

# COUNTY NEWS

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## Three Vie For Fourth Vice President Post

Three people have announced their candidacy for NACo's Fourth Vice President; Charlotte Williams, Commissioner, Genesee County, Michigan; William Koniarski, Commissioner, Scott County, Minnesota; Louis Mills, County Executive, Orange County, New York.

Mills was elected the first executive of Orange County in November 1969 and was re-elected last November. He has served on the NACo board, starting in 1973, as the representative of the Council of Elected Executives.



Louis V. Mills

Currently serving on the Land Use Steering Committee, Mills has also served on the Taxation and Finance Committee and was Chairman of its Revenue Sharing Committee in 1973. In these positions, he has testified for NACo before Congress several times.

In 1973, he served on the three-member nominating committee at NACo's annual conference in Dallas.

Koniarski has been a Scott County Commissioner since 1961 and is now serving his ninth consecutive term as chairman of that body. He has been a member of the NACo Board of Directors since 1971 and is also on its Local Determination Steering Committee.

Koniarski served on the Board of Directors of the Association of Minnesota Counties from 1965 to 1971 and was president of the association in 1971.

Williams began serving on the Genesee County Board of Supervisors (Commissioners) in 1965 and in 1968 was the only woman elected to the restructured 17-member commission. In 1973, she was elected vice chairman.

Because of her interest in welfare and social services, in 1970 she was appointed to NACo's Welfare Task Force and the Welfare Steering Committee. She now serves as chairman of that group. She has also testified for NACo before Congress.

Williams has served on the National

Office of Economic Opportunity Committee until it was abolished and is one of three county commissioners on the



William Koniarski

Democratic Party's Advisory Council of Elected Officials.

These are the only three presently announced candidates. The Nominating Committee will meet on Monday, July 15 from 9 a.m. to noon to consider



Charlotte L. Williams

nominations for officers and board of directors. County officials wishing to nominate anyone for those posts or anyone wishing to speak on behalf of a candidate may arrange to appear before the group.

The committee's report will be available to delegates by 9 a.m. Tuesday. Elections will take place at the business meeting starting at 3 p.m. Tuesday. Nominations from the floor are also accepted.

## Governor, Senators To Address Conference

A number of prominent men and women will address special parts of NACo annual conference in Miami Beach next week.

Senator Hubert Humphrey (D-Minnesota) will speak about "Intergovernmental Cooperation" on Monday morning July 15. Following him, Robert Merriam, Chairman, U.S. Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, will speak on "Regionalism: The Quiet Revolution." That will be followed by a panel discussion on the same topic.

Senator Lawton Chiles (D-Florida) will speak to the NACo affiliate, the National Association of County Treasurers and Finance Officers (NACTFO), at a breakfast on Monday morning.



Hubert Humphrey



Lawton Chiles

NACTFO members will also hear Francine Neff, Treasurer of the United States. She will speak at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. At the group's luncheon that day, Richard Stone, Secretary of State of Florida will deliver the major address.

Governor Wendell Ford of Kentucky will be part of a panel on "State-County Leadership" on Tuesday morning. The other panelists are Ray Everett, State Representative in Arizona, Alec Olson, State Senator in Minnesota, George Reineke, County Executive, Dane County, Wisconsin, and William Dunn, Commissioner, Salt Lake County, Utah. Robert Reckman, Commissioner, Hamilton Coun-

ty, Ohio, will moderate the panel.

Part of the NACo conference will deal with the issue of "Clean Water and County Development."

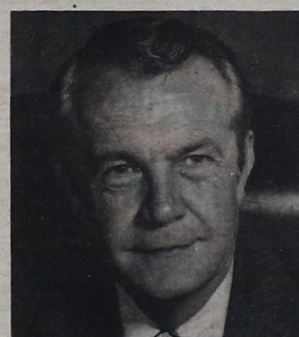
There will be a formal large group presentation on Monday, at 10:30 a.m.

### Registration

Registration for the annual conference will begin Sunday, July 14 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and run through Monday, July 15 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Grand Galerie of the Fontainebleau Hotel.

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dealing with the 208 wastewater treatment planning which is a significant part of the Pure Waters Act (PL 92-500). This session will define problems in wastewater treatment, how to obtain funding from federal sources for areawide plans,



Wendell Ford

and will provide an opportunity to question federal officials on problems of liaison and implementation.

Mark Pisano, Director of the Water Planning Division for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, will speak at the large morning session along with two county officials, Myrna Hurd, New Castle County, Delaware, and Jim Fitzgerald, San Mateo County, California.

In the afternoon, a smaller group session will provide an opportunity to direct questions to Pisano for in depth discussion of county problems. County officials w

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## Washington Briefs

**Food Stamp Bill to President.** The House and Senate agreed last week to the conference committee bill (S. 3458) increasing the federal matching share from 29 percent (average) to 50 percent on food stamp administrative costs. There had been some question about whether the House would go along with the compromise, but the bill passed unanimously. The President is expected to sign the legislation.

**Community Development Conference Begins.** A House-Senate conference committee will meet June 9 to begin resolving the differences between Senate and House passed versions of housing and community development block grant legislation. The bills, H.R. 15361 and S. 3066, contain different methods of distributing community development block grant funds. The House version distributes funds on the basis of an objective needs formula to metropolitan cities and urban counties, with remaining amounts discretionary for smaller cities and counties and rural areas. The Senate version distributes funds on the basis of the average amounts received for urban renewal and model cities. The Senate version also places restrictions on how the funds must be spent and requires a 10 percent local cash match. The bills also differ on the subsidized housing programs. NACO is urging county officials to contact Senator John Sparkman and Rep. Wright Patman and urge them to accept the House version of community development legislation. In light of the substantial differences between the bills a long conference is expected.

**Transit Legislation Stalled in House.** The timetable for action by the House Public Works Committee on mass transit legislation is unclear. The committee is scheduled to start marking up a staff-drafted bill on July 10 and 11, having cancelled two previous mark-up sessions. The staff also has been directed to draft a bill authorizing additional funds for highways through 1980. The two bills may be merged together by the committee. In the Senate, transit bills have been introduced by Senator Lloyd Bentsen (D-Texas) and Senator Harrison Williams (D-New Jersey). The Bentsen bill (S. 3601) would provide \$17.5 billion over the next five years with 70 percent of the funds going to 32 metropolitan areas over 750,000 population. The Williams bill (S. 3719), cosponsored by Senators Jacob Javits (R-New York) and Bentsen, would provide \$18 billion over five years and would be distributed to all metropolitan areas on a population-vehicle miles-ridership formula. No hearings are scheduled in the Senate. The chances for enactment of legislation this year are getting dimmer and dimmer.

