



North Carolina astronaut Dr. William Thornton will serve as Honorary Chairman for the North Carolina Museum of History this year. Pictured with Thornton is Eve Williamson, executive director of the Museum's support group. Mrs. Williamson is the former Eve Ragland of Littleton.

Astronaut Accepts Museum Drive Post

North Carolina astronaut Dr. William Thornton has agreed to serve as honorary chairman for the North Carolina Museum of History this year, according to Diane Davis, Warren County chairman for the Museum's statewide support group, the Museum of History Associates. Other members of the Museum's County Committee are Lou Traylor, Mary Lib Taylor, Marie Martin, Ruth Bugg, Richard Hunter, Sallie White, Nellie Gardner and Jim Davis.

Mrs. Davis noted that Thornton was in North Carolina recently for ceremonies honoring him in his hometown of Faison and at the University of North Carolina, where he graduated from medical school. While in the state Thornton taped a television spot announcement for the Museum, saying: "I'm North Carolina astronaut William Thornton, and I want to talk about space — not outer space but more space for our North Carolina Museum of History." Thornton then urged North Carolinians to join him in supporting the renovation of the old Art Museum Building for the new North Carolina Museum of History. "That would give the History

Museum more than three times the space it has now, and they might even find space for my flight suit," he said.

Thornton has the distinction of being the oldest person ever to journey into space. He was 54 when the shuttle Challenger was launched on August 30. "But I'm still not ready to become a relic in the Museum of History," he laughed. The Museum has more than 350,000 relics and artifacts, only 4,000 of which can be exhibited because of lack of space in its present location.

Thornton, a physician, who now resides in a suburb near Houston, Texas, studied weightlessness and the possible causes of space sickness while on the mission. History Museum officials are urging Thornton to donate memorabilia from his flight to the Museum where the items can be preserved for the education and enjoyment of all North Carolinians.

Area residents who wish to join the Museum may call any member of the Warren County Committee. Memberships begin at \$15 and are used for artifact purchases and educational programs in every county of the state.

Hunt Is Given Grant

Hattie C. Hunt of Hollister has been awarded a Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company scholarship at Nash Technical College.

Arrives For Duty

Spec. 4 Charles L. Grantham, son of Charles L. Grantham, Sr. of Rural Route 2, Macon, and Ida B. Grantham of Wendell, has arrived for duty in Vicenza, Italy, under Project COHORT.

Project COHORT (cohesion, operational readiness and training) is designed to increase the cohesion, stability and readiness of a unit by allowing soldiers to train together and continue together throughout their entire enlistment.

Grantham, an indirect-fire infantryman with the 4th Battalion, 325th Infantry Regiment, was previously assigned at Fort Bragg. He is a 1982 graduate of Warren County High School, Warrenton.

Hiram Perkinson, III, chairman of the college's scholarship committee made the announcement, stating that CT&T has designated the scholarship for a student enrolled in either a technical degree or a vocational diploma program.

Ms. Hunt, an Honor Roll student, is studying in the criminal justice curriculum. She hopes to become a counselor for juveniles upon completion of her degree requirements. Ms. Hunt commutes from Hollister each day. She is married and has a four-year-old child. She teaches Sunday School at her local church.

