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### Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

This is going to be Clean Up Week — to get rid of some of this and that which has accumulated. First off, have you noticed that the new jail was designed to keep the two large beautiful trees as part of the plan. . . But now the two trees are gone. . . Had the architect not wanted to leave them in the plan, the building would have been put closer to the two streets. . . I heard a grey-haired Kenansville lady say while back that if something was not done, Kenansville would have no trees. . . I received a letter stating a certain law enforcement person was the writer of the letter. . . Every time he got on the road, his officer stopped him. . . I don't think the County should have a law for employees' personal use. . . And the same thing goes for the Town of Warsaw. . . I have been hearing a story of a couple of people. . . hanging out. . . in an out-of-the-way place. . . and getting all eat up by mosquitoes. . . Since the story got around, it is absolutely amazing at how many people refuse to scratch. . . Son-of-a-Gun. . .

again, sometimes he is the last one to be considered. . . The County Commissioners passed a resolution regarding setting some guidelines on county-owned vehicle use. To me, the most important thing they can do is the elimination of personal use. . . I can certainly understand that some county employees need a vehicle in performing their job. . . but that is all. . . performing their job. Under no circumstances can I understand permitting a vehicle to an employee for his personal use. . . In the first place, the taxpayer (nor anyone else) would have an idea how much he is paying this person. . . it would all be according to how much he used the vehicle. . . I can see no justification for furnishing a tax-bought vehicle to any employee for his or her personal use. . . There is only one justification for having the vehicle in the first place, and that is for official business. . . If you are going to furnish one employee a car for personal use, then you should do it for all. . . But the best solution is to furnish for no one. . . I don't think the County should have a law for employees' personal use. . . And the same thing goes for the Town of Warsaw. . . I have been hearing a story of a couple of people. . . hanging out. . . in an out-of-the-way place. . . and getting all eat up by mosquitoes. . . Since the story got around, it is absolutely amazing at how many people refuse to scratch. . . Son-of-a-Gun. . .

## Record Graduation For James Sprunt

The largest graduating class in James Sprunt Institute's history and a record audience under near ideal conditions at the William Rand Kenan, Jr. Amphitheatre in Kenansville heard Weddie W. Huffman deliver the commencement address to 1978 graduates Sunday, September 17th, at six o'clock. Huffman, widely-traveled human relations consultant and public speaker, and former director of industrial relations for Burlington Industries, was introduced by Ben Ellenberg, personnel manager of National Spinning. His address, a fine blend of anecdotes and personal experiences, was humorous and serious, inspirational and challenging. . . Among the 190 graduates, faculty and staff, several awards were presented by school officials and trustees. Students honored were those who had been selected for inclusion in Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges: Linda Alphin Carter - Associate Degree Nursing; Cynthia Ann Dixon - Executive Secretary; Charles Franklin Fields - Associate Degree Nursing; James Byron Foster - Business Administration; Helen Jane Futral -

Associate Degree Nursing; Peggy Earlin Herring - Associate Degree Nursing; Glenda Lynette Mobley - Medical Office Assistant; Lauren Carol Sharpe - Executive Secretary; and Felecia Kaye Swinson - Medical Office Assistant. . . Academic honors were awarded to the following students in Associate Degree and Diploma Programs: Highest Honor Student - Associate Degree Programs, Harmon Pierce - Business Administration; Honor Student - Associate Degree Programs, Victor Ashley Collins - Business Administration; Highest Honor Diploma Programs, Albert Curtis Strickland - Electronic Servicing; Honor Student - Diploma Programs, Harley Lewis Drew - Electrical Installation and Maintenance. . . Mrs. Faison W. McGowen presented the annual Scholarship Award "given to the graduating student who, in the opinion of the JSI faculty, has best exemplified the characteristics of scholarship, leadership, and citizenship, and has steadfastly stood as a true spirit of James Sprunt Institute." The recipient of this award was

Renee Thomas - Commercial Art and Advertising Design. . . Ten-year service pins were awarded to the following employees of James Sprunt: Frances Bell, Douglas Judge, Marcia Powell, Carl Price, Catherine Register, and Peggy Thomas. . . A new award was implemented this year to recognize an outstanding faculty member. Chairman of the Board, Jimmy Strickland, read, "The Faculty Council is made up of members and personnel such as counselors and assistant librarians. The award is voted by the Faculty Council members only, based on various criteria, such as professionalism, effectiveness in working with others, attitude toward students and fellow employees at JSI, participation in meetings and committee work, continued professional growth, and excellence in teaching." Dennis Pope, Building Trades instructor at the Correctional Center, was the recipient of the first Faculty Council Award. . . Following the graduation exercise, the public, graduates, and school staff attended a reception held on the grounds of the amphitheatre.



JAMES SPRUNT INSTITUTE COMMENCEMENT '78 - A record audience and JSI graduating class listen to commencement address delivered Sunday evening in the William Rand Kenan, Jr. Amphitheatre.

