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On our desk is an old newspaper clipping, remarkably preserved, that came to us from Mrs. Tull Richardson, one of our readers.

There's no way of telling for sure what paper it originated in, but a good guess might be The Daily Nutshell, published in New Bern many years ago. Anyhow, it reads as follows:

The Old Maids Convention at the Opera House was greeted by a very large and enthusiastic audience.

Every one went to be amused, and all were thoroughly entertained. The costumes were stunning and the proceedings of the Convention, as conducted under strictly feminine auspices, provoked frequent laughter and applause.

In addition to the convention, a number of specialties were introduced. Mrs. J. E. Sill, Mrs. J. E. Latham, Miss Lottie Justice, and Messes O. H. Gulon, T. W. Dewey and J. E. Benton taking clever parts.

The statue poses in part were too beautiful. There will be a matinee at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The following are some of the hints on New Bern bachelors.

The Market for the season has been rather quiet, but some business has been doing, and in the past fortnight has shown signs of activity. S. M. Brinson, Dan M. Roberts, and David Congdon have been absorbed.

Following are the latest quotations of the New Bern Market:

Mrs. P. S. Cox. Bids are spirited, but he is only on the market for spot cash.

Mr. J. Gulon Dunn. It is reported that this valuable security is no longer on the market.

Mr. J. Leo Burrus. Is still ginning at the same old stand.

Judge W. W. Clark. Is trying to bring off a heavy deal elsewhere, but in the meantime is open to sealed proposals where good dividends are probable.

Mr. R. A. Nunn. Is dealing heavily in futures and is said to be a plunger.

Mr. Jas. Redmond. Gilt edge but hard to secure.

Jas. E. Carraway. Has found it impossible to make investments at home, and his persistent efforts elsewhere have proven disastrous.

M. Manly. Is an old time favorite, and will have a red letter day before long.

E. K. Bishop. Many plans of consolidation have been talked of for this desirable security but all bids have been rejected. He is very fond of cash dividends and old maids.

Mr. F. R. Hyman. Is quoted as a good investment.

Mr. Wm. Dunn. One of the best quoted on the exchange, but seems bent on single cussedness.

Mr. E. M. Green. A great prize, but prefers politics to petticoats.

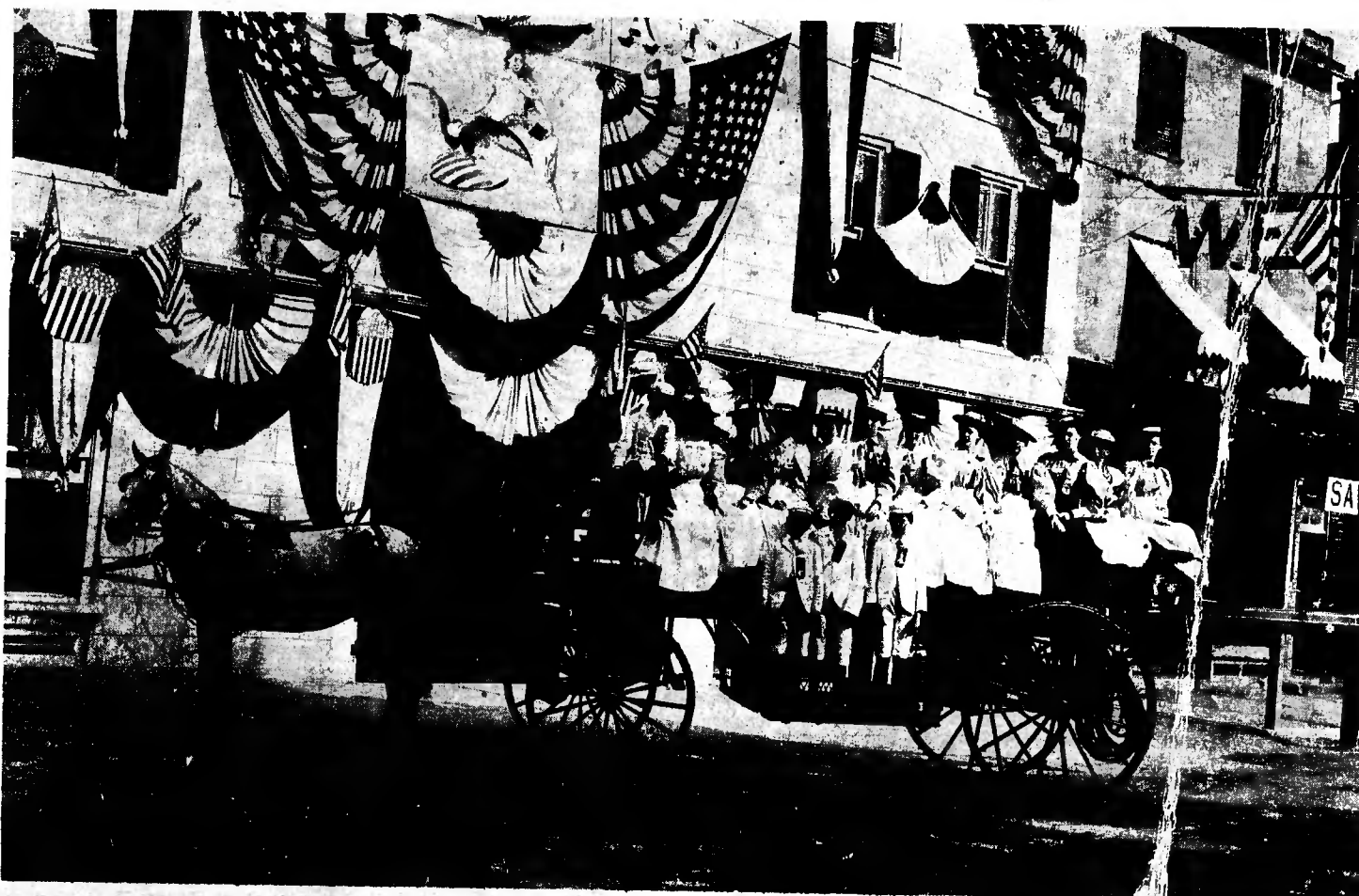
Hon. Wm. Ellis. A little inactive, but has recently put in a stock of "gal paper" and developments are expected.

