

# Society

Mrs. H. R. Hunter, of Portsmouth, Va., is a guest of her sister, Mrs. John Shinberger.

Mrs. W. A. Leitch has gone to Fort Myers, Fla., to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. R. J. Benton and sister, Miss Lois Allen, of Bolton, are among the Christmas shoppers in the city today.

Miss Minnie Hardy, of Freeman, N. C., is the charming guest of Miss Annie L. Hargrove, at her home, No. 813 Grace street.

Miss Winneford Shepard has returned from college in Raleigh to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shepard.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Orrell, of Moncure, N. C., have arrived in the city to attend the Orrell-Pridden wedding tomorrow evening.

Miss Sue Northrop has returned from college in Raleigh to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Northrop.

The Junior Auxiliary of the Grace Methodist church will hold their regular monthly and quarterly meeting Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Miss Florence LeGrande has returned from Savannah, Ga., where she spent some time with her aunt, Mrs. A. B. Hull.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hughes left this morning for Lynchburg, Va., to spend Christmas with Mr. Hughes' mother. They will go to St. Louis after the holidays.

Tickets are now being sold for an oyster roast to be given at Lumina, Wrightsville Beach, Saturday afternoon, December 30, under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Presbyterian church. They can be had at the stores of C. W. Yates Company and C. W. Polvogt & Co.

Mrs. W. H. Rothwell is expected to arrive from Fayetteville this evening to attend the wedding of Miss Nina Hazel Orrell to Mr. John W. Pridden, which takes place at the home of the bride's mother, No. 606 Orange street, tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock.

### SUNDAY WEDDING.

Mount Olive, Dec. 19.—George L. Flowers, son of ex-Postmaster W. J. Flowers, and a well-known young man of this place, and Miss Addie Wadsworth, daughter of Mrs. O. E. Wadsworth, who lives a few miles from here, in Grantham's township, were quietly married Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. T. Pelt, of the Friends' church, at his home, near the home of the bride's mother. Mr. Flowers runs a small farm a mile or two west of town, and he and Mrs. Flowers will make their future home on the farm.

### TOWN TOPICS

**Rubbish Causes Blaze.**—A small blaze in rubbish in the basement of the home of Judge George Rountree, Carolina Heights, yesterday afternoon, was the cause of the fire department being called to Box No. 71, shortly before 1 o'clock.

**W. C. in Florence.**—Fritz Hansen left this morning for Florence, S. C., where tonight he will endeavor to brow two men within an hour. He will probably wrestle in Sumter tomorrow night.

### THEY WOULD MAKE WISCONSIN DRY.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 19.—Advocates of Statewide prohibition and those who are opposed to it are preparing for the fight that will surely come off here when the Wisconsin legislature meets next month. The Wisconsin Anti-Saloon League has been busy for some time with the preliminary plans for the battle and today the officials of the organization declare that they see a possibility for victory.

The opening gun will be fired by Assemblyman William T. Erjue, of Dane county, who will introduce into the legislature a bill providing for a general vote in 1918 on a constitutional amendment to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicants in Wisconsin.

Whether the amendment to banish liquor in a State which is the home of powerful brewery interests will pass is questioned by those conversant with political conditions, but the brewers are aware that they have a more formidable fight on their hands than they have had previously and they are making their own plans accordingly.

What arguments will be used to prevent the State from being made the unit the wets have not as yet made public. The presumption is, however, that they will endeavor to have the vote limited to those sections not in the dry column. That is to say, they will urge that Milwaukee and other cities be permitted to determine whether or not they want saloons continued within their confines, and they may even go so far as to have the legislative districts or even wards made the units.

Already the line of cleavage in the State is fairly well indicated. The western part, which is settled largely by Scandinavians, favors prohibition, while the eastern part, where the German element is strong, is in favor of continuing the sale of liquor. Under local option a considerable portion of the State is already dry. Within the past four years the prohibitionists have gained more than eighty cities and towns, representing an aggregate population of 150,000 people.

The Wisconsin Anti-Saloon League is planning for a big State convention of the dry forces to be held at an early date, probably on the eve of the assembling of the legislature. At this meeting plans will be laid for carrying the fight into every county about the time the members of the legislature are gathering in Madison. The aim, of course, is to make the lawmakers feel the weight of public opinion in favor of banishing the saloons.

