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### Clarification Of Editorial

We are publishing elsewhere on this page a letter from Julian W. Farrar, Warren County Superintendent of Welfare, in which he takes exception to an editorial which appeared in last week's issue of The Warren Record. We are happy to publish the letter because we feel that all views should be revealed in matters of public controversy.

While as a matter of policy we usually refrain from any editorial comment on letters to the editor, we make an exception to Mr. Farrar's letter since in presenting it for publication he asked for further clarification in our editorial columns.

It is quite apparent that further clarification is needed for Mr. Farrar has interpreted the editorial in a manner not intended by the editor in the views expressed. No criticism of Mr. Farrar's operation of the Welfare Department, or of any case worker in the Warren County system was intended, nor do we think was implied. We think that it is generally understood that Public Welfare is a national program, operated under federal guidelines, with little State control and less local control, and that Mr. Farrar is no more responsible for the policies criticize or for their correction than is the general public. Certainly, the welfare program is not above public criticism.

Since the President of the United States, the Congress of the United States, high officials connected with the program, and the public media have all expressed deep concern with the growing number of welfare recipients and have suggested some need for changes in welfare administration, it is hard to understand why a suggestion for changes made on the national level (the only place they can be made) should cause "considerable embarrassment both locally and on the state level."

Mr. Farrar says that the editor is not properly informed on the facts as the State policy permits recipients to work in occasional assignments without having their assistance checks terminated or reduced. This is not in conformity with the views that we had gathered from general impressions, but Mr. Farrar is in a better position to know than we are about this matter. We are happy to know that one of the criticisms we raised is without foundation.

Mr. Farrar asks us to rest assured "we have a dedicated group of case workers who are already

counseling clients on money management, urging them to seek employment, and helping them find jobs." We made no criticism of Warren County case workers and believe that they are dedicated. We are glad to learn that in Warren County that they are counseling clients on money matters, etc., but, unfortunately they have no control on how the money is spent, as they are limited to advising, with no authority to enforce their advice.

It should be obvious that four case workers can not give the close supervision needed for rehabilitation faced with the large number of cases in the county. Therefore, we suggested that the immediate cost of rehabilitation would be larger, but in the long run much less costly both in money and in waste of human resources.

It is well, we think, that Mr. Farrar points out that many idle persons who will not accept employment are not financed by the Welfare Department, some receiving funds from Social Security, Army pensions, etc. This should have been stated in fairness to the Welfare Department.

In closing his letter, Mr. Farrar said that provision for children under 14 to work and retain their entire earnings may be liberalized in the future as more local and state funds become available. This, we think, is an admission that more funds for this purpose are needed, as the editorial suggested.

While we think that Mr. Farrar misinterpreted our views and we regret that we were not more clear in what we attempted to say, we think that his letter serves a very useful purpose in publicizing fine features of the Welfare Department, often the victim of misunderstanding as are all public agencies. We even think that the editorial may have served a useful purpose in focusing attention on a matter that needs public awareness.

#### NEWS OF FIVE, TEN, 25 YEARS AGO

### Looking Backward Into The Record

September 22, 1962

The Warren County Fair will open here Monday with Palmetto Exposition Shows on the midway.

Warren County's 1962 Girl Scouts fund drive will be launched on Oct. 1 under the chairmanship of James W. Farr of Warrenton and Mrs. Frederic Williams of Inez.

Members of the John Graham school faculty were honored at a dinner by the Lions Club last Friday night.

A drive for funds for the erection of industrial buildings has begun in Littleton, President Dennis Rose of the Littleton Development Company, Inc., announced Wednesday.

September 29, 1957

The Warren County Agricultural Fair will open on Monday with the Page Combined Shows playing the midways.

James B. Boyce, III, a native of Warrenton, was a guest in the home of Albert Schweister in Gunsbach, Alsace, last week and heard him play Bach on the organ.

Prospects for obtaining a food processing plant for this area are far from bright, Frank Reams, County Agent, said yesterday.

No increase in the tax rate may be necessary to pay off a proposed \$100,000 bond issue which will be submitted to the voters on Oct. 1, it was revealed at a meeting of the Town Commissioners on Monday night.

September 18, 1942

Warrenton's second practice blackout will be held Monday night.

