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### Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners appointed a committee recently to look into the possibility of hiring a building inspector. It appears at this time they will recommend the hiring of such a person. The Federal government will require this by 1981. The main idea behind the position is to protect the home buyer or the home builder from shoddy work by requiring all work meet minimum standards. The electrical wiring should be of the correct size (incorrect size, though it may be cheaper in the beginning, will cause electricity bills to be higher, and is dangerous). Insulation is a requirement now. Not all installers are knowledgeable regarding correct insulation installation.

Plumbing is another source of shoddy work, especially by jack legs. The average person buying or building a home is not aware of all the correct ways of installing, or the correct size of items going into a building.

Thus the building inspector can see that these things are correct. There will be some, I am sure, who will complain that the price of homes will increase due to the expense of the inspector.

It will be an added cost. I provided the building has been built to standards previously. It has been using incorrect, jack-leg methods, this will require him to build correctly, and will of course, increase the cost. But it will also increase the value of the home, as well.

After all, a non-sagging roof or a cheaper electric bill over a 33-year mortgage will compensate for added cost at building time. Most loan companies require standards to be above the state standards now, so in reality, there should be no increase in building prices due to the inspector. Just better homes.

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The Board of Commissioners will, after the May Primary, be looking over the 1978-79 budget. For the first time, they will be looking at raises for county employees under the new merit system, a system that is supposed to leave politics and friendship out of the process. The county worker is to be raised on job performance only, with the idea being that only those deserving a raise will get one.

In the past, the raises have been to every county worker across the board, so to speak. So friends, relatives and political allies would not be left out, as some, mind you, some not all, were not performing as they were capable or as required. However, I am not quite sure how this is going to take place. It has been mentioned that department heads will list in priorities those whom they feel deserve the merit increases. I don't exactly see how this will be fair.

Say, for an example, the Commissioners decide to give raises to the top three in each department. Some Departments have 20 or more employees, while others may have only 5 or 6. And the top three in a department with only a few may be less deserving than the number 5 employee in a department of 20. But we shall see what we shall see. That is, if the merit raises are disclosed.

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six polocks holding hands. Do you know what 144 Polocks are? Gross ignorance. A Polock was thumbing a ride and a fellow gave him a ride in the back of his pickup truck. The fire blew out, the truck ran off the road, down a hill, through a field and into a river. The driver got out of the cab and looked everywhere for the Polock but could not find him. Finally the Polock came to the top of the river gasping for breath. The truck driver said, "Thank goodness, I thought you had been killed. The Polock said, "I nearly drown. I like to have never got that tailgate down so I could get out." Then there was a Polock who went to the lumber supply house wanting a 4x2. The dealer said, "I think you want a 2x4." "Yes, that is it." "Well, how long do you want it?" After a conference, the Polock answered, "A real long one. We are going to build a house with it." Then there was a group of Polocks trying to erect a telephone pole. A passer-by asked why they were standing it up without a hole for it? "We want to measure it," said one of the polocks. "My goodness," said the man, "why not just measure it?" "We already have. We know how long it is, but now we want to know how high it is," said the Polock. Son-of-a-Gun.

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SPRING FESTIVAL - James Sprunt Institute celebrated their annual Spring Festival Friday with exhibits, demonstrations and live entertainment. The festivities began at noon with a talent

contest and ended at 12 midnight with a bonfire. In the picture above, two JSI students canoe in the pond on campus with the military display helicopter in the background.

## Commissioners Ask School Board For Shorter School Days

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners took action Monday in seeking shorter school days during the upcoming

school year. The resolution is as follows: Whereas it has been brought to the Board of Commissioners' attention from farm families in Duplin County that there is a shortage of farm labor in the county and that since Duplin County is a rural county with small farms and it is necessary for members of the family to work on the farms, and since a large percentage of the families depend on the income of school age for farm labor, and has requested that the Board go on record seeking the support of the Board of Education in setting the hours for the schools in Duplin County to give the most free time possible in the afternoon so the school children can help on the farms.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Board of Commissioners request the Board of Education to determine the possibility of shortening the hours, or changing the regular school hours to give the school children the maximum time available in the afternoon in order to help on the farms in Duplin County during farming season.

Joe Wallace met with the

Board to discuss a proposed bill to revise and consolidate the game laws of North Carolina. The Commissioners voted to write a letter to the N.C. Conservation Law Study Committee opposing any revision or consolidation of the game laws and that Duplin County is in favor of local game laws.

J.C. Nethercutt and Billy Isom, State Highway Commission, met with the Board to discuss county roads. James Sauls and Joe Johnson, citizens, appeared to discuss SR 1338 and SR 1373 and the setting up of priorities for paving roads. Isom reviewed the procedures for establishing priorities for paving county roads and that next spring new priorities will be set up.

Floyd Kennedy appeared to discuss SR 1719. Isom advised Kennedy that action is being taken on this road.

Richard Harrell, Duplin General Hospital Administrator, met with the Board and presented a report of costs that will be needed to complete the Intensive Care Unit Project at the hospital. Additional funds needed total \$330,307. Harrell requested consideration for additional funds. No action was taken.

The Board voted to allocate \$2,000 in anti-recession funds to the Towns of Rose Hill and Wallace, respectively, to be used according to the guidelines governing the expenditures of anti-recession funds.

A motion was made by Costin to adopt a resolution in support of the Goshen Medical Services, Inc.

Bids on the Albertson Recreation Project will be received on April 20, 1978 at 10 a.m.

