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The day the TV blew up caused fright in someone other than Donna, my wife. . .But first, Donna's dilemma. . .It was one of those in-and-out days. . . Donna was out and I was in. . . Then I left and she came back. . . Well, the TV had stopped its normal functioning and a TV repairman had been called. . .He was to come the day of ins and outs. When Donna came home, she wondered if the TV repairman had been in, so she turned on the TV. . . No picture, but smoke billowed out the back. . .She turned it catches the house on fire. Joe is not here. I don't think a fire truck is needed. .But, hurry." Lois called the police on duty — Tony Braswell and Roland Whaley, who happened to be on street patrol some two blocks away from the patrol car. . . The smoke kept boiling out of the TV. Donna called again. . . ''Lois. if you don't hurry, it is going to burn my house down.''. . . ''Hurry up on to Mrs. Lanier's house. It is 10-33 traffic (emergency).''....The two policemen were running down the street to the car. One dropped his gun. . man stops to make a delivery. Just as he steps out of the door of his van, the police car comes flying up and stops. . Whoa. . . What have I done, he thinks as the police car Whoa. . . What have I done, he thinks as the police car comes to a sudden stop. . . He smiles and continues on toward the house. . . Both doors of the police car fly open. . . Officers jump out and come running right at the UPS man who is almost at my door now. . . He tells me, the following week. . . "I didn't know what to do. . I was about to drop that package and take off running myself. . .I even squinched up getting ready for them to grab me. I didn't know what was going on. Thank goodness, they ran right past me and into the house. Then I wondered what horrible thing had happened inside the house. I was almost afraid to go in and see. Mrs. Lanier came to the door looking scared to death. . .I was relieved the police didn't want me, but then I was afraid of what might have happened in the house. . . Then they came rushing out with a smoking

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TV."...Donna said later that she signed the book for the UPS delivery..."I saw him standing around, but he didn't talk to anyone. He looked like he didn't know what to make of all the goings-on. . .But then, I didn't either."

The latest happenings between the school board and county commissioners. . The \$125,000 transfer of money to help heat and keep Duplin County school buildings in good repair. . .It would seem the county commissioners are more interested in the welfare of Duplin's school children than the school board. It reminds me of the story of the boy whose father gave him the family money to buy bread; however, the boy bought candy for himself instead. .Son-of-a-Gun....



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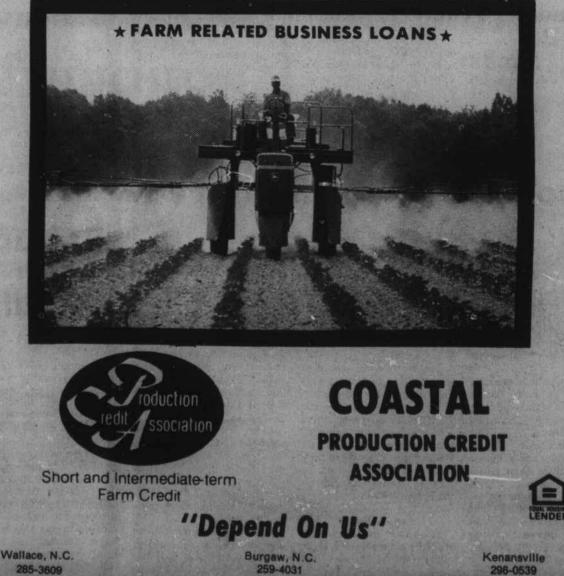
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