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## Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

Want to tell you a story. . . A story that might happen in a small or in a large town, county, state or country. . . A story I'll call fictional. . .

The story takes place in what I will call Ruralville. Ruralville is a small country with a population of around 40,000, and is made up of several small villages, the largest having a population of just over 3,000. If all the villages were concentrated into one village, a good sized town larger than Clinton or Mount Olive would, of course, be the center. . .

However, most of the country work was in agriculture, and the small villages were best for that type of setting. . . Now, the people of this Ruralville elected, by popular vote, five men to rule with rotating terms of four years. Ruralville was divided into five sections by population, and one man from each section was elected. These men were given the power to set the tax rate and to govern how the tax money collected was to be spent. In most places there was a law enforcement budget, a sanitation budget, a health budget, etc. Now, for about 5 or 6 years the people of Ruralville asked the ruling men to use part of that money to set up a fun-type program, saying, "We pay our taxes for all the necessary things, but we would like some type of a recreation program. . . for our young, and our not-so-young. . ."

Each time this came up, the five men would say, "Not now. . . Maybe later. . ." One fine day the ruling men said, "OK, we will try a pleasure program. We will advertise and try to find a person who can run such a program. . . And they did so, to the shock and amazement of many. . . However, there were some in Ruralville who thought this was a waste of money. . . But there was another group that having worked so hard in the past for this type of program, was so shocked at the five men's agreement that they stood back with their mouths agape in disbelief. . . And rightly so, for when the day came to hire this person, the five once again said, "No, not now. . . We have a funding problem. . ."

Now two of the three men who

## Hot School To Get Cool

A group of PTO members from Chinquapin II School appeared before the Duplin County Board of Education meeting Tuesday night to present two plans for air conditioning the school.

Morrison Sholar, president of the PTO, presented the two plans to the board.

Number One was to lead the BOE \$10,800 to wire and install the airconditioners at the school with the Board to repay the PTO the next budget year.

The second plan was to lead the Board \$5,800 in order for the Board to rewire the school, with the Board to repay the PTO in July, so that the PTO could purchase the air conditioner.

Dr. E. L. Boyette made a motion for the Board to accept the second plan. The Board voted unanimously to accept the proposal.



**GIRL SCOUT WEEK PROCLAIMED** - This year, Girl Scout Week in the United States is March 12-18. Mayor Douglas Judge of Kenansville signed a proclamation designating the week at his office. Attending the ceremony were Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts and their leaders from Kenansville. Since its founding 66 years ago, the organization has opened doors to new worlds for many girls, and now it has become an important part of community life. Today more than three million girls and adults are members, and since its inception in Savannah, Georgia, in 1912, more than 32 million girls, women and men volunteers have been in Girl Scouting. Because Girl Scouting stressed the highest ideals of character and personal ethics, it helped girls develop their

potential for active citizenship and has benefited the community. Mayor Judge called upon all citizens of Kenansville and Duplin County to continue to actively support Girl Scouts and join them in their efforts toward conserving energy and natural resources as well as their other service projects related to community, national and international concerns. "We need Girl Scouts. They really contribute a lot to our communities," stated Judge. Pictured (L to R), First Row - Zane Stepp, Penny Bowden, Mayor Judge, Deborah Stokes, Georgia Stokes, Jill Henderson, Tara Gay Stroud, Linda Stepp, Allison Stroud and Dilaine Hall. Not pictured, Leaders Elaine Hall of Brownie Troop 562, and Margaret Pittman of Junior Troop 386 in Kenansville.

## Snow Day Make-Up

Make-up snow day for Duplin County Schools will be May 5. The schools lost a day of school March 3 due to the snow. May 5 was a scheduled teacher vacation day. The Board of Education made this decision at their meeting Tuesday night.

## Revival

Cedar Fork Baptist Church revival services will begin March 20 and run through March 26. The Rev. Edwin Bullock, Director of the Brotherhood Department of the N.C. Baptist State Convention will be the guest evangelist. Services begin each night at 7:30 and are at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Special music will be provided each night. A nursery will also be provided. The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend.

# Joint PCA & FLBA Annual Stockholders Meeting Held

Around 1,600 attended a joint stockholders' meeting of Coastal Production Credit Association and Federal Land Bank Association of Clinton, March 9, 1978, at Kenan Memorial Auditorium in Kenansville.

The meeting was called to order by "Slim Short", master of ceremonies, who welcomed the members and guests of the two cooperatives. Invocation was given by Garland P. King, former President of CPCA, J. Lin A. Smith, President of FLBA, and Roy Houston, President of CPCA, introduced their directors and employees respectively. Charles Highsmith from Pender County and Edwin Clemmons from Brunswick County, were re-elected to 3-year terms on the board of CPCA.

