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Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

Every once in a while I hear someone say that politics is crooked. . . Or that politics is ugly. . . This is wrong. . . It is not politics that is ugly or crooked. . . It is some of the people in them. . . It is not politics that will put an unqualified and incapable relative into a job funded by tax dollars, and when discovered, dissolve the job. . . It is not politics that will take out revenge on an employee for voting the way he or she believes or supporting that way. . . It is not politics that will join forces with a department head and agree to support the department projects if the department will copy and mail 2,500 letters in election time. . . It is not politics when an elected official requires a department head to allow a female employee (official's girlfriend) to work for a non-union position — knowledge that the last department head who did not agree was fired. . . It is not politics that asks department heads to purchase for relatives. . . It is not politics that sets hiring policies — but when favors demand, pays no attention to the policies. . . It is not politics that asks department heads but those who are involved in politics. . .

A tale from a retired Duplin County bootlegger of many years ago, second-hand. . . I'll call this bootlegger John. . . Several years back, John was caught making liquor. . . Fact of the matter is that he was caught

several times. . . But it is this one time we are concerned with here. . . John said he was tried and sent off to prison, where he behaved himself, and one day he was called into the warden's office and told that if he would sign a paper saying he would not make any more liquor, or associate with anyone else doing so, he would be paroled. . . John said, "I told that fellow I couldn't sign that paper, for if there was no other way to feed my kids but to make liquor, then I would make liquor. . . and that they might as well lock me back up. . . And they did." . . .

They locked him back up and he pulled the rest of his time and was then sent home. . . In those days, according to John, they gave you a ticket on the train to the closest depot to your home, ten dollars, and a suit of clothes. . . John said he got off the train, and on his way home he borrowed a couple of barrels from a fellow, and a worm from another, and this and that from first one and then another, and with that new ten dollar bill the warden had given him a few hours earlier, he bought sugar. . . And before long he was back in the liquor-making business again. . .

What is an L & M sandwich? . . . Could it be a lettuce and meat sandwich. . . Or perhaps a lettuce and mayonnaise sandwich? . . . Why, shucks, no. . . Everybody knows it is a lettuce and "mater (tomato) sandwich. . . Son-of-a-Gun. . .

Board Names Health Facility In Honor Of Dr. Stevens; Curtails Use Of Some County Vehicles

Mrs. Winnie Wells, former county attorney, met with the Duplin Board of Commissioners Monday to present a resolution adopted by the Board of Health honoring Dr. Hamilton W. Stevens, M.D., deceased. A motion was made by Commissioner Hoffer and seconded by Commissioner Kelly, carried unanimously to approve the resolution adopted by the Board of Health to name the present health facility the Stevens Building in honor of Dr. Stevens in recognition of the service and devotion he has given to the health and welfare of the people of Duplin County.

On a motion presented by Kelly and seconded by D.J. Fussell, the Board voted 3-2 to curtail the use of county vehicles used at the landfill, county garage, and for mosquito control. The vehicles are to be used for official business only and are not to be used for travel to and from home, lunch, etc. Hoffer joined Kelly and Fussell in voting for the curtailment, while Commissioner Bill Costin and Arliss Albertson voted against it.

When asked why vehicles in these areas were singled out, Kelly said they were chosen "because of volume. You've got to start somewhere." he said.

Costin and Albertson said they voted against the motion because it didn't involve all county departments.

The Board voted to stop ambulance service to residents

of Pender County on October 1st. Wallace is near the county line and one-third of all calls to Wallace come from Pender.

Duplin County taxpayers are the main source of funds for the rescue squad, the Board noted that in the past Duplin has tried unsuccessfully to get Pender to help pay for the cost of the two ambulances.

Following a two-hour executive session, the Board voted to approve Thomas Lane Lanier of Chinquapin as the new energy and winterization coordinator.

The Board approved a request from Agricultural Extension Chairman Lois Britt that the qualifications for hiring a 4-H employee be relaxed so a temporary employee could be hired. The maximum salary of \$10,500 will be divided evenly between the county and the state.

A motion was made by Costin, seconded by Fussell, and carried unanimously to appoint Danny Hatcher as part-time electrical-insulation inspector.

Billy Isom and J.C. Nethercutt of the State Highway Commission met with the Board to discuss county roads. A motion was made by Fussell, seconded by Kelly, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution requesting Urban Project Funds for Highway 41 through the city limits of Beulaville to widen and install gutters.

The commissioners authorized Chairman Albertson to

sign the James Sprunt Institute budget as approved and to sign the Albertson recreation grant.

