

Son Of A

by Joe Lanier

The high school class I graduated with is planning a class reunion in July. It was one of the last classes to graduate from Magnolia High School. There was not a whole bunch of us - just 16, and 22 of the 16 were females, and I was married. I had, four years earlier, decided I needed to help John Wayne and the Navy in Korea, so I quit school and went off to see the world. As it happened, I was in Florida when I joined the Navy. They put me on a train in Tampa (my first train ride) and sent me to California by way of Chicago and Kansas City. Once in California, it became evident a high school diploma was needed. All the jobs paid the same \$96.50 a month, but those with more education got the easy jobs. . .Me with only a 9th grade education, and knowing nothing of value to the Navy. . . After all, knowing how to crop tobacco or to plow with a mule has very little use on a ship out in the ocean. . . So, I was assigned to the boiler gang. . .In the Navy, if you want to change jobs you "strike" for the other job. . . That does not mean you quit working. . . It just means you let those in charge know you want such and such a job. So I struck for electrician. . . Knowing about boilers in a farming community has about as much use as knowing about farming on a ship. However, electricians are useful in either place. . . The chief said. . ,Lanier, so you want to make light bulbs light up, huh?. . . Yes sir, I replied. . . Well, said he, all the electricity on this ship originates down in the boiler room and that is going to be your job on this ship - making electricity in the boiler room. . . It was there and then I decided to improve my education if ever the chance arose again. . . Thus, when I was discharged from the Navy, the first thing I did was get school in those days, which was not too long ago, the senior class put on a play. . . So did we in Magnolia. I was, of course, the handsome debonair male who ended up with the very lovely female of the play. . . I think the name of the play was "Debra Lee" or something like that. . . In any case, at the end of the play I was to kiss the girl as she and I, in the play, were to end up married. . . About the only place a kiss was allowed in a schoolhouse then would have been on a stage, and it being part of a play. . . However, that was not even allowed for me. . . I was a married man. . .So, we decided to make a sign on a large posterboard and hold it in front of me and Patsy Brown, who was to be the bride. . . On the poster board was printed "Here comes the . . Now this worked fine to Patsy and me. . . We just stood close together and she lifted her right leg like Doris Day did when she kissed someone. . . Patsy and I and everyone else on stage knew we were just standing close together. . . However, the audience had the illusion we were kissing. . . And my wife was in the audience. . . Donna may be little, but she is loud. . . I think it was good the make-believe kissing was the last thing to happen before the curtain closed. . . .

I understand some fellows in Kenansville have been on a diet. . .l am told there were four of them and they were all slightly hefty. . . Between them, during their diet, they lost enough weight to make another man. . . 217 pounds. . . Of course I am also told that one of the dieters was weighing with weights in his pocket, and the scale was only showing he was losing five pounds or so along. . . They had a bet on who would lose the most. . . The last day, the one with the weights in his pocket had suddenly lost 72 pounds. . .

I was talking to Fayette Batts the other night. . . . thought he had always worked at Quinn Wholesale, but not so. . . In his younger days, he was a tinsmith, so to speak. . . He made tobacco barn flues. . . There is a profession to bring back memories in the older folks and make the younger ones wonder what the heck is tobacco barn flues. . . Son-of-a-Gun. . .



News From DCC

At Duplin Country Club. we're still making changes. We've just purchased eleven reconditioned electric carts that look and run like new. That gives us a fleet of 25 operational carts, so if you haven't played because of carts, you need to come out and try our new ones.

We've cleaned up nearly all the roughs this winter, especially holes five through thirteen. There's a "clean-up Day" scheduled for Saturday morning, March 7, in an effort to finish cleaning up all the small brush and trash. Members who can help are

asked to sign up at the Pro Shop. We're having hamburger cook-out at the Club House afterwards.

Our social committee has a big weekend scheduled for the ACC tournament with a wide-screen TV at the Club House for the two semi-final games on Friday and the finals on Saturday. There will also be card games and refreshments for members

and their guests.

Don't for get to start practicing for the Member-Member that's planned for April 4th and 5th.

Rick

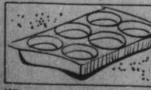
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Duplin Chapter Report American **Red Cross**

At a recent meeting of the Duplin County chapter of the American Red Cross, Lloyd B. Stevens, 1980 fund campaign manager, gave the following report with community, workers and

Albertson, Hazel Ruth Kornegay, \$173.; Bowdens, Jean Wilson and Bettie Carlton, \$43.11; Beulaville, Bill Thigpen and Charlie



When extra ice cubes are needed for punches, or ice buckets at parties, use muf-fin tins instead of buying new ice cube trays. The big ice cubes will last longer.

