

## 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 per week.

**FACT:** Five days commuting 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 paper, it would cost \$6.00 per day for gas to drive vehicle approximately 14 or 15 miles.

**FACT:** Travel of approximately 14 or 15 miles - cost approximately \$1.25 to \$1.50. (Statement misleading to public)

**STATEMENT IN PAPER:** Additional cost of 500 water customers to pay for this is \$3.00 per customer for one month.

**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. Furthermore, (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,  
Alfred Herring, Town Clerk



**FORREST-MILLER ENGAGEMENT** - Mr. and Mrs. Britt 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.

## Drivers Asked To Be Careful

Extra care on the part of children and motorists may prevent pain and suffering as the big, clumsy school buses take to the roads.

"In the next week or two vehicle drivers should be extremely careful, because the young children are excited about school and not thinking about traffic," said Duplin County Sheriff T. Elwood Revelle. "The children don't think anything can happen to them."

State Trooper Billy Floyd echoed Revelle's warning and added, "When people are going to work in the mornings they should leave home a little earlier. When they get behind school buses they have to slow down. Buses can go only 35 miles per hour. Around a school bus is not the place to get impatient and take chances in passing."

Floyd had some warnings for the bus riders and drivers as well.

"When a child's waiting for a bus, don't stand on the pavement; stand at least three feet back of the pavement," he said. "When the bus stops, don't run to the door because your shoes can be slippery from the morning dew."

"Don't distract the bus driver," he said.

"When leaving the bus,

you should walk way out in front if crossing its path. If you drop something keep on going until you can get the driver's attention. Accidents have occurred because the driver thought the children had gone," Floyd said.

The bus driver should keep his mind on what is ahead and keep both hands on the wheel, Floyd said.

"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."

Vehicle drivers should stop four to five car lengths behind a stopped school bus, the trooper said. He emphasized that state law requires other vehicles to stop for a stopped school bus.

Buses in the county school system had four minor accidents last year, but no one was injured, said Allen Wood, school bus garage superintendent.

School buses carried an average of 6,442 students out of Duplin County's average daily school attendance of about 8,500 students last year, Wood said. The system's 138 buses traveled 1,234,882 miles.

## 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 3 1/2 to 4 years," he added.

"I hope to have the new mill in operation by the first 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 increase this to 2 million next year and 3 million by 1986. The program now has 22 turkey growers on contract.

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