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## Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

There were some new dates passed out last week. . . The new completion date for the Duplin Jail is January 1st, 1979. . . And the new completion date for the Courthouse construction is January 10, 1979. . . The construction company wanted until March 10 to finish the Courthouse, but the Commissioners rejected the 90-day extension, but did allow a 30-day period. . . But if all goes as it has in the past, these dates will end up as just another laughing matter. . . Perhaps the Town of Warsaw set an example that should be followed. . . They refused to pay for the over 134-day-late building. A settlement was made out of court, and Warsaw was awarded \$16,000 for the delay. . .

It may be interesting to note that it was predicted in July of this year that the ABC stores located in Duplin County would sell half-a-million bottles of whiskey. . . That is a little over one bottle per month for every man, woman, and child. . . However, not all sold in Duplin is consumed by Duplinites. . . And under the same guidelines, some Duplinites travel to Clinton and other places to make their purchases at ABC stores. . .

"The summer work is all over. . . I didn't have time to do any visiting in the summer. . . I'll have this fish fry to say howdy, and I am sorry I was too busy to visit." . . With this thought in mind, Bo and Sally Herring go about inviting well over a hundred people to a backyard fish fry -- an old fashioned get-together with good food and fellowship. . . Not a fund-raiser. . . Not a political venture. . . Just a good time thing. . . In fact, I was quite happy to go to a gathering one more time and that newly-elected politician in the long-sleeved white shirt with tie didn't show up shaking hands and politicking. . . Yes, sir, Bo and Sally are something else. . . I mean, how many people do you know who will spend their time and money to have a big get-together like that when they are not running for a political office or some-

thing. . . In years past, things like this happened, but not in the selfish world of today. . . Guess who I saw at Bo's fish fry. . . Hilda Brown. . . My old girl friend of many years ago. . . In fact, this was the first time I had seen her since I was 15 years old, and that was several fish fries ago. . . As I think back, our relationship in school was very similar to the Peanuts characters', Charlie Brown and the little red-haired girl. . . The most we ever did was hold hands on the school bus and pass notes. . . But, oh my goodness, what was in those notes. . . Sally Herring had told me Hilda and her husband were planning to attend the fish fry, and I spotted her earlier in the night when she and her husband came in. . . I was not completely sure it was her, and the fellow she was with was a couple of heads taller than I. . . Later during the night, we met. . . We were both returning for second helpings, and Sally came up and said, "Have you and Hilda met tonight?" . . . Our eyes met. . . We smiled. . . I got red in the face. . . One might think two long-ago-friends meeting for the first time in many years, embracing would be place. . . But so, I was standing there holding our plates of fish bones, we reached above them and shook hands. . . greeted one another, got our fish, and returned to our mates. . . we did get together later and talk. . . And Donna never left my side. . . We talked about what we had done since we had last seen one another, not about old times. . . A memorable evening. . . Thanks to Sally, Bo, Hilda. . . Whoops, Donna, I mean. . .

I thought when the Archie Bunker doll was introduced to the market and people bought it for their kids, this would be the doll to end all dolls. . . But not so. . . Thus far on TV, I have seen dolls that brush their teeth. . . talk, get tickled, wet their diapers. . . One you hold on your shoulder and burp. . . And one that has a diaper rash. . . I guess next year there will be one that throws up all over you. . . With test-tube babies, who knows what will be next? . . . Son-of-a-Gun. . .

# Jail & Courthouse Construction Extensions Granted By Board

At the Adjourned session on Tuesday, November 7, of the Board of Commissioners, a letter from J.T. Pegram, Architect, on the progress of the jail construction was read to the Board requesting an extension of 122 days from September 1, 1978, to Dixie General Contractors, Inc. on the completion of the Duplin County Jail. The completion date will be January 1, 1979.

A letter was also received from Eastern Construction Company requesting a ninety-day extension on the Courthouse construction and renovation. The Board granted a 30-day extension.

Doug Pigford of Dixie Data Processing, Inc. reported further on the computer activities for the county. He stated that the payroll will be in operation January 1st, 1979.

Dr. E.J. Raman, director of Mental Health, appeared to present Commissioner Fussell with a distinguished service award for outstanding area board service for 1978 from the N.C. Mental Health Centers Association. Dr. Raman stated this would be his last meeting with the Board as Area Mental Health director, and expressed appreciation for their support. The Board authorized Dr. Raman to call for an audit of Mental Health funds through December 31st, to be completed as soon as possible.

Walter Brown, Nutrition Director, presented a report on the Southeastern Conference, and informed the Board that the Faison Nutrition site will be changed November 17 to Faison Recreation Center.

