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Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

THE DRAMA CONTINUES TEMPERS FLARE AGAIN...

On August 21 at the County Commissioners Meeting, Commissioner Emmet Kelly made a motion to restrict the use of the vehicles at the County Landfill. . . They were not to be used for traveling to lunch. . . or to and from home even those on 24 hours call. . . The motion passed on a three to two vote. . . with commissioners Fussell and Hoffer voting with Kelly, Costin, and Albertson voting in opposition. . . It was also at this time Commissioner Fussell asked the Board to name him the Landfill Commissioner which they did. . . The position was previously held by Commissioner Hoffer who had from its inception. . . When I asked why. . . tempers flared. . . Kelly stated "We had to start somewhere" . . . Commissioner Albertson states. . . "This was not the reason" . . . "Then what is the reason" . . . "Intimidating remarks were made by myself and others. . . I was finally left with only the remark of Commissioner Kelly. . . We had to start somewhere" . . . This was printed. . . however, I did not believe the truth had found its way out. . . At the next meeting on September 21, Commissioner Kelly stated he may have acted too swiftly and wanted to rescind the motion to restrict the use of the landfill vehicles. . . that it was unfair. . . more study was recommended. . . and Kelly recommended a committee be set up. . . a vote was taken and this time Costin and Albertson voted with Kelly. . . Fussell and Hoffer voted in opposition. . . Angriely, Fussell stated he had been let down by the Commissioners. . . and he read a statement into the minutes in reference of voting in opposition in favor of the tax payers. . . The story was printed. . . but the truth had not yet surfaced. . . in my opinion. . . At the next meeting no tempers flared, but a committee was set up to look into a county wide vehicle use plan. . . for all county vehicles. . . At the following meeting which was held Monday, October 2. . . Chairman Arlis Albertson and Commissioner Bill Costin sharply criticized an article headlined "Fairness May Cost Tax-

payers" . . . in less bold headlines "Fussell And Hoffer Voted To Save Tax Dollars" . . . The article appeared in the Oswall Newspapers, The Wallace Enterprise, and The Warsaw Faison News. . . and according to Commissioners Albertson and Costin was not factual. . . Numerous errors were in the article. . . And it was a biased article. . . Albertson and Costin exchanged heated words with Commissioner Fussell who is quoted in the article. . . But the drama is not yet over. . . For again in my opinion the truth of the matter has not yet been told. . . Perhaps the quiet ones will eventually speak. It is Fall, or Autumn, which ever you prefer. . . The coolness in the air has been sharp enough to cut some of the leaves off the trees. . . and they have been chasing the big trucks up and down the road in front of my house. . . but never completely leaving the yard. . . until they are forced to do so. . . Following some brisk raking and piling. . . todays methods are quite different from those of yesterday. . . In the pre-airconditioner days. . . a home was prized by the amount of shade around it. . . and the leaves that were so cool to be under in the summer heats one up in the fall raking. . . Most of the yard rakes were hand made. . . some perhaps were called yard brooms. . . Small branches from a dogwood were often used to make these yard broom rakes. . . and if the home was fortunate enough to have an abundance of shade. . . chances are it would take a two horse wagon to haul off all the leaves. . . The yard rake also reminds me of the corn shuck scrubber. . . This was a board with several holes bored in it with corn sucks stuffed in the holes. . . The thing of course had a handle. . . but it was many a generation away from todays spung mop. . . and the scrubbing was much different from todays. . . damp mopping. . . lye water was used. . . hands off up to the wrist. . . after the scrubbing. . . the floor was ringed. . . with several buckets of water splashed on the floor. . . and then swept out the door. . . but that wooded kitchen floor was bleached practically white. . . and a dropped biscuit was usually quickly recovered and eaten. . . Son-of-a-Gun.



POULTRY QUEEN AND COURT - Emma Lucille Mahn (second from left) of Wilmington was crowned North Carolina Poultry Queen in the 16th annual pageant in Kenansville, Saturday night. From left to right: 1977 Poultry Queen Denise Ricks of Graham, first runner-up Jana Ann Critcher of Garner, and second runner-up Deborah Ann Whitley of Stantonburg.

