

Scoutin' Around

By PETER CARLTON

ACTIVITIES that just now come to light. Nick George casually mentioned how a doctor friend of his came to Edenton to spend a few days in resting up from his work, not long ago. They went fishing on Pembroke Creek. The day was one that artists long to paint in colors. Nick was apologetic because the fish weren't biting. The "doc" replied: "What difference does it make? Just to be out here on this quiet creek, breathing in the fresh, aromatic air, and relaxing from the cares of business and the rapid pace of city life, is worth its weight in gold."

Within the next few days our neighbor and home town booster, Nick George, flew his friend in easy hops by Piper Cub to the Sound and to the Ocean for fishing. Said Nick, "Just think of it, we are within a few minutes flying time from just about any kind of fishing and outdoor recreation a person could desire."

San Juan, the Capital of Puerto Rico, has a most efficient woman, recently elected, as City Manager. Her name is Felisa Rincon de Gautier. The City has a population in the several hundred thousands we are told. From reports about her past record it appears that she really is on the ball. We received a letter from her written in the most beautiful and correct English, which makes us pause to reflect, that fundamentally people are the same in their instincts of friendship, interest in what the other fellow thinks, and in making this a better world in which to live. (Excluding despots and tyrants who seize the reins and bring misery on untold millions as emphasized in this last war). But the interchange of ideas goes a long way to that goal toward which mankind is perpetually groping, the goal of—peace on earth, good will towards men.

A most notable occasion which is celebrated in Puerto Rico is El Dia de los Ancianos—"The Day of the Aged". Patriarchs and Matriarchs everywhere in Puerto Rico occupy the limelight on this day—April 18. There are colorful tributes and festivities designed to honor the aged throughout the island. This day has been officially celebrated since 1933. (Seems that we folks are sort of getting away from paying homage to our old people. We're so busy flapping our gums that we are missing the invaluable history, folk lore, and experiences that are ours for—"listening.")

BULOVA, GRUEN, ELGIN and LONGINES WATCHES
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The Inter-American Historical Association has notified City Manager de Gautier, "mayor" of San Juan, that the Puerto Rican Capital has been chosen by the Association for its next historical congress to be held in 1948. The previous one was held in New Orleans.

We took a trip to a place three miles from Eure, N. C., known simply as the "Story Brothers" plantation. The trip by car and good road took fifty minutes. Years ago a little boy and his parents used to go up to visit with his grandparents on this same trip—they left by boat on the Chowan River where they secured a state-room for sleeping purposes, around 9 P. M. The boat used to pull out after midnight and get them to Tunis around 11 A. M. the next morning. Here they took the Atlantic Coastline Railroad to Eure where grandfather met them with the horse and buggy, for the three mile trip to the plantation. The little fellow was the son of Doctor and Mrs. W. S. Griffin of Edenton. The little "doc" introduced the writer to his Uncle Duke who will be 99 years old in July, and two of his other Uncles—one 84 and another 77 (Uncle Peter). One was living in Winton, three miles away—age 87. What stories they could tell. What history and background—priceless—they must have, crying to be told. We didn't have much time to talk—but we did have a chance to behold the splendor of the long leaf pines that tower, majestically, standing unscathed by human touch for centuries, on this plantation that goes back to 1831 or so, and still in the family. We passed through a town that was once the thriving scene of a "chill tonic" manufacturer—Rodeo. Was in great vogue during the "malaria" era. (We've got much untouched, intensely interesting material for the creative writer in this area).

Northeastern North Carolina certainly has much to offer the tourist in the way of relaxation and sport. It would seem advantageous if all the communities would support the others by exchanging information and boosting excursions into each others territories. The Edenton Chowan Chamber of Commerce and Merchants As-

sociation for instance has plans to help interest tourist who stop here, to visit the Lost Colony and Kitty Hawk. It plans to help those who want diversity of fishing, to make arrangements for their convenience. It hopes to have an airplane taxi service encouraged between Manteo and Edenton or any other point in the Albemarle. There are great possibilities for "all" in the Albemarle along this line. The tourist trade runs into the billions. Let's make the Albemarle a place for vacationists to come for longer periods, and during the whole year.

Several Carriberre areas joined together their financial resources this past season to boost the travel trade. They put thousands upon thousands of dollars into a gigantic "kitty" for this purpose. We here in the Albemarle have the "natural" resources of a vacationland. The mechanical, physical, including buildings, can be had if we can arouse the people to the possibilities—the unmined gold—right here before our eyes.

The Great White Way of the Colonial Capital can be a source of great attraction to shoppers. Many people "window-shop" carefully before they buy. Those windows that are persistent in using their "silent salesman" in the form of well lighted and attractive windows and displays, no doubt can report that it "pays". One progressive shopkeeper will verify this. According to the law of averages—even in salesmanship—the amount of sales will be in proportion to the number of opportunities prospective customers have in viewing the merchandise . . . and an attractive, carefully arranged, enticing display . . . is "sales talk on the Q. T."

There's a movement on foot which urges people to "see America first". Before going off to Europe. We should have a movement to urge people, schoolteachers and schoolchildren to "see North Carolina first."

