

# Items About Comers and Goers . . . From Here and There

People You Know Who Move About

Mr. T. C. Riggs, a prominent citizen of the Thurmond community, was in this city Tuesday looking after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Reynolds, of Pfafftown, were business visitors in this city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Choplin have adopted a son, John Locke Choplin, age two months.

Mr. A. R. Miller, a well known merchant and farmer of the Vanooy community, was a business visitor here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Locke, of Bridgeton, Maine, are here visiting in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Paul Choplin.

Seaman Roby Travis Owens has returned to his ship, the USS San Pablo, at Norfolk, Va., after spending a seven-day leave with his wife, Mrs. Ruby Owens, of North Wilkesboro route one.

Mrs. Bernice Ulrich Ross, who is now teaching in the Winston-Salem Schools, spent the weekend here as a guest of Mrs. Inez Spainhower Wolf. Mrs. Ross is a former resident of North Wilkesboro.

Mesdames J. B. McCoy, C. C. Faw, Sr., and C. Don Coffey, Jr., attended a meeting of the Executive Board of the Presbyterian held in Winston-Salem today. Mrs. R. S. Gibbs also attended as a member of the nominating committee.

Mesdames R. S. Gibbs, T. A. Finley, A. L. Brzostowski, Ivey Moore, A. H. Clark, Misses Roberta Gibbs, Doris Ann Godbey, Jimmy Day, and Jimmy and Edward Moore went to Statesville Monday evening to see the play "School for Scandal" put on by the Carolina Playmakers in the high school auditorium.

Miss Ella Brame left Monday for Wilmington where she will be obstetrical supervisor of nurses in the James Walker Hospital. Miss Brame, who had held a position in the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem for several years, spent about ten days here with her father, Mr. P. J. Brame, and other relatives before leaving for Wilmington. While here she had as her guests over the week-end Mrs. Wright Williams and son, Bill Williams, of Winston-Salem.

Lester A. Gudger, aviation machinist mate, second class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Gudger of 609 "G" St., North Wilkesboro, of the Naval Air Transport Squadrons flying with U. S. Air Force planes in the Berlin airlift, has received a "well done" from the Air Force Commander for his work. Despite the worst flying weather in decades he has been carrying coal and food into beleaguered Berlin as the Naval Squadrons operates with the Air Force from the Rhein Main Air Force Base, near Frankfurt.

## Bary Ensemble Concert Here Is Well Received

### Enthusiastic Audience Calls For Number Of Encores By Concert Artists

(By J. Jay Anderson)  
Concert music can be, and all too frequently is, unmusical. On Tuesday evening the Wilkes Community Concert Association was privileged to present to its membership an outstanding program of high calibre concert music which was inspiring. The complete attentiveness of the audience is evidence in itself that the Bary Ensemble is more than a group of lovely ladies—they are musical human beings. From the opening "Suite" by Corelli to the final encore—the "Perpetual Motion" of Johann Strauss—the audience sat and listened as if spellbound.

Gertrude Bary proved herself not only the head of a musical organization and a part of that organization—whereas her abilities definitely are outstanding as an accompanist and a part of the Ensemble, nevertheless, her piano interpretations were interesting. The Mozart "Variations" on a theme by Gluck were indeed charming and full of vivacity, and were enjoyed to the extent that the audience clamored for an encore.

The 'cellist, of the Ensemble brought a solemn hush with her first number, the "Ave Maria" by Gounod on the "First Prelude" of J. S. Bach. Miss Peterson held those present almost as one of the strings of her 'cello throughout the "Hungarian Rhapsody" and her encore which was enthusiastically requested.

The opening movement of the "Symphonie Espagnole" by Lalo transcended technical musicianship in the playing of Mary Becker, and the violin became as a thing alive in the hands of the musician—all emotions were wrung from the 'poet' of the musical world. Miss Becker, as an encore, played, and to the complete satisfaction of her audience, "Banjo and Fiddle".

Concluding the program was the well-known and typically A-

merican "Rhapsody in Blue" by George Gershwin. The shining instrument in this was, of course, the clarinet. As a matter of fact, this particular arrangement used by the Bary Ensemble would lead one almost to the conclusion that "Rhapsody" was a clarinet and piano duet. The work was well done, however, and the number provoked a great deal of applause for Miss Gugino, who played as an encore the "Flight of the Bumble Bee".

As regards Heen Bacchus, the violinist of the Ensemble, we were disappointed not to hear her except as a member of the group, but she is to be complimented on the tone heard from the viola. Not only are the members of the Bary Ensemble a group of outstanding soloists—they are a unit, and the playing together was indeed a joy to the ear. As proof of the audience's desire to hear more of the Bary Ensemble, they refused to leave until two final encores were given by the entire group—the "Sabre Dance" and "Perpetual Motion"—and even then the audience sat and applauded.

We might paraphrase Caesar that the Bary Ensemble "came, was heard, and conquered". This reviewer must say that the reception given the first in the series presented by the Wilkes

Community Concert Association was at least duplicated, if not more than duplicated; the Bary Ensemble, with their program on Tuesday evening, proved that the people of Wilkes are not only ready for good music—they want and insist on the best. We are delighted that the Bary Ensemble did not play down to us—they

played the best music in a superb manner and we liked it.

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