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### County Facing Grave Problem

Warren County will face a grave and serious problem after January 1 when it will be without any ambulance service except that furnished by Rescue Squads on a volunteer basis. It is extremely doubtful if much of this service can be provided when funeral homes stop rendering this service. Without subsidization by the county, it is hard to see how they can fill the void.

The shortage of doctors in Warren County and other counties over the state has been met in part by taking patients to the hospital instead of having doctors call at the home. Without an ambulance, it is hard to see how a very sick person can be taken to the hospital.

Some way or another, it is imperative that ambulance service be provided not only for emergency cases but for ambulatory cases. To raise the estimated \$25,000 needed to continue any form of ambulance service in the county would be

painful, but not impossible after the end of the present fiscal year. But since no money was placed in the budget for such service, no money is available now.

Warren County is not alone in facing the problem of having no ambulance service. This neither solves Warren's problem, nor affords much comfort. But it may offer some hope for a solution. Other counties are seeking to find a solution, it may be that some have. We hope that the commissioners will consult with other counties in order to find how they are working to reach a solution to their problem and the possible solution to Warren's problem.

But there should be no delay, for January 1 is only a few weeks away. Unless some feasible plan is worked out before that time Warren County, without ambulance service, is going to be in a bad way.

### Editorial Should Make You Think

The Oberline Ohio Tribune Newspaper editorials get things done. At times, I've wondered what. By now I think I know.

They get people to think.

Those are the words of Pulitzer Prize winner Eugene Patterson, editor of the Atlanta Constitution. We think readers who follow our editorials, and who occasionally wonder about the purpose of editorials, will find worthwhile the rest of what Eugene Patterson has to say on the subject:

Readers may think the editor is an idiot. The Atlanta Constitution is rich with readers who hold that opinion. In order to arrive at it, however, they must (1) read his unsatisfactory argument, and then (2) justify their own. This is a painful experience on both counts, which may account for soreness they exhibit in letters to the editor. But they have had to think about the subject.

And the longer I live, the more I believe the value of an editorial is not so much to carry the day, to convince everybody, or to comfort the good and convert the evil.

To achieve those goals the average editor would have to be a lot smarter than he is.

The true and lasting value lies in getting people to think for themselves, to talk and to argue, and finally to decide whatever they want to decide. The process of thought may have adjusted their decision some small dis-

tance toward the side of right, wherever that is.

"I guess a man's job," William Percy's father told him, "is to make the world a better place to live in, so far as he is able—always remembering the results will be infinitesimal—and to attend to his own soul."

An editorial is, of itself, no better than the incentive it provides the reader to attend to his own soul, I think. Whether the editorial opinion itself is accepted is secondary to that. The people will find their own way when they think.

The race issue in the South was editorially muffled for many years. The primary contribution of editors like Hodding Carter and Ralph McGill and Lenoir Chambers lay not so much in convincing all southerners that segregation was wrong; they obviously failed, had that been their purpose. Primarily, they encouraged people to talk about it—to break the muffling silence, to stop fearing discussion of it, to speak the unspeakable and think the unthinkable, and to realize it was a subject they could argue.

This breaking of silent fear, the beginning of talking and thinking, is the goal an editor shoots for in a frozen situation where minds have ceased to question. The editorial doesn't have to be right. But it does get things done.

It gets the people to think.

### Skirts May Disappear?

Lapeer County (Mich.) Press

According to some historians, women's skirts may disappear altogether. This is not a statement to mislead the hopes of millions of men reveling in the mini-skirt craze. It is a scholarly observation by those who have researched the subject.

In the days of Plato, pants were unknown. The 2-legged garment didn't make its mark in the pages of history until Roman soldiers found tribesmen in Germany wearing them. Perhaps to foster the spirit of togetherness, the Romans picked up the idea and began wearing pants under their togas. During the middle ages, the togas went up, as mini-skirts are going up now, the men topping off their breeches with what came to be known as a tunic.

Through all these centuries, the ladies' skirts remained at their ankles, with petticoats and other undergarments being added along the way.

It was not until World War I that the

hemline began to rise, reaching mid-calf by 1920. With the depression, it returned to that level, going up again in World War II, down with Dior's New Look and back up again in the 50's with the advent of the sack skirt. Just when historians were looking for them to fall once more, they zoomed upward with the mini-skirt.