A strong lobby for the wets and another for the dries will be found in Madison when the legislature meets. Lobbying is permitted in Wisconsin, provided the lobbyist registers his name and indicates the interests which he represents. The fight will undoubtedly be a hot one, and may be expected to take up much of the time of the general assembly.

Peterson & Rulfs, headquarters for Christmas slippers. 14-16-17-20-22.

Masonic Temple, Dec. 19, 1916. WILMINGTON LODGE, NO. 319, A. F. & A. M.

Regular monthly communication, this (Tuesday) evening at 8:00 P. M., for the transaction of such business as may come before the lodge. All members urged to attend. Visiting brothers invited to meet with us. J. F. CLOWE, Sec'y.

### ROVING VOYAGE OF THE BUOY

Interesting History Written Into Maritime Record About The Whistler.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The roving voyage of a whistling buoy has just been written into maritime records by the United States Bureau of Lighthouses and its courses charted by the Hydrographic Office of the Navy in the interest of science.

Nantucket Shoals whistling buoy, stationed off the Massachusetts coast to mark the location of the Nantucket Shoals Light Ship, began its wanderings on January 20, 1913, and with its siren constantly sounding a doleful warning to mariners, continued its voyage for a year and seven months.

It was recovered August 16, 1916, in good condition, approximately 275 miles northwest of Bermuda by the French cruiser Marsellaise, towed into Bermuda and since had been turned over to the United States government by the Bermudian authorities. The officers of the Marsellaise have been appropriately thanked by the United States and the buoy, which had been unsuccessfully sought by steamers of the Light-house Service and other government vessels after having been reported at various points in the North Atlantic, is again ready for service, after overhauling at New York.

Hydrographers estimate the buoy has traveled at least 3,300 miles, calculating the distance in air line from point to point, where it was reported. Her actual mileage undoubtedly was much more than that.

### RURAL CARRIERS TO SOON GET PAY

North Carolina Will Be Reached Shortly, Congressman Godwin Advised.

(By George H. Manning.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—The matter of making payments to North Carolina rural carriers for back pay due will be reached by the post office department within three or four weeks, it was learned by Congressman Godwin today.

The postoffice department several years ago interpreted the act of congress in such way that carriers were not paid full amounts intended by congress. The bill was passed over a year ago correcting the error and the department is now making payments, taking states in alphabetical order. Mr. Godwin was advised North Carolina will be reached in thirty days, and several thousand dollars paid.

"The postmasters where the routes start will be directed by the department to make these payments of back salary," said Mr. Godwin.

The department has a complete record of the amounts due so that carriers will not have to file claims, petition, or employ counsel.

### HAD A BACK-FIRE.

Woman Had to Pay Costs For Malicious Charge.

When it was shown that a charge of violating the prohibition law brought against William Howes, colored, by Maggie Foreman, colored, was frivolous and malicious, in the Recorder's court this morning, Judge Harris ordered the plaintiff to pay the costs of the trial or go to the county roads for a period of 30 days. A wife, who had sworn that Howes had sold booze, saved herself by paying the costs, which amounted to \$6.40.

### AGED LADY DEAD.

Passed Away at Her Home on North Third Street Early This Afternoon.

Mrs. J. H. Thomas, 66 years of age, passed away at her home, No. 116 North Third street, this afternoon at 2 o'clock, following an illness of seven days. Old age and a complication of diseases was attributed as the cause of death. Mrs. Thomas is survived by a husband and an adopted son.

Complete funeral arrangements had not been made early this afternoon. However, it was stated that the service would be conducted from the residence tomorrow by Dr. A. D. McClure. Interment will be made in Oakdale cemetery.

### TWO TRANSFERS

Only a Couple of Property Exchanges Today.

Two deeds were filed in the office of the register of deeds this morning. They were as follows: Southeastern Realty Company to C. B. Parnell, lot 88x30 feet, on Harnett street, between Third and Fourth, \$100 and other consideration; Southeastern Realty Company to Thomas H. Wright, lot 68x30 feet, on Harnett street, between Third and Fourth, \$100 and other consideration.

