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### Warrenton Is Very Grateful

On behalf of the citizens of Warrenton we extend our heartfelt thanks to the firemen, police officers and others who rendered such fine service here on Tuesday night when Warrenton suffered what is probably the second most destructive fire in the history of the town. Without the services of local and rural firemen and firemen and equipment from neighboring towns much of the business section of the town might well have been destroyed.

On behalf of the Warren Record we would like to thank those persons, known and unknown, white and colored, who assisted in removing machinery from our office when it appeared that the Dameron building in which the newspaper office is located was doomed following the collapse of the town's water tank. We are extremely grateful for this voluntary help.

A young Warrenton businessman suffered a tragic financial loss when the Warrenton Furniture Exchange warehouse and its contents were completely destroyed, and the town suffered a heavy financial blow when its water tank collapsed. But it seems sometimes that it takes a tragedy to bring out the best in one's fellowmen. No one could remain untouched as he watched volunteer firemen battle flames and water down adjacent property, with rural trucks hauling in water after the local supply failed, and scores of trucks, equipment and firemen and rescue squads rolling in from neighboring towns whose only reward was a desire to help.

It was very gratifying to see the efficiency with which others did their part. There was no delay in the start-

ing of the water pumps when the fire sounded, and the starting of an auxiliary pump when electric power failed, as well as the quickness with which water was cut off to the fallen water tank. The new water Superintendent, Dallas Bolton, was certainly on the job. Harold R. Skillman, retired, for many years superintendent of the water company, was quick to volunteer his services. The Carolina Power and Light Company employees are to be congratulated upon the rapid manner in which they restored service to the pumping station after the fire had shorted a circuit leading to the plant. Within about fifteen minutes power was restored and water was again flowing through the mains. Law enforcement officers from surrounding counties quickly arrived to offer their services in any capacity needed.

The main store building of the Warrenton Furniture Exchange across the street from the warehouse escaped serious injury and Scott Gardner was back at work Wednesday morning with the assurance that business would go on as usual and a request to this newspaper that his thanks be extended to firemen and all others who rendered him such valuable assistance. Already town officials are making plans to erect another water tank.

No one wants a tragedy such as visited the town Tuesday night, and all pray that we may be spared a repetition, but the tragedy again demonstrated that Warrenton and its neighboring area is filled with a good, kindly and helpful people and that it remains a good place in which to live.

### Where Are The Leaders?

The following letter which appeared in The Forum of the Charlotte Observer Sunday was written by a retired professor emeritus of Appalachian State Teachers College—Editor.

**WHERE ARE REAL LEADERS OF N. C.?**  
Is there today in North Carolina no elected leadership with the understanding, integrity, and courage to tell the people of the real needs of the times and the impending problems of our revolutionary age?

We appear reluctant to leave the nineteenth century, and yet there the world of the twenty-first is practically upon us.

The age calls for statesmanship, for men with the capability to lead, educate, inspire. It is dangerously late for demagoguery, witch-hunting, racial prejudice, subservience to privilege, and sectional rivalries local or national. These are sins against human society seen as strange aberrations by the better part of the civilized world; how will they—and we—look in history?

Thankfully, we are not cursed with a power-mad Wallace or ranting Barnett or vapid, pre-Civil War Thurmond. We have some honest men, some even of superior intelligence and dedication.

**BUT WHERE** are the statesmen of vision—men like this state's Walter Hines Page at the beginning of the century and, nationally, George W. Norris, Estes Kefauver, Adlai Stevenson . . . ?

We do have our Ervins, with a stubborn fixation on outworn, negative letters-of-law and "states rights." We have sectionalists Morgans and TV station (East) and our money-fearful Broynhills and overly-ambitious Whitners (West). Then we have such questionable characters as Gardner (Piedmont).

All these, like the Bourbons of old, appear to have learned little in and from the times. They are doing almost nothing to help us get into the mainstream of America and of a larger world.

The people need to be told that poverty—involving more than one-third of North Carolinians—is every citizen's concern and not an arena for horse-trading politicians. And there is the legislator, mayor, local sheriff who will dare remind us at every opportunity that, "the race problem" is primarily the white man's problem; that, anthropologically and biologically, there is no such thing as an "inferior" race; that a poor environment can sometimes produce "low-down" whites as well as Negroes; and that the white man owe reparations to the race that for his own—temporary—profit he has held down.

THE PEOPLE need to be told that since the Articles of Confederation there has been

no such thing as a sovereign state; that "states rights" and "right to work" laws—no issue in the more prosperous areas—are mainly the shibboleths of reactionaries, demagogues, and power-interests. That "Washington" in the past generation has not been "confiscating" wealth through taxation, but has helped provide a secure base for the most affluent society (and the most millionaires) the world has ever seen—and would have much less need to "interfere" if the states and local communities could or would have done what needed doing long ago.

The people need to be told that "Communism" in this country is no demon to keep them awake nights—probably 99 1/2 per cent have never seen or been seen by a real communist—and that the FBI can take care of these rare monsters; but informed that of a hundred times more concern to them should be Ku-Kluxery, paranoid Birchism, white violence, poor education for the majority, political pressures on school teachers and university meddling, wages and housing below the national level, loan sharks, the radio-remics of liberal-hating Bible Belt "religion," prejudice against science . . . In other words, more than enough problems nearer home.

**INSTEAD OF** stirring up fears of the "outside" world and infecting us with the old secessionist disease of the benighted states to the south, leaders are needed who will challenge us young and old to get—day and or night—all the education we can, in history, sociology, biology, economics and in understanding of our own psychology and unconscious motivations—and be ready for the new world, if any, that lies ahead.

At home and around the globe the have-nots, through mass media, are realizing what they have long been deprived of, and are on the march. True freedom and justice may be far up the road, but it is a time to dream.

