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**SON of A
GUN**

Paul Harvey, radio newscaster, got back on track last week after his meddling in the ERA issue and made some fairly decent observations. He said Americans in the 1980s learned or discovered two things. . . One, that the government has no money. The money it spends is ours. . . Number two, the unions have no jobs; the workers do not work for a union. . . One other thing he said during his program that day that made sense. . . These folks wanting to do away with nuclear weapons. . . "If I am going to be killed in war, what difference does it make if it is by a nuclear bomb, a high-powered rifle, or a brick bat — dead is dead." . . Also, you cannot un-invent the nuclear weapons. . . If the major powers, the U.S. and Russia, do away with their nuclear weapons completely, some small country could easily set itself up as a world dictator by having such weapons. . . These were some pretty good thoughts for Mr. Harvey after getting all messed up in the ERA thing. . .

We have another bird friend. You might recall that a few years ago I wrote about having a bird friend who wanted me to crack and shell its sunflower seeds. . . At the bird feeder behind the house, I had noticed one bird having quite a time with the sunflower seeds. . . He had pecked at them, dropped them from a limb, and even dropped a rock on them. . . With him watching from a tree, one day I cracked and shelled a few for him. Every day or so that summer, I would shell some of the seeds for him. He became unafraid and would sit on the feeder waiting for me to shell more. . . Well, he went away when the cold weather came. Then, the next spring, I was sitting in the den when I heard a knocking on the window. It was my bird friend back. He had brought several sunflower seeds and placed them on the window air conditioner and was pecking on the windowpane. . . I went out, shelled the seeds and noticed that there were three other similar-looking birds perched on a nearby tree. . . I don't know what happened after that day, but I haven't seen him again. . . At least, I haven't been asked to shell any sunflower seeds. . . Last week, another bird (this time a robin) decided to make friends with the family. . . Donna was the one he selected. She was mowing the lawn and this robin began to follow her up and down and back again. Apparently he was looking for food, but when Donna would stop, he would walk right up to her feet with no fear. . . And, if she remained stopped for very long, the bird would look up at her as if to say. . . Hurry up. Let's go. . . I don't think he found a whole lot to eat, because he followed her for almost 45 minutes, getting braver with each round of mowing. He even got hold of her shoestring and gave it a yank one time while she was stopped. I think because she made friends with the bird, she should be allowed to mow all the lawn all summer. . . No telling what kind of a lasting friendship they could work up before winter sent one south and the other inside. . . So, on behalf of Donna and the bird, I surrender all my summer mowing chores. . . Son-of-a-Gun. . .



YARD OF THE MONTH - The yard of Kenneth and Gracie Jones, located on Route 1, Pink Hill, near the Jonestown section, has been named Yard of the Month for May. The yard project was recently adopted by the Christian Chapel Extension Homemakers. Keep your yard beautiful and immaculate. According to Lynda W. Stroud, chairman, a different yard will be selected each month through early autumn.



ANNIVERSARY - Mr. and Mrs. William Morris Lee of Route 2, Deep Run, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on May 8th. A cookout was given in their honor. Their children, including Betty Faye Ezzell of Pink Hill, William Eugene Lee and family of Pink Hill, Kenneth Lane Lee and family of Kinston, Brentwood Forrest Lee and family of Pink Hill, and Dorothy Gail Smith and family of Pink Hill attended.

PIG PICKING

Miss C. Kay Smith of Wilson and Tom Jones of Greenville, bridal couple elect, were honored on Saturday with a pig-picking at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harper in Pink Hill, with the Harpers serving as hosts for the event.

Picnic tables covered in white and decorated with potted begonias lined the deck. Guests enjoyed bar-

becued pig with all the traditional trimmings.

Upon arriving, the bride-to-be was presented with a corsage of pink carnations and the groom a white carnation.

Approximately 50 guests attended.

The bride-elect parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Braswell Smith of Deep Run. The wedding will take place on June 5 at the Deep Run First Baptist Church.

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