## Make this a Practical Gift Giving Christmas AND COME TO THIS STORE FOR THEM

Every Counter Is Crowded With Practical Gifts and Ones Your Friends Will Appreciate. Come This Morning While Our Aisles Are Not So Crowded.

### Practical Gifts for Men

Bath Robes, with Slippers to match \$3.50 to \$6  
Sweaters, all colors . . . . . 48c to \$4.95  
Rain Coats, all colors and sizes \$3.98 to \$12.50  
Overcoats, Raglan or Pinch Back \$6.50 to \$17  
Suits in all the latest styles . . . \$6.95 to \$17.00  
Shoes, Black or Tan . . . . . \$2.00 to \$5.50  
Gloves, any size . . . . . 50c to \$2.50  
Suit Cases and Hand Bags . . . . . 98c to \$15.00  
Neckwear . . . . . 25c to \$1.25  
Hosiery . . . . . 10c to 50c



### Practical Gifts for Women

Bath Robes, all the new colors . . \$2.50 to \$5.00  
Kimonas, Crepe, Flannel or Silk .98c to \$12.50  
Coats, in all the new styles . . . \$4.98 to \$39.50  
Sweaters, all colors, silk or wool \$1.98 to \$9.95  
Silk Hose . . . . . 25c, 50c, 69c, \$1.00 and \$1.25  
Towel Sets, special prices for Christmas 98c set  
Shoes, regular or high boots . . . \$1.50 to \$7.50  
All Wool or Mixed Wool Blankets \$2.95 to \$7.50  
Counterpanes . . . . . 98c to \$2.50  
Snow Flake Cotton Comforts . . \$2.50 to \$3.95



### Holiday Handkerchiefs

Put up in attractive Holiday Boxes or Folders.  
Children's . . . 10c, 15c and 25c box.  
Ladies' . . . . . 15c to \$1.50 per box  
Men's . . . . . 85c to \$1.50 per box  
Men's Plain Linen Handkerchiefs, not boxed, . . . . . 15c and 18c  
Ladies' Fancy Handkerchiefs, not boxed . . 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c

### Table Linens

Soon there will be no such thing as real Linen Table Damask in this country, unless the war stops. The ones we are offering now are worth almost twice what we are asking. Give Linens this Christmas, and you give the choicest of gifts.  
72-in. Linens \$1.25, \$1.39, \$1.48, \$1.68 and \$1.98.  
Napkins . . . \$2.50 to \$5.00 per doz  
First Floor.

### Rugs For Gifts

Every woman who owns her home is ever ready for New Rugs, and nothing could be of more service.  
9x12 Axminster \$24.75 to \$39.50  
9x12 Brussels . . \$14.50 to \$19.95  
9x12 Wool Fiber . . \$8.75 to \$10.50  
9x12 Willow Grass . . . . \$8.75  
Also big line of smaller sizes, in all the desirable materials.  
Third floor.



Store Now Open Evenings Until 9 o'clock. Goods Sold After Six P. M. Will be Delivered the Following Day. Carry Small Packages With You.



## Belk-Williams Comp'y

Peterson & Rulfs, headquarters for Christmas slippers. 14-16-17-20-22.

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, In Superior Court. NOTICE TO CREDITORS. L. L. Bood and Lancy A. Bood vs. Wilmington Lumber Company. The undersigned having been duly appointed Receiver in the above entitled cause, and in obedience to the order made in said cause, notice is hereby given to all creditors and claimants to present to said Receiver on or before the 10th day of January, 1917, at its banking house in the City of Wilmington, any and all claims against the said Wilmington Lumber Company, duly proven and itemized, as provided by law. Dated this December 8th, 1916. AMERICAN BANK AND TRUST CO., Receiver. ROBERT RUARK, Attorney. 12-8-16

### Help Us Improve Your Service



It is a serious annoyance to answer the telephone only to be told that it is the wrong number. Every effort is exerted to prevent it. Operators are trained to connect the number given them and such errors on the part of operators are minimized by close supervision and discipline.

