bill" and I would like to thank Mrs. Marie Osteen for the special invitation...we also wish to thank Earl and Nan Wise for inviting us to ride down there with them...shortly before dinner, we mulled around the picturesque yard in front of the community building, speaking and talking with friends and meeting new friends...one of the first persons to extend a welcome was Virgil Foster...Virgil impressed me as a sincere young man when he said he was glad I came...as we talked, I discovered that he was a versatile person who has many hobbies, including radio, television, watch and clock repairing...I became very fascinated with Virgil and he proved to be quite a booster of the Sleepy Valley community...following the meeting he insisted that I come back down there and this I intend to do whenever possible...as usual, Mrs. Emma Kate Davis did a fine job presiding and also was pianist for the Sleepy Valley club special music...Mrs.

Ethel Wallin, HE Extension Agent, presented awards and Dr. Evelyn Underwood was guest speaker...needless to say, Dr. Underwood is always superb and her messages and talks are always meaningful and well delivered...the special music with Byard Ray and three others was enjoyed and the food...oh my goodness...was delicious...some of the fellows made fun of me for eating so many desserts...shucks, fellows, I only "sampled" four different kinds...Mrs. Margie Self and Miss Violet Navy were others on the program which was most interesting...congratulations to the wide-awake people of Sleepy Valley for hosting such a fine affair...during the past week a new word has been added to my vocabulary - Mayaguez - the U. S. ship which was rescued...of all the farces I've watched on TV, the Muhammad Ali - Ron Lyle heavyweight "fight" Friday night capped the stack...I've only myself to blame for sitting up and watching the dull, blowless match...when a heavyweight champion covers up for 10 rounds in what he calls the Rope-A-Dope and plays peek-a-boo with a sluggish challenger, it's time to fold up the ropes of a boxing ring...the Champ who says "I'm the greatest" should add one word to the quote...it should be "I'm the greatest f---er"...



MRS. CATHERINE REESE ANGLIN, of Marshall, received her B. S. Degree in Nursing from Duke University, Durham, recently. She is attending grad services at Duke where her husband, Dan Anglin; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Reese; her aunt, Mrs. Minnie Lee Reese; and Mrs. Gloria Roberts, of Durham, formerly of Marshall.



RONALD WAYNE McDEVITT, of Marshall, received his B.S. Degree from the University of North Carolina at Asheville on Friday, May 9, 1975. His degree was awarded with distinction in Political Science as he maintained a grade point average of 3.4 in that major field. Wayne intends to enter Law School in the Fall.

DECORATION  
There will be a decoration at the Henderson Cemetery between Marshall and Walnut on Sunday, May 25, beginning at 2 p.m.

## Beautification News

Reports from many sections of the county show that communities are still removing trash and litter despite being overtaken with the coming crop of summer weeds. These roadside dumps, junked cars and filled ditches harbor vermin and snakes, long undisturbed; a word of caution is offered: all groups continuing to remove old rubbish, add insect repellent and snake-bite kits to the regular first aid supplies. Other than some poison ivy cases, all communities have practiced safety and caution against accident and will

continue to do so. Youngsters are planning to turn attention more to beautification projects, planting flowers and offering services to neighbors who need help in making premises more attractive. While we wait for the mowing machines, don't forget to trim or pull weeds from around mail boxes, and plant a few summer-blooming flowers for beauty's sake. With the county as clean as it is, all efforts will be made to encourage residents and visitors to use car litter bags, use roadside "Pitch-Ins" and Litter Deposits and make routine trips to the Green Boxes or Landfill. All efforts are being made to provide a place for people to place disposables and all refuse. Any communities not being served adequately are being given every consideration until road improvement or equipment is available to completely serve every area of the county as needed.

COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER  
By Bill Puseff

### Health News

### Grandma Was A Milk Pusher

I can remember when Grandma was a milk pusher. A warm glass before bedtime was her remedy for insomnia.

Now we know the reason why milk seemed to induce sleep. Milk contains amino acids, the building blocks of protein. And protein has been found to induce sleep. Test this theory yourself by observing the "table yawns" after a heavy protein meal - even at midday! That afternoon drowsiness was thought to exist because blood left the head and went to the stomach to aid in the digestion process.

