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Son Of A Gun

By Joe Landon

Have you heard about Floyd's cat? . . . The story is kinda weird the way Floyd tells it, anyway. The Floyd I am talking about is Floyd Bordeaux of Kenansville. He works at the Duplin County Jail and his wife's name is Mattie. They, Floyd and Mattie, had this cat, a female feline named "Candy". As with most people who have a female cat, Floyd and Mattie were always looking for someone to give a kitten to. . . My daughter, Gwen, was shown one of the cute little furry cats, and of course she had to have it. (I am sure Floyd and Mattie had this figured out ahead of time). Gwen is an animal lover and is easily conned into taking stray cats, dogs and so on. My sister, Betty, is the same way, but a little more so. You should have seen some of the old stray, skinny thrown-away dogs and cats she would drag home, fatten up, and cure of their ailments. . . But back to Floyd and his cat. . . One day Candy got into a tussle with an automobile tire. Thus Floyd and Mattie were cat-less, at least until a couple of weeks ago when this cat appeared at their home. The cat looked like Candy, said Floyd, and the others he looked at it, the more he looked at it, the more he looked like Candy. . . He reminded it Candy, the neck and responded. . . Upon examination of the cat, one covered a "hatched" scar in the same place Candy had been hit by the car. . . Thus Floyd was convinced Candy had returned. . . Cats do have nine lives, you know. . . The thing you don't know, is how many of the nine have been used up, due to the fact you are unable to see a cat every minute. . . Thus far, there has been nothing strange about Floyd's cat story. . . A cat was killed by a car, or thought to be so, but apparently was only suffering from amnesia, and when that cleared up, the cat returned home. . . But here comes the kicker. . . Candy changed her (its?) sex. . . Candy was a female when she got hit by the car, but the Candy that came home a couple of weeks ago is a male. . . At least, that is the way Floyd tells it. . . Being "green", and believing most things told you is all a part of growing up. Of course, I stayed "green" a little longer than most, and was always finding myself being taken advantage of, or fooled in some way. One of these incidents occurred while I was working at Ideal Cement Company in Castle Hayne near Wilmington. The plant was being built, and a great number of people were employed. After everyone had checked in each morning, it was my job to verify if they were really there and that someone else had not checked them in. Thus, I had to personally see some 2-300 workers every day. Usually I would get up with the supervisor of a certain job and ask him to point out those working under him. One day this fellow who was the supervisor of the heavy equipment —

or one section of it, was approached. He was a bulldozer operator named Nunley, and was from Sampson County. I got those working under him all checked out and he said, "Joe, I brought some peanuts for a fellow who didn't show up today. If you want them you can have them. Of course I don't want you telling where you got them. If you do everyone will be wanting me to bring them some. They are shelled and parched, too." I agreed, and he crawled up on his bulldozer and handed me down a brown paper bag. . . "Now, don't eat them around here. . . And don't tell anyone where you got them," he reminded me. . . He I tucked the paper bag under my arm and went on about my job checking names and so on. . . I got to the sack and could feel the shelled peanuts, all soft and loose. I decided I would let behind a partially finished cement foundation, and eat a handful or so of the peanuts. It took me about 45 minutes to walk my way over to the foundation. Once behind it, I looked all around to see if anyone was looking. There wasn't, so I opened up the bag, still watching to see if anyone would see me, and reached into the bag, not looking at what I was doing. . . My fingers felt the nuts and I took one out. . . There was a snake. . . My God, a rattler. . . I tried to have passed out. . . I dropped that bag, and when it hit the ground, I was at the other end of the foundation. . . Shocked is a very mild word for my reaction. . . The bag was not the only thing I dropped either. . . Finally, the snakes left me, and my color came back. . . And I picked up my papers, and dug a shallow hole in the soft dirt and buried the bag and its contents. . . The snake was dead, but when I saw it, I didn't know that. . . Wouldn't have mattered much anyway. . . Scared me nearly to death. . . After collecting myself, I looked around to see if anyone had seen my sudden move and my attempt to become airborne. No one seemed to have, so I decided to act normal and continue with my job, trying to think of some way to get even with Nunley. Some time past noon, Nunley came by and asked if I had eaten my peanuts yet, with a smile on his face. I said, "No, I don't really like peanuts too well, anyway. . . I hope you don't mind, but I saw the boss man shortly after you gave me the peanuts, and when he asked me what I had in the bag, I told him you had given me some peanuts but that I didn't like them, and asked if he wanted them, and he said sure, he would take them to his children. . . He I laid them in the back of his jeep, and he left for home. . . Nunley's smile turned into a frightened look, and he said, "You didn't!" . . . Sure did, I said, hope you don't mind. . . It was the next day before I told him differently. Now who says revenge isn't sweet. . . Son-of-a-gun. . .

