



SON OF A GUN

by Joe Lanier

North Carolina's education system from kindergarten through college is filled with some very talented and dedicated teachers and instructors. Some are as fine as is available. Every once-in-a-while you hear of one not so great. You hear of one who has forgotten his purpose. . . A story of one of these not-so-great is circulating presently. According to this story, tale, or rumor, this person had made the remark that if a student who failed the course in which this teacher or instructor is assigned, is allowed to make up work and pass, this instructor will quit, resign. . . I must say up front that I do not know if this story is true. . . I hope it is not. . . I hope Duplin County has no one in education, administrator, instructor, teacher, secretary, janitor or all-around flunky that believes they are more important than their purpose. . . To me there should always be another chance. The whole purpose of the education system is to teach someone who doesn't know. Were I an administrator and someone in my employ made such a remark to me, I would ask them to put it in writing, along with the resignation, and not let the sun set with this person still in my building. . . I would be so upset at hearing such a remark, I would not even remember the good things this person did — for they have allowed pride and petty politics to shadow their purpose. They apparently believe they cannot be replaced. . . No one is so valuable. . .

I heard a tale of a Lanier fellow from up Goldsboro way losing his wallet. Lost it on payday, too. However, he did make most of his payments before losing it. Says he remembered cashing his check, paying a bank payment, paying some on his oil bill, and so on, even buying some dog food and feeding his Doberman. . . When he was taking his pants off to take a shower, he discovered his wallet was gone. . . Well, you lose some and you win some, he thought. . . I just lost some. . . He got a new wallet and driver's license, and replaced the other things lost in the old wallet. A few weeks later while in the dog-yard, his Doberman was whining. . . apparently trying to get his attention. However, he was in a hurry and didn't have much time to play, so he ignored the Doberman. . . His wife said, "The dog has something in his mouth. He acts like he wants to give it to you." . . So, Mr. Lanier took a closer look and there in the dog's mouth was a wad of money. . . \$77 to be exact. . . A little more looking found Mr. Lanier's wallet. The Doberman likes to chew on leather, but apparently was not fond of money, so he was giving the money back. The wallet, when it was lost, had \$97 in it, so all was found but a twenty. . . Son-of-a-Gun. . .



Become Members Of IJO

Trilby and Tim Evans (left and center) of Evans Jewelers in Clinton, are pictured above being congratulated on becoming members of Independent Jewelers Organization by Robert Williams, national sales manager. The Evans' were among a group who attended a meeting in Southern Pines recently and became members of IJO. The Independent Jewelers Organization is the largest buying group in the world today. The Evans' join over 900 other jewelers in the U.S., Canada and Australia with total retail sales of more than \$400 million. Williams said, "The Evans' were selected because of their knowledge and integrity. We are indeed privileged to have them with us."

Blizzard Wins At Jordan

Jimmy Blizzard of Beulaville captured the Duplin County Bassmaster's April bass tournament at Lake Jordan near Apex.

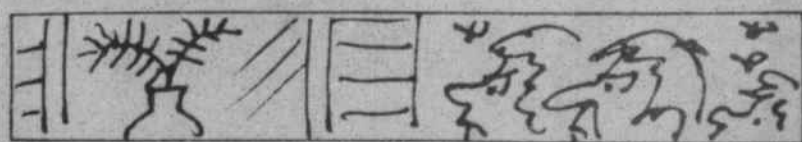
Blizzard won the two-day event by enticing shallow bass to jump all over his purple firetail worm. The fish were not very aggressive and finding the right combination was a secret several club members could not unravel in time to catch the hard-charging Blizzard.

L.C. Stroud of Albertson came in

second, three pounds behind the leader. Stroud caught his fish in shallow water also, but he lured his fish to the top with a Smithwick's devil's horse.

Other members fishing were Jerry Blackburn, Dannie Herring, Enie Gray, Ski Bodzinski, Dennis Graham and Jay Quinn. The May tournament will be held on the Northeast Cape Fear River.

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