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Son Of A Gun

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In case you live in a controlled environment... work in an airconditioned building... live in an airconditioned home... shop in airconditioned stores... and drive around in an airconditioned automobile... you might not have noticed the hot summer we have just been through, and which is still lingering around... Some who are not so enclosed in airconditioning have ventured to the nearby beaches and to some that are not so nearby... Some friends who recently visited Ocracoke Island for a weekend came back with this little tale... It seems while they were wandering along the beach, they happened to come upon some nude bathers... A short while later, they were at one of the general stores talking to the clerk and telling him about them, when the clerk remarked quite seriously, "Yes, I know. It would seem to me the officials would wash off a portion of the beach for the nudist sun worshippers..."

My plans are to be at Ocracoke this coming weekend to photograph summer's end... And the story of the nude bathers has nothing to do with me going... I think... This past Wednesday, August 31st, was Duplin County Commissioner J. W. Hoffer's birthday... A grand 81 years old... Mr. Hoffer has a saying, when he sees a pretty female... "That was a pretty blonde" or, "Did you see that pretty blonde?"... Makes no difference what color hair she has... red, black, brunette or what-have-you, he calls them all blondes... Well, at a gathering the day before his birthday, some friends gave him a present with the thought of his remarks about blondes in mind... It was a doll... A Dolly Parton doll... Dolly Parton is a blonde-haired country music vocalist... Not to mention her outstanding frontal features... Joggers... walkers... bicyclists... They can be seen up and down the highways daily as we are finally realizing exercise is needed for good health... I recently read somewhere that the bicycle is one of the most dangerous items used by Americans... More accidents come from bicycle riding than

any other item, though lawn mowers are also high on the list. And of course, some Health Department officials go to great lengths to prove these printed facts are true... banged-up knees... sprained wrist... scared eyeballs and all... There are a couple of fellows, Johnson and Costin, who have been riding their bikes to Johnson Church and back to Warsaw each Sunday... However, the road is narrow and the automobile drivers more often than not will not turn out for the cyclists... Jokingly, Johnson told Costin he believed the drivers were trying to run over him... And the next Sunday he, Johnson, was going to walk to the church and back... Well, Sunday before last, Costin took off on his bike and about a third of the way out, he passed Johnson, who was walking... Joe Lee was speeding along on his bike with a steady grip on the handlebars and a sharp eye on the road ahead... way ahead... not where he was going, when suddenly he ran over a stick. The stick flew up and into the spokes of the front wheel... The front wheel stopped while the back one tried to continue on, but being attached to the same frame as the front wheel, could not... So, the back wheel jumped over the front wheel, and Joe Lee, not being aware of this, was thrown over the handlebars to the pavement... on all fours... And an asphalt rash was evident about the knees... And great pain was realized in the wrist as the hands went out to cushion the fall... And the back wheel that jumped over the front wheel jumped on Joe Lee's back... Joe lifted himself up and in pain, started back to Warsaw to the loving arms of Shirley... He was wearing his riding shorts... his legs bare... the front wheel bent out of shape... when he neared Johnson, who was still walking along... Johnson, seeing the blood on Joe Lee's knees and the bike wobbling along, said, "See, I told you they were going to run over you"... Later in the week, Joe Lee, not being satisfied with his already injuries, decided to mow the lawn... again, not looking where he was going, ran into a pine tree and injured his eye... By the way, Joe Lee, there are a great number of people struck by lightning each year, so be careful where you stand and what you say... Son-of-a-gun!



"NO CONTEST CONTEST" INTERVIEWS - Because of the publicity in newspapers and television all over the State as well as UPI on the Town of Warsaw's response to the "No Contest Contest", Radio Station WIS, who sponsored the contest, sent their news reporter, Dave Cureton, to Warsaw on Friday for a series of interviews

with local citizens. Several newspapers have complimented Warsaw on the way they had turned the adverse publicity around to their benefit. Pictured (L to R) Alfred Herring, Town Clerk; during an interview with WIS reporter Dave Cureton. Cureton interviewed ten of Warsaw's local citizens.



BOSTIC POSE FOR PICTURE - This picture was taken 51 years ago in 1926. (L to R) Mary Bostic (Stokley's mother) is holding her grandchild, Dorothy. Stokley is holding two of his sons,

Larry and Richard; and Iris (Stokley's wife) is holding another son, Fitzgerald. Mr. Bostic is now 85 years old and Iris is 82. Mary Bostic lived with Stokley and Iris until her death at age 81.