Chinquapin Youth Killed In Auto Accident

A young Chinquapin girl was killed and four persons were injured in an accident Tuesday night one and one-tenth miles south of Beulaville on RPR 1802. Trooper Billy Ward, investigating the accident, said Tina Halso, 13, of Route 1, Chinquapin, was killed in the accident. The accident occurred when the car, driven by Tammie Love Halso, 18, sister of Tina, entered a curve at an apparent high rate of speed. The car ran off the left side, the driver lost control, and the car ran off the right side, then the left side of the road, overturning several times. The auto was traveling south at the time of the 11:20 p.m. accident. Injured in the accident, along with the driver, were Dale Henderson, 19, of RFD, Wallace; Rex Halso, 14, of Route 1, Chinquapin, and Deneen Maready, 13, of Route 1, Warsaw. The injured were taken to Duplin General Hospital by the Beulaville Rescue Squad, assisted by the Chinquapin Rescue Squad. Trooper Ward charged Miss Halso with operating left of center line and death by motor vehicle. Damages to the 1971 Ford were estimated at \$1,200.

SUMMER WORKERS - (L to R) Teresa Garris, Duplin County-Dorothy Wightman Library this summer. Doris Carr, Cindy Walton and Geraldine Brinson worked as the Neighborhood Youth Corps Staff at

Back To School

School days are almost here again for millions of American youngsters. With the approach of the fall term, the American Medical Association reminds parents once again that there are health and safety considerations that are important in preparing the youngster for school. Most doctors feel that four or five thorough health examinations during the school years are sufficient for healthy youngsters. These usually are spaced at the start of the first year, about the fourth grade, about the seventh grade, at the ninth or tenth grade, and upon graduation. A thorough examination is important if the child is participating in school athletics. The doctor should be told that junior is going out for football, so that he can look for any health problems that might be heightened by rough contact sports. In the excitement of the first few days of school the small child may forget all of the safety warnings you've been teaching him. Each parent should make certain the child knows how to cross streets and intersections enroute to and from school. He should know that crossing guards are there for his protection and obey them. He should know about proper deportment on the school bus. He should know the rules of bicycle safety. The proposed Duplin County school calendar for the 1977-78 year lists 196.5 work days, 12.5 vacation days and 9 holidays, and would schedule August 24 as the first day of school. Teacher work days would begin August 12, with August 22 as a vacation day followed by orientation day for students as August 23. The first school holiday would be Labor Day, September 5. The first grading period would end October 28th. Thanksgiving holidays would be November 24-25 and the Christmas-New Year's vacation would be December 19-31. The second grading period would end January 28, the 3rd March 23, and the 4th June 2. The Easter recess would be March 24-28 with teacher work days scheduled March 28 and 29. Final date on the proposed calendar is June 13, a vacation day.

Chamber To Hold Chapter Night

The newly established Kenansville Area Chamber of Commerce will have its official Charter Night on Friday, August 26. The memorable event will be held at James Sprunt Institute starting at 7 p.m. with a pig pickin'. A program will follow the meal in the auditorium of the Hoffer Building. At their meeting held on Monday night, August 8, the Chamber Board of Directors set Monday, August 22 as the deadline for joining as an official charter member. Members who have joined through August 9 are: Vance B. Gavin, Quinn's Variety Store, Jackson's IGA, Bowen's Grocery, Carey's Body Shop, B & K Grill, Smith Beauty Shop, Carol K. Jenkins, Mrs. C. E. Quinn, Bank of North Carolina, Kenansville Drug Store, Guilford East, Woody Brinson, Duplin General Hospital, Liberty Hall Restoration, Elmore Bell Motors, Coastal Production Credit Association, Whaley's Rest Home, Guardian Care, H.E. Phillips, The Duplin Times - Progress Sentinel, Kenansville Big T Family Restaurant, James Sprunt Institute, Kenansville Tire and Service Center, Liberty Auto Sales and Real Estate, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worthington, and Carolina Radiator Service. Anyone wishing to join may contact any of the officers of the Board of Directors, who are: President Carol Jenkins, Vice-President Ray Johnson, Treasurer Daisy Branch, Executive Secretary Woody Brinson, and Directors, Steve Clutter, Earl Hatcher and Richard Harrell.

