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Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

At times there are more stories to be told than there is space to print them, and anyone who has regularly sent news to a newspaper knows the tail-end often gets cut to make room for another item. . . . So this week, I am going to turn my article around and put the tail-end first, because I like it. . . . (And you can read that anyway that pleases you).

So . . . On with the last first. . . . This week's award for "I Wish I Hadn't Said That" goes to Bill Faust of Warsaw, who said, while at a wild food convention in Virginia, "If anyone can cook a cake out of worms, I'll eat it". . . . That night at the cookout, his name was called to come up on stage and taste a cake of worms. . . . It was called a mystery cake. . . . And eat it, he did, though he admitted later he had some strange thoughts while taking that first bite. . . .

In the afternoon before the cake-eating, someone told Bill that some woman was across the way with a bag full of worms, stepping on them "to mash them up so as to cook a cake". . . . And it was right about here Bill made the remark. . . . following a long laugh. . . . "If anyone can cook a cake out of worms, I'll eat it". . . . But the story doesn't end here. . . . Bill undoubtedly liked the recipe. . . . And when he and his troop of Boy Scouts attended the Scout Jamboree in Goldsboro May 6, 7 and 8, he prepared one of the mystery (worm) cakes, cut it into small pieces, and served it to around a hundred unknowing people. . . . On the final night he announced on the loud speaker that the cake contained worms. . . . There were reportedly around a hundred faces trying to turn wrongside outwards. . . . One unsuspecting fellow asked Bill if the cake contained any snake (another dish Bill is famous for serving unsuspecting tasters). Bill told the fellow, "No, sir, I guarantee there is no snake in the cake". . . . No mention was made about worms until later. . . .

The recipe is as follows, just in case you might like to cook a worm cake. . . . 3 cups of brown sugar, 1 cup water, 1/2 cup of lard or cooking oil, 1 cup seeded raisins, 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg, 1/4 teaspoon cloves, 2 cups of worms, 1 teaspoon cinnamon. . . . Boil sugar, water, oil, raisins, nutmeg, cloves and cinnamon together for two minutes. Add 2 cups of sifted flour with 1/2 teaspoon of salt, soda and baking powder. Add ground earthworms to flour mixture. Bake in a greased pan for 45 minutes at 250 degrees. . . . To prepare the worms, wash thoroughly to remove all traces of sand. Dry excess water off with turkish towel. . . . Dry worms until they crackle. . . . Put through a grinder or beat with a rolling pin. . . .

I asked Bill why add worms to the cake. . . . "They are nutritious", he said. "Also, if you are short some of the other ingredients, just add more worms. . . . The taste, according to those who tried it is like a spice cake. . . . like a fruitcake. . . . I guess the raisins gave one an impression of flies or squishee worms. . . . Flies and worms in a cake? . . . I favor the old-time ways, but I don't want to get that far back to basics. . . . A week or so ago, SBI Agent Hugh Currin said, "Joe, come here. I have something for you. . . . The thought popped into my mind, "What have I done". . . . The week before, Highway Patrolman Eddie Warrick said the same thing to my wife and gave her a speeding ticket. . . . But Hugh handed me a cigar with the wrapping saying "It's a Grl". . . . Welcome to Duplin County, Cathy Currin. . . . By the way, that bulge you notice in Hugh's coat now-a-days is not a gun. . . . It is a milk bottle. . . . I walked into Southern Bank in Warsaw the other day and saw no one but the tellers. I slapped my leg and held out my hand in the shape of a gun, thinking it would be amusing. . . . However, I failed to see there was someone directly behind me, who tapped me on the shoulder and said, "Joe, what are you doing?". . . . I turned around with the finger still pointed and I saw a man with a gun, and there was Warsaw Policeman George Dail. . . . The situation changed from amusing to embarrassing. . . . I guess I will just never make it as a bank holdup man. . . . I even get caught just playing around. . . . By the way, ask Joyce Frye how the wormcake tastes. . . . Son-of-a-gun . . .



FIRE FOLLOWS EXPLOSION - The Marilyn Benson home exploded and burned early Saturday on N.C. 11, one mile north of Kenansville. The family was away at the time and no one was injured. The fire destroyed all the family's belongings. (Photo by Joe Lanier)

Explosion Destroys Home

An early morning explosion destroyed a home on N.C. 11, one mile north of Kenansville. The family was not at home at the time of the blast, and no injuries were reported. The explosion blasted the four outside walls down, but they did not burn. Fire destroyed all the family's belongings inside.

Sue Grady, a neighbor, said she heard something that sounded like an atomic bomb. "It scared my little dog; he jumped in my lap. I looked out the window and the flames were just gushing out all over the place over there," she said. "I called my husband (N. B. Grady, dispatcher at the Sheriff's Office in Kenansville) who I was to relieve at 8, and

told him the little Benson woman's house has blown all to pieces and is burning up!" Mrs. Grady said she was just finishing breakfast and relaxing for a few minutes before going to the office to relieve her husband. Grady called the Kenansville Fire Department, but the fire had destroyed the interior before help arrived.

