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If like this editor you are one of New Bern's southpaws, it's a shame you can't visit a most unusual shop in London. The sign over the door reads ANYTHING LEFT HANDED LIMITED. On sale inside are articles made especially for portsiders.

Included are such diversified items as golf clubs, fountain pens, egg beaters, scissors, bricklayer trowels, can openers, palettes for artists, potato peelers, T-squares for draftsmen, and even lefthanded playing cards.

The woman who originated the business in a small upstairs office, but quickly had to move to a larger, first floor location, is not a southpaw. Mrs. Claudia Gruby says the idea occurred to her when she repeatedly heard her lefthanded friends complain about the awkwardness experienced in using articles designed for righthanders.

Citing just one example, she points out that check books, with the stubs on the left, are inconvenient for portsiders, and grow increasingly so as the checks are used and the stubs mount. This is the sort of problem that righthanders never think of, and lefthanders have been forced to accept.

Telephones, except the ones especially ordered for your own home or office, are made for righthanders too. Show us a telephone with a twisted cord, and we'll lay you two to one that a lefthander has been using it. The cord at our house stays twisted, but it doesn't make for domestic harmony.

Approximately five persons out of each hundred are portsiders. Remembering how we used to get rapped on the knuckles with a ruler at Central School for writing with the "wrong" hand, we're glad educators finally woke up to the fact that folks like us are born the way we are.

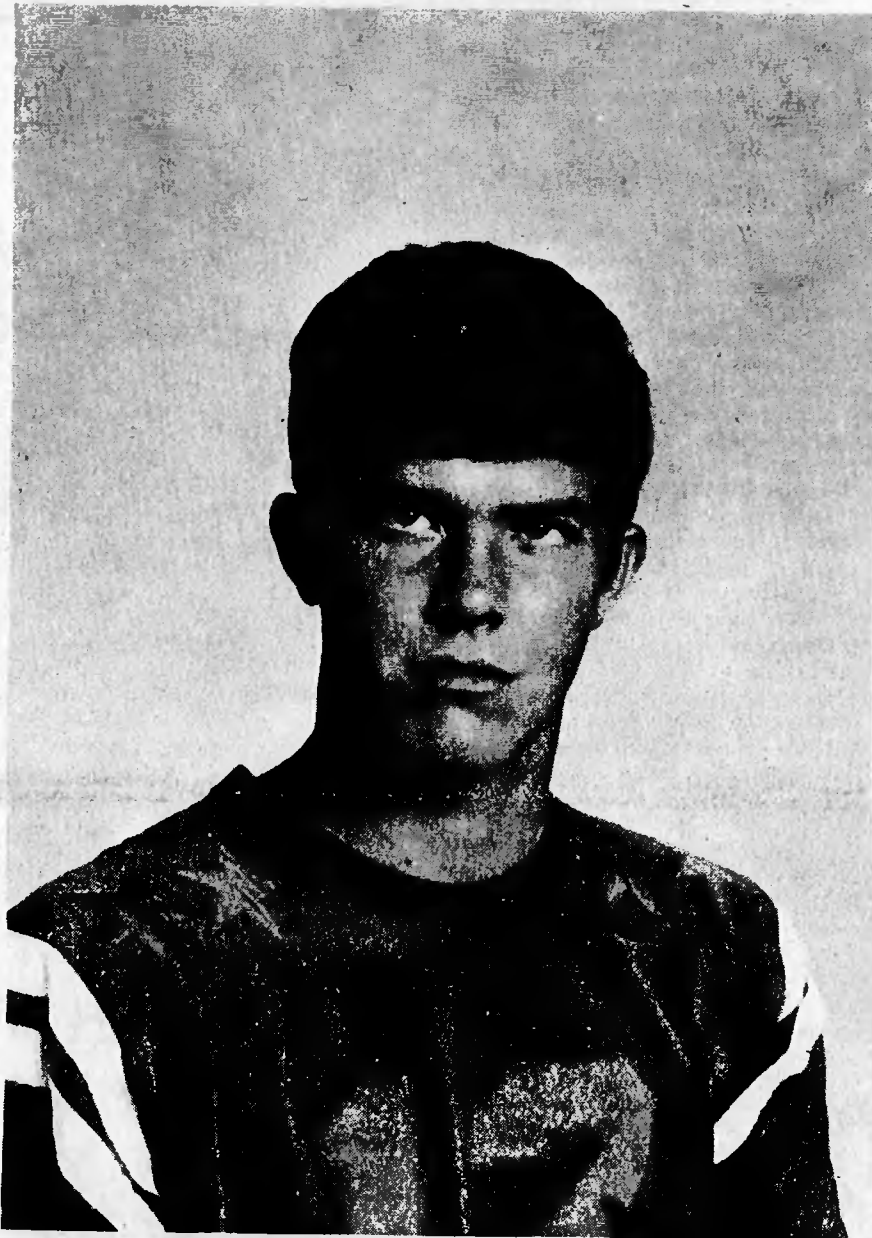
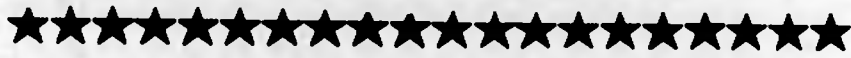
And, if you're righthanded, think twice before you smirk and make a wisecrack about "dumb lefthanders." Plenty of them are dumb, and you can include the writer in this complimentary bracket, but statistics show that the ration of outstanding lefthanders compares quite favorably with the percentage who excel or exhibit high intellect.

Because we're outranked 20 to one or more, it will remain a righthanded world filled with righthanded utensils. Even so, we're glad that lady in London recognized the problem and did something about it. She is making money hand over fist. The left hand, that is.

You can trust Hallmark Cards to come up with quality television, and heaven knows the three major networks need a little quality interspersed in the usual tripe served viewers.

"The Littlest Angel" last Saturday night was delightfully presented. Casting Jody from "Family Affair" in the title role was a stroke of genius. More power to Hallmark, and likewise to those who produce "The Bell Telephone Hour."

Originality isn't commonplace in any field of endeavor, nor has it ever been. However, we refuse to believe that in this land of more than two hundred million people there aren't ta-



THE GREATEST EVER — New Bern High school's Charles (Chuck) Mohn, acclaimed from Manteo to Murphy as North Carolina's athlete of the week, has been dubbed by dozens of astounded sports writers and college coaches as the most outstanding performer in the 33-year history of Charlotte's annual Shrine Bowl game. Seen here, grimly determined in his All-Star jersey, Chuck came off the bench in the closing minutes of the final quarter last Saturday, with North Carolina's High school elite trailing South Carolina 20-7. While 27,500 fans packed in Memorial Stadium roared so loudly that officials had to quiet them, to let young Mohn's Tar Heel teammates hear him coolly bark signals, the Bruin quarterback passed South Carolina's formidable outfit dizzy. Twice, with time running out, he quickly moved North Carolina from its own goal line, then handed off unselfishly to other backs, after reaching the five and one yard stripes. When it was over, the impossible had happened. A team hopelessly beaten emerged victorious, 21-20. The Shrine Bowl game, most successful of all such games staged by Shrine Temples in North America, netted \$453,800.00 for hospitals built and maintained for crippled or burned children, whatever their race, color or creed might be. These tots, thousands of them, are taught to believe that with faith and courage, almost anything is possible. Listening to radio sets Saturday, in hospital wards, they heard a New Bern boy prove it by converting the impossible dream into reality.

