

**As Seen in The Mirror's**  
**SPORTS**  
**REFLECTIONS**  
of Athletes and Events

Those who love girls basketball, and lament its passing from the local High school scene, are happy over its continuance in the athletic program of the New Bern Recreation Department.

Virtually all of the larger High schools in North Carolina have abandoned the sport, but in rural communities you'll still find it going like great guns.

Our town came up with feminine stars of the first magnitude, during the course of the years. Tugboat Annie Laughinghouse, Eleanor Stevenson, Mary Louise Stallings, Kathleen Stallings, and Shirley Salter were excellent point makers,

while some of the guards most easily recalled are Mary Brent Holland, Helen Ketchum, Elicia Caroon and Ila Gray McIlwain.

These are only a few of the girls who could hold their own against the best of opposition. There have been many others—in fact, so many that you could fill a book.

It is ironic that teams of the past had to play in crowded, poorly equipped gymnasiums. What a thrill it would have been for them to perform on a fine court such as the one now available at New Bern High.

Girls basketball is regarded in some quarters as detrimental to the health of youngsters who participate. This was the greatest factor that sounded its death knell as a generally approved High school sport.

Every former player we've discussed this angle with has insisted that they know of no instance where their own or some other girl's health was impaired or endangered. Maybe they are right.

At any rate, basketball here lost some of its excitement and appeal, when the fair sex stepped out of the picture. All of us are apt to be in complete agreement on that.



**UNFORGETTABLE** — Jasper's High School All-American, Mary Ann Hodnett, was one of the New Bern and Craven County girls who made basketball history in years gone by. Here she is seen tossing one for the hoop, with the deadly precision that made her famous.

**Pilot Club to Give Play December 5, 6**

A good play, like a good song, never dies. That, no doubt, is why the New Bern Pilot club plans to present "The Night of January Sixteenth" here on December 5 and 6. Mrs. Charles Henderson is the director.

Twice presented in years past by the New Bern Little Theater, it was exceptionally well received. This latest production should prove equally entertaining, especially to a new generation that will be seeing it for the first time.

**TALENT —**

(Continued from Page 1) but the results were worth waiting for.

According to both the Trendex and Nielson surveys, the film swept the boards the night it was shown, more than holding its own with the westerns. After receiving payment for television and movie rights, Tom left his editorial job on the Bakersfield Californian, and turned free lance.

His first year on his own has been successful, and as Rosalie told The Mirror, "We face the second year with confidence." Tom's second book, "The Hollow", was published by Holiday House in September.

In addition to fiction, Liggitt writes for the McGraw-Hill magazines, Sunset magazine, The California Dairyman, and two newspapers. Occasionally he has articles in various other magazines too, among them Writers Digest.

Primarily a music teacher, located in a fine musical city, Rosalie has had a fling at writing also. She authored "The Childrens Technic Book" while living in New Bern 13 years ago. It was published

by Maier-Liggett.

At present she has plans for three books, and is slowly gathering material and doing painstaking research. Her large class, and outside activities, are a major reason for delayed production in the literary field.

Both she and Tom are civic leaders. Among other things, she has acted as president of the Kern county branch of the Music Teachers Association, and of the Kern Music Association. Tom is vice-president of the Library Associates and this year is president of the Kern chapter of United World Federalists.

Judy, 12, plays piano and cello. Ann, 13, plays piano and is interested in art. Both girls played for the Master Class conducted in Bakersfield by the eminent pianist-teacher, Dr. Leo Podolsky, this month.

"Everyone in our family enjoys swimming and camping," says Rosalie. "In the summer we swim almost every afternoon at the Bakersfield Racquet club, just a few blocks from our house. We look for a camp site near water, when we vacation in our trailer. In the winter our favorite spot is the mountains, where we can play in the snow."

That's the "happily ever after" ending to a service romance that carried Rosalie thousands of miles from the New Bern she loved. Aside from establishing a warm and hospitable home in strange surroundings, she has demonstrated how New Bernians can make their mark in the world, no matter where they are.

She would be the first to give Tom a lion's share of the credit, and, nice guy that he is, he deserves at least a portion of it.

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