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## Congratulations To WARR

We congratulate Radio Station WARR upon its starting operations here on last Thursday morning and wish for them the public support necessary for its growth in service to its community.

The establishment of a radio station here is but another step in the business growth of Warrenton and offers its business people another media for the promotion of business necessary to the growth of the town.

It is true that in one sense a radio station is a competitor to a newspaper in that both seek the ad-

vertiser's dollar, but it has been found in other towns, and we think will be found here, that the addition of a radio station does not mean smaller slices of the business pie but a larger pie as business people increase their appeal to the public. Radio and newspapers should compliment each other in service to the community both in news and business and community promotion, and we feel that the building of a radio station here means merely the broadening of the news media and better service to the community.

## Safer Driving, Fewer Deaths

The Smithfield Herald

There was a time when repeated highway safety campaigns seemed not to make any headway at all in checking automobile deaths. Roads became bloodier even as slogans became catchier. A steadily rising highway death toll appeared to be inevitable. Safer driving seemed an unattainable goal.

That's not the way it is now. North Carolina and the whole country are demonstrating that highway safety efforts do bring desired results. In spite of heavier traffic than ever before in America, there is a decline in road deaths.

North Carolina for the second consecutive year is showing a significant decline in automobile accident fatalities. Our safety experts say that the decline is due to driver-training programs in the schools, emphasis of safety in road construction, installation of safety equipment in automobiles, mechanical inspection that forces car owners to keep their vehicle in good repair, use of breath tests in checking drunken drivers, and better patrolling of highways.

Motorists who have traveled widely in North Carolina and other states lately think they detect a decided improvement in the way people drive and an increasing respect for rules of the road.

From both statistics and observation comes hope for a sustained trend toward fewer road deaths. Could it be that careful, conservative driving is becoming the "in" thing among America's young people, who as a group have been mainly responsible for the rising accident tolls through the years?

Whatever the improvement in driving habits and whatever the decline in road deaths, neither young nor old persons have room to relax when they get behind the wheel. Good driving continues to require presence of mind and sobriety. And "defensive driving" continues to be necessary, for with all the improvement the roads still are not free from reckless and drunken drivers. Nor are they free from unsafe conditions and unsafe cars. Eternal vigilance remains the price of accident prevention.

## Means And Ends

Greensboro Daily News

It would be risky to assume that Justice Hugo Black's impromptu remarks from the Supreme Court bench on Tuesday intimate secret sympathies with the anti-busing cause in the crucial school cases now before the court. Often the sharpest judicial interrogators are testing their own inclinations.

But it is our impression, at least, that Justice Black meant what he said, that "from the first case" he has "been interested in plain discrimination on account of race."

"We should correct that," he continued. "But it disturbs me to hear we should try to change the whole lives of people around the country. You want (he was addressing an NAACP Legal and Defense Fund lawyer) to haul people miles and miles to give them equal percentages in the schools. I think there's something to the concept of neighborhood schools that's worthy of consideration in this court."

The lawyer's zeal is easy to understand and is not really at issue, for there is, let's face it, a certain hypocrisy in the South's fervent affirmation of the non-discriminatory principles of law laid down in the Brown decision of 1954. If the intrinsic justice and urgency of those principles had been more widely acknowledged 16 years ago, it is entirely possible that we would not be in danger today of destroying the progress gained in the past five years by adopting unreasonable and impractical remedies. Delay has sharpened Negro grievances and reduced his patience with half-measures and token compliance to the vanishing point, and when that happens it is no wonder that the courts are urged to go well beyond the full measure of eliminating color-consciousness from the law and shuffle the children all over the cities in a vain and self-defeating quest for utopian perfection. Today we have in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg case and others court-ordered plans of integration so unsettling in their mechanics as to make ends of mere means and thus to undermine public support for public education.

And we would insist that when the law becomes color-blind as to ends and objectives (in the sense mandated by the original Brown case) but at the same time becomes increasingly color-conscious as to means, it is in danger of losing public support.

There is no great mystery, indeed, about the "neighborhood schools" issue that was the subject of Justice Black's remarks to James Nabrit of the NAACP. The issue is about ends and means, an issue thoroughly familiar in every area of democratic government.

