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STRONG. . .AIN'T THEY! - It didn't take much strength for Jay Jones to lead the James Kenan Tigers through the "Paper Tiger" held by the cheerleaders last Friday night as a part of JK's Homecoming. Later the Tigers did show their strength as they defeated Richlands 21-8 (Other pictures on Page 10.)

Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

"Good Old Charlie Brown" reminds me of myself at times and I guess he does the same for others also. . .But I surely do wish someone would hold that football for him at least one time. . .

Davis Chestnutt brought back a memory a few weeks back when he mentioned Hilda Brown. . .I remember one night Hilda was going to a basketball game in Warsaw when Magnolia was to play Warsaw at the old Warsaw gym. . . She was going with Sally Mae Jones and her sister, who was known as "Sister" . . . Sally's dad and I don't remember if Sally's mother went or not. . .But Hilda passed me a note in school saying she was going to the game. . .Well, of course I had to go. . .Even took a bath in a fishpond. . .When I got to the gym, there she sat with the Jones. . . I went over and got myself a seat beside her and we held hands and looked at each other for most of the ballgame. . . A wonderful night, I thought. . .But it seems Mr. Jones, on the way home after the game, was talking about the game, and "Sister", who was sitting with Hilda and I, asked "Who won the ballgame?". . . I don't think Hilda knew either . . .And in those days when you went to a ballgame, you went to see the ballgame. . .That was the first, last, and only ballgame for Hilda and me. . .And if you are wondering, I didn't know who won the game either. . .And on that night, didn't care. . .

Russell Tucker is president of the N.C. County Accountants' Association. This group met at Wrightsville Beach at the Blockade Runner a couple of weeks ago and was subjected to a surprising sight, according to my information. The group, after a meeting, went out on the patio facing the beach for the late afternoon meal. While seated at their tables, a subject suddenly appeared from behind one of the sand dunes. . .the subject being a streaker. . . and was upon the patio, jumped on a table, stood between the potato salad and tossed salad and yelled, reminding some of the cartoon mouse "Speedy Gonzales". He jumped off the table and disappeared behind a sand dune, being chased by some of the hotel employees. . . Some say the streaker was wearing a mask, but others said they never thought to look at his face. . .

Turkey won a turkey. . . Darrell Edwards, whose nick name is Turkey, an employee of the Duplin County Sheriff's Office, stands about five feet tall and weighs around 95 pounds. He picked up a 12 gauge shotgun and outshot the bunch for a turkey at last week's meeting of the Law Enforcement Association. Her first shot was not so good, so she decided to try again. . .This time she didn't put the stock against her shoulder and when she pulled the trigger, the gun jolted back against her shoulder and then bounced up against her jaw. This was the winning shot. . .Got her a blue shoulder, a hurting jaw, and a turkey! . . .

Donna and I went to the Homecoming football game this past Friday at James Kenan. . . We arrived a little late, and I was rushing around trying to load my camera with fresh film and change the lens. . .Got it all ready and slammed the door on the VW. . .Just as the door shut, I realized I had left the keys in the ignition. . .But that's OK. Donna has one in her pocketbook. . .But that wasn't OK. . .She had decided to leave her pocketbook in the car. . .Well, there's another key at home. . .No, she said, we used it the other day and put in the pocket of the VW. . .Would you believe it. . .Three keys to that VW and all three locked up inside it. . .Now that is a dumb feeling. . .standing in the rain, looking at a car with three keys to it locked inside. . .Can't get inside through the front or rear compartment and all the windows are up. . .Well, which one of the windows is the cheapest. . .Guess I am going to have to break one. . .Smokie to the rescue. . .Graham Chestnutt had just the item to let us back in to retrieve at least one set of the keys. . .Thank you, Graham. . .You sure were a lifesaver. . .Standing outside of the car, looking, knowing there were three sets of keys inside, was a dumb feeling. . . And to make matters worse, I couldn't even blame it on Donna. . .Son-of-a-Gun. . . .

Planning Grant

Congressman Charlie Whitley was informed by the Economic Development Administration of a planning grant in the amount of $50,300 to the Neuse River Conference of Governments.

Whitley stated the NRCG covers a district area which includes Duplin County and the funds are earmarked to be used to hire an area economic development specialist and of the Job Training Program in cooperation with the private sector.