Tom Morgan, Assistant Vice President, Field, Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, introduced his boss, C.W.S. Horne, Executive Vice President, Federal Intermediate

Credit Bank and Federal Land Bank of Columbia, as the speaker. The FICB is the source where CPCA and FLBA gets its money to lend their stockholders.

Horne stated that the fine cured outlook was good, corn was cheap, and pork showed promise.

Speaking to the stockholders, Horne said, "You have two hard-working energetic heads of your associations who are willing and eager to help you with all your loan business."

"I think Joe Califano is a greater threat to the tobacco farmers than Ralph Nader was to General Motors," stated Horne. "I don't know what you can buy today that is any cheaper than credit," continued Horne. "We will continue to work on a one-to-one basis with farmers who are in need. If we feel a farmer has a chance to make it, we will stick with them until the last possible time. Farmers are the best people in the world," concluded Horne.



**JOINT MEETING** - (L to R) Roy Houston, President of Coastal Production Credit Association of Kenansville; Slim Short, master of ceremonies from Greenville; and John Smith, President of Federal Land Bank Association of Clinton, are shown after the annual joint stockholders meeting held in Kenansville on Thursday, March 9.

## Tin City Man Charged With Theft Of Electricity

James Earl Glaspie of Route 2, Wallace, was charged Thursday with the theft of electricity by the Rose Hill division of Four County Electric Membership Corporation.

Deputy E.G. Baker and Glenn Bradshaw, a Four County EMC serviceman, went to the Glaspie residence at Tin City

near the junction of N.C. 11 and N.C. 41 and found lights on in three rooms of the house and an electric range in use. Electricity had been disconnected at the house September 3, 1974, due to non-payment of the bill.

Baker and Bradshaw found the meter was not registering and the disconnect seal had

## Headmaster Killed

Joseph Whitfield Newkirk, 49, of Route 1, Rose Hill, Headmaster at Harrells Christian Academy, was killed about 7:20 p.m. Monday when his car collided with a parked tractor-trailer low-boy eight miles east of Rose Hill on State Road 1102.

According to the Highway Patrol, the truck was parked in a curve partially on the roadway. Newkirk died shortly after arrival at Duplin General Hospital in Kenansville.

A former school principal at Magnolia and math teacher at James Kenan High School, Newkirk had headed the private school in Sampson County near the Duplin County line since it was established in 1969.

He served as clerk of session at Oak Plain Presbyterian Church, president of the Duplin County Chapter of the Full Gospel Businessmen, and was a member of the board of trustees of James Sprunt Institute.

A graduate of Atlantic Christian College, he received his master's degree from East Carolina University.

Funeral services were held

## Phil Ford In Kenansville

The Kenansville Jaycees are pleased to announce that Phil Ford, Tom Zalligaris and Geff Crompton will be in Kenansville on Friday, March 24th at 7 p.m. They will play the Kenansville Jaycees in Kenan Auditorium.

Tickets for the game will be \$3.00 per person, and are available in advance, from Kenansville Drug, Quinn's Variety, Bank of North Carolina, and Dean's Barber Shop. Tickets will also be available at the door.

This is a great chance to see the ACC's Player of the Year, Phil Ford, in action. The 6'2" Rocky Mount senior was everybody's All American, and is an exciting performer. He is Carolina's all-time leader in scoring and assists.

Joining him in Kenansville will be Tom Zalligaris, who keyed Carolina's rally over Purdue last year in the Eastern Regionals enroute to a 2nd place NCAA finish. Also coming is 5'11", 290 pound Geff Crompton from Burlington, who played a valuable role as back-up center on this year's ACC regular season championship team.

Four years ago David Thompson appeared in Kenansville and the gym was packed for this great who has gone on to the pros to become an All-Star. Now we have a chance to see Phil Ford, whom Coach Dean Smith calls "the perfect guard."

been removed. Four County EMC claims it is owed \$507.94 for electricity and \$35 for damage to the meter. Glaspie told officers he did not tamper with the meter and that he knew nothing about meters.

Thursday night, Glaspie was being held in Duplin County jail under \$500 bond.

Wednesday from the Oak Plain Presbyterian Church with the Rev. W. Clark Porter, III, Rev. Horace Hilton and Rev. Wendell Freeman officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Betty Ditch Newkirk; two sons, Joseph Michael (Mike) and George (Bud) Whitfield of the home; his father, L.W. Newkirk of Magnolia; three sisters, Mrs. George Hanks, Jr. of Magnolia, Mrs. Albert Zurl of Goldsboro, and Mrs. Benjamin Norfleet of Newport News, Va.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to the Joseph Newkirk Memorial Fund at Harrells Christian Academy.

**Precinct Meeting**

On March 16 at 7:30 p.m., the Warsaw Democrat Precinct will meet at the old city hall in Warsaw.

J.C. Page, precinct chairman, urges all Democrats to attend this meeting.