

As Seen in The Mirror's

SPORTS REFLECTIONS

of Athletes and Events

When the New Bern High school Bears defeated Goldsboro 56-53 last Saturday, after trailing 22-9 at the end of the first quarter, a couple of valuable lessons were taught the victors and the vanquished.

The outcome of the exciting battle demonstrated that a team is never completely out of the running until it admits defeat, no matter how hopeless the odds may appear. Certainly the Bruins had little room for optimism after their miserable first stanza.

The second lesson taught is that no ball club with a commanding lead can afford to take things for granted. The Earth-

quakes lost their momentum after a surprisingly fast start, and never fully recovered from this costly lapse into self admiration.

Overconfidence -- magnified at the outset by the apparent tameness of the Bears--was just one factor in Goldsboro's downfall. More significant was the remarkable improvement shown by the Bruins in the rebounding department. During the first quarter, the locals were pathetic under the boards.

Considering their limited experience in previous varsity action, the Bears made few mistakes in last Saturday's clash with an outfit loaded with seasoned performers. It was a team effort and a team victory. Coach Bob Lewis had reason to be proud of his boys.

As of now, there appears to be no jealousy among the Bruins. The fact that these youngsters like each other and enjoy working together as a unit is encouraging. If the present high morale can be maintained, the bears will spell trouble for most of the opponents they face.

With Harrison and Verrone at guard positions, New Bern is blessed with the best sentinels since Robert Gillikin and Jon Burwell were around. Fortunately, the two lads are close friends just as Robert and Jon were, and go together like ham and eggs. It will pay dividends.



A THREESOME THAT'S HARD TO BEAT—Elvis Presley is flanked by lovely Ursula Andress and Elsa Cardenas in this scene from "Fun In Acapulco" in Technicolor and opening Friday at the Masonic Theatre. The Hal Wallis production for Paramount was filmed almost entirely in Acapulco.



Someone once said, a long time ago, that beauty is in the eyes of the beholder. No one since then, to our knowledge, has tried to dispute the statement.

Maybe it's just a case of Christmas stirring in the heart, but we've been aware as never before, in recent days, of the overwhelming number of cute children in our town.

On the night of New Bern's Christmas parade, there were several tots near us who could actually be classified as beautiful. There must have been dozens of others just as adorable scattered along the parade route.

Notwithstanding the quality of the passing procession, it was more fun watching the small fry, with stars in their eyes and the tinkling sound of joy

in their high-pitched voices, than it was viewing the parade itself. Even without kids of your own by your side, you caught the mood of it all.

And now, with shoppers hurrying along the street, the moppets are still conspicuous. No human countenance--not even the serenely gentle faces that expectant mothers often have--surpasses the radiance of a child's face when Christmas is just around the corner.

Christ, if we remember our Bible correctly, reminded mankind that the poor are always with us. If you don't have children of your own--or even if you do--there are many underprivileged tots who can brighten your Yuletide if you'll only brighten theirs.

You may not get to see them on Christmas morning, but you'll be able to picture the scene if you've arranged things with Santa Claus. The best money you'll spend during the holiday season--the most rewarding to your own heart--will be the small sum invested in gifts for a child who would

otherwise have little or nothing to rejoice over.

Do this in remembrance of your own happy childhood.

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