

Record-Setting United Way Drive Raises \$143,000 For Local Agencies

It was the reddest of red-letter days for the Mooresville-South Iredell United Way.

Tuesday afternoon, directors of the local United Way held their last luncheon meeting of the year and put the finishing touches on the most successful fundraising campaign in the local organization's history.

When the calculations were completed, Chairman Carl Nichols announced that the local drive had raised a record-setting \$143,216. The total is the most ever generated by a Mooresville-South Iredell United Way campaign and represents 121 percent of the \$118,000 goal set in September by campaign organizers.

And that's just part of the good news. Nichols explained that even though the soliciting portion of the campaign is over, collections will continue.

"We're still expecting some other businesses and individuals to come

through for us," Nichols said after Tuesday's meeting. "The formal campaign is over, but we still urge people who haven't contributed to give what they can."

Donations can still be made to the United Way of Mooresville/South Iredell, Inc., P.O. Box 632 Mooresville, N.C. 28115.

The highlight of Tuesday's final meeting was, fittingly enough, the presentation of a corporate gift from Mooresville's largest employer, Burlington Industries.

Chuck Forbes, supervisor of employer relations at Burlington's Mooresville Mills plant, attended the meeting and presented the textile firm's \$4,000 donation to Nichols and Ron Mackey, a director and past president of the local United Way.

Also during the meeting, each of the campaign's division leaders gave their updated reports. The

division leaders for this year's drive were Linda Burns, commercial; Maurice Smart, industrial; Dr. Jimmy Carpenter, professional; John Martin, public employees; Roger Hyatt, public schools; Sue McConnell, residential; and Dick Givens, rural.

All but two of the United Way's divisions have reached or exceeded pre-campaign goals. The division totals, in relation to goals, are: public employment, 157 percent; public schools, 121 percent; residential, 111 percent; industrial, 107 percent; rural, 102 percent; commercial, 75 percent; and professional, 53 percent.

The campaign's total is close to the total amount requested by service agencies in the Mooresville-South Iredell area. United Way officers and directors will assign donated funds to the various agencies and Nichols said additional

agencies that have not applied for United Way assistance may want to contact the organization.

"I think we will be getting some additional contributions in the next few months and we may be able to help some local service agencies that have not been on the United Way's list in the past," Nichols said.

Funds collected through the United Way campaign are distributed to a wide variety of agencies and organizations that provide services in Mooresville and Iredell County.

Local United Way agencies include, among others, the Salvation Army, American Field Service, American Red Cross, Christian Mission, Rescue Squad, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Iredell County, Boy and Girl Scout organizations, the Iredell County Council on Aging, Hospice of Iredell County and the Rape and Abuse Protection Group/Jubilee House.



From Left, Forbes, Nichols, Mackey Display Check, Smiles Of Success

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MOOREMILL MT. ULLA OSTWALT TROUTMAN MAZEPPA SHEPHERDS MAYHEW TOWN SHINNVILLE DOOLIE MT. MOURNE BELLS CROSS TERRILL CASCADE HILL

"Although I Disagree With Everything You Say I Will Defend Unto Death Your Right To Say It"

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34,500-Square-Foot Facility Rising At The End Of Glenwood Drive

Spring Occupancy For Rest Home

A \$2 million health-care complex at the southern end of Glenwood Drive will open in the spring. The 100-bed facility is being built by Meridian Inc. of Towson, Md.

Wendy Koester, Meridian's administrative assistant, said this week work is on schedule and she expects the building to be ready for occupancy in late April or early May.

J.H. Allen of Asheville is the construction project manager. The development on an 11-acre site will contain 70 nursing beds and 30 beds exclusively for elderly, Koester said. Services will be offered on one floor containing 34,500 square feet.

"We are looking forward with excitement about our Mooresville facility," Koester said Tuesday. "We're anxious to show North Carolina people what we can do. We have an excellent reputation in the health-care field, and we want to continue to live up to our good name."

