



# SON OF A GUN

by Joe Lanier

Congratulations to James Kenan and Wallace-Rose Hill high schools for their "open policy" in regard to the bands of the schools which they oppose on the gridiron on Friday nights. As best I can find out, these are the only schools in this conference that have an open policy in regard to bands. The open policy to which I am referring is an open invitation to the band-members of the high schools whose football teams play on their field. What this all means is that band members can get to football games free if they are in an organized, supervised group. They are not allowed to perform — just sit together and cheer their team on. This open policy is not mandatory; it is only by invitation from the schools that band members attend free. To me it would seem all schools would have such a policy. . . To change the opening statement around and say the same thing in a different manner, only one

school in this conference will allow James Kenan's band members, as a group, on their football field, and that school is Wallace-Rose Hill. Wallace-Rose Hill and James Kenan have an open policy and band members are invited to attend the games, not to perform, but to attend free as a part of the team. I am glad to see that James Kenan and Wallace-Rose Hill are not taking the attitude that "if our school can't go to your football field, you can't come to ours." I have not been able to get a straight answer on why the open policy does not exist throughout the conference, as it is each school's prerogative to invite or not invite the opposing school's band members. A few outsiders have said the schools want the band members to pay since they need the money for their football programs. It would seem to be a minor thing to give to each school's band members, free season tickets to all conference football games if they travel in organized, supervised groups. It might also cut down on some of the vandalism. . .

I don't know if you know who is on your local rescue squad or fire department. . . If you don't, you should. The reason you should know them is to congratulate them for their willingness to serve us all with no pay. They are out at the sound of a monitor buzzing or a siren screaming. In the heat of the day or the cold and rain of the night, they can be counted on. . . Those last two words, "counted on." . . Think about that. . . For no reason but to help folks, they can be counted on. . . I used to say they wanted to help their neighbors, but the two storms that struck the area have made that statement wrong — unless their neighbors stretch from the coast to the mountains. . . This last storm, Diana. . . They were up at 2 a.m. to go into New Hanover

County and help. . . These volunteers waited half the night to help the next day. . . These volunteers. . . These volunteers have jobs, car payments, house payments, families that depend on them for support — just like everyone else. . . They like to go fishing, play golf, baseball, softball, and so on. . . However, when it comes to helping someone in trouble — a car accident — a fall down the steps — a sickness in the night — a house fire — a business fire or a brush fire — these other things take a back seat. . . I am sure you know, but let me remind you, these volunteers don't just volunteer. . . They have to train and take tests and prove they are capable to volunteer to help us. . . After all this training and testing so they can help, many times after their sleep has been interrupted in the middle of the night because of an accident, sickness or fire — when it's all over, their only satisfaction is a job well done. . . Many times no one even says thanks. . . So, let's change that. . . Learn who is on these volunteer help crews and the next time you see one, give him or her a pat on the back and say, "Thanks." . .

OK. . . I made a boo-boo. . . a mistake. . . and boy, have you told me about it. . . I have had calls, letters and folks have come up to me telling me. . . "There are doodle bugs." . . A while back, I made the statement that insecticides and grassy lawns have done away with the doodle bugs. . . But, boy was I wrong. . . There are doodle bugs in Duplin County from Pin Hook to Beautancus, from Carrolls to Potters Hill. . . I have seen them in fish bowls, mason jars, under houses, held them in a handful of sand, and watched them "doodle down" to the palm of my hand where it tickles. . . I have seen them grab straws. . . Yes, folks, there are doodle bugs in Duplin County. . . Thank you — all of you — for showing interest. . . Son-of-a-Gun. . .

## Head-On Collision Kills Wallace Man

A Wallace man was killed in a head-on collision Sunday, the state Highway Patrol reported. Ronald Earl Bond died at 12:04 a.m. when the car he was driving crossed the center line of U.S. 117 about five miles north of Wilmington

in New Hanover County. Ronald Earl Bond, 26, of the U.S. Navy, died Sunday, the family was to be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cavanaugh, Route 3, Wallace. Arrangements by Edgerton Funeral Home.

