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Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

An item that has caused much controversy, pro and con, came to an end this week. Well, actually it was made retroactive, so it really ended July 1st. And that was the salary supplement for Dr. Carl Price, President of James Sprunt Institute. The County had supplemented for two years the salary of \$25,000 with \$4,000, for a total of \$29,000. This was done to keep Dr. Price at the salary he was making before being appointed President of JSI. He had time in grade, so to speak, in his previous position, but had to begin at the beginning in the position of President. The State, however, has seen the error of its ways, so they have changed their rules, thus allowing payment of equal salary, in this case.

I have been attending the James Kenan Junior Varsity Football games this year, and have seen some very green young men turn into a well-trained team. To appreciate that statement, one would have to have seen the first and the last game. The first game resulted in a well-deserved victory for the service. The drill instructor yells, "Left Face, and some turn to the left, and some turn to the right, and some just stand still. All the D.I. had was a crowd. . . . But in this last game, Coach Mickey Benton, . . . at least in the beginning of the game. . . had these young men molded into a well-operating team. . . The usual propaganda preceded the Clinton J.V.s. . . The JK jayvees were told they would not even score on the Clinton. . . . But the JK JV's put 6 Tiger points on the scoreboard before the Dark Horses got their blinders off. . . The game was very hard-fought, with few penalties, and the score was either tied or JK was ahead. . . Then, with only five or six minutes left in the game, JK had Clinton whipped on the scoreboard. . . and in spirit. . . and the Dark Horses were hanging their heads in shame. JK back, James Frederick (22), with some excellent broken field running, moved the score to two touchdowns ahead of Clinton. . . . But, in one of the worst calls I have seen a referee make this year, clipping was called with all 22 football players on their feet. . . . No one was on the ground. . . . How a clipping penalty can be called when no one is down is questionable to me. . . . But this was the turn-around. . . . From here on, the well-planned, well-played game went all to pot. . . . The team, rather than acting with cool, calm determination, began to act instinctively. . . . They simply gave Clinton the ballgame with only some four to five minutes to go. . . Clinton did not beat the JK Jayvees. . . They gave them the game. . . . But the best part was the fact that JK beat Clinton in score and spirit before they decided to stop playing -- and act like a crowd again. . . .

THE KNOWLES BUILDING
According to my information, the Great Pumpkin had three little goblins working with him Halloween night. . . . These three were apparently disappointed that there is only a Worthington Building, and not a Knowles Building, so they did something about it. . . . Or at least there was a sign saying so. . . . As the three told the story, they were sure Billy Knowles was beaming with pride at the deed they had done. . . . One thing about this group -- Knowles, Johnson, Hasty, and Dixon -- At any time, any three will gang up on the other one. . . . But back to the Knowles Building. . . . I understood it to be kind like Roger Miller's song, "King of the Road." . . . Back for rent -- 50 cents. . . .

A Kenansville car dealer, according to my information, will give driving and/or flying lessons. . . . Seems this dealer sold a car to a fellow who did not know how to drive. . . . So the dealer said he would teach him. . . . One day, while the lessons were going well, it was determined it was time to learn to park. . . . So the pair did their practicing behind the hospital. . . . The new driver parked and was told to back out. . . . Well, he forgot to put the auto in reverse (it was still in forward gear). . . . The new driver excitedly mashed the brake to the floor to stop, but he missed and hit the gas pedal, and rammed the accelerator to the floor. . . . Not only did the auto climb the curbing, but it also climbed up onto the rear of an auto across the curbing. . . . The two autos appeared to be playing leap frog. . . . And the question to Elmore Bell is -- Are you sure you were parking, or were you landing? . . . Son-of-a-Gun. . . .

THE LIBERTY CART in Kenansville will add seven performances to the 1979 season which is scheduled to open June 29 with a Special Gala. . . . Jim Strickland, President of the Duplin Outdoor Drama Society, Inc., announced the added dates which were approved at the recent meeting of the board of directors. . . . The directors also voted to retain the 1978 admission prices of \$4 adult and \$2 children, twelve and under. THE LIBERTY CART, Randolph Umberger's romantic history of Eastern North Carolina, will run each Thursday thru Sunday evening in 1979 through August 5 for a total of 23 performances.



Veterans Celebration To Honor Dr. & Mrs. Ewers

The Warsaw Veterans' Day Committee will honor Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Patterson Ewers at the 57th annual Veterans' Day Celebration Saturday.

