

Around Town

BY SAM MORRIS

The change back to Eastern Standard Time starts us to work in the daylight, but we now go home in the dark. It will take a little time to adjust ourselves to the hour difference. We noticed Tuesday morning that the clock beside the bed was at 4:30 when we awakened. Of course last week we were hitting the floor at approximately 5:30 so we must soon adjust to gain our hour of sleep.

The time change also stops the late afternoon golf games. We expect a number of wives are thankful for this as they can get finished with the evening meal in time to watch television.

Anyway, by the time we become completely adjusted, six months will have rolled around and daylight time will be with us again. No way to win!

Don't forget that the General Election is Tuesday, November 3. This is an off-year election and usually the vote is light. So be sure to be among those that in each election stand up and are counted. If you don't VOTE you have no right to complain about the way this country or state is being run.

A surprise visitor at the office last week was Mrs. Rena Smith. Mrs. Smith, before she fell and broke bones, was by the office every Thursday. She worked out of the Employment office in Fayetteville and Thursday was her day for Hoke County. She was driving her car and looked as mean as ever, even with her crutches. We enjoyed chatting with Rena and so glad that she is up and around again.

Several weeks ago in The Rockfish News was an article by Mrs. A.A. McInnis about her first airplane ride. We had thought that Mrs. McInnis was over 80 years old, but from the article we might have been wrong. It seemed she took in most of Virginia and North Carolina in a couple of days. We think this is amazing and we will now say that Mrs. McInnis is 80 years young. Keep on writing and flying, Mrs. A.A.

The Bucks were finally knocked from the winning ways by Dunn last Friday night. This week they have a chance to give Raeford their first conference crown. On Friday night Bowman High of Wadesboro will be here to play the Bucks. The team needs all the support they can get, so be sure to be in attendance at the game. Be a Buck Booster.

Two of our friends who have been out of circulation for a few days are Joe Dupree and Jesse Peoples. Judge Dupree is in Moore Memorial and is recuperating from an operation and Jesse is at Highsmith - Rainey and is also resting well after an operation. Boys, get over this resting period and get back into the hard, cold, everyday chores of your peers.

The United Fund drive will start next week and volunteer workers will be around for your contribution. Be prepared with your fair share and the drive will end soon.

We were listening to C.D. Bounds and Tommie Macko last week but we won't hear them anymore this year as the two final games are at home.

Julian Barnes New President Of Farm Bureau

The annual meeting of the Hoke County Farm Bureau was held last Monday night in the Gibson School cafeteria.

A crowd of about 60 persons heard G.R. Autry, the guest speaker.

Newly elected officers for 1971 are: Julian P. Barnes, president; P.F. Harris, vice - president; Mrs. Bonnie Niven, secretary - treasurer.

New directors are J.H. Blythe, J.W. Hayes, Bill Boyles, Alfred Leach, Proctor Locklear, Jr., Neill L. McFadyen and J.A. Webb.

BE SURE AND
VOTE
TUESDAY

Amendments And Fire Tax Issues In General Election Next Tuesday

Voters will cast their ballots Tuesday in an off-year election that has sparked little interest and less campaigning here. The only Democratic candidate to face opposition is Alton A. Lennon, incumbent Congressman from the

Seventh Congressional District. He is opposed by Frederick R. Weber of Lumber Bridge, the Republican candidate.

In addition to the member of Congress, other offices to be chosen are county

officers, state senators and representatives, district judges, solicitor, and state officers of the General Court.

There will also be seven state constitutional amendments on the ballot and two fire district elections.

There are fewer voters this year in the county, according to John Scott Poole, chairman of the county board of elections.

Although the registration books have been open throughout October, more

voters were taken off the rolls than were added, he said. Poole estimated the county lost from ten to twenty voters, but final tabulations have not been completed.

Voter registration ended last Saturday. Challenge day, in which voter registration may be questioned for legality, will be held this Saturday.

Approximately 5532 voters are registered for the general election, Poole said.

The polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The county courthouse and the county office building, which are used as polling places, will be closed Tuesday. The schools will not be closed, even though two schools are used as polling places, Poole said.

While all but one race is unopposed, there is some opposition to the constitutional amendments and to the fire district election.

