

Hospital

(Continued from page 1) room coverage as he is scheduled to do for the month.

The Warren Record was unable to reach Dr. Trivedi for comment.

Dr. Coffman said that the emergency room controversy has been talked about for years, and that the basic problem is that it is "impossible" for three people to cover the emergency room full-time in a manner demanded by the public.

Robertson admitted that the doctors have been "used and abused" by citizens in the county, and often called to the hospital unnecessarily on weekends and at night. But he said the board of trustees had tried "everything conceivable" to resolve the problem, without success.

"Thursday of last week we met with the commissioners to get some idea as to the possibility of funding to provide the doctors with some sort of relief, such as one weekend a month, and the doctors indicated that type of relief wouldn't be enough," he said.

"They gave us an ultimatum, and the board felt it had to take the situation in hand," Robertson commented.

Robertson estimated that securing the services of an emergency room physician through a company that provides physicians on a rotating basis could cost as much as \$250,000. He said that Mrs. Eva Clayton, chairman of the county board of commissioners, gave him no encouragement on any new funding but said that she would do her best. Robertson commented that the county simply does not have that kind of money to keep the hospital in operation.

"Morale at the hospital is good, the patient census is up, and we are operating in the black, which hasn't always been the case," Robertson said. "This has happened when things were finally going well."

Give New Look To Old Fireplace

A discolored brick fireplace can get a renewed look and add to the decorating scheme in a room with a coat of paint.

A fireplace's size can be minimized by painting it the predominant color of the room or it can be made to stand out by choosing a contrasting color, says Dr. Linda McCutcheon, extension house furnishings specialist at North Carolina State University.

Surface preparation prior to painting is extremely important, she adds. Remove loose ashes and soot and use a wire brush to scrape away dirt and loose particles.

If a white, salt-like material is present, wipe with a diluted acid solution. Remove smoke film and grease by applying detergent or soap suds with a scrub brush. Be sure the surface is completely dry before painting.

If the brick has never been painted, coat first with a masonry primer and let dry. Applying a filler to rough edges will create a smooth painting surface. Then apply a quality interior latex paint for best results.



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