

# Why I Am Not A Volunteer!

(a not-so-tongue-in-cheek confession of a former volunteer)  
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Somehow, I get the feeling that not to be a volunteer in someone's program today is to be uncivilized. But, like many of my fellow sinner-outers, I have my reasons for letting opportunity pass me by. You, the program operator, the professional, have supplied me with them. Do you really want to know why I am not a volunteer?

1. For a long time I never knew you wanted me. You communicated quite well, "I'd rather do it myself, mother." You are articulate in expressing your needs in dollars and decimals. Your silence on service, I figured, was your last word.

2. Once you did call for help, and I stepped forward. But you never told me how to get started. I later thought that maybe what you actually said was, "Why don't we have lunch.....sometime?"

3. I persevered however, I reported for duty. You turned me over to a department head, and he in turn, sent me down to the section chief. He was out, and the secretary did not know what to do with so rare a species as a volunteer, so she suggested that I get in touch next Tuesday. I called, but my message got lost.

4. I might have overlooked the run-around. People cannot be blamed for doing the best they can, and the worst and best are hard to distinguish in the emptiness of a vacuum. For some reason, I thought you as their leader would have given a bit of thought before-hand to what you would do with me, a volunteer, or at least let someone else know I was coming and give them the worry of organizing the situation.

5. Come time for the spring mail-out, and I and my neighbor appeared on the scene. We worked; for two days we licked stamps and envelope flaps, until the steak at supper tasted like tongue. Then I learned from the slip of a clerk that before our coming you had turned off the postage machine. I really cannot blame; if you had not gone out of your way to make work for us what could a couple of volunteers have done for two whole days?

6. I tried again a number of times. But you really did not expect much from me. You never trained me, nor insisted that my work be to a standard. A particularly tough day was coming up for the crew, and I cut out - it was a perfect day for golf. On my return, you said nothing of my absence, except to ask about my score. I never learned if my truancy made any difference.

7. In spite of all, I think I did make a contribution. But the only real thanks I got was a letter from you - a form letter. I know how "demanding" this letter was on you. My neighbor had typed the master copy, I had copied it and together we forged your name, stuffed the envelopes, sealed, stamped, and mailed them.

NOTE: If you've been treated this way as a volunteer, try 4-H, you'll get real satisfaction on your investment.



Mrs. Faye Lynch, pediatric nurse practitioner at the Warren County Health Department examines Antonio Burton. Mrs. Lynch recently completed a nine-month pediatric nursing program in Richmond, Va. She is available for scheduled appointments at the Warren County Health Department on Monday and Tuesday, 8:30-2:30 and on Wednesday, with doctors from Duke, from 8:30-4:30.

## Wise News

By MRS. JOE RIGGAN  
(Phone 456-2839 to have news reported)

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Riggan and children of Lexington spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Riggan.

Miss Cindy King and Treva Barnes of Campbell College spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Roy King.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leete and son and Mrs. Maude Duke spent Sunday at Kings Dominion.

Mrs. Becky Rooker, Mrs. Ella Faulkner, Mrs. Vernie Felts, Mrs. Fred Newsome and Mrs. Louise Riggan attended the Raleigh District of United Methodist Women at Trinity Methodist Church in Louisburg on Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Newsome received a special membership pin from the Raleigh District of United Methodist Women as a retiring district officer after serving eight years on the district level.

Master Robbie Perkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Perkins of Sanford, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Perkinson, has returned home after undergoing surgery and a three-week stay in the hospital for a severely broken and damaged arm.



A visitation team representing the newly formed Granville County Arts Council paid a visit to the studio of the Warrenton Arts Commission Tuesday in the hopes of obtaining information helpful in setting up the new Oxford-based arts program. Representatives of the Oxford council said they were directed to Warrenton by state officials who told them Warrenton had one of the best commissions in the state. Shown during the information seeking session are (left to right) seated, Mrs. Margaret Ray and Miss Mary W. Hall of Oxford and Miss Brenda Clarke and Dr. Nannette Henderson of Warrenton. On back row (left to right) are Thad Stem and Granville School Supt. L. C. Adcock, both of Oxford; Mrs. Anna Butler and Miss Victoria Lehman. Miss Clarke is president of the Warrenton Arts Commission, while Dr. Henderson and Mrs. Butler are board members. Miss Lehman is artist-in-residence here.

## District Meeting Of Legion Is Held In Warrenton

American Legion Limer Post 25 was host to the quarterly meeting of District 5 on Sunday at the Lion's Den. A. C. Fair, host commander, welcomed the members from the other nine posts in the district and presented District Commander Leland Gottschalk, who conducted the meeting.

Gottschalk called for committee and post reports. Membership reported the district was over 52 percent in reaching its goal in membership at this time and the district is fifth among the standings of 25 districts. It was also reported that Post 227 in Louisburg will be reactivated October 17 and prospects were good for a post within the Haliwa Indian Tribe and another post in Roxboro. Several other locations are being investigated.

It was also reported that more boys were attending Boys State from this district than from any other and that Post 52 in Franklinton had the top boy scout troop in the state. The oratorical committee reported Franklin, Vance and Warren counties will be involved in the upcoming high school oratorical contest sponsored by the American Legion National Americanism Commission which will award \$44,000 in scholarships. Under the children and youth division, scholarships and educational funds

exceeding \$600,000 were provided last year for the children of veterans.

American Education Week will be observed in Warren County the week of Nov. 13-19. The American Legion has been active in this program since 1921.

