

As Seen in The Mirror's

SPORTS REFLECTIONS

of Athletes and Events

Although most of the hundreds of North Carolina Civitans visiting in our city have passed the age of being active athletes, except for an occasional game of golf, a number of them were sports stars in their day.

In this category of course is the sergeant-at-arms of the New Bern Civitan club, Harry Soufas, who will long be remembered as an all-time great of the Coastal Plain league. He played fine ball for the New Bern Bears, but one of the highlights of his career came at Rocky Mount.

He managed the 1946 team to a loop championship, and individually ended the season with a hefty .320 batting average. He played in 125 games that year, came to bat 484 times, and collected 139 hits. An indication of his slugging is the fact that he had 11 homers, 18 doubles and five triples to his credit.

New Bern's return to regularly scheduled baseball, with an entry in the Tobacco State league, probably has Soufas yearning to be back on the diamond. He lacks a lot of being a youngster, but few fans would doubt his ability to still clobber the ball well enough to be an asset to the Bruins.

Turning to the New Bern High school sports scene, there is considerable speculation as to who will win the first annual Roy Tucker trophy this year. It is being given in memory of this old-time New Bern sports star by his widow, Mrs. Alma Tucker.

It is a unique award, since it won't necessarily go to the most publicized and acclaimed athlete at the high school, but rather to

the athlete who has done the most with his potential. In other words, to the boy who consistently gave to the sport or sports he participated in everything he had in the way of ability, determination, courage and unselfish teamwork.

To our way of thinking, any athlete should be doubly proud to receive such an award at the high school he has represented. Even better than being a star is the satisfaction of knowing that you've been recognized and honored for doing the most you could and the best you could, when the chips were down and the going was tough.

Aside from being an excellent athlete many years ago, Roy Tucker continued to have a keen interest in high school sports here. His son, Roy, Jr., was quite a football player at New Bern High, while his daughter, Shirley, was one of the most outstanding guards to ever play basketball at our school.

After their graduation, he still maintained his interest. And no one who has attended New Bern High needs to be told that Mrs. Tucker is a great rooter for the teams there too. As you know, she runs the lunchroom, and everybody loves her.

Yes, the Roy Tucker trophy is an award to covet and cherish. The boy who receives it will undoubtedly deserve it, and in future years the possibility of winning the award should prove an incentive to other athletes. However, more often than not, the athlete who gives his all does so for the sheer joy of it, with or without the sound of cheers ringing in his ears.

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Q—Is it proper for the man to cross in front of the woman while they are walking together?

A—No; the woman should have the right-of-way whenever possible, and the man should cross behind her instead of in front of her.

Q—How can one show deference to a woman when introducing her to another woman?

A—By giving her name first with a rising inflection of the voice, speaking the second name in a lower tone.

Q—When one is eating meat, should only one bite at a time be cut?

A—Yes. It shows ill-breeding to cut up the entire portion of meat into numerous pieces.

Q—How does one properly signal the waiter that one is ready to have the plate removed from the table?

A—The knife and fork, laid side by side on the plate, indicates that one has finished that particular course.

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