

As Seen in The Mirror's

SPORTS REFLECTIONS

of Athletes and Events

Included in the printed program for New Bern's State Babe Ruth Tournament is an excellent story about the one and only Sultan of Swat.

New Bern Jaycees relied on the writings of Dan Daniel and H. G. Salsinger as their source of material and couldn't have shown better judgment.

However, for the many who would like to know how the Babe got his nickname, we'd like to pass along this information. Especially so, since it has a North Carolina setting.

Signed to a professional contract by the Baltimore Orioles, Ruth reported for spring training and came to bat for the first time in an exhibition game at Fayetteville.

Swinging for all he was worth, the pudgy rookie homered over the rightfield wall. "Look at the baby," somebody yelled. "Baby" was shortened to "Babe" on subsequent appearances at the plate, and a famous sports name was born.

It has been our good fortune to personally know Ruth, Ted Williams, and Joe DiMaggio. All would have to be

classed as top immortals in the world of baseball, and each went out of his way to treat us kindly.

Perhaps because we first saw the Bambino close at hand as a small boy brimming with hero worship, he has always remained most vivid in our memory. Off the field, even as on, he reigned supreme.

Despite his size, he moved with the ease of a cat-stepping lightly and with little effort. Although neither the Babe nor Ted Williams appeared to us to have quite as much gracefulness as DiMaggio, their coordination was terrific.

Another famous man, Douglas Fairbanks, displayed this same quality as a movie actor. Grantland Rice, greatest of all sports writers, recognized this fact, and said Fairbanks too could have been a star athlete.

Home should be an oratorio of the memory, singing to all our after life melodies and harmonies of old-remembered joy.--Beecher.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

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wife, Hassie M. Hopkins, to Paul C. Johnson and wife, Mary W. Johnson. Property in No. 6 township.

T. H. Eubanks and wife, Elizabeth D. Eubanks, to Irving R. Stockton and wife, Eleanor W. Stockton. Property in No. 8 township.

Tryon Construction Company to Charles F. Schwab and wife, Ethel T. Schwab. Property in No. 6 township.

Edward Rouse to Clarence B. Beasley and wife, Emma Blades Beasley. Property in No. 8 township.

W. J. Driver, as Administrator of Veterans Affairs, to O. Paul Holton and wife, Annette R. Holton. Property on Oaks Road.

Charles W. McEnally and wife, Katherine W. McEnally, to Cooper D. Kunkel, III, and wife, Joan B. Kunkel. Property in No. 8 township.

Alice Lee White to Carl Dupree White. Property in Dover.

R. E. Avery and wife, Patricia C. Avery, to Donald Ray Strader and wife, Lula L. Strader. Property at Henderson Avenue and Ninth Street.

Champlon Developers, Inc., to Albert Eugene George Ricci and wife, Dorothy B. Ricci. Property in No. 6 township.

Champlon Developers, Inc., to Bernard Rosenberg and wife, Peggy Rosenberg. Property in No. 6 township.

Carl E. Schmidt and wife, Erin H. Schmidt. Property in No. 6 township.

Guion E. Lee and wife, Dora Mae Lee; James Earl Jones and wife, Daphne P. Jones, to Builders and Finance, Incorporated. Property in No. 7 township.

Fannie C. Winston to Laura Roberts Rhodes. Property in Craven County.

Richard Coyle and wife, Mary L. Coyle, to Gearl Dean Payne and wife, Ola G. Payne. Property in No. 6 township.

Mark D. Stamps and wife, Zula D. Stamps, to Joseph S. Gardner and wife, Doris R. Gardner. Property in Ketter (Continued on page 7)

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