

As Seen in The Mirror's

SPORTS REFLECTIONS

of Athletes and Events

A fan wants to know if a set of twins ever played in the Coastal Plain League. The answer is yes—Elmo and Otto Patrick, who performed for the Kinston Eagles.

What was the longest losing streak in Coastal Plain history? Well, Tarboro set a record in 1939 that nobody wanted to top. They dropped 27 straight before defeating the New Bern Bears at home.

Here's another question from a Mirror reader. Did any Coastal Plain player ever get married at a ball park? A Goldsboro catcher, Bucky Overton, was hitched to his beloved at home plate just before the Goldsboro-Kinston game on July 8, 1940.

Bridegrooms are notoriously nervous, but Bucky proceeded to collect two hits in three attempts, and led his team to a 5-2 win over the visiting Eagles.

And now, for a final Coastal Plain query. How many Coastal

Plainers, if any, played in a Rose Bowl game during their college football careers? There were three—and all were outstanding backs. Kinston's Eric Tipton came through with the greatest kicking ever seen at Pasadena, for the Duke Blue Devils, while two of the loop's pilots—Kinston's Herschel Caldwell and Ayden's Happy Campbell contributed to the glory of Alabama's famed Crimson Tide.

A New Bern resident, R. D. Baskervill, has no trouble recalling the Rose Bowl game in which Tipton's toe kept Southern California in check until the final seconds, when a substitute quarterback tossed a touchdown pass to give the Pacific Coast champions a 7-3 victory.

Baskervill was a guard on that Blue Devil team—in fact, one of the three guards that Wallace Wade had on a squad of 18 regulars. Despite a lack of reserve strength the Blue Devils were undefeated, untied and unscored on during the season.



UNFORGETTABLE — Harry Soufas has long since stored away his baseball togs for keeps, but whenever New Bern fans hold a session of the hot-stove league on these winter nights, they usually get around to a few comments about his Coastal Plain League feats.

HOMEMAKER'S CORNER

The utility room is definitely an important part of new houses, and if the present trend keeps on, this room will become as common-place as the kitchen. Women agree that there must be a place in the home where the washer and dryer can be operated with allied activities.

Most women ask for separate laundry units, a built-in ironing board and a pair of porcelain tubs that can be used to hand-wash colored and white clothing, defrost large items such as 25-pound turkeys, cut flowers and even bathe a baby.

The utility room, we are told, should be about 10 by 12 feet, located next to the kitchen, and have a door leading to the backyard. It should be decorated attractively so that a woman will want to work there.

It is a very good idea for the utility areas to have separate electrical circuits so that the washing machine and toaster can be operated simultaneously without fear of blowing a fuse.

The placement of electrical out-

lets brought heavy criticism from one group of women. They decried the practice of placing outlets above baseboard level in rooms other than the kitchen and the bathroom. More outlets are needed in every room in the average home.

Outdoor living areas are extremely important to the modern family life. However, the tendency of late to ignore the importance of a utility yard that is planned with the same thought and effort as the garden, is always a mistake in a family.

A recent survey showed the swimming pool was not favored by the majority of homemakers as a backyard fixture. The main reasons given were safety factors and loss of too much yard area.

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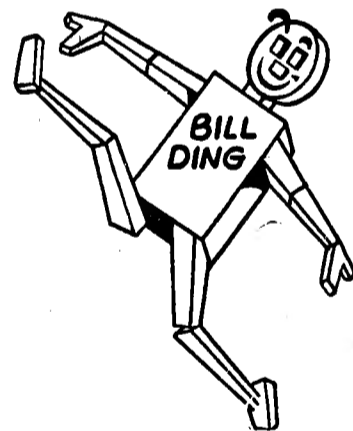
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News For Veterans

Opportunity for veterans holding National Service Life Insurance (NSLI) to buy a low cost new type of total disability rider for their GI policies is now offered by the Veterans Administration.

Under the new-type rider now on sale, policyholders who may become totally disabled from any cause before age 60 and while the rider is in effect will receive an income of \$10 per month for each \$1,000 face amount of their GI policies.

Previous maximum was \$5 per month, VA said.

Payments under the rider begin after the total disability has existed for six consecutive months and continue for the duration of the disability, regardless of its length.

No payment may be made for disabilities incurred after age 60, and no premium charge is made for the benefit after that date.

If the veteran is in good health and under age 60, the rider may be attached to any NSLI policy, except for a limited number sold to service-disabled veterans since April, 1951.

Although a physical examination

is required of those whose age at their nearest birthday is 41 or more, VA pointed out that these policyholders may be examined by local physicians, provided VA medical application forms are used.

The agency said the premium cost of the rider varies according to the policyholder's age, type of policy and its face value.

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