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SON of A gun

The frightening facts used up once again this week at the county commissioners' meeting. These facts that may haunt the taxpayers of Duplin County this time brought to the face by the annual audit report. Randy Albertson of the William Boyette & Co., the accounting firm that did the county's audit, told the commissioners that in 1980, the county used 25% of the revenue sharing money in the general budget on non-capital outlays. In 1982, that amount had risen to 70% of the revenue sharing funds or 11% of the budget. He said that to replace these federal moneys if they were cut would take 20 to 25% increase in the present tax rate.

As the money market increased in popularity and the interest rates went skyward this past year, it stands to reason that companies that usually carry a large inventory would cut that inventory and use that money in the money market or not borrow to maintain a larger than necessary inventory due to interest rates. Thus, at tax-listing time, inventory would be down... Fewer dollars to tax. Duplin County has four large companies that usually carry a large inventory. If these companies have cut

their inventory and the revenue sharing moneys are cut by the federal government, watch out...

It might be noteworthy to say that the county payroll has grown along with this questionable use of revenue sharing money. The amount of money brought in from taxes in Duplin County has risen very little in the past ten years... Yet, there is a new office of the county manager and a computer added to look after this money... The accounting office has increased in size, too... It is costing the taxpayer well over \$150,000 a year more to collect practically the same amount of taxes... At times it seems the commissioners want to be elected to the job but don't have the time to do the job...

Did you hear about the Kenansville lady who went to Walt Disney's Epcot and explored everything there... even the men's rest room... Son-of-a-Gun...

Rose Hill Man Killed in Fire

James Williams, 27, of Rose Hill, was found dead in a mobile home following a fire just past midnight Friday.

Rose Hill Fire Chief Clayton Herring stated Williams was found by the door of the mobile home not breathing. Apparently Williams had put a pot on the gas stove and went to sleep on the couch. The stove burner was still on when firemen entered the mobile home after the gas had been turned off outside. The mobile home had storm window and was very tight. The fire never broke out of the inside of the structure. In fact, it had burned itself out before firemen arrived, having apparently consumed all the oxygen inside the trailer.

Legal Notice

NORTH CAROLINA DUPLIN COUNTY
NOTICE OF RESALE
Under and by virtue of an Order of the Clerk for the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division for Duplin County, made in Special Proceeding No. 82 SP 138 entitled "Mary Gray Jones and husband, Geddie Jones, Petitioners v. Robert Lee Summerlin, Jr. and wife, Estelle Summerlin; Nancy Summerlin Goodson and husband, Bernard Goodson; and Olive Summerlin Goodson, Widow, Respondents", and further pursuant to an Order of Resale entered by this Court on the 30th day of November, 1982 upon an advance bid, the undersigned Commissioners will on the 21st day of December, 1982 at 12:00 o'clock noon at the Courthouse Door in Kenansville, Duplin County, North Carolina, offer the land for resale to the highest bidder for cash upon an opening bid of One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$136,550.00) those certain tracts of land lying and being in Wolfscrape Township, Duplin County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

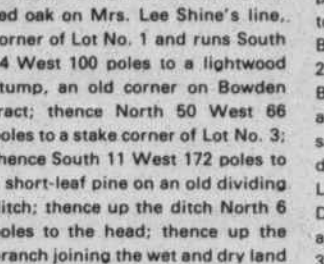
FIRST TRACT: BEGINNING at a red oak on Mrs. Lee Shine's line, corner of Lot No. 1 and runs South 44 West 100 poles to a lightwood stump, an old corner on Bowden tract; thence North 50 West 66 poles to a stake corner of Lot No. 3; thence South 11 West 172 poles to a short-leaf pine on an old dividing ditch; thence up the ditch North 6 poles to the head; thence up the branch joining the wet and dry land 60 poles to a stake; thence South 42 East 3 poles to a mulberry tree; thence North 66 East 20 poles to a stake; thence North 10 East 26 poles to a stake; thence North 26 East 32 poles to a stake; thence North 8 East 32 poles to a stake; thence North 89 East 65 poles to a stake corner of Lot No. 1; thence North 10 West 60 poles to the BEGINNING, containing 70 acres, more or less, and being Lot No. 2 in the division of the lands of Watson Jernigan, deceased, and allotted to Anna Sykes as recorded in Register's Office of Duplin County in Book 102, Page 398 etc. And being the first tract as conveyed to a Deed dated January 4, 1907, from R.L. Sykes and wife, Anna Sykes, to R.L. Summerlin, and recorded in Book 102, Page 578, of the Duplin County Registry.

SECOND TRACT: BEGINNING at a pine on Mrs. Lee Shine's line, corner of Lot No. 4 and runs South 11 West 200 poles to a stake at the edge of Goshen Swamp; thence South 75 East 40 poles to a stake on an old dividing ditch; thence up said ditch North 20 poles to a short-leaf pine, corner of Lot No. 2; thence North 11 East 172 poles to a stake on Mrs. Lee Shine's line; thence along his line North 50 West 60 poles to the BEGINNING, containing 50 acres, more or less, and being Lot No. 3 in the division of the lands of Watson Jernigan, deceased, as recorded in Book No. 2, Page 275, Clerk's Office of Duplin County, in Reports Committee. And being the 1st Tract as conveyed by Deed dated November 9, 1907, from Thomas Allen Jernigan and wife, Annie D. Jernigan, to R.L. Summerlin and wife, Ada Summerlin, as recorded in Book 110, Page 212, of the Duplin County Registry.

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