Stokley P. Bostic Recalls Good Ole Days In Beulaville

As Stokley P. Bostic, senior citizen of Beulaville, recalls his childhood days, you can see the gleam still in his eyes when he mentions all those "Good Ole Days"... Stokley and his wife, Iris, live in Beulaville in the old Stokley S. Bostic home on the corner of Bostic and Lee Streets. Mr. Bostic states his father built the old home place in 1916 and he has lived in it ever since... Back in those days, Mr. Bostic adds, there were no factories. The only income a family could depend on was the fall crops of tobacco and cotton. He stated there was very little money... "You depended on your crops, raised hogs for your meat, and always had plenty of Irish potatoes and sweet potatoes to eat. Everyone worked in the fields and did the best they could," he stated... Stokley Bostic recalls his working days. He said he always had to work on the farm and he worked at the S.P. Bostic Store in Beulaville for several years. He then worked at the depot in Beulaville for some time. Mr. Bostic said the depot used to be beyond Marion Edwards Farm Supply store, and the train came to Beulaville from Kinston... Stokley also worked for I. J. Sandlin, Inc. for 15 years and for Queen-McGowan Furniture for five years. Mr. Bostic is now retired, but he still enjoys remembering his working days... "The Good Ole Days"... Mr. Bostic's wife, Iris, is from

Ruffin, and in her younger days she taught school in Beulaville for three years, and in Hallsville for one year. She then retired to stay home and raise children. The Bostics have four sons, Richard, Larry, Fitzgerald and Nick and a daughter, Lucille, who died when she was three years old. All of the Bostic sons live in Beulaville and own their own homes. Stokley and Iris have twelve grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

breaking and entering and larceny at the Ruth Walker residence in northern Duplin Aug. 31. Value of the stolen items was estimated at \$225. Goods were recovered in the amount of \$75. Miss Dunn has been released under \$250 bond... Dottie Ruth Miller of Route 2, Wallace, reported she left her billfold on her car, drove off, and when she came back to look for it found the wallet but \$40 was missing. The car had been parked in the Rose Hill Poultry Co. parking lot... A break-in was reported at Nash Johnson & Sons, Rose Hill. The culprits broke into the office and stole \$150 in cash and a case of Pepsi... David Brinson reported an auto had driven in his hayfield on RR1954, between Highways 40 and 11, doing damages in the estimated amount of \$150... Rev. Lynwood Rowe of Route 2, Pink Hill, reported someone broke the latch on a back window of his home and entered and stole a handgun, wedding band and \$65 in cash, for a total value of \$170.

Sheriff's Report

Donna Highsmith of Route 2, Mount Olive, reported to the Duplin County Sheriff's Department Monday a TV, stereo, cassette player, \$5 in pennies, \$3.30 in dimes and a record album were taken from her home. The value was placed at \$405... Joseph Oliver Joseph of Camp Lejeune reported a pry bar was used to open the door of his 1972 car while it was parked a mile south of Pin Hook on N.C. 50. The door was damaged, the windshield was broken, and two outside rearview mirrors were smashed. Damage was estimated at \$600... The New River Wood Corp., one mile south of Faison on U.S. 117 reported a break-in and larceny. Manager Vernon Pagett reported a calculator valued at \$300 was stolen... John Sikes of Route 1, Wallace reported a 1974 vehicle valued at \$4,200 was stolen from his residence in Deep Bottom on S.R. 1980... Sheriff's officers arrested Donna K. Dunn, 21, of Magnolia Monday on a charge of

Board Rejects State Request To House Prisoners

A request from the state asking Duplin County to house some of the state's 180-day prisoners was rejected Tuesday by the Duplin County Board of Commissioners... The request came as part of a state plan to house minor offenders with prison sentences of six months or less in county prison units for a daily fee of \$8... The Board found that last year it had 5,384 prison days served in its jail and calculated the cost at \$7.57 per day. That cost does not include two additional staff members that would have to be hired under state regulations if the county housed state prisoners. It does not include clothing for prisoners. The state fee does not include jail depreciation... The Board said the old jail was condemned after fifty years and estimated future annual depreciation costs of a new jail being built at \$12,857.36. The additional personnel would run the cost up to \$20,000... The \$7.57 total amounted to \$40,731.91. The added salaries, depreciation and clothing would cost the county almost \$7 before food, professional services, supplies and other items... The Board also noted that the present jail has been condemned and is required, as a condition for continued use while the new jail is being built,

to reduce its capacity from 24 to 16 inmates... The Board indicated it would be willing to consider its position after the new jail goes into use -- probably late next year. However, the Board would need to negotiate a rate, noting that \$8 per day would be insufficient to meet costs... In other action, the Board directed its contract engineering firm to calculate the cost of the feasibility survey of a proposed county-wide water system... Charlie Baker, engineer for Hennington, Durham & Richardson Engineers of Charlotte estimated the cost at \$10,000 to \$15,000. A firm estimate is expected at the Board's October 3 meeting... Because grant funds to build the Courthouse Annex were held up due to a title search,

Leslie Boney of Wilmington, the architect, asked bidders for a 20-day time extension on holding their bid prices. Normally, after 30 days, bidders are released from their offers... The Board voted to adopt the new Duplin County seal effective January 1, 1978.



