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# SON of A gun

There is a good move about salary increases. However, I think there is false information being passed along as causes. This salary increase is for school teachers. School teachers, like everyone else, need to try to keep their salaries up with the cost of living. . . So, there is little doubt a salary increase is needed for state school teachers. However, it should be pointed out that better education for the young will not be automatic. Fact is, if teacher "Jane" is teaching student "Mary" at today's salary, teacher "Jane" will be teaching "Mary" tomorrow. . . The fact that teacher "Jane" is getting more money definitely does not mean student "Mary" will be taught any better. . . Until teachers "Jane" and "Joe," students "Mary" and "John," and parents "Jim" and "Sue" agree to cooperate in the education process, the process will, in most cases, remain second rate. The parents, the student nor the teacher can push their responsibilities off on the other and expect good results. It takes all three in the process and a commitment. We can build great buildings, pay exorbitant salaries, give phoney awards and phrases, but until those three key ingredients commit themselves, education will go lacking. . . In the cost-cutting category — and I am sure someone is looking for some way to cut the amount of money going into education — the place to look is at administration. . . Move those high-salaried people into a class room — 80% of them, anyway. That will cut the number of students per teacher and perhaps cause some administrative people to earn their way. . . It is strange, but true, that a very good and effective teacher can change to administration and after a short time forget what they did to become effective. . . They seem to be in a different world. . . This administration-cutting should take place at community colleges, too. . . By the way, the power struggle is still causing unrest at JSTC. . . One day the trustees are going to have to face facts or watch the education process be destroyed. My solution would be to break up the whole shooting match, demote them all, and send each to another system, and start at JSTC with a completely new batch. . .

Rose Hill commissioner Felton Rackley is unhappy with a chemical company advertisement billboard at Rose Hill's southern city limits. . . Nothing wrong with the advertisement. Nothing wrong with the facts on the sign. . . It is just the location — well, the wording and the location. . . If it were a ways on down the road — but it isn't. . . At the city limit sign leaving Rose Hill is this great big billboard sign saying "Good-bye, suckers." . . It is, of course, referring to tobacco suckers and a chemical to destroy the suckers. . . But, in big bold letters, as you leave Rose Hill, you see "Good-bye, suckers." . . Son-of-a-Gun. . .

## 19th Hole



Rockfish Pro Jim Finch announces the big SpringFest golf tournament scheduled for this coming weekend, May 21-22 at his club in Wallace. Finch reports 22 teams have signed up to play and that about 10 more are expected to enter before Friday. The big spring golf outing will include a dance with music by the Blue Water Band from Wilmington. Guests are invited to the dance and a call to the pro shop will reserve a table for you and your party. Call Finch at 285-2744 in Wallace if you would like to play golf and/or go to the dance.

Pro Doug Smith reports the overall winner in the Superball held last Saturday afternoon included Dalton Rouse, Connie Carlton, Billy Merritt and Carl Fussell with a best ball 63. Susan Wood's team of Ann Fussell, L.L. Lee, David Matthews and Joe Houston were tied with the first place winners but lost in a playoff. Johnny Carlton's foursome of Earline Gavin, C.J. Thomas and Melvin Ward came in third with a neat 64. An interesting note in the Lakewood Superball has to be around Joe Houston and Melvin Ward. Houston was hurt in a car accident several months ago, still has a very stiff neck, and Ward has a broken ankle as a result of a tractor falling on him recently. It is

good to see you back, cast and all, Melvin, and you too, Joe.

Pro Rick Murphy announces to all ladies to get ready for the annual Ladies Invitational golf tournament scheduled for May 31st at Southern Wayne Country Club of Mount Olive. Ladies, please call pro shop at 658-4269 in Mount Olive if you are interested.

Duplin Pro Rick Green reports the team of Frank Huffman, Mark Huffman, Brad Alabaster, Bert Alabaster and Robert West winners in the "twilight" tournament held Friday afternoon (5:30 p.m.) with a best ball six under 30. Randy Edens, Nancy Edens, Brian Ellenburg and Frank Potter tied Bobby Batts, Jack Hill, F.F. Oakley, Minnie Clark and Colin Quinn for second with 32s.

Pro Green says another Twilight has been scheduled this coming Friday afternoon at the same time. "We had 55 players in the tourney and maybe it is best to have another this week," Green said.

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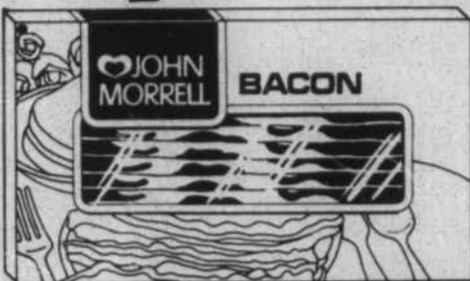
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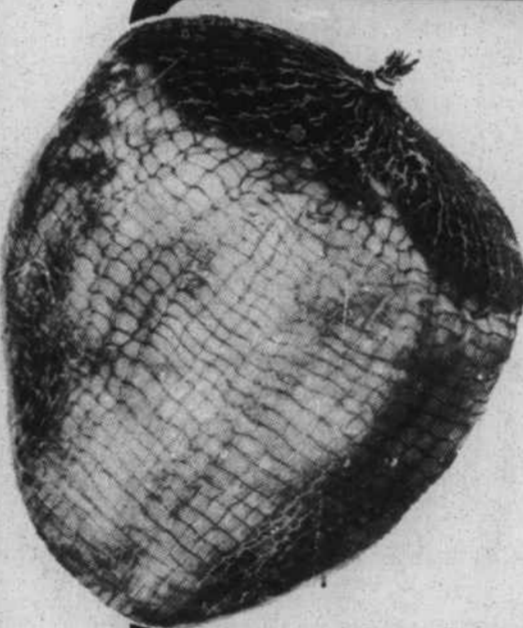
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