Mr. Henry R. Bryan, Jr. A great favorite, and much sought after, but cannot leave his Ma.

Mr. C. D. Bradham. A great speculative favorite, but still numbered along the fluctuating.

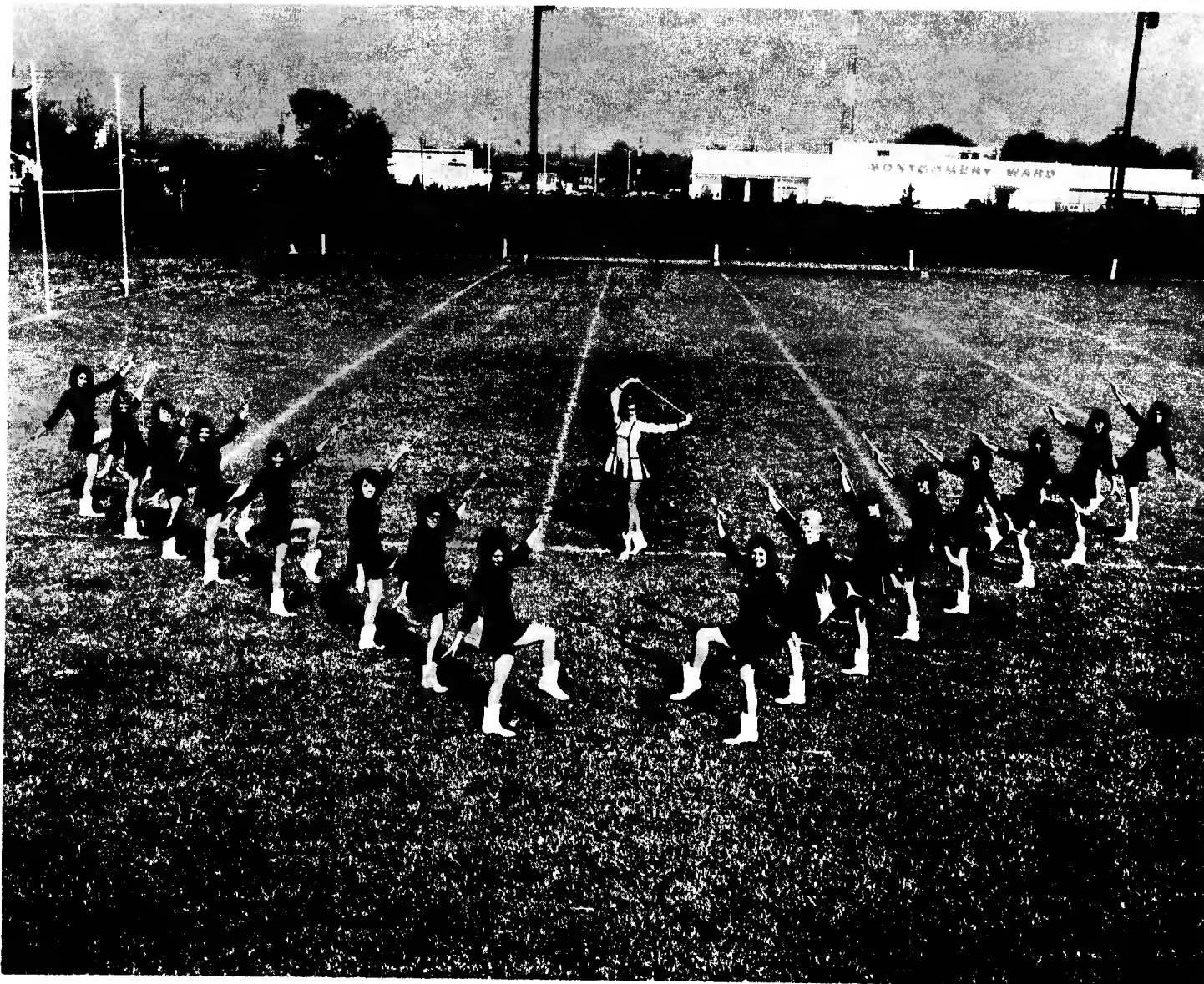
(There are more to the original clipping, but the remainder)

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WAY BACK WHEN—We'll cast aside all modesty, and agree with our readers that The Mirror comes up with some priceless photographs. Here, on the Atlantic's hook and ladder during a New Bern firemen's tournament, we see seated left to right Albert Willis, Emma Wolfenden Hartsfield, Mary Moore Howe, Bes-

sie Holton Kehoe, Parrie Holton Richardson, Bessie Williams Dill, Mamie Gaskill Congden, Gertie Willis Matthews, Daisy Green Hurst, Neta Holton Whitty and Mattie Green Turnbull. The small boy standing on the left is Harry Hill and Jesse Claypoole is on the right. The lad in the center can't be identified.



THEY'LL BE THERE—New Bern High school's 100 member band, under the direction of Durward Bray, wouldn't be complete without its high stepping majorette corps. They'll be in the line of march, along with the NBHS musicians, for the National Cherry

Blossom Festival Parade of Princesses in Washington, D. C. It's quite an honor to get an invitation to participate in this phase of the Festival, presented annually in the month of April.—Photo by Billy Benners.