**House Approves EDA Extension.** The House passed H.R. 14883 last week by a 402-11 vote. The bill extends the Economic Development Administration's (EDA) programs for two years. The bill includes a new program of planning and technical assistance to states and local governments and a \$50 million program to test the Administration's proposed Economic Adjustment Act. The Senate Public Works Committee held hearings last week on similar legislation (S. 3641). The Senate bill provides for a three-year extension. Senate action and conference agreement are expected by the end of July.

**House Approves Juvenile Delinquency Bill.** By a vote of 329 to 20 the House has passed H.R. 15276, the "Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Act." The bill authorizes a four-year \$480 million program to deal with juvenile delinquency and runaway youths and places control of the program in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Grants are to be made to the states based on their population of youths under 18 years of age. Each state will receive a minimum of \$150,000. A similar bill is under consideration by the Senate Subcommittee on Juvenile Delinquency, although this bill would transfer the program to the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. Action by the Senate is expected in late July.

**House Approves Fiscal 1975 HUD Appropriations.** The House has passed the fiscal 1975 the department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) appropriations bill, H.R. 15572. The bill contains transitional amounts for urban renewal — \$200 million, model cities — \$125 million, rehabilitation loans — \$70 million to be utilized pending enactment of new community development block grant legislation. No appropriation is made for the new block grant program since the necessary authorizing legislation has not been enacted. Such appropriation will be forthcoming in a supplemental appropriations bill. The appropriations bill includes \$100 million for the 701 Comprehensive Planning and Management Program, up from the \$75 million authorized for fiscal 1974, but \$10 million less than the amount requested by the Administration. The Senate HUD Appropriations Subcommittee has completed hearings on HUD appropriations and is expected to report its version in mid-July.

**Solid Waste Bill.** The Senate Public Works Committee will be holding hearings July 9-11 on five bills dealing with solid waste, resource conservation and energy recovery. Senator Pete Domenici (D-New Mexico) has introduced a bill S. 3277, Energy Resource Recovery Act of 1974; Senator Jennings Randolph (D-West Virginia) has introduced S. 3560, Solid Waste Utilization Act of 1974 and Senator Edmund Muskie (D-Maine) has introduced Energy Recovery and Resource Conservation Act of 1974, S. 3549. The additional two bills include the Administration's bill S. 1086, the Hazardous Waste Management Act of 1973 and the Resource Recovery Act of 1974 which is being considered by the Commerce Committee and is now introduced before the Public Works Committee. Idamae Garrott, Councilwoman of Montgomery County, Maryland will be testifying for the National Association of Counties on July 9 on the above five bills.

## English Visitor



**VICE ADMIRAL Sir Ronald Erockman (left),** member of the New Devon County Council in England, visited NACO recently. Sir Ronald is the Chairman of the Dartmoor National Park Committee in England and is studying the problems of noise and litter in U.S. national parks. He also visited Marin County, California which is Devon's sister county. Shown with him is NACO Executive Director Bernard Hillenbrand.

## Welfare Money Recovery Limited

Welfare overpayments in cases other than willful withholding of information cannot be recouped from future welfare grants unless recipients have other income or resources sufficient to cover the proposed grant reductions.

The new regulation, announced June 21 by James S. Dwight, Jr., Administrator of HEW's Social and Rehabilitation Service was issued to comply with a court order.

The regulation also requires that recipients be notified periodically that they must report changes in income and circumstances that affect the amount of their welfare payments, and acknowledge such notification in writing.

Where evidence clearly establishes that recipients willfully withheld information concerning income and resources that lead to overpayments, States may recoup those overpayments regardless of income or resources.

It is necessary to issue the regulation, effective July 10, 1974, without the normal notice of proposed rulemaking in order to meet a court-imposed deadline.

Consideration will be given comments submitted within 30 days to the Administrator, Social and Rehabilitation Services Administration, 330 C Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201.

## San Diego County Auditor Honored By Finance Officers Group

The highest award given to public finance officers has been presented to Gerald J. Lonergan, auditor and controller of San Diego County, California.

The Louisville Award was presented to Lonergan by the Municipal Finance Officers Association (MFOA) of the United States and Canada. The award is made on the basis of an individual's outstanding accomplishment and contribution to governmental finance management.

A gold medal was presented to Lonergan for his effort during 1973 in developing and instituting a program which resulted in a more efficient operation of the auditor and controller's office.

Lonergan said his program consisted of packaging items amending several state laws, and then watch-dogging the package through the State Legislature.

"Lots of procedures were cleaned up, and it made us much more efficient," Lonergan said.

This is the second time Lonergan has won the award. He received it in 1967 for his work on the county's purchase order draft program.

With Lonergan winning the award twice, this makes the second time in the history of MFOA that one person has received the award two times.

MFOA is the professional public service organization for all persons in the field of public finance.



## Addresses Meeting



**DONELON ADDRESSES FEDERAL AID CONFERENCE.** Thomas F. Donelon, President of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana recently addressed county officials attending the Region VI Federal Aid Conference. President Donelon was host of the NACo Council of Intergovernmental Coordinators meeting. Conference speakers included federal officials from the Manpower Administration, Department of Transportation, Department of Agriculture, Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Housing and Urban Development. The conference was organized by Roy Wilty, Federal Aid Coordinator of Jefferson Parish.



## the Ballot Box by Richard G. Smolka

National Association of County Recorders and Clerks  
American University Institute of Election Administration

Experts on voting met in Washington last month to discuss the implications of reduced voter turnout but were unable to agree completely either on the causes or the remedies. About the only general agreement reached at the conference sponsored by the Academy of Contemporary Affairs of Columbus, Ohio was that the subject needs more research.

General Pomper, Professor of Government at Rutgers University, identified benevolent apathy, legal and administrative restrictions to registration and voting, and deliberate rejection of elections as the three major causes of the reduced turnout witnessed in most elections during the past ten years.

Richard Scammon observed that the problem of non-voting is basically not a middle class problem but that most of the proposed solutions are middle class solutions.

Dr. Charles Taylor, Assistant Director of the Academy sponsoring the conference, noted that purges for non-voting hit black voters harder than white voters because experience has shown that it is easier to register voters than it is to vote them.

Several speakers expressed concern about the future fate of the Voting Rights Act which has been recognized as a positive factor in increasing voter turnout but which must be renewed by Congress next year if it is not to expire.

