

# Scoutin' Aaround

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The baseball mill begins to grind! Former Major League New York Yankees baseball star, Lefty Gomez, is here heading up the spring training center of the Binghamton Triplets—also termed the "Little New York Yankees." Yes, sir, the baseball mill has begun to grind. What comes out is anybody's guess, but those in the know don't often guess very far wrong. Here in Edenton, which is gaining recognition as the "home" of the Binghamton Triplets during their spring training sessions, was developed a most valuable player. Last year a lad came here, among the some forty odd players, just as this year they have come. Today we have been informed that he couldn't be bought for less than \$35,000. We are speaking of Vic Raschi, who is now pitching with the regular New York Yankees major league squad. Welcome home, fellows! Welcome home, Lefty Gomez, Leon Hamilton, Billy O'Donnell, Sam Nash and Charlie Peet! Your neighbors of Edenton and Chowan County offer the keys of the city to you all.

At four o'clock in the morning, this past Saturday, one of our neighbors, E. O. Corbett, watchman for the Evans Mill at Cisco was attacked and assaulted in an attempted robbery. From reports

of the affair, the lights were suddenly switched off by an unknown person, and Corbett was beaten about the face. While banged up and bruised, he sustained no serious injuries. The thief in the night was scared off by the yelling and the coming of neighbors, one of whom declares he saw the struggling going on, but could not identify the assailant. This is the third time Corbett has been

held up and attacked. The first time he lost fifteen dollars; the second time he lost eighty dollars.

Here's a word for the fellow who thinks he is getting away with it. The files of our City, County and State police, and also those of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, are full of cases of fellows who thought they could get away with it. Get this—the long arm of the law is relentless. Even while you are asleep it keeps probing—probing—searching. It will track you down no matter where you are. You can't get away with it! Somewhere, someplace, you've left a clue. Mark what I say, "You can't get away with it!"

There's a definite way that one can tell when certain things come to pass. It's not difficult to tell when one is grief stricken, nor when one is happy—and neither is it difficult to tell what has happened when you see a couple of fellows coming along with their shoulders swinging high, and their chests extended—well, at least two inches more than usual. When you follow in the wake of these fellows to see what they're up to—and then suddenly run into a smoke barrage, caused by everyone puffing furiously and joyously on a mouthful of big, brown cigars, then you sort of figure that just one thing could have happened—somebody's had a baby. Yes, sir—two babies. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis George Wilkins of Edenton, on March 17, in the Chowan Hospital, a seven pound eleven ounce bundle of joy—a son, Louis George, Jr., and we hear he will carry through life the distinction of being the first child born in the newly opened Chowan Hospital, which is located at the former Naval Air Base in Edenton. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Muriel Byrum—eight pounds and six ounces of precious—"female-ette", a little daughter, Susan Brenda. Named after her mother, Susans Brenda—mother and child—your neighbors here in Edenton and Chowan County, take you both into their hearts. Into the warm heart of Edenton, the former Colonial Capital; the Edenton which offered haven to others 225 years ago; others seeking a new world—a new life.

It is so difficult for one's neighbors to observe their friends suffering from an illness whatsoever. To see Lynn Byrum and Clarence Leary, Jr., walking about again and breathing in that delicious Spring Edenton air, is tonic for all of us.

Mr. John Holmes informs us that his wife is showing definite improvement. Mrs. Corrie White is up again after a brief siege of illness. Miss Mildred Byrum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli T. Byrum of Rocky Hook is home due to an enforced recess of school, caused by an outbreak of "flu" in the Williamson school system where she teaches. It is expected that she will be home about a week. We called the Chowan Hospital this past Sunday morning around 7:30 A. M. and the cheerful voice of the nurse in charge informed us that Miss Eleanor Evans of Rocky Hook would be going home within a few days. Eleanor was operated on for appendicitis. Frank Hughes, our sachem of the Edenton Red Men's Tribe is down.

sick. We hear Frank was a very sick lad for a while. He is showing improvement now. Mrs. N. J. Goodwin and Mrs. "Kid" Jones were both down with the "flu". From last reports, they are up and about.

