



SON OF A GUN

by Joe Lanier

As budget requests are presented to different funding sources and past spending and future spending trends are looked over, one plain outstanding fact comes to the forefront — salaries — the difference between those working under the wings of the school board and those working under the county's wings. . . There is a vast salary difference on jobs with the same or very similar responsibilities and duties. . . In a job under the county, a clerical worker would be paid a bit over \$8,000. At the Board of Education, that same job will pay some over \$13,000. It is the school board's sole responsibility to set its own salaries. . . No one mandates its salaries. . . Make sure you read that right. . . No one mandates the salaries at the Duplin County Board of Education but the Duplin County Board of Education. The Duplin County Board of Commissioners cannot, under law, tell the Duplin County Board of Education how to spend the money in its current expense budget, from which the salaries come. Only those five men — Riddick Wilkins, Jimmy Strickland, Joe Swinson, Bill Richards and Carl Pate — can decide how the money sent to the school board is spent. . . The priority over the past has been salaries — not educational materials — not repairs to buildings — but salaries. The workers under the Duplin County Board of Education are paid with Duplin County tax money — not state tax money — the same as the workers who are working with Duplin County. . . Teachers are paid with state tax money. . . This year the Board of Education says their workers should receive the same salary increase as is being promised to the teachers by the state — a 15 percent across-the-board increase. . . This increase alone will cost Duplin County tax payers \$206,885, just for the salary increase. . . None paid by the state. . . This is all expected to come from Duplin tax coffers. . . This salary increase, right by itself, will cost the county 3 cents of its collections. . . One penny in taxes will bring in \$67,000 in money. . . So, if the tax is to stay the same at 75 cents and the school board employees are to get the increase, someone is to take a cut. . . Who or what will it be. . . the buildings or the educational materials? Or shall we have a tax increase? . . . The state says they can raise their salaries with no tax increase. . . Quite frankly, I think if there is to be a 15 percent salary increase, it is the other county workers who deserve it — the ones flying the county banner. . . I believe all the county workers should be paid well — not just some of them — and I don't think the deciding point should be by department. It should be by job description for anyone being paid with county tax monies. . . the haves and the have-nots. . . I vote for a fairer distribution of salaries among county-paid workers.

OBITUARIES

LYNN R. GRAHAM

WARSAW - Lynn R. Graham, 55, died Monday. Funeral, Community Funeral Home. Burial, Devotional Gardens.

Surviving: wife, Mrs. Hilda Hall Graham; sons, Barry L. Graham and Michael T. Graham, both of Warsaw, Dwayne A. Graham of the home; brother, Ennis B. Graham of Clinton; sisters, Mrs. Lillian West of Garland, Mrs. Elenora Owen of Salemburg; several nieces and nephews; three grandchildren.

JETHRO WILLIAMS

CHINQUAPIN - Jethro Williams, 78, died Friday. Funeral, First Baptist Church, Chinquapin.

THANKS HIRAM

Recently we have read several articles in the papers concerning the tornado and the great job the rescue squads, fire departments and law enforcement officers did. That is good and true, but we wonder how effective they would have been without the coordinator, leadership and guidance of Hiram Brinson, the emergency service director.

An executive meeting was being held at the hospital when Faison was toned out. Hiram rushed to the dispatch office and took command. On the way home from the meeting, we heard him calling Faison Fire Department and Police. Then it was Warsaw Rescue he was calling. Next he moved Magnolia Squad to Warsaw. He gradually kept moving squads to the north end of the county while at the same time shifting other

squads to make sure any other emergency would be covered.

The Magnolia Squad was among the ones sent to Mount Olive. Even though we were turned over to the Mount Olive command, we knew that at the other end of our mike was Hiram should we need further directions or information.

One time during all the confusion our radio went out. This was when we realized even more how much we depend on Hiram's leadership. It made us feel as if we were on a boat out in the water without a paddle. When we finally got the radio working and heard his voice, we knew he had not forgotten us.

Hiram gives us a secure feeling, anytime we are out we know he is going to make sure radio contact is kept. Our hats are off to you, Hiram, and thanks for a job well done. Thanks for being there as our anchor.

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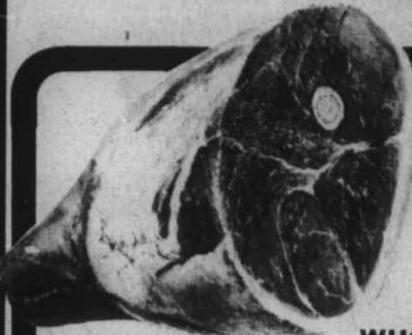
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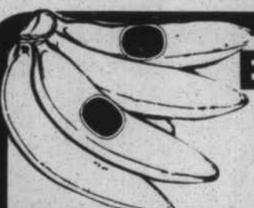
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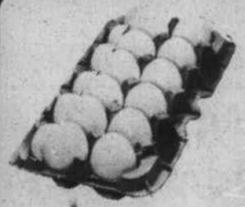
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