

As Seen in The Mirror's

SPORTS REFLECTIONS

of Athletes and Events

Most coaches, whether it be high school or college, subscribe to the theory that a good big man is bound to be better than a good little man. It is no secret of course that the same assumption has been followed in professional sports.

Occasionally, however, a little guy comes along to pull a David act against the Goliaths. Such a kid is Robert Gillikin. During his abbreviated career as an athlete at New Bern High, he has made a deep impression on fans.

His baseballing, topped off by recent no-hitters, is spectacular. Yet, some of his basketball performances were equally unforgettable, as were one or two brilliant moments on the football field.

What he lacked in brute strength and poundage, this youngster compensated for in other ways. Speed, dexterity, and all-around cleverness have been his stock in trade.

Aside from his sports prowess, Gillikin's accomplishments and behavior away from the scene of battle are worthy of mention. Scholastically he has been outstanding, and fellow students have rightly recognized him as a true leader.

As for his church life, he has been particularly active in youth work at Centenary Methodist. Attend the Sunday morning service, and you'll see Robert and his close friend, John Burwell, walk quietly down the aisle and take their seat on the right side of the church, three or four pews from the front.

There's something downright inspiring about the friendship existing between these two boys. Both star guards on a winning basketball team, they spurned any semblance of jealousy. Each admired the other, and this unselfish attitude paid dividends for the ball club.

It has often been said that athletics on the high school level help to mold character. Unfortunately, this isn't always true. There will

always be coaches who will go to any length, legitimate or otherwise, to win ball games.

Such mentors are invariably rotten sports who accuse referees of being robbers, and poison the minds and hearts of the boys under them. Inclined to resort to dirty tactics themselves, they bellow loud and long over real or imaginary mistreatment from opposing teams.

Gillikin, Burwell, and other sports stalwarts at New Bern High have been blessed with athletic training of late that at least smacked of decency and fair play. Victories that fail to include both ingredients are nothing more than a mockery of all that is good and fine in the game at hand.

DANA ANDREWS SUED

Los Angeles—A \$159,769 damage suit has been brought against actor Dana Andrews by a studio that claims he frequently was too intoxicated to work during the filming of a picture.

Advised of the action, Andrews said: "I deny all the charges. It's ridiculous and childish. This is a conflict of personalities."

Bunk's Battle Back Begins



This was Bunky Stewart's last official photo in a Washington uniform before the Senators peddled him to Miami in the International League. New Bern's only home grown contribution to the Majors, the slender southpaw had his ups and downs as a big leaguer before he ended up at Chattanooga. Injuries didn't help his cause, and some observers said he should have been given more activity on the mound. At any rate, no one realizes better than Bunky that the going is tough when you start your uphill climb on the comeback trail.

Bruins Are Ready For Devils' Visit

Tonight's scheduled Northeastern Conference game at Kafer Park between the New Bern Bears and Kinston's Red Devils brings about a renewal of the oldest and keenest baseball rivalry in the State.

Needless to say, Coach Sam Arbes and his Bruins are hungry for victory in this latest encounter. Both ball clubs have been badly hampered so far by adverse weather conditions that forced postponement or cancellation of a number of contests.

Garden City, Mich.—Out of a job after he resigned from nine of them, Douglas Waddell set out to find another. After a tiff with the mayor, he resigned as city superintendent, clerk, treasurer, purchasing agent, board of appeals, secretary, planning commission member, street administrator, pension board secretary-treasurer, and sanitary authority representative.

"I have no definite plans for the future," he said, "but at least I have experience."

DENTISTS HELP

Philadelphia, Pa.—Cancer of the mouth appears to be on the increase, and a person's best chance for survival can come from an alert dentist, according to a report made to the American Medical Association recently.

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