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## GENERAL MEETING — DECEMBER 18, 1975 — 12 Noon

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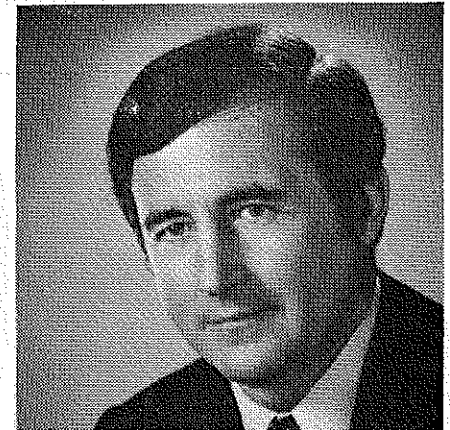
**GUEST SPEAKER: J. REX FARRIOR, JR.**  
President of The Florida Bar

**SUBJECT: DESIGNATION**

Other honored guests will include Justice Joseph W. Hatchett, Supreme Court of Florida.

All members may invite their secretaries to attend this meeting. It is the Holiday Season and an appropriate time to express thanks and gratitude for faithful service.

Please use the enclosed card for reservations. Please return not later than December 15, 1975.



### BROWARD COUNTY TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1976

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### OPERATION: UPDATE/TRANSITION

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December 17, 1976 — 4:30 p.m.

### UNIFORM TRAFFIC LAWS

Judge James B. Balsiger

### DEFENSE OF MISDEMEANORS

Edward M. Kay

Room 250, Broward County Courthouse

December 17, 1975 — 4:30 P.M.

Program to be announced

(\$1.00 printing donation requested)

### Committee On Economics The Florida Bar

The Florida Bar Committee on Economics will sponsor a seminar "Salvation for the Overworked Attorney, Revisited" on February 27-28, 1976, at the Everglades Hotel, Miami, Florida. Watch for additional information from The Florida Bar.

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### COURT CONGESTION

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### COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

#### Fee Arbitration Committee

A steering committee has been appointed to formulate plans for fee arbitration for Broward County Bar Association. The members of this committee are James J. Linus, Chairman, Ellen Mills Gibbs and John Hume. Harry Carratt is the Executive Committee members assigned as advisor.

#### Legislative Committee

In order to effect better communications between the Bar and the Legislative Delegation, a Legislative Committee has been appointed with James Scott serving as chairman. Other members include Ray Ferrero, Jr., Daniel Bass, Thomas Lehrer, and Henry J. Prominski. Other members will be appointed in the near future.

The present Court congestion is one of the most serious problems presently facing lawyers and the Courts in Broward County, and the solution to that problem is going to require the full effort and cooperation of all of the members of the bench and the bar. Statistics show without doubt that more judges are needed to help those now handling the present burden. For example, as far as we are able to determine, we have not had an additional Circuit Judge added to the Broward County bench since 1971. Yet the population in Broward County has grown from 620,100 as of April 1, 1970, to approximately 830,000 as of July 1, 1974, to an estimated 935,000 as of January 1, 1976. Population in Broward County has been growing by an average of approximately 5,000 people each month. This increase in population reflects itself in the burden borne by our Circuit Courts. For example, for the month of December 1971, each of our Circuit Judges disposed of an average of 74 cases that month and at the end of that month each Circuit Judge had 440 cases assigned to him. Compare those figures with those for the month of October 1975 during which month the 16 Circuit Judges primarily handling civil cases disposed of an average of 102 cases each that month (the individual high was 142 cases disposed of) yet at the end of the month each of these judges had assigned to him an average of 926 cases. 1902 new cases were assigned to those judges in the month of October 1975. By the end of November 1975, 19,100 cases had been filed in the Circuit Court during 1975. For all of 1970, 10,065 cases were filed in Circuit Court.

The statistics show clearly that the judges need judicial help. But new judges alone may not be the answer. There seems to be a need, as much as we may dislike seeing it, that our Court procedures be streamlined, to the end that the number of pretrial and post trial hearings be reduced. At this time, members of the bench and members of our association are meeting together in an attempt to establish methods and procedures to help the flow of litigation in Broward County. Two such meetings have been held recently and the desire is evident on the part of all involved to do all that must be done to improve the present situation. Even at this early stage it seems that certain elementary procedures could be immediately established which would bring about substantial improvement in the docket procedures to: (1) limit the lawyers to the time scheduled for their hearings; and (2) equally divide that time between the opposing interests. Also, most agree that some type of motion calendar should be established in all divisions of the Circuit Court. There is also under consideration a procedure for holding hearings through the use of conference telephones. No bona fide idea to assist the situation will be discarded without substantial consideration.

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Certainly the problem which has developed over the last five years will not be solved overnight. We may be certain, however, that what needs to be done will be done so that the trial practice in our Circuit will continue to remain that which we believe to be the best in the State. Neither the bench nor the bar alone will make this happen. It is clear that we must get it done together.

GEORGE A. PATTERSON  
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## Law Day, U.S.A. Committee

The Law Day Committee under the leadership of Judge Arthur Franza has been meeting since September. Preliminary plans have been made for Law Day. This committee will serve as the Bicentennial Committee for Broward County Bar and courthouse tours are being arranged for all junior and senior high school students in Broward County. Approval from the school board has been obtained.

