



SON OF A GUN

by Joe Lanier

There are few places that have obtained the level of desirability, after being declared unsafe and abandoned, as has the old Kenansville school. It was not too long ago parents met and talked in fear of the old building falling down while their children were attending classes. "There is a very obvious crack along the back wall... or is that the end?..." Anyway this crack could widen and children running up and down the steps or halls could cause the whole building to come crumbling down on them. It is unsafe. This was the outcry. So, Duplin County's Board of Commissioners came up with the money to build a new elementary school in Kenansville — a one-story unit and it took several years to fix the roof on this brand new building. Once the kids moved to the new building — a Christmas present — the old building grew to be a very desirable piece of real-estate. First off, the school board wanted to put the brightest youngsters in Duplin County into the condemned building in a special high school — a gallant but expensive venture. The instructional staff alone would have cost Duplin County tax payers. It would not have been a state venture, but just a county venture, and the teachers' salaries would have been over \$400,000 a year for starters. All in all, this good idea could have cost around \$1 million a year. As money was not floating around just for the grabbing for good ideas, the venture has been put on a back burner. Then came the county commissioners who wanted the land. They felt they had bought the land when they put up the million to build the new school. As the Town of Kenansville has only so much land in the center of town — and the old school is in the center of town — the county government said that if it is to grow, it needed the land. After a lot of hard feelings and bad words between the county commissioners and the school board, the school board gave up its hold on the old school to the county commissioners. Let me say here, the county commissioners and the board of education are all elected by the people of Duplin County to represent Duplin County's best interests, and the disagreement they had over the school property will cause problems for many years to come — which is not in the best interest of any one. As the arguments were an on-going thing, the Duplin Agribusiness Committee came along and asked to use the property for a county fair. Everyone looking for some relief from the argument said OK. The fair was a success and the next one was even better with the people doing the planning seeming to be getting the right stuff and people together. It appears the fair, if allowed to do so, will continue to grow, to the pleasure of Duplin folks. However, the commissioners are looking with a gleam in their eyes at the building as a place for new offices of the ever-expanding county government. The possibility of turning the building into an agriculture complex has been discussed, with the extension office, soil and water office, and the ASCS office moved into the building — of course, after it has been remodeled. The fair people also have a plan for the building to be used for trade shows, conventions, the fair and so on — all to complement the existing facilities there including the gym and amphitheatre. The second floor of the old building would be partially cut away into a rotunda-type area with a balcony so folks could look over the downstairs displays, etc., from above. The fair people have \$120,000. This is not enough to do the job, but they are not saying do it all at once; do it in bits and pieces as the money becomes available. And, they are wanting some county money in the project as well. The use fees would keep the building up, so say the Agribusiness folks. The county just bought the PCA/FLB building — the new one behind the Farm Bureau building at a cost of \$500,000. \$435,000 of that was a state grant. The building is to be used for Mental Health administration offices. There is a lot of space in that building. But, back to the old school. I think the Agribusiness people have a good idea. In fact, the facilities already there are not properly promoted, as far as I am concerned. Perhaps this convention, trade show type of place would round out the area. A full-time promotion person could be hired, and many of the things making do some other place could come to Duplin's planned promotion park. The million dollars the county commissioners were going to spend to remodel the old building could be used to build a proper office building. A million dollars will build quite a building. Son-of-a-Gun.

Goldsboro District UMW

Over 200 Goldsboro District United Methodist Women met for their 11th annual meeting at the host church, Salem United Methodist near Goldsboro on Sunday, Oct. 21.

Betty Hardt, vice president of Goldsboro District United Methodist Women, opened the meeting by inviting Mrs. Elizabeth Best, president of Salem UMW, to give greetings. Rev. Chester Brown, pastor of Salem, had the opening prayer.

Highlights of the program were: reading of names by Glenda Norton of Selma, and a song "In His Time" by Mrs. Anna Belle Bonham of Wallace, were memorials to deceased members.

Dolores Holt of Princeton announced the pledge to missions. She reported that the district was low in their pledge and encouraged each unit to increase their pledge by five percent.

While a love offering was being taken, the group sang "Whole Persons in Christ," written by Rev. Nancy Best of Four Oaks, which stressed the purpose of UMW.

Sue Teachey and Ellis Henry Townsend, both of Wallace, presented a centennial vignette.

Goldsboro District won the leading Program banner at Annual Conference in Fayetteville by having the highest number of people participating in the UMW reading program.

Ellis Henry Townsend, president of the District, gave words of appreciation to all members. She said they were like music boxes — each one plays a different tune but each tune is essential and important.

The report from the committee on nominations, given by Mrs. Leora from Rosewood, was: Secretary - Mrs. Juanita Whitfield of Mount Olive; Coordinator of Global Concerns - Mrs. Barbara Bolding of Fremont; Chairperson of committee on nominations - Mrs. Leora Hall from Rosewood; Members, committee on Nomination - Mrs. Tiny Rains from Princeton, Mrs. Jean Barefoot from Four Oaks, Mrs. Hall announced that Mrs. Ann Sullivan of Brogden is filling an unexpired term as coordinator of Christian Social Involvement.

Special Mission Recognition pins were given to Sandra Worsley of Wallace and Hazel Sorrell of Benson. St. Luke United Methodist Church extended an invitation to the women to meet with them in 1985.

Refreshments were served by the host church.

During the program, the Sarecta United Methodist Women had contributed to missions by having the candle burned 30 seconds for Arlene Davenport, one of their members, in honor of her recent 50th wedding anniversary.

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—Refreshments—