### OBITUARIES

**CHARLES B. EDWARDS**  
SEVEN SPRINGS - Charles Brooks Edwards, 71, died Friday. Funeral, Seymour Funeral Home. Burial, Willow Dale Cemetery.  
Surviving: wife, Mrs. Ruby Wood Edwards; daughters, Mrs. Edna Kopac of Goldsboro, Mrs. Hattie Kaplan of Maryland; sons, Jack Blackman of Nashville, Tenn., Julian Wood of Florida; sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Parker, Mrs. Sally Whitley and Mrs. Flossie Edwards, all of Goldsboro; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

**JESSE J. BROWN**  
CHINQUAPIN - Jesse James Brown, 84, died Sunday. Funeral, Edgerton Funeral Home, Beulaville. Burial, Brown Cemetery.  
Surviving: wife, Mrs. Bettie Barker Brown; sons, Alvin Brown and Lenon Brown, both of Chinquapin; sisters, Mrs. Connie Lucas and Mrs. Eula Lanier, both of Chinquapin; brother, Roy Brown of Beulaville; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

**MARY W. JOHNSON**  
TEACHEY - Mrs. Mary Weise Wells Johnson, 66, died Wednesday. Funeral, Corinth Baptist Church, Beulaville. Burial, Rockfish Cemetery.  
Surviving: husband, Eusebius W. Johnson; daughter, Mrs. Gloria Wells of Wallace; sons, Larry Johnson of Burgaw, Joel Johnson of Kannapolis, Delana Johnson of Teachey; sisters, Mrs. Ruth Gatewood of Richmond, Va., Mrs. Louise Johnson of Portsmouth, Va., Mrs. Allie M. Batts of Rocky Point, Mrs. Betty Watson of Wilmington; brothers, Henry Wells of Wilmington, E.D. Wells Jr. of Teachey; five grandchildren.

**VADA B. PIERCE**  
WALLACE - Mrs. Vada Batchelor Pierce, 82, died Tuesday. Funeral, Edgerton Funeral Home. Burial, Dale Cemetery, Route 2, Wallace.  
Surviving: daughters, Mrs. Stella Evans of Beulaville, Mrs. Helen Sloan of Chinquapin, Mrs. Kathleen Hanchey of Wallace; sons, Alvin Pierce of Sneads Ferry, Jolly Pierce of Jacksonville, Randle Pierce of Wallace; 21 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren.

**WALTER J. PATTERSON**  
MOUNT OLIVE - Walter James Patterson, 75, died Wednesday. Funeral, Tyndall Funeral Home. Burial, Wayne Memorial Park.  
Surviving: daughters, Mrs. Helen Hinson, Mrs. Shirley Kelly and Mrs. Barbara Hardy, all of Mount Olive; brothers, Adolph Patterson, Jack Patterson and Lynwood Patterson, all of Albemarle; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

**CAROL MOBLEY B. FUTREAL**  
CHINQUAPIN - Mrs. Carol Mobley Brown Futreal, 57, died Saturday.  
Family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Allen Williams, Chinquapin.  
Arrangements by Edgerton Funeral Home, Wallace.

### Note Of Appreciation

I would like to thank those persons responsible for remembering me in such a nice way by presenting me with a silver tray in recognition of 25 years of service with the Pink Hill Library.  
The tray was presented during library dedication services held at the new Etta Jones Turner Memorial Library in Pink Hill.  
Louise Miles

## Hospital Admissions

Sept. 13 - Delores Proctor of Pink Hill  
Sept. 14 - Linda Faye Bradshaw and Baby of Rose Hill, Danita M. Dobson of Beulaville, Rossie E. Miller of Beulaville, Shirley D. Oliver and Baby of Wallace, Marvene Williams of Wallace, Virgil J. Servance III of Rose Hill, Mary L. Evans of Beulaville, Viola James of Beulaville, Leslie Kennedy of Beulaville, Melinda A. Farrior of Rose Hill, Lester Shaw of Wallace  
Sept. 15 - Horace F. Hanchey of Wallace, Gwen W. Jordan and Baby of Faison, Ozell E. Hall of Beulaville, Hazel S. Collins of Philadelphia, Dan W. Newkirk of Chinquapin, Juan T. Guerrero of Turkey, William C. King of Faison, George Lanier of Beulaville, Mary Rose Schwartz of Warsaw  
Sept. 16 - Mary R. Cottle of Teachey, Lisa K. Kennedy and Baby of Pink Hill, Myron E. Sellers of Willard, Robert C. Quinn of Warsaw, Faye A. Moore of Teachey,