Revelle Elected President

Duplin Sheriff Elwood Revelle was elected president of the North Carolina Sheriff's Association at their annual meeting last week in Asheville. Revelle has been Sheriff of Duplin County for 15 years. Before being elected Sheriff, he was a Duplin County Deputy.



BEULAVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, NINTH GRADE CLASS OF 1931 - The original Beulaville High School building burned during World War II. This picture was made during that year in front of the school building steps. (L-R) Front Row, Teacher, Sallie Marshburn, Woodrow Jackson, Lila Mae Wade Hunter, Arlene Jackson, Lehman Scott and Eugene Eubanks. Second row, James Miller, J. D. Cottle, Rashie Kennedy, Edward Mercer, Norman Smith, Barney Quinn and Don Quinn. (Photo Courtesy of J. D. Cottle)

Sheriff's Monthly Report Vandalism, Cutting, Larceny Reported

Duplin County Sheriff Elwood Revelle filed the July report showing property losses totaling \$9,058.40 from larcenies and burglaries in the county, and property recovery of \$7,150. The report showed one murder was investigated. Seven burglaries were reported during July, with losses amounting to \$1,034.40; six larcenies with losses of \$3,024, and two auto larcenies, with loss of \$5,000. The Department served two warrants for larceny, three for assaults, five for offenses against family and children, and 74 for miscellaneous causes. Two vandalisms were reported to the Wallace Police Monday. Billy DeVane reported a \$150 mirror was broken at the Maralli's Pizza Parlor. Fingerpaint was smeared over the walls, doors and tables of the Wallace United Methodist Church educational building. Marilyn Davis James, 24, Route 1, Teachey, suffered an eleven-inch cut on her face that required 100 stitches at Duplin General Hospital. She told Warsaw police that she and her boyfriend were breaking up. She reported he asked her to kiss him goodbye, and as she leaned over, he took a knife and cut her. Lacy Carlton, Jr. is out on bail. Bobby J. Jarman, 17, Magnolia, was charged with breaking into the Luther (Scrap) Register service station in Magnolia, and taking 40 cartons of cigarettes and \$25 in cash over the weekend. He was charged Monday. He was also charged with stealing a 1971 auto from Connie Matthews of Magnolia. Jarman was arrested by Wallace police on the auto theft charge. Johnnie Futrell, of Route 1, Pink Hill, reported a 55 h.p. boat motor, valued at \$2,000, was stolen from his home on RRI1712. Timothy Wayne Adams, 16, of Route 2, Dudley, was arrested Monday and charged with 2 counts of larceny. Adams was charged in connection with the motorcycle theft reported last week by Linda Sutton of Route 1, Kenansville. Adams was released on \$1,000 bond.

Duplin Schools Implement State Reading Program

The State Board of Education has approved a State Plan for Reading Improvement in the public schools of North Carolina with the objective of teaching each child in grades 1-3 to read to the greatest extent of his or her ability. By utilizing the present reading programs of the Duplin County Schools, this program will provide more effective teaching of reading for regular classroom teachers with the assistance of aides and volunteers. The program provides money for training

Highway Patrol Accident Report

The North Carolina Highway Patrol accidents investigated summary for July shows property damages totaling \$62,500 in Duplin County. The summary showed 58 accidents were investigated, with one fatality and 47 injuries.



BOOKS DONATED TO LIBRARY - The John Ivey Thomas Chapter #2171 of The United Daughters of the Confederacy, Beulaville, donated Vols. 5 & 6 of North Carolina Troops 1861-1865: A Roster, to the Duplin County-Dorothy Wightman Library on Friday, August 5, 1977. Those Pictured (Seated, L to R) John P. Archibald, Library Director; Lou Belle T. Williams, President; Mrs. Gardner Edwards, Vice President; Irene Carroll, Treasurer; Lucille Miller; Mrs. Ray Thomas, Historian; and Mrs. Okland M. Houston, Standing (L to R) Mrs. Lou J. Kennedy, Secretary; Mrs. Russell Bostic and Mrs. John L. Hamilton.