

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

It was a great team victory when the New Bern High school Bears won their first Northeastern Conference wrestling crown last week. When you can come up with seven champions in the 12 matches comprising the finals, there's simply no stopping you.

However, the top victory doesn't belong to the grapplers themselves, but to Coach Sam Arbes. He had to start from scratch in selling the sport to school officials and athletes, so its successful promotion here in two short years was something for which Sam deserves all the credit.

Far too many fans are yet to see the Bruin wrestlers in action. There who have attended the matches, and particularly those who were on hand for the Conference tournament, were rewarded with plenty of exciting action.

Like track, you can look for wrestling to come into its own at

New Bern High from here on out. The same thing applies to other towns in the Northeastern Conference. Greenville has made great strides, and it's a foregone conclusion that Washington and Kinston won't be content with their poor showing in the championship matches here.

Elizabeth City didn't have a team this season, but the fact that the school sent five wrestlers to the tournament is a clear indication that the Yellow Jackets are planning to go all out for the sport.

New Bern hasn't fared too well against Washington and Kinston in athletic combat for quite some time, so local fans got a real kick out of seeing the Bruins make wrestlers from both towns bite the dust. Beating Greenville's defending champs was actually less gratifying.

As mentioned before in this column, track and wrestling are excellent scholastic sports, because size or lack of it won't deprive a youngster of a chance to excel. With weights for wrestlers ranging from 98 pounds to the unlimited class in Northeastern Conference competition, every kid has a chance to be a champion.



STILL REMEMBERED — When sports fans enter the William Neal Reynolds Coliseum at N. C. State college in Raleigh, they come face to face with a large portrait of the late Charles G. (Chick) Doak. Beloved coach of the State baseball team for many years, he is recalled better here as manager of the New Bern Bears when the Coastal Plain was a semi-pro loop.

The Christian Viewpoint

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We sympathize with others because we have known the same problems. Can we ever understand until we have been there ourselves? "I sat where they sat," said the prophet. (Ezekiel 3:15) It is surprising how different a thing looks to us when we are in the same fix:

The night of the great snow storm there were five cars stalled on the hill ahead of me when I drove up. One man had left his car and gone forward to push the car up front. "We are trying to help each other get up the hill," he said to me. It all seemed pretty useless and hopeless to me. The fresh snow was still falling fast. The soft snow on the hard sleet base gave a surface as slippery as grease on glass.

"Maybe, with my chains," I thought, "I could go on into town and send a wrecker to pull them up the hill and get that car out of the ditch. How smart I had been to get chains, a shovel, and a flashlight before starting for home." Before driving around the stalled cars, through the nine-inch snow, and up the slick hill, I checked on my chains. The one on the right rear was gone—broken off and lost! I was in the same fix! I could not get up the hill either!

Suddenly the suggestion that we help each other up the hill seemed not useless and hopeless, but practical and the only hope at all. So we called all the six drivers together. With the shovel we got sand. Five men pushed. In about two hours all six cars were up the hill and started on their way. It is strange how wise cooperation suddenly seems when we need a share of the benefits.

That old story says, "But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion, and came to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring on them oil and wine." (Luke 10:33, 34) The priest and the Levite were not moved with compassion. They had never been in a bad fix on the side of the road. They did not understand. Somewhere that Samaritan had learned sympathy by enduring suffering.

HOOVER HONORED

New York—Former President Herbert Hoover was honored recently "for outstanding service in advancing the American way of life."

The award, a small bronze statuette of a Minute Man, was given to Hoover, 84, by the Conference of Patriotic and Historical Societies. The group consists of thirteen organizations.

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