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Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

It's a mess. . . Just don't no other way to put it. IT IS A MESS! And apparently if someone doesn't tell the two construction companies who were awarded the contracts to construct the jail and the Courthouse annex that they cannot string up wire and block off all of Kenansville, they will eventually do it. Thus far they have taken over half of the Health Department parking lot, closed off a road leading from the Courthouse to the Hospital, and closed down the parking lot beside the Courthouse. . . Now I can put up with the parking lot closing, though it is inconvenient. But I am not sure they need all that space. The closing and continued closing of the road leading from the Courthouse to the hospital — it has been closed since the first piece of worn-out construction equipment was dragged to the site. In my opinion, it is just not in the best of interest. Some of the county employees are parking in the hospital parking lot and some are not, but those who do should be allowed to drive the closest way to the Courthouse to pick up their riders. There is enough of a traffic problem without causing others, need-

barrel just wanders all around, and I try and pull the trigger when I think it is going to wander over the bull's-eye. I miss more often than I hit it. There was this fellow who came up at the shoot and asked about the shoot, wanting to know about the loading of the muskets and so on. . . After watching awhile, he went back to his truck and came back with his own musket, loaded it, paid his dollar, walked up to the line and blasted away putting a hole in the bull's-eye. The JCs were saying, you won yourself a turkey. . . Look here, he hit the bull's-eye. . . This man won a turkey. . . The conversation went on and on about him coming with his own musket and hitting the bull's-eye and winning a turkey. . . The fellow stood around about half an hour. . . More people came up and the JCs were telling, "All you have to do is hit the bull's-eye and you win a turkey". The fellow was still standing around with his musket over by the fire, and I heard him ask, "After you hit the bull's-eye, what do you have to do to get the turkey?" . . . Seems that in all the excitement of his winning, they had forgotten to give him the turkey. . . By that time standing around for half an hour waiting for some turkey to give him a turkey. . . A little 5-year-old girl has moved across the street from me and Jennifer is her name. They have a Doberman Pinscher and she was telling me about her dog. . . I asked her what kind it was and she said, "It is a double mint pincher". . . I was telling her about running into a deer and she thought it was a bad thing I had done though I explained I hadn't done it intentionally. . . She said, "Well, you could have went on another road." When she sees me come in after dark, she yells across the street and asks, "Did you run over a deer?" . . . and I tell her, "No, I went on another road." . . Last week I said that if I didn't cut down on eating my wife's cooking, I was going to be overweight. . . Some folks have been telling me this week that I am not going to BE overweight, I already am. . . My VW has a heater. . . It was there all the time. . . It works too. . . Jimmy Fulford put his magic touch to it, and it heats like crazy. . . It wasn't hooked up. . . Son-of-a-Gun. . .

Duplin 4-Her's Win 9 Major Awards

Duplin County 4-Hers won nine of the 17 major awards Saturday as seven counties in the area participated in the 20th annual Southeastern North Carolina 4-H Honor Program sponsored by the Star-News Newspapers in Wilmington. Bladen won three awards, Brunswick two, and Onslow, Columbus and New Hanover, one each. Nearly 600 club members, parents, leaders and extension workers registered for the program, the registrations being counted in awarding the attendance prize of a \$50 savings bond, also won by Duplin County with 122 persons registered. Columbus had 110 registered.

Duplin entries won 202 blue rosettes; Columbus entries 85, Onslow 58, Bladen 45, Brunswick 40, New Hanover 14, and Pender nine. Walnut plaques, faced with a bronze plate with the winner's name, what the winning is, and the Star-News name, are awarded the individual and county winners in 17 categories. Winners from Duplin were: Most representative junior 4-H members; Karen Moore of Warsaw, and Al Worthington of Kenansville, runner-up. Most representative senior 4-H member: Glen Brinson of Magnolia; with Bobby Batts of Wallace and Ava Jo Raynor of Wallace, runners-up. Most outstanding 4-H leaders: Mrs. Josephine Outlaw of Kenansville and Turman Alphin of Route 1, Mount Olive. Most outstanding county 4-H program: Duplin County

Participation: Duplin County Public speaking: Randall Kenan and Danetta Moore. Skill driving: Joseph Scott, Runner-up. Fashion review: early-teen division, Julia Spicer, and senior teen division, Anna Jo Raynor, runner-up. All exhibits appearing in the regional program were champions in their respective counties, having been declared blue ribbon winners. All contestants in the competitions Saturday were county champions vying for area honors. The exhibits featured a wide array of crafts, hobbies, arts, sewing skills, cooking and scientific development. While 4-H still means agricultural projects and exhibits for some members, it has come to mean more in the line of skills, crafts and arts in the last 20 years.

