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### Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

I am sure that over the past few weeks you have had your ear bent or burned, your hand shook, your babies kissed, your shoulder and back patted, been grinned at, and your vote has been asked for. If you have doubts on whom you are going to vote for in some county race, I would like to suggest that you forget all the promises made. Look into the person's background. Look at what the person has done rather than what they may promise for the future. Look at this person's attitude toward Duplin County. Though some races are in only some areas, Duplin County is what they will be representing, not just some area. The total population of Duplin County is under 40,000 people, which is just about enough to make a small city. No area can isolate itself in the county and come out on top. We need people in office who want Duplin County to grow. When Duplin grows, so do the towns and communities in Duplin. Especially this Duplin county in North Carolina. When South Carolina is the best state in the U.S., and if I didn't, I would move. Everything is not perfect in my county, state or country, but a good turnout of the voters, who are interested in their county, state and country will keep the best in office and make changes in other offices.

Have you seen the movie "Annie Hall?" This movie has won all kinds of Academy Awards. I have come to the conclusion that movies which win these awards are not my type of movies. Woody Allen, who starred in and produced "Annie Hall" didn't even show up for the presentation of the Oscar. And after seeing the movie, I don't blame him. I would have paid the box office ticket seller the price of another ticket if she

could have given back the 90 minutes I wasted. Well, all the 90 minutes were not really wasted. I slept through some of the movie. The jokes were so old I am sure most of them were discarded by Milton Berle. I failed to see one fresh new joke. Of course it could have happened while I was asleep. Can you imagine a person going to sleep in a funny movie. I was not even awakened by others laughing. When I dozed off, there seemed to be more people in the theater than when I woke up. I don't know if my snoring made them leave, or if they, like me, were bored. No more Woody Allen for Joe.

Lt. Governor Jimmy Green flew in the state helicopter to Wallace Monday for the dedication of the Mental Health Center at the old C.W. Dobbins School. After the ceremonies, Green, Tommy Baker and Harold Hardison flew to Rose Hill and landed in a vacant lot for the Rose Hill Postcard. The landing caused quite a bit of talk with folks wondering what was going on in Rose Hill. One fellow at a Rose Hill service station said, "Oh! It ain't nothing. They just landed to use the bathroom."

I was introduced last week at a gathering as "Son-of-a-Gun". After an attempt to be amusing with a couple of stories, I was wandering around meeting those at the affair and one fellow said, "So you are Son-of-a-Gun." I smiled and shook his hand. He continued, "Your father must have been a pistol." I had never really thought of it, but he was right. According to some of the stories I have heard, he was quite a pistol in his hey-day. Son-of-a-Gun.

## Voters To Decide Tuesday, May 2 Final Week Of Campaigning Ends

The campaigning is nearing an end for the May 2 Democratic and Republican primaries. The voters will go to the polls Tuesday to cast their votes. All Duplin County officials up for re-election are seeking another term. Candidates seeking re-election unopposed are: Sheriff T.E. Beville, Clerk of Court John A. Johnson, State Senator Harold Hardison of Deep Run.

In the race for County Commissioners, three districts will elect board members. In the Third District, which includes Hallsville, Beulaville, Cedar Fork, Cypress Creek and Chinquapin precincts, incumbent Arliss Albertson is opposed by Orzo S. Thigpen and Allen D. Nethercutt. In District Two, incumbent Emmett Kelly is opposed by Calvin C. Turner, Dennis Smith, Lewis Miller and

Randal Albertson. District Two includes Calypso, Wolfscrape, Gilsom, Albertson, Smith and Cabin townships. District Four Commissioners' race has incumbent J. Willard Hoffer opposed by T. Franklin (Frank) Williams. District Four includes Wallace, Rockfish and Island Creek precincts. In the race for two seats on the Board of Education, which are voted on a county-wide vote

and not by districts, incumbents James F. Strickland and Russell Brock are seeking re-election. Also seeking election to the Board of Education are Patricia E. Broadrick, Riddick E. Wilkins, Derl Walker, C.C. (Jack) Williams and Gerald Bell. State Representative T.J. Baker of Wallace is opposed by Douglas A. Clark of Kenansville in his bid for Democratic re-nomination in the Tenth

District. Judge Henry Stevens, III, will be unopposed in his bid for election as Superior Court

Judge. Judge James R. Strickland is being opposed by Joseph C. Olschner, both of Jacksonville.

### Charlie Albertson To Emcee Talent Showcase



CHARLIE ALBERTSON

Charlie Albertson, well-known singing star and recording artist in the country music field, will be the Master of Ceremonies for the Duplin County Arts Council TALENT SHOWCASE '78 on Thursday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Kēnan Memorial Auditorium in Kenansville. The show will feature three winners from each of the four county high schools and James Sprunt Institute sponsoring talent shows recently. Special guest for the evening event will be Barbara Taylor, soprano of Clinton who has performed vocal programs in almost all of the public schools in the county through the Arts Council's "Arts in the Schools" project. Born and reared in the Beulaville area, Charlie Albertson began playing guitar at the age of 15 and was part of the original Swingmasters Band when it was formed in 1956. Later he became manager and male vocal singer. The highlight of his

career was his first appearance on the "Grand Ole Opry" in Nashville in 1974. Since that time, he has been featured on the "Opry" several times, as well as the "Wilburn Brothers" and "Ralph Emery" television shows in Nashville. He has appeared on stage with such country music stars as Loretta Lynn, Charlie Pride, Mel Tillis and others. Albertson has several records on major labels, including one gospel album and single on the Calvary label. His newest release, "Nobody Told Me Love Was Gone" by Jimmy Peppers, is on the Hilltop label. On May 4, Albertson will close the TALENT SHOWCASE '78 with a song and will be accompanied by pianist Regina Whaley, director of the Arts Council. Admission to the show will be \$1.50; members of the Duplin County Arts Council will be admitted free upon presentation of their membership cards.

