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Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

Sunday is the day set aside for rest, for most of the world...that is, unless you are a football fan...Or maybe I should say football nut...If you happen to fall into this category, then your day of rest is Tuesday, which has the distinction of being the only day of the week there are no football games to watch....

If Tuesday is to be the fan's Sunday, then Wednesday would be his Monday, and the week would begin this way....

On Wednesday, the small fellows, or Midget football teams play....They are not really Midgets—just youngsters 9-13 years old....I guess in tough football language, it is better to be a grown Midget than a child....I mean, who would go to see "Child Football"....Or who would even play with such a team?....

But back to the week....and the way it goes....On Friday it is Varsity Football....

On Saturday one can visit a college game or watch it on TV....Then on Sunday, it is time for the two games....And the last day of the week, Monday is the Pro again with Monday Night Football....This is where the little boys who want to end up....On the Pro teams Sunday afternoon or Monday night.

One Coach told me, "I have a real good team....They like to practice....They like to put on their uniforms and show off.... But when it comes to football games, they don't want to put forth the effort it takes to win....They want to win.... They just don't want to work for it.... They go onto the field and lollygag around, hoping that by some miracle or that one big play that they will win the game.... Or better yet, they would like to show up for the game all dressed in their uniforms and the other team would

give up....without playing."

Habits are not an easy thing to stop, regardless if they are good or bad....When I decided drinking was not my thing, it was about to get the best of me....So I was going to quit.... I tried tapering off....It didn't work....I had to quit outright.... Just do no more drinking.... The same thing was true when I stopped smoking....I could not taper off....I could only quit....Give me one, and I want more, knowing I can't cut down, I can only quit....Has me worried....I am beginning to get overweight, and there is no way I can stop eating completely....I have been trying to cut down, but it is difficult.... One of the last places I expected to be tempted and fall off the wagon was at the County Commissioners' meeting, but this past Monday, my diet went out the door as soon as I sat down....The Commissioners met at the Social Services Building, and Millie Brown had a pot of coffee and a large plate of country ham and biscuits, and a plate of donuts....Sitting there beside that plate of country ham biscuits was an alcoholic sitting in a storage warehouse filled with bourbon....I didn't even try to resist.... It was a battle I knew I could not win....So even before I was seated, I got a country ham biscuit and a cup of coffee.... All day I nibbled and grew....

A group of church leaders recently met in Calypso....I am not sure if they were from all over the state, or just from the Southeastern region....But in any case, most did not have to contend with trains at their churches....At least, the secretary apparently didn't....for it was noted in the minutes, "A brief pause was taken in the meeting for the train engineer to play with his whistle."....

A couple of things worth keeping an eye on....The County Commissioners are attempting to cut overtime on ambulance transfers from Duplin General Hospital to other hospitals, and vice versa....Additional help has been hired....There are two persons being paid to make these trips... But guess what?....There was only one transfer this past week and it was on a Saturday morning....And these two employees already had their 40 hours in, and someone else had to be called in....There were no transfers and they had put in their full week....Sounds like something is wrong....

Elsewhere, the Board of Education has received bids for construction of the Kenansville Elementary School, and they are short nearly \$200,000....The bids came in at \$1,394,000.... They had one million, two hundred thousand....It will be interesting to see how the Board will attempt to get the additional \$300,000 from the Board of Commissioners, who say they have no extra funds....Son-of-a-Gun....

Football Contest Winners

Editor's note: We regret the error in last week's football contest. All contestants were given credit for a correct answer.

The Clegg Grady's of Route 1, Kenansville, have done it again. Clegg is the winner in last week's football contest. This makes the fourth week the Grady's have been in the money. There must be a "Greek" in the area. Clegg missed only two games.

David West of Route 2, Kenansville, won second place in last week's contest. David missed four games, and was tied with Sandy Williams of 202 Dogwood Dr., Warsaw; Sonny Sykes of Rose Hill; Kathryn Wrenn of 106 W. Chelly St., Warsaw; Gail J. Bell, Route 2, Warsaw; Stuart Miller of Route 1, Beulaville; Ray Costin of Route 1, Warsaw; and Jean Stephens of Route 1, Kenansville. David guessed 51 points to be the most scored by one team. The most scored was 55.

Be sure to mail your entries early. Last week we received an entry with an October 26 postal date and could not accept the entry.

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 F. West Insurance and Real Estate, Inc. of Warsaw.

Non-Promotions Increasing State-Wide

Figures recently released by the Department of Public Instruction show that the Duplin County Schools have a non-promotion rate of 6.4 percent, grades K-12.

