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### Son Of A Gun

By Joe Laster

Sears Roebuck and Company made the news by the fact they stopped sponsoring or advertising on TV programs deemed violent... such as Charlie's Angels, Starsky and Hutch, and others... This did not impress me... In fact, if anything, it made me angry... I liked all the programs they decided to drop... Thus, if I needed a reason not to shop Sears, there it was... Now if they want to do something, why not stop selling televisions... This would impress me... It was quite obvious the move was not made to make a better place for mankind to live, but was made, hopefully, to make Sears a better profit...

Well, it appears that where it was once the best place in the county to find a magistrate, will now be the only place, most of the time... According to a letter sent out by Chief District Judge Kenneth Turner, there will be a magistrate on duty 24 hours a day in Kenansville beginning July 1st. There will be no new people added, but magistrates from other areas will be moved in to Kenansville on eight-hour shifts... So what really is happening, the other areas will be getting the same while Kenansville will get more... There are two magistrates in Wallace, two in Warsaw, two in Kenansville, one in Rose Hill and one in Faison. One in the Kenansville office is part-time in Kenansville and part-time in Beulaville, where he lives. These magistrates will be pulling an eight-hour shift in Kenansville and also on duty in their respective towns, but for a shorter duration... The best thing I can say about it is that at least those who are drawing the \$9,000 plus salary will at least have to be on duty maybe 16 hours a week now... As some were not... While others were working most all the time... The worst thing about it is that it will

cut the services at other towns...  
Stratton Murphy, who, I guess, is about five years old and stands around two and a half to three feet tall, was listening to a conversation between Glenn Sudhop, Clyde Austin, Craig Watts and Chuck Nevitt — all State basketball players — and all but Clyde the Glider looked to be 7 feet tall... Well, the basketball players were bragging among themselves about what they could and the others could not do... And Stratton got all caught up in the conversation... He slapped Chuck Nevitt on the knee and said, "Let's race... I can outrun you..." And Stratton was serious... He really believed he could... It reminded me of the song "High Hopes"...

Stratton's mom, Lynn Murphy, was a city girl before she married Pete, and according to a story I heard, she and Pete were out in their garden hoeing the first summer of their marriage, when Pete made the remark that the tomatoes could use some soda... Lynn said, "Well, we have plenty... I just bought a box yesterday... Arm and Hammer Baking Soda"...

I was in a group talking about liquor by the drink, and we were discussing that this was nothing new... only being legal would be the new part... We were naming over some of the bootleggers or telling where some were, when this one fellow, who will remain nameless, said that the most surprised he ever was over a bootlegger was when one night he and some more fellows were returning from a fishing trip and decided they needed a drink... This one fellow said he knew where he could get a drink... and drove right up to his brother-in-law's house... Son-of-a-Gun...

## Duplin County 4-H'ers To Participate In District Competition June 21

Duplin 4-H'ers will be in competition for District honors in Whiteville on June 21, according to Lois G. Britt, Extension Agent, 4-H, Duplin 4-H'ers have won the right to represent the county in their particular area of study. Four-H'ers have researched a subject and prepared themselves to present an idea with visuals and a speech presentation.

Representing Duplin County will be: Wanda and Angela Costin, American Business System, Warsaw-Shamrock 4-H Club; Pam Kelly, Artistic Arrangement, Wallace Deca 4-H Club; Linwood Worthington, Automotive Skill Driving, Youth In Action 4-H Club; Rodney Miller, Automotive Skill Driving, Stanford 4-H Club;

Roxane Pearsall, Beef Char Grill, Wallace Deca 4-H Club; Margaret Leverett, Jr., Breads, Wallace Deca 4-H Club; Pam Outlaw, Senior Breads, Youth In Action 4-H Club; Arthur Hall, Crop Production & Utilization, Stanford 4-H Club; Karen Moore, Junior Dairy Foods, New Horizons 4-H Club; Debra Miller, Senior Egg Cookery, Stanford 4-H Club; Laurie Swain, Egg Cookery, New Horizons 4-H Club; Glenn Brinson, Electric, Stanford 4-H Club; Nicola Lennon, Electric, New Horizons; Bridgett Murphy, Entomology, Stanford 4-H Club; Jacqueline and Danetta Moore, Environmental Quality, Stanford 4-H Club; J.C. Moore, Forestry, FYC 4-H Club; Tevesa Fennell, Junior Fruit and Vegetable Use, Stanford

