

SOCIETY

LEAD SOC and **THE KNITTERS.**
A famous knitter is Grandma Cox, and Barbara knits at her knee; White Dodo also knits and rocks sweaters, helmets, wristlets, socks—For the soldiers over the sea.

They've joined the army of woman-kind, and their needles flash in the sun—The army of women of just one mind, the knitting women who stand behind their men till the war is won.

There's a million women that knit today
In home and office and shop;
They even knit in church, folks say,
And the needles fly while the parsons pray.
For the knitting must never stop.

Some knit for the soldier boys unknown
In the trenches over the seas;
For they have no heroes of their own,
No lovers in the shell-bound zone—
And the saddest of all are these.

But most of them pray for their own as they knit,
For lover, and son, and friend—
For their very own they must do their bit,
And every stitch carries love with it,
And the prayers that never end.

Then how can we help but win the fight,
When even children leave their play
And a million women from morn till night
Keep knitting as they pray?
—From Life.

Mrs. C. N. Hocutt has gone to Jacksonville, N. C., where she will spend some time with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Perkins left yesterday for New Bern, where they will make their home in the future.

Miss Laura Lesh, of Southport, was a shopping visitor in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Rach, of Supply, spent several hours here yesterday. They left in the afternoon for Southport to visit relatives.

Mrs. J. W. Willis, of Southport, passed through the city yesterday en route to Cartersville, S. C., where she will spend some time with her mother, Mrs. M. L. Wright.

Mrs. E. T. Bryant, of Wallace, was in the city yesterday, leaving in the afternoon for Lake Waccamaw to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Holton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Sloan, of Hallsville, were visitors here yesterday. They left in the afternoon for Marion, S. C., where they will make their home.

The quarterly meeting of the board of directors of the Associated Churches will be held at the office of the association on Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

CRONLY-VALENTINE.
(Special to The Dispatch.)
Richmond, Va., Jan. 12.—The wedding this afternoon of Miss Martha Chamberlayne Valentine to Lieutenant John Hill Cronly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Cronly, of Wilmington, N. C., was a brilliant social event. Many well known leaders of Richmond society attended the ceremony which was performed in St. James Episcopal church, by Bishop Robert A. Gibson, a great uncle of the bride, assisted by the Rev. G. Freeland Peter, rector of the church. The bride was given away by her step-father, Dr. Walter Scott McNeill, professor of law in Richmond Col.

RED CROSS BULLETIN

With over six thousand members of the Red Cross in Wilmington the work rooms should be full every day. Remember the work rooms are open every day from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m., with Tuesdays and Fridays as the "big days," and Thursday evening for those who cannot work during the day.

The attendance has been very encouraging this week, and there is plenty of work and great need for all our energies.

The following donations are very gratefully acknowledged: Le Gwin Printing Co., generous donation of typewriter paper; Mrs. W. L. Parsley, ten large hanks wool.

Magazines for the Fort.
Magazines and books for Fort Caswell have been donated by the following ladies: Mrs. Walter Sprunt, Mrs. George Thomas, 23 books and magazines; Mrs. J. D. Kelly, Mrs. Armstrong, Miss Lena Berry, Mrs. A. H. Harris, Mrs. M. L. Bolles, Mrs. Geo. Elliott, large box books.

Old linen has been sent in by Miss Esther Gouverneur, Mrs. H. O. Burgwin, Mrs. Geo. Cotchett and Miss Carrie Myers.

Knitted Squares.
Mrs. H. C. Brock, two; Nancy Bowman, two; Mrs. J. A. Thompson, three; Miss Louisa Hill, five; Miss Meta Rountree, nine; Miss Carrie Harris, 13; Miss Katherine Taylor, one, and Section B. of the Young Women's Auxiliary sent in 39 beautifully knitted squares.

Annie Bland, Mrs. W. S. Bunting's faithful cook, sent in a quilt beautifully made of scraps from the cutting room.

Masonboro Unit: 160 shot bags.

Wrightsville Sound Unit: Twenty-four pairs socks made by the Wrightsville school children.

Cash Donations.
A friend, \$1; Miss Carrie Toomer \$5; Mrs. Sam Bear, Jr., \$5; Mrs. T. C. Lewis, \$2; Tom Moore, Jr., \$1; Mrs. Williams Murchison, \$2; Junior Red Cross memberships, \$7.

Over sixty Red Cross memberships have been added in the past week and they are still coming in.

Report of Knitting Chairman.
Mrs. Henry Peschau donated one set, sweater, muffler and wristlets; Faison unit sent in eight pairs socks; Mrs. Robt. McCoy, Miss Mary Brown, Mrs. James Stevenson, Mrs. E. C. McDuffie, Mrs. James Wright, Mrs. J. Summerlin, Mrs. Wm. Latimer, Mrs. Collier, Mrs. Meade, a sweater each; Mrs. Huntington, two pairs of wristlets; Mrs. Walter Storm, altered a sweater; Mrs. J. V. Grainger, sweater; Miss Katherine Taylor donated two pairs of wristlets; Mrs. Geo. Parsley, helmet.

