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Letter To Editor

August 26, 1983 Mr. Ike Riddick Duplin Today Kenansville, North Carolina

Re: News story in your paper August 18, 1983 - Son of a Gun by Joe Lanier.

Dear Mr. Riddick:

In reading this news article, I find that facts have been misstated, figures exaggerated and some things printed that are entirely false.

PAPER STATEMENT: Wastewater employee driving vehicle to and from work uses 20 gallons of gas Miller of Beulaville are pleased to announce the engagement and plans for the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Bridget Lynn, to Thomas Lawrence Forrest, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Forrest of Ayden. A December wedding is planned. per week.

per week. FACT: Five days commut-ing approximate 70 miles per week. According to statement in the paper, this would be equal to between 3 and 4 miles per gallon. (Article misleading to public) STATEMENT IN PAPER: According to statement in

According to statement in paper, it would cost \$6.00 per day for gas to drive vehicle approximately 14 or 15 miles. FACT: Travel of approxiyou should walk way out in front if crossing its path. If you drop something keep on mately 14 or 15 miles - cost approximately \$1.25 to going until you can get the driver's attention. Accidents. have occurred because the \$1.50. (Statement misleading

driver thought the children to public) had gone," Floyd said. The bus driver should keep his mind on what is ahead and keep both hands on the wheel, Floyd said.

FORREST-MILLER ENGAGEMENT - Mr. and Mrs. Britt

Drivers Asked

To

Extra care on the part of

children and motorists may

prevent pain and suffering as

the big, clumsy school buses

vehicle drivers should be

extremely careful, because

he young children are ex-

thinking about traffic," said

Duplin County Sheriff T.

Elwood Revelle. "The chil-

dren don't think anything

and added, "When people

are going to work in the

mornings they should leave

ome a little earlier. When

Iney get behind school buses

State Trooper Billy Floyd echoed Revelle's warning

"In the next week or two

take to the roads.

can happen to them.

as well

driver," he said.

Be Careful

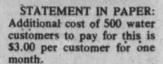
"If things are happening in the bus, the driver should pull off to the side of the road rather than glancing up in the mirror to see what's going on," Floyd said. "When backing up, the driver should have a student at the back of the bus or behind the bus to keep watch for kids or obstructions."

they have to slow down. Vehicle drivers should stop four to five car lengths Buses can go only 35 miles per hour. Around a school behind a stopped school bus, the trooper said. He empha-sized that state law requires bus is not the place to get impatient and take chances in passing." Floyd had some warnings other vehicles to stop for a stopped school bus.

for the bus riders and drivers Buses in the county school system had four minor acci-"When a child's waiting dents last year, but no one for a bus, don't stand on the was injured, said Allen avement; stand at least Wood, school bus garage hree feet back of the pavesuperintendent. ment," he said. "When the

School buses carried an bus stops, don't run to the average of 6,442 students out door because your shoes can of Duplin County's average be slippery from the morning daily school attendance of about 8,500 students last "Don't distract the bus year, Wood said. The sys-

tem's 138 buses traveled 1,234,882 miles.



FACT: Approximately 125 customers at \$3.00 for one month would pay for entire year of cost. (Statement misleading to public) STATEMENT IN PAPER:

Town clerk is allowed to drive Town vehicle to Wilmington to play golf each Wednesday afternoon when

office is closed. FACT: The Clerk has never been on any golf course in Wilmington, consequently, has never played golf in Wilmington. Futher-more,(sic) the Clerk has not played but 13 holes of golf in over a year and has not driven any vehicle to any course in over a year. This

statement is entirely false. In view of the misstatements of facts, entirely false accusations and exaggeration of figures and costs, tend to create and project the story in the wrong way to the public.

I find this poor journalism and request a retraction of this story. Yours truly, Toy

Alfred Herring, Town Clerk

Turkey Production To Expand At Swift Company

Sale of the Swift & Co. turkey growing-out operation and feed mill at Harrells to William Prestage of Clinton will lead to expanded turkey production in the region, both buyer and seller said.

Prestage and Dave Bray, manager of the Swift & Co. turkey processing plant near Wallace, announced the sale last week and agreed expansion will result.

Prestage said he is making plans to construct a new feed mill with 50-tons per hour capacity. The new mill will be located beside U.S. 421, about seven miles south of Clinton. The present grain operation and poultry houses will be maintained at the research farm near Harrells, he added

Prestage also plans to go into the hog business. He has begun construction of a breeder herd housing project that will house a 624-sow breeder herd to provide a 7,000-sow commercial herd over a four or five year period.

"We'll have \$12 million to \$14 million invested in 3¹/₂ to 4 years," he added. "I hope to have the new

mill in operation by the dirst part of 1985," Prestage said. Bray said Swift made the sale because of the outstanding job Prestage had done in the turkey production field for many years with Carrolls Foods of Warsaw.

The turkey operation will produce 1.5 million birds this year. Prestage plans to in-crease this to 2 million next year and 3 million by 1986. The program now has 22 turkey growers on contract.



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