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### Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

Earlier in the summer, Donna drug me over most of the states south of the Mason and Dixon's line on what she called a vacation. . . I think it was a sight-seeing trip. . . Anyway, we were visiting Tennessee which is known for its horses, music and whiskey. . . We, of course, visited the Grand Ole Opry, and a high-stepping Tennessee walker horse farm. . . But those were another story. . . This one concerns our venture into middle Tennessee, Lynchburg, the home of the Jack Daniels whiskey distillery. . . The business district of Lynchburg is about the size of Kenansville, and the population, according to the hand-outs, is only 10,000. . . As we drove into the parking lot at the distillery, we could see many buildings, and most were covered with growing vines. . . Donna said, "I thought this place was legal." I told her it was, and was regulated by the government. . . "Then why do they have everything hidden behind these vines?" she asked. . . The first building we entered was the barrel house. Barrels were in rows and rows. . . The guide said there was only water in them — the government would not allow untaxed or raw whiskey to be openly displayed for fear it would tempt someone. . . From here we went to the charcoal pit where charcoal is made, or created, which ever is proper. . . At this location we could see many warehouses in the hills. According to the guide, they were filled with Jack Daniels whiskey curing in barrels. . . Our next stop was at the spring that flows out of a mountain, always at 56 degrees, winter or summer. . . The water is practically free of any impurities and is used to make the whiskey. . . There was a statue of Jack, himself, here — a short fellow. . . stood 5 1/4 feet tall. . . And next on the tour was the old office that was still standing as it was when Jack was alive and working there. . . In fact, the cause of his death was there. . . It was a safe. . . According to the guide, one morning Jack came in to work and his secretary was out sick. . . She, and only she, knew the combination to the safe. . . Jack tried to open it, but could not, got mad, and kicked it, breaking his toe. . . Several months later he died from blood poisoning from the infected toe. . . Next we went where the whiskey was being made. . . The tanks were as large as most

good-sized rooms, and two stories high. . . The smell of the mash was practically "drunking". . . Here Donna got into the act. . . The guide, an old-timer, said, "Lean over the tanks and take a deep breath." Donna did and like to passed out. . . His next advice was to "stick a finger into the mash and taste the whiskey." . . Again, Donna was right in there with her finger in the mash and then into her mouth. . . The trouble was that there were six tanks in the building and Donna wanted to taste them all. . . She started with one finger, but at the last tank she was using her whole hand. . . and had a crooked smile on her face. . . I was getting worried about her since she is a teetotaler. . . If we hadn't run out of tanks, she would have been teetotaled. . .

I was pleased to hear the Democratic Executive Committee Monday night denied the request to have school board members elected by districts as the county commissioners are. . . I think every parent in the county should have the right to vote for each school board member. . . In fact, I think the county commissioners should be elected county-wide. . . That those filing, both the commissioners and the school board, should file from districts, but all the county vote on them. . . After all, their actions affect all the county. . . Perhaps some of this political trade-offs would stop. . . More on this another time. . .

An advertisement for a movie was on TV earlier this week. . . The movie was about the cave man, dinosaurs and such, and I think it was "The Island Time Forgot." . . Anyway, the previews showed dinosaurs walking through the forest, knocking over trees, and about to eat some people. . . Donna said, "I don't know why they don't use real animals. . . Anyone can tell those are a bunch of phonies." . .

Vance Gavin sent Son of a Gun the following: "The Volkswagen was a gift to Hot Dog from his friend, O.S. Carroll, prominent Warsaw industrialist, sports fan, and animal lover. . . The reason Hot Dog loves an automobile and uses it for a place of refuge in time of trouble is because he once belonged to Mrs. Gooding, and as a puppy rode around with her in a Rambler station wagon, which also served as his playpen and sanctuary. When Mrs. Gooding moved, Hot Dog came to live with me. He is afraid of thunder and does get in any available car when frightened. . . You will remember the language of the Scripture in which it is said, 'Raise up a child in the way that he should go and when he is old he will not depart. . . I think that the same rule might be applied in this instance. 'Raise up a puppy in a compact car and when he is old he will probably drive a Volkswagen.' . .

In my article last week, I failed to say that Hot Dog was a dog. . . a yellow dog seen daily here and there about Kenansville. . . If there is such a thing, I would say that Hot Dog is the Tom Sawyer of the dog world. . . I first noticed Hot Dog at the postoffice. He would lay around looking at the cars and trucks going by and never raise an eyebrow. . . that is, until the dog catcher would come by. . . Then he would jump up, bark, and chase the truck until it stopped and the driver went into the Courthouse. . . Hot Dog would then mander off. . . I found out later that the dog catcher had arrested Hot Dog previously, and he had not forgotten. . . Son-of-a-Gun . . .

## Beulaville Junior Miss Pageant Sat.

The Beulaville Jaycees will present a Junior Miss Pageant Saturday, August 5, in the East Duplin Fine Arts Building.

Thirteen Junior Misses from Beulaville will compete in the local pageant. The winner will advance to the state pageant.