Hiram Brinson, County civil defense coordinator, estimated the loss at more than \$15,000. Mrs. Benson, Trudy, 4, and Terry, 6, were believed to be at the beach at the time of the blast.

Jimmy Anderson, a fireman, said a gauge showed a large gas tank was only 20 percent full when he turned it off Saturday.

Group Appears Before Board To Protest Building Of New Jail

A group of concerned citizens appeared before the Board of Commissioners Monday to protest the building of a new jail before the building of needed new schools. The full Board was in agreement that schools should not suffer in order to build a new jail and informed the group that plans on the Kenansville Elementary School building should remain on schedule. The Commissioners suggested the group meet with the Board of Education to discuss its budget request for the coming year. The Board was advised that by court order signed by Judge Ralph A. Walker, it was determined the order to close the Jail by the N.C. Department of Human Resources should be stayed until and including June 30, 1977, during which time Duplin County has agreed to make financial preparation in the 1977-78 fiscal year budget for the construction of a new jail facility.

Glenn Jernigan appeared before the Board to discuss further the Faison Rescue Squad and its funding from the county. The Board reviewed a summary of county billings and collections on ambulance service throughout the county. After much discussion, a motion was made that beginning July 1 Duplin County will discontinue the \$300 per month contribution to the Faison Rescue Squad and the billing of customers being served by that Squad, for a period of one year. Radios belonging to the county will remain on the county maintenance agreement and the

county will continue to render dispatching services. Commissioner Arliss Albertson was reappointed to the Duplin County Social Services Board effective June 30. The Commissioners discussed a request from the Office of Employment and Training for additional Title VI projects. After discussion, it was the agreement of the Board to submit a project application to include a Recreational Director for the County. The Board received a written request from Douglas Clark, chairman of the Duplin County Democratic Executive Committee, for the Board to appropriate \$80,000 from revenue sharing funds to purchase voting machines for the county. No action was taken. A letter from Chairman S. Glenn Hawfield, Jr., Cabarrus County, was received in regard to proposed legislation in the General Assembly to use county jails to relieve overcrowding of state prisons. Mrs. Winifred Wells, County Attorney, reported on meeting with the Albertson area regarding a recreation center approved under HUD. After reviewing the contract, action was delayed until further information is received. A letter was read from Col. Homer Johnston, Corps of Engineers, which stated that after reviewing the approved flood control and navigation projects on which construction has not started, it is being recommended the Rockfish Creek project be withdrawn. The Board was advised by N.C. Industrial Commission held a hearing on the Lawrence Newberne case and the results of the hearing have been received, and stated Newberne

was an employee of Duplin County and was entitled to workman's compensation. His parents were awarded \$20 a week for 400 weeks (\$8,000) plus \$500 funeral expenses. The Attorney was paid a maximum of \$1,200, to be paid from the \$8,000. The Board advanced \$2,000 to the Airport Budget until federal funds are received and approved a request from W. E. Craft to open the door on his new building onto the sidewalk on county property. The Board discussed the topographic survey for the proposed new jail site. Action was deferred to a later meeting.

Carroll Matthews To Give Senior Recital



Miss Carroll Matthews, daughter of Mrs. Joyce C. Matthews and the late Dr. Otto Matthews, of Warsaw, will present her senior piano recital

May 24 at James Sprunt Institute at 8:30 p.m. She played in the National Piano Guild Auditions May 16th and will receive her High School Diploma in Piano from the American College of Musicians and the \$100 scholarship. The High School Diploma is issued to pupils who are high school seniors who meet the entrance requirements of colleges, universities and conservatories of music for courses leading to the Bachelor of Music Degree. Carroll will perform the following: Bach Prelude and Fugue No. 21 W.T.C.; Beethoven Sonata in C Minor Op. 13 (all movements); Chopin Etude Op. 10 No. 12 (Revolutionary); MacDowell March Winds; Rachmaninoff Polichinelle Op. 3 No. 4; Gershwin, Prelude No. 3; Muczynski, Seven Op. 30 No. 43; Prelude Op. 6 No. 1; Prelude Op. 6 No. 2; Khachatryan, Toccata. Miss Matthews is a student of Mrs. Nell B. Middleton. The public is invited to attend.

Guilford Mills Purchases Kenansville Facility

Guilford Mills, Inc. (AMEX) announced that it has borrowed \$6 million from a group of lending institutions consisting of John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company, New England Life Insurance Company and State Mutual Life Insurance Company of America. The loan bears interest at 3.75% and is payable in \$500,000 annual installments from 1981 through 1992. Approximately \$3,000,000 of the loan proceeds was used to purchase the Kenansville plant, which Guilford Mills has been leasing since August, 1974, from Guilford National Industries, a local venture be-

tween National Spinning Co., Inc. and Guilford Mills. The Kenansville facility has been operated as the Guilford-East Division of Guilford Mills. The \$6 million loan and Guilford Mills presently outstanding \$8.5 million senior notes due 1990 (with \$300,000 annual installments from 1977 through 1989) are secured, pari passu, by mortgages on both the Kenansville plant and on Guilford's Greensboro plant. Guilford Mills also prepaid approximately \$500,000 of debt owing to the joint venture so that the mortgage on the Kenansville plant could be paid by the joint venture. Guilford Mills agrees to lease the

equipment at the Kenansville plant from the joint venture and has the option to purchase the equipment in 1979.

