

Joe Lanier

SON of A GUN

My television has been hooked into the cable television system in Warsaw for several months now. No complaints, so far. In fact, for about a month now I have been receiving an extra benefit. A brand new cable station went on the air about a month or so ago. . . "The Nashville Channel." I am a country music fancier. I just love that country music and Donna does, too. It seems when one TV station or network has "nothing on," so to speak, all the others join in and they too have "nothing on." Some have reruns or non-interesting events. Here is where the Nashville Channel comes in. You can always turn to watch the Grand Old Opry or some other country music show. One on the shows on the new Nashville Channel is "Country Music Yesterday." Old-timers who were on the radio show "WSM," "Opry," or "Barn Dance" are interviewed and their old music is played. These folks and their past remind me of mine.

On a country summer evening after work in the fields was over for the day, Pete and I would sit on the front porch of his parents' home and sing country songs with all the enthusiasm of any Grand Old Opry star. Pete could play the guitar. He taught himself, and as we sang, all our troubles and aches and pains went away. It was almost as refreshing as taking a bath in a wash tub at work-day's end — or going skinny-dipping in the creek and washing with a bar of Ivory Soap (It Floats). . . Lye soap got the tobacco gum off, but it would not float. The crickets and whippoorwills helped us sing and the mosquitoes came for supper, of course. There was a martin gourd at the left side of the house, and the martins cut down the mosquito population a little. There was no TV then. On week-day nights, when the radio battery was strong enough, we could listen to Radio Station WCKY, Cincinnati, Ohio. . . I am going to tell you more about Pete later, and his brother Bud, and his dad Henry. . . But not this week. Space is at a premium. . . But, they are a part of my "roots." . . . Son-of-a-Gun. . .

19th Hole



SENIOR WINNER - Duplin Pro Rick Green announced winners of the first annual Seniors Invitational Golf Tournament last Monday at Duplin CC, including, from left to right, Rose Hill's Jim Penney, Warsaw's Joe Costin, Warsaw's Harold Mathis, Kenansville's George Penney, Magnolia's notable Charlie Thomas, and Duplin Country Club's own Arthur Benton. Green was fairly pleased with the number playing (29) due to the weather conditions and the first senior format in the area. "We will have this tournament again next spring," Green said. He expressed appreciation to the refreshment committee headed by Betty Potter and Minnie Clark and the fine job they did in the first Senior Invitational. Thanks go to Green and his club for having a golf tournament for the senior golfers in the area.

Pro Doug Smith announces a Captian's Choice scheduled at Lakewood Country Club located just out of Magnolia Saturday and Sunday, April 30 and May 1 for all males over 18 years old. Area golfers are invited to play in the best-ball tournament. Smith also reports the N.C. LP Gas Association tournament will be played again this year at his Lakewood club on Thursday, April 21. Smith reports the Eastern North Carolina Turfgrass Conference will be staged there on April 28th.

Buccanear, Carolina Sands, Chicora, Roseboro, Coharie and Duplin. They meet once a month excepting December and January. They are divided into four flights according to handicaps with three prizes awarded in each flight, low gross, low net and low putts. The 1983 officers of the league are Betty Potter, president, and Minnie Clark, secretary. All ladies at Duplin are invited to come out April 19th and participate in this event.

Pro Ed Smooth announces the sixth annual Coharie Country Club two-Man Invitational scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24. The entry fee is \$100 per team, which includes cart fee, social hour and dance. The field will be limited to 80 teams and no money will be taken after April 16. "We had to turn away over 20 teams last year, so don't wait until the last minutes," Smoot said.

Magnolia's superstar Billy Potter says most putts missed are due to player looking for imaginary slopes and hitting the ball softly trying to baby it into the cup.

Duplin's Betty Potter, president of the Ladies Sandtrappers League, reminds the 19th Hole that the league will be at Duplin Country Club on Tuesday, April 19th. Coffee and donuts at 9:30 and tee time is 10 a.m. The league, according to Potter, is an organization consisting of eight ladies golf associations including Belvedere.

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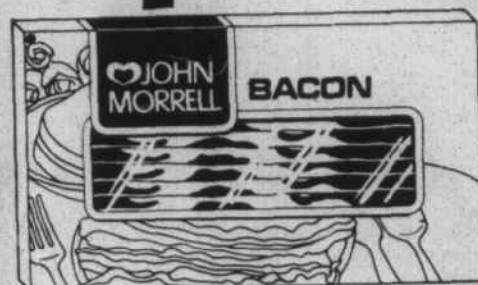
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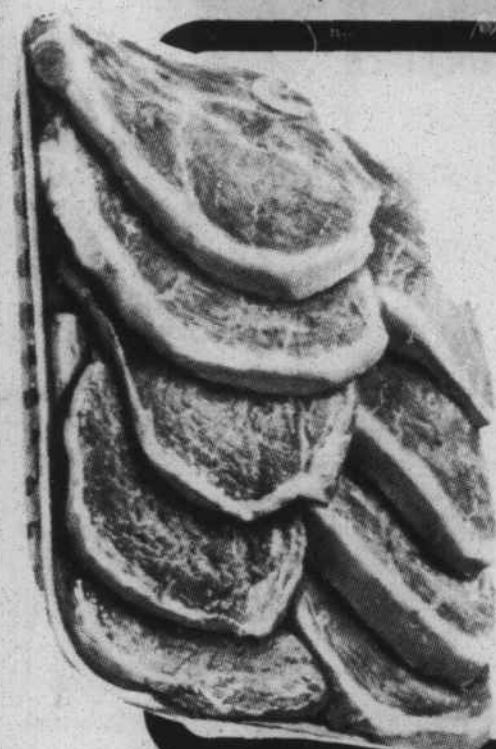


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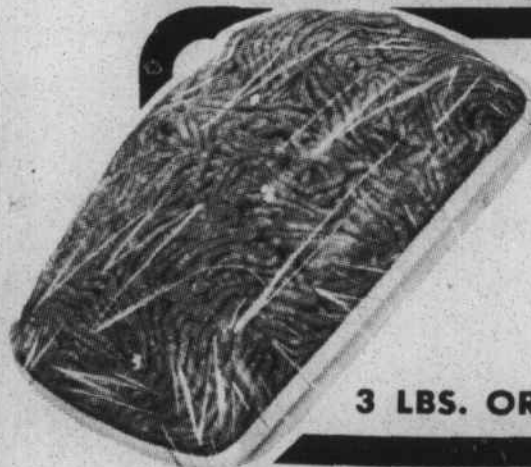


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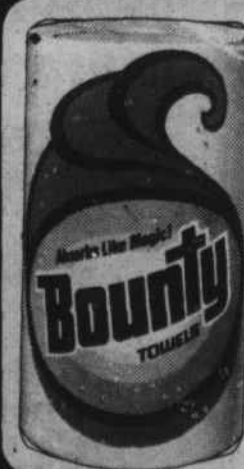


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