There is, in every phase of such government, a constant argument not only about the goals the society is to affirm but how those goals are to be accomplished. The sheer incoherence and impracticality of long-distance cross-busing is a valid issue in any system of government that values individual choice and freedom.

In criminal justice, for instance, there are zealots (and indeed some who are not zealots) who urge us to cut corners and take short cuts to "catch criminals," even when the means of doing so actually threaten the basic principles of the system. Similarly, though we would not compare the great objective of equal educational opportunity for all to the lesser objective of catching criminals, there are those whose zeal for a morally commendable end has pushed them far in the direction of authoritarian means. Cross-busing, the denial of choice of which school one may attend, is authoritarian in tendency and the worthy ends for which they are designed do not extenuate the fact.

It would be an immeasurable tragedy if the Supreme Court, in the present cases, jeopardized the modest but material progress of the last five years in school integration by insisting that the moral imperative is so urgent that the morality of means is to be shuffled aside and forgotten. Undoubtedly, there are those who talk about "neighborhood schools" who mean no more than that they want the schools all-white, or as little integrated as possible. But we do not believe that is true of a majority. Most white southerners have now recognized the evil and blight of discrimination backed by "the hand of the state." The problem now is to find ways of encouraging that recognition, not smothering it.

The ethic of democracy insists on the ideal of equal justice and opportunity for all, but balanced against that goal there is the more than secondary question of how that justice is to be realized. There is nothing shameful or immoral about the "neighborhood school" issue, nothing "unworthy," in Justice Black's words, "of consideration in this court." It is the age-old issue of means and ends, practical and worthy ways of achieving praiseworthy ends. We are glad that Justice Black, for one, seems to agree.

## Huh?

The Chapel Hill Weekly

A few days back, when the State Highway Commission was meeting in Winston-Salem (Forsyth County), M. C. (Red) Benton, Winston-Salem's Mayor, got to his feet and asked that certain highway improvements be made in his area in the next few years. In all, Mayor Benton's requests came to about \$80 million.

Meanwhile, the Forsyth County legislative delegation (two Republican Senators and five Representatives) in campaigning urgently for repeal of Governor Scott's two-cent gasoline tax which is used to finance highway improvements.

There seems to be a small inconsistency here somewhere.

## Mostly Personal

By BIGNALL JONES

Peter Hulth writes a readable column for The Smithfield Herald, a newspaper that seems to have everything, and from time to time I borrow a bit of his material. From his Oct. 13 I picked up the following.

"Recently Ed Hinton told his father, Jonas Hinton, that if he saw an old fashion kitchen cabinet at an auction to buy it for him. Ed Hinton also told his mother-in-law, Mrs. Lena Twigg the same thing.

"Sure enough, at the auction, they rolled out a kitchen cabinet. And Jonas Hinton made a bid.

"Mrs. Twigg was on the other side of the large crowd at the auction, and she made a bid. And on and on.

"Finally Mrs. Twigg bought the item for her son-in-law—but not until Jonas Hinton had run the price almost out of sight!"

I have been reading Peter Hulth's column for years and during that time he must have been present at some of the newspaper conventions I attended, but it was not until the past summer that I met and introduced myself to him.

My son-in-law, Pat Ralford of Charlotte, rented a cottage at Long Beach last summer and invited the family down to spend several days with my daughter and grandson. On the way down we made an early start and ate breakfast at a restaurant there. I noticed a man sitting alone at a table and learning that it was Peter Hulth I went over and introduced myself. He is not only a good writer but is fine looking — "for a newspaperman."

I have been writing this column, off and on, for about 38 years, and I suppose every week for about ten years. Since the contents of the column have been mostly things that I recollected from many years past, I stand in fear that I will repeat myself, a tendency that grows with the passing years. But last week was the first time that I have been caught with the goods.

If the column is a repeat of an article more than ten years ago, I think it is not of much consequence, since not only do people soon forget but a new generation has joined the list of our readers. With this in mind, I have been tempted to go back into the newspaper files and simply re-run some of the old pieces. As a matter of fact, I did that several months ago.