Commander Gottschalk then introduced the Division Commander, E. C. Toppin, Post 40 of Edenton. He pointed out that every legionnaire had a friend or two that he does business with who is eligible and should be involved in Legion work. Toppin said it only takes a few minutes to tell some one of the importance of caring enough to support the high ideals of the American Legion and assure those Legionnaires and families of Legionnaires that there is help readily available for those in need.

District Commander Gottschalk thanked those that attended, hoped that each of them had read the three benefit articles printed in the News and Observer and Durham Morning Herald the week of September 19. He told them he did not know when the last district meeting had been held in Warrenton and the reason for shifting the meetings was to give more post members the opportunity to meet other legionnaires and be better informed on what is going on in the American Legion.

## Center Receives New Place Sign

The Warren County Child Development Center is more easily noticed with the new sign recently hung by Clinton Alston. Now over a year old, the center is progressing with volunteer services like those offered by Alston.

Inside the center, the All Saints Episcopal Church members have donated a new refrigerator. It serves the center well with more than enough room for snacks, beverages and medicines that are kept for the children.

The Volunteer-A-Thon on television last month inspired volunteers to drop by the center. Working at the center now as volunteers on a regular basis are Mrs. Florence Bender of Norlina and the Rev. Michael Williams of Soul City. Mrs. Mabel Davis began volunteer work in January. The students at the center are progressing each day with the help from these generous volunteers.

### Briefs

When Esther Williams began making movies for MGM she was paid \$75 weekly.

About 12 million people belong to the PTA.

## Police To Retain Same Outpost Here

Warrenton's police department is expected to remain in its same quarters at the corner of Main and West Market streets for at least the next five years - but at a third more cost.

Warrenton commissioners earlier this month agreed to negotiate a new lease with owner Hy Diamond for the brick building which houses officers and police dispatchers. The building had been rented to the town for \$50 per month, but Town Manager Bill Davis informed the board at its October meeting that the landlord had upped the rent to \$75.

Board members agreed that the building furnished a strategic observation point of a large area of Main Street and indicated its desire to retain the same quarters. The board agreed that a five-year lease agreement should be entered into with Mr. Diamond. Manager Davis reported to board members this week that the new lease has been signed.

A room in Carlsbad Caverns, New Mexico, has a ceiling about 22 stories high. The floor is as big as 14 football fields.

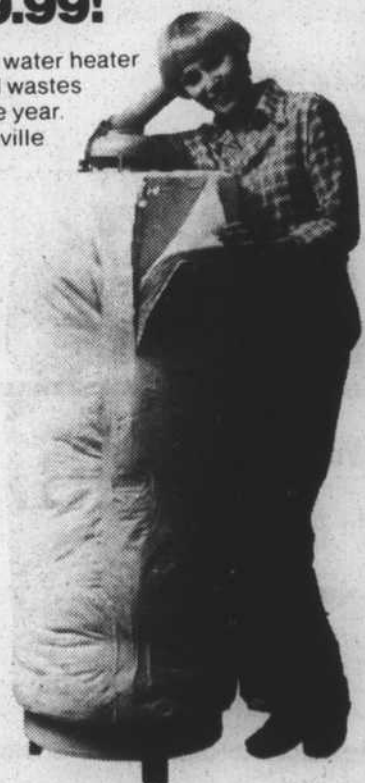
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Children of Warren Academy Kindergarten stand in front of their "favorite" fire truck during a Monday visit to the Warrenton Rural Fire Department. In the first row (left to right) are Capt. Walter Gardner, Kristie Robertson, Earl Williams, Dee-Ann Earp, Kerry Harris, Sara Paynter, Johnny Riggan, Ward Hosier, Debra Levin, and Jay Qualls. In the second row (left to right) are April Beddingfield, Ann Manning, Dana Mustian, Brad Jones, Greg Burton, Jamie West, and Mrs. Jules Banzet, teacher.

## Pupils Visit Fire Department

The siren blows and there goes the Warrenton Rural Fire Department's fire truck zooming to the fire! The kindergarten children at Warren Academy learned all about what firemen have to do when they visited the Warrenton Rural Fire Department during Fire Prevention Week.

The tots enjoyed their trip to the firehouse and learned to appreciate all that Warrenton's volunteer firemen do for our community.

They were pleased to have their picture taken standing by their favorite fire truck.

## A Short Message To The Voters of Warrenton

I want your help in making the mayor's office a full-time job, with regularly scheduled hours at Town Hall.

There are many areas of Warrenton's interest that need special attention, and I would like your suggestions as to how we might help to improve our town.

On November 8th, you and I have an opportunity to work for many things that are in the best interests of Warrenton.

I pledge my continued work and dedication during the next two years, and I ask your help in my behalf on November 8th.

Sincerely,  
ANNA BUTLER

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### Popular Game

Croquet was so popular a hundred years ago that wickets came equipped with candle sockets for playing at night.

## Local Sisters Making Career Of U. S. Army

The daughters of a Wise couple are making a career with the U. S. Army. Pvt. Teresa King Pulliam, has recently completed her basic training with the U. S. Army at Fort Jackson, S. C., and was transferred last week to Fort Bliss in El Paso, Tex.

Spec. 4 Nancy King Moseley of Fort Bragg has recently been promoted to sergeant.

They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. King of Wise. Mrs. Moseley is the wife of Steven Moseley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moseley of Wise.

TERESA PULLIAM

NANCY MOSELEY