

As Seen in The Mirror's

# SPORTS REFLECTIONS

of Athletes and Events

New Bern kids who played baseball in a local Babe Ruth League would have thoroughly enjoyed knowing the Bambino. To them he is at most a misty legend, but no man we ever encountered remained more a boy for a lifetime.

Raised or reared as folks say now, in a Baltimore orphanage, he was as care-free as a robin on the wing. He delighted in pranks, often to the dismay of the New York Yankee front office.

Sometimes celebrities are disappointing when you meet them in the flesh. You could not say that about the Babe. He wore his fame as comfortably and as unassumingly as a baggy sweater.

Our first contact with the Sultan of Swat came as a youngster. He cheerfully signed our autograph book, but forgot to return the Parker fountain pen we had handed him to write his signature.

Because it was a good pen that cost us \$3.50, we hated to see anyone walk off with it, so in a timid, high pitched voice we asked for its return. Ruth gave it back, scooped us up in his big arms and roared with laughter.

The last time we saw him, years after his retirement, was at Yankee Stadium while we

were doing special coverage on the 1939 World Series, the first Series that the Coastal Plain League's star graduate, Charlie Keller played in.

It was a coolish October afternoon, and when the Babe arrived he was wearing his familiar tan topcoat and tan cap. A mounting hum of fan to fan comment surged through the crowd of better than 50,000 spectators, climaxed by an ovation as he took the final mincing steps to a box back of home plate.

The Sultan of Swat was destined to be in the House that Ruth built again, on a sadder day. Racked by an incurable disease that would shortly take his life, he would speak hoarsely into assembled microphones, and thank the fans and all America for their tribute to him.

Our only son, now grown, has a baseball we gave him, autographed by Ruth. What we couldn't give him were the personal memories we have of the greatest of them all.

## Real Estate Transfers

Asa Ipock, Jr., and wife, Barbara J. Ipock, to John P. Hoyle and wife, Dora D. Hoyle. Property in No. 2 township.

Louis James Cottle, Jr., and wife, Lucy Gilbert Cottle, to John Cleveland Cottle. Property in Country Club Park.

Jerry W. Strickland and wife, Sandra W. Strickland, to Harold I. Dowling and wife, Elsie F. Dowling. Property in No. 5 township.

Joseph M. Wetherington and wife, Evelyn W. Wetherington, et als, to Leonard Eugene Leggett and wife, Barbara Godley Leggett. Property in No. 2 township.

C. D. Heath, Jr., to Madie Heath Browning. Property at Cove City.

Roy E. Morton and wife, Beatrice Morton, to Ruth Baysden Cade. Property in No. 9 township.

Edward J. Cieszko and wife, Suzie Moore Cieszko, to Lester O. Wallace and wife, Eleanor M. Wallace. Property in No. 6 township.

A. Rexford Willis, Jr. and wife, Patty S. Willis, to Algie M. Stuart and wife, Mary Margaret Stuart. Property in No. 7 township.

James Thomas Johnson, Jr., and wife, Mary W. Johnson, to Richard L. Skinner and wife, Jean S. Skinner. Property in No. 8 township.

Havelock Development Corporation to Gary A. Davis and wife, Linda F. Davis. Property in No. 6 township.

A. Rexford Willis, Jr., and wife, Patty S. Willis, to J. W. Oglesby and wife, Ruth S. Oglesby. Property in No. 7 township.

Levi A. Bryant and wife, Viola D. Bryant, to Darrel D.

Daniels and wife, Emma T. Daniels. Property in Pembroke Heights.

Jimmie Wilson Hill and wife, Charlene Blackman Hill, to Mark Lee Skinner and wife, Peggy M. Skinner. Property in No. 7 township.

Albert Cade and wife, Ruth B. Cade, to Herman W. Mumford and wife, Frances J. Mumford. Property in No. 2 township.

Elizabeth F. Gaskins; Mary Sue Gaskins Wallace; Elizabeth Gaskins Travis; Roy Gerald Wallace; Sylvia Gay Gaskins Smith and husband, Donald Smith, to James McCandless and wife, Pauline G. McCandless. Property in No. 1 township.

Alfred Ward Allen and wife, Luise J. Allen, to George T. Murrell and wife, Ruth F. Murrell. Property in No. 8 township.

Monroe A. McLacklan and wife, Laura B. McLacklan, et als, to Larry Ray Peaden and wife, Nancy Faye Peaden. Property in Sunnyside.

Marvin D. Wilson and wife, Lois S. Wilson, to Richard C. James and wife, Kathleen B. James. Property in No. 7 township.

J. Frank Efrid and wife, Margaret M. Efrid, to J. Paul Johnson and wife, Mary L. Johnson. Property in River Bend.

J. Frank Efrid and wife, Margaret M. Efrid, to Roger H. Priester, Sr., and wife, Virginia W. Priester. Property in River Bend.

Roger H. Priester and wife, Virginia Wilson Priester, to J. Frank Efrid and wife, Margaret M. Efrid. Property in No. 7 township.

Craven County Board of Education to Wayne Hawks. Property in No. 1 township.

Pearl Davis to Franklin D. R. Godette. Property on B. Street.

Oliver F. Wells, Jr., and wife, Julia W. Wells, to Milton D. Sherman. Property in No. 6 township.

Lee Ann Jones Building Supplies, Incorporated, to George

Ray Edwards and wife, Josephine B. Edwards. Property on Spring Garden Lane.

Carolina Pines Estates, Inc., to Lawrence Hayes McCulley and wife, Elizabeth D. McCulley. Property in No. 6 township.

Skinner Construction Corporation to Wallace E. Grimes and wife, Georgia A. Grimes. Property in Washington Park.

Junius Paul Johnson, Jr., and wife, Mary LeGrande Johnson, to Harriette Harvin Jordan. Property in Barn Village.

Jimmie L. Morris and wife, Janice M. Morris, to Colony Developers of New Bern, Inc. Property in No. 7 township.

Wesley Mitchell and wife, Mary Nobles Mitchell, to Larry Bryant and wife, Josephine Nobles Bryant. Property in No. 3 township.

Theodore C. Buettner and wife, Lolita M. Buettner, to Helen E. Buettner. Property in No. 6 township.

Fred Hughes and wife, Eve-

lyn Heath Hughes, to Lloyd Vernon Lane, Jr., and wife, Sherry Proctor Lane. Property on Haywood Road.

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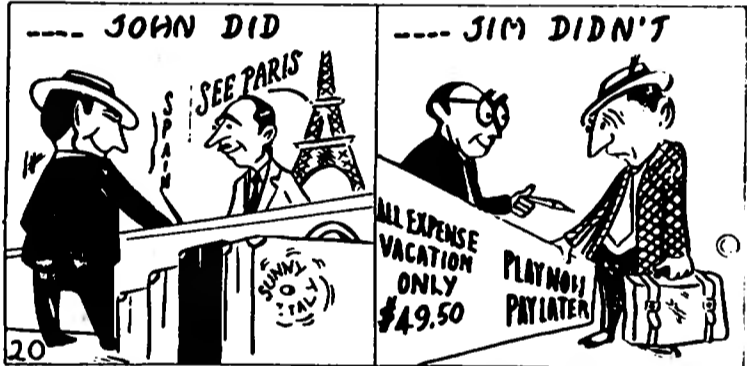
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