

Teen Topics



IN NEW BERN TODAY

Our heartiest congratulations to Bonnie Fitterman, whose election as lieutenant-governor of North Carolina Junior Civitan International at last Saturday's State convention here brought a great honor to her, to our High school and to New Bern.

Bonnie is not only a very sweet girl but a very capable one. That wonderful personality of hers really captivated visiting Junior Civitans. She succeeds another one of our fine students, Marshall Ball, as lieutenant governor. To have such a distinction come to New Bern High school twice in the two years that we have had a Junior Civitan club is quite a feat.

It is true that many of our local teen-agers don't spell as well as they should. In view of the importance of spelling, perhaps it should be emphasized more than it is after we leave Junior High.

You will be interested to know that the Charlotte Observer holds a State spelling bee each year. The 1960 bee was held on April 22nd. We don't know all of the details, but it might be worthwhile to investigate. We could have a champi-

on for New Bern High school, and he or she might win the spelling crown.

A lot of us have small brothers and sisters in our home, and here's some good advice. Help your parents to keep dangerous drugs and pesticides out of the reach of these little ones.

Rural teen-agers particularly should see to it that the entire family is careful about pesticides. Sheds should never be left unlocked, and no pesticide should ever be transferred to a soft drink bottle or an unlabeled container.

There are so many different pesticides on the market that no one can possibly remember the direction for each of them. The risk to a farmer and his family not only depends upon the strength of the chemical, but how it is handled and how often we are exposed to it.



A LOVELY SMILE—Cunning as a fox takes on a different meaning when you refer to today's Mirror Maid, Mary Lib Fox. Our dictionary says the word can be used for pretty

and attractive, and that's a good description for this New Bern High School junior.—Photo by Billy Benners.

Top Ten Tunes In New Bern This Week

1. Cathey's Clown — Everly Brothers.
2. Stuck on You — Elvis Presley.
3. Green Fields—Brothers Four.
4. Night — Jackie Wilson.
5. Good Timin'—Jimmie Jones.
6. Cradle of Love — Johnny Preston.
7. Stairway to Heaven — Neil Sedaka.
8. Sink the Bismarck — Johnny Horton.

As Seen in The Mirror's

SPORTS REFLECTIONS

of Athletes and Events

Although it wasn't scheduled on New Bern High school's sports award program, the surprise gift of a watch to Coach Sam Arbes from members of his football team was a fitting gesture.

As always when a gridiron mentor has been plagued by losses, many fans will shed no tears over his departure. The axe is bound to come to any coach who doesn't win regularly against keen rivals, and Sam's strongest supporters are forced to admit that victories occurred less than often.

For our part, we like this fellow Arbes. He may not have measured up as a coach here, which wasn't entirely his fault, but as a man we found him to be sincere and conscientious. With a little more luck, and a little more cooperation, it might have been a different story.

Sam has a lot to learn, to go along with the football knowledge that he already knows. One of his big mistakes is part and parcel of his personality. A hail fellow well met, he fell into the error of being a buddy to the boys who played for him.

Even on the college level, you can't afford to get familiar with your team. In high school sports such an approach can lead to nothing but heartaches and disaster. It's hard for a coach like Sam to stay aloof, but failure to do so destroys discipline. Unless an adult demands respect from a teen-ager, or a young child for that matter, he'll never get it.

Added to this was Sam's charac-

teristic of talking about his team's problems to outsiders. Some were trusted friends, others were friends of the fair weather variety, and still others were just casual acquaintances who occasionally knifed him in the back.

If nothing else, Arbes was the best handler of the financial aspect of high school sports to ever put in an appearance here. And unlike his predecessor, he didn't get a police record while serving as New Bern High school coach. Whatever his faults and failings, we wish him only the best.

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