## Publications Committee

The Broward County Bar Association, through its Publication Committee will publish a Bi-Centennial magazine highlighting the history of the Broward Bar Association, the place of law in our society, the aims and futures of the Broward Bar Association in our coming half decade. We earnestly solicit from all members of the Broward Bar Association articles on history of the bar or anything of interest concerning the past, present or future together with any and all photographs that one might have in his possession.

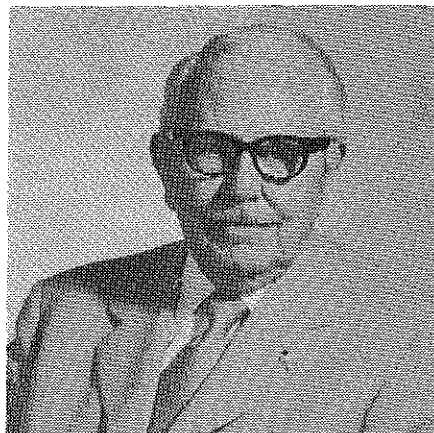
Please mail all entries and all submissions as soon as possible to the **Broward Barrister**. The Bar proposes to sell the Bi-Centennial issue at the rate of \$1.00 per copy. We solicit pledges from individuals and law firms for purchasing of this issue and also solicit voluntary contributors to help defray the costs of this publication. Any and all contributions will be most welcome.

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## SENIOR BAR MEMBER

**GEORGE W. ENGLISH**

by Mary Copeland



When he graduated from Harvard Law School in 1925, George English was offered a promising job with a large and prosperous St. Louis law firm. He studied the number of bright young men shuffling for position within the firm and turned down the offer.

"I was unwilling to wait," the senior partner of English, McCaughan and O'Bryan remembered recently. "I wanted to get as far away from my family as I could to see if I could do it on my own. I had \$25 left when I got my first pay check down here."

The son of an Illinois federal judge, English was a finance major at the University of Illinois. He wanted to take a job with a Chicago bond company when he went home for spring vacation his senior year of college. His parents con-

vinced him to enter law school instead.

"I insisted that I wanted to be in business," he said. "But Dad pointed out that even in business, I'd need a lawyer looking over my shoulder. He said that bureaucracy would build and build and that I'd be a better businessman with a legal education.

"Mother and Dad were willing to make the financial sacrifice, so I decided to go."

When he arrived in Fort Lauderdale in 1925, he went to Carl Hiaasen and asked him for a job. Hiaasen had no openings.

"He has said since then that he regretted that," English laughed.

His first job in Fort Lauderdale was in practice with M. Lewis Hall Sr. English served as Fort Lauderdale city attorney from 1928 to 1939 and founded the firm of English, McCaughan and O'Bryan in 1952.

Though he considers the building of the law firm the greatest accomplishment of his career, his activities in local financial circles have probably made his name more familiar to the public.

In 1933, with several friends and \$2,512, he organized First Federal Savings and Loan, which now has more than \$1 billion in assets. He still serves as a director.

In 1937, with some more friends and \$126,000, he organized the First National Bank, now owned by the Landmark Banking Corporation of which he is chairman of the executive committee.

He played an important role in the development of Harbor Beach and once owned a substantial portion of Coral Ridge, where a city park has been named for him.

At 77, he makes daily trips to his office in the First Federal Building,

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though, for the most part, he has retired from active practice.

He has as many colorful stories to tell of the city's history as any local resident — some of the stories that his sense of propriety kept secret until pioneers passed away or moved on.

His best stories, however, and ones that he has sometimes thought of collecting in book form, are his war experiences as staff judge advocate for the Third Air Division of the Eighth Air Force under Gen. Curtis LeMay.

"The GI's Friend" is what he would call it if he ever put the stories into collected form. Throughout the war, he wrestled with and untangled complicated legal problems of American soldiers, apparently with a considerable sense of levity and humor.

On one occasion, he was called upon to author the medal citation for a distinguished pilot on the same day that he was asked to consider murder charges against the man. The pilot, floating in life rafts with a crew, had chosen to send the least able survivor overboard in an effort to preserve the others.

He had desertion charges dropped from a young soldier who was sent to the brig for returning a few hours late

from a date, then escaped from military confines when harassed by officers, and fled to another country. English recommended the officers for reprimand.

There are more stories stuffed away some place, but he's busy now. When he has time, he says he'll get to them.

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**NOVA LAW STUDENTS RESEARCH SERVICE BEGINS OPERATION  
FEBRUARY 9, 1976**

by Cheryl R. Eisen

Last month you read our article about two programs being instituted at Nova in the Spring Semester: the legal writing volunteer adjunct faculty program and the legal research service. We were overwhelmed by your response to our call for teaching volunteers and it looks like we will have a very successful semester.

As to the Research Service, some details have yet to be worked out, but the grand design is established. A force of twenty students who have demonstrated competency in legal research will be available to take research assignments. The student chairman of service will be available during set hours to take phone inquiries, though written problems are preferable.

The Service will charge \$4.00 per hour, minimum two hours, for research, \$3.50 to the student and 50 cents for overhead. Charges for stenographic services will be added to the bill on a cost basis (what the secretary charges us is what we charge you). Payment will be due within 10 days of delivery of the student's work product.

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Our phone number and hours will appear in the February Barrister.

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