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### Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

The TV movie, "The Story Teller", was broadcast over NBC Monday night. The movie, for those who watched the violent game of football on another channel, was about violence on TV. I thought at first the movie was going to defend the TV industry by implying there was not too much violence on TV and that people do not do the things shown on the tube. . . . But it was more about a successful radio-TV script writer who had, over a span of some 25 years, entertained millions of people on radio and TV with his scripts. . . . To shorten the 2-hour film, it was simply about a writer who felt guilty after a 12-year-old boy apparently picked up on an idea portrayed on TV (the writer wrote the story), and set fire to his school using a method shown on TV, and the boy died in the fire. . . . The news media picked up on the story, and shouts of "Too much violence on TV" were heard, pro and con. . . . The fellow visited the boy's parents, watched TV talk shows, read newspaper reports, re-read his old radio scripts, and seeing changes from the old days, decided he could write scripts without violence. . . . Did not. . . . The TV networks, under pressure, loved it. . . . End of story. . . . The TV industry, I suppose, is kinda confused. . . . If they prove to one does the things shown on TV, they are also admitting the commercials do not sell the product. . . . So rather than prove it one way or the other, they change. . . . By the way, this TV season, with a change in the violence shown, a recent report by the rating bureaus shows a smaller number of people watching TV. I, personally, think violence on TV is like pornography. . . . Different amounts affect different people. . . . There is no absolute. . . . What bothers me, doesn't bother the next guy, and so on. . . . I watch TV less this season and the reason is that much of what is offered is not entertaining. . . . not what I want to see, and I don't watch it if I don't like it. I have been to more movies this year than I have been to in ten years, seeking entertainment. . . . I don't smoke pot, drink, or use mind-bending drugs, so my entertainment must come from an outside source. . . . When I was a youngster, I read comic books, listened to the radio, went to movies and read other books, and I fantasized. . . . I would shout, "Shazam" and look up at the sky to see if a bolt of lightning was going to come out of the blue and make me Captain Marvel. . . . However, I was not always confident. The lightning could make me Captain Marvel or it could kill me, so sometimes after shouting "Shazam" with my eyes closed and fist clenched, I would move over a step or two so if the bolt did come, it would miss me. . . . And as for Superman. . . . There was no question about me turning into him. . . . I lived in the country, and there were no phone booths nor a ten story building for me to jump out of. . . . I did attempt to fly out of the backhouse left a time or two. . . . I always fell. . . . Never did fly. . . . At other times I would run around the yard with a tobacco stick between my legs pretending it was a hose and I was Lash Larue, Roy Rogers, Charles Starrett, The Lone Ranger, Bob Steele, or some other cowboy. . . . But I knew none of this was really real. . . . The movies have changed too. . . . The first change I noticed was in the movie "Shogun". . . . The good guy was Alan Ladd, who had a soft, low voice, but when he shot his gun, there was the usual boom, boom, boom.

was supposed to be shot, and fall. . . . The impact of the bullet would throw the person backwards. . . . The next change was in "Psycho". . . . And the great amount of blood in the death scene of Janet Leigh in the bathtub. . . . Thank goodness it was a black and white movie. . . . But nowadays the low grade movies use blood, violence and sex just for the sake of showing it. . . . However, with the top name companies and top name stars, one can still see a good movie without the gore. . . . And the TV people can leave a little to the imagination and still produce good viewing. . . . Heard it the other day, and the teller swore it to be the truth. . . . A Warsaw father told his son, a high school graduate, to measure a wall and see how long it was. . . . handing him a folding rule. . . . A short time later, the father asked the boy if he had measured the wall, and the boy said "No." . . . "Why not?" . . . "I couldn't," said the boy. . . . "Why?" said the father, getting angry. . . . "That rule you gave me was only 6 feet long, and the wall was longer, so the rule was not long enough," said the boy. . . . Herbert Whaley, Jr. came to the house the other day with a deer he had shot, wanting a picture made of it. . . . Well, he is not really a Junior. . . . His name and his father's name is the same on both ends, but different in the middle. . . . But everyone calls him Herbert, Jr. . . . In reality, his son is Junior, for his son and he have the same names all the way through, front, middle and end. . . . So there are three Herbert Whaleys with two being known as Juniors, but only one is. . . . And the one that shot the deer is the middle Herbert Whaley. . . . There is one older than him, and one younger. . . . Now that we have that all straightened out, and you know just exactly who I am talking about, we will get back to the story. . . . The little five-year-old girl next door, Jay, who got all over me for running into a deer, didn't happen to be around when Herbert came the first time when he came to pick up the picture. . . . She asked Herbert what he was going to do with the deer. He said he was going to have the head mounted. . . . She replied, "You are going to wear it on your head?" . . . I also had a picture of myself. . . . Jay picked it up, looked at it, handed it back and said, "That is a good picture. . . . You look better than George Washington." . . . Son-of-a-Gun. . . .