## Miss N.C. Poultry Pageant Mistress Of Ceremonies

Kathy Fleming, a former Miss North Carolina, will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies for the 16th annual Poultry Queen Pageant to be held Saturday, September 30 at the Kenan Memorial Auditorium in Kenansville. . . Kathy was raised, and currently lives, on a tobacco farm in Hamptonville in Yadkin County. She was an honor graduate of Star Mount High School, and in May of 1977, she graduated from Appalachian State University with a major in mathematics and computer science. While at Appalachian State University, National Rose Queen, Mountain Babe, head cheerleader, Daisy Mae in "Lil Abner," on the Dean's List, was a member of the University Singers, and vice president of Delta Zeta sorority. . . Her special training includes piano, 14 years; organ, 3 years, voice, 6 years; and dancing, 7 years. Her hobbies include tennis, gymnastics, cheerleading, collecting antiques and music boxes, and composing music. . . Kathy's recent activities include having been mistress of ceremonies at various pageants, a convention speaker, hostess and narrator of a fashion show, a performer, and she recently returned as a member of the Miss America USO Troup 1978. . . Kathy is the daughter of Mrs. Elsie Fleming of Hamptonville,



Kathy Fleming and the late Dr. Frank Fleming. Pageant Chairman Jack Frederick is very pleased to have acquired Miss Fleming for the pageant. He said, "I think she will add a great deal to the enjoyment of the pageant. We are truly honored to have Miss Fleming emcee the event. We hope everyone plans to attend the N.C. Poultry Queen Pageant September 30. You will be glad you did."

## Wildlife Laws To Be Reviewed Wednesday

The North Carolina Wildlife Commission will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. on September 27 at the Craven County Courthouse in New Bern. Wildlife officials will discuss their recommended changes in the existing State laws. . . According to Doug Clark, who

will attend this meeting, the public will have an opportunity to express their opinions about the law changes. . . Clark, N.C. Representative-elect, said, "Duplin sportsmen have talked about an interest in wildlife, but we must have action and participation in order to have influence on the wildlife

laws." "If you wish a ride," continued Clark, "be at the County Courthouse at 6:30 p.m." . . . A county meeting is planned at 7:30 p.m. on November 15 at James Sprunt Institute. This meeting will be for Duplin sportsmen to plan a response to the recommended law changes.

## Jaycees Make Plans For Miss Beulaville Pageant

The Beulaville Jaycees are proud to announce its fifth annual "Miss Beulaville" pageant to be held Saturday, November 25, 1978 at the East Duplin Fine Arts Building. In the past four years, the Jaycees have been proud of their contestants and have felt that the past winners have represented Beulaville well in the state pageant. Preparations are now being made for this year's

pageant and hopes are to make it the best ever. . . Any young lady between the ages of 16 and 26 from the East Duplin District who is interested in being in the "Miss Beulaville" pageant should contact Stuart C. Miller, Pageant Chairman, by calling 285-2187 during weekdays before 5 p.m. or 298-3526 after 5 p.m. or anytime during the weekend. You may also contact Jerry Hunter at 298-4351.

## Two Die In Accident

Linwood Mills, Sr., 47, and Talbot Benjamin King, 65, both of Route 1, Pink Hill were killed instantly Saturday about noon in a one-vehicle collision 12 miles south of Kinston. . . Highway Patrolman Steve H. Taylor said a 1972 truck driven by Mills ran off Vine Swamp Road near Pleasant Hill and went into a ditch.

## Whitley's Office To Visit

Congressman Charles Whitley's Third District mobile office will be visiting Duplin Wednesday, September 20th. Stops will be at the following times and locations: Beulaville 9-10 a.m.; Chinquapin 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Rose Hill, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; and Warsaw, 2-3 p.m. Stops will be at the Post Offices.

## Duplin Board Ends System Of 'Collection Agency' For Insurance Companies

Duplin County will stop collecting insurance premiums from employees and relaying the money to the insuring companies January 1st. . . "The thing can get on until after awhile we'll be collecting for their car payments. That's getting a little far out of line, but it could happen. The County should not be a collection agency," Commissioner D.J. Funnell stated. . . Commissioner William J. Costin made the motion to end the system after the Board met with the department heads. . . David Underhill, supervisor of the Sanitary Landfill, told the Board he has 30 employees, and under the present system, as

insurance company is put on the computer, he has to stop the work so his employees can hear explanations of the policies every time a salesman comes on the scene. . . The motion says the county will only withhold employees' share of premiums in which the county pays a portion. . . On the continuing question of employee-use of cars, Costin presented a resolution calling for a committee of commissioners and Russell Tucker, accountant, to establish a use policy, since there is no firm policy on personal use of the 70 county-owned and 10 county-leased cars. . . Costin said the Board is con-

tinually receiving reports of misuse of the vehicles. The Board wants the committee to establish guidelines for use and care of these vehicles, and that any abuse of a County vehicle until the policy is adopted is grounds for reprimand or dismissal. . . Costin's resolution was unanimously approved. The appointments to the committee will be announced later. . . Hiram Brinson, Emergency Services Coordinator, and County Attorney R.J. Lanier, Jr. reported to the Board they had heard nothing from Pender County concerning payment to the Wallace Rescue Squad for calls answered in Pender

