

# Teen Topics



IN NEW BERN TODAY

Everybody is still talking about the splendid performance that our New Bern High school drill team put on between the halves of the Elizabeth City basketball game.

The girls were so happy over the ovation they received from fans that some of them cried with joy. They didn't expect this great vocal outburst. In fact, it was so loud that it drowned out the whistle of

their captain, Elinor Nelson, in at least one instance.

We are also very proud of the high honor that has come to Gail Robinson and Bill Cox in reaching the finals of the 1958-59 National Merit Scholarship program. Only 10,000 seniors out of 478,000 tested in the United States qualified with Gail and Bill.

From what we hear, Meloniese Bordeaux, Elizabeth Goers, Janice Bryan and Doris Adams thoroughly enjoyed the annual convention of Distributive Education clubs in Greensboro. Meloniese is president of the Eastern District.

While we are passing out bouquets, we want to commend Robbie Kennel and his wife, the former Jean Hargett, for the first of a series of articles that they will be writing in Australia, while Robbie is there for a year's study at the University of Melbourne on a Rotary Fellowship.

The initial column, which we read in The Mirror last Friday, was quite interesting, and we are looking forward to the future ones. Robbie and Jean graduated from New Bern High school, and of course everybody in New Bern knows that he was the most brilliant student our school has ever had. Jean was a good student too, but Robbie is in a class by himself.

Even the girls in our student body who watch their weight and complexion took time out for Valentine's day. Who could resist that wonderful candy in those adorable heart-shaped boxes? Now we go back to dieting.



DIAMOND BOUND—It's time to get in shape for baseball again, so our latest Mirror Maid, Linda Harrison, is all set to go with bat, glove and ball. Linda is already in trim, thanks to the marching she does as head majorette at New Bern High school.—Photo by Billy Benners.


Incidentally, David moved to New Bern and latched onto a job at the A&P store on Middle street because his brother, William "Red" Brinkley was already working here with Tidewater Power Company. "Red" was brought to New Bern by C. L. Cater, manager of the Tidewater firm and now the manager of Carolina Power and Light Company.

Some time later, "Red" moved his mother and young David here, and the three of them resided on Broad street. "Red" married a New Bern girl, Ida Bell Gaskins, and is now manager of Tidewater Gas Company in Fayetteville. The third brother in the family, Jesse, still lives in Wilmington.

That the lowdown on David Brinkley, the world-famous commentator you enjoy so on television. Maybe now, since you know his local tie-up, you'll enjoy his distinguished newscasting even more.


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**DAVID BRINKLEY—**  
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 hobbies, and even back in the days when the editor of The Mirror first knew him as a kid reporter handling sports at Wilmington he kept constantly busy at one thing or another.  
 However, he tells us that he enjoys woodcarving, photography, hi-fi, and puttering in his workshop. Whatever he tackles in that workshop, it is certain to be well done. David is that sort of fellow—he is never content with doing things halfway.  
 Perhaps the most flattering and deserved criticism of his work as a news commentator came from the typewriter of Jack Gould back in 1956. Jack, who isn't inclined to indulge in exaggeration, wrote: "A quiet Southerner with a dry wit and heaven-sent appreciation of brevity has stolen the television limelight this week at the Democratic National Convention. His name is David Brinkley."  
 A housewife added to the Brinkley folklore recently. She wrote from Oakland, Calif., that her steak roasted to a crisp while she stood

watching him on TV. Chivalrously, he sent her a replacement.

Once, when describing what a new missiles czar could do in Washington, Brinkley said dryly: "He's a new man brought in to do in a hurry what the government should have done long ago."



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