Bloodmobile To Make 2nd Holiday Visit

The South Iredell Red Cross Chapter is thankful for the support local residents showed at the Thanksgiving Eve bloodmobile last week in Mooresville.

Now the local chapter and Mooresville Mills are giving area residents who missed last week's opportunity another chance to catch the spirit during this, the season of giving.

The American Red Cross' Piedmont Carolinas Blood Center based in Charlotte will collect blood at the Mooresville Mills plant on South Main Street Dec. 9 from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mooresville Mills is sponsoring the visit and urging its employees to donate blood. But the local Red Cross chapter wants other area residents to participate in the bloodmobile also.

The holiday season is a time when blood needs increase and the supply decreases. Persons participating in the Dec. 9 bloodmobile will help the Piedmont Carolinas center build up its blood supply for the holidays.

During the bloodmobile visit at Mooresville Mills, refreshments, including homemade cookies, will be supplied by the women of the church at Southside Baptist Church in Mooresville.

Local Red Cross officials are hoping the totals for next week's bloodmobile surpass the totals from the Thanksgiving Eve visit.

Last week's bloodmobile at the War Memorial collected 128 pints.

Several donors reached blood-giving milestones during the Thanksgiving Eve bloodmobile and received pins symbolizing their efforts.

Len Sullivan was the dean of donors at last week's bloodmobile. He was recognized for giving his

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The Meridian spokesman added that the company emphasizes quality in personnel as well as service.

"We recruit compassionate and skilled staff members," Koester said, "and we push barriers of knowledge and tradition. If there's a better way to do something, we find it."

Established in 1969, Meridian is a

five-member limited partnership. It has 33 nursing homes in operations — 13 in Maryland, eight in Indiana, three in New Jersey and three in Florida.

Mooresville now has one nursing home, 100-bed Brian Center on East Center Avenue. Brian is building an addition that will accommodate 40 rest-home beds. These facilities will be ready for use in January.

County Puzzled By Omission From Bridge Permit Process

Developers who want to build a 760-foot bridge-causway in Lake Norman at East Monbo may have skipped an essential link in their permission chain.

Their request is in the hands of the Army Corps of Engineers in Wilmington. This morning, Cliff Winefordner, chief of the corps' permits processing section, acknowledged that his office has received letters, petitions and telephone calls in opposition to the construction that would link a 23-acre island with the mainland.

Winefordner had this observation: "People in Iredell County should realize that the Corps of Engineers has no business telling Iredell County how to develop Iredell County. By law, we cannot issue a permit to do anything that does not meet all county and state regulations. We wouldn't want to. It wouldn't make any sense."

Meanwhile, back in Iredell County, Jerry Lundy is planning and inspections director. He said this morning that all he knows about the East Monbo project is what he saw in the Corps of Engineers' public notice.

"I asked the developers for a set of plans 14 months ago," he said. "I haven't seen anything from them."

Lundy explained that his office will treat the proposed bridge-causway and residential development of the island as it would any other rural development, and all zoning and codes will apply.

Davis Quits Job With Chamber

The Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce is back in the market for an assistant director. Nancy Davis, who took the job Nov. 2, resigned last week.

Homer Faulk, the chamber's executive director, said Davis quit the post "for personal reasons."

"We hope to fill the vacancy created by Davis' resignation around the first of 1988," Faulk said.

Before succeeding Erskine Smith as assistant director, Davis, who lives in Troutman, worked in this area as a reporter for the Statesville Record and Landmark. She also has been director of membership and communications for the Statesville Chamber of Commerce.

"From what I've heard the folks want to build a causeway that, essentially, is a street, and they want to sell homesites on the island," Lundy said. "It seems to me they will have to deal with this office at some point."

