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Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

Just briefly, I want to touch on Duplin County's Board of Commissioners deciding not to hire a county-wide recreation director. . . I must do more research on this, and will devote more space to it next week. . . But this week, I WILL say. . . If there is, or if there is not, a Recreation Director in Duplin County it will mean no difference in your taxes. . . Nothing that small can effect your tax rate. . . So, if some Commissioner seeking re-election, or seeking favors, tries to tell you that was his reason for voting against it. . . Tell him you pay your taxes and it would seem the Commissioners could add something for the pleasure of the taxpayers. . . Your taxes do nothing pleasurable for you. . . Two high-priced autos could have been eliminated and the recreation program funded. . . I'll get further into this next week, also.

Faison Fire Department, until a few months ago, held a weekly bingo game and used the money for department improvements. However, it was determined bingo was illegal in Duplin County, so they closed down their operation voluntarily. . . They were not ordered to do so, but did it on their own. . . This past Sunday Duplin Sheriff Elwood Revelle radioed one of his deputies, Glenn Jernigan, who had been assigned to a case near Wallace. . . Jernigan is also Faison Fire Chief. . . Revelle advised him he had a hot tip that he and Jernigan should check out. . . Jernigan met him in Warsaw and Revelle advised him the location of the activity was near Faison. When the two arrived there they parked at the Fire Station and there were no cars around the station. Revelle told Jernigan he had a tip that bingo games were being held at the Fire Station. . . This was the first Jernigan knew of the tip. "Sheriff, there is no truth

whatsoever to that lie," said Jernigan as he chomped down on his cigar, his face turning red. . . "Let's go into the Fire Station and make a few phone calls and see if we can find out who told you that lie," he continued, as he began chomping, stomping and swinging his arms, mad as a flogging rooster. . . But when he swung open the door of the Fire Station, he was staring into the faces of most of his Fire and Rescue personnel, who were smiling ear to ear and singing "Happy Birthday." . . He almost swallowed his cigar. . . Surprise. . . Surprise. . . I was at a fellow's house near Stockinghead last week, and saw this old gentleman ever so gently lift his saucer filled with coffee up to his mouth and drink. . . It reminded me of when I was a youngster. . . I used to watch Grandpa and Grandma drink their coffee from a saucer. . . So many times I tried to imitate them, but always spilled the hot coffee on myself. . . I wanted to drink coffee, but was seldom allowed to. . . It wasn't the taste of coffee I liked though. . . I just wanted to drink from the saucer. . . In fact I guess I thought the only reason for a saucer was to drink from. . . I would even pour the coffee into the saucer, blow it like Grandpa did to cool it, then slip it to the edge of the table to drink, for I just could not pick it up without spilling it. . . Nowadays drinking from a saucer is considered bad manners, but in my younger days, to watch Grandpa and Grandma do it was like watching an artist. . . They could lift a saucer filled almost to the running over, and never spill a drop. . . Of course, Grandmas and Grandpas are a special breed of people, anyway. . . Surprising what they will let grandchildren do that they did not let their own children do. . . Son-of-a-Gun. . .

Cowans, Monk Honored At 4-H Leaders Banquet

George Cowans, a poultry farmer from the Cedar Fork Community, and Edd Monk, a 79-year-old retired farmer from the Stanford Community, were honored as outstanding citizens during Duplin County's Annual 4-H Leaders Banquet held at The Country Squire last Friday night.

State Senator Harold Hardison presented the awards to the two after giving out certificates to the following six other nominees: (Each person was nominated by a 4-H club) Dr. Edwin P. Ewers, Physician, Warsaw Shamrock 4-H Club; Thomas Elwood Revelle, Sheriff, Youth In Action 4-H Club; William C. Sullivan, Farmer, Oak Ridge 4-H Club; Daniel D. Williams, Retired Farmer, Oak Plain 4-H Club; Rev. R.H. Williams, Baptist

Pastor, Cloverleaf 4-H Club; and Quincy Jackson Sutton, Sr., Retired Building Inspector, New Horizons 4-H Club.

The Outstanding Citizen Award is given each year as a highlight of the Farm Bureau sponsored banquet, which honors 4-H leaders and others who support the program. The two winners were recognized for the contributions and service they have made to the 4-H program.

