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### Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

Too much of a good thing sometimes turns into a bad thing...As a youngster...a very young youngster, I was often given a second look when I said I didn't want any ice cream, when it was offered. A treat that most young'ns are delighted about...I refused.

As a youngster I often spent all the time I could with my Grandpa and Grandma Howard...I suppose the main reason was my Uncle Pete, Bud and Johnny, they were bigger, more grown up boys, but let me tag along...When no one was looking they would even let me smoke a cigarette, which really made me feel like a grown up, though I was only three or four feet high, made me think I was tough too...Now my uncles were tough...They were hard as rocks...Grandpa was a farmer...A farmer who believed in the old ways...that to make anything grow...or to have anything right one had to work at it...and work at it hard and sometimes even when it seemed useless...so my uncle's bodies were slim, but bulging with muscles...They would let me go swimming in their secret swimming hole, in the creek that ran off from Beasley's Mill...took the time and patience to teach me to swim...and helped me along with all the wonders a young boy should try...letting me try it on my own...laughing when I failed...During a weekend break one year, Grandpa took us to Rose Hill...First time I had ever been to a town other than Warsaw...Warsaw was all spread out...but Rose Hill was compact, with stores on both sides of the street, my uncle's had told me on the way into town about the fine ice cream at the drug store...it was softer, creamier than most...So first off we went to get a cone...I don't remember how many cones I ate...But I was filled up to the neck with sweet, sweet ice cream...Then my Uncle Johnny said J.T. you want to match for another cone of ice cream...and matching was a grown up thing

so I said yes...and I won...First time I ever won anything from any of my uncle's...I think now they fixed it so I would win...But I didn't want any ice cream...I was full of ice cream...Just give me the nickle I said...I don't want any more ice cream...but no said, he...We matched for a ice cream...You got to eat an ice cream...Well, I had won and just had to try and eat another cone of ice cream, but I couldn't make it...I got sick...and that was the last of my ice cream eating days...until just a few years ago...In fact my children were grown before I ate ice cream again...

In a conversation with a Rose Hillian recently, he was telling me about his childhood in Rose Hill...about how he would lay in his room at night and listen to the long low train whistle...reassuring some one was in the world besides him...The honking of the diesel horn today is impersonal...an even annoying...but those old steam whistles were thrilling to listen to...He remembers the Silas Green from New Orleans...Posters promising a fine night of entertainment...and finally the black minstrel group would come in on the train and do everything the posters promised and more...and who could forget coming home from school and running to the old tin safe and getting a biscuit and piece of side meat...or watching the men gather in front of a store in the late afternoon and discussing the world's affairs...some chewing tobacco and some would fork their fingers...place them to their mouth and spit tobacco a good ten to twenty feet and dead center on a fly...or one may in the afternoon have to go help get some whitesand from the creek bed...bring it back...wash it, and then spread it on the kitchen floor...or he may just laze around under the shade of the big oak trees...drink some of the sweet well water from the back yard. Well...whatever, it was a wonderful time to be a kid...especially a boy.



EXPRESS APPRECIATION—Dr. W. Burkette Raper, left, President of Mount Olive College, and James B. Hunt, Sr., College Board Chairman, present a certificate of appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rhodes of Beulaville, following a luncheon honoring the Rhodes' gift of their 78-acre farm to Mount Olive

College under a unitrust agreement. Miss Louise Edgerton, right, attended as secretary to the College Board. The unitrust agreement will provide the Rhodes with an assured income for life and thereafter be used to benefit others through Christian higher education.