Questions were raised about the teaching of civics and political science. Some American government textbooks suggest that voting has a minimal effect on public policy. The election returns in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Berkeley, California and

the general increase of black elected officials were offered as evidence to the contrary. It was also suggested that the emphasis on campaign techniques in some college courses may be turning off young voters who see political campaigning as an effort to trick the intellect of the voter and thus undermines the electoral process.

Arthur Miller of the Michigan Survey Research Center for Political Studies at the University of Michigan reported that his organization has identified rapidly escalating alienation or withdrawal from the electoral process since 1966 but found psychological factors rather than administrative obstacles to voting as the major cause. The political consequences of withdrawal, according to Stanley Kelley of Princeton, are that those who do not participate have their interests ignored which in turn leads to more non-participation.

No one at the conference expressed the opinion that compulsory voting would provide an acceptable political solution to the problem of non-voting but there was general agreement that if non-voting becomes widely acceptable, the legitimacy of the government may be called into question.

## Want to Know

What child services are you providing? How? How are you funding your day care centers? Please contact Mary Brugger, NACo staff, 202/785-9577.

## New Directions

Scott Franklin  
Research Intern  
New County, U.S.A. Center

### Use of Joint Facilities Explored

Under partial funding by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, *Chenango* and *Madison* Counties New York have initiated a project to explore together the possibility of sharing personnel and facilities to provide improved environmental protection and public health services in both counties.

This project is one of a number of pilot projects in the state embodying the special revenue sharing, or block grant approach being proposed by the federal government to replace the older federal categorical grant programs.

### Commission Increases Aid to Elderly

The Montgomery County (Maryland) Commission on the Aging has been realigned to broaden its role in aiding elderly citizens. The commission's powers which have been re-defined now include development of an information and referral system and an advocacy role for meeting unfulfilled needs of the elderly.

In past years, it has transmitted funds to help other programs around the county such as Meals on Wheels, Day Care Center for the Elderly, and Housing Authority projects.

### Exchange Program Aids Arizona County

*Maricopa* County (Arizona) Sheriff's Department recently hosted six Colombian police officials on a tour of facilities with a deputy acting as a translator for the Latin American visitors. The tour was part of a U.S. State Department program in which foreign police officials visit the law enforcement facilities in American municipalities. The Colombian police are one of the few Latin American police groups that stress personnel education on a level comparable to that of U.S. police, and high ranking police officers often receive comparable pay as lawyers and physicians, along with enjoying a comparable social status.

### Education Center Developed at Penitentiary

A new educational center was recently dedicated at the penitentiary in *Westchester* County, New York. The center consists of a new inmate library, two new classrooms and two interview/conference rooms. Previously used as a dining facility before being renovated, the center will provide for expansion of on-going programs for inmates at the elementary, high school and college levels, including four college courses currently being conducted by Westchester Community College. At present approximately 75 inmates are enrolled in these programs, and 150 have received their high school diplomas.

### King County Prepares for New Legislation

Next year a state law will go into effect decriminalizing public drunkenness and *King* County, Washington officials will be ready to meet the challenge. A tentative plan has been introduced which will allow drunken persons to be taken home or to a treatment facility. Individuals who have threatened or have attempted to inflict physical harm may be placed in protective custody.

Funding for this project will come partially from a federal grant, with the remainder coming from the state, County and City of Seattle. Close cooperation with local police will be necessary if the program is to be successful.

### Alcoholism Pilot Project Proposed

The County of *Los Angeles, California*, also concerned with the problem of alcoholism, is applying for funds to start a pilot program which will test whether treating the public drunk as a sick person rather than a criminal can alleviate the revolving door process of repeated arrests and jail sentences. According to Supervisor Jim Hayes, an advocate for the program, police would take a public inebriate to a detoxification center for a 72 hour drying out period during which time efforts would be made to encourage the individual to receive further treatment in an aftercare facility. A proposed 100-bed detoxification center will provide care for 6,000 persons annually on a round-the-clock basis.

### Housing Clearinghouse for Elderly Established

In order to aid the elderly in finding reasonably priced good housing, *Milwaukee* County, Wisconsin has instituted a clearinghouse which will advertise and publicly seek to locate available rooms and apartments for senior citizens. The information dispersed will cover such areas as rental costs and transportation available near the housing. The clearinghouse was developed to respond to numerous requests of senior citizens, who complained of inadequate public and subsidized housing.

### Bilingual Phone Directory Developed

Responding to the needs of Spanish speaking citizens, the County Medical Center in *Los Angeles* County, California now have bilingual phone directories which will enable patients and their visitors to more easily contact certain departments within the hospital. The system should provide faster and more efficient service to hospital patients.

### Correction

*Montgomery* County, Pennsylvania will concentrate increased professional staff in the area of prisoner rehabilitation with a new program funded jointly by county and federal government. The June 24 issue of *County News* erroneously reported that Montgomery County, Maryland was sponsoring this program.

### Unified Services Plan

County Executive Alfred DelBello has submitted a "Unified Services Plan" which is designed to improve and expand mental health, mental retardation, and alcoholism treatment services for *Westchester* County, New York. The plan will greatly improve joint state and local planning and financing of all mental health services in the county.

Under the plan the state re-imbursement rate will rise from 50 percent to 72 percent for program expenditures and from 33 1/2 percent to 50 percent for capital expenditures. This increase will produce an additional \$7 million for local mental health services in 1975 without requiring any greater financial outlay by the county and voluntary agencies. In fact, the local share will drop by \$400,000 as compared to the 1974 plan.



## County Opinion

### Food Stamp Costs

Counties and states should be extremely pleased with recent action by the Congress in increasing the federal matching share for administering the food stamp program. Because the law did not allow counties to be reimbursed for all expenses, counties and states were having to provide more than 70 percent of the costs of administering the food stamp program. Now with these changes, the federal government will have to pay all administrative costs on a 50-50 basis. This means a savings to states and counties of almost \$70 million during this next year.

All members of the Senate and House Agriculture Committees are to be congratulated on this bill. This change would not have happened, however, without the studies, public hearings and work over the last year of the Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs. The Select Committee Chairman George McGovern, who also is a

member of the Agriculture Committee, introduced the legislation and guided it through to enactment. The key supporter of the provision has to be Senator Herman Tamagge, Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee. His strong support and advocacy made the difference in the House-Senate conference committee.

Many county officials worked hard to convince their Congressmen about the need for changing the federal share. Special mention has to be given to the Washington representatives of Los Angeles County, San Diego County, Santa Clara County, Alameda County and the County Supervisors' Association of California, who spent many long hours on this legislation.