Voters in the West Hoke district and in the Pine Hill district, both in Quenahille, will vote on a tax for fire protection. Volunteer fire departments are being organized in each district but a fire district tax must be approved by the voters before the departments can begin to operate.

Some opposition to the fire tax has been reported in the Quenahille community, Poole said.

Among the amendments, the proposal to require the General Assembly to reduce the number of state administrative departments to 25 and to authorize the governor to reorganize the departments has sparked the most opposition.

Many opponents object to the placement of the various agencies under different administrative departments from the one in which they are now placed. Other opponents say the reorganization gives too much power to the office of governor.

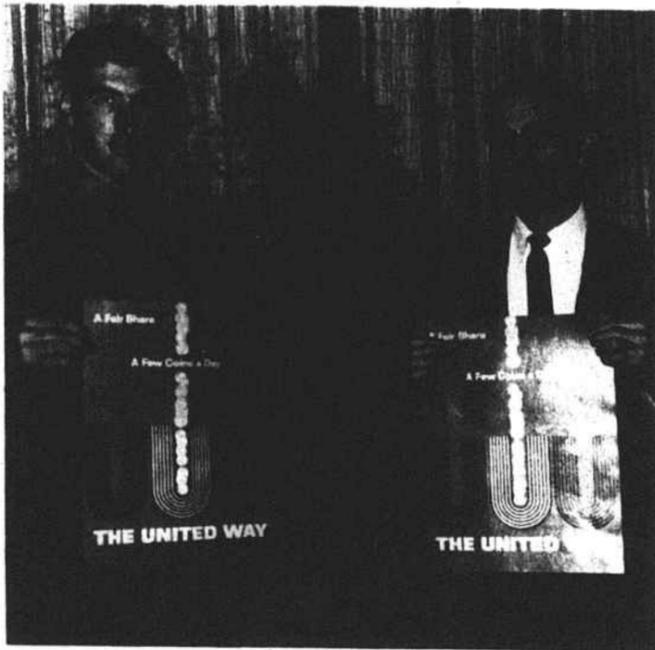
There is also a question that the reorganization might affect the state university system, requiring the universities all to have the same administrators. Supporters say it will affect the university system.

Proponents of the amendment say the reduction of the more than 200 state administrative departments and agencies to not more than 25 by 1975 would make the state government more manageable than in now possible with the multitude of agencies nominally reporting to the governor.

The first amendment would clarify the language of the constitution, eliminate out-of-date provisions and make the document more understandable.

The third amendment would allow the General Assembly to call itself into

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FUND LEADERS -- United Fund campaign manager Jerry Goza and Fund president Dr. Julius Jordan prepare to kick off the annual drive next Monday.

United Fund Starts Monday With Goal Of \$19,181.19

A United Fund drive to raise \$19,181.19 for Hoke County agencies will begin Monday.

Dates for the drive from Nov. 2 to Nov. 30 were set at a meeting of the board of directors last Thursday.

Dr. Julius F. Jordan was elected president of the fund directors. Re-elected to office were W.T. McAllister, vice - president; Mrs. O.B. Israel, secretary and Sam C. Morris, treasurer.

Jerry Goza was named campaign manager for this year's drive.

Five directors were re-elected to three year terms. They are William Lamont, W.T. McAllister, Allen McDonald, Ed Murray and Sam C. Morris.

Directors with one year remaining in their term are C.D. Bounds, Leonard Frahm, Mrs. O.B. Israel, Dr. Julius F. Jordan and Graham Pope. Directors with two years remaining are Richard Neely, Lewis Oxendine, Wyatt Upchurch, A.W. Wood, Jr. and Hugh Simmons.

The goal for this year's drive is \$3,894.35 less than the fund goal last year. Funds for the recreation program were reduced from \$5,000 in last year's budget to \$1,000 this year. United Fund directors have asked the city and county governments to finance the recreation program next year and the city has approved \$1,500 for the program. The \$1,000 from United Fund was allotted to finance the program until the new city and county budgets go into effect next July 1.

Scouting in the county was allotted a total of \$7,500 -- the same amount as last year, and the Cape Fear Council of Boy

Two Men Shot At Nightclub

Two men were injured, one seriously, early Sunday morning when a pistol and a shotgun were fired into a crowded nightclub near Upchurch School.