The committee selected Dr. Ewers for his devoted service to the people of Duplin County through his practice of medicine.

The son of Rev. John Ray and Mary Alice Canfield Ewers, he was born in Cleveland, Ohio and grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His maternal grandfather was a lawyer in Cleveland, and his maternal grandmother was a pioneer woman doctor who founded the Cleveland Women's Hospital. His paternal grandfather was an early educator, as well as a farmer, and he founded the Fayette Music and Business College in Fayette, Va.

Duplin County Democrats crossed over voting Republican Tuesday, giving Senator Jesse Helms a slight margin over John Ingram, Democrat challenger. Unofficial vote totals for Duplin County are as follows: Helms - 3,805; Ingram - 3,659. There are

1979 Liberty Cart To Be Increased

18,111 registered Democrats in Duplin County, and 2,138 registered Republicans. . . . Incumbent Charles Whitley beat Republican Willard Blanchard 5,461 votes to 1,577 to retain his seat in Congress. . . . Patricia Broadrick was the leading candidate with 5,819 votes. Incumbent James F. Strickland was also elected, with 5,607 votes. Derl Walker was defeated as he had 1,253 votes. . . . With no Republican

enough for vehicles to travel over, and for farm equipment to use to turn around. . . . Mosquito control work was observed in southern Duplin in the Island Creek area where David Underhill was cleaning out stream beds. . . . Clearing and drainage work on 500 acres of a 2,600-acre Kenan tract near Chinguapin were also viewed. . . . During the dinner Monday night, awards were presented the winners of the conservation poster contest conducted in the sixth grades in Duplin schools last spring. . . . Neale Hill of B.F. Grady school, daughter of Edith and Rommie Hill of the Scotts Store

Baysden Conservation Farmer Of The Year

Carl Baysden of Beulaville was honored as Duplin County Conservation Farmer-of-the-Year at a dinner held in the Cedar Fork Community Building Monday. . . . The dinner followed the annual conservation tour of the county, when the Board of Commissioners were the special guests. The tour is sponsored by the Soil Conservation supervisors. . . . First stop was at Jimmy Wayne Stroud's farm east of Kenansville where contouring to stop erosion on hillsides was a feature. . . . At the Paul Heath farm east of Warsaw, the group traveled along grassed field borders wide

opposition, the following were elected to office: William H. Andrews, District Attorney, 4th District; Harold W. Hardison, State Senator; Douglas A. Clark, State Representative; John A. Johnson, Clerk of Superior Court; T. Elwood Revelle, Sheriff; Herman H. Quinn, Coroner; Calvin C. Turner, Sr., Allen D. Nethercutt, and S. Franklin Williams, County Commissioners; and Calvin R. Mercer and Joseph L. Williams, Soil and Water Conservation Supervisors. . . . The unofficial turn-out was 7,595 voting in Duplin County. There are 20,506 registered voters.

area, won first place and \$25. Georgia Stokes of the Kenansville school, daughter of Linda and Jimmy Stokes of Kenansville, won the second place award of \$15. Third place and \$10 went to Reginald Newberne of B.F. Grady, the son of Barbara and Herman Newberne of Albertson.

Johnny Todd and Nong Tippet also received awards in recognition of their dedicated service to the Duplin Soil and Water Conservation District.



Faison Nutrition Site To Be Moved

According to Walter L. Brown, Director of the Duplin County NALESA, the Duplin County Nutrition and Life Enrichment Services to the Aged will move the Faison Site from the Burning Bush Church to the Faison Recreation Center on Friday, November 17. The Recreation Center is located at Park Circle, and will serve the elderly in the Faison-Calypso area at 12 noon daily. . . . Individuals 60 years old and older will be eligible to participate in the program. Priority will be given to those who cannot afford to eat adequately, who lack the skills and knowledge to select and prepare well-balanced meals, who have limited mobility to either shop or cook for themselves, and those whose feelings of loneliness and rejection rob them of the incentive to cook for themselves. . . . A small charge is made for each meal; however, each participant pays only what he is able. No one is turned away because he is unable to pay, and no means test is given. . . . Meals are prepared and transported by Dyneteria of N.C., Inc. in Dunn. Transportation to and from the meal site is provided as needed. . . . The project is sponsored by the Duplin County Board of Commissioners, and will also provide shopping assistance, nutrition education, and other social services to the elderly. Local volunteers are used to serve the meals and to assist with transportation and escort services. . . . If you are over sixty, or if you know of someone who might want to participate in the hot lunch program, contact Walter L. Brown, Director, Duplin County NALESA, PO Box 367, Kenansville, NC 28349, or phone 296-1000.