Wells Appointed

Governor Jim Hunt has announced the appointment of eight North Carolinians to the National Conference of Commissioners of Uniform State Laws. Former Superior Court Judge Winifred T. Wells of Wallace was appointed to the commission, which seeks to develop common laws among the states in certain areas.

Football Contest Winners

A perfect score by Mary Lynn Pittman of Raleigh won the football contest last week.

Steven Wilson of Kenansville won second place by missing only one game. Five entries missed only to games in the contest.

The contest is sponsored each week by the following businesses: Smith Brothers Gas Company of Magnolia, and Beulaville Gas Company of Beulaville; Golden Skillet of Warsaw; Rivenbark Motors of Warsaw; Kenansville Drug Store of Kenansville; Brown's Cabinet & Millwork, Inc., of Rose Hill; Tadlock Chrysler-Plymouth, Inc., of Warsaw; West Auto Parts of Warsaw, Kenansville and Beulaville; Warsaw Motor Company of Warsaw; Blackburn's Service Oil Company of Warsaw; and The Duplin Times of Kenansville.

4-H Awards Exhibits Program

The Duplin County 4-H Awards and Exhibit Program will be held on Tuesday, November 8th in Kenan Auditorium in Kenansville. The exhibits will be open to the public for viewing at 3 p.m. and the Awards program will be held at 7 p.m. and is open to the public.

Prayer Breakfast

The Kenansville Jaycees will sponsor a dutch prayer breakfast Tuesday, November 8 at 7 a.m. at the Country Girl Restaurant. All community residents are cordially invited to attend.

Local Governing As Well As State Issues To Be Decided November 8

Citizens of Duplin County will go to the polls on Tuesday, November 8th, to elect portions of their municipal governing bodies and to vote for two bond issues and five Constitutional Amendments.

On the state level, we will help decide if a surviving spouse of either sex receives homestead exemptions as well as the homestead.

Voters will have a voice as to whether a wife may insure her life for the benefit of her family and know that her insurance is free from creditors.

On November 8th, it will be decided if a governor may be elected for a second consecutive 4-year term.

The people will vote for or against an "electric city" being permitted to own a percentage of a facility jointly with private power companies. This would not permit the use of tax funds.

An amendment requiring the State to maintain a balanced budget will be on the November 8 ballot.

Also on the ballot, North Carolinians will approve or disapprove of a $300,000,000 Highway Bond Issue.

And, the citizens will decide if the State will provide matching funds to eligible units of local governments for improving, expanding, or constructing new facilities for waste water treatment and water supply systems.

Municipal Elections

Wallace, with 1223 registered voters, will vote for 2 candidates for 4-year terms to the Town Board. Candidates are incumbent Lloyd J. Boone, Willie M. Biggs, Jesse Denkins, Norman Pate Evans, Reba E. Harvell, Bobbie W. Marshburn and Dulan E. Murray. Incumbent Mayor Charles C. Farrior is unopposed.

Warsaw, the second largest town in the County, with 1,247 registered voters, will vote for a Mayor and two Town Board members. Sam Godwin is unopposed for Mayor. Three candidates have filed for the positions. They are incumbents W.E. Foster and W. John Weatherly, III, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of R.P. Wood, and Kenneth A. Guy.

On the northern end of the county, the Town of Calypso, with 218 registered voters, will have to decide between 4 candidates for Mayor, and five out of ten candidates for Town Board. Candidates for Mayor are incumbent G. Glanton Barwick, Norwood Barfield, who also ran in 1975, Randall Guy Whaley and Hope Wiggins.

Candidates for two-year terms on the Calypso Town Board are incumbents Thomas W. Albritton, S. D. Davis, Jr. and James A. Parker. Also running are James Carter, Joe Daniels, Cecil M. Langley, J.B. (Joe) Murry, Jr., Lawrence Riggs, J.R. Turner and Mosley C. Waters.