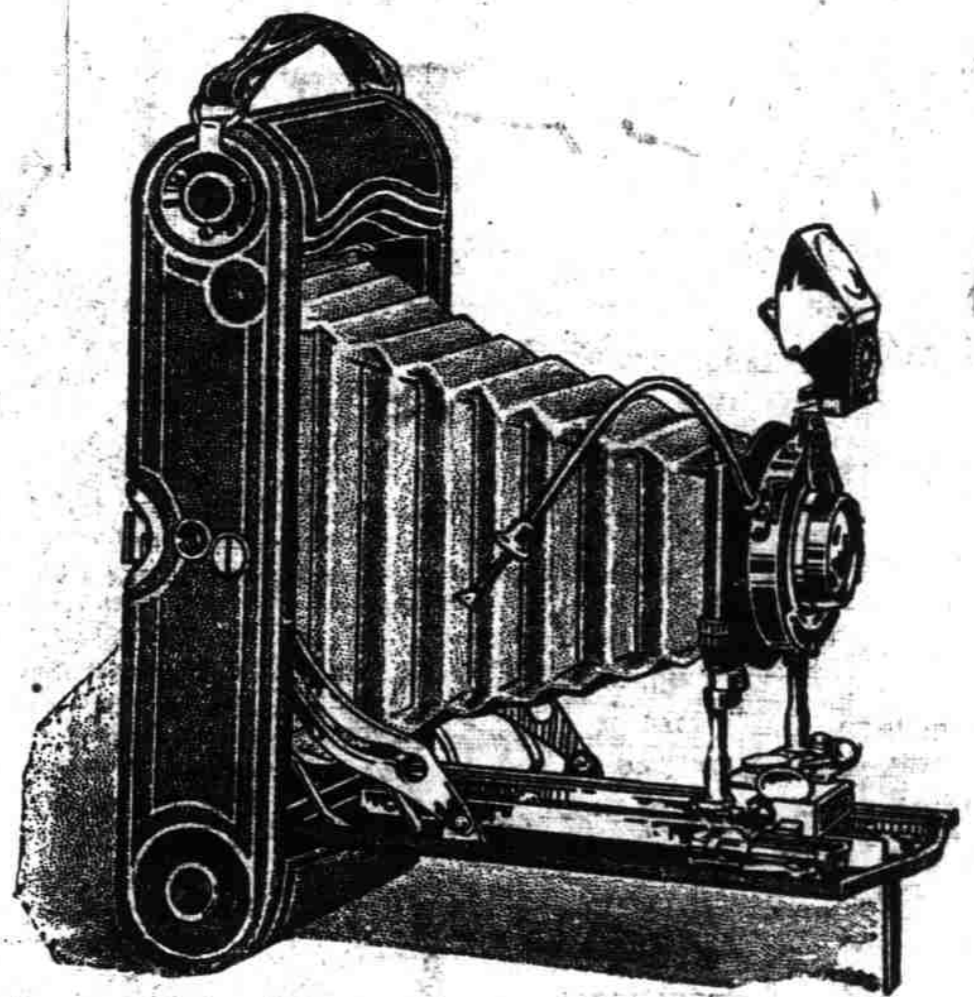
Telephone users who call numbers from memory, without consulting the directory, are responsible for the majority of these occurrences.

Other subscribers who speak indistinctly or with their faces turned away from the telephone are large contributors.

Every subscriber can help prevent such annoyances by using the telephone properly.

We ask your co-operation.

Stephen D. Lucas, District Manager. SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CO.



A Happy Christmas thought—

# KODAK

The gift that helps to make the Christmas merry and then—keeps the picture story of the day.

Kodaks, from \$6.00 up.  
Brownies, from \$1.25 to \$12.00.

At your Dealers'.

EASTMAN KODAK CO., ROCHESTER, N. Y.



We cordially invite every man, woman and child in Wilmington to join our next Holiday Fund, which will open on December 27, 1916, and continue for fifty weeks, ending December 2, 1917.

The Holiday Fund just expiring has been a great success. One thousand people in Wilmington will have a merrier Christmas this year than ever before, because of the vast amount of money they have saved?

Don't forget to join the new Fund.

## Home Savings Bank

Wilmington, N. C.