

Carteret county may seem like "small potatoes next to Mecklenburg, Durham and Guilford, but it continues to turn out some of the state's best athletes.

Although the list of gridiron greats is long indeed, perhaps Carteret's strongest suit is the cage uniform. Each team has a generous sprinkling of talent. No doubt, several of this year's hardwood stars, like those in the past, will go on to play college ball. A few will probably be recruited.

And even among those who will not become college athletes, there is ability. Some of the county's nonprospects — those who, because of their size or academic records, won't be offered athletic grants — will even outshine the draft choices in high school ball.

THE NEWS-TIMES and its sports editor believe this talent is due recognition. To be among the best in Carteret county is quite an accomplishment. Therefore, THE NEWS-TIMES will select an ALL-COUNTY BAS-KETBALL team for 1963-'64 after the closing of regular season play.

First and second units will be named in the boys' division from the county's seven schools, along with a roster of players worthy of honorable mention. With just three girls' teams to choose from, a similar selection would be meaningless. Only a first unit ALL-COUNTY squad will be chosen in the girls' division. Selections in both divisions will be based not only

on each player's scoring record, but his game performance and his contribution toward the effectiveness of the team as a whole. A good player can't have one without the others, and still be considered a good player.

Awards will be presented to the players at each school's sports banquet or student assembly.