If you have not written a letter of thanks to your Congressmen and Senators, you should do so. Let them know how much you appreciate their vote and support.

## Letters To NACo

Dear Sir:

I compliment and agree with Al McArthur-NACo should take a policy position in favor of state, county and city rights to non-profit status where mailing privileges are concerned.

This is an important issue which should be assigned to a NACo Steering Committee (Finance and Taxation?) so it can be acted upon at our July convention.

Clifford L. Tuck, Director  
Shelby County (Tennessee) Intergovernmental Coordination Department

Dear Bernie:

The Onslow County (North Carolina) Board of Commissioners has asked me to communicate to you its extreme concern involving federally-mandated programs accompanied by diminishing federal financial support.

From a local vantage point, it appears that increasing burdens are being placed upon local units of government by both state and federal agencies without adequate financial support. We need hardly remind you that the property tax base of local communities is not capable of supporting expensive programs, especially when accompanied by spiraling inflation. We appreciate NACo's strong support of the general revenue-sharing program recently expressed to members of the United States Senate Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee. Like many other communities, we have chosen to allocate much of our revenue-sharing funds to capital programs, fearing that

allocation to service programs involving personnel might have to be drastically reduced if the general revenue-sharing program is terminated.

As an example of our dilemma, we were led to believe that the implementation of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments by the Social Security Administration would lessen the burden on local social service department budgets. We find the contrary to be true, in that a large number of applicants for SSI payments have been determined ineligible, and therefore the full burden of responsibility for support of these applicants now rests with local government. Other federal programs involving the Farmers Home Administration, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and other agencies, have been curtailed; and conflicting guidelines for many programs arrive with monotonous regularity. These changing guidelines require untold hours of work on the part of local employees.

I recognize that this letter contains few documented instances of increased costs incurred by county government, but I feel sure there are many other counties that share our frustrations. Your continued efforts to work on the behalf of local government would be sincerely appreciated. Perhaps the most frustrating aspect of this problem is that while county governmental costs are increasing due to federal requirements, we fail to see any tax relief to local citizens at the federal level!

Timothy Wood  
County Manager  
Onslow County, North Carolina

## Clarification Of Rule About Obligating Revenue Sharing

*Editor's note: These two letters came from Gilbert Berthelsen, County Administrator, Racine County, Wisconsin and concern what the Office of Revenue Sharing means when it says counties must "appropriate, expend or obligate" revenue sharing funds within a two-year period. Because of the widespread interest in the subject, County News is publishing both.*

Mr. Robert Murphy  
Department of the Treasury  
Office of Revenue Sharing  
Compliance Department  
1900 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20226

Dear Mr. Murphy:

Two-year limitation on revenue sharing funds expenditure and request for clarification of phrase "appropriate, expend or obligate."

In the Racine County 1973 calendar year budget we appropriated the sum of \$200,000 (together with additional county tax funds) for the purpose of constructing a county administration building at such time as sufficient monies are available. These are non-lapsing, capital outlay funds which carry forward from year to year.

A strict interpretation of the two-year limitation on expenditure of revenue sharing funds would indicate that these monies must be expended by the close of calendar year 1974; however, we have been informed on several occasions by National Association of Counties organization specialists and Revenue Sharing Advisory Service people that the two-year limitation does not apply because we have "obligated" these funds for a specific, eligible purpose. As a result, we have had every reason to believe our position was secure.

Recent information and conversations with our state auditor, however, have given us renewed cause for concern. It seems that the Wisconsin Audit Bureau administration has taken the position that the two-year limitation applies to every appropriation and that the funds must be expended or under contract within that two-year period.

Will you please provide us with a written interpretation of the guidelines relative to "appropriated, expended or obligated" as regards our situation as detailed above? If we are at all in jeopardy, will you inform us as to what steps can be taken to remedy the problem.

Gilbert Berthelsen  
County Administrator  
Racine County, Wisconsin

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## EDA Grant Goes To King County, Washington

Approval of a \$765,000 grant to help create immediate construction jobs for unemployed workers in King County, Washington, has been announced by William W. Blunt, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA), U.S. Department of Commerce, will go to King County to help provide additional improvements to the county stadium now under construction at Seattle.

The funds will enable King County to make the sta

The funds will enable King County to make the stadium usable for a variety of activities. County officials report that the project will make possible the staging of trade fairs and conventions at the stadium, in addition to year-round sporting events.

EDA approved the grant under an amendment to the Public Works and Economic Development Act authorizing federal assistance for useful public facilities in areas of high unemployment.

County officials report that 69 unemployed or underemployed workers will be hired for the project, which is expected to be completed in a year.

King County will provide \$191,250 to complete the \$956,250 total cost of installing a utility tunnel, revising the floor design and providing for rolling up the turf. The project also includes renovations to an existing building, which will be used for support services.

Dear Mr. Berthelsen:

It is the determination of the Office of Revenue Sharing that appropriating revenue sharing funds to a capital outlay fund (or fund of similar name and purpose) earmarked for capital construction within the 24-month period, satisfies the requirements of Section 51.40(b). Since the funds have already been appropriated and are identified to the construction of a county administration building, there is a use, obligation or appropriation within the 24-month period. Therefore, the county is within the purview of Section 51.40(b) of the regulations. Those funds in the capital outlay fund may be expended on the construction project when necessary, even though expenditures are beyond the 24-month period.

Robert W. Beuley, C.P.A.  
Chief Auditor  
Office of Revenue Sharing

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# Youths Help Suffolk Preserve Its Heritage

by Lou V. Tempers  
Commissioner of Labor  
Suffolk County, New York

Suffolk County, New York has been chosen by the New York State Environmental Department to share in \$311,000 in fiscal 1974 federal funds for implementation of the amendment to Public Law 92-957 establishing a permanent Youth Conservation Corps. One of only three areas in the state to receive the funding, Suffolk County composes the eastern-most part of Long Island in the southeast portion of New York State.

Suffolk County, surrounded by water on the north, east and south, and by burgeoning Nassau County on the west, is determined to maintain its reputation for clean water, green forests, and pure air, despite a rapidly expanding population of

over 1.25 million.

The county has a multitude of environmental programs, planned and operating. The receipt of the environmental grant will help the county accelerate its efforts.

The Youth Conservation Corps grant of \$109,000, matched by \$109,000 in local funds from the county's townships and villages, will enable 150 participants to work a five-day, 35-hour week from June 24 through August 30, 1974. The participants, chosen for need, consist mostly of residents who are students. The \$70 a week they earn will be instrumental in allowing them to continue their education.