Another way to test this protein theory is simply to try a warm glass yourself. Of course, you'd better be prepared to apologize to Grandma for all the times you thought she was "off her rocker."

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## County Young Democrats

Madison County Young Democrats recently met and elected the following officers:

President, Gordon Rice; 1st Vice President, Brenda Edwards; 2nd Vice President, Roger Haynie; 3rd Vice President, Libby Wright Stoady; Secretary, Ruth Deal; treasurer, Steve Ponder; Membership Committee Chairman, David Wyatt; Publicity, Hilda Fisher.

District Membership Chairman: Marshall, Herbert Ponder; Hot Springs, Deanna Anderson; Spring Creek, Larry Plemmons; Laurel, Linda Gunter; Petersburg, David Wyatt; Beech Glen, Jack Radford.

The next meeting of the organization will be next Tuesday.

# 7%

Normally, we don't make much noise about our savings plans. But our new 7% Savings Certificate is worth shouting about. It takes only \$1,000 minimum to open. Funds must remain on deposit for a minimum of 4 years. Interest compounded or paid quarterly.

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## Home Purchase Tax Credit

Greensboro - Dear Editor: Each day we receive several hundred calls from taxpayers throughout the state seeking additional information on the new Home Purchase Tax Credit. We welcome their questions and are glad to be of help to them. But they need more information than they presently have at their fingertips and they need it in printed form for reference purposes.

We would really appreciate it if you would publish the following questions and answers. The last question, which you may wish to use several times as a filler, tells taxpayers how to contact us with any further questions they may have.

1. Q. Is there a tax credit for a home purchase in 1975?  
A. Yes, the new law provides for a credit equal to 5 percent of the taxpayer's adjusted basis in the new residence up to a \$2,000 maximum.

2. Q. I plan to buy a new

home. What conditions must be met before the tax credit is allowed?  
A. The chief conditions are that the home must have been built or under construction before March 26, 1975, and acquired and occupied after March 12, 1975, and before January 1, 1977. In addition, the taxpayer must be the first occupant of the house and it must be his principal place of residence. Also, the taxpayer must attach to his income tax return a certification by the seller that the purchase price paid by the buyer is the lowest price at which the new residence was ever offered for sale.

3. Q. I am having a house built by a contractor on land I own. Will I receive a tax credit?  
A. Yes, but only on that portion of the cost properly allocable to construction after March 12, 1975. For example, if the total costs of construction were \$40,000 and as of March 12, 1975 \$35,000 worth was completed, the credit would be 5 percent of the remaining \$5,000.

4. Q. What constitutes "beginning" of construction of a house?  
A. Construction is considered to commence when significant physical work has occurred at the building site. Specifically, digging of the footings, excavation of the building site or similar work constitute a significant amount of construction.

5. Q. I live in an apartment complex which is being converted to condominiums. If I buy my unit, will I get a credit?  
A. No. The credit only applies to a "new principal residence." This means a principal residence, the original use of which commences with you and which is occupied by you after March 12, 1975.

6. Q. There are some townhouses in my neighborhood which were constructed last fall. Since the owner was unable to sell them, they have been rented. Do these houses qualify for tax credit?  
A. No, the occupancy precludes the tax credit unless the buyer is the original occupant who rented with a written contract containing an option to purchase the townhouse.

7. Q. Is there some way I can contact IRS with my particular question about the new home tax credit?  
A. Yes, you can call IRS toll-free at 1-800-829-5835.

8. Q. I just sold my old home and am moving into a new house that costs \$40,000. Will I get the maximum \$2,000 credit?  
A. Probably not. The credit applies to the "adjusted basis" of the house. Thus, if you made a \$6,000 gain on your old home and defer paying the tax on that gain, the adjusted basis of your new home would be \$34,000 and your credit would be \$1,700.

9. Q. I'm a builder and understand I have to give a certification for people to claim the credit. What is this all about?  
A. The seller of the house must provide a certification that the purchase price of the house is the lowest price at which the residence was ever offered for sale. As an example, if you have an inventory of completed houses which you have been offering for sale at \$35,000, you can not increase the price to \$36,000 and still give the required certification to the purchaser. If you do you may be sued by the purchaser and be liable for damages of three times the excess charged plus attorney's fees, and you may be prosecuted on criminal charges.

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