### Duplin County Family Give Farm To Mount Olive College

A major gift given to Mount Olive College by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rhodes of Beulaville has been announced by President W. Burkette Raper and Board Chairman, James B. Hunt, Sr. The Rhodes gift consists of a seventy-eight acre farm in Duplin County given to the College under terms of a unitrust agreement. "We had originally planned to make provisions in our wills for Mount Olive College," Mr.

and Mrs. Rhodes said, "but after learning about the life-income program of the College, we decided to make the gift now." The unitrust with Mount Olive College will provide the Rhodes with an assured income for life and thereafter will be used to benefit others through Christian higher education. The Rhodes expressed their confidence in the administration and Board of Trustees at Mount

### One Injured In Train-Car Wreck

A Mount Olive man was pinned in his car after it was hit by a train as he drove across the railroad tracks Monday morning in Faison. Kenneth Nelson Faulk, 17, of Route 5, Mount Olive, driving a 1978 Firebird was reportedly tra-

### Business Group Rates Congress

Rep. Charlie Whitley, (D), 3rd District, N.C., has earned the "Guardian of Small Business Award" presented by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). Rep. Whitley qualified for the NFIB "Guardian" award by voting in favor of small business 83% of the time during the 95th Congress.

NFIB President Wilson S. Johnson, in conferring the award on Rep. Whitley noted: "We initiated our rating system to give special recognition to those legislators who support small business and make sure that small business owners know how their legislators represented them in Congress." "NFIB and its more than 540,000 member firms nationwide regard a 70 percent or higher rating on key small business issues as worthy of the 'Guardian' award," Johnson said. "Too many legislators go back home claiming to support small business simply because they voted for an appropriation bill for the Small Business Administration (SBA). We feel our membership deserves to know how their Congressman voted on each of the issues which are of direct importance to small business."

"I hope that all citizens interested in preserving small business will take note of Rep. Whitley's voting record and realize they have someone in Washington who is aware of the problems facing small business," said Faulk.

### Walker Candidate For Board Of Education



Derl Walker, a resident of the Beutancus area of Duplin County announced his candidacy for the Duplin County Board of Education. Walker is the owner of Walker & Walker Enterprises, of Mount Olive, a firm that manufactures and markets vegetable harvesters. He is a graduate of East Carolina University, where he received a B.S. Degree in Business Education, with a Class A High School Teacher's Certificate, which authorized him to teach Basic Business, Bookkeeping, Social Studies and Typewriting in the North Carolina Public High Schools.

He was owner and operator of a hardware and general farm supply business in Mount Olive and farmed for a number of years. He was at one time employed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as ASCS Office Manager in Hertford County. He served in the U.S. Armed Forces in Germany during the Korean War.

Walker is a member of the Mount Olive Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where he serves as Branch President. He is a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Woodman of the World and Duplin County Farm Bureau.

Walker is married to the former Erna Cooke. She is a registered nurse and housewife. They have three sons and one daughter, Jim, who is serving a two-year mission for the Mormon Church in the state of Oregon; David, a Junior at North Duplin High School; Lynda Lorelle at North Duplin Junior High; and Derk, a student at North Duplin Elementary School.

In announcing his candidacy, Walker stated that the parents of the students of the Duplin County Public Schools need a representative that will hear their voice pertaining to the welfare, safety, and education of their children. I am interested in being a voice and representative for the fathers and mothers, and for their children on the Duplin County School Board.

### Albertson To Entertain Four County Meeting

Charlie Albertson and the Swingmasters will entertain during registration at the Four County Electric Membership Corporation (EMC) Annual Meeting on October 30, according to general manager L.P. (Bill) Beverage.

This year's meeting will be held at Bladen Technical Institute in Dublin. Registration will

begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the business meeting at 8 p.m. Albertson, a Duplin County native, and his group are completing a seven-week tour of the U.S. military bases in Germany and will return home on October 10. The group performed at the request of the U.S. Defense Department.

In addition to the Swingmasters, the EMC's annual meeting will also feature Dr. Albert G. Edwards, who will speak during the business meeting. Dr. Edwards, minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Raleigh is a native of Scotland. He has been guest speaker at numerous state and national conventions of professional, agricultural and industrial organizations.

Other planned activities during registration include a slide presentation about the EMC and an insulation demonstration. There will also be a drawing for prizes.

