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Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

Unless you happen to be one of those folks who took off on the UFO in the movie, "Close Encounters," I am sure you know this past weekend has been a football weekend. The only thing surpassing the TV coverage of football, possibly would be the newspaper coverage of the movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

The TV around my house has been tuned in to all the games, and with the cheer leaders screaming, "We need a touch-down," or "We are number one," Donna has been screaming also. A few of her remarks that can be published go something like this, "If they didn't play the same thing over and over (replays), it wouldn't take so long to play a football game. . . Look, I have seen that touchdown three times and now I will have to watch it again at halftime, at news time and at sound-up time. . . Ugh. . . Well, I am glad to know that when I get up tomorrow morning, I can save myself a lot of talking. . . I'll just have to say Budweiser and I will have said it all. . . Peach Bowl, Orange Bowl. . . Best thing could happen would be to take all the fruit from the house and all you need who are watching football and make a good fruit salad. . . Take his gusto. . . I would like to show his gusto in his ear. . . If that football coach from Michigan wanted another job, he could easily get one advertising chewing gum. . . Look at that little bitty writing in that ad. . . General Motors says engines in their autos are made at different plants. . . Now, if you get a Cadillac with a Chevy engine in it, you will have to keep it. . . Look at the name on that fellow's back. . . I bet he doesn't even know how to spell it. . . Good thing he has a big back. . . 105,000 people at that game. . . I sure would like to have the gate receipts. . . On second thought, I would just like to have the money you have wasted on electricity watching these dumb games. . . I think if another football game comes on TV, I will turn into a football and roll right on out of this house. . . I am going to bed. . . Don't wake me when you come to bed. . ."

Filing Period Open Most Duplin Officials Will Seek Re-Election

The filing period for Democratic and Republican primary elections to be held in May opened Tuesday. Most Duplin County officials up for re-election will seek another term of office.

Sheriff T.E. Revelle, who has held the \$18,300-a-year position since 1962, plans to seek another 4-year term. He had no opposition in 1974 and has none so far for 1978.

Clerk of Court John A. Johnson will be trying for a third term in the \$17,300-a-year position. Political rumors indicate he may be opposed in 1978, although he ran unopposed four years ago.

The terms of three county commissioners will expire at the end of 1978. All have filed and they will run again for the \$2,600-a-year post.

Emmett Kelly of the second district will seek a sixth term and Arliss Albertson of Beula-ville is trying for a second term from the fifth district. Early indications are that both may face opposition.

Willard Hoffler of Wallace plans to seek a sixth term from the fourth district. He has no opposition yet.

T.J. Baker of Wallace will have opposition in his run for a fifth two-year term as state representative from the 10th district. Douglas Clark of Kenansville announced Tuesday that he had filed for that office.

Harold Hardison of Deep Run has no open opposition as yet in his bid for the Democratic nomination for a fifth two-year term in the state Senate's fifth district (Duplin, Lenoir and Jones counties).

Both legislative posts pay \$4,800 per year.

Two superior court judges from the area will seek their first full terms on the bench, according to early reports. Judge Henry Stevens, III, of Warsaw and Judge Jim Strickland of Jacksonville were both appointed by Governor James B. Hunt. Stevens was named to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Russell Lanier. Strickland was appointed to fill a new position.

Doug Clark Files For State House Seat



Doug Clark

activities, he has helped organize the Democratic Women, Teen-Dems, and the Duplin Democrat Club. At the state level, he has served as state treasurer of the Young Democrats and the North Carolina Consumers Council. In 1977 he received the first annual Democrat of the Year award in Duplin County.

Clark said of his campaign, "I plan to run a person-to-person campaign, and I hope to see every voter. Being the only C.P.A. in the state legislature, as well as a former state auditor, I will be able to understand the state budget. This will allow me to cut out some of the waste and find Duplin's fair share of state tax money. In compliance with the Democratic party rules, I am resigning as county chairman. Mrs. Janice Williams, first vice-chairman, will assume the office."

county in agriculture, and we deserve more voice at the State level. I will fight for that

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Harold Hardison Seeks Re-Election

The following press release was received from Harold W. Hardison after he had filed Tuesday.