Cowans helped the first successful community 4-H club in eastern North Carolina to get started. An active Ruritan, Thomas Elwood Revelle, Cowans gives 4-H programs, has served as a 4-H leader, and is active in the Baptist Church. His present hobby is a museum, which he shares with the community. He and his wife, Odell, are the parents of four

children, Ronald and Waitas of the home community, Becky of Durham, and JoAnn, deceased.

Monk, President of Rose Hill Funeral Home, has served on just about every committee in the county, and is loved and respected by young and old alike. An active Baptist, Monk also is a member of the Board of Trustees of James Sprunt Institute. He and his wife, Marie, have no children, but reared one girl, who is a graduate of Shaw University.

Josephine Outlaw of Kenansville and Thurman Alphin of Mount Olive were recognized as Outstanding 4-H Leaders 1977 - Duplin and Area.

After a welcome by D.J. Kilpatrick, President of Duplin Farm Bureau, Bob Jenkins, Administrative Assistant of the N.C. Farm Bureau, was intro-

duced as the speaker by emcee Robert Worthington. . . Jenkins opened his talk by expressing his pleasure for being asked to speak at the banquet. "I don't know of a better job than to come and talk to a group of leaders such as

you," stated Jenkins. "If I had to pick a subject," Jenkins continued, "it would be, As you sow, so will you reap. You are here tonight as leaders who have already sowed, and you will reap with the development of the youth you have

helped." Lois Britt, Duplin Extension Agent, 4-H, reviewed the 4-H year and praised the leaders and supporters, saying, "We couldn't afford to pay you for the services rendered during the year."



OUTSTANDING CITIZENS AWARDS - (L to R) State Senator Harold Hardison presented awards to George Cowans of Cedar Fork and Edd Monk of Stanford during the annual Duplin 4-H Leaders Banquet on Friday night, as Robert Worthington, Farm Bureau Agency Manager, and D.J. Kilpatrick, President of Duplin Farm Bureau, look on.

Rotary Student Honored



Brian Raynor West, a senior at James Kenan High School, has been selected as Rotary Student of the Month by the Warsaw-Kenansville Rotary Club. Brian was honored by the club at their weekly meeting last Thursday. Brian has been nominated for a Golden Star Award in English. He was a winner in the Four

County EMC Essay Contest last year and also a Youth Consulting Representative at the national meeting in Las Vegas this year. He was a runner-up in the Century III Leadership Writing Awards, and was named Outstanding Teenager by the Warsaw Jaycees.

Brian's extracurricular activities include Senior Class President, tennis team, Jaycee

basketball, Football team manager, Monogram Club, and Pep Club.

Brian received his Eagle Scout Award last year. He is a member of the Warsaw United Methodist Church and participates in many community projects.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. West of Warsaw.



NOMINEES - Lois Britt, Duplin 4-H Extension Agent, is shown with the other nominees for the 4-H Outstanding Citizen Award held last Friday night. Pictured, (L to R) Britt, Dr. Edwin Ewers, Sheriff Elwood Revelle, William Sullivan, Q.J. Sutton and Rev. R.H. Williams. Nominee Daniel D. Williams is not pictured.

Third Traffic Fatality For The Year

Annie Smith Batts, 52, of Rose Hill, was killed instantly Saturday when the left rear wheel of her auto fell off causing the auto to skid into the path of another car.

This was the third traffic fatality in Duplin County this year.

The accident happened at 3:55 p.m. March 4 on Highway

117, two miles south of Rose Hill. The Batts auto, a 1971 Dodge, skidded into the path of Virginia Cottle Brown, 48, who was traveling north in a 1973 Ford. Ms. Brown was taken to Duplin General Hospital.

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Board Hears Complaints On Meals Served Under Nutrition Program

Walter Brown, Director of Nutrition, appeared before the Duplin Board of Commissioners Monday to report on the meals being prepared by Dyneteria and served under the Nutrition program in Duplin County. Brown told the Board that he is and has been monitoring the quality of food and whenever necessary writing and visiting the Dyneteria Company regarding the food preparation and serving.

The principal problem is food and lack of quality and quantity, he said. Brown said he believes the company has outgrown its facilities.

"They carry the food in an electric container that is plugged into the truck electrical system and the food is cold when it gets to Faison," he said. "After meals for the Faison center are removed, the truck comes to Rose Hill and the food has warmed up. I think the truck unit is over-taxed."

