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Son Of A Gun

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Capsule Of 1977 News

Hope you had a terrific Christmas. I sure did. I got a few unexpected gifts, such as a teddy bear, a baby doll and a couple of rubber tipped dart guns. I think a previous article in Son-Of-A-Gun had something to do with it. I got quite a kick out of them, even if my doll doesn't say "Ma-Ma." My sister says that when we were kids, I talked her into playing doctor and nurse so I could operate on her doll and take the pieces out of it. I don't remember that, though I do remember having a massive headache. And I do remember reading her out of a book in a paper tube that you turn and different patterns appear as you look through the end. I never have I been so disappointed as when I took it apart and found only a few colored beads and a mirror.

My sister had a good use for a Volkswagen. It is the perfect car to send your wife Christmas shopping in. Ain't no way she can buy much and bring it back.

I saw Doc Judge and his wife on the news a couple of days before Christmas. They were right in the middle of a bunch of Christmas shoppers, sitting down one of the aisles in a store on the bottom shelf. I thought at first they were playing jack rocks, but it turned out they were just resting. And debating. . . or was it arguing. . .

A little later Donna and I were eating hot dogs and near the end of the counter where we were standing was a cigarette machine. A girl, who looked to be about 13 or so, went to the machine and put in her money, pressed the button, but only her money came out. No cigarettes. . . she deposited her money a couple of times trying

to get a pack of cigarettes, but failed. . . Donna was watching, and when the girl left without her cigarettes, Donna was looking at the machine and said, "Well, no wonder she didn't get any cigarettes. . . That sign says minors are forbidden to purchase cigarettes from this machine." . . . Son-of-a-gun. . .

Cheryl Braswell, a one-year-old from across town, came over to my house the other day and spotted my scanner. As the red lights raced from one end to the other, curiosity got the best of her and she attempted to catch it or stop it by putting her finger on it. . . But it just kept on going. . . She would move her finger to another bulb. . . Finally Son Grady, the dispatcher in Kenansville, called a county car and the light stopped under her finger. . . Cheryl let out an excited scream and turned around all smiles, wanting everyone to see what she had done. . . But when she looked back, Sue had stopped talking and the light was moving again.

Another year is standing by ready to make its grand entrance Saturday night at midnight. . . This year I do not intend to go out on a limb making resolutions. . . Last year I said no more smoking. . . I am smoking more than ever before. . . I was going to build a garage. . . Donna planted roses there. . . I was going to use less gasoline to help the energy crisis, and save money. . . So I bought a VW. . . I could have bought 2,000 gallons of gas for what I paid for the VW. . . I put insulation in my house to cut down on the amount of electricity and gas I use. . . So the electric company and gas company went up on the price of both. . . This year I am going to keep my resolutions to myself. . . Son-of-a-gun. . .

1-20-77 - Doc Brinson, was named by his fellow Jaycees, as the 1977 Distinguished Service Award recipient last Monday during a banquet held at The Country Squire.

1-27-77 - Mrs. Rose Swain, Route 2, Warsaw, was named North Carolina Porkette of the Year by the N.C. Porkettes Association at their annual meeting held in Raleigh January 13th. Mrs. Swain was named for her accomplishments as chairman of the projects committee and her leadership in the Association.

1-27-77 - The Duplin County Shrine Club installed officers at a dinner meeting in Wallace on January 27th, with L. Frank Jones, potentate of Sudan Temple as installing officer. Officers installed were Melvin Pope, Sr., of Magnolia, president; Robert Ray Thomas of Beaulville, vice president; Jimmy Tucker of Kenansville, secretary-treasurer; and the Rev. Clarence Lingle of Faison, chaplain.

2-3-77 - Paul Brewer was named the recipient of the Warsaw Distinguished Service Award for 1976. The award was presented Tuesday night at a banquet sponsored annually by the Warsaw Jaycees.

2-10-77 - The Chinquapin branch of Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company was robbed around 9:05 Tuesday morning.

3-3-77 - Eight Boy Scouts of Troop 44, Warsaw, received their Eagle Scout Awards Sunday in a ceremony at the Warsaw Baptist Church. Scouts receiving the awards were Gilbert Johnson, Wiley Killete, Hicks Pigford, Darret and Darron Exzell (twins), Tyler Jones, Jay Quinn and Murray Jones.

3-10-77 - Mrs. Helen Britt was appointed to the Faison Town Board Monday night during their regular meeting. Mrs. Britt is the first lady to serve on the Faison Board.

3-17-77 - Quinn Company of Warsaw announced Tuesday their plans for major expansion of their warehouse and freezer space from 2,896,000 cubic feet to 5,266,000 - almost double the present size.