Now the historians are pausing for a long and searching look and revising their theories.

Maybe the women are following in the footsteps left centuries ago by the men. Perhaps as skirt lengths shrink, we'll see the underpants go down. Already we see glimpses of brightly colored undergarments (figs). The ladies of good tastes and modishness are wearing clothing similar to the tunic and tights worn by stylish young men at the time of Columbus.

This is called progress, or as our vacationing editor would say, Onward and Upward.

We're all for it.

### Lure Of Gold Lives On In U.S.A.

Christian Science Monitor

Forty-niners rushed the California hills for it. Modern miners go to sea. They prospect for it in coastal waters.

The research ship Oconostota of Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, Calif., is cruising the West Coast now in pursuit of gold and silver to buttress the nation's dwindling supply of precious metals for coinage and other uses.

Its search is financed by a \$99,500 grant from the United States Geological Survey. These prospectors also hope to turn up tin, platinum, and other metals needed by the electronics and aerospace industries. Various techniques will be used to probe river beds long covered by the sea, which scientists believe carried gold-bearing rock

down to the ocean from inland deposits many thousands of years ago.

While this hunt is under way, the gold-dredge Mermaid II is starting a new kind of gold rush in Alaska.

Recently converted in San Diego from a war-time minesweeper at a cost of more than \$1 million, the 190-foot Mermaid is sucking up ocean silt and sand in the Nome area to recover gold dust and nuggets.

Although the ship can operate only a few months of the year, its Nome owners predict it can reap enough metal in one season to pay back their investment—and then some.

## Gary Discusses Tobacco Tax

By KAYS GARY  
In The Charlotte Observer

Forgive us our trespasses for purely personal musings but . . .

It is amazing that nobody talks about a state tobacco tax and a boost in state liquor taxes . . .

Nobody . . .

Except the people

It's the Raleigh syndrome which afflicts candidates for statewide office.

In that "other world" of Raleigh, great are the pronounced agonies of North Carolina's relative position (44th, 47th, 49th, etc.) in major development of our resources human and natural.

Grimly, soberly, the Caesars struggle with revenue and budget proposals, sometimes even brilliantly, with one exception.

That's the tobacco tax proposal.

The Raleigh syndrome is immediately activated and the Caesars suffer all kinds of afflictions from acute lockjaw to the most stupefying convolutions of logic.

The people, even in the hard-hat, quick-lunch places, mutter discontent over rising taxation with one exception.

The tobacco tax.

#### Just Blowing Smoke

Just keep the ear open on the streets, in the offices, kitchens, on the golf courses, at construction sites:

"I'm two packs a day but I can't understand why they don't first tax the things a man doesn't need but is going to have . . ."

"They're going to mess around with this no tobacco tax until the federal government steps in . . ."

"I can't figure it out. Who is going to holler that you're snatching the cigarettes out of our children's mouths . . .?"

"If the tobacco tax is so stupid how come we're the only state without it? Just so we can be No. 1 in something?"

And on and on . . .

Except in Raleigh.

Tax of a nickel a pack would bring in \$40-\$50 million dollars. This is peanuts?

But from the candidates? All manner of tentative tiptoeing proposals except . . .

A tobacco tax.

The bravest submit the argument that in Raleigh one has to be practical. It just isn't possible to muster enough support in legislator votes to levy a tobacco tax. Eastern North Carolina you know. One has to face reality.

That's just blowing smoke.

#### Tar Heels Underestimated

Reality is what is left when the courage is all gone.

It is barely possible that the candidates underestimate North Carolinians and their desire to stop playing tic-tac-toe with old Status Quo, remaining No. 46 or 49—whatever our ranking may be this week.

Could too the Caesars save themselves those painful biennial contortions by submitting the question to the people?

Or is it possible that the people just wouldn't be able to understand the situation?—Like the possibility of returning some of those tobacco tax dollars to painfully strapped educational programs on the local levels?

It is not a primary consideration, but a consideration nonetheless, that cigarette smuggling is wreaking havoc with other states. The negative argument, "That's their problem," is just half of it. It is North Carolina's problem, too. We don't need syndicated crime, rackets and hoodlums. We're getting them. It's the proemium we pay for no-tax cigarettes.

