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### Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

It was November 2, 1977, two days after Halloween. . . The time was 6:21 p.m. . . Dusk dark. . . A big blue 1977 Ford tractor truck was bob-tailing down Rural Road 1735 in Sampson County (bob-tailing is traveling without a trailer.) . . The big truck was being driven by Anthony Wayne King, and seated beside him was his wife, Teresa. . . The two were on unfamiliar roads, as they were from Willow Springs. . . Suddenly, and without warning, the couple came upon Rural Road 1740, a tee intersection. . . The big truck must turn either left or right. . . With tires squealing and smoking, the truck could not make the turn. . . It plowed into a ditch and flipped upside down in a corn field. . . The metal cab did not hold and crushed down on the two occupants, pinning them inside. . . A call for help went out. . . Firemen and Rescue Personnel from Faison, Suttontowa, and Mount Olive came running with red lights flashing and sirens blowing. . . The Highway Patrol and Sheriff's deputies from Duplin and Sampson Counties, along with the Faison Police rushed to the scene with blue lights and sirens. . . And there, on the scene, red and blue lights were flashing with the reflections bouncing off the vehicles at the scene. . . And there were generated white lights from the rescue vehicles. . . And inside the upside-down truck, Anthony Wayne King was dead. . . His wife had a broken arm, leg, and multiple sprains. . . Feverishly the rescue people worked. . . It took over an hour before Teresa was removed from the wreckage. . . She was rushed to Sampson Memorial Hospital in Clinton. . . It was over two hours before workmen were able to remove the lifeless body of 20-year-old Anthony Wayne King from the crushed-in cab. . . Why????? . . . Why did this accident happen? . . . Why didn't Anthony Wayne King see the sign, slow down, and stop at the intersection? . . . The reason? . . .

A Halloween prankster has stolen the stop sign. . . And the only thing there when Anthony Wayne King looked was a dark colored pole. . . There is no doubt in my mind that this was murder. . . Not intentional, but murder, just the same. . . Halloween is almost here again, and by some manner or means, those thoughtless fools who would remove a stop sign, a bridge abutment marker, or any warning sign from our highways, should be told of the danger. . . Any parent finding one of these signs in their offspring's room should immediately find out where it came from and advise the Highway people, D.O.T., or the Highway Patrol. . . If no other way, anonymously. . . Hopefully, another death or serious accident may be prevented. . . Possibly, even, yours. . . And by all means, if you spot a pole with a sign missing, report it. . .

I keep seeing stories about those opposing the School Competency Test Program. . . In my opinion, this is one of the few positive things the State has done for education in quite some time. . . The dollars keep flowing into education with no assurance of any positive results. . . except providing a storage warehouse for children for several hours a day, several days a week, several months a year. . . It appears we went to sleep one day, and while we were asleep things happened. . . At one time, society thought that if it was worth having, it was worth working for. . . Slowly we have become the society that thinks if you can get it without working, why work? . . . Federal, state, and local programs giving away dollars contribute to this type thinking. . . But somewhere, some time, someone is going to have to understand you can't give a person an education. . . You can give that person a diploma, but you cannot give knowledge. . . There is no way around it, outside a science-fiction movie -- knowledge can't be dished out like dollars. . . Son-of-a-gun . . .

## Duplin Students Take State-Wide Competency Test Nov. 1 & 2

On November 1 and 2, Duplin County eleventh grade students will be among the 80,000 students to take the first competency test.

The tests are designed to enable students to apply the reading and mathematics skills they learn in school to common

problems that face all of us in our daily lives.

The skills needed for these tasks are taught to all students in North Carolina schools.

The tests set only minimum (reading and mathematics) requirements for a high school diploma. In order to receive a

diploma, students must pass the competency test and meet all other state and local graduation requirements.

Students who do not receive the minimum score will be given remedial instruction; will have additional opportunities to take the test up to the last month of the twelfth grade or until the student reaches maximum school age as defined in G.S. 115-163 as 21 years of age; and will be tested on only those parts failed.

