



Joe Lanier

**SON of A
GUN**

There is no doubt — drunk or drinking drivers should be removed from the public roads. New legislation is reported to be aimed in that direction. However, I see little improvement over the old laws. The problem, I believe, is not in new laws but in enforcing the ones now on the books. Just how safe the lawmakers want the roads was pointed out last week when the legal drinking age of 21 was approached. After a day or so of hip-hip-hooray, we want to make 21 years of age the minimum legal drinking age, someone pointed out that if this were done, taxes amounting to \$3 million a year would be lost if the youngsters between the age of 18 and 21 were not permitted to purchase alcoholic beverages. . . There was a bit of mulling around and then it was decided, well, maybe safe costs too much. . . Here they really had a chance to make a new ruling, but failed to do so. . . That was to put a limit on how many lives were worth \$3 million. . . Just how many deaths caused by drinking drivers between the age of 19 and 21 are worth \$3 million. . . We have read and heard that drunk drivers would be locked in jail. . . Well, the new "impaired driving" law does not assure that. The judge still has the discretion as to — or not to. . . The main difference between the old DUI bill and the "impaired driving" bill is the change in legal drinking age and the no plea bargaining. . . Now the bargaining will take place after the guilty plea. . . This means higher lawyer fees, not less drinking drivers. . . That little flaw that has plagued the judicial system since its inception, is still there. . . and that is equal treatment under the law is not necessarily so if you have big bucks. . . As long as lawmakers make the laws, there will always be an out for who knows, one day the lawmaker may find him/herself entangled. . . If the public is sincere in wanting to remove drinking drivers from the public highways, they can do so. . . This new bill cannot. . . Most judges in North Carolina serve at the discretion of the voters. . . If these judges are not strict enough — or do not fairly administer laws — then the polling places are the place to attack.

I was looking for a story to write a couple of weeks ago and decided perhaps the weather would be a good one due to the tremendous amount of rain we have had. I called Hiram Brinson, emergency services coordinator, and asked if he had any reports of problems due to the rain. . . He said no. . . However, says he, I did see a fellow pulling a boat behind his car. He stopped at a stop sign and the animals began getting into the boat two-by-two. . . Son-of-a-Gun. . .



James Madison was the shortest of all America's Presidents, standing only five feet, four inches tall.

19th Hole
PRO. I. B. DUFFER

Duplin Pro Rick Green announces the first annual Seniors Invitational Golf Tournament scheduled for Tuesday, March 29. Green will divide groups in Group A (age 50-59), Group B (age 60-69) and Group C (age 70 and over). These groups will divide into flights determined by the number playing and their handicap. Format will be 18 holes of Medal play. Entry fee of \$15 includes cart. Trophies and gift certificates will be awarded for low gross and low net in each flight. Register at nine o'clock, shotgun start at 10 and presentation of awards at three o'clock. Pick up application at local pro shop or call Green at 296-0919.

Pro Jim Finch reports the first Scramble is scheduled at Rockfish of Wallace for next Sunday, March 20, with tee time at one o'clock. Members are urged to invite someone and play.

Golfers are reminded to remember the big golf outing over at Coharie Country Club in Clinton. The Two-Man Best Ball is set for April 23-24, the Super Tourney of the year. The Four-Man is set for May 28-29 and of course, the Invitational is scheduled on July 16-17. Pro Ed Smoot invites area golfers to make plans to play in these outstanding golf tournaments.

Pro Doug Smith announces several events over at Lake-wood including the Ladies Night every second Tuesday night in the clubhouse, and the annual membership meeting set for April 8th. Doug's first really big golf outing will be April 30-May 1st, which is a Four-Man Best Ball which will include a cookout and dance.

Duplin's Carl Price really did walk on water last Sunday afternoon at Duplin following the basketball game between State and Virginia. As you know, the Wolfpack

won the ACC championship and Carl just floated through most of the golf match with Bill Potter and Wiley Booth. P.S. His partner kept him from jumping into Huffman Pond on thirteen.

Pro Rick Murphy's first real golf outing of the season is the Four-Man Best Ball set for March 19 at Southern Wayne. Be sure to mark April 16-17 on your calendar. It's Southern Wayne's annual Invitational.

Other Duplin CC news includes a steak fry set for Saturday, March 19. Call Pro Shop for reservations. Then Pro Green has a Superball scheduled for Sunday, March 20 with a 1:00 start.

Pro Jim Finch reports the East Central Golf Team will play a golf match at Rockfish Country Club on March 31.

Rock Creek Golf and Country Club will stage their annual Spring Scramble Golf Tournament March 26-27. Format will be three-man, captain's choice. Entry fee is \$20.

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Card Of Appreciation

The family of Gardner B. Houston wishes to express sincere appreciation to all those who showed so much care and concern during the recent loss of our loved one. Your thoughtfulness was such a comfort and will always be remembered by all of us.

SOUP-SANDWICH LUNCHEON

The Kenansville United Methodist Women will be holding their soup and sandwich luncheon on Thursday, March 24.

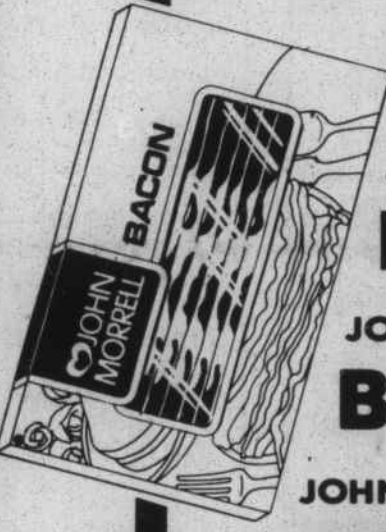
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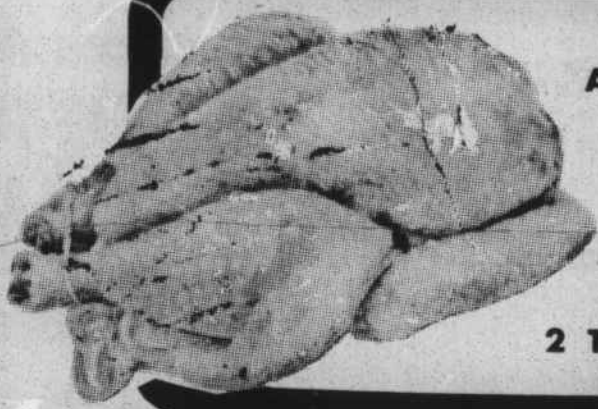


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