A report on the inspection of county buildings made by the U.S. Fidelity and Guaranty Company (Insurance) was presented to the Board to be made part of the minutes.

The Board authorized moving the October 16, 1978 meeting to the Social Services meeting room to begin at 10 a.m. Court will hold session in the Agricultural Extension auditorium on this date.

Hiram Brinson of the Emergency Services, met with the Board to discuss a request to use one of the Duplin County ambulances for one day at the State Fair, as well as to display two converted brush trucks for the entire week at no cost to the county.

The Commissioners discussed with Brinson the Seven Springs Rescue Squad and Duplin's contribution to them. The Board agreed to have Brinson and Russell Tucker get together to write a letter regarding the matter.

Warren Dail, electrical-insulation inspector, appeared to discuss the part-time referrer position for him. A motion was made by Costin and seconded by Hoffer to rescind the motion appointing a part-time electrical-insulation inspector until such time the applicant can be interviewed at the next meeting to iron out any difficulties.

Dr. Alice Scott, Ph.D., Nutri-

Duplin Students Start Back To School Sept. 1

Duplin County schools will be open Friday, September 1st, for orientation from 8:30 until 11 a.m. The first full day for students will be Tuesday, September 5.

Teachers will report to work Thursday, August 24. Labor Day, September 4, will be a holiday.

A schedule for the 1978-79 school is as follows:

- August 22-23 - Teacher Vacation
- August 24-31 - Teacher Workdays
- September 1 - Orientation
- September 4 - Labor Day holiday
- September 5 - First Day of School
- October 27 - Professional Day
- November 8 - End of First Grading Period
- November 9-10 - Teacher Workdays
- November 23-24 - Thanksgiving Holidays
- December 22 - Christmas Vacation
- December 25-26 - Christmas Holidays
- December 27-29 - Christmas Vacation
- January 1 - New Year's Day
- January 26 - End of Second Grading Period
- January 24, 25, 26 - High School Exams
- January 29-30 - Teacher Workdays
- March 30 - End of Third Grading Period
- April 2-3 - Teacher Workdays
- April 13 - Memorial Day
- April 16 - Easter Monday
- June 8 - Last Day of School
- June 6, 7, 8 - High School Exams
- June 11-14 - Teacher Workdays
- June 14-21 - Vacation

Youth Workshop

Margaret Boyd, Goldsboro District Coordinator of Youth Ministry, announces there will be a Youth Curriculum Resources Workshop at First United Methodist Church in Mount Olive on Monday, August 28th beginning at 7:30 p.m.

All local persons working with the Youth Ministry of the church (teachers, counselors, coordinators), Chairmen of the Work Area, on Education, UMYF officers, and ministers should attend. Kits containing new resource materials will be for sale for \$3 and \$7.95.

In addition, excellent leaders have been secured for the workshop, Mrs. Boyd reported.

Mt. Olive Farmer Honored

William G. Sullivan, farmer and businessman of Mount Olive, received the Soil Conservation Society's Honor Award for 1978 in Denver, Colorado on August 2nd.

Society President A.D. Latornell of Richmond Hill, Ontario, presented the award to Sullivan at a banquet concluding the organization's 33rd annual meeting held there. The Award is given to members and non-members for significant contributions in the field of natural resources conservation.

Sullivan was cited for his dedication, enthusiasm, and love for the land, and for his willingness to travel through North Carolina and the nation at his own expense to speak for the proper care of land and water resources.

The owner of a 660-acre farm and operator of another 300 acres, Sullivan has installed conservation practices on nearly all his acres. He became vitally interested in conservation after service in World War II where he saw conservation practices applied on many European farms.

He was elected a supervisor of the Duplin Soil and Water Conservation District in 1963 and has served that district since. Through his leadership, the district has been a leader in North Carolina, principally by convincing the county supervisors to allocate funds to provide technical assistance to farmers for installing conservation practices.

Sullivan has campaigned actively in the state legislature for laws promoting sound con-

servaion practices, including funding of the state's soil survey program and the Sedimentation and Pollution Control Act of 1973, which requires builders, developers, and units of governments to control erosion on construction sites.

He has served North Carolina in a variety of ways. He has held all offices in the N.C. Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and was a member of the State Soil and Water Conservation Committee from 1969-1971. He also was chairman of the State Land Use Committee for four years. Currently, he serves as a member of the Governor's Advisory Council on Agriculture.

Seafood, and Forestry.

Sullivan has traveled throughout the state to make presentations on a farmer's perspective of land use planning and was elected the first president of the N.C. Land Use Congress, Inc.