Work to be performed includes cleaning of stream beds, seashore areas, woodlands and recharging basins. Huntington, one of Suffolk County's ten towns, has provided shrubs and trees which Youth Conservation Corps participants will plant on town lands.

Cooperating with the National Ocean Science Laboratory in Montauk Point (the eastern-most tip of Long Island), the Brookhaven National Laboratory, the community college and other scientific organizations, Youth Conservation Corps participants will work in experimental projects designed to test the effectiveness of transplanting wetlands' vegetation. Additional experiments will be conducted to identify the environmental effect of fertilizers, locating stream head waters, meteorological data deduction and a water level reading survey.

Twelve participants have been assigned to the county's Mosquito Control Commission to enable the county to more effectively utilize their ongoing mosquito control effort.

Coordinating the operation has proven to be a monumental task. Lacking public transportation, Suffolk County has rented 15 mini school buses to transport participants to job sites and has purchased more than \$15,000 worth of boots, hand

tools, gloves, hats, safety equipment; \$6,000 worth of scientific data gathering equipment on loan from participating science-based organizations, is being used.

The magnitude of the task is more clearly illustrated by the fact that nine heavy duty dump trucks and drivers will transport the anticipated 120 tons of debris that will have to be removed from the more than 100 water recharge basins throughout the county.

While this is the first year that the Youth Conservation Corps will be administered as a separate entity, it is the third year that the county's Labor Department will have administered a federally funded environmental program through the New York State Environmental Conservation Department.

Of equal importance was the notification received by the Department of Labor from NACo informing Suffolk of the change in Public Law 92-957, without which Suffolk County would not be able to identify the magnitude of the funding available.



YOUTH CONSERVATION Corps clean out Suffolk County streambeds.

## Federal Rules Reviewed

Proposed federal regulations have been received by NACo for review and comment. These regulations are currently being analyzed by county officials and NACo staff to determine their impact on counties. Due to the size of some of the regulations, NACo is unable to provide copies of all issuances. At the end of each description it is noted whether or not copies are available.

If copies are available, please write to Carol Shaskan at NACo. As an added service, final issuances which are available from agencies will be listed separately.

74-56 — U.S. Water Resources Council "Conservation of Power and Water Resources". These regulations would revise sections of the Water Resources Planning Act that establishes the rules and regulations under which states may apply for grants from the Water Resources Council to carry out comprehensive water and related land resources planning. One proposal would change the formula for funding by providing priority consideration to allocate funds on basis of participating in regional and river basin planning and the development of state water and related land resource plans.

74-57 — Health, Education and Welfare "Interim Regulations on Payment for Reserved Beds in Long-Term Care Facilities, Title XIX of the Social Security Act". These regulations would update policy on payments for reserved beds in long-term care facilities during a recipient's temporary absence for hospitalization or therapeutic home visits.

74-59 — Department of Justice — LEAA "Establishment of Standards and Requirements for Still Photo Coverage of LEAA Sponsored Projects". These regulations establish a requirement for still photo reporting and forwarding on LEAA-sponsored projects and delineates means and forms for providing and handling the photography.

### Final Regulations

ACIR Ref. No. 74-33 have been issued from the U.S. Department of Agriculture concerning "Part 244, Determining Eligibility for Free and Reduced Price Meals and Free Milk in Child-Care Institutions". Copies of this regulation can be obtained by writing Herb Rorex, Director of the Child Nutrition Program, Food and Nutrition Program, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.

## County Consumer Affairs People Meet In Washington

About 60 consumer affairs professionals from 35 counties attended the National Conference for State and Local Government Consumer Office Administrators in Washington, D.C., June 19-21.

Virginia Knauer, Special Assistant to the President for Consumer Affairs, opened the conference with a speech on "New Consumerism." Representatives of state and local government responded to her remarks with their views on consumer issues and priorities. NACo Past President, Gladys Noon Spellman, Prince Georges County (Maryland) Councilwoman, presented the county perspective on consumer issues. She also outlined the tremendous growth of county consumer offices — from the first one in 1967, to six offices in 1970, to 82 today.

Conference delegates decided to form a national organization of state, county and city consumer officials. The purposes of organization, which would be independent of federal consumer offices, are to press for state and federal consumer protection legislation, to facilitate the exchange of information about consumer problems and solutions, and to provide a countervoice to

business interests.

An organizational steering committee of nine persons was elected. County steering committee representatives include: Jack Williams, Assistant District Attorney and Director of the Consumer Protection Division, Sedgwick County, Kansas; Steve Taub, Assistant District Attorney and Director of the Consumer Frauds Bureau of Kings County, N.Y.; and James D. Gordon of the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney in Lake County, Ohio. Sedgwick said the group is preparing preliminary position papers on the fundamentals of organizing a state, county, city consumer affairs group, and is aiming toward a national organizational meeting in late fall.

Participants in the June conference also attended workshops on education and information programs, auto repair complaints, landlord-tenant problems, representation before utility and regulatory commissions, effective legislation, use of volunteers and students, working with the business community, and launching a new consumer office.



CONSUMER MEETING. NACo Immediate Past President Gladys Noon Spellman (left) chatted with Virginia Knauer, Special Assistant to the President for Consumer Affairs, after their keynote presentations before the National Conference for State and Local Government Consumer Office Administrators in Washington, D.C. recently.



## NACE "Matter and Measure"

National Association of County Engineers

### Bill Maslin Returning to NACO

Bill Maslin stopped into the NACO office at the end of last week. He is looking and feeling so great that he has decided to return to work on a part time basis. Don't be too surprised if he is at the Miami Beach meeting.

### Annual Convention

Over 100 county engineers have registered so far for the Miami Beach annual convention. This is the largest turnout ever, and we look forward to a very productive and stimulating meeting. See you on July 14.

### UMTA Grants

The Urban Mass Transportation Administration has awarded two grants to the Public Utilities Commission of the City and County of San Francisco, California to assist in the purchase of mass transit equipment and in making other system improvements.

The first grant, for \$20,557,376, will aid in the purchase of one hundred 49 to 53 passenger diesel transit buses; five 30 to 35 passenger buses; 135 electric trolley coaches; 20 subway surface transit cars; motor coach noise suppressors for 400 buses; and the installation of bus scheduling computer software.

The second grant, for \$6,584,128, supplements a previous grant for the purchase of 210 electric trolley coaches, eight rail vehicles, buses and other equipment. Higher-than-anticipated prices necessitated this supplemental grant.

