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Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

There are times when going to a football game away from home can get a little edgey. . . According to one source, the story goes like this. . . My wife needed the car to go to some get-together, and I needed a way to use it. . . I called a friend to see if I could ride with him. . . He said he was going, but was riding with someone else. . . However, I was welcome to go with them. . . So a meeting time was determined, and off we went. . . with my friend driving. . . In the car was myself and three other fellows. . . One was the driver, one was mixing the drinks, and the other was drinking what he could mix. . . Well, the more the mix, and the closer to the game we got, the louder was the noise. . . But, what the heck. . . We were not going to get there on time, any way. . . For some reason, it seemed we could not leave on time. . . So we left. . . We had a hard time in competition with Richard Petty and driving 150 miles an hour, we could not have gotten to the game in time to see the kick-off. . . But this is not the worst of it. . . As we were zipping along with everyone talking at once, the car began to sputter, and go forward with a jerking motion. . . We were out of gas, and stopped, believe it or not, on a curve. . . Here we were. . . in the night. . . stopped in who knows where. . . but definitely on a dangerous curve. . . Everyone piled out of the car to look at it, as if that would get gas in it. . . A couple of those with drinks in hand kicked the tires and shook the car. . . But when it is out of gas, it is out of gas. . . Several autos zoomed by and everyone

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Ellington Concert Scheduled For Nov. 8

The first in a series of four concerts sponsored by the Duplin County Tarheel Fine Arts Society is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8 at 8 p.m. in Kenan Auditorium in Kenansville. The Duke Ellington Orchestra, directed by Mercer Ellington, will play many of the famous compositions and arrangements that made Duke Ellington an internationally recognized musician. Because of the past history of outstanding concert series sponsored by the Duplin County

Tarheel Fine Arts Society and the promise of an excellent series this year, all tickets to the performances have been sold. There will be no ticket sales at the door. Tarheel Fine Arts Society members and ticket-holders are reminded of the following concert dates: Duke Ellington Orchestra directed by Mercer Ellington, November 8, 1978; Boots Randolph, Monday, December 11, 1978; The New Christy Minstrels, March 9, 1979; and An Evening with Rogers and Hammerstein, April 10, 1979.

57th Veterans' Celebration

Warsaw will host their 57th Annual Warsaw Veterans' Week Celebration November 7th through the 12th. This is the longest running event of this kind in the United States.

Dr. and Mrs. Edwin P. Ewers will be honored during the celebration. Dr. Ewers has been practicing medicine in Warsaw for 37 years.

The big event will take place on Saturday with the Annual Veterans' Day Parade at 11 a.m. Also on Saturday will be sidewalk sales, mock Rescue Squad operation, the Firemen's Barbecue Dinner, a concert by the N.C. National Guard Band, Square Dance, Disco Dance, and fireworks.

A carnival will be located across from the Fire Station throughout the week. Also a Midget Football game between Warsaw and Clinton will be played Thursday night at 6:30 at James Kenan High School Field.

On Sunday at 2 p.m., a memorial service at Devotional Gardens will climax the week-long celebration.



above: Mrs. Stuart Hall, Dixon Hall's mother; Hall; his wife, Elaine; and their children, Dilaine, Page, and Clute.

Dixon S. Hall Building Dedicated Friday At JSI

Several hundred visitors observed the dedication of the Dixon S. Hall Vocational/Technical Building during ceremonies on James Sprunt Institute's campus on Friday. The mid-day activities were highlighted by main speaker, Attorney General Rufus Edmisten, as he praised the untiring efforts of Hall, who worked to establish and upgrade the school in its early years. Also singled out for praise were Hall's wife, Elaine, and his mother, Carolyn. Activities centered around the colorfully decorated platform in front of the new building. James Kenan's 58-member chorus, under the direction of Valorie McCoy, provided music for the

occasion. Platform guests included Dixon Hall and his wife, Elaine; the Honorable Rufus L. Edmisten, N.C. Attorney General; The Honorable Henry Stevens, III, who introduced Edmisten; The Honorable Charles Whitley, Congressman, Third District; The Honorable Harold Hardison, Senator, Fifth District; County Commissioners, Arliss Albertson, William J. Costin, D. J. Fussell, Emmett Kelly; Herb McKim, Architect, Ballard, McKim & Sawyer; Dr. Reid Parrott, Vice President of Educational Programs, Department of Community Colleges; Rev. James C. Stokes, pastor of the Kenansville United Methodist Parish; Dennis Pope, Chairman of the JSI Personnel Organization; and James Sprunt Institute Trustees, Chairman James F. Strickland, Mrs. Helen A. Boyette, Alfonza Jeffers, Charlie Albertson,

Stacy Quinn, Edd Dudley Monk, Dr. Dallas Herring, Alex Brown, John Goodson, William E. Craft, and Dr. Carl D. Price, President of JSI.

