

As Seen in The Mirror's

SPORTS REFLECTIONS

of Athletes and Events

Even in the case of recognized stars, an athlete's true worth may not be fully appreciated until he passes from the scene.

For example, it was obvious as never before this season that Jon Burwell and Robert Gillikin simply could not be replaced by Coach Jeff Hockaday of the New Bern High school basketball team.

That they were good was clear to everyone, but time alone proved that graduation of these two guards—finest in the Northeastern Conference—would wreck the Bruins completely.

Other capable players graduated along with Burwell and Gillikin, including that constant hustler,

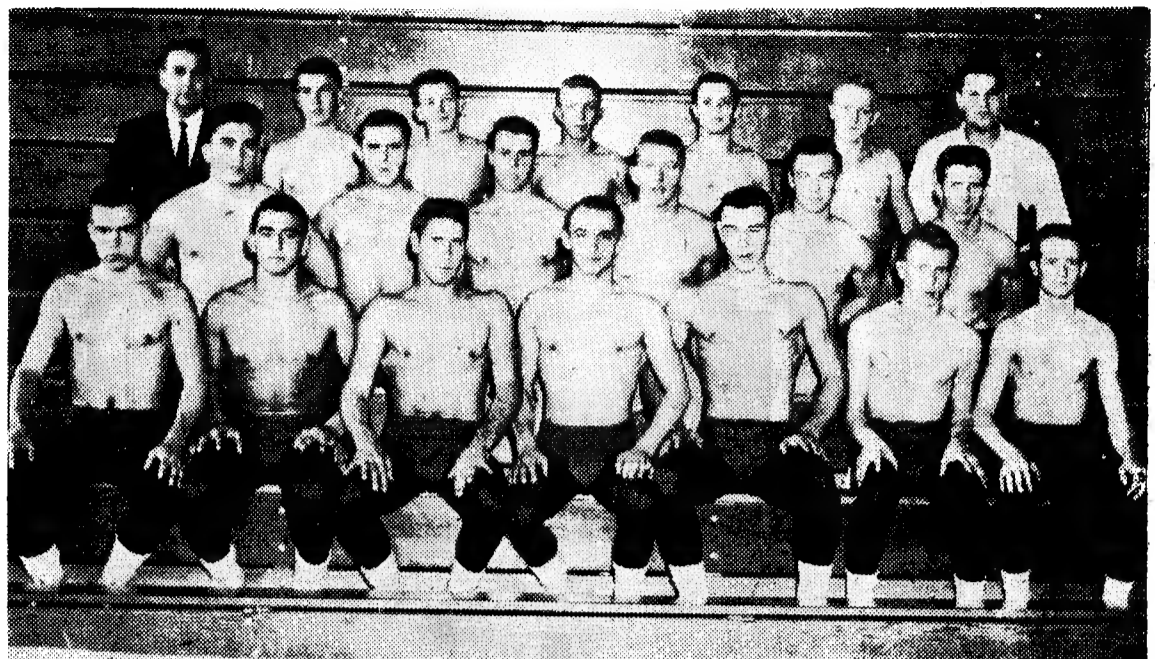
Jean Earl Worthington, but Jon and Robert were the take-charge boys who saved New Bern from defeat on repeated occasions.

It has been a disappointing year for the local basketball team. The won and lost record during the regular season was nothing to shout over, and yet in fairness to all concerned it was foolish to indulge in even modest optimism at the outset of conference campaigning.

Hockaday has a building job facing him, and it may take years to really do the job. Sooner or later, the Bruins will produce an aggregation that will make fans forget stars of the past. Some youngsters in the lower grades are already showing promise, but at the moment the outlook is bleak.

One of our weaknesses has been the lack of proper training for the potential athlete while he is still in the elementary grades. That, more than anything else, is the reason the Kinston Red Devils have trounced us so often for so long a time.

This state of affairs is now being improved, but we've still got a long way to go before we measure up to Kinston's training program. Until we do, expecting wonders from green material is too much to ask for.



RATE WITH THE BEST—Any doubt as to the caliber of the New Bern High school wrestling team has been removed, but definitely. Winning the Northeastern Conference crown, and finishing fourth in the

State tourney, established the local grapplers, coached by Sam Arbes, on the upper rungs of the ladder. Scholastic wrestling here has come a long way in a short time. —Photo by Walter Baldree, Jr.

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Veterans News

A new departure in psychiatric treatment has been undertaken by the Veterans Administration, VA said.

The agency's first mental hygiene day center for treatment of veterans with service-connected mental illness was established recently at the VA outpatient clinic in Brooklyn, N. Y.

VA expects that more of its mental hygiene clinics will establish similar centers within the next few years.

The day center program is designed primarily to provide more and better outpatient treatment for the increasing number of veterans being released from VA hospitals after treatment for service-connected schizophrenia.

Many of these veterans recovering from schizophrenia, one of the most severe of mental diseases, need a great deal of help through the VA outpatient treatment program if

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they are to adjust to community living and avoid rehospitalization.

The Brooklyn clinic director, Dr. Philip R. Casena, said some 75 patients will spend the major part of their time at the new day center in a therapy and planned living program under supervision of psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers.

In addition to individual and group psychotherapy and educational and occupational therapy, this program will include social and recreational activities carried out with the assistance of volunteers from the community.

In contrast, the regular VA outpatient mental treatment program provides for about two hours of

psychotherapy per patient at a VA clinic weekly.

New tranquilizing drug therapies and improved treatment programs are increasing the number of patients being released from VA mental hospitals, especially the number of those being released after hospitalization for schizophrenia.

VA hospitals placed 13,332 patients on trial visit away from the hospitals during fiscal year 1958, a 34 per cent increase over the 9,985 on trial visit during fiscal year 1955. The day center is part of

VA's continuing efforts to explore 985 on trial visit during fiscal year 1958.

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