The Board agreed to have Russell Tucker write memos to department heads regarding travel of staff. They are to report in writing on each trip made by any staff member out of the county, and reflect the cost of the trip.

The Board heard a report on the inspection of the Wallace jail.

Lee Morgan was appointed as the at-large minority delegate for Neuse River Council of Governments.

The Board was advised that additional community development funds are available and agreed to apply for funds to build a recreation center in the Beulaville area.

The resignation of Bill Rand from the Duplin County Planning Board will be effective December 31st. He also has resigned from the Duplin Airport Commission.

A tabulation of bids on the sale of two cranes was presented, with only one bid on each crane. The Board accepted the bid from William Brooks of Wallace in the amount of \$1,876 and from Gainays Sand and Gravel Co. of Goldsboro in the amount of \$5,900.

Bids on the North Parking Area were presented and action was deferred.

A report on additional costs in the renovation of the Court-

house for painting or wall covering not originally planned, and for doors having to be replaced according to OSHA regulations, was discussed. The Board appropriated \$32,995 for these items.

The four bids on office furnishings were presented. Clyde Rudd Associates was awarded \$24,453.60, and Clyde Rudd Associates \$3,887.65, as low bidders.

The Board endorsed an application to HUD from Beulaville for funds to build additional housing.

The Board granted a permit to display fireworks in Warsaw.

The Commissioners reviewed a letter from Albertson Recreation Commission regarding the delay in the completion of building. Action was delayed until a later meeting.

The Board agreed to reimburse employees for miles traveled under the Home Health Care program.



**GOVERNOR'S AWARD** - Displaying one of the five coveted Governor's Business Awards in the Arts and Humanities are Irvin Graham of Graham Drug Company in Wallace, and Regina Whaley, Director of the Duplin County Arts Council, Kenansville. Sculptor William Keen's three-dimensional bronze work, "Three Circles," was selected the model for the 1978 award. Graham was selected, along with four others, from 56 nominated for significant contributions to the cultural resources of local communities. Governor Hunt commented, "The abundance of cultural resources available to North Carolinians is one of our state's greatest riches, contributing immensely to our quality of life. Our leadership in the arts and humanities is also an important reason for the excellent health of our economy. It is a simple fact that a good quality of life in a community or state is good for business. To a great extent, it is the contributions of our business community that have brought North Carolina nationwide recognition as the 'State of the Arts.' I formed the Governor's Business Council on the Arts and Humanities to reinforce the natural partnership between our business and cultural communities. I hope that these awards will stimulate the growth of this relationship." The public is invited to visit Graham at Graham Drug Company in Wallace to see the award. (Photo by Renee Thomas/JSI)

## Farm - City Week

The first annual event to promote better understanding between farm and city folks will be celebrated in Duplin County beginning Thursday and continuing through Thanksgiving Day.

Farm City Week is sponsored by various financial institutions throughout the county and the county's Chambers of Commerce. The Kenansville Chamber of Commerce is the coordinating agency for Duplin.

Farm City Week is a time to learn about others, their jobs and problems.

Plans are virtually complete, according to Roy Houston, chairman of the committee in charge of the event.

On behalf of the farmer, Coastal Production Credit Association is sponsoring a film

"Food Prices Too High - Compared to What." The film is directed towards the non-farm public, and will be shown in the schools, both during and after school hours. The general public is invited. Anyone wishing to join the students in viewing this film during school hours is requested to contact the school principal prior to film time. No pre-arrangements are needed for the night showings.

November 16, James Kenan High; November 17, North Duplin High, during school and at 7 p.m.; November 20, Wallace-Rose Hill High, during school, and also at 7 p.m.; November 21, during school and at 7 p.m., at East Duplin High; and November 22, during school and at 7 p.m., at E.E. Smith

Junior High.

The financial institutions are sponsoring an agri-business luncheon on November 20 for selected farm, business, and community representatives. Norfleet Sugg, Executive Vice President of the N.C. Agri-Business Council, will be the featured speaker.

The Women's Committee of the Farm Bureau held a Farm & City luncheon November 15th. The speaker was Lois Britt.

Through a special three-day sale for farmers, November 20-22, merchants and businesses are demonstrating a desire to be an economic partner of the farmer for progress in Duplin County.

## Duplin Energy Conservation Exposition

Many local citizens are making plans to attend the Duplin County Energy Conservation Exposition to be held from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28th at Kenan Auditorium in Kenansville.

According to Duplin Extension Home Economists, the exposition will be the first of its kind in the area, and will feature seminars, demonstrations, and exhibits on ways to conserve and cut energy costs. The topics, demonstrations, and exhibits should be both informative and interesting. The program participants are among the best in the area.