Mrs. Meares' Unit: Mrs. Maffit, one pair of socks; Mrs. Sears, one pair of socks.

Mrs. W. Creasy's Unit: Mrs. Rivenbark, three pairs of socks; Mrs. Fletcher, two pairs of socks; Miss Booney, one pair of socks.

Legs. Miss Ann Valentine, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Miss Effie Valentine, a cousin, was bridesmaid. The best man was Lieutenant Bernard Meredith, of the 48th infantry, stationed at Newport News. Lieutenant James Patton, 316th Infantry, Camp Meade, and Lieutenant Harry Augustine, 311th Machine Gun Battalion, Camp Meade, were among the groomsmen.

Veterans to Meet.
The regular monthly meeting of Cape Fear Camp, United Confederate Veterans, will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the W. L. I. armory.

Service at St. John's.
On account of the cold weather there will be no services at St. John's Episcopal church this evening. Morning services will be at 11 o'clock and Sunday school at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

DORCAS SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING WAS ENJOYED

Interesting Program Rendered and Work of Year Reviewed

The annual meeting of the Dorcas Society of St. Paul's Lutheran church was held on Thursday last with a large and enthusiastic attendance. In reviewing the work of the past year it was found that this society had been very active, not only in aiding in the work of the church, but also in contributing to various work in the city and to the soldiers in camp.

The ladies of this society are planning to do extensive work in this year of 1918.

An interesting program was rendered at the meeting, including short talks by Rev. G. W. McEldanahan and Rev. F. B. Clausen. The program follows:

Piano duet Humoresk-Dvorak
Mrs. H. F. Otten, Miss Lillie May Duls.

Vocal solo "What's in the Air Today" Robt. Eden.
Miss Lula May Blalock.

Vocal duet, "Calm as the Night,"
Carl Gotze Rev. F. B. Clausen,
Miss Katherine Vollers.

Vocal solo, "Winter," Alfred Scott Gattz Miss Myrtle Vollers.

Reading Selected.

Miss Katherine Haar.

Vocal solo, "Burst Ye Apple Buds,"
Stephen A. Emory F. J. Duls.

Vocal duet, "Whispering Hope,"
Alice Hawthorne—Mrs. F. B. Clausen, Mrs. C. G. Coster.

Vocal solo, "Autumn," Robert Franz
Miss Katherine Vollers.
"America."

WILL PRESENT PLAY.

Colored Children to Make Another Effort to Give Entertainment.
(By George F. King.)

For several weeks the severe weather has prevented the religious play entitled "There Was No Room in the Inn," from being staged at St. Thomas' colored Catholic church, Dock street, but the play will be given today in the basement of the church at 4 o'clock. Keen interest is being manifested in this production by many as it vividly brings out some inspiring features of the birth of Christ.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. C. M. Carroll, a shipyard employee, left yesterday for Vineland to spend the week-end with his family.

Mr. J. W. Hanchey was a visitor here yesterday. He was returning to his home at Hoboken, Ga., after a delightful visit with his mother, Mrs. Carolyn Hanchey, of Wallace, N. C.

Mr. Leon Covil, of Scott's Hill, was a business visitor in Wilmington yesterday.

Mr. J. J. Southerland, of Route 1, Wilmington, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Mr. W. C. Canaday, of Phoenix, was in the city yesterday.

Messrs. J. S. and Alex Stone, of Lumberton, after a short business visit in the city, returned home yesterday.

Mr. C. L. Hobbs, of Folkstone, was here yesterday on business.

Mr. A. L. Davis, elevator operator at Belk-Williams Company, who was confined to his home, No. 201 1-2 Market street, with gripe for the past two weeks, is able to be out again.

Mr. A. S. Holden left last night for Raleigh to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons, which convenes Tuesday evening. Mr. Holden is chairman of the credentials committee, which meets Monday morning.

Friends will be pleased to learn of the improvement in the condition of Mr. S. Jewett, who has been ill for several days at his home at No. 405 North Third street.

NATIONAL SPECIAL AID

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Following gifts: Miss Florence Bonitz, garments, scraps of cotton, silk and old silver pieces and gold trinkets.

Mrs. H. J. MacMillan, cloth, gold and silver trinkets. Mrs. E. W. Fuller, eye bandages and cut scraps. Mrs. E. F. Noe, garments and 25 yards of cloth. Mrs. R. Ruark, 2 table cloths. Mrs. Parker, 12 beautifully knitted eye bandages. Miss Stuart, five baby shoes.

Belgian Babies' Clothing.
Mr. Clayton Giles intends soon to pack large box of articles for the Belgian Babies' relief. Those who have articles which they can send for this shipment at the end of the month will please get them in on time.