4-H Club; Bernard Hall, Home Environment, Stanford 4-H Club; Lloyd Hall, Horticultural Production and Marketing, Warsaw-Shamrock 4-H Club; Jo Jones, Livestock Production, Warsaw-Shamrock 4-H Club; Cindy Huffman, Junior Open Class, Youth In Action 4-H Club; Karen Kornegay, Senior Peanut Foods, New Horizons 4-H Club; Greg Swain, Pork Cookery, Warsaw-Shamrock 4-H Club; Lita Fennell, Poultry, Barbecue, Stanford 4-H Club; Michael Webster, Junior Public Speaking, Stanford 4-H Club; Tammy Killete, Senior Public Speaking, New Horizons 4-H Club; Al Worthington, Safety, Youth In Action 4-H Club; Ava Jo Raynor, Sewing, Cedar Fork 4-H Club; Mardecia Stallings, Share the Fun, Chiquapin 4-H

Club; Felecia Washington, Share the Fun, Stanford 4-H Club; Vickie Joyner, Share the Fun, Cloverlets 4-H Club; Ronald Moore, Small Engines, Stanford 4-H Club; and Thomas Outlaw, Wildlife, Youth In Action 4-H Club.

Presiding at the Awards Program will be Sharon Swain of the Kenansville 4-H Club as District President, and Greg Swain of the Warsaw-Shamrock 4-H Club as District Vice-President. Nominees for district officers for the coming year are Lloyd Hall, President, Warsaw Shamrock 4-H Club, and Glenn Brinson, Reporter of the Stanford 4-H Club. Duplin expects to have approximately 125 persons in attendance for the event.

## Market Information Available From Faison

Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham has announced the seasonal opening of the federal-state market news office in Faison. The office will report the marketing of vegetables sold through the Faison auction market and Eastern North Carolina including spring irish potatoes in the northeastern portion of the state.

The office, sponsored by the N.C. and U.S. Departments of Agriculture, has been operating for four years. Phil Montgomery of the USDA fruit and vegetable division, is the reporter. "Prices and market information will be available 24 hours a day by recorder tele-

phones at both Faison and Elizabeth City. Telephone numbers for the recorder markets are 267-9211 in Faison and 335-0018 in Elizabeth City," Graham said. A mailed market report will be offered twice a week. Persons interested in this report may receive it by contacting the market news office, division of marketing, North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Raleigh.

Applications Taken For State Privilege Licenses  
G. Harold Rose, Revenue Officer, urges taxpayers who are liable for State Privilege Licenses to apply before July 1st. The local office is located at South Courthouse Square in Kenansville.

EXTENSION OFFICERS - New officers of the N.C. Federation of Cooperative Extension Associations are, left to right, Talmadge Baker, Moore County, treasurer; Mrs. Mavis Johnson, Cumberland County, secretary; Mrs. Lois Britt, Duplin County, president; and Dr. Kenneth Sorensen, N.C.S.U., president-elect.

Lois Britt State Extension Service Workers President  
The new president of the professional association of N.C. Agricultural Extension Service workers is Mrs. Lois Britt of Duplin County. She recently became head of the N.C. Federation of Cooperative Extension Associations after serving one year as the association's president-elect.



## Liberty Cart Tickets On Sale

Tickets are now available for opening night for THE LIBERTY CART, Duplin County's outdoor drama staged at the William R. Kenan Memorial Amphitheatre located in Kenansville. The theatre will accommodate only 1,196 persons, so tickets should be purchased early.