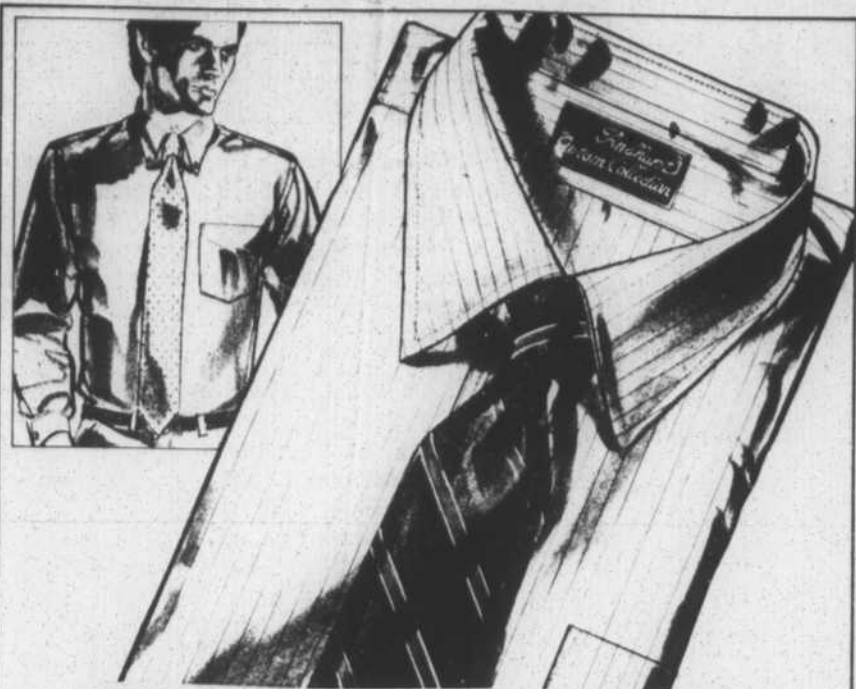
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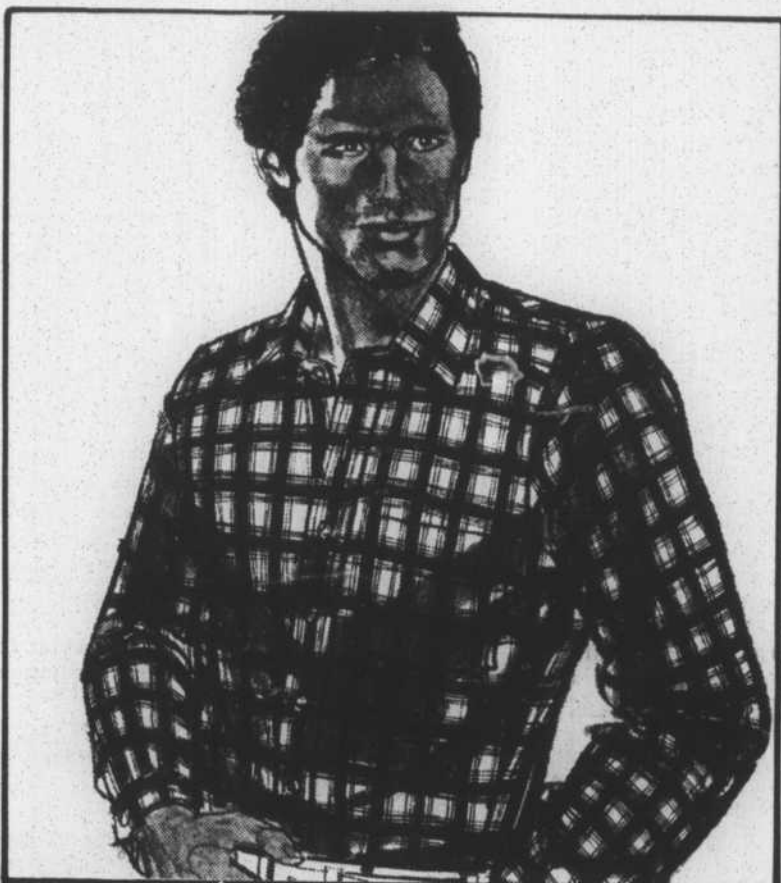
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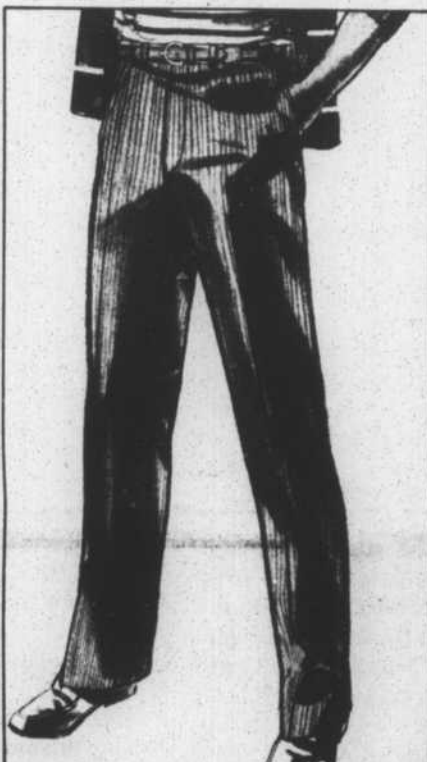
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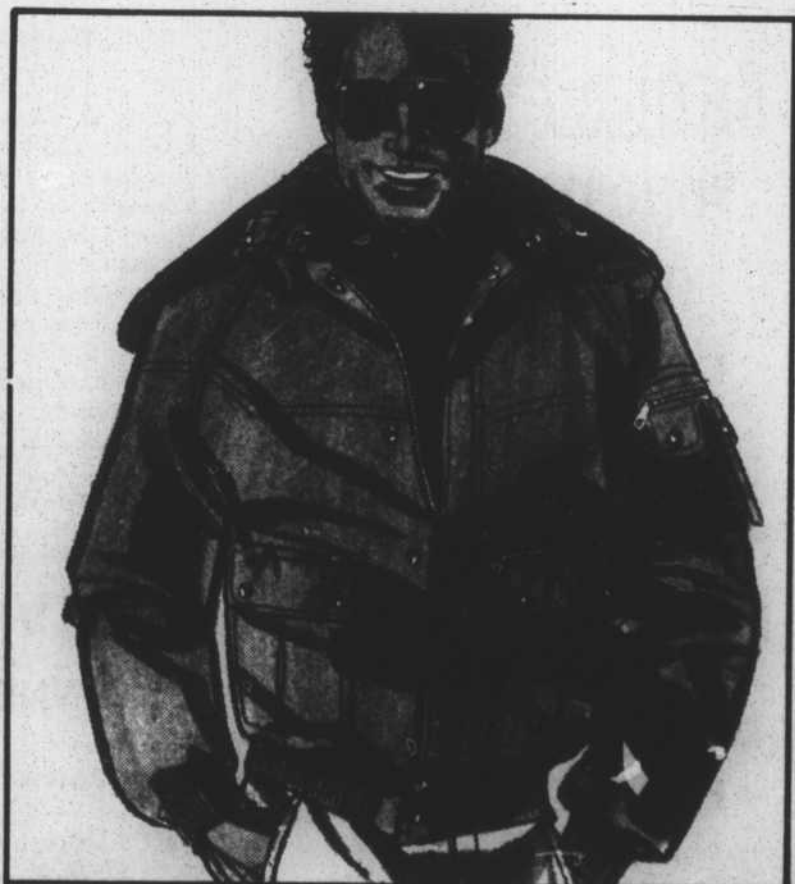
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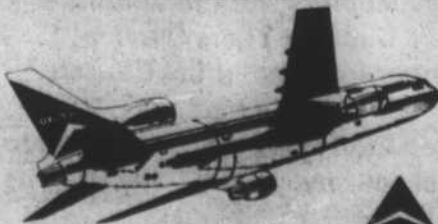
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