

As Seen in The Mirror's

SPORTS REFLECTIONS

of Athletes and Events

It's a pretty good bet that the Bears of New Bern High school will be facing a lot of forward passes this season.

They should fare rather well on the ground, defensively, and if this proves to be the case it is a foregone conclusion that the opposition will take to the air early and often.

This could prove disastrous. The quickest way to travel in football is by the aerial route, providing of course that you've got somebody who can throw with reasonable accuracy, and a good set of receivers.

No coach has ever been able to set up a sure-fire pass defense. Sam Arbes, like his predecessor, Joe Caruso, will have some unhappy moments because of this major headache.

Fortunately for the Bruins, their opponents are going to be plagued, as always, with the selfsame prob-

lem. The locals are bound to do some passing too, and the results might be gratifying if not spectacular.

However, a passing attack can be just as damaging to the offense as it is to the defense. Many a ball game has been lost by a costly interception. Still more games are going to be lost sooner or later in Northeastern Conference circles.

Incidentally, Coach Arbes has wisely decided to have co-captains named for each game during the 1958 season, with the permanent co-captains selected when the final contest with Kinston's Red Devils comes up.

He figures, and we think rightly, that each of the deserving seniors on his squad should be given recognition during the course of the season. Picking permanent co-captains before the season even gets underway could easily break the spirit of some player—maybe several. There's no need to take this risk.

Has a member of the fair sex ever been an official baseball scorer? That the latest sports query to come our way, and the answer is yes.

As a matter of fact, it happened right here in the late lamented Coastal Plain League. Goldsboro's Ruth Pate was the gal, and she proved to be quite efficient. Aside from that, she was an outstanding church organist.

Did any Coastal Plain League player ever clout four home runs in one afternoon? Again the answer is yes. Snow Hill's Joe Bistoff did it against the New Bern Bears in a doubleheader reeled off on June 9, 1939.

The big backstop clobbered three in the first game to give the Hill Billies an easy 11 to 3 victory. He added another in the nitecap. Snow Hill won that one, too, 7 to 4.

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Civitan's See Results of Aid To Boys Home

New Bern Civitans who went to Boys Home on Lake Waccamaw last Sunday for the dedication of Civitan cottage were mighty happy over their short stay there.

No one was happier than Jimmie Simpkins, who as chairman of the Boys Home committee for North Carolina Civitans, had a key role in raising \$7,000 to furnish the \$40,000 brick and concrete dwelling.

Just as impressive as the handsome, well-equipped structure, are the boys who are living there. Still more cottages are in prospect, as projects of various civic organizations in the State.

Among the organizations already helping Boys Home are the Jaycees, Rotary, Optimists, Kiwanis, Exchange, DeMolay, Boy Scout troops and a number of fire departments.

R. N. "Rube" McCray, former head coach and athletic director of William and Mary college, is the director.

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