Incumbent Mayor Ruby Ramsey is unopposed in her race for Mayor of Teachey. Six candidates have filed for the five positions on the Town Board. They include incumbents, George T. Brown, Daniel V. Norris, Mike Postner and Samuel H. Wells, as well as W.O. Montford and Henry Wells, Jr. There are 110 registered voters in Teachey

Perry Whaley has filed for Mayor of Rose Hill, running against incumbent Mayor Benjamin L. Harrell. The two positions on the Town Board are unopposed as incumbents L. Clayton Herring, Jr. and Graham J. Robinson, Jr. are seeking another 4-year term. There are 602 citizens registered to vote.

The Town of Magnolia, with 300 voters, will elect three Town Board members. Incumbents Clarence Evans and Hubert Lee Howard have filed, along with Preston Hall, Frank W. Krause, Bromley R. Pope and Millard Williams.

The Town of Faison will elect a Mayor and three Town Board members. Mayor Pro-tem William Igoe did not file for re-election as Mayor, but he is seeking a 4-year term on the Board. Filing for Mayor were P.B. Carter, W.R. Clifton and Alton King, Sr. Filing for Town Board were incumbent Helen Little Britt, Billie Franklin Cooper, Will Cottle, W.J. Igoe, Melvin Rogers and Fred W. Wheless. There are 449 registered voters in Faison.

Douglas Judge will be unopposed in his race for Mayor of Kenansville. Two seats are open on the Town Board. Candidates are incumbent Philip Kretsch, Jr., Nick Bowden, Earl Hatcher and Cordell Johnson. There are 478 registered to vote in Kenansville.

Voters in Beulaville will elect a Mayor and two Town Board members. Candidates for Mayor are Mayor Carl D. Pate, Sr. and Marion Edwards. Running for Town Board are incumbent Wilbur Hussey, Jr., Donald Ray Brown, Douglas Brown, John M. Simmons and Mervin Whaley. There are 535 voters in Beulaville.

Clean Water Bonds

The question would be for approval of issuance of $230,000,000 State Clean Water Bonds. Proceeds of the bonds would be divided $112,500,000 for wastewater treatment and collection facilities grants ($75,000,000 for treatment and $37,500,000 for collection); $110,000,000 for water supply facility grant ($79,000,000 unallocated) and $7,500,000 for administration.

Highway Bonds

The question will be to approve or not to approve a $300,000,000 State Highway Bond. The proceeds of the bonds would be divided - $175,000,000 for the primary highway system; $75,000,000 for secondary highway system, and $50,000,000 for the urban system to be allocated by the Board of Transportation. The one-cent per gallon gasoline tax for debt service would be continued until the bonds are retired.

Public Hearing Monday On Purchase Of Blount House

Controversy over the purchase of the historic Blount house for a possible Town Hall will be heard at a public hearing in Kenansville Monday at 7:30 p.m.

The Kenansville Town Board approved at a meeting last month to negotiate for the house by a 3-2 vote. Mrs. Elbert Long, William Fennell and John Hall voted in favor, and Board members Jimmy Johnson and Phil Kretsch opposed the purchase. Johnson said three petitions against the purchase are being circulated in town.

Kretsch made the motion to hold the public hearing.

Johnson Tuesday said he hopes the people turn out for the hearing, regardless of which side they take. He wants to know the feeling of the people as the Board is supposed to represent them.

Mayor Douglas Judge defended the move, saying the Southern Appraisal Co., which is revaluating Duplin County for tax purposes, valued the house and lot at $35,500.

Replacement value of the house alone is estimated at $26,000.

A local appraiser put a value of $42,000 on the house and property.

Mrs. P.B. Raiford, owner of the house, has asked $37,000 for it with payment scheduled over a 6-year period at 6% interest in a lease-purchase arrangement.

"We are not attempting to buy the house just for the sake of change, but for the sake of progress," Mayor Judge said.

Johnson, however, contends it is an old house on a choice piece of commercial property that should be left as commercial property so the Town can receive taxes from it. Johnson believes the heating bill would be high, and says Liberty Hall had monthly heating bills of more than $400 during last winter, and the temperature was held down to 65 degrees.

"My opinion is a Town Hall should be a modern place, with modern facilities, but with energy conservation in mind," Johnson said. "I would be embarrased to take some people to the Blount House and tell them this was Kenansville's Town Hall," he added.

The house was built by Dr. James W. Blount in the early 1800's.

