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### Son-Of-A-Gun

By Joe Lanier

How about these new telephone books? . . . It even has a name this year -- "The Phone Book". . . An unusual name. . . Wonder why they called it that. . . To me it is quite a confusing book. . . For the time being, anyway. . . I will probably be accustomed to it by the early 1980s. . . I personally liked it the way it was. . . It was easier for me to find a number the old way. . . But then the old way had several letters of the alphabet on one page, and alphabetic order is not one of my best abilities. . . When it gets past A, B, C, I get lost.

In the old directory, one simply looked under the proper town and found the name of the person one wanted to call. In the new one you find the name. . . But surprise. . . There may be several names the same. . . Then you check the towns, remembering to check the town numbers in the upper corner of the "Phone Book". . . Now, does Jim go by James, or does Bill go by William. . . So now you need their middle name. . . There are even two Joe Laniers. . . Myself in Warsaw, a 293 number, and another in Rose Hill, a 289 number. . . I hope he doesn't get my news and sign painting calls and I don't get his washing machine repair calls. . .

The phone company has installed a new computer type relay system in Kenansville at a cost of almost \$700,000 to simplify the dialing. . . And if you are on a party line it is simple???? To quote the "Phone Book", if you live in Warsaw and want to call someone on your party line, you dial 5 plus the seven digit number you wish to call. . . You will hear a busy signal. . . Hang up the phone and give the person whom you are calling

time to answer. . . Then pick up your phone and begin talking. . . Now if the person you are calling picks up his phone before you return to the line, he will hear a "tick tone" and wait for you to speak. . . But if you pick up your phone to see if he is there before he gets there, you've got to do it all over again. . . Or if you fail to pick up your phone again and he doesn't pick up his, that phone is going to "tick tone" all day, more or less. . .

Now, the Kenansville subscribers who dial a person on their party line are going to hear a recording. I guess the phone company figures they don't know what they have done when they dial a number on their party line? So a recording will come on and advise the caller he has dialed a number on his party line. . . and to hang up the phone to wait for the party on the other end to pick up. . . Now the calling phone may or may not ring. . . If it does, or does not, that's all right. . . Don't worry about it. . . Now, when the called party picks up his phone he will hear a "distinctive tone" and he should remain on the line until you pick up to see if he is there. . . If he is not there when you pick up, you will hear a "distinctive tone". . . Which is only fair. . . If he can hear a "distinctive tone", you should be able to hear it, too. . . However, when you pick up, his phone stops ringing. . . So now does he think you have hung up and there is no need for him to answer????? . . . Or does he have ESP and go ahead and answer a phone that is no longer ringing because he knows you are there waiting for him???? . . . Son of a gun. . . These modern conveniences. . . But what about those in Faison who wish to call a person

on their party line. . . Here it is a lot of fun. . . First you dial 5. . . Then dial the last figure in your phone number. . . Next you dial the last figure in the phone number you wish to call. . . Then hang up. . . And your phone will begin ringing. . . When it stops, the other party has answered the phone. . . Son-of-a-gun, sounds like someone is trying to guess how old you are or how many pennies you have in your pocket. . . All this mumbo-jumbo sounds as up-to-date as the carrier pigeon to me. I guess Spivey's Corner knew about all this mess beforehand, and that is why they are trying to bring back communication by hollering. . . Whooooooo. . . Whooooooo Whooooooo. . . Whooooeeeeeep. . .

I overheard Mary Stevens telling someone that she and Dr. Stevens have put out several bags of lime and about twice as many bags of fertilizer, and seeded their lawn, and were hoping for some rain. . . Someone popped in and said, "Yes, and when it does, all you will need then is a herd of goats." . . .

A tale from yesterday. . . In years past, there was a school and a corn mill near Dobson's Chapel. . . The school was located (if facing the church) to the right ways, and the mill was to the left back behind the church on Persimmon Creek. . . On hot summer days, the boys. . . a rowdy bunch. . . would take off running to the mill pond to go swimming after school let out. . . Most of them only wore a pair of overalls. . . No shirt or shoes. . . under-drawers were questionable. . . And it was a simple matter of sliding the galluses off the shoulders and one was ready for skinny-dipping. . . And the boys had it down pat. . . They would undress while still running, and sail into the cool waters of the mill pond. . .