Winefordner said the corps has no plans to conduct a public hearing on the causeway request. He said he

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Uncle Dan From Doolie Says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

The fellow that runs the country store ain't a student of human nature so much as he is monitoring the class. Like a barber and a bartender, he is taking the course fer fun, not fer credit. So ever onct in a while when he comes up with a item fer the agender at the Saturday night sessions the fellers know he's got no ax to grind and he's jest making a contribution.

He got the floor Saturday night to mention that nobody had tried to grab his coins in the past six months. He said he had thought the situation up one side and down the other and decided that says somebun about changing values.

As much as 15 year back, he contact cemented a covey of pennies, nickels and dimes to the top of his wooden counter next to the cash register. He got a kick out of customers jest passing through that tried to wipe them coins in their hands while he rung up their gas and pop and they didn't know he was looking. Lately, he said, folks that have never been in his place before look at the coins and don't mess with em.

One of two things has happened, the store feller declared. Either folks are a heap more honest or money is a heap cheaper, and it ain't hard to guess which. It ain't been all that long when you could still hear that a penny saved is a penny earned, but nowadays if a customer drops a penny when he's paying fer somebun-uns he don't bother to bend over fer it. He said he has picked up some talk about doing away with pennies because they ain't worth their weight in anything. Priddy soon, he went on, we can come up with a two dollar coin and quit carrying around anything under a quarter.

The fellers were general agreed

that this country is running out of everything but money and it ain't worth nothing. Bug Hookum allowed that we final are where if you give one of the fellers at the store a penny fer his thoughts you might git your money's worth. Bug went on to say he don't know nothing about high finance, and he got that more mixed up reading all the experts explaining the recent stock market crash.

Fer sure, Bug said, it's good fer folks to be reminded they is more to the good life than writing checks, shuffling credit cards and juggling numbers in computers. All them investment bankers packed in them big city condos like bees in a hive got a quick lesson in life. Ever house has air, water, heat and sewage hook ups like a spaceship, and them folks have come to think all they got to do to keep everything running smooth is pay their bills ever month. When problems come up on the supply end of them wires and pipes, Bug said, reality sets in quick.

Practical speaking, Clem Webster said, he was agreed with Bug that cheap money ain't a problem compared with running out of what money buys that we got to have. You don't have to be old or wise to recall when the haves and the have nots, the highs and the lows and collars of all colors were waiting in the same gas station lines, was Clem's words.

Personal, I know they ain't no way to pass a law or issue a stock that will make one drop of oil that took nature a million years to produce. And I can see that civilization as we know it will stop dead when we run out of gas. Worst, we'll all stand there and freeze without chain saws to cut the wood that use to warm us twice, when we cut it and when we burnt it.

Yours truly,
Uncle Dan

Saturday Funeral For Shives

Marshall Bell Shives, former manager of the Mooresville office of the Public Service Co. of North Carolina, died at 7:45 a.m. last Thursday at the Lake Norman Regional Medical Center in Mooresville following a period of declining health.

Mr. Shives, 75, was a resident of 565 West Lowrance St. in Mooresville.

A native of Lincoln County, Mr. Shives was born on Nov. 11, 1912, a son of the late William Randolph and Carrie Hibb Shives.

Mr. Shives was a graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory and Duke Divinity School in Durham.

During 1962-63, he served as vice president of Optimist International For North Carolina.

He was a member of the Mooresville Masonic Lodge, the Lake Norman Shrine Club, and the Oasis Shrine Temple in Charlotte. He was a Scottish rite member.

Mr. Shives was a member of the Mooresville Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, serving as an

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Clontz Hurt In Truck-Car Crash

Lisa Michelle Clontz, 19-year-old resident of Mooresville, route 4, was injured seriously enough to require hospitalization in a two-vehicle crash near Mooresville early Monday morning. She was admitted to Davis Community Hospital in Statesville.

The 7:40 a.m. accident occurred on Clontz Hill Road, several miles northwest of Mooresville, just west of U.S. 21.