3-17-77 - The Duplin County school system requested a budget of \$12.1 million at the Duplin Board of Education meeting last week. The request totals \$4.4 million more than the current budget of around \$8 million.

3-24-77 - The Duplin County Commissioners approved the proposed half million dollar new jail to be built in Kenansville at their regular meeting Monday. The site for the new one-story Duplin County Jail will face Duplin Road on the northern end of the Courthouse, next to Dr. Redwine's office.

3-24-77 - Bids were let Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the Fire Station in Warsaw for the new Municipal Complex which is to house the administrative offices, police department and jail, town hall, drivers license office, rescue squad and Chamber of Commerce. The complex will contain 13,000 square feet and will handle all of the town departments excepting the fire department, maintenance department and the library.

3-31-77 - William "Bill" Costin of Warsaw and David John Kilpatrick of Kenansville were presented the Duplin County 4-H Program's top awards Friday night during the 4-H leaders banquet at The Country Squire near Warsaw. The two received co-awards as "Duplin County 4-H Outstanding Citizens." The award is presented annually to outstanding leaders of the Duplin 4-H program.

3-31-77 - The county historical pageant, "Liberty Cart," will be produced again this year, according to Charles Yelverton, Duplin County Superintendent of Schools, who heads the entire program.

4-7-77 - Guilford Mills, Inc. announced plans Wednesday for the construction of a 65,000 square foot addition to the Guilford East textile manufacturing plant located at Kenansville.

4-7-77 - Governor James Hunt, Jr. announced Tuesday he will not nominate Dr. Dallas Herring, longtime chairman of the State Board of Education, for another term. Herring, 61, of Rose Hill, served on the Board since 1955, and has been Chairman since 1957. His term expired Tuesday.

4-14-77 - The Duplin County Board of Commissioners voted Tuesday to appeal the order of Secretary of Human Resources to close the Duplin County jail. The Board has to send a letter by April 19, 1977, advising Dr. Sarah Morrow of DHR and District Superior Court Judge Russell Lanier of their decision to appeal the closing of the jail. A date for the hearing will be set after April 19th.

4-28-77 - Kenneth Guy was officially installed as President of the Warsaw Jaycees and Betty Taylor installed as President of the Warsaw Jayettes during a combined Jaycee-Jayette banquet held last Wednesday night.

4-28-77 - Jaycee Doc Brinson and Jayette Deanna Judge were each sworn in as President during the Kenansville Awards Banquet held last Wednesday night.

5-12-77 - The Board of Trustees of James Sprunt Institute has announced that the first scholarship in honor of Dixon S. Hall will be awarded in June of this year. Dixon Hall was President of the technical institute from its beginning in 1964 until he resigned in 1976 to enter private business. Under the direction of the institution's new president, Dr. Carl D. Price, a campaign to fund a scholarship in Hall's name was undertaken with many contributions being made by citizens from Duplin County as well as other parts of the State. The scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior from one of the Duplin County high schools.

5-19-77 - An early morning explosion followed by a fire destroyed the Marilyn Benson home Saturday on N.C. 11, one mile north of Kenansville. The family was not at home at the time of the blast, and no injuries were reported.

5-26-77 - Employees and management of Comfy, Reeves Brothers Consumer Products Group were honored Tuesday by Sears, Roebuck and Co. The Kenansville firm makes furniture throws for Sears.

5-26-77 - James Kenan's Stanley Broadie placed 3rd in the 180 yard low hurdles at the High School Regional Track Meet held last Friday in Greenville. The third place finish qualified Broadie for the State meet to be held in Cary on Friday, May 27th.

5-26-77 - A first place award to the Rose Hill-Magnolia Elementary School for school beautification was presented in Raleigh by Phil Ford of the UNC basketball team on behalf of the Department of Public Instruction, health, safety and physical education division.

6-2-77 - The Dixon S. Hall Scholarship Committee on behalf of the James Sprunt Institute Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that Edna Laurine Aycock of Route 2, Faison, has been selected as the first recipient of the Dixon S. Hall Scholarship Award.

6-2-77 - JK's Stanley Broadie placed second in the 180 yard low hurdles at the State High School Track Meet held last Friday in Cary. Broadie's time was 19.64.

6-9-77 - An increase of \$20,000,000 in Duplin County's assessed valuation for the current tax year was reported to the County Board of Commissioners Monday by Frank Moore, Tax Supervisor. He said this is a 6.81 percent increase. It would bring an additional \$200,000 in tax revenue to the county on the basis of the present 99 cents per \$100 tax levy.

6-9-77 - R. E. Wilkins, Duplin County Agricultural Extension Agent for nearly 30 years, plans retirement June 30.