These grants will allow the San Francisco Municipal Railway (MUNI) to complete the fleet portion of a major fleet and facility modernization program which has been underway for the past six years. Over \$100 million in federal funds and a sizeable local commitment have been made available for the program.

### Brake Performance Testing Program

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is reinstituting a program of testing braking performance levels of motor vehicles operating on the nation's highways in order to promote improvement in general brake efficiency; provide data for use in establishing highway design standards; and serve as the basis for revision of brake performance standards. Such tests were last conducted in 1963.

Approximately 400 trucks and 125 automobiles will be randomly selected from the general flow of traffic in each of three states (Maryland, Michigan, California) for participation in the program. Drivers of the vehicles will be stopped by policemen and informed that tests are voluntary and that no punitive action will be taken, regardless of the condition of the vehicle's brakes. Braking performance will be measured in terms of maximum deceleration and distance traveled from point of application to the point where the vehicle comes to a complete stop.

### The Price of Sand

Householders can sympathize with the cost of construction materials. Marian Hankerd found out that sand for her terrarium would cost 39 cents a half cup in one store in Washington. Postscript: she bought the sand at 30 cents a pound.

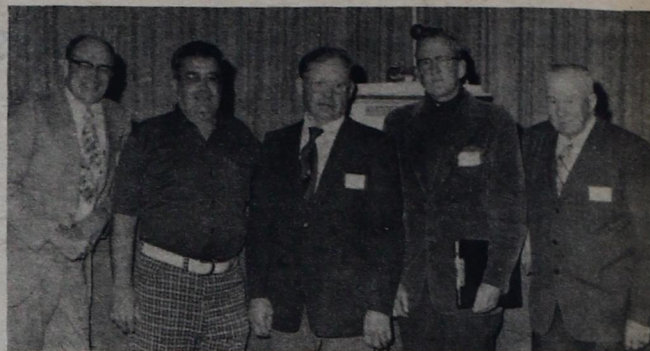
### Gasoline Sales Still Decreasing

Federal Highway Administration figures on gasoline sales for March 1974 indicate an 83 percent decrease from sales reported for March 1973. All 14 states reporting showed decreases in their sales for this period. Of the 14 states, nine have had sales decreases for three consecutive months. During the first three months of 1974, gasoline sales declined by 593,000 barrels per day over the same period a year ago. March 1974 showed a national barrels-per-day rate of 5,977,000, a decrease from the March 1973 rate of 6,522,000 and March 1973, of 6,150,000.

## Alabama Meeting



ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONS OF ALABAMA — [l to r] O.H. "Buddy" Sharpless, ACCA Executive Director; outgoing ACCA President W. Cooper Green, Jefferson County Commissioner; and NACO Executive Director Bernie Hillenbrand talk about the group's 46th annual convention; William L. Woodham, Commissioner, Henry County, was elected ACCA President. Gov. George C. Wallace keyed the convention, stressing more county control over revenue sharing funds. The recent three day convention was held in Birmingham. [Photo courtesy of Birmingham Post-Herald.]



THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the Montana Association of Counties for 1974-75 are [l to r] Dale Skaalure, Secretary Treasurer; Victor Kosty, Second Vice President; Ray Stoner, President; Joe DeLong, First Vice President; Don Gibson, Past President.

## Stoner President Of Montana Association

The Montana Association of Counties (MACo) at its annual convention last month in Billings, elected new officers, adopted policies and responded to Indian reservations which claim exclusive rights over water sources, utility lines and personal property on their lands.

The three-day convention was marked by more involvement and interest in the issues of county modernization than any previous annual meeting, according to MACo executive director Dean Zinnecker. About 120 commissioners attended, representing 47 of the 56 Montana Counties.

Elected as MACo officers were commissioners Ray Stoner, Sheridan County, President; Joe DeLong, Flathead, First Vice President; Victor Kosty, Custer, Second Vice President; and Dale Skaalure, Chouteau, Fiscal Officer. Together with Don Gibson, Dawson County, immediate past president, these officers constitute the executive committee.

The convention ratified recommendations prepared by working committees, including

- A ten-point transportation policy;
- A seven-point community development policy;
- A ten-point taxation policy, including support for "a permanent general revenue sharing program which would provide an automatic, annual appropriation;" and
- A three-point policy on district councils, stating that "substate districts must be a means for local government to cooperate and communicate, rather than be subdivisions of state government."

The convention attendees also developed an association stance on the disputes between those counties which share jurisdictions with the state's seven independent Indian reservations. Counties assist in funding roads, schools and welfare services, and reservation residents vote in local and school elections.

Recently Lake County was sued by the Flathead Indian Reservation for all back years of personal property taxes collected from reservation Indians. Another county and reservation are in dispute over whether the county is entitled to payments from power companies for utility lines which run through both the county and the reservation.

The reservation Indians "seek to develop some seven sovereign nations within Montana," said Lake County Commissioner Al Myers.

The MACo convention labeled this a "larger than county issue" and resolved to petition federal agencies and U.S. elected officials for assistance and intervention.

NACO Executive Director Bernard F.

Hillenbrand addressed a plenary session, and introduced a new MACo staff member, Patricia Wall, who recently returned from an orientation session at NACO headquarters. She was hired to coordinate the Rural Human Resources Project, a joint endeavor of the Montana Association and NACO.

John Thomas, Director of NACO's New County, USA Center, participated in a workshop on various forms of county government. Montana counties must present the voters a choice on the 1977 ballot between the present form of county government and some other alternative form.

Commissioner John Stephens, Baline County, was honored for his 34 consecutive years of service as commissioner.

## Food Stamp Program Head Dies In D.C.

James H. Kocher, 40, director of the Agriculture Department's food stamp program, died recently of cancer at George Washington Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Kocher was a long-time friend of NACO and worked closely with county welfare directors in implementing the complex and difficult program.

Kocher had been with the program for 12 years, joining it in its earliest stages and becoming its director in 1972 as it grew into what is now a \$4 billion annual national program serving more than 13 million persons.

He recently had received the Agriculture Department's Superior Service Award for "enlightened leadership and effectiveness in program administration."

Educated at the University of Idaho, Kocher spent a number of years on his family's dairy farm in New Plymouth, Idaho; served in the U.S. Army; was a legislative assistant on Capitol Hill and taught in public high schools in Fairfax County, Towson, Md., and Las Vegas, Nev., before joining the Agriculture Department.