Ben H. White of Aulander has succeeded John Piland as Warren County RR supervisor and board director of the Farm Security Administration.

An airplane spotter post was organized at Churchhill on Sunday by Boyd White, chief observer in Warren County.

Edwin Davis and Beverly G. White, former members of Company B, have been commissioned as Second Lieutenants after completing an Officers Training Course at Fort Benning, Ga.

### Letter To Editor

#### FARRAR REPLIES

Your recent editorial has caused this department considerable embarrassment both locally and on the State level as we do not feel that you are properly informed on the facts.

First, we have a State policy permitting recipients to work in occasional employment without having their assistance checks terminated or reduced. However, full time, regular employment must be considered as Public Assistance is to supplement, not replace, income from employment and from other sources.

Second, rest assured we have a dedicated group of case workers who are already counseling clients on money management, urging them to seek employment, and helping them find jobs. You know the shortage of jobs in regular employment in this County and the skills and training lacking by our clients. I agree training should be given, but this is not available in Warren County in many instances at this time. Case workers also work with clients for better medical services, housing, education, and services for the development of better citizens.

All the people who stand on the streets and those who re-

fuse employment are by no means necessarily welfare recipients - some receive Social Security benefits and other benefits.

Our programs do not permit assistance to able-bodied persons with the exception of Aid to Families with Dependent Children mothers who often cannot leave small children. Children under 14 are permitted to work and retain their entire earnings; and for those over 14 who gain employment, \$10.00 is discounted plus cost of transportation to work before counting earnings against receipt of assistance. This provision may be liberalized in the future as more local and State funds become available.

### Frazier Funeral Held On Monday

Funeral services for Charlie Thomas Frazier, 75, were conducted Monday at 3 p. m. at Blaylock Funeral home in Warrenton by the Rev. Marshall Nethery and the Rev. Mr. Delbert Burnett. Burial was in the Brown Baptist Church cemetery.

Mr. Frazier, a resident of the Afton community, died Saturday. A veteran of World War I, he was a member of the American Legion, and of Brown's Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mattie Weaver Frazier; one son, T. D. Frazier of Hampton, Va.; one daughter, Mrs.



X-RAY TECHNOLOGISTS - Susan Katherine Burwell of Warrenton (back row, second from right) is among the 15 students selected for the first year of the radiologic technology training program at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and N. C. Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walker P. Burwell of 209 Brehon St. in Warrenton, graduated from John Graham High School, attended UNC at Greensboro in 1965-67 and attended a summer session at UNC in Chapel Hill in 1966. Students in the two-year radiologic technology training program have formal classroom instruction and practical experience in radiography, radiotherapy and nuclear medicine technology.

C. R. Burton of Newport News, Va.; one sister, Miss Cora Frazier of Ebony, Va.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

### Court

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court costs when he pled guilty to a charge of having no operator's license.

Paul Edward Daniel pled guilty to a charge of speeding and was ordered to pay court

costs.

Henry Clark Richardson pled guilty to a charge of reckless driving. The judgment of the court was that the defendant surrender his operator's license for a period of seven months and not operate a motor vehicle upon the public highways of the State for seven months and pay court costs.

John Milam Ross, Jr., pled guilty to a charge of reckless driving. Judgment of the Court was that he surrender his

operator's license for a period of 30 days and not operate a motor vehicle upon the public highways of the State for 30 days and pay court costs.

Zollie Wilson, Jr., was charged with non-support. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs.

Herbert G. Misenheimer, Jr., was ordered to pay court costs when he pled guilty to a charge of reckless driving.