Opening night, Thursday, July 6, is to be a gala affair where an old fashioned southern barbecue dinner will be served. Tables will be set up in the pines adjoining the theatre. Music and entertainment will be furnished by Soft Leather, a Beulaville band featuring Brenda James. After a delicious meal and entertainment, THE LIBERTY CART 1978 will open at 8:30 p.m. Some dignitaries have been invited for the night, but the most important people attending will be the people of Duplin County where they can get together with friends and neighbors for the evening.

and Mrs. Jack Cooper; Magnolia - Mrs. Betty Chestnut and Mrs. Sue Archer; Pink Hill - Mrs. Geraldine Tucker and Mrs. Warren Maxwell; Albemarle/Smith Community, Melvin Williams and Mrs. Christine Williams; Faison - Mrs. L.S. Guy, Mrs. Jake Atkinson and Mrs. George Cates; Chiquapin - Mrs. E.L. Boyette; and Kenansville - Mrs. George Penney and Mrs. Bob Jones. Mrs. Penney and Mrs. Jones are serving as overall county representatives and will provide tickets for any special group who wishes to attend the special

night. They can be reached by calling Mrs. Penney at 296-0104 or Mrs. Jones at 296-1394. Community chairpersons are naming helpers to sell their tickets. It is hoped that progress reports can be published each week to see which community comes out on top first.

## Tom Hull Returns

Tom Hull will return to the stage of the outdoor theatre in Kenansville to pull THE LIBERTY CART for a third year. Hull, who originated the role of Phobias Pickett in Randolph Umberger's romantic history of Eastern Carolina, is well-known to North Carolina audiences for his portrayal of "Old Tom" in THE LOST COLONY. He is a graduate of East Carolina College and was a member of the famous Playmakers while

doing graduate work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. A native of Durham, he served as a director for the Durham Theatre Guild and also directed the Community Theatre in Goldsboro. While he was in the Army, he was the director of the Augs-

burg German American Community Theatre and was the recipient of an All Army Best Actor Award. For the past three seasons, he has performed with the New York Performing Arts Repertory Theatre touring the Midwest and East Coast in their musicals.

## Liberty Cart Technical Director Named

Howard Paul Beals, Jr., a native of Jamestown, N.Y., is serving as technical director for the 1978 production of THE LIBERTY CART.

Howie, with his bright eyes and quick smile, has just completed work with the Texas Opera Theatre where he was property master and technician. He has served as stage manager for the Trinity Players production of "Tennessee" in New York City, technical director for "Earth the Stage" in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, and light



DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL OPENS - Kenansville Mayor Doug Judge (on right) throws out a new baseball last Thursday during a special ceremony which officially opened the Kenansville Dixie

Youth Baseball season. Pictured (on left) Dodger catcher, H.W. Murphy, waiting for the Mayor's pitch.

## Kenansville Dixie Youth Baseball Opens

The Kenansville Dixie Youth Baseball for boys age 8-12 officially opened the second season with a special ceremony on Thursday, June 8th. The program was held at Kenan Memorial Auditorium because of the bad weather. Woody Brinson, Town Administrator, introduced the

players and coaches of the four teams (Yankees, Cubs, Dodgers and Reds). After the invocation by Rev. Jimmy Stokes, Kenansville Mayor Doug Judge made a few comments about the recreation program and new lighted municipal field to be opened later this year. Judge then threw out the new baseball,

which officially opened the 1978 Dixie Youth Baseball program for Kenansville. The baseball season actually opened several weeks ago, but the opening ceremony was delayed until the new uniforms arrived. Each boy on each team was outfitted with a brand new uniform for the occasion.

## Mid-Atlantic Wrestling

Thursday, June 22nd, at 8:15 p.m. is the date for an exciting night of Mid-Atlantic Championship Wrestling at Kenan Memorial Auditorium. The matches are being sponsored by the Kenansville Jaycees. Dick Murdoch teams up with Paul Jones in the main event to go against the duo of Greg Valentine and Baron von Raschke. There is a lot of bad blood between the two teams, and when they square off in the ring, the fans will be treated to one of the wildest and roughest tag team brawls ever held in this area. Murdoch and Jones will have to be on their toes as Valentine and Raschke have proven they will do anything they can to win their matches. This outstanding tag team main event will be one fall with an hour time limit. In the semi-final match, Swede Hanson tangles with Crusher Blackwell in a singles match that will be packed with freewheeling action right from the opening bell. A singles match has Richard Blood going against Mr. X #2, a masked veteran. Another singles match has Don Kernodle meeting Steve Musulin, and the opening action will be Charlie Fulton facing Mr. Sato.

## To Sing

The Sparrows, nationally known musical group, will appear at First Baptist Church in Wallace on June 18th. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m.