He is survived by his wife, Norma, of the home, 202 4th St., S.E.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas H. Kocher, of New Plymouth; a sister, Reva Robinson, of Richland, Wash., and a brother, Jack, of Bloomington, Ill.



# IPA Program Works In Northern California

by Gary Mann  
New County, U.S.A. Center

The Northern California Institute of Local Government in Chico, California is one example of "what one jurisdiction alone cannot accomplish, many jurisdictions, joined together, can" under the grant provisions of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA).

Locally controlled and directed, the institute provides the first real opportunity for rural jurisdictions in northeastern California to participate in high quality and diversified training programs designed to meet their special needs.

Serving nearly 30,000 public employees in a 12-county area about the size of Ohio, the institute got its start in July 1972 with an IPA grant for \$13,997. It was also supported in 1973 and 1974 with IPA grants. Using a "joint powers agreement" among participating jurisdictions as its basic charter, the institute is aiming toward total self-sufficiency in 1975.

The agreement ensures the institute is a cooperative agency. It entitles signatories to take part in the institute's direction, in the assessment of area training needs, and in the choice of training programs presented.

To assess the impact the institute has made during its first year and a half in existence, an evaluation team from the San Francisco Regional Office of the U.S. Civil Service Commission made an on-site visit in mid-December 1973. It met with the institute's managing director and the chairman of the board of governors (made up of representatives of the joint powers signatories). The team members also interviewed several training program participants.

The team found evidence of substantial benefits for a relatively small dollar investment of IPA funds. These go far beyond numerical indicators of program growth and breadth.

## Creation of the Institute

There were two primary factors in establishing the institute. First, the need

for sustained and varied training programs for public employees is more evident today than ever before. Citizens are demanding better quality services from government, and one of the ways to meet them is through training programs which provide employees with updated skills and new methods of problem solving.

Second, training programs for public employees in northeastern California were needed that specifically related to the rural environment. It was decided that this could best be accomplished by building local participation into the direction of the project.

The first grant proposal for IPA funding stated that the project objective would be to establish a regional training institute that would:

- Be a local and independent entity reporting to a board of governors under a joint powers agreement;
- Offers programs on a reimbursable basis;
- Serves all types of governmental agencies in the area;
- Receives top management support from the beginning;
- Develops new courses to meet newly identified needs at all levels of government service;
- Manifests an ability to take courses "to the field" when appropriate.

The benefits expected to be derived from the establishment of a locally owned and operated joint powers training center included:

- The provision of low cost personnel training and development opportunities specific to the needs and interests of area agencies;
- Improvement in intergovernmental communication through interaction in a "non-threatening" atmosphere;
- Economies of scale;
- The use of practicing managers as teachers of other governmental managers yielding instruction of high credibility.

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There was a dramatic rise of over \$20,000 from the estimated amount of local matching funds (\$16,500) for the IPA grant ending November 30, 1973, to the amount received (approximately \$37,000).

Government leaders in the area reported a marked increase in intergovernmental cooperation and understanding fostered by the institute.

Program participants said they derived personal benefits from the programs themselves and from the opportunity to meet employees from other jurisdictions who face similar work problems and challenges.

Resources of higher education, government, and other non-profit community organizations have been focused on the problems of the community.

The institute is located on the campus of California State University at Chico and, in addition to the managing director, employs one full-time secretary and one half-time administrative aide.

Training classes are held in various public buildings throughout the service area, although, to date, the majority have been given in the Chico area.

## Training Program Designs

The large number of program designs offered by the institute is marked evidence that its board of governors and administrative staff have sought to meet the diverse needs of jurisdictions in the service area.

The programs have been attended by employees from a wide cross section of the public sector. The goal of all the training programs has been to better enable the participants to fulfill their work functions, and, in so doing, to better serve the public.

Training programs have several formats. Some of the 41 program designs were conducted one-day-a-week over a period of several weeks; some were two-, three-, even five-day continuous sessions; some were only one day long; some were one night a week over a period of several weeks. Several of these have been conducted in locations outside Chico, thus bringing training to the trainees — a valuable savings for the small towns and sparsely populated counties.

## Single-Agency Programs

At the request of a single government agency in the service area, the institute can provide on-site training programs tailored to the specific needs of that agency's participants.

This has proved to be a very effective vehicle for the institute, not only in terms of direct training pay-off, but also as a means of educating local clientele to the desirability and benefits of employee training.

The large and sparsely populated area of Northern California now served by the institute was not conducive to frequent contact between jurisdictions. The busy work schedules of area managers often prevented them from engaging in numerous interactions with their counterparts.

The institute has provided the vehicle through which both management and other public employees as well can come together and participate in a shared learning experience.

# Minimum Wage Conference Planned For Washington, D.C.

The National Civil Service League (NCSL) and the Public Employment Relations Research Institute (PERRI) with the cooperation of NACo, are

## Conference

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specific questions for discussion can meet with him in the Imperial Four Room, on the Mezzanine Floor, of the Fontainebleau Hotel, Monday, July 15, at 2:30 p.m.

A panel workshop on Energy Conservation will be presented on Monday. The panelists will discuss how counties can work with state governments in developing local energy conservation programs. The workshop will be moderated by Supervisor Jim Hayes from Los Angeles County and will include Ed Rovner, Director of the National Governors' Conference Energy Project, Supervisor Lou Condi of San Diego, County, California, Commissioner Francis E. O'Connor, Energy Coordinator, Nassau County, New York, and Bill Belanger, Energy Coordinator, Jefferson County, Kentucky.

In conjunction with the panel presentation, Harry Johnson, NACo's Federal Energy Administration liaison officer, is collecting representative county energy conservation programs for display at the convention. Sample conservation programs and documentation should be sent to him at NACo.

co-sponsoring a conference in Washington, D.C. on August 8-9 to examine the impact of the 1974 amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) on state and local governments. The amendments which went into effect May 1, extends minimum wage and overtime coverage to public employers.

The conference, to be held at the Washington Hilton will include speakers from the U.S. Department of Labor, the U.S. Civil Service Commission, Congressional Committees and Labor unions, and will look at such questions as:

- What records of hours and compensation must be maintained?
- What rules apply to fire protection and law enforcement agencies, which are exempt until January 1, 1975?
- What does the law say about age discrimination?

NCSL Executive Director Jean J. Couturier said the broad cooperation from NACo, PERRI and the federal agencies that are contributing speakers indicates the importance of the new legislation. "Finally, federal, state and local workers have the same wage and overtime rights as private workers," Couturier said.