Duplin 4-H'ers Appear In National Talent Show

A group of Duplin County 4-H'ers have been invited to appear in a National Talent Show. The "True Spirit Singers" of Cedar Fork will appeared on Sunday, October 30 in Convention Center in Winston-Salem as a part of the National Junior Horticultural Association meeting. Members of the "True Spirit Singers" are Brenda and Barry Fountain, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Worley Fountain; Dawn Fountain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sutton Fountain; and Lori Nobles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nobles, all of the Cedar Fork-Fountain area of Duplin County.

The group was selected through participation in county, district and state competition in 4-H. Approximately 500 people will be in attendance at the meeting representing 4-H Horticultural work throughout the nation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hunter and Mrs. Stanley Raynor are volunteer 4-H leaders for the Cedar Fork 4-H Club.

Warsaw Veterans' Week

Warsaw Veterans' Week celebration will begin next week with activities planned throughout the week.

A nightly carnival with local booths, games, exhibits and Midget League Football on Wednesday night have been planned. All these activities will take place at the Warsaw Recreation Department.

The big all-day celebration will be Saturday, November 12 and begin with the annual Veterans' Day Parade at 11 a.m. The men of the National Guard will be honored as Parade Marshals this year. Lloyd Parker, Chairman of the celebration, said "The Veterans' Committee and the Town of Warsaw want to recognize the men of the National Guard for their dedication and service to the Guard, to the State of North Carolina and to the citizens of Duplin County and Warsaw." Local Guard members being honored are Major General William Buck, Colonel Henry C. Merritt, Colonel Earl B. Hule, Lt. Col. James F. Strickland, Lt. Col. H.C. Allen, Jr., retired Major Raymond W. Rivenbark along with Sgt. Cecil Bostic, Sgt. Carroll Best, Sgt. George C. Kornegay and Major Arnold Jones.

On April 14, 1947, the Warsaw National Guard was activated and granted federal recognition with strength of 2 officers and 42 enlisted men. The unit was designated Company M, 119th Infantry, 30th Infantry Divison. This was accomplished by Major General William M. Buck (then Capt.) by much hard work and dedication to have a unit in Warsaw. Quarters for the unit were made in the A.J. Jenkins building in Warsaw. Facilities were very limited and consisted of an office, supply room and arms room.

In January, 1949, the motor storage building was completed and served as an Armory until completion of the present Armory, which was completed and dedicated in February, 1952.

The Warsaw National Guard unit has had many a Commander and most have reached from an enlisted man to high ranking officer positions within the National Guard. The following is a list of officers who have commanded the Warsaw National Guard unit since its activation over 30 years ago:

Capt. (now Major General) William M. Buck; Capt. (now Colonel) Henry C. Merritt; Capt. (now Colonel) Earl B. Hule; 1st. Lt. (now Lt. Colonel) James F. Strickland; Capt. (now Lt. Colonel) Harvey C. Allen, Jr.; 1st. Lt. (retired Major) Raymond W. Rivenbark; Capt. Hughie E. Lewis; 1st Lt. James F. Miller; 1st Lt. Marvin L. Kinlaw; 1st Lt. Kilby C. Lanier; 1st. Lt. (now Capt.) Gordon Harrell; 1st Lt. (now Capt.) Milton C. Green; 1st Lt. John H. Creech; 2nd Lt. Philip T. Pope, present unit Commander.

In addition to the above, the following officers have served with this unit:

2nd Lt. Linwood M. Horton;

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CO-QUEENS - (L to R) Becky Byrd and Benita Wilson were crowned the Co-Queens of the James Kenan High School Homecoming Court during halftime last Friday night.

DOT Secretary Visits Kenansville

Department of Transportatio Secretary, Thomas Bradshaw toured Duplin Tuesday as part of his state-wide "bond wagon" tour to generate support for the highway and clean water bond issues.

Mayor Charles Farrior presented a resolution of support from the Wallace Town Board on both issues.

Bradshaw also received resolutions of support for the issues from Kenansville's town board represented by Mayor Douglas Judge, and the county Board of Commissioners, represented by Chairman J. W. Hoffler. Greenevers Mayor Alex Brown told Bradshaw the Greenevers board also supported both issues.

Bradshaw told officials Duplin would receive $[illegible] over a 5-year period if the road bond issue is approved.