Perhaps there is a candidate out there who privately plans to tackle the Raleigh syndrome. Certainly the tobacco tax issue should not be allowed to stay in the cloakrooms. If there is not, the people had better find a way to present an effective voice.

The voice seems to say, "Tax what we don't need first . . ."

But in Raleigh who can hear a whisper?

## Asked To Send Christmas Mail Early

During the Christmas rush the postal service carries more mail in a month than most countries do in a year. In urging local citizens to mail early for Christmas, A. C. Blalock, Warrenton Postmaster, said the four-state At-

lanta Region, of which his office is a part, will handle 100 million more pieces of mail this Christmas than last year.

"Unless the people cooperate and get their Christmas mailing done early, we are

going to be hopelessly swamped just before Christmas," he said, "and things will get awfully chaotic."

"The Post Office Department has completed its planning for the holiday season. We can handle the expected increases in mail and get it delivered on time if people will mail early."

### Status Of Home Loans For Veterans

Only those World War II veterans whose GI home loan entitlement did not expire before July 26, 1967 have additional time in which to use their loan entitlement, W. R. Phillips, manager of the Winston-Salem Veterans Administration Regional Office reiterated today.

He said that Veterans' Pension and Readjustment Assistance Act of 1967, which President Johnson signed recently, extended the cutoff date for the use of unexpired loan entitlement by World War II veterans from July 25, 1967 to July 25, 1970.

However, Phillips said, individual entitlements are still determined on the basis of the

veteran's active service in World War II and may expire prior to July 25, 1970.

A "savings clause" in this new law provides that any World War II veteran having unexpired entitlement as of last July 26 will have until December 30, 1967 in which to use his entitlement even though, under the length of service formula, it may expire at an earlier date.

According to the Winston-Salem VA Regional Office Manager, approximately 70 per cent of the GI loan applications being received by the VA nationwide involve post-Korean service veterans. They were brought into the GI home loan program by legislation enacted in 1966.

The discoverer of Halley's comet was Edmund Halley, English astronomer and mathematician.

## Farm Bureau To Hold Convention In Raleigh

RALEIGH—More than 1,000 Tar Heel farmers are expected to gather in Durham Nov. 12-15 for the 32nd annual convention of the N. C. Farm Bureau.

"This could very well be the most important Farm Bureau convention in many years," said B. C. Mangum—president of the large farm organization.

"There is widespread unrest among agriculture producers over the cost-price squeeze," he said, "and our membership is anxious for an opportunity to register their concern as a unified body."

The farm leader noted that there is a growing realization among farm people that they have to become more involved in their own affairs and "do something" about farm problems. "There is intense interest this year in policy development among Farm Bureau members," Mangum declared, "and a fair measure of the delegates' attention is expected to center around net farm income."

The main activity on the convention agenda will, of course, be the drafting of official N. C. Farm Bureau policy by the voting delegate body. Decisions will also be made on recommendations to the American Farm Bureau Convention—scheduled for Chicago Dec. 10-14.

A number of prominent speakers are scheduled to address the convention—headed by Gov. Dan K. Moore, Mrs. Haven Smith, of Chappell, Nebraska, American Farm Bureau Women's Committee Chairman; and Agriculture Commissioner James A. Gra-

ham. Mangum will make his annual report to the delegates Monday afternoon.

Other convention highlights will be the election of state officers, board members and delegates to the national Farm Bureau meeting.

### Gen. Bowers To Speak At Henderson

HENDERSON—Major General Claude T. Bowers, Adjutant General for the State of North Carolina, will be principal speaker for the Veterans Day dinner program planned in Henderson on Saturday, November 11.

His address will be a part of the program at Rollins school cafeteria, climaxing the Veterans Day observance here which likewise will feature an afternoon parade and open house by veterans organizations.

Well known in the Henderson area, Maj. Gen. Bowers, of Warrenton and Raleigh, has served the State as Adjutant General since February, 1961. He is a former commanding general of the National Guard 30th Infantry Division.

During World War II, he served with the 30th Division, the 1st Infantry Division and the U. S. Third Army.

The coconut palm, sugarcane, banana, mango, and bamboo are not native to the West Indies. These plants were introduced to the islands by European explorers.

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