Chasten, \$234.68; Calypso, Louis Galloway, \$153.32; Charity, Glorious Boykin, \$50.; Chinquapin, George Landen and Rona Kenan, \$348.20; Faison, Al Frizzell, \$215.00; Kenansville, Rev. Troy D. Mullis, \$664.64; Magnolia, Marjorie Pickett, \$66.00; Rockfish. Ethel Alston, \$51.35; Rose Hill, Rev. Clark Porter and Irene Carr, \$873.00; Smith's, Sheila Futrell, \$78.53; Teachey, Rev. Larry Blount, \$40.36; Wallace, Emily Jessup and Robert Smith. \$381.76; Warsaw, Ray Roberts and R.E. Wilkins, \$534.08; and Wolfscrape, John Goodson, \$107.40. The combined total amounted to \$4,014.43 and was reported to be the best campaign in about ten years, according to the secretary and treasurer's

Faison News

Mrs. Crowe Honored Mrs. T.C. Crowe, recent bride, was honored Saturday afternoon, Feb. 21, with a coco-cola party in the Faison Community Building by Mrs. Paul Clifton, Mrs. Marietta Davis, Mrs. Frank Casteen. Mrs. Hank Davis, Mrs. Jim Thompson, Mrs. Francis McColman and Mrs. Eugene Martin. The honoree was presented a corsage upon

building The decorated with floral arrangements and camellias. The table was overlaid with a cut-work white linen cloth and centered with an arrangement of red camellias. Mrs. Crow was presented a carpet sweeper and blender by the hostesses.

United Methodist Women The evening circle of the Faison United Methodist Women met Tuesday in the home of Mrs. James Cottle. Mrs. Kenneth Davis presided. Mrs. J.W. Vinson read the minutes and Mrs. Bill Igoe gave the treasurer's report. The program.
"Growing Old." was presented by Mrs. Doris Lane. Mrs. Cottle assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Lane, served refreshments to the following: Madames Pearl Bradshaw, Norman Ellis, Linwood Ellis, Thad Bryson, Carlton Warren, John Warren, Del-

Trey Taylor on Deal's List Trey Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Taylor Jr., was named to the 1980 fall semester dean's list at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. To make the list, a student must earn a 3.2 grade average on the 4.0

mas Hobbs, J.W. Vinson,

Bill Igoe and Mrs. Kenneth

Mrs. Holland Receives

Mrs. Harold Holland of Jackson, Ga. received her high school diploma from Jackson Technical School last week. Mrs. Holland is the former Connie Price, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Price of Faison. Mrs. Price's mother-in-law. Lottie Holland, received her

Neighbor News
Jeff Bulliet spent several days recently with Dr. and Mrs. Bob Carman and

Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Crow and Tammy and Skip of Claypso spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Crow.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown have returned home after several days in Connelly Springs with Sgt. Bob Williamson and family.

Dr. Bob Carman spent several days last week in

Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. Catherine Outlaw. Billy Boyette and Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Sullivan and children of Goldsboro, spent Sunday with Mrs. Telsy

Miss Ruth Curtiss of Pittsford, N.Y., returned home last Wednesday after several weeks visit here with Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Cates. Mrs. Telsy Frank and Mrs.

Beulah Garner of Mount Olive spent Tuesday in Goldsboro with Mrs. Estelle Mozingo. Mrs. J.B. Stroud Jr. entertained members of her

sewing club Tuesday afternoon in her home. Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Crowe and Tammy and Skip of Calypso were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmore

Tucker Sunday. Dr. Graham Newtor has returned to Charlotte after several days here in his Faison home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown and Mrs. Telsy Frank attended the funeral of Henry Bullock in Mount Olive Friday.

Mrs. Oleta Padgett of Kinston and Marvin Bass of

Tabor City are visiting their mother, Mrs. Janie Bell

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Oates spent several days last week in Greensboro with Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Oates and family and in Raleigh with Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Oates Jr. and daughter.

Mrs. Ralph Precythe spent the weekend in Clinton with Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Williamson and Ginny. She also visited Miss Rossie Waters in Mary-Gran Nursing

Mrs. Fannie Ellis of Raleigh spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Henry

Brown. Mr. and Mrs. James Tyndall were dinner guests of Mrs. Janie Bell Bass on

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Taylor Sunday.

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