

Scoutin' Around

By PETER CARLTON

Lefty Gomez, former New York Yankee baseball player, stopped at Joseph Hewes Hotel late Saturday night with his wife and two children. Lefty is the present manager of the Binghamton ball club, the "Triplets," which will come here the end of this month. He was making a check on arrangements. In connection with the coming of the ball team for Spring training, our own Town Committee, local citizens and Chamber of Commerce are giving their wholehearted support to help make the team members comfortable during their stay with us.

Miss Janie Mitchener was scheduled to play some selections of sacred concert music last Sunday at the First Methodist Church in Elizabeth City. Due to the snow and rain, she had to cancel her engagement. The Elizabeth City High School Glee Club created quite a stir over the excellent performance given. The upper balcony and a good portion of the lower part of the church was filled by those who turned out to hear the kids sing. It was well done.

So many of the kids were members of the Scouts, Girl Scouts, Band, 4-H Club or Red Cross First Aid and Swimming Classes with which this writer was connected or through which activities he frequently came in contact with them. It was sheer joy and pleasure to hear them perform and with such quality. As Her-

bert Peete of the Daily Advance once said, in substance, "Many things are done for which there is no material compensation, but the reward of self satisfaction for having served." Harmonious voices of youth blended in harmonies, particularly the harmony of sacred music, cannot fail to touch even the hardest heart. The Rev. Allen P. Brantley's exhortation, backlighted by the cultured voices of the regular choir, provided a fitting prelude to the program.

The mayoralty and Councilmanic contest is really beginning to foment. Rumors are flying fast and furious. We hear that everything is decided—it's all set. Then we hear new names being bruited about. Yet our present incumbents are holding tight and making no comments. But that does not stop the rumor factory from working overtime. Mentioned as possible candidates for Mayor from among the "scuttlebutt" are Mayor Haskett himself, J. Clarence Leary, Joe Conger, "Spec" Jones, West Byrum and H. A. Campen. Councilmen to run as the opposition, says the grapevine, in addition to one self announced candidate, George S. Twiddy, are Frank Holmes, Dave Holton, Kid Jones, Ernest Kehayes, Mike Malone, Sid Campen, Clyde Hollowell and Jesse L. Harrell. But there never was much truth in "scuttlebutt" and rumors, so this just makes interesting speculation. It won't be long now before there will be some statements forthcoming from the present incumbents. We won't be surprised to be hearing shortly from those who are contemplating running for the most important posts of representing their neighbors in administrative capacities—with wisdom, sagacity and good judgment.

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mors—who feel that the calibre of a person who seeks to serve the public is generally of the highest order. That they have a sincere desire to be elected because they want to do something for their fellow citizens. They also believe that being of such a high calibre, those elected would not for a moment seek to hang on to an honorable job if they personally felt they were not doing it justice. Not and be living up to their Christian duties. We believe this, too.

We enjoyed the comments about Solveig Lunde and the furor that apparently has arisen over the reports on her person, her clothing and her playing. The only difference between some people and others is that some have the right to express their opinions in the press by virtue of their connection with it; others can write letters to the editor, which may or may not be printed. Unfortunately or not, it is seemingly the fact, that a report in a paper, regardless of whether the one who reported it as his opinion got up on the wrong side of the bed, or had had a bad day prior to his attendance at the scene of the reporting, does cause a definite reaction among readers—whether good or bad, and sometimes is accepted as the final word from the mouth of the oft maligned cow. So in the interest of free speech and unbiased press, let us give an excerpt from the February issue of the Musical Courier—people who make their livelihood from news on music: "Solveig Lunde on an extensive concert tour of the United States and Canada. Appeared in January in major cities from California to North Bay, Canada (including Elizabeth City, N. C.) One of her engagements was in the Beethoven Concerto No. 1 and Walter Piston's Concertino for Piano and Chamber Orchestra with the Musical Arts Society of San Diego under Nikolai Sokoloff. She has been engaged by the San Francisco Symphony for next season." While sheer opinion is inadmissible before the Court of Law, there is no harm in weighing one opinion against multitudinous factual evidence that Miss Solveig Lunde is certainly in demand for her performances. (An interested music lover more concerned with music than the clothes, said that in her "opinion" Miss Lunde wore simple, sweet clothing, so as not to detract from the musical presentation). This writer learned early in life that "hell hath no fury like a woman scorned." (Gracious, the prospect is too horrible to think of—but what name could we give to the situation wherein there is more than one woman scorned?)

Negro 4-H County Council Plans Work

The Negro 4-H County Council met Saturday, March 1, in County Agent J. B. Small's office. The meeting was opened with Minnie Lee Overton presiding in the absence of the president. The meeting was opened by singing "America," and during the session plans were completed for National 4-H Club Week, Negro Health Week, 4-H Club Sunday and plans were also discussed for the county elimination contest in May.

Membership cards were purchased for 1947 by members of the Council. After the business a program was rendered by the Warren Grove 4-H Club as a celebration of National 4-H Club Week.

Leaders represented were as follows: Center Hill, Mrs. Arizona Coston and Miss Ella Twine; Green Hall, Mrs. Lula Welch; Warren Grove, Mrs. Clara Carter; Ryan's Grove, Mrs. Pearl Newby.

RETURNS FROM CONVENTION

Mrs. Anne S. Jenkins, owner of Anne's Beauty Salon, has returned from Greensboro, N. C., where she attended the thirteenth annual convention of the North Carolina Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association, held in the O'Henry Hotel. More than 400 North Carolina hairdressers attended the convention.

COUNTY DEBT REDUCED

W. W. Byrum, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, was on Monday authorized to pay bonds and interest amounting to \$12,992.43. The amount represents \$4,497.71 due March 15 and \$8,500.72 due April 1.

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102 Receive Old Age Aid During February

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According to the report of Mrs. J. H. McMullan, superintendent of public welfare, during the month there were six adult prison parolees under supervision; 14 children receiving individual service; five adult mental cases on probation under supervision; 14 receiving care from vocational rehabilitation in cooperation with the Welfare Department, and one case referred to the Tuberculosis Association for service.

TAX COLLECTIONS

Sheriff J. A. Bunch reports the collection of \$3,167.77 for 1946 taxes during February. This amount brings the total of 1946 taxes collected to date to \$69,280.63.

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40 JAILED IN FEBRUARY

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NAMED INSPECTOR

At the recommendation of Archie T. Lane, of Hertford, president of the Rural Electric Association, Howard Shean was on Monday appointed inspector for the REA lines in Chowan County by the Chowan County Commissioners.

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