In looking through the files for some other information, I came across a piece that I had

## Letter To Editor

To The Editor:

We know that since many of our members are mothers of school age children we are perhaps more concerned about the safe and prompt transportation of the children of Warren County to and from school than some other people. However, it is completely beyond our comprehension that anyone, even someone like Mr. Beddingfield, with no school age children or grandchildren would not agree that this is one of the most important operations of our county each day.

We think our school administrators should be commended for the excellent record they have concerning the safety of our children. We cannot see any reason for anything but complete appreciation and cooperation with an administrative unit that can dismiss as many children and buses as are involved in this situation and complete the entire procedure in between thirty and forty-five minutes. We find it impossible to believe that Mr. Beddingfield's schedule is any more rushed or important than lots of other people who gladly wait a few minutes if it will mean the safest possible transportation of these children.

It is common knowledge that Warren County isn't the only school unit in our state to use teachers to aid the school buses in traffic. Is Mr. Beddingfield planning to tackle the whole state, or is it just Warren County he wants corrected?

We believe there's not a teacher in our county that would object to thirty extra minutes each and every day if it saves the life of one Warren County child. These are the people with whom we entrust our children each day, not the Mr. Beddingfields of our society.

WARRENTON JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB  
 October 20, 1970

written about my son, Howard, when he was three or four years old. With a father's bias, I decided that it was worth repeating and re-ran it.

I still think that it was a comparatively good article and worthy of being repeated. But it was the only column that I can remember which a reader told me he did not like.

We had short notice of Cochran Eastern, Inc., Open House and as a result I was hard pushed to get up the additional copy for the larger paper we anticipated. This was especially true as I and my wife and daughter went to Chapel Hill for the football game with South Carolina, for which I had bought tickets weeks ago. But thanks to hard work on the part of the office force and the splendid cooperation we received from local business people and from Harold Tester, public relations officer with Cochran, we were able to come out on time.

However, in anticipation of the need for a large amount of type, I had pushed myself on the previous Thursday and Friday during which I wrote an article for this column, which was set into type on Friday by our machine operator. The article was no masterpiece but I did think it at least had the virtue of tying in to what was largely a Cochran Eastern, Inc., edition.

With this behind me, I turned to other matters and gave the column no thought until Monday afternoon when my wife, who reads proofs, told me that I had run practically the same column before. "Well," I said, "maybe we have obtained some new readers since that time." To which she replied, "It was only about two years ago."

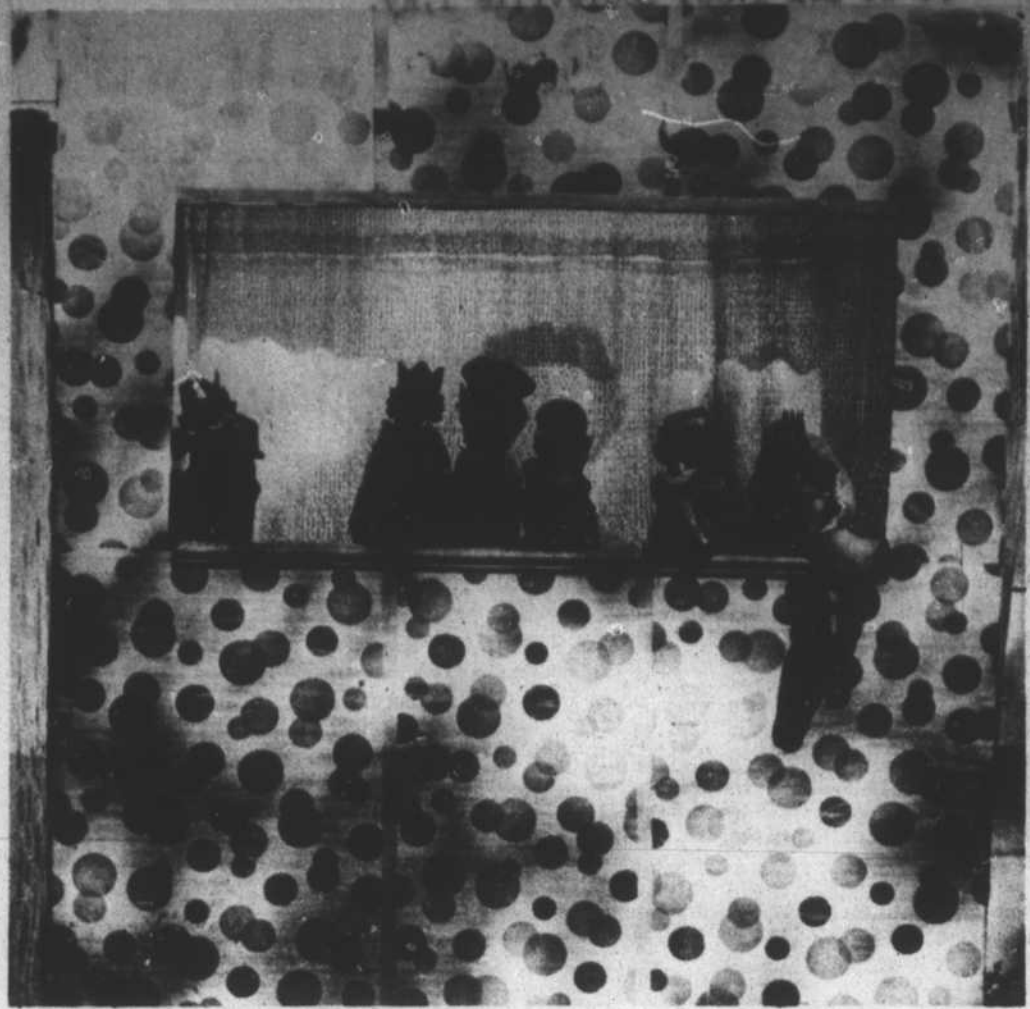
It was too late to do anything about it in view of the rush we were in.