Jennifer Miller Semi-Finalist In Scholarship Competition

Charles R. Powers, Principal at East Duplin High School, announces the selection of Miss Jennifer Lynn Miller as a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Corporation competition. . . Semi-finalists are named from over one million students enrolled in 18,000 high schools who entered the 1979 Merit Program by taking the 1977 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Only 342 semi-finalists were selected from North Carolina, which represents the top half of one percent of the State's graduating senior. . . Semi-finalists meet other requirements to advance to finalist standing. Scholarship winners are chosen from the finalists, and will be announced in the spring. . . Jennifer is the daughter of Mrs. Milton S. Miller. She is a well-rounded person with many accomplishments in academics and other areas. She has won science and English Certificates of Achievement, is a member of the National Honor Society, and won the Academic Achievement Award in the Beaufort Junior Miss Pageant of 1978, in which she was first runner-up. She is an accomplished ballet and jazz



dancer and has given many public dance performances. She is captain of the varsity cheerleaders this year, and has served as cheerleader for both junior varsity and varsity. She has performed in Drama Club productions, and is historian of Drama Club this year. She is also a member of the Art Club, Monogram Club, and Interclub Council.

Swine Thieves Hit Again In Duplin Over Weekend

Dekalb Wells of Teachey reported losing 40 feeder pigs valued at \$1,400 to thieves over the weekend. . . Duplin County sheriff's officers were probing this theft Monday while continuing investigation of an earlier theft of 35 head of feeder pigs from the

farm a mile east of Rose Hill. The pigs were valued at \$1,200 in that theft. . . The two thefts were the first pig thefts reported to Duplin authorities in many weeks. Only 10 pigs were reported stolen in the county during the first eight months of the year. . . Joseph D. Teachey of Wallace

reported 100 sheets of metal roofing, valued at \$250, taken from a shed at Faison. . . Bill Faust of Warsaw reported a canoe, valued at \$225, stolen. . . In two break-ins thieves did a reported \$1,000 worth of damage and obtained only \$5 for their efforts. Bob Cavanaugh, owner of Tarheel Motors east of

Wallace on N.C. 41, reported his building entered, and damaged to the extent of \$500, but nothing taken. R.H. Lanier reported thieves broke into his auction barn at Lyman and obtained \$5 in change while damaging drink machines to the extent of \$500.

CONCERT SERIES A SELL-OUT!
Lloyd W. Parker, President of the Tarheel Fine Arts Society, reports that all memberships for the 1978-79 Concert Series have been sold. He further stated that memberships had to be limited, unfortunately, due to the seating capacity of Kenan Memorial Auditorium. Parker would like to take this opportunity to express his appreciation to all the sponsors, patrons, and members of the Tarheel Fine Arts Society for their support and assistance in making this year's program an obvious success.

Taxation And Wildlife Regulations Protest Presented To Board

Two strong protests came before the Duplin County Board of Commissioners Monday, one involving farmers against what they consider excess taxation, and the other against the new state wildlife regulations. . . Saying "farmers ask for the least but the most is expected from them," Katy Hill of Wolf-escape expressed the feeling of farmers across the country that taxes, particularly land taxes are too high. . . To the board's expression of sympathy, she commented "that don't help my tax bills a bit." . . Mrs. Hill came into the meeting to protest the valuation of a 30.56-acre tract, located in some of the best farming area of the state. . . She said the new valuation was \$27,460 (the octenal revaluation of Duplin County has just

been completed). The previous valuation of the land was \$5,190. The board explained her land was listed at \$810 per acre, which was neither the highest nor lowest farm land valuation. . . Asked if she would take \$810 an acre for the land, Mrs. Hill said it isn't for sale, but if it were for sale she would want more money than that for it. . . Mrs. Hill also said it appeared to her that the North Duplin High School didn't get its share of the tax money for various things in connection with the school. . . After the session, Mrs. Hill commented, "I prayed, Lord I'm going in there and open my mouth and you make the right words come out." . . In asking the board to write a letter of protest to the N.C. Wildlife Commission, Joe Wallace of Kenansville said only

four out of 120 persons attending the hearing last week on the new state wildlife regulations at New Bern indicated approval. . . He said he got the meeting chairman to call for a show of hands on agreements or disagreement with the regulations and only four persons said they thought the new regulations were all right. . . Wallace claimed the wildlife commission has too much power without enough checks on it. . . He said 18 persons from Duplin County attended the hearing and only two of them favored the regulations. . . Wallace insisted Duplin County should be in another wildlife district. It is in with the coastal counties, he observed, and their principal interest in the field is sports and commercial fishing. He said Duplin's interests, being an inland

county, are different and it should be with other inland counties. . . Concerning the wildlife commission, he said "they say they will do as we want them to do, but past history shows they won't." . . In an internal dispute, Commission Chairman Arlis Albertson and Commissioner W. J. Costin told Commissioner D. J. Fussell they did not appreciate the working of statements he made concerning saving of tax money through a resolution about personal use of county cars. . . Fussell was quoted as saying unofficial business use of these cars (three vehicles connected with the landfill operation were particularly mentioned earlier) costs the taxpayers \$5,000 to \$10,000. . . Albertson and Costin said