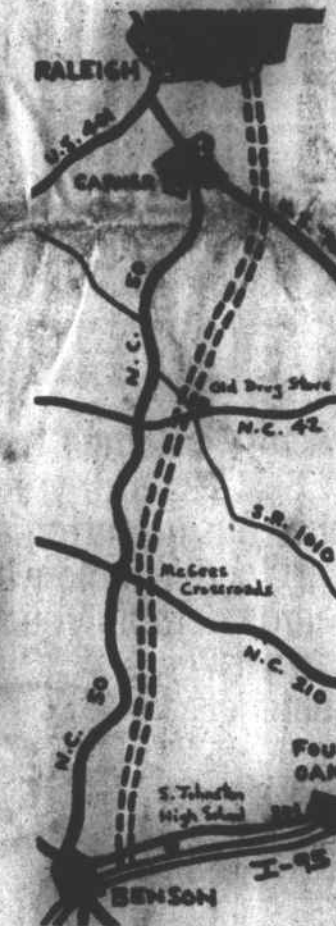
## 1-40 Route Approved Route Will Link Faison To Interstate

From the Mount Olive Tribune

As expected, the state Board of Transportation has approved the routing of Interstate 40 from Raleigh to I-95, just north of Benson. However, the Board's next move came as a surprise to many persons at Friday's three-hour meeting in Tarboro. The Board voted to approve the routing of Interstate 40 from Benson along N.C. 50 to Sustaintown and on to Faison, where it will join U.S. 117 to Wilmington. It had been expected that the Board would approve the F-3D route, which would have routed I-40 from Benson along Highway 242 to Highway 421 and then south to Wilmington, but

that was not approved. The chosen route was not among the ones recommended following a three-year study by William Pollard, a consultant for the state. An expected motion by Board member William Herring of Wilson to postpone the decision on the route was not made. Herring said that the Wayne county coalition on roads and highways that he would make such a motion. The Wayne group had been fighting the Clinton routing for several months, arguing that I-40 would serve more people if routed through Goldsboro. Herring's motion to four-lane U.S. 117 from Mount Olive to

Goldsboro was unanimously approved by the Board. The Board also passed a motion to move the four-laning of U.S. 117 from Mount Olive to Faison up on the state's priority list. Although the I-40 route received approval, it can, according to a Board member, still be delayed. According to the Board member, the state already owns a four-lane highway from Wallace to Wilmington. Approval of this new route was seen as a compromise between the 421 and Wayne-Johnston counties factions. Also approved at the meeting was a motion to four-lane the U.S. 70 bypass around Smith-



CORRIDOR—The broken lines from Raleigh to I-95 denote the proposed corridor for Interstate Highway 40.

### Dr. Leo Jenkins To Address Duplin Democratic Convention

Dr. Leo Jenkins, Chancellor of East Carolina University, will be the featured speaker at the 1978 Duplin County Democratic Convention Saturday, April 29. The convention will begin at 1 p.m. in the Hoffer Building Auditorium at James Sprunt Institute in Kenansville.

The convention will elect delegates and alternates to the Third District and State Democratic Conventions. All Democrats are invited to hear Dr. Jenkins. This will be his last appearance in Duplin County before his retirement from East Carolina.

**KENANSVILLE 1978-79 JAYCEE OFFICERS INSTALLED** - (L to R) Doc Brinson, State Director; Everett Page, President; Kenneth King, Internal Vice President; Mark Viason, Chaplain; Eddie Hobbs, Treasurer; Frank Quinn, Director; Chuck Helton, Director; Dan Newkirk, Secretary; Dwight Smith, State Vice President.

The Kenansville Jaycee 1978-79 Awards and Installation banquet was held Monday night at Brown's Restaurant in Kenansville. Dwight Smith, State Vice President of Warsaw, was the speaker and installed the new officers. Not pictured, Woody Brinson, External Vice President and Doug Judge, Director.



**KENANSVILLE JAYCEE AWARD WINNERS** - (L to R) Doc Brinson, Outgoing President's Plaque; Kenneth King, Speak-Up Jaycee; Mark Viason, Everett Page, Spoke of the Year; Eddie Hobbs, Jaycee of the Year; and Dennis Kirby, Sparkplug of the Year. Not pictured, David Gordon, Speak-Up Jaycee - Open Division Winner and Faith in God Award.



**DSA WINNER**—Kenneth Avent, coach and teacher at North Duplin High school, was presented the Faison Jaycees Distinguished Service Award Thursday night. Avent,

center, is shown with his wife, Eva Mae, and Jaycee Glenn Brewer, who presented the award. The DSA award was the first one presented by the Faison Jaycees in recent years.

### DST Returns Sunday

Daylight Savings Time returns this weekend. In what is probably the most confusing move of the year, 2 a.m. will become 3 a.m. Sunday morning. It will happen whether or not you remember to set your clocks AHEAD an hour before turning the clock

program. Producers who agree to set aside an acreage equal to 10 percent of their acreage of feed grains and/or 20 percent of their acreage planted in wheat in 1978 will be eligible for commodity loans, disaster payments and deficiency payments. Feed grain producers who agree to divert an additional acreage equal to 10 percent of their planted acreage will receive direct payments for this additional diversion. One-half of this payment will be advanced soon after the final sign-up.

Farm operators should visit their county ASCE office for full details before the May 1 deadline.

**SAVINGS BONDS SALES**  
Sales of Series E and H Savings Bonds in Duplin County during the third quarter of 1978 were \$80,000.