During the business meeting, four members will also be elected to the EMC's board of directors. The directors whose terms expire this year are R.W. Blanchard, Jr., East Sampson district; O. Homer James, East Duplin; Garland P. King, West Duplin, and Iva W. Brinson, at-large director.

All members of Four County EMC are urged to attend this meeting. Bus transportation will be provided. For details, members should contact their local EMC office.

### Football Contest Winners

Dallace Grady of Kenansville won last week's football contest by only missing three of the 15 games. Mrs. Grady, a previous winner this year, missed the "Heels" upset, the South Carolina-Georgia Tech. game and as all entries in the contest, the Ohio State-S.M.U. tie.

Joe Neely, of Kenansville, a winner last year, won over six other contestants, all tied for second place with the correct "most points scored by one team." Neely picked 74 points and missed 4 games. Also

### ECU Grad Receives Scholarship For Study

Elaine Rivenbark of Wallace, a graduate student in the East Carolina University Department of Psychology, is the recipient of a \$1,500 scholarship from Blue Bell, Inc. of Greensboro.

She is the third ECU graduate student to receive such an award, designed to support research in industrial and organizational psychology.

The awards have been arranged by Dr. William Grossnickle of the ECU psychology faculty and L. Kimsey Mann, president of Blue Bell, Inc.

Ms. Rivenbark will spend several months at Blue Bell's Greensboro facility, gathering research data and becoming familiar with the organization and operation of one of the largest textile companies in the nation.

Ms. Rivenbark is the daughter of Grace Rivenbark of 212 Pine St., Wallace.

missing 4 games were: Dan Moore, Warsaw; Lynne Wells, Rose Hill; Randy Sutton, Warsaw; Wayne Nunn, Warsaw; Steve Medlin, Wallace; Bertha Best, Warsaw.

Get your entries in the mail early, a post date before 11 a.m. on Saturday is required.

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.

### Jaycees And Fast Fare Sponsor

### Plant A Tree For M.D.

The Kenansville Jaycee Chapter is extremely excited to announce the kick off of the local "Plant A Tree for M.D." campaign for Muscular Dystrophy. Everett Page, President of the Kenansville Jaycees reported that the Jaycees are deeply honored to share the Muscular Dystrophy challenge with the Fast Fare markets in North and South Carolina. Fast Fare will serve as distribution centers for the Jaycees during this campaign. "Thanks to this outstanding Fast Fare contribution, we hope to exceed all expected goals," said President Page.

The "Plant A Tree for M.D." idea was developed by the Jaycees themselves and will be introduced locally at the Fast Fare Markets October 5. According to President Page, for each \$2 donation to Muscular Dystrophy that's made at the Fast Fare distribution centers, a donor will receive a healthy Colorado Blue Spruce seedling to plant. Each tree is conveniently packed in its own moisture medium and is guaranteed to live and grow with a minimum of attention. If, however, a tree does expire, the donor will receive a fresh Blue

Spruce seedling of his choice of Scotch White or Austrian Pine, White or Norway Spruce or Frazier Fir seedlings that are available simply by filling out the guarantee card attached to each tree and returning it with a request for a new tree. "These healthy young trees will serve to remind us that every child deserves a healthy young life and a chance to grow strong and beautiful," said President Page. As an added incentive, each donor will also receive a brightly colored button to wear and an attractive bumper sticker to encourage others to support the

Muscular Dystrophy cause. Ed Whaley, manager of the Kenansville Fast Fare, encourages every citizen to join the fight against Muscular Dystrophy and "Plant A Tree for M.D." Fast Fare distribution centers are open 24 hours a day, reported Whaley, "and someone will be on hand at all times to thank you for your much needed support and give you a tree, sticker, and button. Please help us to help the Jaycees give hope to these crippled children." "Plant A Tree for M.D." distribution centers are located at Hwy. 11 and 24 in Kenansville.

**HARVEST DAY AND HOMECOMING**  
Sandy Plain Free Will Baptist Church of Pink Hill announces Harvest Day and Homecoming services October 15, 1978.