

# Letter To The Herald Editor: Gov. Hunt Salutes Newspaper Week

To the Editor:  
I take my licks from the newspapers now and then, so it might surprise some people that I'm writing this letter to salute National Newspaper Week (Oct. 7-13).

But I recognize that the press is valuable precisely because it does make those of us in government uncomfortable sometimes. It keeps us on our toes, and it forces us to face up to our mistakes and shortcomings. I think the scrutiny of the press has helped me be a better Governor. Newspapers frequently bring to my attention problems that I might not have known about otherwise. Sometimes they cause me to take a second look at a program or policy.

Good government is impossible without free and open debate. And free and open debate is impossible without good newspapers. Throughout my ad-

ministration, I have held weekly press conferences in Raleigh - almost 150 of them so far. In addition, I meet with the local press whenever I travel around the state.

That is a means of making the Governor accountable to the people: I have to answer their questions about things that are important to in-

dividual citizens, and you can read my answers.

Those encounters with the press help me stay on top of what's happening. I know that, every week, I have to be prepared for the tough questions and the troublesome issues. I know my administration has benefitted from that.

Let us remember that

there are no special "rights" for the press. Issues such as open meetings and access to public officials involve the fundamental rights of every person to know what is going on in government. By fighting for open meetings or open courtroom proceedings, the press is fighting for the rights of all

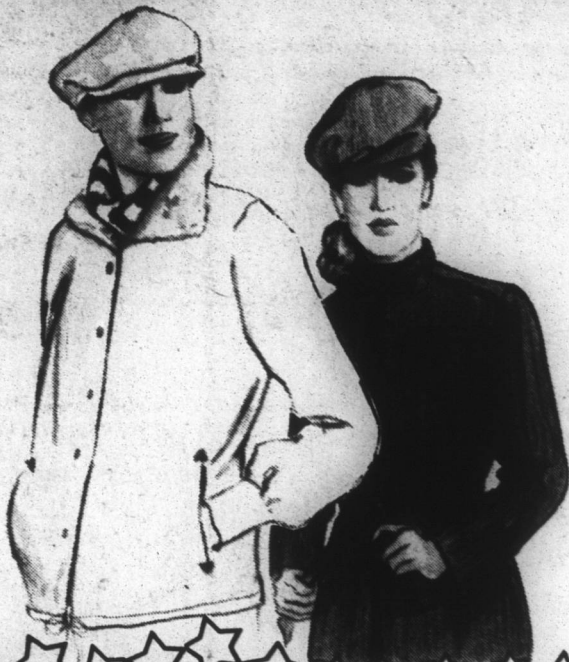
of us. What would it be like, our country, if we could know - from an objective and independent source - what is going on in government? I know what it would be like. I experienced it when I served as an economic adviser to the government of Nepal in

It wouldn't be there because the government had closed it down. I learn a lot about what's happening across North Carolina from newspapers. That is why I read four or five every day, and whenever I'm in your area, I look for your local paper. A

ing them with a lot of questions for my Cabinet secretaries and other members of my administration. It's so easy to get out of touch in Raleigh and forget that what really matters is the impact on thousands of neighbor-

communities across North Carolina. Newspapers help keep us in touch. I invite all the readers of this newspaper to take a moment and think about what would be missing if anybody did stop the press. Sincerely, Gov. Jim Hunt

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During the ten and one-half-week training cycle, he learned the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

He is a 1979 graduate of John A. Holmes High School.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to our relatives, many friends, and neighbors for their prayers, cards, flowers, food, visits and all other acts of kindness shown to us during the death of our loved one, Miss Pattie Elliott. Your kind expressions of sympathy will always be remembered.

May God Bless all of you.  
The Elliott Family  
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If moisture gums up your salt shaker, wrap the shaker in a piece of aluminum foil.

### Jewelry Jottings

By R. W. Davis

An opal may be white, black, orange-red or even transparent but the beauty of this stone is due to flashes of internal color. To show this fire, opals are seldom faceted but are cut with a rounded surface.

As October's birthstone, the opal is recommended especially for pins and pendants. Be sure to see our selection. No obligation.

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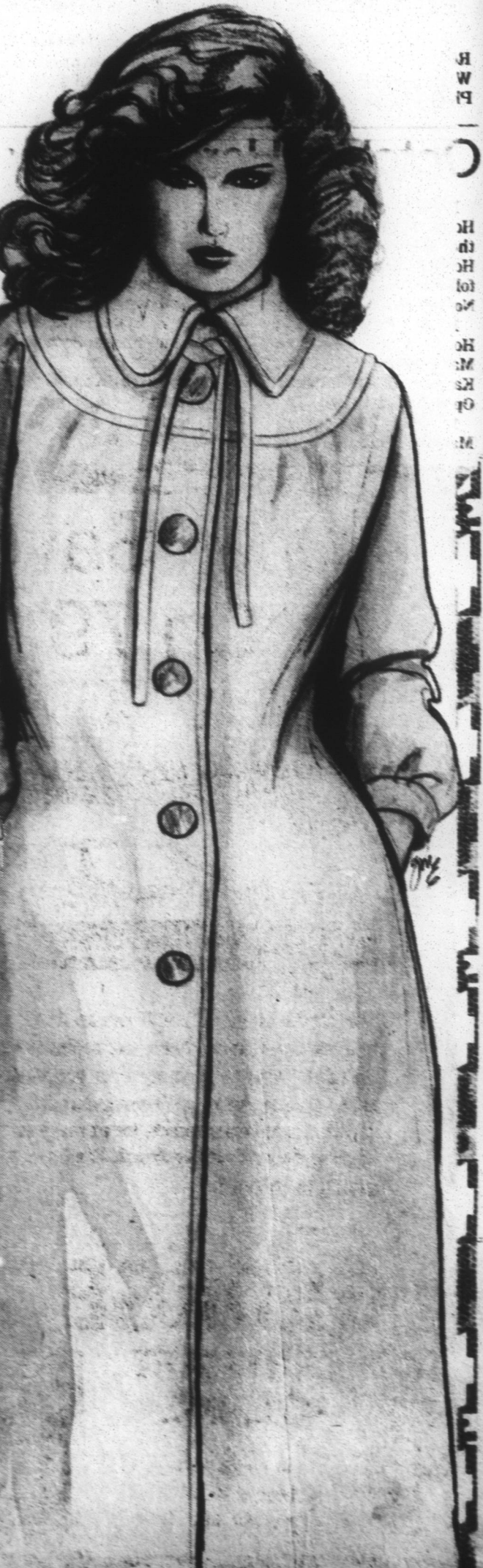
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