Rotarians Discuss Chowan County

Richard Elliott, acting as president of the Rotary Club in the absence of President C. W. Overman, Thursday, conducted a rather unique program, when he asked members to speak not longer than one minute about some phase of Chowan County.

Responses were very interesting, ranging all the way from agriculture to opening of the swimming pool at the Edenton Air Station. Regarding the latter, Mr. Elliott stated that as the new president of the Rotary, he intended to contact various organizations to the end that the pool will be available to Edenton people during the summer.

CRAWFORDS ON VACATION

Dr. and Mrs. George T. Crawford left early Saturday morning by car for Florida on an extended vacation. They expect to be away for two weeks, during which time they will visit in Florida and Cuba.

Charlotte Bunch, In Recital, Pleases Audience At School

Aided By Misses Nelle Perry and Susan Thigpen

Miss Charlotte Bunch, in her piano recital Thursday night, delighted a large crowd of friends in the high school auditorium. Aside from Miss Bunch, Miss Nelle Perry and Miss Susan Thigpen also contributed to what was one of the most delightful programs in a long time. During the program Miss Bunch was presented two baskets of lovely flowers and at the close of the recital refreshments were served in the hall.

Opening the program Miss Bunch played "Preludio III" by Bach and "Six Variations" by Beethoven, followed by "Juba Dance" by Dett and "Three Moods and a Theme" by Klemm.

Next on the program Nelle Perry sang "Come to the Fair" and "Ave Maria" with Miss Susan Thigpen as accompanist.

ASSES NEXT SUNDAY IN COLUMBIA AND EDENTON

The Most Holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered Sunday, May 25, Whit-Sunday or Pentecost, when almost 400,000,000 Catholics throughout the world will celebrate the birthday of the Catholic Church, founded by Jesus Christ in Jerusalem in 33 A. D., the Mass Sunday 8:20 A. M. in Columbia Theater, the second in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Edenton, at 11 A. M., each including sermon on "Adore Only God", Holy Communion, concluding in 45 minutes followed at once by May devotions, Sunday School, confessions at Columbia 8 to 8:15, Edenton 10:30 to 10:55 A. M., stated Father F. J. McCourt, pastor, who invites everybody to all services. Week-mornings: Mass, Communion, May Devotions, Novena to Holy Ghost.

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Interest Mounting In Beauty Pageant At Carolina Beach

"Miss North Carolina American Legion" Is To Be Chosen

Approximately 40 of the loveliest girls in Tar Heelia will compete for the title of "Miss North Carolina American Legion" and the beautiful \$500 summer wardrobe that goes with it during the State Legion convention at Carolina Beach June 14, 15, 16 and 17, Convention Chairman W. L. Farmer announced here this week.

Legion posts already grooming their local beauties for the pageant and contest, which take place Sunday afternoon, June 15, on the resort strand, include those at Acme-Delco, Asheboro, Beaufort, Belmont, Benson, Biscoe Bolton, Carolina Beach, Elizabethtown, Fayetteville, Goldston, Greenville, Hertford, Hickory, Hi-wasse Dam, Hunteville, Lexington, Raleigh, Shallotte, Warsaw, Wilmington, Wilson and Winston-Salem.

Music for the parade of pulchritude will be played by the Second Marine Division band of Camp Lejeune. That night the Legion Queen and her two Maids of Honor will be feted at the Coronation Ball in the resort's Ocean Plaza ballroom before an audience of several thousand. Judge Henry Stevens of Warsaw, past national commander of the American Legion, has been invited to be master of the coronation ceremonies.

A gift from Taylor's department store of Raleigh, the top award will send the Legion Queen on a grand and uninhibited shopping tour for \$500 worth of the summer clothing of her dreams. She will wear the wardrobe later in the summer during

a seven-day vacation for herself and her chaperone at Carolina Beach, with Carolina Beach American Legion Post 272 footing the vacation bill. A \$150 diamond ring from the Jewel Box of Wilmington and Greensboro will grace the hand of the Queen's first Maid of Honor. To the second Maid of Honor will go \$150 worth of beautiful airplane luggage.

Foresight

"What made you decide to put off your wedding by two days?"
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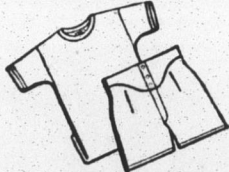
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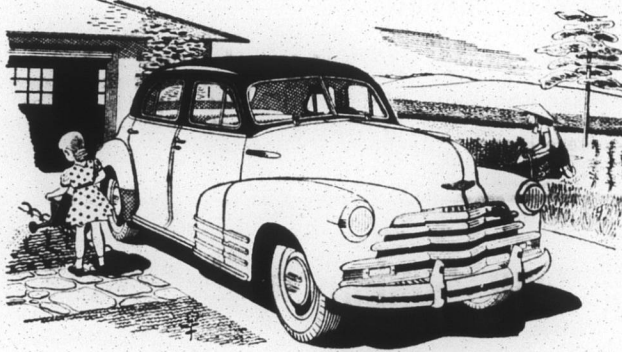
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