The audience, made up of many friends of Hall and his family, also contained several community college officials and school presidents, most of them long-time associates of Hall in the early days when the community college system was being formed. Ceremonies concluded with a ribbon-cutting, unveiling a portrait of Hall, and an open house.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees, James Strickland remarked that "although Dixon Hall headed this institution for 12 years, we all know that he worked at least 24 years." It was through his tireless efforts that Dixon Hall achieved a great success for others. He made possible an avenue for adults to better their lives through their

own hard work. He extended a helping hand to those who would avail themselves of educational opportunity. He steadfastly defended the Open Door policy that has permitted James Sprunt Institute to serve over 50,000 adults of Duplin County and surrounding areas. The people responded to Dixon Hall, the school, and its programs. Because of the work of Dixon Hall and others, such as Dallas Herring, Faison McGowan, Willard Hoffer, Henry Stevens, II, all dedicated to the concept of life-long educational opportunity; and the work and support of thousands more, Duplin County is a better place for all. Hall, a native of Fayetteville and graduate of East Carolina University, came to Duplin with a mission to establish a school. He took the school to the people and it was fitting that on October 27 the people came to him.

Football Contest Winners

Three people missed three predictions making the tie-breaker necessary to determine last week's football contest winner.

Michael Bell of Route 1, Warsaw, will receive first place by guessing 43 points to be the most scored by one team. Forty-one points was the most scored.

Second place is shared by Dan Moore of Warsaw and Gail J. Bell of Route 1, Warsaw. Both guessed 38 points to be the most scored, and they will split second place winnings.

Eight entries missed four games: Wayne Nunn of Warsaw; Johnny Ginnin of Albertson, S.E. Godwin of Warsaw; Susantiah Bennett of Warsaw; Lloyd Parker of Warsaw; Carol Grady of Kenansville; Joe Neely of Kenansville, and Sherman Patch of Warsaw.

The contest is sponsored each week by Smith Brothers Gas Company of Magnolia; Boulaville Gas Company of Boulaville; West Auto Parts Company of Warsaw, Kenansville, and Boulaville; Brown's Cabinets and Millwork of Ross 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.

Warsaw Fire

A fire that damaged three stores and a small grill on North Front Street in Warsaw Thursday night probably started in electrical wiring in the office of a clothing store, said Warsaw Fire Chief J. Frank Steed.

No damage estimate has been made on the fire at G.L. Clothiers, but the store's office was gutted, and its merchandise was damaged beyond use.

Three firefighters were treated at Duplin General for smoke inhalation and released.

An adjoining firm, G&L Grill, received extensive water and smoke damage during the one and one-half hours firefighters from Warsaw and Faison fought the blaze. Two nearby stores, Cecil's Appliance Service and Coastal Auto Parts, received an undetermined amount of smoke damage.

Lynn Hall Elected President

A former North Carolina 4-H member was elected president of the National Junior Horticultural Association in Cleveland, Ohio, Sunday.

Lynn Hall of Route 2, Warsaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hall, became president during the Association's 44th annual convention which was held October 27-30 at the Marriott Inn.

Hall, a junior at North Carolina State University, attended the convention with 35 North Carolina 4-H members.

NOTICE SPECIAL VENIRE JURYMEN

Due to a continuance (by order of the Court), the 400 special Venire Jurymen WILL NOT be required to report for duty on November 6 or any of the other dates mentioned.

NOTE!! Special Venire Jurymen to Wayne County WILL NOT be required to serve. Please do not report for service!



INGRAM VISITS WALLACE - At the airport in Wallace Saturday, Democratic Senatorial candidate John Ingram was greeted by a number of well-wishers as he made a tour of the county. Left to right, Jimmy Warlock, Ingram campaign aide; Keith Sholar of Cypress Creek; Ingram, Warren Hepler of Wallace, staff aide for Congressman Charlie Whitley; Thurman Wallace of Rockfish Precinct; and Dr. Dan Robinson of Wallace, chairman of the Democratic Unity Campaign 1978 for Duplin County.