



SON of A Joé Lanier gun

I was at the dentist office this past week. This profession surely has progressed. They used to advertise painless, but failed to do as advertised. . . But, today, even the stick of the needle to make it painless is painless. The worst thing is lying upside down with a fellow having both hands in your mouth. . . Besides he has a drill, grinding away in one hand and is prying your mouth open with the other so the girl helping him can get both her hands in too. . . One is holding a sucking tube that has gotten ahold of your cheek. That is the most uncomfortable thing about dentistry today. . . Of course, while he has you in this position. . . upside down with four hands in your mouth along with a drill, a pick, a mirror, a wad of cotton and a sucking tube. . . he asks a question. . . "Have you been fishing this year?" . . . Well, it was about this time I thought, "If I were an inventor, I would invent some way to converse with the dentist while in this position." . . . To be sure, a computer could be adapted to flash the reply on the ceiling where you are looking and on the floor where he is looking at the same time. . . It was about this time that another girl had to be called in to help the one already there pull this sucking tube from my lower cheek where it had attached itself like a leech. . . Time to rinse. . . All the hands and tools come from the mouth. . . The chair motor comes on and upright you go. . . A tiny cup of water. . . "Rinse and spit in the tube." . . The opening in the tube is about as big as a snuff box. . . Now, with no teeth on one side of my mouth and the other side numb with novocaine, she says "Spit." . . Well, I tried, but it was more like a spray, with the most coming out the wrong side of my mouth. She cleaned up the mess and asked, "Want to rinse again?" . . . I nodded, yes. . . Again the little paper cup of water. . . I sloshed it around in my mouth. This time I am going to take better aim when I spit, I think. . . So, I pucker up. . . The cup is placed under my lips. . . I look, I pucker, I spit. . . Son of a gun, I spit on her white shoes this time. . . Missed everything. . . The chair goes into motion and it is upside down again. . . Back to the cavities. . . As you lay there you wonder what is proper. . . Lay with the eyes closed or with them open looking at the ceiling. . . Son of a gun. . . He has his hand pressing down on my lip, against my teeth. . . I believe he is going to push a hole in that lip. . . I frown. . . gasp. . . tense up my muscles. . . "You feel that?" he asks. . . I grunt. . . But he moved his hand, so I am thinking again about the device to communicate with. . . Sure would be nice. . . As I was leaving I was trying to smile, but with one side of my mouth dead I was only half-smiling, and when the receptionist told me the amount I owed, that side stopped smiling, too. . . However, on Sunday at Herman Atkinson's birthday dinner, as I chewed on those goodies, I thought, maybe, that it was not such a bad deal after all. . .

I understand we almost had a jail break in Duplin County jail this past week. I hear a fellow got locked up and had a rattle snake in his boot. . . Once in the back cells, he got the snake out and dangled it the faces of the others, and those confined spaces were about to have new doors made. . . Just show me where you want a new door, for I am fixing to leave this place. . . Some actually tried to bend the bars, I am told. . . However, it turns out the snake was dead and only six inches or so long. . . But it surely did cause a commotion. . . Son-of-a-Gun. . .

Blanchard To Participate In Bikeathon For American Cancer Society

Jimmy Blanchard, son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Blanchard of Kenansville, will participate in the American Cancer Society Bike-A-Thon held on Oct. 21. The bikers will ride from Boone to Beaufort, which is approximately 365 miles. Jimmy, age 16, has been training for this trip for several weeks. He has also ridden with the Cape Fear Bike Club in preparation for this trip. Jimmy has his own personal reasons for entering

the Bike-A-Thon, as well as his great love for the sport. He will ride in memory of "Aunt Pat," (Patsy Quinn Howard of Kenansville) who died of cancer on Nov. 3, 1976. All participants are asking that you make your personal donation to the American Cancer Society in memory of a loved one for the research in finding a cure for cancer. Jimmy will gladly accept donations and he asks for your support for all the participants.

SANDY PLAIN

PIG PICKING

Upcoming events at Sandy Plain Original Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Pink Hill, includes:

Singing on Sunday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. featuring the Lime Stone Singers of Potters Hill, Revival Services, Oct. 31 - Nov. 4 with Rev. Keith Cable of the Carolina Bible Institute as evangelist. There will be special singing each evening and a nursery will be provided.

Sunday, Oct. 9, a pig pickin' was hosted by Leslie and Cathy Murphy to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Little to the community. Honored guests included: Dr. and Mrs. ve Griffith, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Zenel, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watson, Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Avery, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Smith, and the staff of Duplin Medical and Pink Hill Medical Centers. Approximately 60 guests attended.



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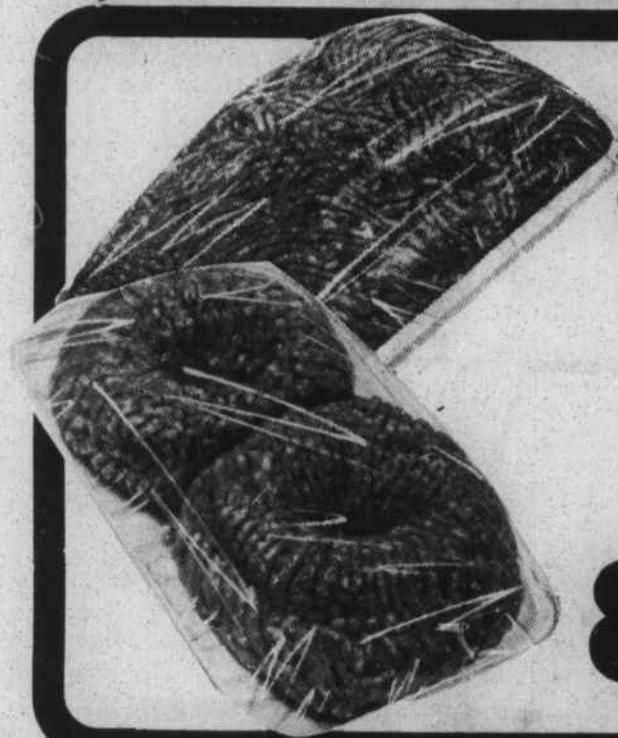


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