Miss Clontz was operating a 1982 Chevrolet Camara, while the other vehicle involved — a 1977 Ford truck — was being driven by Eric Sherwood Thompson, 24, of Landis.

Investigation by State Trooper R.A. Burleson revealed Miss Clontz was traveling north on Clontz Hill Road when her car crossed the center line and struck the south-bound utility-type truck being operated by Thompson.

The truck was owned by Herman's Construction Company of Kannapolis.

Thompson, who apparently suffered only minor injuries, did not seek medical treatment.

After the two vehicles hit, Miss Clontz's car spun around, came to rest in the road. The truck skidded sideways, overturned and came to rest on its wheels in the

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Industry Utilities Need More County, Town Help

Extending municipal water and sewer to a Mazeppa Road industry will cost almost \$200,000. That's \$80,000 more than originally estimated, and town and county governments are being asked to provide the additional funds.

The Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce has not identified the company that will occupy a building under construction near the South Iredell Industrial Park a mile north of town. But the chamber knows the plant will need seven times more water than first thought.

That means bigger everything to do with utilities, water lines, sewage lift station. That means bigger bills.

Under a long-standing agreement, the county provides 70 percent of costs of extending municipal utilities to major employers-investors.

outside town. The town pays the remaining 30 percent.

The Mazeppa Road industry said it would need 100,000 cubic feet of water per month. This was mistakenly interpreted on this end as 100,000 gallons, and the original cost estimate was based on gallons. County and town agreed to fund the project.

But a cubic foot of water is 7.48 gallons. Back to the old drawing board.

When construction bids on the project were opened Nov. 24, the low was \$151,460. Engineering, surveying, contingencies, and other associated costs push turn-key price close to \$200,000.

The town will award the contract, and its engineers see no problem with the low bid. The wherewithal is

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Fatal Triplett Road Wreck Undetected For Three Hours

Mrs. Sherry Lynn Ball Potter was killed in a one-vehicle accident on Triplett Road, some seven miles northeast of Mooresville, around 6:30 a.m. Nov. 25 while she was enroute to her work at Draymore Manufacturing Corporation in Mooresville.

Mrs. Potter, 26, was a resident of Knox Farm Road, Statesville, route 1.

She died when her pick-up truck crashed into a ravine alongside Triplett Road, according to the investigating officer, State Trooper Steve Wexler.

Mrs. Potter apparently wrecked around 6:30 a.m., but the wreck was not discovered until 12:30 p.m., her truck being obscured from view from the road by the deep ravine.

According to Trooper Wexler, Mrs. Potter's southbound truck ran off the right side of the road while rounding a curve. The vehicle then came back onto the road and then headed directly to the ravine off the left side of the road.

The truck crashed into the far wall of the ravine and came to rest atop tree branches at the bottom of the ravine.

Mrs. Potter's body was found outside the passenger door of the

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Your Holiday Gift-Buying Guide Inside

The Mooresville Tribune today publishes its annual Christmas Shoppers' Edition.

This edition offers the buying public of Mooresville and the surrounding area a guide to better holiday buying.

Mooresville merchants have shopped far and wide, and early, too, for the Christmas trade. They are unveiling their array of Christmas wares, and are putting the merchandise on display for early Christmas shoppers.

Counters and store windows are lined with hundreds of gift items and other articles suitable for the occasion.

Mooresville stores are packed with a wide variety of quality Yule merchandise that has the best prices available anywhere.

Therefore, it is a matter of civic pride, gratitude and common sense

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County Will Salute Deal At Reception

A reception honoring Wayne Deal, departing Iredell County manager, will be held Dec. 15 in the Agricultural Center in Statesville.

The Iredell County Board of Commissioners will host the social from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

The public is invited to attend. However, persons who wish to take part in the tribute should contact Alice Fortner, clerk to the county board, by Dec. 8. Her telephone number is 878-3058.

Deal, 44, has been county manager since 1982. He resigned in early October, effective Dec. 31. He will become Lenoir County manager.