William Costin said after

receiving numerous complaints, he ate a meal at the Warsaw center. "Not only does it need to be nutritious, it needs to have taste as well. The program needs monitoring," he said.

Brown said although the situation is improving, it will never be as good as it was when the program was getting meals from the local schools.

Brown said the quality of some items was so bad that "I told them to discontinue them. Cornbread came in so hard you

couldn't even break it, much less eat it." He also said meatballs and Waldorf salad had to be dropped.

Brown suggested the county set up its own kitchen. The program serves meals to 174 persons. Brown said the county could provide the meals for less than the \$1.46 now being charged and do a better job of it.

The Board discussed using the old school at Wallace and the mental health program center, Archway East, at Rose Hill, and decided to look into the matter further to try to find a satisfactory solution.

Meals are now served at the New Christian Chapel of Rose Hill, Mt. Zion Holiness Church of Warsaw, Burning Bush Church of Faison and Baptist Church of Kenansville. Brown hopes to add a unit at Chincaspin soon.

The Board discussed a request from the Health Department for a new automobile. Commissioner Kelly will work with Joe Costin to determine what type automobile is needed.

The contract for Phase I of the proposed intensive care unit addition to Duplin County General Hospital was let to Luther T. Rodgers of Wilmington for \$189,453.

Architectural fees and a 2.5% contingency fund brought the total cost to the phase of the three-step project to \$217,126.

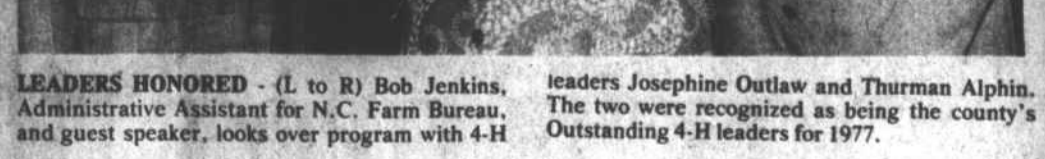
Phase I will include the steel of the building, a second story over a parking area. The parking area will be on a plot of a ground floor. The steel will be portions of the existing building. The hospital board

sent by David John Kilpatrick, chairman, Cecil Miller, treasurer, and Richard Harrells, Administrator, asked the Board for \$67,126 in addition to the \$150,000 previously given the hospital for the building project. The Board approved the request. It appropriated \$30,000 from revenue sharing, \$10,000 from general, and \$27,126 from the hospital equipment and maintenance funds for the purpose. Construction work must be started by April 5.

Jim Rusher, Industrial Developer, and Harry Oswald of the Industrial Development Board, met with the Commissioners to report on the activities of the Industrial Development Office. Discussed was the new addition to National Spinning, new prospects for Duplin County, and the extension of a waterline to the spec building in Wallace. Rusher reviewed the

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LEADERS HONORED - (L to R) Bob Jenkins, Administrative Assistant for N.C. Farm Bureau, and guest speaker, looks over program with 4-H leaders Josephine Outlaw and Thurman Alphin. The two were recognized as being the county's Outstanding 4-H leaders for 1977.

Student Tests Set In Duplin

During the first two weeks of April, all Duplin County school students in grades one, two, three, six and nine will begin taking tests in the basic areas of reading, writing and arithmetic. This is called the Annual Testing Program, and is required by legislation enacted by the 1977 General Assembly.

The purpose of this testing program is to: (1) assess the effectiveness of our educational process; (2) insure that each pupil receives maximum benefit; and (3) help local school systems and teachers identify and correct students' needs in basic skills.

Criterion referenced tests will be used in the first and second grades, and norm referenced

tests will be given in grades 3, 6 and 9. Each parent will receive a copy of his or her child's score on the Annual Test by early June. More information will be available on interpreting the test scores from your local school.

In addition to the two state testing programs, Duplin County students in grades four, five, seven and eight will be tested by the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills. These scores will be available at your local school in early June.

Third District Congressman Charlie Whitley announced that the Third District Mobile Office will make stops in Duplin County on March 15. It will be at the Post Office at the following times and locations.

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... March comes in like a lion. . . Let's all hope spring is around the corner and March leaves like a lamb. (Photo by Donna Lanier)