

Teen Topics



IN NEW BERN TODAY

Greenville High school did us a far bigger favor than it realized at the time, when it sent its Rockettes here for the annual football game between our Bears and the Greenies.

They put on a beautiful show, with their precision routines, and right away everybody who saw it sat up and took notice. The fans loved it, and students and school officials here became very conscious of the fact that we were being outclassed by a neighboring

school. We're not going to be outclassed very long. Seeing the handwriting on the wall, or the football field, we are now well on our way to having our own array of stellar performers.

All of us know that we have just as much talent available as any other school, and the discontinuance of girls basketball makes every girl who is able to qualify available.

Since we're getting a late start this year, the program is designed for juniors, sophomores and freshmen. A lot of us who are seniors would like to participate too, but we agree that long range planning is the only way to accomplish what is hoped for.

We were very proud of our senior and junior bands when they came by in the annual Christmas parade. They were a credit to our school, but then they always are. Those majorettes looked cute, too.

Now that Thanksgiving is over, the students are really getting Christmas in their bones. Along with our school activities that are connected with holiday things, many of us are going to take part in the Christmas music at our respective churches.

Wasn't the Christmas concert by our a capella choir and the boys and girls choruses beautifully presented? The performance will make the anniversary of the Christ Child's birth more meaningful for all of us.

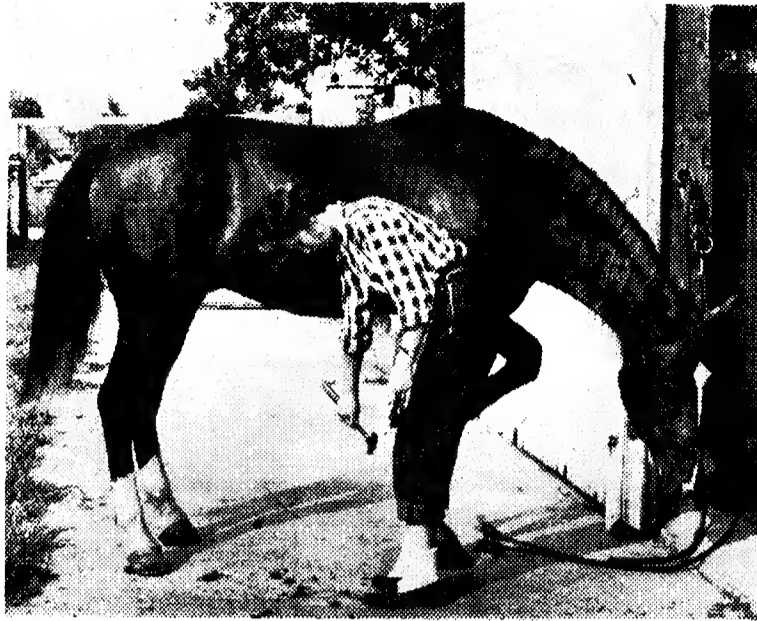
Judge Bryan Still Interested in City

It's been years since Judge Shepard Bryan, now living in Atlanta, left New Bern, but he still loves the town.

Someone sent him a copy of The Mirror recently, so this week on the eve of his 87th birthday he talked with his sister, Mrs. E. H. Jordan, on the telephone.

He wanted a subscription, and needless to say Mrs. Jordan promptly took care of the matter. We send our best wishes to the Judge, along with many happy returns of the day from other New Bernians.

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NO NOVICE—New Bern's Betsy Ferebee, a student at Stephens College in Columbia, Miss., was asked to become a member of the Prince of Wales Riding Club because of her exceptional horsemanship. She knows how to take care of a steed, too, even when it means turning blacksmith to put on new shoes.—Photo by Billy Benners.

Tar Heel Scientists Release Two New Blueberry Varieties

The N. C. Agriculture Experiment Station and U. S. Department of Agriculture have announced the release of two new rabbiteye blueberry varieties for propagation.

The new varieties, Garden Blue and Menditoo, are adapted for the central coastal plain of the state and other areas of similar climate.

In repeated tests, Garden Blue has been a consistent high yielder of medium sized fruit. The plant is vigorous, upright, spreading in growth with the fruit well distributed on long fruiting shoots which make picking easier.

Garden Blue berries average 130-135 per half-pint cup. They are round, firm, blue, with good flavor and have a small dry scar. In Eastern North Carolina the fruit begins ripening in mid-June and are through ripening by mid-July.

According to Dr. Franklin E. Correll, horticultural scientist for the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station, the Garden Blue appears to be well-adapted to home garden culture because of its vigorous growth and good quality fruit.

The second new variety, Menditoo, is notable for its highly flavored, large sized berries that average 95 to 100 per half-pint.

The fruit begins ripening about a week later than Garden Blue and ripens over a six to eight-week period. The plants have a medium vigor, a spreading habit of growth, and loose medium sized fruit clusters.

Dr. Correll said Menditoo is suggested for local market and home garden use because of its large fruit size and high quality.

Both of these new varieties were developed on commercial farms in Eastern North Carolina. The principal research was conducted by the late Professor Emmett Morrow

Dr. Correll said the rabbiteye has the following advantages over highland blueberries: (1) it grows on a wider range of soils, (2) requires a shorter cold rest period, (3) is not as sensitive to soil acidity, and (4) is more heat and drought resistant.

Neither the N. C. Agricultural

Experiment Station nor USDA have plants for distribution. Jack Finch of Bailey and J. M. Batchelor of Willard do have rooted cuttings and older plants.

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