6-9-77 - Colleen Martin has been appointed acting manager of the Warsaw office of East Federal Savings and Loan Association.

6-16-77 - William Craft was elected president of the Duplin County Bar Association.

6-16-77 - Russell J. Lanier, Superior Court Judge for the Fourth Judicial District since 1972, announced his disability retirement as of June 1, 1977.

6-23-77 - Miss Beaulville, Sonja Yvette Miller, was named First Runner-Up in the Miss North Carolina Beauty Pageant last week.

6-30-77 - State and local law enforcement officials began the largest alcoholic raids in Duplin late Saturday and Sunday, arresting 36 persons on charges of illegally possessing and selling beer and liquor.

7-7-77 - The Duplin County Board of Commissioners adopted a budget of \$6,232,393 for the 1977-1978 fiscal year in a special session Thursday.

7-15-77 - Mrs. Jo Jones, a teacher at James Kenan High School, has been named Duplin

County Teacher of the Year by the Duplin County Association of Classroom Teachers.

7-21-77 - Gene Ballard has been appointed Dean of Instruction at James Sprunt Institute, filling the position formerly held by Dr. Carl D. Price, President.

8-25-77 - "No Contest Contest" winners, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Wilson of Leesville, S.C., have been invited by the Chamber of Commerce to visit Warsaw for a Red Carpet Weekend, October 21-22.

9-1-77 - Nash Johnson of Rose Hill, pioneer turkey industryman, was inducted into the North Carolina Poultry Hall of Fame during the annual Poultry Federation banquet August 29 in Winston-Salem.

9-15-77 - Mrs. Lois Britt, Duplin County 4-H Extension Agent, has been chosen president-elect of the North Carolina Federation of Cooperative Extension Associations.

10-6-77 - The Kenansville Town Board voted 3 to 2 Monday night to attempt to purchase the historic James Blount house to use for a town hall.

10-13-77 - Mark Vinson of Kenansville was elected President of the Duplin County Dorothy Wightman "Friends of the Public Library."

11-3-77 - 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.

11-10-77 - Franklin Williams of Route 1, Wallace, was named

"Conservation Farmer of the Year" at a banquet held at the Oak Ridge Community Building which concluded the 7th annual Duplin Soil Conservation District Tour.

12-1-77 - Elizabeth Spicer, 19, of Kenansville, received a \$1,000 scholarship from Coats & Clark, Inc., sponsor of the 4-H clothing program, at the 56th National 4-H Congress in Chicago November 27 - December 1.

12-1-77 - Henry L. Stevens, III, of Warsaw, and James R. Strickland of Jacksonville, were appointed Superior Court Judges of the Fourth North Carolina Judicial District Wednesday by Governor James B. Hunt.

12-8-77 - 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.

12-8-77 - 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.

12-8-77 - 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.

12-22-77 - Bob Williams, Plant Manager of National Spinning's Beaulville operation, announced his company's plans for expansion of the Beaulville plant.

Jury List

The following names and addresses were filed with the Register of Deeds to appear January 9, 1978 at 10 a.m. for Superior Criminal Court:

W. T. Harper, Wallace; Johnnie Weatherspoon, Rose Hill; Myrtle Combs, Bowdens; Ivey Jones, Jr., Wallace; Aaron Newkirk, Jr., Route 1, Magnolia; Comella Garganue Brown, Chinquapin; Eunice Lee Coston, Wallace; J.D. Taylor, Warsaw; Roger H. Johnson, Wallace; John Franklin Bryan, Route 1, Kenansville; Hones E. Vann, Route 1, Magnolia; Ella Ray Murphy, Route 2, Rose Hill; Lynn Faulk Outlaw, Route 2, Mount Olive; Dorothy H. Outlaw, Route 2, Mount Olive; Joe Fennell, Route 2, Rose Hill; Orlan M. James, Route 2, Wallace; Mary A. Fennell, Rose Hill; Marissa Lynn Quinn, Beaulville; Raymond Kennedy, Wallace; Shirley C. Nethercut, Chinquapin; Mabel Sampson Mitchell, Kenansville; James Thomas Boney, Wallace; Michael Devone Newkirk, Route 1, Kenansville; James Edward Smith, Kenansville; Magdalene Harper, Albemarle; Sears James, Wallace; Martha Barnes Newkirk, Route 1, Wallace;