Students will receive a diploma if they meet all state

and local course requirements and achieve a passing score on the N.C. Competency Test, a certificate if they complete all state and local course requirements but fail to achieve a passing score on the Competency Test; and a transcript, whether they receive a diploma or certificate.

The test measures the student's ability to apply eleven basic mathematics skills and ten basic reading skills to indicators of like tasks. Results of the test will be available around the first of the year.



**JK QUEENS** - James Kenan's Homecoming queens, Gail Glaspie, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charil Henry Glaspie of Route 2, Warsaw, and Lydia Rector, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rector of Route 2, Kenansville, were crowned co-queens Friday night at half-time of the James Kenan-Wallace-Rose Hill Football game.

### Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday



Daylight Saving Time will end October 29th. . . Remember to set your clock back one hour before you retire on Saturday night, as we return to Eastern Standard Time. . . Spring up, Fall back. . .



**WARSAW ELEMENTARY HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL AND COUNTRY STORE** - The Warsaw Elementary School P.T.O. will be sponsoring a Halloween Carnival and Country Store Halloween night, October 31st at 6 p.m. Each suite will sponsor a game with prizes for everyone. The cost will be minimal, and each suite will have a different game at booth. Some of those planned are: Haunted House, Go Fishing, Bingo, Cake Walk, Bean Bag Toss, Fortune Telling, etc. A Country Store will be held in the gym at the same time. Some of the items planned for the Country Store are: Needlework, including aprons, Christmas decorations, needlepoint and crocheted articles. Handicrafts including wreaths (corn shuck, nut, etc.) and Home cooked goods including cakes, pies, jellies, jams, canned goods, pickles, and relishes. A Hot Dog Supper will be held in the cafeteria. You are invited to have supper at the school and make a night of it. Shown above are Melba Bowles, right, and Joyce Bell, left, two of the Halloween Carnival committee members. They are presenting some of the crafts and handiwork that will be for sale in the Country Store.

## Duplin Boards To Spread Cost Of Kenansville Elementary School

A plan to spread the construction costs of the Kenansville Elementary School across two fiscal years, in order to meet the unexpectedly high cost of the project, was approved by the

Duplin Board of Education and Board of Commissioners Monday in a special meeting.

The low bids, opened October 3rd, totaled almost \$200,000 more than the \$1.2 million appropriated for the project in June. By spreading the cost over two fiscal years, the additional items needed to turn the school complex into a working unit can be added.

The low bids did not include an estimated \$150,000 for furniture, \$30,000 for paving, \$11,600 for a bus canopy, \$25,000 for contingency money, and \$16,000 for the last 20 percent of the architect's fee. Total cost including these items is estimated at \$1,625,000.

Monday's action came after the Board of Education last week discussed three alternatives: 1) To go back to the county and ask for the additional \$200,000 2) To attempt to

borrow the money from the North Carolina Literary Fund headquartered in Raleigh 3) To try to work out a continuing contract arrangement to carry the costs across two fiscal years.

After Herb McKim of the architectural firm of Ballard, McKim & Sawyer of Wilmington, explained the county should not have to pay out more than \$948,169.19 to the school building contractors before the end of June 1979 (the end of the current fiscal year), the Board voted to take this arrangement. Commissioner J. W. Hoffer made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner W.J. Costin.

Included in the motion was the return of \$200,000 of the building appropriation to the county. The Board of Education approved the action prior to the Commissioners' vote.

Russell Lanier, county

attorney, was directed to take the contracts to the N.C. Local Government Commission Monday for review and possible approval.

Russell Tucker, county accountant, said the Commissioners will have to appropriate the remainder of the money as its first appropriation measure of the next fiscal year.

Contracts will be awarded upon final approval of the Local Government Commission.

