A NEW ROOF

Our house needed a new roof so we went to the lumberman in town. He recommended a worker to us. He came out to the house and gave us an estimate which we thought was reasonable. He was a student at the University who wore his hair in a pony tail held together by a rubber band.

Our neighbor's home needed roofing too, but they wanted no part of him when they saw what he looked like. How could a man be trusted and dependable when he looked like that? What kind of a job would he do? "No, thank you," they said. "We'll find someone else."

The day arrived when our new roof was started. He was a fast, powerful, accurate worker who virtually ran up the ladder with his bundles of shingles. One windy day his ladder blew down. We were gone, but he continued to work until our neighbors came to his rescue and put the ladder up again.
We gave him coffee and cookies in our home during his breaks. He was an excellent worker. When he finished, we wrote him a check — a check that is now autographed by a celebrity. For the long-haired student who replaced our roof was none other than Tom Wopat, or "Luke" one of the two co-stars of the television series, the "Dukes of Hazzard."