Something no one should miss is the "womanless wedding" which will take place tomorrow evening at the High School. Leroy Haskett should bring the house down as the "bride". David Warren is the "groom". Walter Holton is the "jilted sweetheart"; A. P. Hassell is "Mr. Turnip Green"; Johnny Mitchener is the "aunt of the bride"; Frank Holmes is the "uncle". Can you picture Izze Campen as "Miss Nosey" and George Twiddy as "Miss Needs A Man"? This is really going to be a scream.

J. E. Baker, President of the Farm Bureau of Chowan County and Jesse L. Harrell, President of the Edenton Chowan Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association both received letters from Congressman Herbert Bonner relative to the threatened farm appropriation cut. He assured both groups of his active support.

Watch Eugene Smith—he's here with the boys. He promises to be a most valuable player judging from past experience. They say his entrance into professional baseball is almost like out of a story book. As an unknown semi-pro ball player, he walked into the office of the St. Augustine Club of the Florida State League one day early in the 1946 season. He talked himself into being allowed to pitch for the batting practice. When Manager Bill Steebeck saw that he could not only get the ball over the "plate" but also could get plenty "moxey" on his pitches, he wasted no time in signing him up on contract. He proceeded to set an outstanding record for Class D ball. He won 21 games and compiled a "earned-run" record of 2.78. Word of the Florida boy's prowess quickly spread through the baseball world, and at the close of the season the Yankee owned Newark Bears succeeded in outbidding many other clubs and purchased his contract. And now he's with the Binghamton Triplets. From D to A ball will be quite a jump for the young pitcher, but Yankee officials expect him to make it with no trouble. He owns a blazing fast ball and has good control. Let's watch this young athlete—he will be another Vic Raschi?

## Regular Meeting Of Cub Pack Tonight

Fred Wood and Hugh Patterson Eligible to Join Pack

Comdr. C. M. Speight, cubmaster of the Edenton Cub Pack, calls attention to the regular monthly Pack meeting tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock in the Presbyterian Church. Hugh L. (Archie) Patterson and Fred Wood, Jr., are ready to be initiated into the tribe at tonight's meeting and Peter Speight advances from Bobcat to Wolf rank. As Allan B. Harless could not be presented the rank of Webelos at the last meeting, the presentation will be made tonight even though he is a few days past his twelfth birthday. Comdr. Speight said he hopes to hear good things about Allan as he becomes a Boy Scout. His Cub Scout friends will miss him.

### MRS. PRESTON IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Clara Preston left Monday for DePaul Hospital, Norfolk, where she will undergo treatments and a general check-up. Mrs. Preston will probably be able to return to her home within the next week.

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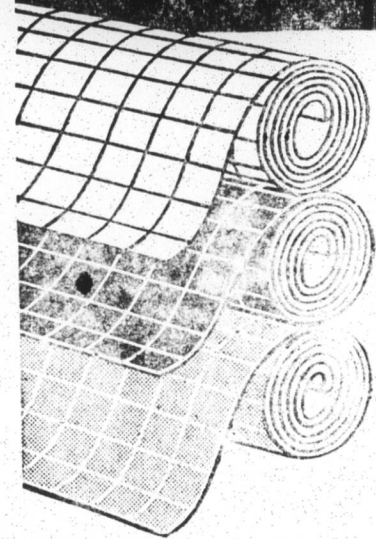
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## Colored Quartet Sings At Red Men Meeting

Members of Chowan Tribe of Red Men were entertained after the business meeting Monday night by the Albemarle Four, a quartet of colored veterans who are rapidly gaining a reputation for their singing. The group sang quite a few numbers which were greeted by rounds of applause by the goodly number of Red Men present. During the meeting the entertainment committee served hot dogs and soft drinks. Members of the quartet are William Reeves, manager, Alfred Walker, Joseph Hathaway and Henry L. Downing.

### PATIENT IN HOSPITAL

Robert J. Boyce left Monday night for Sanatorium, where he will be a patient for from four to six weeks. He was accompanied by his wife and Mr. and Mrs. J. Alvah Bunch.

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