

As Seen in The Mirror's

SPORTS REFLECTIONS

of Athletes and Events

"What player," a Mirror reader asks, "would you pick as the best all-round footballer you ever saw perform?"

It's strictly a matter of opinion, but our choice has to

be Ace Parker--a Duke All-American, a National Football League immortal, and a mem-



Ace Parker

ber of Football's Hall of Fame.

There have been faster and more elusive runners, better passers and kickers, and better men on defense, but no one else to our way of thinking could compare as an outstanding star in

TRYON SUNDAY



Anthony Quinn and Julie Harris share a romantic moment in "Requiem for a Heavyweight," new David Susskind production for Columbia release. Jackie Gleason and Mickey Rooney also star.

all of these departments.

Grantland Rice, regarded by most of us as the foremost authority in the evaluation of gridiron talent, paid Parker the supreme compliment. Granny said in print that the Ace could have been an All-American at any position on a football team.

We first knew him as a basketballer--playing here against New Bern High school for Woodrow Wilson High of Portsmouth, Va. Later our association was resumed when he played baseball for Greenville in the Coastal

Free Seed for Quail Food And Cover Now Available

The bobwhite quail has been gradually disappearing from the North Carolina farms for many years.

For a period of several years, game departments maintained game farms for the purpose of restocking areas of low population. From 1928-1945, 30,000 quail were released from state game farms. The releasing of birds in areas where food and cover are deficient is of little value. Therefore, in recent years, the concept of restoration has largely been replaced by a program of providing food and cover for the quail.

In order to encourage the farmer to provide these places, the North Carolina Wildlife commission has available free seed and seedlings which are ideal for the quail and other wildlife to feed and reproduce.

Anyone interested in providing a better habitat for the quail, may fill out an application blank for these seed at the county agent's office.

The planting stock available

Plain League.

Parker did well in any sport that caught his fancy, but our most vivid memories of him will always be of his gridiron achievements. In our deck there is just one Ace--the greatest of them all.

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Birth Defects from Thalidomide Spur Mothers in March of Dimes

Grave concern about the widespread problem of birth defects, recently spotlighted by tragic infant deformities caused by the drug, thalidomide, will inspire some two million Marching Mothers to seek their neighbors' support for the 1963 March of Dimes during the last week in January.

For volunteers in the Mothers' March, this concern is not a recent development. The National Foundation-March of Dimes, which observes its 25th anniversary this year, began to attack the long-neglected field of birth defects back in 1958.

Then, as now, medical authorities recognized that birth defects, in hundreds of disabling forms, overshadow all other child health problems. Every year, more than 21,000 deaths throughout the United States are caused by defective prenatal development. Every year, more than a quarter of a million babies survive despite significant defects.

To bring expert help to such children all over America, The National Foundation-March of Dimes—which helped conquer paralytic polio by totally supporting the development of the Salk and Sabin vaccines—now has a treatment program well under way.

Also in 1958, the March of Dimes organization initiated a program in the field of arthritis—equally neglected and shrugged off by the public as an inevitable hazard of aging, despite the fact that its severest form strikes children and young adults with alarming frequency.

This year, Marching Mothers will proudly report to their neighbors that a nationwide network of March of Dimes-financed study and treatment centers for birth defects and arthritis is operating at full capacity. Nearly 50 such centers are now open in communities across the country—double the number that were in existence just a year ago, and only the beginning of the network envisioned.

In addition, seven respiratory centers are maintained for



WHY IT IS WORTH IT—Marching Mothers believe every child's birthright entitles him to a full, useful life. They will brave the elements late in January to seek public support for the March of Dimes which finances treatment centers and research for victims of birth defects and crippling arthritis.

polio victims for whom the vaccines came too late. Aid for thousands of polio patients is still a prime responsibility of the March of Dimes.

The birth defects and arthritis centers supported by March of Dimes contributions emphasize early and correct diagnosis, which is the key to effective treatment and rehabilitation. Such detection and care requires the skills of many different specialists, all working together with patient and family.

Until the development of the March of Dimes program, such top-quality attention was generally available only in large medical centers. The families of children afflicted with these crippling have often had to settle for less than the best because facilities were lacking or inaccessible.

The tiny victims of disease and deformity who are born today must rely on current medical knowledge to detect

abnormal conditions in time for proper treatment—or on "repair work" to correct disability. Wonders can be, and often are, accomplished.

But the ideal solution—that of preventing disability or warding it off at the very beginning of life itself—is the goal of research scientists whose work is supported by March of Dimes grants. They are adding constantly to the treasury of medical knowledge of how best to treat and, ultimately, to prevent crippling conditions that take such a grim toll of our children's health.

As they pin on their badges bearing the symbolic "Golden Key of Hope," Mothers' March volunteers are convinced that a concerted effort of the public in partnership with science—as persistent as the program that triumphed over polio—can speed the day when the problems of birth defects and arthritis will be solved.