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**SON of a gun**

Opinions are like some other things. Most people have at least one. My opinion on the school delay is that it should have been.

The schools are just before asking Duplin County citizenry to sacrifice half-a-cent on each dollar they spend so the schools can have more money. The schools are already sucking up like a giant vacuum cleaner the largest single portion of the Duplin County tax dollar. In every state in the union, in every district, in every study, it is always the same. "More money does not make a better-educated child." But — I am getting off the point. The point is... perhaps it would have been good public relations to delay school to show the schools really do have the community in mind. The community is in trouble as the tobacco crop is the latest ever. The weather advisors say August is to be hot and humid. So, air conditioners in those schools that have them will be running at full capacity, using lots of electricity. Lots of electricity costs lots of money — money that would be used to heat these same schools this winter. Those school rooms that are not air conditioned — Wow! As I heard the possibility of closing discussed, here is what I heard from each member... beginning, left to right... Jimmy Strickland... We should delay school opening so those working tobacco fields can continue to help the farmers. After all, we are a farming community... Bill Richards - Well, it will mess up Easter vacation... Carl Pate - If we delay the opening, football will begin before school opens... Riddick Wilkins - I think there are more loafing the streets than are working tobacco... Joe Swinson - The crop is behind all over the county... L.S. Guy - The schools are big business. If you delay the schools, we may mess up our allotted snow days and move teacher workdays ahead so they will not have as many holidays or workdays during the school year... This was one time they could have acted like a school board and it appeared to me they were more interested in their personal feelings...

So, schools will begin as scheduled August 22. The farmers, as always, will have to make out the best way they can. When the complaint is raised again — "Farmers are not hiring school students for field work like they used to — they are importing migrants," — I guess we might remember this and say, "Well, what do you expect." We all know when a farmer must do his thing, he must do it. It does not wait, as some things could.

Remember, if the half-cent sales tax becomes a reality in Duplin County, boycott those counties that do not join in. Spend your money in those counties that will help Duplin. Don't forget the meeting on the sales tax proposal August 23 at 8 p.m. at the Courthouse. It is being held for your input — whether you favor it or are against it... Son-of-a-Gun...



**19th Hole**

PRO. I. B. DUFFER

Rockfish Pro Jim Finch reports 70 teams have already signed up to play in the annual Member-Guest golf tournament scheduled at his club in Wallace Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 13-14. All members are invited to play with a guest. Call Finch at 285-2744 in Wallace for additional information or if interested in playing.

Longmeadow Country Club is also having their annual Member-Guest golf tournament Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 13-14. Thirty-five teams have already signed up to play.

Pro Rick Green announces that of the 55 players in the weekly 6 p.m. Superball, Buster and Karen Johnson teamed with Arthur Benton, Edward Dail and Minnie Clark to win with a 9-hole score of seven under par 29. Herman and Randy Kight's team of Ray and Pam Parnell, Michael Quinn and Pat Bell were one stroke back with a 30. Green says the club will continue to have the Friday afternoon 9-hole Superball event. "We will have another one this week and all members are invited to come out with the family and friends and have a real good time with the 40-odd each week." See you at DCC.

All area golfers are reminded of the annual Mount Olive Jaycee Pickle Golf Classic scheduled for Aug. 19, 20 and 21. Eighty teams have already signed up in the Two-Man Best Ball tournament which will be one of the most outstanding golf tournaments in this part of the state this year. "We are looking to have well over 100 teams to play," Pro Rick Murphy said.

Lakewood Pro Doug Smith announces a Cystic Fibrosis Golf Tournament will be played at his club sometime within the next month. Details will follow in this column within the next week or so. Smith also announces two most important tournaments scheduled for his club include the annual Member-Member set for Sept. 10-11 and the big Member-Guest scheduled for Oct. 15-16.

Sandy Sanderson, a member of the Clinton High School golf team, son of Mr.

and Mrs. Hebern Sanderson of Clinton, will play in the N.C. Junior Golf Championship at Finley Golf Club in Chapel Hill Aug. 9-12. One round of medal play and then two rounds per day of matched play are scheduled. Good luck, Sandy.

Duplin Pro Rick Green announces the annual Member-Guest golf tournament is on tap at his club Aug. 26, 27 and 28. Tourney format shows that teams will be pre-flighted by the combined handicap of the two players. Saturday's round will be two-man superball while Sunday's round will be two-man best ball with handicap. Entry fee of \$75 includes weekend with golf carts, etc., shotgun start, luncheon and fashion show for the ladies, cocktail parties, dinner or pig pickin' and dance by the Four Easy Pieces. You don't want to miss it. Call Green at 296-0919 for other information.

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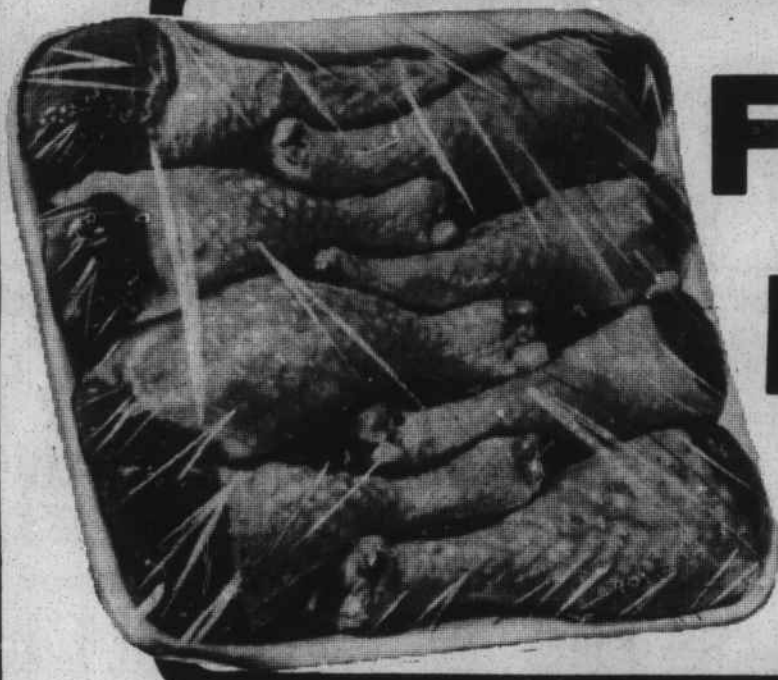


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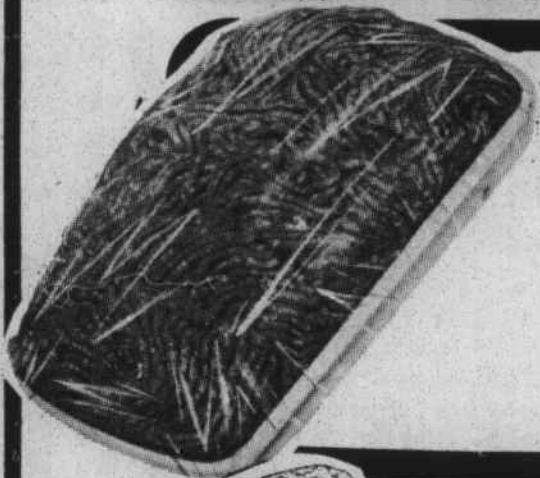


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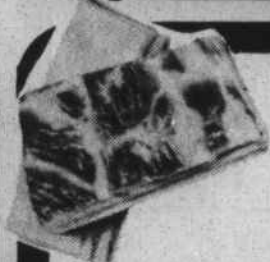
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