State Revenue Office Relocated

The Kenansville office of the North Carolina Department of Revenue has moved from the Duplin County Courthouse to the new office building on South Courthouse Square next to the office of Attorney W.E. Craft.

The office, which serves Duplin and Jones Counties, is open on Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and other days from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. It is staffed by Revenue Officers G. Harold Rose and G. Frank Williams, Jr.

Region P HUD Recruiting Suitable Housing

Region P Human Development Agency, Inc. has begun a very strong effort to place families into homes, apartments and trailers under the federal rent subsidy program. The program is funded by Housing and Urban Development (HUD)... Dan Newkirk, Project Director for the Section 8 Existing Housing Program, stated that the recruitment phase has been very successful, but present housing that is decent, safe and sanitary has become difficult to locate... Landlords and private owners who participate in the rent subsidy program are guaranteed their rent monthly for one year as long as the family remains in the dwelling... Those families eligible for rent subsidy are: handicapped, disabled, persons 62 years of age or older, married or unmarried, having dependents. Eligible families have 60 days to find a safe, decent and sanitary

home. The family shares the burden in finding a house... Houses eligible for the program must have a bathroom, hot and cold water in both kitchen and bathroom, no leaking roof, no rats or roaches -- in other words, decent, safe and sanitary. The houses are inspected before approval by the housing authority. Mobile homes must be anchored down and underpinned (skirting is not considered underpinning)... The program can only assist those individuals who rent, and

the program does not pay for back rent, mortgage payments or repairs... Persons with houses available for rent, and those who do rent, are encouraged to contact Region P Human Development Agency, Inc. The office is located just inside the town limits of Kenansville, on Hwy. 11, South, between the county maintenance shop and Cumberland Paving Co., or call 296-0674 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

North Carolina Tomorrow Survey

THE DUPLIN TIMES readers will have the opportunity to tell state government what they believe is the biggest problem facing North Carolina in a survey called "North Carolina Tomorrow"... The survey questionnaire, which THE DUPLIN TIMES is running as a public service, is being conducted by the State Goals and Policy Board to involve as many citizens as possible in state government decision-making... Gov. Jim Hunt, chairman of the Goals and Policy Board, in announcing the survey, said he wanted North Carolinians to be "partners with us in Raleigh in deciding what directions our state should take in the future"... Completed survey forms should be mailed to the Governor in Raleigh. Results, which will be tabulated by county, will be available this fall... No other state in the country has attempted this ambitious a

survey statewide to determine what citizens think are the major problems, and what they think state government should do to resolve them.

New Hours For Clerk's Office

John A. Johnson, Clerk Superior Court, announced that beginning September 1, 1977, the Clerk's office will observe the following hours: from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday... Johnson stated that it was his hope that these hours will more effectively serve the best interests of the people of Duplin County.

MOC Chairman Selected For 1977 College Dinner

Representatives from Duplin County Free Will Baptist churches gathered recently to plan their annual dinner for Mount Olive College... Meeting at Pearall's Chapel, the group elected the Rev. Chris Singleton of Beulaville, pastor of Beulaville F.W.B. Church as chairman of the 1977 Duplin County Dinner... Seating with Singleton on the steering committee are: Mrs. Mary Bell of Albemarle; Kenneth Jones of Beulaville; Dean Kennedy of Pink Hill; Mrs. Pearl Sutton of Warsaw;

Pink Hill; and Mrs. Doris Wood of Chingapala... The Duplin County Dinner is one of 18 dinners held each October and November for the benefit of Mount Olive College. The dinners have been the source of over \$800,000 since they began in 1963... Represented at the meeting were representatives from Bethlehem, Beulaville, Caba, Lanier's Chapel, Pearall's Chapel, Sarecta, Snow Hill, First Warsaw and Mount Zion churches... Mount Olive College is a Christian liberal arts university chartered by the State of North Carolina in 1852. It is the oldest of Original Free Will Baptist in 1951.