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## Kenansville Town Board Votes 3 To 2 To Sell Raiford House

The Kenansville Town Board voted 3 to 2 to sell the controversially acquired Raiford House during the regularly scheduled 7:30 p.m. Board meeting held at the Town Hall on Monday, December 5th, 1977. . . . At a previous Board meeting on November 7th, the Kenansville Town Board voted 4 to 1 to purchase the historic landmark and renovate as a new Town Hall. Before the mentioned vote, a public hearing was held at which strong feelings were expressed against the purchase. Board members John Hall, William Fennell, Mrs. Elbert Long and Phil Kretsch voted in favor on Nov. 7th, with Jimmy Johnson voting against. The next day Kenansville voters ex-

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Doug Judge, along with Board members Earl Hatcher and Cordell Johnson, were sworn in to 4-year terms by Millie Bland. . . . Appreciation resolutions were presented to out-going commissioners Phil Kretsch (24 years service) and John Hall (10 1/2 years' service). . . . Police Chief Tyson Bostic was appointed Insulation Inspector. Bostic is to attend school in January in order to qualify for the job. Warren Dail, Duplin County Electrical Inspector, will be acting-inspector until Bostic is qualified. . . . New Commissioner Earl

Hatcher was appointed Mayor Pro-tem and Finance Committee Chairman. . . . The Board approved a request from the Health Department that private septic tank companies be allowed to dump sewer collections at the Town sewage plant with the fee to be determined later. . . . Board members Johnson, Johnson and Judge will attend Municipal School in February, with Town Clerk Ruth Holmes attending in January. . . . The Board also voted to amend the budget \$700 in order to buy a typewriter.



PRESENT SCRAPBOOK - (L to R) Kenansville Mayor Doug Judge is shown accepting the Kenansville Bicentennial Scrapbook on behalf of the Town from Anne Craft, Chairperson for the 1976 Kenansville Bicentennial Commission on Monday night, December 5th.

## Brian West Receives Eagle Scout Award

Brian West, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. West of Warsaw, received his Eagle Scout award immediately following the morning service Sunday, December 4, 1977, in the Warsaw United Methodist Church. . . . Bill Faust, Scoutmaster, gave the "Trail of the Eagle" and Russell Barwick and William Herring acted as Color Guards. Steve Draughon, Assistant Scoutmaster, read the Eagle Letter and Norwood West and Dickie Fry were Eagle Escorts.

ment badges and performed countless Scouting duties. He has been both Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader, and in 1975 he was named as swimmer. For his Eagle project, Brian cleared and pruned the grounds of the Mary Parrior home on Hill Street in Warsaw. . . . Brian is a member of the senior class of James Kenan High School. He is business manager of the WAKEMA, has served as business manager of the KENAN KRIER and has been homeroom representative for three years. He is co-president of the class of '78, plays varsity tennis, was a football trainer for three years, and a member of the jay-vee basketball team. . . . Brian's special interest is writing. He is a Century III essay local first runner-up, and the N.C. winner in the EMC essay contest. He is N.C. representative to the National Rural Electric Association Youth Consulting Board for 1977-78, and won the 1977 JK writing award. . . . A member of the Warsaw United Methodist Church, he has taken an active part in youth services, UMYF, and Sunday School. At present he serves as Youth Representative on the church's Administrative Board. . . . Brian states, "I have never taken one positive step in my life without the loving support of my entire family. And I could never have understood the true meaning of this Eagle award -- nor could I have earned it -- without the patient, dedicated leadership of Mr. Faust and the friendship of my fellow Scouts. I want to thank everyone for this medal I wear, but whose honor I share with those wonderful people who helped me every step of the way."



FINAL KENANSVILLE BICENTENNIAL MEETING - Members are as follows: (l to r) Seated, Annie D. Washington, Pearlene M. Faison, Delaine Rector and Woody Brinson. Standing, Douglas Judge, Betty Long, Juanita Kretsch, Anne Craft and Ruth Jones.

## Final Meeting Held Kenansville Bicentennial Commission

The Kenansville Bicentennial Commission met for its final meeting on Monday, December 5, 1977, in the conference room at W.E. Craft's law office at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of culminating the year's activities in 1976. The members enjoyed reminiscing over their work, and each was presented a Certificate of Appreciation signed by Mrs. Wayne Jordan, Duplin County Bicentennial Chairman, for his participation during the Bicentennial year. . . . On arrival, the members were

erved cake and punch. The cake was decorated with the Bicentennial emblem, and the nuts were in cups that had a miniature American flag proudly flying. Red, white and blue plates, cups and napkins completed the patriotic motif. . . . The 1976 Bicentennial Commission members were: Anne Craft, Chairperson, Bert Alabaster, John Archibald, Burnett Coleman, Pearlene Faison, Ruth P. Jones, Kirmey Kenan, Juanita Kretsch, Betty Long, Delaine Rector, Elizabeth Spicer and Annie D. Washington. Ex-officio members were: Douglas Judge, Mayor; Woody