## Jaycees Hold Second Meeting Of Month

Warren County Jaycees held their second monthly meeting at the Warren County Department of Correction, Unit 5037, on Thursday night, Oct. 15.

President Roy Neal presided over the business meeting following a delicious meal served by the members of the correction unit.

Charles Hawley, State Supervisor of the Correction Center, gave an informative talk on the purpose and importance of correction centers and stated that anyone is welcome to visit or inspect the center. Members of the Jaycees visit-



In the promotion of its anti-litter campaign in Warrenton the Warrenton Junior Garden Club this week promoted puppet shows in the local schools, carrying out the theme "Keep Warrenton Beautiful and Clean. Don't Be A Litterbug." Mrs. Fred Bartholomew lent her voice to the Princess, Grandmothers and Kaspar. Mrs. W. H. King spoke for the King, Policeman, Apple, Devil and the Dragon.

ed with the inmates after the meeting.

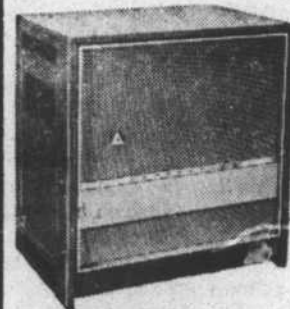
Tommy Blanks, club reporter, said yesterday that the Jaycees would like for more people to inquire about state projects of this nature so as to better understand state and local needs.

During the business session the members decided to sell fruit cakes again this year for the project of helping needy families at Christmas. The members also voted to make a contribution to Bute Development Co., Inc., to assist the company in its efforts to obtain a new industry.

The highway patrol stopped a man on a crowded freeway and told him that his wife had fallen out of the rear door a mile back. "Thank heaven," the man said, "I thought I had gone deaf."

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Now we have asked for our first general rate increase. And just in case there is any misunderstanding about this request, we'd like to tell you why. Just as it costs more to run your household, it costs us more to run our company. More for fuel. Equipment. Wages. Construction. (And you know what it costs to borrow money these days.) Yet, while everybody's been passing on higher costs to us, we've invested large sums in more efficient facilities, so we wouldn't have to pass them on to you. But we can no longer hold the line. The rate increase we've requested is about 14%, which amounts to less than 6¢ a day (\$1.72 a month) for our average residential customer. So look at it this way. If CP&L rates had gone up like everything else, electricity would be a luxury for a few instead of the bargain it is for everybody. We hope you understand.



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