Low bidders are: General Contract, Hardy-Harvey of Kinston, \$925,634; Kitchen Equipment, Jacobi-Lewis of Wilmington, \$75,990; Plumbing, Kinston Plumbing of Kinston, \$73,290; Heating, T.R. Driscoll of Lumberton, \$207,737; and Electrical, Darden Electric of Goldsboro, \$111,871.

## East Duplin Morehead Scholarship Nominees

Jennifer Lynn Miller and Jeffrey Brooks Bostic have been selected by the East Duplin High School scholarship committee as Morehead Scholarship nominees.

Morehead awards are honorary awards accompanied by a grant of \$3,000 per year to cover all costs of attending UNC-CH.

Miller and Bostic will compete with nominees from other high schools in the county for nomination to the District Selection Committee. Morehead Scholarship winners are selected on the basis of moral force of character, leadership characteristics, scholarship ability, extra curricular achievements, and physical vigor.

Jennifer transferred to East Duplin from Hampton, Va. at the beginning of her junior year. She has had twelve years' training in ballet, jazz, and tap dancing, and appeared in a number of performances with the Newport News Community Ballet. She attended a dance camp in Vermont last summer, and is presently an assistant dance instructor with Debra Blanton in Beaulville. She has choreographed and directed dancing for the East Duplin Drama Club, and is captain of the varsity cheerleaders this year. She has won several science awards, and was first runner-up and Academic Achievement Award winner in



the Beaulville Junior Miss Pageant of 1978. She is also a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship contest.

Jeffrey Brooks Bostic's accomplishments include several years' work at a volunteer with the Potters Hill Fire Department, service in his church as president and vice-



president of the youth group, and president of the Spanish Club. He is a valuable player on the East Duplin varsity baseball team, and was a member of the Duplin County All-Star team which won the Dixie Major League State Championship last summer.

### Calypso Dinner Changed To Thursday

The Calypso Fire Department and Rescue barbecue dinner has been changed from Friday night to Thursday night. The dinner

will precede the North Duplin, Rosewood football game, which was also changed to Thursday night. Plates are \$2.50.

## No School Friday Teachers To Attend NCAE Meeting

Duplin County students will have a school break Friday while the teachers attend the Annual Professional Conference in District 13 of the North Carolina Association of Education at Clinton High School.

Representatives Charlie Rose and Charlie Whitley will make brief remarks during the 11 a.m. general session. Each Congressman represents part of the territory covered by NCAE's District 13.

This year's conference also will be notable in that it will be the first official visit to the district by the new NCAE Executive Secretary, Lloyd S. Issacs, who has pledged to re-establish the teacher as the focal point of education. Issacs, who

took over the top staff spot for NCAE last July 1st, will be the main speaker during the general session.

### Band Day

The Wallace-Rose Hill District Band Boosters will be sponsoring their fourth annual Band Day on Saturday, October 28 at Legion Stadium in Wallace. Barbecue will be served from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. at \$2 per plate. Other goodies will be for sale.

Six guest bands will begin competition at 1 o'clock.

## Football Contest Winners

One contestant missed three predictions to win first place in last week's football contest.

Garrett Ludlum of Coats took first place, while four other entries missed four predictions to tie for second place.

R. J. Andrews of Warsaw guessed the closest to the tie-breaker, most points scored, to claim second place. Other entries missing only four games were: Jackie Whitfield of Kenansville; Mark Craft of Kenansville; and Mary Allison Frazelle, also of Warsaw.

Kenansville.

The contest is sponsored each week by Smith Brothers Gas Company of Magnolia; Beaulville Gas Company of Beaulville; West Auto Part 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.



**MUNICIPAL COMPLEX OPEN HOUSE** - The new municipal complex in Warsaw official ribbon-cutting was held Sunday along with open house. Mayor Samuel E. Godwin (left) cut the ribbon, assisted by the Town Commissioners, Alfred Herring (right), Town Administrator, was

also on hand to help with the tour guides of the complex. The complex houses the town hall, police department, rescue squad, Chamber of Commerce, magistrates, driver license examiners, and a large meeting hall. It is located on the corner of Bay and Front Streets.