Each year the America's Junior Miss Pageant, Inc., searches for the nation's ideal high school senior girls and rewards these young ladies with scholarships for the furtherance of their education. The standards set by the Pageant Committee are exceptionally high. Special emphasis is placed on these qualities — character, citizenship, high school activities, personal ambitions, ladylike poise, and demeanor. Crowning of the winner thus becomes a distinct tribute to all young American womanhood as each new America's Junior Miss steps forward as a symbol of the nation's best. . . the "First Lady of Youth."

Contestants competing for the title are:



Billie Curtis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Curtis. For her talent, she will sing.



Gwen Sholar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Sholar. Her talent is singing.



Mendy Hunter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hunter. Her talent will be an acrobatic dance.



Diane Blizzard is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blizzard. Her talent is the oboe.



Jennifer Miller is the daughter of Mrs. Barbara Miller. She will do a dance for her talent.



Rose Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Brown. She will play the piano for her talent.



Marsha Sanderson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Sanderson. Her talent is playing the piano.



Wendy Fountain is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Fountain. Her talent is speech.



Brenda Fountain is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Worlie Fountain. Her talent is singing.



Cleo Fountain is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Fountain. Her talent is playing the piano.

## Congressman Charlie Whitley To Attend Tobacco Hearing In Smithfield

Congressman Walter B. Jones, Chairman of the House Tobacco Subcommittee, has announced that the subcommittee will hold the second of a series of current hearings in Smithfield on Friday, August 4.

According to Jones, the purpose of the hearings is to receive testimony and establish a record on the subject of the economic impact in the tobacco-producing areas, which would result from the termination of the price support and control program.

"The initial hearing in the series was held in Valdosta, Ga.

on Friday, July 21, and a final field hearing will probably be held later in the fall in Virginia or Kentucky," Jones added.

In a floor debate last year with Congressman James Johnson of Colorado, Jones assured Johnson that if Johnson's proposed amendment to abolish the program was not pressed at that time, full hearings on the economic impact of the program would be held. The series will conclude probably early in 1979 with a hearing in Washington.

Jones stressed that the hearings are not being held to receive testimony regarding the

value of the program to farmers who directly benefit from it, to consider any internal changes in the program, or to debate the smoking and health issue.

"These are, of course, matters of interest to us," he said, "but this particular hear-

ing is to receive testimony purely on the economic impact and 'ripple effect' which would result from termination of the program."

Members of the subcommittee present will include Charlie Whitley of North Caro-

lina's third district, which leads the nation in the production and sale of flue-cured tobacco; Bill Wampler of Virginia, whose district grows burley tobacco, and Keith Sebelius of Kansas, the only non-tobacco area member of the subcommittee.

## Warsaw Man Killed In Auto-Truck Accident

Henry Lee Martin, III, 28, of 540 West College St., Warsaw, was killed in a Saturday night accident involving a tractor-truck and car smash-up in Rose Hill.

The driver of the car, Mrs. Angela Martin, the dead man's mother, and another passenger, Dorothy Cooper, of Warsaw, were treated at Duplin General Hospital for minor injuries and released.

Rose Hill Police Chief James Masters said it appeared as if

the truck ran right over the car. He said the car was traveling south on U.S. 117 and appeared to have slowed to make a turn. The tractor-trailer rig, driven by Walter Lee Smith of Wilmington, was following the car. The Chief said the truck failed to slow down, struck the car, and carried it 101 feet before the car slipped into a ditch near the south edge of Rose Hill.

Chief Masters charged Smith with failing to decrease speed and death by vehicle.



STATE 4-H WINNERS: Three Duplin County 4-H'ers, all from the Warsaw area, won state honors in 4-H demonstration finals at North Carolina 4-H Congress in Raleigh. Angela Costin (left) and her sister, Wanda Costin (right), Warsaw, Route 1, were state winners in the demonstration category called "American Business System." Karen Kornegay (center), Warsaw, won the senior division of the peanut

demonstration. Angela and Wanda will receive an expense-paid trip to the National Institute of Cooperative Education in Bozeman, Mont., Courtesy of the Cooperative Council of North Carolina. The N.C. Peanut Growers Association contributed \$100 to Karen to use in attending the National Junior Horticultural Association meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. (N.C. State University photo)

### Pigford Family Wins Moore Award

The first Charles Moore, Sr. Award was presented to the Pigford family of Warsaw. Mavis Pigford and her four children, Cynthia, Jeff, Janis and Hicks, have all been active in THE LIBERTY CART for three years, and they were honored for their involvement by the Duplin Outdoor Drama Society, Inc.

Also honored with the 1978 LIBERTY CART Pusher Awards were Jimmy Johnson, Les Soles and the Warren Kennedy Family.

Over 150 people attended the party at The Country Squire after the Sunday night performance.

Jane Sandlin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Allen Sandlin. Her talent is singing.



Loelinda Marzady is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Marzady. She will play the piano for her talent.