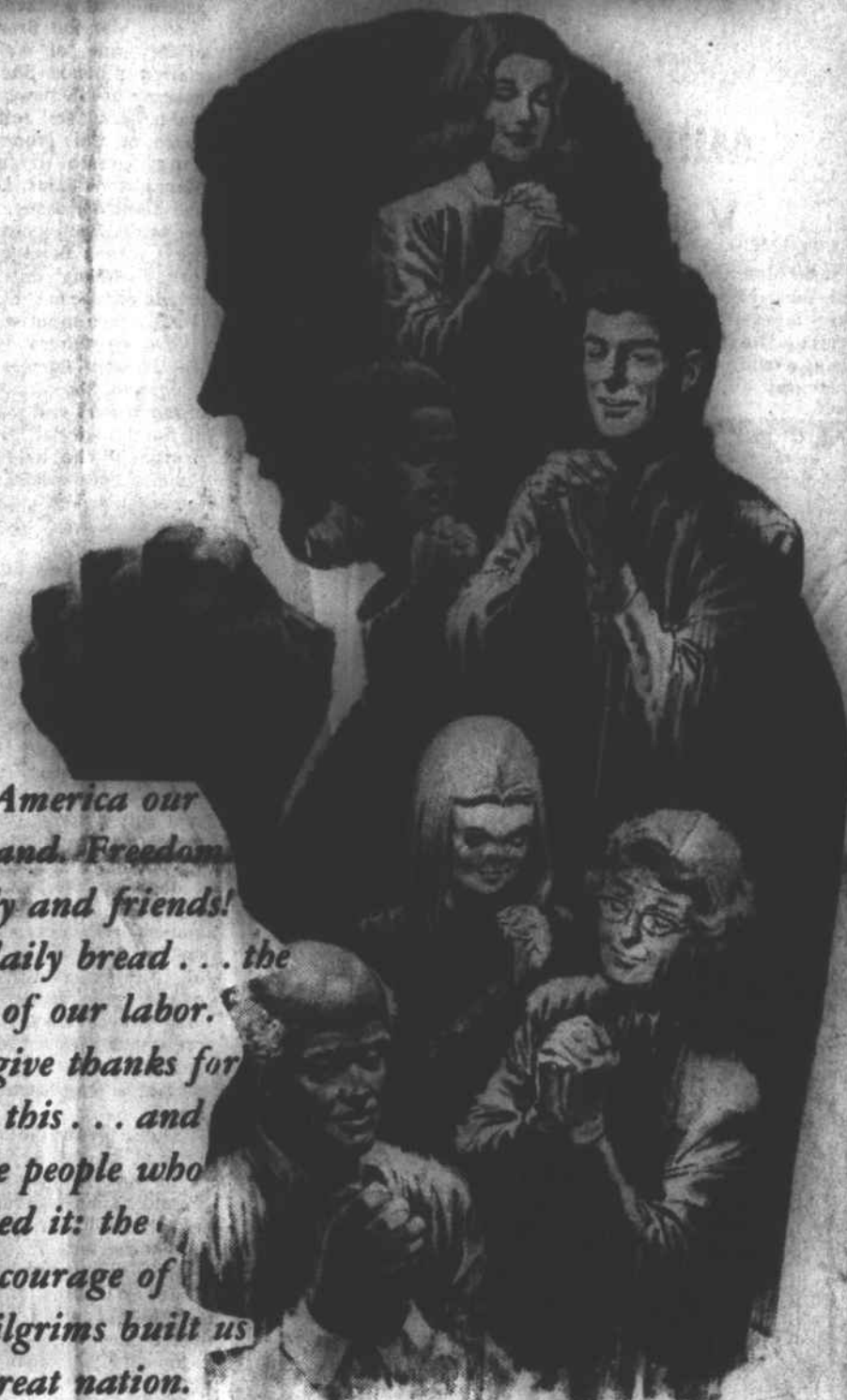
2013 Attend FHA/HERO Rally In Kenansville

James Kenan High School members and their chapter advisor of the Future Homemakers of America/Home Economics Related Occupations attended the District II Rally for 1977, along with 1,932 other members and advisors from the Southeastern Region of North Carolina. The rally was held in Kenan Auditorium in Kenansville Friday, November 18. The fifty-four members and their advisor from the JK chapter enjoyed serving as co-hosts for 1,856 members, 76 advisors, 18 special guests and 7 chapter parents.

Peggy Bowden, State secretary, and a senior at Hobbs High School, presided over the session. District II advisor is Mrs. Margaret Slate from White Oak High School in Jacksonville. The advisor-elect is Mrs. Pam Bradshaw from Pender High and the newly-elected co-advisor is Mrs. Ellen E. Berry from North Lenoir High School, LaGrange. The Performance Groups from Fayetteville City Schools presented a musical entitled, "Gonna Build a Mountain", which depicted youth, the world they see, and the world they dream of. The campaign for election of

State officer featured speeches and a question session for the candidates. The new State Vice-President is Judy Johnson from Lakewood High School at Roseboro. She will be installed at the State Convention in Raleigh March 11, 1978. The Future Homemaker of America/Home Economics Related Occupations are sponsored by Home Economics Education, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, with Ms. Jean Mullen as District Consultant and Dr. Hazel Tripp as State Advisor.