Nationally, he was elected North Carolina's council member to the National Association of Conservation Districts in 1972 and has held that position since.

The Society is a private, non-profit association of professional conservationists dedicated to advancing the science and art of good land use. It has about 15,500 members in the United States, Canada, and 80 foreign countries.

Andrews Rites Held Tuesday

Surviving: son, Rodney J. Andrews of Warsaw; daughters, Mrs. Scott Sloan and Mrs. Audrey Wells of Mount Olive, Mrs. Dorothy McKinney of Ellwood City, Pa., Mrs. Edna Walker of Asheboro; brother, M.B. Andrews of Goldsboro; sisters, Mrs. Lindsley Rhodes of Fayetteville, Mrs. Gladys Uzzle of Black Mountain; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

ABC Board To Meet

The Town of Kenansville ABC Board will hold their regular meeting at the ABC Store on August 29th at 7:30 p.m., according to Chairman Elmore Bell.

Herman D. Andrews, well-known Mount Olive produce broker and businessman, died Sunday at Medical Park Nursing Center in Mount Olive. He was 94.

Mr. Andrews owned and operated H.D. Andrews Company and was active in his work until he became ill several weeks ago. He was known as the "dean of Mount Olive businessmen."

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 11 a.m. from the First United Methodist Church in Mount Olive. Interment followed in Maplewood Cemetery.

Kenansville Water To Be Off Monday

The water system for the Town of Kenansville will be cut off for several hours on Monday morning, August 28, in order to make a repair on the main line in front of Jackson's IGA. Unless unforeseen problems occur, water service should only be affected from about 9-11 a.m. on Monday morning.



OPEN HOUSE CEREMONIES - (L to R) Wilton Rowe, Electrification Advisor for Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation looks on as Walter B. Jones, II, representative of Gov. Jim Hunt's office, shakes hands with Mrs. Cyrus Rhodes during the open house ceremonies on Sunday, August 20.

Free Lunch Rules For Schools

As required by the N.C. Department of Public Instruction, School Food Services Division, the Duplin County Schools announced Wednesday its policy for free and reduced price meals and free milk for children unable to pay the full price of meals and milk served under the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, and Special Milk Programs. Local school officials have adopted family size income criteria for determining eligibility. Each school, as well as the office of the Superintendent, has a copy of the complete policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown by the policy are eligible for free or reduced-price meals or free milk. In addition, families not meeting the criteria, but with a financial hardship due to unusually high medical expenses, shelter cost in excess of 30% of income, special education expenses due to the mental or physical condition of a child, and disaster or casualty losses are urged to apply.

Application forms are being sent to all homes in a letter to parents. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

To discourage the possibility of misrepresentation, the application forms contain a statement above the space for signature certifying that all information furnished in the application is true and correct. An additional statement is added to warn that the application is being made in connection with the receipt of Federal funds, that school officials may, for cause, verify the information in the application, and that deliberate misrepresentation of information may subject that applicant to prosecution under applicable State and criminal statutes.

In certain cases, foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a family has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals and milk for them, it should contact the school.

Under the provisions of the policy, the school principal and a reviewing committee will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he may wish to discuss the decision with the school principal on an informal basis. If he wishes to make a formal appeal, he may make a request either orally or in writing to Mrs. Shelby M. Kilpatrick, PO Box 128, Kenansville, NC 28349, or by phoning 296-1521 for a hearing to appeal the decision. The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

If a family member becomes unemployed or if family size changes, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for reduced price meals, or for additional benefits such as free meals and milk if the family income falls at or below the levels shown above.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, or national origin.

KENANSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Kenansville Elementary School will enroll new students Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, August 28-30, 1978, from 9-11 a.m. and from 2-4

E.E. Smith Registration

All students in grades 7, 8, and 9, who have moved into Kenansville and Magnolia since June 4, 1978, and have not registered for the school year 1978-79, are requested to come to the E.E. Smith Junior High School to register on August 28, 29, and 30th during the hours from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

All ninth grade students and football players must present their health examination forms completed by a doctor when they enroll on September 1, 1978, or the date of their enrollment at the school.

Educational Field Day

The Helping Hands Club of Duplin County is sponsoring an educational experience for all young people aged 14-18 on Saturday, August 29th at James Sprunt Institute at 2 p.m. in the Hoffer Building Auditorium.

You are asked to come to meet the representatives from the surrounding areas to extend your knowledge of higher education and what it can do for you, your families, and your communities.

For further information, contact Faye Bryant, Deborah Hill, Lorretta Miller or Verlene Murray.