



SON OF A GUN

by Joe Lanier

There are a few things I think I should have included in the last three Son-of-a-Guns. If you didn't read the last three, you might not understand some of the following. . . The ABC Stores share the profits with the county as well as the towns. The towns get 55 percent of the profit and the County gets 45 percent. . . So, it is possible that if the towns do not pull in the reins on the expenditures and make the profits better, the County could move in to protect their interest. . . Fact is, a private citizen could sue the ABC Board for allowing a store to operate inefficiently — "Not in the interest of the tax payers." . . . The towns have no investments in the ABC Stores as they have paid off their original indebtedness. . . But, there is no reason to allow them to operate inefficiently. The town has no investment in the private property inside their city limits. . . However, they collect taxes from it.

During the past year, the Duplin County commissioners have transferred over \$160,000 of tax payers' money to Duplin General Hospital to help pay off debts and pay salaries, etc.

In regard to employees driving town or county vehicles home. . . If an employee must make a stop some place other than his regular work station, between his or her home, and that regular work station, as a part of their regular job — to read a meter or check a valve or some such thing. . . Or if that worker is called out in the middle of the night to repair something that must have special tools that are carried in this tax-payer-owned vehicle. . . And this thing to be repaired is not always at the same place — then by all means furnish this person a means to travel. . . However, if this town- or county-owned vehicle is just a means of traveling to and from work, the worker is commuting. . . The Internal Revenue and some of Duplin's top accountants say this is not a free ride — it is income and taxable. . . Also, if an employee is paid a flat fee weekly, monthly or yearly. . . Say \$350 a month. . . this is considered income and is taxable by state and federal revenue services, as is the employee who drives a town or county vehicle home. . . The state, by the way, charges its employees a fee to drive state vehicles home if it is not a part of their work route. . . Private business allows some of its workers to drive company vehicles home and deduct the expense from taxes. . . However, towns and counties do not pay taxes, so by allowing town and county workers to drive home vehicles it is costing extra tax. . . By the way, the private business person who is commuting must also pay income taxes on the "free ride" on company-owned vehicles. . .

The commissioners and the Industrial Commission are considering a new car for the Industrial Director, if and when one is hired. . . I have mixed emotions about hiring a new Industrial Director. . . Duplin County tax payers are already overpaying for management. . . But, let's not get into that. . . This car they are thinking about. . . I personally see no reason for it to be a "big" car Oldsmobile, Buick or Cadillac. . . It would seem reasonable to purchase one more Sheriff's Department car without the siren and blue light and let the Industrial Director drive it. . . Each year as the new Sheriff's Department cars were bought, the Industrial Director could be given one and turn his over to the Sheriff's Department. . . He would always have a new car, a car big enough to haul folks in. . . I don't think we are fooling anyone, not even ourselves, by driving a big car. We are not a rich county. I think showing we are reasonable and conservative with tax monies would be better. After all, this company we are trying to impress, hopefully, will be a tax payer.

The editors of "Ingenioeren," a weekly journal of Denmark's civil engineers, held a contest to find out what an expert was. The winning explanation. . . "Someone who doesn't know more than most people but has it better organized and runs a side show." The winner got a bottle of whiskey. . . Some other honorable mentions: . . . An expert is a person who, thanks to his expertise, avoids errors in detail as he soars triumphantly toward his monumental mistake. . . An expert knows more and more about less and less until he eventually knows everything about nothing. . . An expert uses a scientific basis to provide the best explanation of a flagrant failure. . . An expert is a man who made to many mistakes at home that he was expedited to the remotest possible place. . . Son-of-a-Gun. . .

JSTC Celebrates 20th Anniversary

This year James Sprunt Technical College celebrates its 20th year of operation as a member of the N.C. Community College system.

From its fledgling beginnings as the Duplin County unit of the Goldsboro Industrial Education Center (now Wayne Community College) to its official charter in 1964 as James Sprunt Institute, to its present status as James Sprunt Technical College, the college has provided educational and cultural services to the citizens of Duplin and surrounding counties.

"We at JSTC are very proud to be celebrating our 20th year as a part of the Duplin community," says Dr. Carl Price, president. "Since our early beginnings, many area citizens have taken advantage of our educational offerings. Each year an average of 4,000 students enroll in one or more of our programs.

"This means that every year we are providing educational services to nearly 10 percent of Duplin County's population — a percentage as high or higher than any of the 58 institutions in the N.C. Community College System.

"It is this kind of support from our citizens that has made James Sprunt so successful during our first 20 years," says Dr. Price.

To celebrate 1984 as JSTC's 20th anniversary year, several activities are planned. The major event will be a convocation on the campus in April.

BENEFIT DINNER

A benefit dinner for David Crockett Lee will be held on Saturday, Feb. 18, serving barbecued pork and chicken. Plates are \$3. There are four locations to pick up from: the Deep Run Fire Department, Sandy Bottom Fire Department, Southwood Fire Department, and W.B. Taylor & Co.

Managing Feeder Pigs

Donald and Eddie Bowan and the Agricultural Extension Service will host a meeting on managing coming feeder pigs at the Wells Livestock Building in Wallace on Feb. 6 at 7 p.m., according to Keith J. Hair, assistant agricultural extension agent.

Dr. R.F. Behlow, extension veterinarian, will be the keynote speaker. His presentation will be on prevention and treating problems that occur in feeder pigs.

Anyone who is interested in selling or buying feeder pigs is invited to attend.

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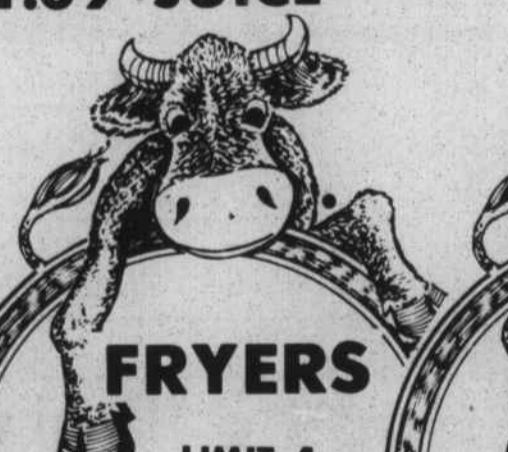


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