Brinson, Ex-Mayor; and Charles Ingram, '74-'75 Chairman. . . . All but two members were present, and they put the finishing touches on the scrapbook they were to present to the Kenansville Town Board at the regular December meeting at 7:30 p.m. following their meeting. . . . In addition to the scrapbook, the commission is giving to the town a picture collage showing some of the year's highlights. A collection of some of the town's historic points of interests is to be shown to the town board members by using a slide presentation with a short oral

description of each. . . . The scrapbook will be open to the public for viewing and a cordial invitation is issued to all. . . . Before the meeting adjourned and went to the Kenansville Town Hall for their presentation, Mrs. Craft presented each member a memento, a small Bicentennial flag, for having served on the commission. All members felt it was a rewarding experience and felt a sense of pride in having been actively involved in helping our great country celebrate its 200th birthday. . . . A brief synopsis of the com- (Continued to Page 8)

## Messiah To Be Presented In Warsaw & Wallace

Singers from all over Duplin County have been working diligently since September to prepare to perform G.F. Handel's great oratorio, the MESSIAH for our Christmas enjoyment. Under the capable direction of Patricia Wiley of Wilmington, the Duplin County Chorus and the Warsaw Baptist Church Choir have joined together to make up a chorus of forty voices. Performances will be held at the Warsaw Baptist Church, 202 E. College Street in Warsaw on Sunday, December 11 at 8 p.m., and at the First Baptist Church, 408 West Main Street, Wallace on Saturday, December 17 at 8 p.m. . . . Members of the chorus include: Margerie Allen, Patricia B. Thompson, Carolyn R. Brown, Elroy H. Parrier, Donna Fennell, Joan Tyette Johnson, Margaret Lantz, Marilyn Moore, Lucille Rivenbark, Nell Sylvia Weatherly. . . . Instrumentalists include: Orlie Zook, Opal L. Holladay, Worth, violas; Jane Tierney, violin II; William Gettin, cello; Doug Hodge, trumpet; and Cornelia, trombone. . . . The program is being presented at the Warsaw and Wallace churches. These

B. Carr, Minnie Clark, Louise M. Hinson, Cleo S. Hobbs, Emily Jessup, Margaret J. Lloyd, Betty Joe Page, Mary Heater Powell, Margaret Strickland, Carol Thompson, Ellis Henry Townsend, Pearl R. West, Regina D. Whaley, and Sandra Worsley (altos); H.C. Allen, Jr., James J. Bowden, III, Bob Carr, Charles D. Taylor, and Mark Teachey (tenors); John W. Boyette, Jr., Lee E. Brown, Irvin Graham, Johnnie Powell, Don Rivenbark, Rex Thomas and Victor Wells (basses). . . . Soloists are: Marilyn Phelps, soprano; Sheila Brooks, Alto (guest artist); Sylvia Weatherly, alto; Charles D. Taylor, tenor; and Irvin Graham, bass. . . . Instrumentalists include: Orlie Zook, Opal L. Holladay, Worth, violas; Jane Tierney, violin II; William Gettin, cello; Doug Hodge, trumpet; and Cornelia, trombone. . . . The program is being presented at the Warsaw and Wallace churches. These

## Commissioners Elect Albertson Chairman

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners elected Arliss M. Albertson as Chairman, and D.J. Fussell, Sr. as Vice-Chairman, each to serve for one year, at their regular meeting Monday. . . . The Board appointed an inspection survey team to prepare a rate schedule for the forthcoming county building inspection program and to recommend it to the Board as soon as possible. . . . Appointed were Wade Carlton and Joe Lanier of Warsaw, Warren Dail, county electrical inspector, and Sam Marshall, both of Wallace; Robert Herring and Gerald Carr of Rose Hill; Douglas Brown of Beaufort; Buddy Brock of Albertson; and Russell Tucker, county accountant and clerk in the Board

No one appeared in opposition during a public hearing on licensing of insulation firms doing business in the county. Mayor Douglas Judge asked the Board if its insulation inspector could make inspections in Kenansville until the Town can train its own inspector. The Board agreed, if the Town makes a formal request. . . . Tax Supervisor Frank Moore presented a farm-use market-value schedule to the Board. It was tabled for study until the December 19th meeting. The schedule would establish agricultural value on land that might have higher commercial value but which is being farmed. . . . Two were sworn into duty as special deputies, Billy Charles Hix of Warsaw and Robert Glenn Bostic of Kenansville. . . . At the behest of Mrs.

Christine Williams, Register of Deeds, the Board voted to have two microfilm copies of county records made. One copy would be stored in the vault of the Bank of North Carolina NA branch in Kenansville, and the

other would also be kept at the bank for the present. Plans are being investigated to store the microfilm at Underground Storage, Inc., west of Pitta- (Continued to Page 8)

## Mrs. Norma Cates Faison Woman Honored

Mrs. Norma Cates of Faison received one of three Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson special awards for environmental improvement this week at the annual meeting of Keep America Beautiful, Inc. in New York City. . . . Mrs. Cates, president of the North Carolina affiliate of Keep

America Beautiful, was recognized for her work with beautification projects across the state. . . . Nominations for the special awards come from across the nation, but only three were presented, said Mrs. Dan E. Moore of Raleigh, executive director of the N.C. affiliate.

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