As a rule, no females would come by the pond, but on occasion it did happen, and in this story they did. . . A group of girls and a couple of boys came wandering by the pond. . . And this skinny-dipping bunch of boys were caught in the nude. . . Seeing one another at about the same time, the boys tried to hide. . . One of the boys decided he would stick his head under the pilings, but the position was awkward, and unknowingly, his bottom end was sticking out of the water in clear sight. . . Well, the boys, with the girls trying to think fast and keep the girls from being embarrassed (times have changed) . . . told the girls that what they were seeing was a hog rooting. . . But one of the girls popped up and said, "Ain't no such thing. . . That IS Lam. . . Son-of-a-gun . . ."

### Extension Nursing Course

There is a possibility that Wesleyan College (Rocky Mount) may offer an extension course for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at James Sprunt Institute, Kenansville. Rick Davis from Wesleyan College will come to Kenansville on Wednesday, July 20 at 7 p.m. for further discussion and planning. If you are the slightest interested, please be present in the Duplin General Hospital Dining Room on Wednesday, July 20, 1977, at 7 p.m.

## The Liberty Cart Review

### Poor Attendance For Premier Of Liberty Cart

By Tammy Howard

The premier of the Liberty Cart Thursday night was not successful, according to the audience attendance. It was a success in respect to the performance by the cast. Even though the audience was small (an estimated 50) the cast did an excellent job at entertaining those who were present. They should be commended for their dedication and spirit.

I chose two cast members whom I thought displayed an exceptional amount of talent. The first is a young woman who portrays Abigail Love in the first act, and Annie Hill in the

second. Jane Barrett, a dark-haired beauty from Chapel Hill, teaches ballet and is an aspiring acting-teacher. Jane's talent is best displayed in the first scene of the second act where she displays an air of youth and romance in dealing with the frivolous James Kenan (Harry Issacs). Jane takes everyone present through her grief and happiness. The Liberty Cart profits from having Jane in its cast.

My other choice is a native of Kenansville, Don Williams, a 25-year-old professional tutor at James Sprunt, is playing a difficult part -- that of the old man, Jonathan. One wonders

how a 25-year-old amateur can portray an 80-year-old. Don claims it simply requires going over and over the characterization of Jonathan. He has definitely been successful. Don's performance will long be remembered. His dream -- "To see the resurrection performed at Easter in the Amphitheater." With the determination of Don, it may well become a reality, because as Jonathan, Don says, "With God, all things are possible."

Although Jane and Don are my favorites, Tom Hull rates the highest. As Phenius Pickett, Tom narrates the play through 100 years. Relying on humor,

realism and understanding, he touches the heart.

The fireworks are exciting and the battles are made livelier by the flashes and the cannon. The smooth flow of the scenes and the perfection of the prop changes are indeed a relief and improvement from last year. To appreciate the hard work put forth by all those involved with the Liberty Cart, one must see the play.

The play will be open until July 31st, every Thursday through Sunday at 8:30. Tickets are sold at the Amphitheater Box Office during the day and the night of the show. Please attend the next performance of

the Liberty Cart and retrace the history of our County. I promise you an enjoyable, entertaining evening. Please support the Liberty Cart. If we do not, who will?

### \$1,100 Taken From Bank Bag At Veach's Store

Cash totaling \$1,100 was taken from a bank deposit bag of Veach's Lumber Company and Store, three miles east of Warsaw, around noon Tuesday. The bag was found near the rear

of the store. A large number of checks were still in the bag when it was found.

The Country Girl Restaurant on NC 24, west of Kenansville, was entered through a forced

window, according to Lucille Whaley, who reported the loss of \$35 in waitress' tips, 55 packages of cigarettes, 65 candy bars, 12 moon pies, five packages of nabs and half a box of lifesavers, all valued at \$132.40.

Lonnie Allen Brock of Faison reported is 1973 Ford pick-up truck was stolen. Officer Glen Jernigan and Faison Policeman Randy Brock found the truck a mile south of Faison with the hood up. Someone had traded the truck's new battery for an old one.

Jimmy Honeycutt of Seven Springs reported the theft of his 1975 motor bike.

Elsie Hill of Route 1, Mount Olive, reported someone threw a bottle at her 1968 Buick doing damages to the extent of \$55 to the rear door and glass. Rodney Thigpen charged Darryl Garner of Seven Springs in the incident.