Bonnie Lee Johnson, Mount Olive; Roseann Dlescewski Dail, Route 1, Chinquapin; Anthony Lee Kennedy, Route 2, Pink Hill; Dennis Wayne Henderson, Route 1, Kenansville; Elton Duan Mercer, Route 1, Beaulville; Thomas Herring, Albertson; Rosalyne B. Hall, Rose Hill; Louis Clement Jones, Magnolia; James Allen Knowles, Route 1, Teachey; Charlotte Smith Johnson, Wallace; Janice Korngay, Mount Olive; Dorothy H. Jones, Rose Hill; Rosa Smith Brown, Route 1, Magnolia; Sinarah Thigpen, Pink Hill; James E. Korngay, Jr., Route 2, Mount Olive; William Pickett McKay, Kenansville; Christine W. Jones, Route 1, Mount Olive; Edna Ray West, Warsaw; Elmore Spell, Magnolia; Donnie Outlaw, Mount Olive; Jette S. Lee, Albertson; G. Sprunt Hall, Bowdens; Lytle Mae Price, Seven Springs; Jackson Davis Morrison, Wallace; Elsie Miller Houston, Route 1, Warsaw; Ma. Maggie Pearsall, Calypso; Carolyn A. Murphy, Rose Hill; Mrs. C.H. Hearn, Wallace; Annie Ruth Stevens, Wallace; W.L. Hussey, Jr., Wallace; William C. Stockland, Warsaw; Vernette Jarman Batts, Route 2, Faison; Larry Jones, Route 1, Beaulville; Paul Quinn, Route 2, Beaulville; Mary E. Taylor, Warsaw; Dallas Mercer, Kenansville; Jerry Broadbark, Warsaw; Orlan James Taylor, Route 2, Warsaw; James Earl Stocker, Route 2, Warsaw; Isabel Robinson, Faison; Manco Broadbark, Route 3, Wallace; Carolyn Phillips Robinson, Beaulville; Don DeLeon Wells, Kenansville; Bernadine Thomas, Route 2, Rose Hill; W. J. Jones, Rose Hill; W. J. Jones, Rose Hill; W. J. Jones, Rose Hill;

Armed Robbery In Warsaw

The Scotchman Store on Highway 117 in Warsaw was robbed by three gunmen around 9:35 p.m. last Wednesday night.

Warsaw Policeman Tony Braswell spotted a car parked on Hill Street with a woman sitting in the car and turned around to investigate. When Braswell turned into the Scotchman's, a man came out of the store and said he had been robbed.

Three Wilmington men were later arrested in Rose Hill by the Highway Patrol and taken to Duplin County jail. The men then tried to overpower the Duplin deputies, but were unsuccessful.

Around \$500 in cash and checks was stolen in the robbery.

The three men are in Duplin County jail under \$100,000 bonds. They were believed to have been involved in another robbery that took place in Goldboro earlier that night.

Attempted Bank Robbery

A lone man walked into the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company branch office in Chinquapin Friday and attempted to rob the bank.

The man walked up to a window and passed a note asking for money. The lady at the window would not give him the money so he left.

No arrest has been made.



FIRE DESTROYS HOME - Fire destroyed the Arthur Wood home on N.C. 50 in Kenansville early Tuesday causing damage estimated at \$25,000. Wood said he woke up to find the house filled with smoke. His family escaped without injury. Firemen fought the blaze for 90 minutes. Assistant Kenansville Fire Chief Billy Williams said he believed the fire started from the furnace.

Schools Open Monday

The Duplin County Schools will open Monday, January 2, 1978.

Stickers, Plates For 1978 Go On Sale January 3rd

The North Carolina Department of Transportation's Division of Motor Vehicles reminded citizens that validation stickers and plates for 1978 will go on sale throughout the State on January 3.

Renewal cards necessary for obtaining a 1978 sticker or plate were mailed December 15 by the Division of Motor Vehicles and should be received by January 1. Anyone not receiving a renewal card should notify the Division of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh (919-733-3025). It will take from 10 days to 2 weeks to obtain a card. Newcomers to North Carolina, or those buying a car for the first time, should make application for a license plate at the nearest local agency. New plates or stickers must be displayed by midnight February 15, 1978.

Motorists are reminded also that plates will be \$1 higher this year. The extra dollar was authorized by the General Assembly and will be used for continuation of the driver education program.

With the exception of some special classifications, 1978 automobile licenses will be renewed with a validation sticker to be affixed to the upper right-hand corner of the current plate, over the 1977 validation sticker. Care should be taken to place the sticker exactly as instructed to prevent accidental removal.

An annual license plate will continue to be issued for all other classifications, including trucks.

Any newly acquired vehicle will be issued a plate and sticker unless a plate is to be transferred.

Gonzalez Rivers, Director of Registration, said "Nine new special classification agencies were opened in 1977, three in Wake County alone, to accommodate the needs of our citizens. We hope this will alleviate some long lines, especially at our headquarters in Raleigh."