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WASHINGTON REPORT

REORGANIZATION

One of the most urgent problems facing the country is the need to reorganize and streamline the vast Federal Colossus. These next two years should be devoted to reshaping the structure of the federal system so that it can be responsive to public need without duplication, waste, and the kind of empire-building which is so common in a bureaucracy as complex and unwieldy as our federal government has become.

Reorganization requires the cooperation of the Congress, and the signs are not promising that this cooperation will be wholeheartedly given. Recent Presidents have had the authority to propose reorganization plans for federal departments and agencies. These plans under the law went into effect automatically within sixty days unless they were specifically disapproved by either the House or the Senate. Since 1949, Presidents have proposed eighty-three such plans. A total of sixty-three were allowed to become effective by the Congress. Last year, the House extended the 1949 Reorganization Act by a large margin. The Senate, however, delayed the consideration of the measure for over five months in what is generally regarded as a political move to give it leverage with the new Administration. Whether this means that the Senate will now

want to haggle and bargain remains to be seen. There is no doubt that the Administration will have a number of reorganization plans it wishes to submit. Nevertheless, it has been necessary for the President to request executive authority which every American President since 1932 has had. Without that discretionary authority, the White House will not have reasonable power to group, coordinate, and consolidate agencies and functions of government for more effective management and better handling of the public's business.

It seems likely that the Congress will give some consideration to this proposal soon. It is my feeling, however, that the action should not stop here. In addition to Presidential action, it is my feeling that a much broader study is necessary. Out of the old "Hoover Commission" which operated in the 1940's and the 1950's, proposals for more effective and economical government operations were developed. This was a bi-partisan group where political grand-standing was discouraged and the results have had long-range and beneficial consequences. We have reached a point today where this kind of broad overview of the federal government is necessary. For that reason, I have joined with others here urging legislation to set up such a Commission.

Although we can achieve benefits from tighter management in Washington, this in itself will not provide relief from the tax explosion that is fracturing the American pocketbook today. In the last five years, taxes have greatly increased with the total federal, state, and local tax bite now averaging \$3,927 as compared to \$2,264 in 1960. Clearly, there needs to be a review of where we are headed, what priorities we need to assign to various government functions, and where we are going to blow the whistle on further tax increases.

The debate on the extension of the surtax is one of the most restrained dialogues in the nation's capital. Despite bravado claims that the budget submitted by President Johnson will produce a surplus, the surplus is more imagined than real. By accounting systems used by previous Presidents, the surplus would add up to a sizeable deficit.

Some very whopping changes are going to have to be made if deficits and the unpalatable surtax are to be avoided. As things stand now, they will remain in the country's future. All this leads to another dreary exercise in increasing the national debt limit. In fact, the President is obliged to request such action of the Congress last week to assure that the federal government could pay its bills. With this kind

of a picture in the nation's capital, the recent pay raise for Congressmen, Senators, and federal Judges is wholly unjustified. This is the kind of spending-as-usual philosophy that needs to be changed.

BENEFIT

The Ladies Auxiliary of Frank B. Glass Post 9811, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will sponsor a chicken and dumpling supper Saturday from 5 until 7:30 p.m. at the Post on Grover road. Plates are \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children. Delivery service is also available.

LODGE MEETING

Regular communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM will be held Monday night at 7:30 at Masonic Hall, according to announcement by Secretary T. D. Tindall.

SQUAD REPORT

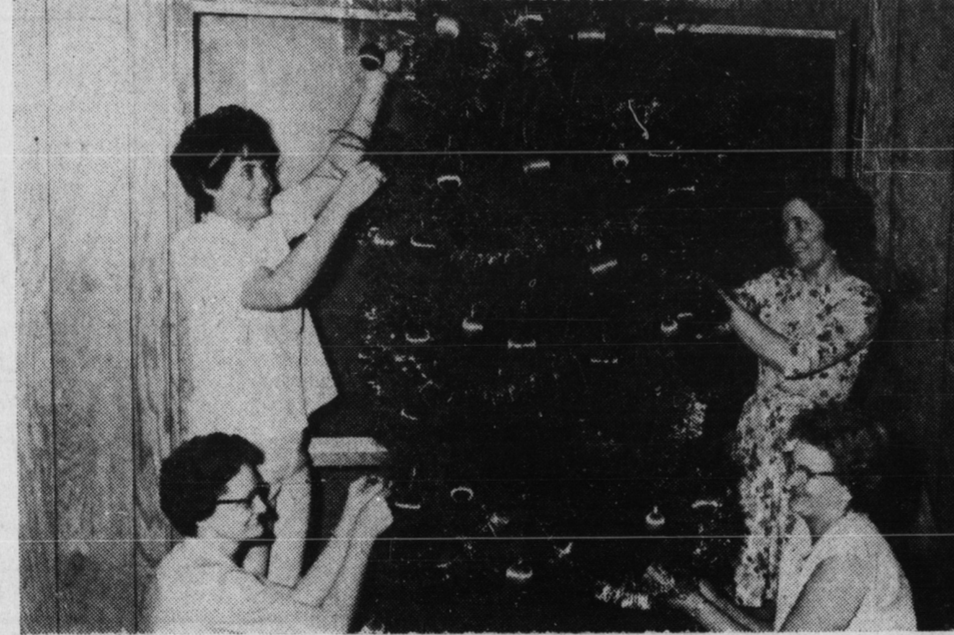
Grover Rescue Squad, Inc. answered a total of 22 calls during the month of February for a total of 821 hours and 568 miles traveled, Wyatt Adcock, squad reporter, said.

KIWANIS CLUB

Dr. D. F. Hord will give a report of 1968 activities of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at the club's Thursday night meeting at 6:45 at the Woman's club.

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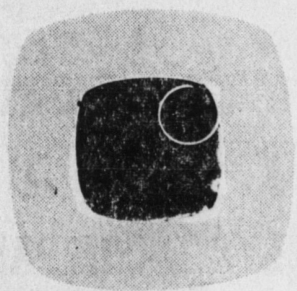
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