Eydie Williams reported someone broke the bottom panel glass on the back door and entered his residence located on 1003 near Magnolia. Ron Brock and E. G. Chestnut investigated though nothing was reported missing.

Charlie Boney of Route 2, Rose Hill, reported someone broke into his grocery-pool hall known as "Charlie's Angels" by a side door doing \$15 in damages. Nothing was reported missing. E. G. Baker investigated. The business is located at the corner of NC 11 and Bay Road.

## Duplin County Department Of Social Services

### Law Requires Reporting Of Child Abuse & Neglect

Child abuse and neglect is not a new social problem in Duplin County or in North Carolina. However, professionals working in protective services for children feel that it is a growing problem.

The Duplin County Child Abuse and Neglect Public Awareness Committee is in the process of trying to make more people aware of the problem. Similar committees are working throughout the state.

One of the committee's major projects is to make sure that everyone understands North Carolina's mandatory child abuse and neglect reporting law which was enacted by the General Assembly in 1971.

The statutes state the intent of the law: "The General Assembly recognizes the growing problem of child abuse and neglect in that children do not always receive appropriate care and protection from their parents or other caretakers acting in loco parentis. The pri-

mary purpose of requiring reports of child abuse and neglect as provided by this article is to identify any children suspected to be neglected or abused and to assure that protective services will be made available to such children and their families as quickly as possible to the end that such children will be protected, that further abuse or neglect will be prevented and to preserve the family life of the parties involved where possible by enhancing parental capacity for good child care."

Who must report? Though the law encourages everyone to report it does state that professionals have the more specific responsibility. Professionals must report suspected child abuse or neglect and any other person must report child abuse when they have actual knowledge of the situation. No matter how a report is made -- orally, written or by telephone -- the reporter should give his name, address, profession if he is a

professional), and telephone number if he has one. This is to the Department of Social Services, if they need more information, can contact the reporter and they can also let the reporter know if neglect or abuse cannot be substantiated.

The North Carolina law states that a neglected child is considered to be any child less than 18 years of age who:

1. Does not receive proper care or supervision or discipline from his parents or other caretaker, or
  2. Who has been abandoned, or
  3. Who is not provided necessary medical care or remedial care, or
  4. Who lives in an environment injurious to his welfare, or
  5. Who has been placed for care or adoption in violation of the law.
- An abused child is any child less than 18 years of age whose parent or caretaker:
1. Inflicts or allows to be

inflicted a physical injury by other than accidental means which causes a substantial risk of death, disfigurement, impairment of a body organ, or

2. Who creates or allows to be created a situation in which there is substantial risk of one of the above events occurring, or

3. Who commits or allows to be committed a sex act upon a child in violation of the law.

Reports of child abuse or neglect should be made to the Department of Social Services in the county where the child lives or is found. Anyone who makes a report of child abuse or neglect in good faith and without malice is immune from civil or criminal liability. The Department of Social Services does not release the name of a reporter of child abuse or neglect to the parents or other caretaker.

The law requires that the Department of Social Services "make a prompt and thorough investigation in order to ascer-

tain the facts of the case and to evaluate the extent of the abuse or neglect." They provide immediate protection for endangered children, and offer or arrange for provision of any family services that would

remedy existing maltreatment or prevent future harm. Services given by county departments to remedy or prevent child abuse and neglect are known as protective services.

### SHOWER TO HELP COUPLE

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn Hall of Magnolia was completely destroyed by fire on July 1, 1977. This young couple and their two little girls lost everything that they had as a result.

Family and friends of the couple are giving a floating shower on their behalf on Saturday, July 16th, from 4 to 6 p.m. at West Duplin Free-Will Baptist Church between Kenansville and Warsaw, on Highway 24.

If you have any furniture, clothing, food, toys, money, etc., that you could share with this family, it will be greatly appreciated.

The sizes of the members of the family are as follows:  
Rayburn (father) - pants, waist 30, length 29; shirt, 14-14½; shoes, size 6½.  
Annie Ruth (mother) - Dress, 16½-18; shoes, size 6½.  
Joyce (daughter, age 4) - Dress size 5; shoe size 9;  
Jo Ann (daughter, age 1) - Dress size 1; shoe size 2.