Edna Jarman of Clinton  
Sept. 17 - Deborah J. Hall and Baby of Warsaw, Joseph L. Hall of Beulaville, Mary J. Maready of Chinquapin, Jeffrey F. Matthews of Kenansville, Dessie Houston of Pink Hill, James Lee Casteen of Warsaw, Robert G. Horne of Willard, Lucy S. Ezzell of Wallace, Recko T. Williams of Wallace  
Sept. 18 - Vickie B. Binson of Kenansville, Joy Nethercutt of Beulaville, John J. Bishop of Magnolia, Shalyce R. Batts of Kenansville, Robert D. Rokos of Fayetteville, Alfreda B. Sutton of Faison, Gregory L. Williamson of Pink Hill  
Sept. 19 - Ralph I. Gurganus of Wallace, Thomas Cruse of Mount Olive, Bil H. Ipock of Wallace, Arthur M. Oates of Clinton, Henry Kornegay of Albemarle  
Sept. 20 - Myrtle L. Powers of Beulaville, Dixie E. Taylor of Beulaville, Ruby D. Lanier of Chinquapin, Marilyn F. McKay of Beulaville, Ethel P. Middleton of Rose Hill

## Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

### SIMON CALLED PETER!

PETROS, OR PETER, IS THE GREEK TRANSLATION OF THE ARAMAIC "CEPHAS" (A STONE, OR ROCK). THIS IS THE NAME WHICH JESUS OF NAZARETH BESTOWED UPON SIMON ON HIS FIRST MEETING (JOHN 1:42). THE PROPHETIC MEANING OF THIS NAME WAS AFTERWARDS RECOGNIZED BY THE OTHER APOSTLES (MATT. 16:18,19). SIMON, OR PETER, WAS THE SON OF A MAN NAMED JONAH (MATT. 16:17), A HUMBLE FISHERMAN, WHO FOLLOWED HIS TRADE ON THE SEA OF GALILEE. PETER, WITH ANDREW, HIS BROTHER, FOLLOWED IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THEIR FATHER AND THEY ALL HAD A PARTNERSHIP IN A FISHING BOAT WITH THE SONS OF ZEBEDEE, JAMES AND JOHN, AND ZEBEDEE, HIMSELF. AT THE TIME OF HIS FIRST MEETING WITH JESUS, PETER WAS A NATIVE OF BETHSAIDA, LATER, HE LIVED WITH HIS FAMILY IN CAPERNAUM. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT JESUS PICKED MEN OF A HUMBLE STATION IN LIFE TO BE HIS FOLLOWERS AND DISCIPLES. IN FACT, IT IS RECORDED IN THE ACTS (ACTS 4:13) THAT PETER AND JOHN WERE "...UNLEARNED AND IGNORANT MEN..."! YET THEY COULD SWAY CROWDS WITH THEIR RHETORIC, LOGIC, AND COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF SUBJECTS THAT ONLY EDUCATED MEN WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE! OF COURSE, THE FACT THAT THEY GAINED THEIR LEARNING AT THE FEET OF JESUS, SERVED TO GUIDE THEM AS THEY CONFRONTED HOSTILE PRIESTS, OR WITLESS LISTENERS, TO THEIR TRUTHS! FROM THE FIRST, PETER'S ARDOR, HIS COURAGE AND VIGOR MARKED HIM AS THE ULTIMATE LEADER OF THE DISCIPLES! AND CERTAINLY, DURING THE EARLY YEARS OF LEADERSHIP IN THE CHURCH, PETER WELL JUSTIFIED HIS NAME, "THE ROCK" WHICH JESUS HAD GIVEN HIM!



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