"Once again I have the honor of announcing as a Democratic candidate for Senator of the Fifth Senatorial District which I have served for the past four terms representing the people of Duplin, Jones and Lenoir Counties.

"During all those terms of serving in that capacity, I have enjoyed the privilege of representing those counties in the North Carolina State Senate, and have tried to work diligently all that time in that capacity, and would greatly appreciate the opportunity and honor to return for another term. I have been honored with positions on several important Senatorial Committees and Legislative Commissions, several of which

meet regularly throughout each year when the Legislature is not in session.

Although the time and duties involved in all those services continue to increase each year, I would be honored to be re-elected again to this office after seriously considering all factors involved, and I believe that I can continue to honorably and effectively represent Duplin, Jones and Lenoir Counties in that office. Again, I make this announcement that I will be a Democratic candidate in the 1978 elections as Senator for the North Carolina Fifth Senatorial District and promise to continue to devote my best time and efforts to this important office and do earnestly solicit the support of the voters of the District in my behalf and thank them for their past and future support and confidence.



T.E. Revelle



John A. Johnson



Harold Hardison



Emmett Kelly

Office Relocations

Due to construction in the Courthouse annex, the following offices will be relocated, according to Russell Tucker:

The Tax Collector will be relocated to a mobile unit on the Courthouse lawn in front of the Agricultural Extension Service.

Tax Supervisor, Veteran Service Officer and County Accountant offices will be relocated in mobile units on the Courthouse lawn.

The Board of Elections office will be relocated to the Soil Conservation Office in front of Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co.

The Clerk of Court and the Register of Deeds will remain in the Courthouse Annex, however, Court will be held in the Hoffler Building at James Sprunt Institute.

The relocation of these offices will start on January 5, 1978.



Willard Hoffler



T.J. Baker

Corn Production Meeting

A meeting on Corn Production is planned for Monday night, January 9 at 7 p.m. at the Agricultural Building in Kenansville.

All corn producers in Duplin County are invited.

Dr. Krenzer, Corn Specialist from North Carolina State University will discuss several topics of importance to the 1978 crop. Among those will be molds, variety selection, drought stress, fertilizer and storage.



Arliss Albertson

Campaign Opens To Purchase 'Jaws Of Life' Machine

The Duplin County Rescue Squad Association will attempt to raise \$5,400 this month to purchase a "jaws of life" machine, according to Billy

Ward of Faison, Captain. January was designated as "Jaws of Life" month in the county by the Board of Commissioners last month.

Donations may be sent to the Jaws of Life Fund, Branch Banking and Trust Co., Warsaw.

The following speech was given by Doug Clark Tuesday morning at his filing for office in the Duplin County Courthouse.

"Duplin Democrats, today I am filing for the office of State Representative for Duplin County. It is my hope that in the next 119 days before you cast your ballot that you will have an opportunity to study my reasons for running for this position and know my ability to provide an active leadership for you in Raleigh.

"I will be working on better roads, including getting the extension of Interstate 40 to enter Duplin County. We get our proportionate share of secondary road money because it is allotted on a formula, but we have not received our share of primary road money because it is based on hard work and political know-how. Look at Highways 117 and 24.

"Duplin is the number one



IT'S A GIRL! - A baby girl arrived January 2 to be the first baby born in Duplin County in 1978. The first baby born in Duplin General Hospital in the new year is Almee Jonette Rogers, who was born at 11:22 a.m. on January 2, 1978. She is the first child of Delmer K. and Linda Rogers of Route 2, Rose Hill. The newborn weighed five pounds and eight ounces and is 18 1/2 inches long. Dr. Edward Boyette delivered Almee Jonette and Cynthia Montford, R.N., was the nurse. All reports indicate mother and baby are doing fine, but the daddy has a very sore nose from looking through the nursery window.