According to the figures, there was an increase of 26.4 percent over the number of non-promotions in 1977 and 1978. Some 126 local school systems out of 146 in the state showed an increase in their non-promotion rates next year.

Duplin FmHA Loans Over \$7 Million

The FmHA approved some \$7.4 million of loans and grants in Duplin County for housing, farming, and municipal water and sewer systems during fiscal year 1978. J.M. Mills, Jr., County Supervisor, announced Monday.



YES, THERE IS SOMEONE IN THE BED - The above scene actually occurred at Duplin General Hospital last Thursday as part of a six-hour course in Hospital Fire Safety sponsored by James Sprunt Institute, and requested by Richard Harrell, local Hospital Administrator. (Pictured) Danny Matthews of the Fayetteville Fire Department is in the bed as an unidentified student is shown putting the fire out. The fire

was intentionally set as part of the course. Twenty-eight students from the hospital registered for the course. They included nurses, nurses aides, maintenance, and house-keeping personnel. Teachers included Richard McIntyre of Burlington and Harmon Kivitt of Fayetteville. Fire Service Coordinators with the Department of Community Colleges.

Attorney General To Speak

D.S. Hall Building Dedication Set

foot structure will be named in honor of Dixon S. Hall, first president of the "new" James Sprunt. Dedication ceremonies and open house are scheduled for 12 noon on Friday, October 27th.

Dixon S. Hall is the son of Mrs. Carolyn Clute Hall and the late Stuart Hall. He is married to the former Elaine Page of Burlington. Dixon and Elaine reside with their three children, Clute, Page, and Dilaine, in Kenansville.

Duplin County Board Of Commissioners Meet

Airport Management Discussed

William Rand, with members of the Airport Commission, met with the Board of Commissioners Monday to discuss the Airport. He reported that the Airport Manager-Operator has left the facility.

High School Girl Reports Rape

A seventeen-year-old North Duplin senior girl reported to the Duplin County Sheriff's Department that she had been raped Monday afternoon.

According to Sheriff Elwood Revelle, the alleged rape took place around 3:15 p.m. The victim came home from school, went into the house, put her books down, and pulled off her shoes. Revelle said she reported hearing a knock at the end door of the house and went to the door.

A man described as being around 20 or 21, 5 feet, 5 or 6 inches tall, weighing around 160 pounds, and with black hair half-way down his ears, was at the door.

According to Revelle, the man asked the girl, "Are you so-and-so?" and the girl replied she was. Then Revelle said the man

allegedly told her he had something very important to tell her. She let him into the house. The rapist then was alleged to have said, "I have been waiting for this chance a long time." He then grabbed her arm and allegedly raped her, Revelle said. The alleged rapist then

told the victim, "You will never see me again," and left. The SBI is also investigating the rape case. An identity kit was provided by the SBI, and with the help of the victim, they will release a facsimile picture of the alleged rapist Wednesday.

Faison-Calyppo I-40 Link Ok'ed

A \$6 million project to link U.S. 117 from Calypso to the proposed Interstate 40 Corridor Extension in Faison was approved Friday by the State Board of Transportation.

The five-mile project calls for improvements to U.S. 117 between Calypso and Faison, and construction of about three miles of new two-lane roadway, on a four-lane right-of-way, to link U.S. 117 with the proposed I-40 link in Faison.

The project will start just north of Calypso and run for about two miles along U.S. 117 before veering off just north of Faison, where construction of the new two-lane stretch will begin.

The new road, after leaving the 117 highway in the Faison area, will veer west just north of Faison, and extend for about three miles before it ties into the I-40 corridor extension.

The new road will be located just north of Secondary Road 1324, which is a road off Highway 403, and that construction is scheduled for the 1980's.

Earlier this year DOT approved a I-40 corridor which will run from I-95 in Benson along N.C. 50 through Newton Grove

and Suttontown to Faison, and then down U.S. 117 to Wilmington.

Funding for the Raleigh I-95 Benson leg of I-40 has already received approval.

It is hoped that the entire I-40 project might be completed before the end of the 1980's.

Warsaw Open House

The public is invited to attend Open House at the new Warsaw Municipal Complex at 107 W. Bay Street, and at the Utility Garage on West Chelly Street on Sunday, October 22nd from 3-5 p.m.

4-H Program

A 4-H Awards and Exhibit Program will be held in Kenan Auditorium in Kenansville on October 24. The exhibits will be open to the public for viewing at 2:30 p.m., and the awards program will begin at 7:30 p.m.