Smith Named State VP

Dwight Smith of Warsaw was elected Vice President of the North Carolina Jaycees at the State Convention last weekend in Asheville. Smith was also named the top Area Director in the state.



RECEIVES AWARD - Roger B. Davis, Assistant County Farmers Home Administration Supervisor, has received a Quality Grade Increase for outstanding job performance in administering the agency's programs during the past year. He

is pictured receiving a certificate of award from Arthur M. Benton, Farmers Home Administration District Director, and J. M. Mills, Jr., County Farmers Home Administration Supervisor.

Jury List

SUPERIOR CRIMINAL - May 22, 1977. The following names and addresses of Jurors as matches with the Jury List filed by County Jury Commission with Register of Deeds: Adele Parker, Route 1, Kenansville; William Outlaw, Route 2, Mount Olive; Edward James Smith, Route 1, Warsaw; Stanley Sanderson, Route 1, Mount Olive; Jesse Lee Barshdale, Route 2, Faison; Reddie Fussell, Rose Hill; Horace Kennedy, Route 1, Beulaville; Lacy Carlton, Warsaw; Mrs. Harry L. Carlton, Wallace; Charles Lynwood Tyndall, Route 2, Pink Hill; John W. Tyndall, Warsaw; H. W. Precythe, Faison; Dora Frances Lowe, Warsaw; Claudie Hicks, Faison; Daniel Holton, Warsaw; Delores Batts, Route 2, Rose Hill; Joyce Ellen Loftin, Route 2, Faison; Alton Lanier, Route 1, Chinquapin; William DeWhitt Hall, Route 1, Beulaville; Wilbur Hatcher, Chinquapin; Katie Dixon, Wallace; Lois G. Britt, Calypso; Johnnie C. Millard, Sr., Faison; C. D. Pate, Mount Olive; Linda Jenkins, Beulaville; Stacy Harrell, Rose Hill; Virginia Lee Graham, Route 2, Pink Hill; Ruth A. Grantham, Route 2, Mount Olive; Katie Kornegay, Magnolia; Harry Collins, Jr., Wallace; Peannie Jones, Route 1, Kenansville; Audrey Marie Bizzell, Route 1, Seven Springs; Mrs. Ben Tucker, Faison; Nancy Jeanette Grady, Route 1, Kenansville; Marion Jones, Rose Hill; Bell Murphy, Route 1, Wallace; B. F. Thomas, Warsaw; James Edward King, Route 1, Rose Hill; Willie M. Langston, Warsaw; E. S. Ticker, Faison; Joe W. Bland, Route 2, Rose Hill; Effie Thomas, Chinquapin; Lou Davis Powers, Beulaville; Mary Lou P. Costin, Route 1, Warsaw; Mary W. Brown, Route 1, Beulaville; William Frederick Graves, Route 2, Mount Olive; Robert Lee Outlaw, Albertain; Charles F. Futrell, Wallace; Sherwood Ezzell, Rose Hill; Billie Sue Thomas Brinson, Beulaville; Rayone Carlton, Route 1, Warsaw; Ronald Cowan, Route 2, Beulaville; James David Carlton, Route 1, Warsaw; Bettie V. Johnson, Warsaw; Willie Mae Dobson, Rose Hill; Betty Scott Chestnut, Magnolia; John David Godbold, Jr., Route 2, Warsaw; Barbara F. Dixon, Wallace; Deborah Turner Lanier, Beulaville; Roy Allen Lanier, Route 1, Beulaville; Ruth R. Kennedy, Route 2, Pink Hill; Sylvester Smith, Calypso; Audrey Whaley Grubbs, Route 2, Mount Olive; Glenda Gail Baker, Route 2, Wallace; Janice N. Benson, Rose Hill; Gloria Bowden, Warsaw; George Edward Keith, Route 2, Wallace; Walter Dail, Chinquapin; George S. Sutton, Warsaw; L. R. Sutton, Route 1, Mount Olive; Michael E. Bernstein, Route 2, Warsaw; Thomas Richard Heath, Albertain; Mrs. Elbert Beavers, Mount Olive; Hazel D. Lanier, Jr., Chinquapin; Bertice Albert House, Route 2, Mount Olive.

Sheriff's Report

Dewey Barnette of South Pine Street, Warsaw, reported he found his home had been entered and guns valued at \$242 were stolen. They included a .22 caliber Winchester rifle, a Savage shotgun and a .32 caliber Smith & Wesson revolver. Also taken, he said, was \$17 in pennies. M. A. Bartlett of Bowdens reported an antique Colt pistol, valued at \$400, was taken from his home. Hall Edwards of rural Beulaville reported his car was broken into and \$111 in food stamps and other valuable papers were stolen. The self-service gasoline pumps on Church Street in Rose Hill, belonging to Wooten Oil & Fuel Co. of Goldsboro, were jammed open and an undetermined amount of gas was stolen, according to Dennis Bantz of Rose Hill.