Following is the schedule:

9:30-10:15 - Energy Impact Show and Introductions by Arliss Albertson of the Board of Commissioners.

10:30-11:15 - Energy Conscious Decoration, presented by Linda McCutcheon, Home Furnishings and Equipment Extension Specialist of NCSU.

11:30-12:15 - Energy: Future Alternatives for Families and Simulation Game of Energy and the Environment, by Dr. Jose D'Amada, Associate Professor in the Department of Physics at Pennsylvania State University.

LUNCH BREAK

1-1:45 - The Impact of Fuel Costs on the Family Budget, with Dr. Justine Ewens,

Extension Family Resource Management Specialist of NCSU.

2-2:45 - Effect of Temperature on the Elderly (Hypothermia) by Dr. Isa Grant, Assistant Director, Local Services Division in Health, N.C. Department of Human Resources, of Raleigh.

3-3:45 - Emotions and Energy Conservation, presented by Dr. Leo Hawkins, Human Development Specialist in Charge, Agricultural Extension Service, of NCSU, Raleigh.

4-4:45 - Helping Parents Teach Children to Save Energy by Charlotte Purvis, Human Development Specialist, Extension Service, Greensboro.

5-5:45 - Energy Conservation and Food Safety (Energy Tips in the Kitchen) - Jane Aitchison, Food Conservation and Preparation Extension Specialist of NCSU, Raleigh.

DINNER BREAK

7-7:45 - Energy Saving Microwave Cooking by Teresa Rivera, Panasonic Microwave Oven Specialist of Greenville.

8-8:45 - Keep Warm Fashion Show, with Mrs. Max Offerman as narrator, Kramers, Rockfish Plaza, Wallace.

8:45 - Presentation of Awards for Energy Conservation Poster Contest by Lois Britt, Chairman of the Duplin Extension Service. The exhibit area will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Exhibits and exhibitors

include:

Energy Literature - CP&L, Ed Howell, Customer Service Representative of Warsaw.

Teletip Energy Conservation Information by Carolina Telephone, with W.S. Richardson, District Commercial Manager, of Clinton.

Make Your Own Warmth. Extension Service Energy Publications, Energy Conscious Decorating, Sewing with Down Fill, Saving Energy while Cooking, and Energy-saving Christmas Decorating by the Duplin Extension Homemakers.

Conservation in Homes Through Use of Proper Insulation - Four County EMC, Glenn Bradshaw, Conservation Advisor, of Rose Hill.

Display of Stoves - Gene and Carolyn Colwell of Safe Equipment Company, Inc., Route 1, Wallace.

Understanding Your Electric Bill - Wilton Rowe, Electrification Advisor of Tri-County EMC of Dudley.

This Energy Conservation Exposition is one of the educational opportunities provided by Duplin County Agricultural Extension Service. Admission is free, so plan to come early and stay late. This will be an opportunity for you and your family to look, listen, and ask questions related to energy conservation. Door prizes will be given throughout the day.

## Football Contest Winners

Four entries tied for first place in last week's football contest. Jackie Whitfield of Kenansville was declared first place winner, and Stuart Miller of Route 1, Beulaville, second place winner. Both guessed closer to the most points scored by one team than the other two entrants, Snodie Wilson of

Kenansville, and Steve Sutton of Warsaw. All four missed three games. This is the last contest this season.

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.



**VETERANS' CELEBRATION HONORS DR. AND MRS. EWERS** - Lloyd Parker, Chairman of the week-long celebration, presented Dr. Edwin P. Ewers a plaque thanking him for 41 years of

service to the people of Warsaw and Duplin County. Mrs. Ewers was also presented a plaque and a bouquet of roses. Dr. and Mrs. Ewers were the honorary parade marshals.

## Liberty Cart Receives Grant

Over 20 groups participated in the tour during the 1978 season.

**SARECTA UMW CHICKEN AND PASTRY SUPPER**

The United Methodist Women of the Sarecta Church are sponsoring a Chicken and Pastry Supper November 18, with serving from 4-8 p.m.

initiated during the 1978 season. The Liberty Tour includes a guided tour thru historic Kenansville, including visits to Grove Presbyterian Church, Kenansville Baptist Church, Rutledge Cemetery, Court House Springs, and Liberty Hall. The tour package also includes dinner at The Country Squire and a performance of THE LIBERTY CART.

Rich Boyd, General Manager for THE LIBERTY CART, said the grant would be used to promote and expand the Liberty Tour, which was

munities and balanced growth, priority was given to imaginative proposals from small communities. Consideration was given to 67 requests totaling more than \$200,000. Only 36 proposals were funded.

In announcing the grant, Patrick, N.C. Secretary of Commerce, said this year, in keeping with the Governor's commitment to the economic development of small com-