Conservation Poster Contest Winners

Conservation poster contest winners - (L to R) Neale Hill, First place; Georgia Stokes, Second place; and Reginald Newberne, Third place. The awards were presented during a dinner on Monday night.

Graham Drug Receives Governor's Award

The Governor's Business Awards in the Arts and Humanities were award by Gov. Jim Hunt Friday to five North Carolina companies in a special ceremony at Tanglewood Park near Winston-Salem. . . . Those winning were R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc., Winston-Salem; Graham Drug Co. of Wallace; NCNB Corp., Charlotte; Hanes Dye and Finishing Co., Winston-Salem; and The Liggett Group Inc., Durham. . . . Graham Drug Company was honored for its demonstration of ways in which a small company

Juvenile Held In Shooting

A juvenile is still being held in jail this week in connection with the shooting death of Mrs. Edmonds Akin Williams, 32, in her home last Wednesday morning. . . . Duplin County Sheriff Elwood Revelle said that after Mrs. Williams had failed to appear on time for her work at Carroll's of Warsaw, another employee had been sent to her home six miles southwest of Warsaw to inquire if there was trouble. . . . The employee found Mrs. Williams' body and called the Sheriff's Department. . . . According to Sheriff Revelle, Eddie Watkins, 13, and his half-brother, David Williams, 10, had walked the six miles to the Warsaw Police Department from their home, and told Police Dispatcher Lois Kennedy their mother was dead.

One Killed In Head On Collision

Shelby Foster Ezzell, 27, of Route 1, Warsaw, was killed around 7:25 a.m. Wednesday, one and one-half miles west of Kenansville on Highway 24 in an accident involving three vehicles. . . . According to Trooper D.W. Faircloth, Hilda Atkinson Kennedy, of Route 1, Kenansville, driving a 1977 Chevrolet, attempted to pass a 1964 tractor-trailer-truck driven by Clifton Ray Outlaw of Route 1, Deep Run, when she lost control as she moved to the left lane traveling west. The Ezzell auto, a 1975 Volkswagen van, was traveling east and was hit by the Kennedy car head-on. Ezzell lost control of her auto, and hit the tractor portion of the truck driven by Outlaw. . . . Kennedy and a passenger, Carolyn Dent, were treated and released at Duplin General. . . . During the accident, there was a downpour of rain causing slippery road conditions. Charges in the accident are pending.

9th Traffic Death

Clyde Ray Robinson, 25, of Route 1, Wallace, was killed instantly Friday when the 1966 Chevrolet he was driving southbound on Hwy. 117, one mile south of Magnolia, collided head-on with a load truck driven by Julius Steve Watson, 35, of Route 1, Fremont. . . . The accident happened at approximately 2:55 p.m. Friday, November 3. Traffic was tied up for about 45 minutes as the wreckage was cleared from the road. . . . Robinson was pinned in the auto and rescue workers found him dead in his car.

Football Contest Winners

Six people tied for first place in last week's easy football contest by missing only one game. . . . Tie-breaking predictions were used to determine winners among the six contestants who missed only one game. . . . Sandra Williams of 202 Dogwood Drive in Warsaw won first place by guessing the "most points scored by one team" on the money. She had guessed 51 points, which was scored by Clemson in their win over Wake Forest. . . . W.E. "Pot" Craft of Kenansville won second place, guessing 49 points. . . . Also tied but not money winners were Stuart Miller of Route 1, Beulaville; Fay Costin of Route 1, Warsaw; Clegg Grady of Kenansville; and Gwon Grady of 607 Yale Drive in Wilmington. . . . A lot of entries in last week's contest missed only two games: Carl Barefoot of

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Route 2, Clinton; Garrett Ludlum of Coats; Robby Blanchard of Kenansville; Lynne Wells of Rose Hill; Bob Williams of Warsaw; Mitzzy Futch of Warsaw; Mark Vinson of Kenansville; Doc Brinson of Kenansville; Steve Medlin of Wallace; Mary Allison Frazelle of Kenansville; and an entrant who forgot to fill in his/her name and address. . . . 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 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.