Jimmy McMillan was reported to be in serious condition with a pistol wound in the head. Nathaniel Leslie was reported in good condition with a chest wound.

Three men were arrested in connection with the shooting. They are Nelson Tyler, Merlyn Hitler Locklear and Joe Walter Lowery. Tyler and Locklear are charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and shooting into an occupied building. They are being held without bond pending the conditions of McMillan.

Lowery is charged with shooting into an occupied building and is free on \$1,000 bond.

The shooting occurred at Bertha Leslie's club about 1:30 a.m. Sunday. Sheriff D.M. Barrington said there was no apparent motive for the shooting.

Scouts will each receive \$3,000. The Oconeechee Council of Boy Scouts will receive \$1,500.

The Red Cross was the only agency to request less than last year's appropriation. This year the Red Cross will get \$4,302 compared to \$4,442 last year.

Other agencies supported by the United Fund are White Cane, \$500; 4-H Clubs, \$785; an increase of \$181; Crippled Children, \$400; Community Development, \$1,000; Hoke Rescue

Squad, \$1,000; Needy Children (School), \$500; Senior Citizens, \$125 and Carolina United (all national agencies under United Fund including USO, Mental Association, Children's Home Society etc.), \$2,069.19, an increase of \$65.15.

"The directors think this goal of \$19,181.19 is one that can be met," Sam C. Morris, treasurer, said. "But it will certainly take a concerted effort of all the citizens in the county."

Social Workers Told Family Aid Plan Needed

The family assistance bill is not dead James A. Glover, president of the National Association of County Directors, told delegates to the South Central District of N.C. Association of Departments of Social Services at a meeting in the Civic Center Oct. 21.

"Many are saying that the bill is dead and cannot be resurrected. I do not concur, for I feel that some revised bill for family public assistance will be passed," he told the social workers.

The family assistance plan, which was proposed by President Nixon, failed to be reported out of the Senate Finance Committee this session.

Glover, stressing that he was giving his opinion and was not speaking as an official, told the workers that skyrocketing costs for social and medical programs are making a federally financed family program necessary.

Glover, who has served four terms as president of the national association and two terms on the association's legislative committee, is a member of a task force to formulate a family assistance program. He has also appeared before the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee to answer questions on the program. Glover is the director of social services for Nash County.

A family assistance program would provide programs for two groups, he said. The first would be an income security group composed of those who cannot work, such as the aged, and the disabled. The second part of the program would be a work security group.

This "work fare" would provide training and job opportunities as well as payments to supplement below-standard incomes.

"I do not believe that private industry can take all the people in low income

areas and make a profit from their labor. Also, these people cannot live on the wages derived from the minimum wage. This leaves a gap that must be overcome.

"Public employment must be provided in schools, public buildings and the like. We do something to families when we don't provide the opportunity for work and force them onto a grant to live," Glover said.

The national association supports the work incentive and the work requirement portion of the bill; rehabilitation and training programs; childcare programs, federal financial sharing to relieve counties and states of the financial burden and the separation of financing assistance programs from furnishing social services.

Glover said the association opposes in the bill the two-program approach where assistance is administered through both state and federal offices.

The bill should also provide for regional differences in cost of living, should have absolute income ceilings imposed on recipients, and should allow for a food stamp check-off system if the food stamp program is not made a part of the plan.

After his lecture, Glover answered questions from the delegates on the plan.

Also on the program in the morning was Mrs. Lillian Gaskill, assistant director of medical services for the N.C. Department of Social Services. She explained the medical assistance program and answered questions from the audience.

Mrs. Jean Rogers, director of the Scotland County Department of Social Services, spoke in the afternoon on "Social Services Then and Now."

Representatives from the social services departments in nine counties attended the meeting at the Civic Center.

Miss Mabel McDonald, director of the

Hoke County DSS, introduced members of the county board of commissioners, the social services board, and the advisory board.



GUEST SPEAKER -- James A. Glover, president of the National Association of County Directors, explains the proposed family assistance plan to members of the south central district of the N.C. Association of Departments of Social Services at a meeting last week at the Civic Center. Mrs. Lillian Gaskill, assistant director of the medical services division of the state Department of Social Services, listens.