Fussell's figures were wrong, that records show the entire cost for a year of operating the three vehicles is \$3,400 and that one of the vehicles is assigned to a maintenance man who is on 24-hour call. . . Underlying the dispute was a resolution adopted by a split vote last month to prohibit use of county vehicles for any personal purpose and to prohibit employees of the landfill department from taking them home. . . The resolution was rescinded in mid-September and replaced by one calling for a study unit consisting of a commissioner, a commissioner-elect and the county accountant. . . The board also set up a juvenile task force on the question of handling wayward juveniles who are troubled but who have not performed actual criminal acts.

Names to the task force were Mary Pace, Ida Ray Miles, Linda Day, the Rev. James Stokes, W.E. Craft, and Mark Vincent, all of Kenansville, Ms. Johnnie Rose Whitman of Pink Hill, Sara Johnson, J.A. Johnson and Jim Flowers, all of Warsaw, and the Rev. Daniel Gordon and Lester Moore of Rose Hill.

Football Contest Winners

S.E. Godwin of Warsaw was the winner in last weeks football contest by only missing 2 games. . . Three other contestants tied for second place by only missing 3 games. Dallace Grady of Kenansville won the tie by guessing closest to the most points scored by one team. Gwin Grady of Wilmington and Michael Bell of Warsaw were the other entries missing 3 games. . . Coming close by missing 4 games were the following: Bucky Baker, Wallace; Steve Medlin, Wallace; Fay Costin, Warsaw; Letho and Kathryn Wrenn, Warsaw; Dalton Rouse, Magnolia; Dan Moore, Warsaw; Sherman Futch, Warsaw and Stephen Hales, Warsaw. . . The contest is sponsored each week by Smith Brothers Gas Company of Magnolia; Beaulville Gas Company of Beaulville; West Auto Parts Company of Warsaw, Kenansville, and Beaulville; 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.

Briefs

HARVEST MOON SALE
Warsaw Merchants in connection with the Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Harvest Moon Sale Friday, October 6. Stores participating in the sale will be open until 9 p.m. Friday night.

BRIDGE BENEFIT
The Warsaw Library Committee will sponsor a bridge tournament Tuesday night, October 10, at 8 p.m., in the voting room of the old Warsaw Police Station. . . Proceeds from the tournament will go to the Warsaw Library Fund. Cost per player will be \$3.00. . . Contact Mrs. Gerald Quinn, Mrs. Frank Steed or Mrs. Brooks Boyette in Warsaw for more information.

MISSIONARY TO SPEAK AT GROVE PRESBYTERIAN
The Rev. Fred Dinkins, a missionary of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., will preach at 11 a.m. at the Grove Presbyterian Church on October 8. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at the service. The public is extended cordial invitation to attend this service.

Nine Duplin County Towns To Receive A Total Of \$193,722.12 For Street Work

According to State Transportation Secretary Tom Bradshaw checks totaling \$193,722.12 have been mailed to 9 municipalities in Duplin for local street construction and maintenance. The monies makes up Duplin part of the 1978 allocation of State Street Aid (Powell Bill) funds of \$33.5 million. . . Of the total amount allocated as part of the Powell Bill Funds,

TOWNS	1977 ESTIMATED POP.	[3/4%] POPULATION INCREMENT	CERTIF. NON-SYS. MILES	[1/4%] MILEAGE INCREMENT	[1%] TOTAL ALLOCATION
Beaulville	1310	12,902.31	9.90	7,062.01	19,964.32
Calyso	450	4,432.09	6.15	4,387.01	8,819.10
Faison	610	6,007.95	8.34	5,949.21	11,957.16
Kenansville	840	8,273.24	8.44	6,020.55	14,293.79
Magnolia	690	6,795.87	8.30	5,920.68	12,716.55
Rose Hill	1750	17,235.91	14.64	10,443.22	27,679.13
Teachey	250	2,462.27	1.82	1,298.27	3,760.54
Wallace	3110	30,630.67	26.98	19,245.77	49,876.44
Warsaw	3160	31,123.13	18.97	13,531.96	44,655.09



STEALS THE SHOW - Little Miss Rose Hill, Deborah Jean Smith, won the hearts of the crowd gathered to watch the crowning of the 1978 Poultry Queen Saturday in Kenansville. Deborah, 9, sang for the audience and received a standing ovation from everyone there. . . including the judges who were the first to stand. Deborah is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. David Smith.