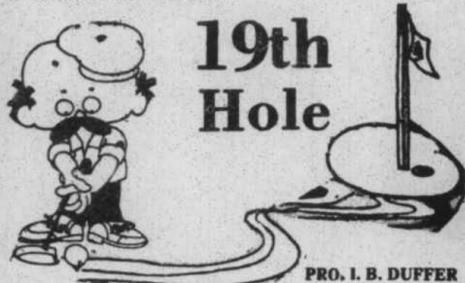




Joe Lanier

SON of A GUN

Hospitals are quiet and serene places. . . High priced, highly technical, but full of humans. . . some sick, some tending the sick, and some just visiting the sick, and others just hanging around. Sometimes in this setting where everything is spotlessly clean and everyone seems to be tip-toeing around, things happen that seem amusing. . . Perhaps it is just the fact that laughter is not so associated with such a place. . . So. . . I was talking to a nurse in a hospital south of Duplin who was filling out one of those forms asking every question possible — Who you are — Who your grandparents were — How much did your great uncle on your grandmother's side weigh on his tenth birthday — Did your great-grandmother paint her toenails, and so on. . . I said there sure seems to be a lot of forms to fill out and the lady replied, "Yes, I spend more time filling out papers than I do nursing. I think the next time I go to school, I will go to be a secretary and maybe I can do some nursing. . . In another hospital, this young nurse came in the room to take the temperature, pulse and so on. . . She looked to be a foot or so shorter than short, had on thick glasses, and walked absolutely flatfooted. Her looks did not instill that safe, secure feeling one likes to have in such places. First thing, she took out the thermometer to shake it down, as all nurses do. As she was flinging it about in her right hand, I heard a tinkle somewhere over about the wall. She looked down at her hand, and sure enough, there was no thermometer. She had slung it across the room. . . But, this didn't shake the little nurse. With a poker face, she acted as if she had everything under control. She reached down and got the fellow's arm and began taking his pulse. . . As she was counting, you could see her looking about the room at floor-level. She picked up her clipboard, thumbed through a paper or two, and off she went. . . A short time later she was back with another thermometer. She began her flinging routine again, but not as vigorously. . . This time, when she looked at her hand, she still had the thermometer. . . She popped it into the man's mouth and grabbed his arm again to count his pulse. . . and looked about the room, floor level. She apparently never did see where the thermometer she had flung across the room went. . . Her face seemed to show she had her confidence back. . . Kind of a smug look — almost cocky. . . She wrote down the temperature and pulse, turned, kinda smiled and walked over a chair sitting between her and the door. Luckily, she did not injure herself. . . Just her confidence — or maybe the patient's confidence. . . Good thing he had no stitches. . . Son-of-a-Gun. . .



PRO. I. B. DUFFER

Duplin Pro Rick Green announces the first annual Seniors Invitational golf tournament to be held at Duplin Country Club on Tuesday, March 29. The format will include three groups with Group A, age 50-59; Group B, age 60-69 and Group C, 70 and over. Green says prizes will be awarded to low gross and low net following play. Coffee and donuts at 9 a.m. with shotgun start at 10 a.m. Entry fee of \$15 includes carts. Green urges seniors to join in a day of fun at Duplin CC on Tuesday, March 29. Don't forget.

past several weeks, according to Johnson.

Pro Rick Green reports Kenansville's Bob Jones "aced" the number two, three par, recently using a seven iron. Notables George Penny and Robert Chestnutt witnessed the once-in-a-lifetime shot.

Ladies Day at Duplin has been set for March 10. Tee times is 10 a.m. A spokesperson says a meeting will follow the tournament with a very important meeting to organize a ladies golf association. Please try to attend this meeting.

Pro Doug Smith says play over at Lakewood has been real good and "We hope this will be our best golf year ever. Our course is in the best condition in several years." Lakewood will host the first Superball in the area on Feb. 26. Other events in and around LCC includes dance lessons in the new club house and the recent Valentine Dance.

The Lady Sandtrappers League travels to Chicora Country Club Tuesday, Feb. 22. Minnie Clark and Betty Potter of Duplin and Erlene Gavin of Lakewood will be going to Dunn from this area. The league will be at Coharie in Clinton on Tuesday, March 22.

The Duplin Board of Directors re-elected Lloyd Parker as president for 1983 recently and Donnie Ezzell as vice president. Mark Vinson was elected secretary along with Bob Brumleve as treasurer for 1983.

Rockfish Pro Jim Finch says this past Sunday was a real good day on the course. "We have been so wet until play was very slow, but now look real good." Finch said.

Bill Potter set a record last week at Duplin with nine straight bogies.

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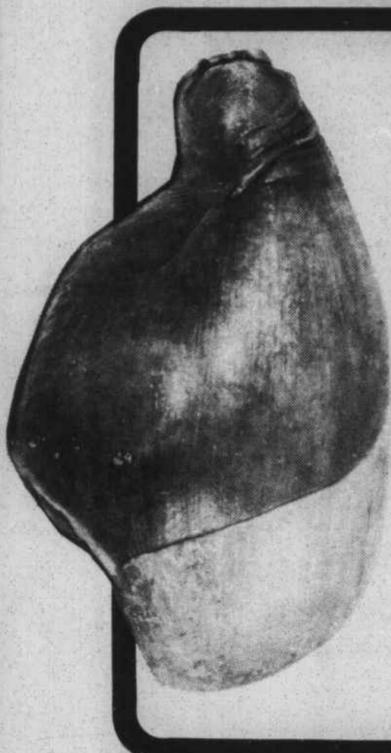
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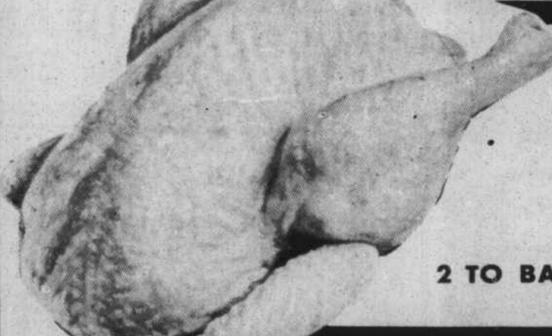
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