Will the real leaders—and perhaps a few martyrs—stand up?  
D. R. HODGIN  
Boone

### Quotes

There is more to life than increasing its speed.—Mohandas Gandhi.

"Not to go back is somewhat to advance."—Pope.

"A man is as good as he has to be, and a woman as bad as she dares."—E. Hubbard.

### A Root Of Discontent

The Butner-Creedmoor News

One-does not have to be overly observant to notice the great number of shanties and shacks with television aerials rising from their roofs in this and many other eastern North Carolina counties.

A ramshackle house with dogs on the porch, near-naked children playing on a rubber tire swing, and a gleaming steel television antenna upon the roof is the image one often conjures when his thoughts turn to rural, poor eastern Carolina.

And it is this easily observed phenomena of a TV set in an unpainted shack which gives birth to some of the harsh indictments directed at occupants of substandard housing. Those of us who live in painted houses with running water and perhaps a bath tub or two cannot understand why a television set is more important to a poor family than paint.

It never seems to register with us as we ride to and from our neat, attractive, and probably mortgaged homes that the television set in a tar paper hut is as easily justified for its owner as the \$3,500 automobile we possess jointly with the finance company.

Perhaps television is much more to those who sit in squalor to watch its magic. For us, it is a status symbol and one form of entertainment. For those in the unpainted houses, it is the football stadium, golf course and theater all in one mahogany box.

More importantly, it is the porthole to another world. It is a poor man's opium. But unlike any drug, television brings a new picture into an old environment; it doesn't, maybe unfortunately for the viewer who watches from poverty, take him completely out of his surroundings.

When poor people talked with poor people, ate with poor people and played with poor people, they gave little thought to the many people who were far better off.

Now the television set in the unpainted shanty has changed all that. At the flick of a switch, the truly poor can see how much of America lives. And most of America does not live in an unpainted house, with an outdoor toilet or an open well.

For hundreds of Granville County and thousands in eastern North Carolina, television brings into the dilapidated home as much frustration as fun. It has become, to a degree, the outside agitator of the electronic



BURCHETTE

### Burchette Appointed Art Supervisor For Wake Schools

A Warren County native has accepted a position as Supervisor of Art for Wake County Schools.

He is Howard L. Burchette of Warrenton, Art Supervisor of St. Augustine's College in Raleigh.

Burchette completed his courses of study at John R. Hawkins High School at Warrenton, the Agricultural and Technical College at Greens-

boro, and New York University.

He is the son of Mrs. Daisy T. Burchette and the late John L. Burchette of Warrenton. He is also the grandson of the late Mansfield F. Thornton, former Register of Deeds of Warren County.

### Sgt. Willie M. Davis

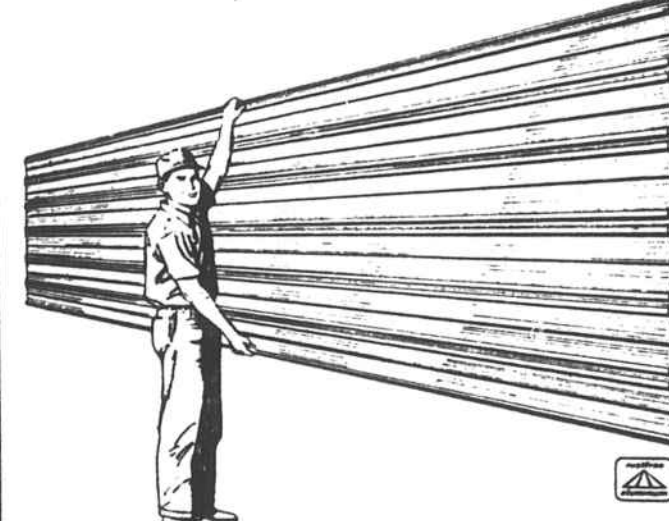
#### Serving In Vietnam

U. S. ARMY, VIETNAM—Army Sergeant Willie M. Davis, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Davis, Route 1, Warrenton, N. C., is participating in "Operation Pershing" in Vietnam, with other members of the 1st Air Cavalry Division.

He and other members of the division have evacuated more than 19,000 refugees from coastal areas to numerous refugee centers in secured areas as well as inflicting heavy damage on the Viet Cong.

During the search and clear operation, he has been engaged in dragging the VC from their vast network of tunnels and bunkers. They had been driven under ground by constant

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DALLAS BOLTON

who was this week named superintendent of the Warrenton Water Co. Story will be found on page 1.

Chemicals are now being used for control of these little pests. While there are dozens of these insecticides or pesticides available on the market, some will control several household insects.

North Carolina State University entomologists point out that chlordane, dichlorvos, dieldrin, malathion, diazinon and lindane are some of the insecticides most commonly used around the home.

The specialists say, however, that the strength of the material and the formulation vary greatly. While some insecticides can be applied as a dust, others should be mixed with water or oil, such as a light base oil, deodorized kerosene or mineral spirits.

There are some precautions, too. Do not use oil base sprays near an open flame, on asphalt tile, rubber tile, rubber-backed carpets, finely finished furniture, plants or warm-blooded animals.

When and where to spray or dust also become important elements in insect control in and around the home.

Before using any chemical, stop and read the container label, the specialists suggest. Then follow directions and precautions. Additional information on insect control can be obtained from county extension offices or the Department of Agricultural Information, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N. C., 27607. Request Leaflet No. 127, Household Pests.

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### he had it done last summer!

Our slightly self-satisfied friend has reason to be smug. Last summer he decided to install a new heating system. Even his best friends snickered. The idea of heating in the middle of summer!

Then along came cold weather. While his friends scurried around cleaning, adjusting, fueling and checking their old-fashioned systems, our friend George simply set his thermostat, sat back and relaxed.

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