Registration for NACo PERRI and NCSL members is \$100, which includes tuition, materials and a luncheon, but not hotel charges. To register, call NCSL's Conference Desk at 202/833-1450, write

NCSL at 1825 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, or use the coupon located on this page.

Other co-sponsoring organizations include the Society of Federal Labor Relations Professionals.

## "National Workshop on Application of the 1974 Fair Labor Standards Act to the Public Sector."

Send to: National Civil Service League  
1825 K Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20006

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(Send hotel registration directly to the Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Ave., N.W., at Columbia Rd., Washington, D.C. 20009.)



## AMERICAN COUNTIES TODAY

Dear County Official:

Despite the press preoccupation with the activities of the House Judiciary Committee, Congress is moving ahead on a lot of important legislation.

Under the leadership of Representative George Mahon of Lubbock County, Texas, the House has completed action on most appropriation bills for fiscal 1975.

You will note in Washington Briefs that the legislation increasing the federal share of food stamp administrative costs was cleared for the President's signature. In other action, the House approved a two-year extension of the EDA program and the Senate approved a new juvenile delinquency bill. This is just one week's account. We still are hopeful that before this Congress shuts down, we will see several other important bills passed.

### Many Thanks

Members of NACo's Manpower Funding Action Coalition deserve special thanks from all county officials who are involved in manpower. Because of their hard work in making direct contact with individual Congressmen, we were able to add \$300 million to the FY 1975 Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) appropriations on the floor of the House. Although NACo had urged Congress to provide \$3.9 billion for manpower, we are pleased that the House added \$400 million to Title I of CETA for a total of \$2.45 billion. We are hopeful that with hard work by county officials and other prime sponsors on the Senate we will be able to achieve an adequate level of funding for manpower.

### A Victory

As we reported to you last week, NACo scored a major victory when the House of Representatives adopted, by an overwhelming vote, the Housing and Urban Development Act containing our long-sought provision treating counties and cities alike in the distribution of community development block grant funds. Such a position has already been included in general revenue sharing, law enforcement and manpower legislation. Under the bill metropolitan cities and urban counties would be guaranteed an annual share of funds based on an objective needs formula. Smaller counties and cities would also have an opportunity to apply for funds from a substantial discretionary pot.

NACo's County Action Coalition on Community Development deserves much credit in getting House members to support the NACo position.

A similar bill has passed the Senate without a formula distribution of block grant funds, meaning that a House-Senate Conference Committee

must resolve the differences. The Conference Committee is scheduled to begin meeting on July 9.

It is essential that all NACo member counties contact Senator John Sparkman, Senator John Tower, Representative Wright Patman, and Representative William Widnall and urge them to support the House version of community development legislation with no changes.

### County Mayor Honored

The Department of Housing and Urban Development Advisory Board has voted to name a public housing project now under construction in honor of Dade County Mayor John B. Orr, Jr. The designated project is 200 units for the elderly being built under the "Operation Breakthrough" program, at North River Drive and N.W. 5th Avenue. Construction is expected to be completed this fall. Mayor Orr was chosen for the honor because of his long-standing support of housing programs for low and moderate income families and elderly citizens.

### Shoppers in Miami Won't Be Smoking

Beginning July 18 smokers in Dade County will have to do their grocery shopping without their cigarettes, cigars or pipes.

The county's Metro Commission voted unanimously to ban smoking in food stores, a move sponsored by Commissioner Harry Cain, Chairman for NACo's Annual Conference, a once heavy smoker who quit because he developed emphysema. Cain led earlier moves to outlaw smoking in elevators and department stores.

### Sad Tidings

We are saddened to report the death of two county officials and boating mishap of another.

Philip Crane Gross, Administrator, Essex County, Virginia, was killed in an automobile accident on June 16. Gary Wiler, Supervisor from San Joaquin County, California, was killed in an automobile accident on June 10.

We have also been notified that wreckage of a pleasure cruiser carrying Orange County (California) Supervisor Ron Caspers and nine other persons has been found off the Baja Coast. There was no sign of life.

NACo sends condolences to the families.

Sincerely yours,

*Bernie Hillenbrand*

Bernard F. Hillenbrand  
Executive Director

## Coming Events

- JULY**
- 11-12 NACo/IPMA Conference on Fair Labor Standards Amendments of 1974 — Los Angeles, California — Dana Baggett 202/833-1545
- 13 NACo/CIC Mid-Year Briefing — Miami Beach, Florida — A. Fritschler 202/785-9577
- 14-17 NACo National Convention — Miami Beach, Florida — Rod Kendig 202/785-9577
- 19-20 Mississippi Association of Supervisors Annual Conference — Biloxi, Mississippi — 601/355-2211
- 25-27 Maryland Association of Counties Annual Conference — Ocean City, Maryland — Joseph J. Murnane 301/268-5884
- AUGUST**
- 1-2 NACo/IPMA Conference on Fair Labor Standards Amendments of 1974 — Chicago, Illinois — Dana Baggett 202/833-1545
- 8-9 NACo/NCSL Conference on Fair Labor Standards Amendments of 1974 — Washington, D.C. — Dan Price — 202/833-1450
- 13-16 Michigan Association of Counties Annual Conference — Mackinac Island, Michigan Grand Hotel — A. Barry McGuire 517/372-5374
- 15-18 North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Annual Conference — Winston-Salem, North Carolina Hyatt House — John Morrissey, Sr. 919/832-2893
- 21-24 South Carolina Association of Counties Annual Conference — Myrtle Beach, South Carolina — Bo Shetterly 803/252-7255
- SEPT.**
- 6-8 New Hampshire Association of Counties Annual Conference — Balsams-Dixville Notch, New Hampshire — Richard W. Roulx 603/669-3315
- 8-11 County Commissioners Association of Ohio Annual Conference — Saw Hill Creek, Ohio — A.R. Maslar 614/221-5627
- 11 Wyoming Association of County Officials Annual Conference — Casper, Wyoming — Vincent V. Picard 307/766-5166
- 13-15 Maine Association of Counties Annual Conference — Ellsworth, Maine — Roland Landry — 207/782-6131
- 18-20 South Dakota Association of County Commissioners Annual Conference — Deadwood, South Dakota — Neal Strand 605/987-5186
- 22-25 Wisconsin County Boards Association Annual Conference — Waukesha, Wisconsin — Robert Mortensen 608/256-2324
- 25-26 Idaho Association of Commissioners and Clerks — Twin Falls, Idaho Holiday Inn — Dean G. Huntsman 208/345-9126
- 29-Oct. 1 County Officers Association of State of New York — Concord, New York — Herbert H. Smith 518/465-1473

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