

As Seen in The Mirror's

# SPORTS REFLECTIONS

of Athletes and Events

It was our pleasure last weekend to introduce two distinguished University of North Carolina baseball stars of yesterday to each other. One is New Bern's Bill Ferebee, who

made pitching headlines for the Tar Heels in the Twenties, the other Dr. Robert Primrose Noble of Raleigh, who caught for Carolina during the 19-3-04 seasons.

Bill, vice-president of First Citizens Bank & Trust Company, was busy when we took Dr. Noble to see him at his Middle street location, but he was happy to meet the University's oldest living baseballer. You wouldn't know it to look at him, but the retired X-ray specialist is pushing 82.

Dr. Noble was named for New Bern's Dr. Robert S. Primrose. His wife is a former resident of this city, and they visit our town each year. She is an interesting person to talk with, and of course that goes for her husband too.

Noble, in his day, was no slugger but his catching and

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Shirley Jones and Glenn Ford comprise the delightful new romantic team in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "The Courtship of Eddie's Father." Miss Jones plays the girl across the hall who has hopes of moving into Ford's apartment as his wife. Also starred in the comedy-drama are Stella Stevens, Dina Merrill, Roberta Sherwood, young Ronny Howard and Jerry Van Dyke.

ability as the team's leader is legendary. He had one of the finest arms in baseball history, and very few runners ever attempted to steal second when he was behind the plate.

The word quickly got around in collegiate circles that he could fire the ball to any bag with the speed and accuracy of a well-aimed bullet, so would-be base stealers resigned themselves to staying honest for the time being.

Playing on the team with Noble was Earl Holt of Oak Ridge at first base; John Chesher of Tarboro at second; Frank Smathers of Asheville at third; Bill Carr of Durham at shortstop; Jack Smathers of Charlotte in leftfield; George Grimm of an unremembered Piedmont town in center, and Fatty Giles of Salisbury in right. George Green of Weldon was the ace pitcher.

Recalling Bill Ferebee's fame as a Carolina hurler, Dr. Noble told him, "I would have liked to have caught you." What a battery these two could have been.

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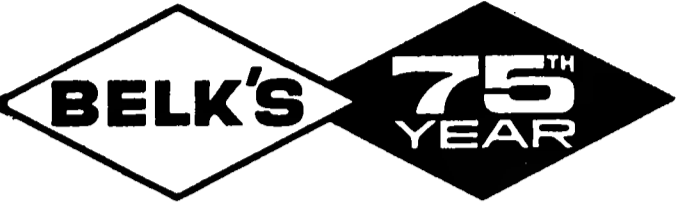
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