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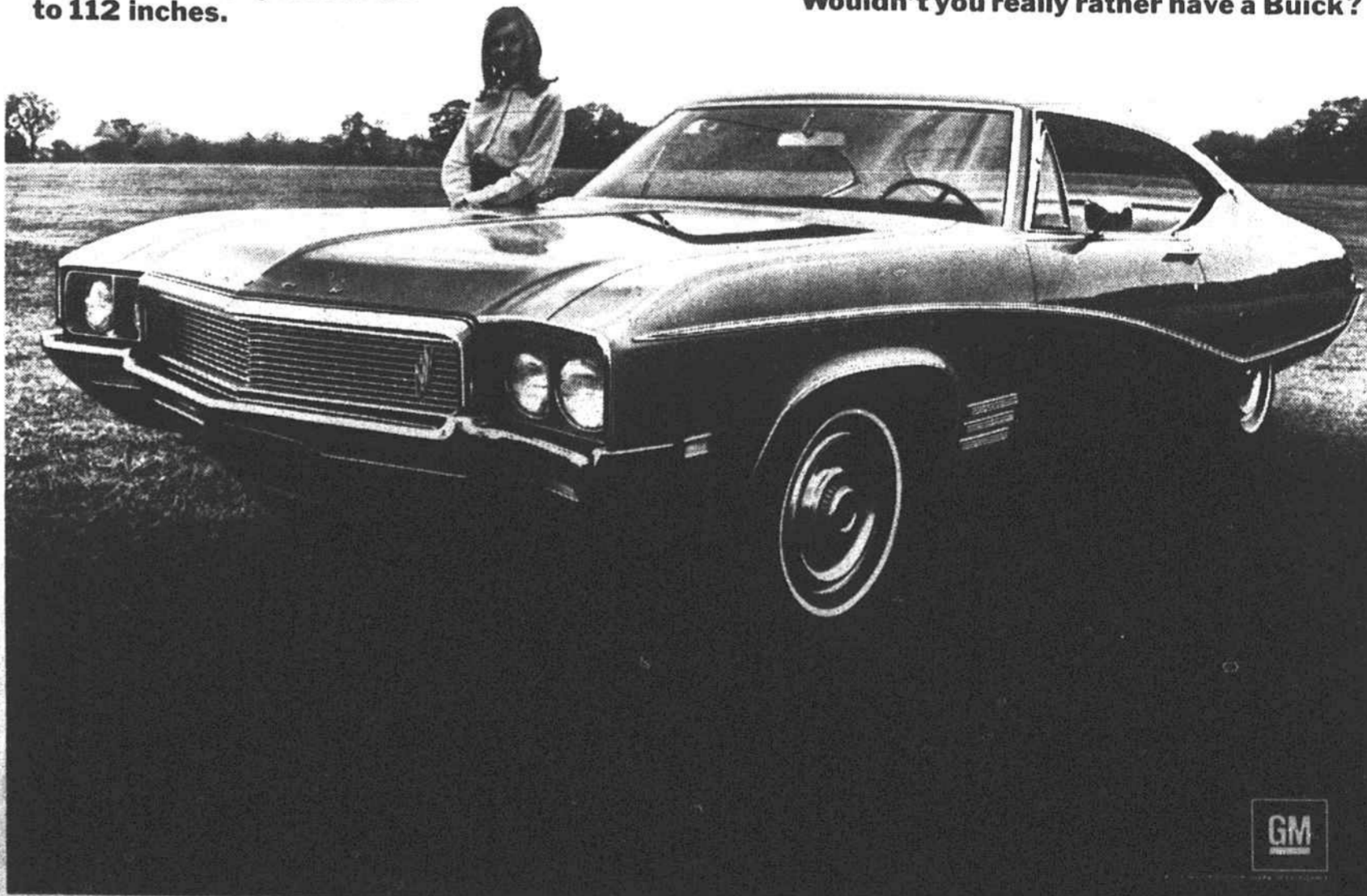
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### Good Old Days

By BILLY ARTHUR  
In The Chapel Hill Weekly

Something I remember about those good old days.

Each home had a parlor. Didn't matter how many rooms there were in the house, there was one room that wasn't used but once a week, on Sundays, or when company came. That was the parlor.

During week days, the lighting was always subdued, because the blinds were kept closed and the shades pulled. There was a certain solemnity to the parlor, probably because of the furnishings, stiffly starched lace curtains, the old foot-pumped organ, the settee and the chairs with the upholstery you hardly ever see any more.

And the pictures in the parlor. My folks had one of all of them. One was "Rock of Ages," picturing a storm tossed sea in the middle of which was a Cross to which a helpless figure clung with faith. Another was that of a white and a bay horse in a pasture, standing fearfully together while lightning flashed in the background. A third was "Custer's last Stand" with all the gory pictorial details of guns firing, Indians falling off horses, arrows flying, and Indians scalping the soldiers.

All our parlors had porcelain pictures of an ancestor or two, framed with what appeared to be an ornate toilet seat.

As well, there was the table with oil lamp and Holy Bible in the middle of the room.