The Board received notice from the Department of Transportation that beginning April 17th, work crews will begin a four-day work week.

The Board was informed an application has been submitted for a \$7,200 Planning and Inspection Grant.

A letter from the Board of Directors, Neuse River Council of Government, was read to the Board regarding a study for a transportation program in Region P. Duplin County's share for the study will amount to \$277.77.

The Board discussed a Public Relations person to work jointly with the Board of Education and County of Duplin with the county contributing one-fourth the cost. The Commissioners were in agreement not to participate in the program.

Budget hearings will begin on Thursday, May 4th at 9 a.m. and again on May 5th, Friday, at 9 a.m.

In other business, the Board approved a request from Christine Williams, Register of Deeds, to move the microfilm copies of records from the Bank of North Carolina vault in Kenansville to National Underground Storage, Inc., in Boyers, Pa. Storage of the microfilm will cost \$215 a year. All of the documents have been microfilmed with the exception of marriage records, which are not yet completed.

## Carolina All Stars To Play At ND

The Carolina Seniors All Star team will play North Duplin Alumni All Stars Tuesday night, April 25 at 7 p.m. at North Duplin High School Gym.

The Carolina team will feature ACC Player of the Year Phil Ford, Tom Zallagira, and Jeff Crompton and other Tarheel alumni. Tickets in advance will be \$2 and at the door \$2.50.

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## 4-H Members Salute Leaders

Duplin 4-H members are joining forces with other 4-H'ers across the state this week to salute their junior and adult leaders. Lois G. Britt, Extension Agent, 4-H, says the recognition is being held during National Volunteer Week.

"Our 4-H'ers want to point out their leaders' valuable contributions and accomplishments and thank them," Mrs. Britt reports. "Since 4-H is an

informal, learn-by-doing educational program, youngsters need leaders to help them set goals, work on projects, supervise events and activities, and provide encouragement," the agent added.

"Our 4-H leaders have willingly shared their time, energy, talents and resources, and for the most part, this is a quiet behind-the-scenes effort."

## Goshen Medical Services Apply For Planning Grant

A federal planning grant in the amount of \$26,000 has been applied for by the Goshen Medical Services, Inc. of Faison to assist the non-profit organization in acquiring professional services in determining the feasibility of establishing primary care capability in the Faison, Glisson and Wolfscrape townships of Duplin County.

The project will provide funding and professional staff leadership to develop and advise a board of 22 local citizens, who will then design and plan the implementation of health care for their community, something which they have not had for many years.

The project will measure the market, legal structure, financial feasibility, capital needs, management requirements and provider climate in the area. The anticipated outcome of the project will be a community-based plan for the development of a primary care center.

Goshen Medical Center, Inc. is an outgrowth of a desire by the Town Board of Faison to obtain a doctor for the Faison area. They were advised the population of Faison alone was not sufficient to support a physician.

The next step was a meeting of concerned citizens at North

Duplin School, when some 200 showed up to express their desire for medical services in the area. In the three townships of Faison, Glisson and Wolfscrape there is a population of approximately 6,300 persons. However the area does not contain a dentist, physician or pharmacy. It was also pointed out that the entire county of Duplin is rated as medically under-served in regards to both dentists and physicians.

Officers of Goshen Medical Services were elected at the N.D. School meeting, and are: Glenn Jernigan of Faison as President; Ruth Cooper of Route 2, Mount Olive, Vice President; Lucy Williams of Route 2, Mount Olive, Secretary; and Helen Britt of Faison, Treasurer. The Board is made up of two members from the Faison Town Board, Calypso Town Board, Wolfscrape Township, Glisson Township, and Faison Township. They include J.C. Thompson of Route 2, Faison; Austin Carter of Faison; Elva Cottle of Faison; Neil Price of Calypso; Libby Boykin of Calypso; Leslie Southerland of Route 2, Mount Olive; Barry Stringer of Route 2, Mount Olive; Fred Wheelless of Faison; Cecil Langly of Calypso; and Larry Riggie of Calypso.

## Boyd Named Manager Of The Liberty Cart

Richard Boyd of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, has been named general manager of THE LIBERTY CART, A Duplin Story for the 1978 season. THE LIBERTY CART, an outdoor drama with music, is based on the rich and romantic history of Duplin County from 1755-1865. The drama is presented in the William R. Kenan, Jr. Memorial Amphitheatre beginning July 6 and continuing through July 30 in Kenansville.

Boyd has extensive training and experience in the theatre and arts administration. He has directed over 50 productions for educational, community and professional theatres in Tennessee. His background also includes television direction and public relations. For over two years Boyd served as administrative assistant to the executive director of the Tennessee Arts Commission, directing the daily operation of the state arts agency. While working for the Commission, he developed the Bicentennial Program for the Arts for the State of Tennessee, which was recognized as one of the most outstanding in the country. He has served as a consultant to local arts groups and theatres in Tennessee. In 1974 he was named executive secretary for the Tennessee Theatre Association, a state organization that represents all areas of theatre in Tennessee.



In 1976 he was chosen President-Elect and is currently serving as President of the Tennessee Theatre Association. Boyd returned to his home town of Murfreesboro from the Tennessee Arts Commission to develop, manage and direct the productions for Rosecrans Centre, an outdoor theatre under the auspices of the City of Murfreesboro. He produced and directed 1776 and YOU'RE A GOOD MAN CHARLIE BROWN in 1976 and HIT along with playwrights and directors of Nashville.