Give Thanks



For America our homeland. Freedom. Family and friends. Our daily bread . . . the fruits of our labor. Let's give thanks for all of this . . . and for the people who founded it: the stark courage of the Pilgrims built us this great nation.

No Contest 'Contest' Winners Write Friends In Warsaw

Friends of Warsaw.

Joy and I have settled down some from our very exciting and most enjoyable trip to Warsaw, and we want to try and tell you all how impressed we were with you and your town. It is easy to understand why you felt your town was worth fighting for when it was belittled by the radio station.

When we found out we had won a 10-hour bus trip for one to a town we knew nothing about, rather than the weekend for two in New Orleans, we were disappointed, as I am sure you can all understand. And when Mrs. Taylor first called and invited us up, we were a little unsure of what to expect. However, as time passed and we talked more to Mrs. Taylor and others, we began to realize that we would probably have a good time. But say that we had a good time, or even a great time, would be very much an understatement. The trip far surpassed our expectations.

We live in the country, and from a small town much the same as yours. As we read the many bad things which happen daily throughout our country and the world, we sometimes get the feeling that we are living in the only little friendly and humane spot left where a person can feel safe. These feelings were shattered by our trip to Warsaw. The warm and friendly way that we, total strangers, were treated by everyone we

met brought us to the happy realization that the world is not all bad and that there are still plenty of good people around. Not just a few of you, but all of you welcomed us as if we were dear friends returning to Warsaw rather than people you had never met. We enjoyed every part of our trip, but I have to say that the sincere hospitality of your town was the thing which impressed us most. It was the thing which brought a lump to our throats that Sunday when so many came to the airport to say goodby and ask us to come

back. It is also the thing which makes each of you a credit to your town and your town a credit to North Carolina and to our Country.

We thank you all for everything you did for us; the fond memories, the gifts and the friendship and we will look forward to the day when we see you all again. We also hope that if any of you ever come to Leesville, S.C., you will come to see us. You will always be welcome at our home.

Sincerely,
Your friends
Joy and Joe Wilson

Rose Hill Receives Library Grant

Rose Hill has received a grant of \$5,000 to assist in the purchase of a building to house the Town's library.

C.L. Fussell, Town Adminis-

trator, announced the grant from Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Inc. of Winston-Salem. The grant is payable when the balance of the funds needed for the purpose have been secured.

Whitley Announces Grant For Beulaville

Congressman Charlie Whitley announced the Environmental Protection Agency has approved a grant in the amount of \$30,000 to the Town of Beulaville.

Whitley indicated that the

purpose of this grant is to prepare plans and specifications to upgrade the existing stabilization pond to an aerated lagoon and will include a multi-media filter, chlorination and disinfection plant.

Duplin Arts Council Awarded Funds

The N.C. Arts Council announced Monday, November 14, that it has awarded 13 grants totaling \$13,950 for eastern North Carolina arts projects planned for the first half of 1978.

These were among 71 grants totaling \$124,840 awarded for

arts activities across the state at the council's recent board meeting. The Duplin County Arts Council and the Community Arts Council of Goldsboro each received \$2,000 in "challenge grants" to stimulate local fundraising activities for arts projects.

Albertson Heads County Wide Talent Endeavor

People in Duplin County have been concerned for a long time that there are so few opportunities for young people to express themselves and their talents. Now, through the encouragement of the Duplin County Arts Council and under the able leadership of Charles Albertson, activities are being planned to help provide a chance for young people from every part of the county to express their talents.

competitive county-wide talent shows during the next few months with a final Showcase for the best performances in Kenansville. The meeting was held on November 27, at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant with the following included on the guest list: Neal Carlton, Robert Tarr, Howard James (Wallace-Rose Hill High School), Bill Taylor, Valerie McCoy (James Jones High School), Charles Jones, Thelma Kennedy (Duplin High School), Ed Williams, Ann Taylor (Duplin High School), Ed Williams, Shirley Benson, (Duplin High School), Clark Johnson, (New Hope Institute), and . . . (Duplin County



"THE PERFORMANCE GROUP" entertains. A highlight of the District II FHA/HERO Rally held Friday at Kenan Auditorium was a musical

program presented by the above pictured singers directed by Walter Williamson of the Fayetteville City Schools.



NEW STATE FHA Y-F NAMED: (l. to r.) Judy Johnson from Lakewood High School, Roseboro, was named the new State FHA Vice-President during the FHA/HERO Rally at Kenan Auditorium in Kenansville Friday. Pictured (l. to r.) Judy Johnson, new Y-F, and Peggy Bowden, State Secretary, from Hobbs High School.

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