County. Wallace serves many persons each year in that county, as well as in Duplin. The County has ordered the Wallace Rescue Squad to refrain from using county-owned equipment in answering rescue calls in Pender after October 1 unless some arrangement can be made with them to contribute its pro rata share of the expense. . . The Board also approved a letter to Congressman Charlie Whitley asking him to go to the HUD in Washington with a request for immediate action on a housing project in Wallace. HUD has been withholding approval for about a year. Financing has been approved for 50 family units. North Hills, Inc.

of Raleigh is the developer. . . Jim Risher, Industrial Developer, reported that he has made efforts to get someone to contract cutting the grass at the Airport, but has not had any luck. He requested the Board grant him a full-time position to do cleaning of the buildings, and to cut the grass around the airport. No action was taken. . . Warren Dail, Electrical/Insulation Inspector, appeared with Danny Hatcher, who applied for the part-time position of inspector during the absence of Dail. The purpose was to discuss the arrangements Hatcher would be required to make in order to fill the part-time position. He was advised by Dail

that he would have to give up his contractor's license in order to fill the part-time position and that he would be required to work on an as-needed basis. Hatcher informed the Board that he did not wish to accept the position under those conditions. . . O.L. Holland appeared before the Board to inquire about action on the intersection of SR 1300 and SR 1301. Billy Isom, of the State Highway Commission, told Holland that the traffic engineering department is checking into the matter. . . Frank Moore, Tax Supervisor, discussed with the Board proposed legislation regarding livestock and poultry. He

reported that the total value (1978) of livestock and poultry amounted to over three million dollars, which produced \$22,500 in tax revenue for Duplin County. . . Richard Harrell, Hospital Administrator, met with the Board to report that the architect on the ICC unit is ready to advertise for bids on Phase 2 of the project. . . Walter Brown, Nutrition Program Director, met with the Board to discuss bid specifications for next year. He stated only two bids were received, one from Dvneteria - low bidder - \$1,485 per meal; and B&K - \$1,600 per meal. He said he is considering discussing with the

Board of Education the possibility of having the lunchrooms provide meals for the program. He is now serving 175 meals per day. The Board authorized Brown to meet with the BOE to present his proposal, and then report back. The Board authorized the purchase of decals to be placed on county vehicles for identification purposes. . . A report was presented on cash balance as of September 5, 1978, amounting to \$307,374.94. The Board discussed identification cards for county employees. Action was deferred until next meeting.

## David H. Carlton Dies

David H. Carlton, 74, founder of D.H. Carlton Insurance and Real Estate in Warsaw, died Tuesday, September 19, 1978. Funeral, 3 p.m. Thursday, Warsaw Baptist Church. Burial, Devotional Gardens. . . Mr. Carlton was a member of the Warsaw Baptist Church and St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 13 in Kenansville. He was retired from the insurance business. . . Surviving: widow, Mrs. Reba K. Carlton; four sons, Nelson, Wade, Hugh and Fisher, all of Warsaw; one sister, Mrs. Jamie Johnson of Jacksonville; four brothers, Ralph Carlton of Wallace, Chancey of Kenansville, Clarence of Kinston, and Lee Carlton of El Paso, Texas; and 11 grandchildren.

## Football Contest Winners

In the second week of the Duplin Times Football Contest, Carol Grady of Route 1, Kenansville, was a clear winner for first place, while three other entries tied for second place. Carol missed four games in a weekend of college upsets. Three entries tied for second place while missing 5 games, and all three entered 38 points as the most points scored. They are Dallace Grady of Kenansville, Kitten Sutton of Warsaw, and Lloyd Parker of Warsaw. Five other entries, Clegg Grady of Kenansville, Lethco Wrenn of Warsaw, Z. W. Frazelle, and Mary Frazelle of Kenansville and entering but not eligible to win, Ike Riddick, Jr., also missed 5 of the 15 games. . . While the prize money has its allure, most sports enthusiasts enter primarily

for the fun of matching their knowledge of football against that of other athletic followers. Be certain your efforts get counted. . . Get your entry into the mail today or tomorrow, or a clear Saturday "a.m." date is needed in judging the contest. . . The contest is sponsored each week by Smith Brothers Gas Company of Magnolia; Beulaville Gas Company of Beulaville; West Auto Parts Company of Warsaw, Kenansville, and Beulaville; Brown's Cabinets and Millwork of Rose Hill; Service Oil Company of Warsaw; Kenansville Drug Store of Kenansville; Warsaw Motor Company of Warsaw; Duke's of Warsaw; New Duplin Warehouse of Wallace; and Walter P. West Insurance and Real Estate, Inc. of Warsaw.