Mr. Stewich's Report.
Mrs. Leftwich reported that Brown's led again with the highest penny jar collection, followed by Honnett and Goodman. We greatly appreciate these "change pennies."

NOTICE—CHANGE IN SCHEDULES.
Effective Sunday January 13 following changes will be made in schedules of A. D. B. trains at Wilmington.

No. 48 for the north will leave at 7:45 a. m. instead of 8:00 a. m.

No. 51 for the south will leave at 5:45 a. m. instead of 5:30 a. m.

No. 41 from the north will arrive 10:15 a. m. instead of 9:50 a. m.

No. 50 from the south will arrive 12:40 mid-night, instead of 12:20.

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SHIPS BUILDING IN SOUTH VALUED AT \$400,000,000

Industry Grows from Practical—Nothing to One of Importance

WILMINGTON'S OUTPUT AMOUNTS TO \$1,000,000

Every Port From Baltimore to Port Aransas, Texas, is Now Turning Out Ships—More to Come

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 12.—A summary of the main shipbuilding activities along the South Atlantic and Gulf Coast from Maryland to Texas, as given in this week's issue of the Manufacturers Record, shows the vast aggregate value of over \$400,000,000 in ships now building or under contract. About \$175,000,000 is represented by work in hand at shipyards at Baltimore and Hampton Roads, or nearly one-half of the total, leaving \$225,000,000 as the amazing sum representing practically new shipbuilding activities that have sprung up in the South since the war began, because but a very limited amount of shipbuilding was carried on prior to the war at any Southern ports except Baltimore and Newport News.

Now there is not a port from Baltimore to Port Aransas, Texas, that has not one or more shipyards speedily turning out wooden or steel vessels of varying sizes. At some of the main ports enormous expansions are planned at the older established yards, while several new plants that will rank well with the country's other big shipyards are rapidly being created.

At Baltimore ships are under way or planned that will cost approximately \$75,000,000, with an indication for a much wider expansion at an early date, as some of the large shipyards have big contracts pending which are likely to be closed at any moment and which will require considerable extension in plant equipment to take care of them.

In Hampton Roads, where the great Newport News shipyard and the Portsmouth Navy-Yard are located, and new yards are being established at Norfolk and Hampton, work in hand will aggregate over \$100,000,000 in value, making this section what has been aptly termed the Clyde of America.

At Wilmington, North Carolina's main seaport, vessels valued at \$1,000,000 are under way. Charleston, South Carolina, comes quickly to the front with enlargements of its present shipyards, the construction of a drydock, and establishment of a new plant of large size that has a contract for steel fabricated ships valued at \$20,000,000.

Georgia furnishes its quota at the ports of Savannah and Brunswick, the former having three plants with contracts for 30 ships valued at \$30,000,000, and the latter six yards, five of which have been established during the past year. In Florida both Jacksonville and Tampa have made wonderful strides in shipbuilding from the small yards they had, and now they have an aggregate of work building or under contract that will total in value over \$50,000,000.

Alabama presents Mobile, which, with the big plant of the United States Steel Corporation, promises to become one of the greatest shipbuilding centers in the country, if not in the world. Here are five plants already in operation with contracts for over \$15,000,000 worth of vessels. These will be backed up by the great shipyards of the Steel Corporation, which secured 10,000 acres for its plant, and is spending over \$12,000,000 at this point and over \$15,000,000 at Fairfield to provide the necessary equipment and materials to make this one of the nation's greatest shipyards.

Mississippi gives Gulfport, Pascagoula and Biloxi, all of which have made great strides, especially Pascagoula, which has contracts for 45 ships—30 wooden and 15 steel. In Louisiana there is an important development in the New Orleans district, while all along the Texas coast great activities are being shown, conspicuously at Orange, Beaumont and Houston, where shipbuilding has become an industry of first magnitude, with work way or in hand that will aggregate many millions of dollars.

Thus, it will be seen, practically every Southern port from the Chesapeake Bay to the Rio Grande River is busily engaged in meeting the demands of the Government for ships to help win the war; and this condition is fulfilling in every sense of the word the oft-repeated prophecy of the Manufacturers Record that Southern ports could be successfully developed for shipbuilding because they possess in an unusually complete manner practically all of the advantages for this industry, and are backed up by a climate that permits outdoor work to be continued the year around with the least loss of time.

Having created this wonderful shipbuilding achievement under pressure of national necessity and to meet the Government's urgent need for ships to carry on the war successfully, let us see to it that the

Spring Line

Royal Society Package Outfits

Now on Sale

The quality and value of the materials in Royal Society Package Outfits are maintained under all conditions, creating a standard of excellence that insures beauty and service through usage and laundering. Every package contains the stamped article to be embroidered, either made up or ready for making, sufficient floss to complete the embroidery and exact instructions.

The Spring Line Consists of Luncheon sets, tea or bridge sets, children's dresses, hats, caps, bibs, carriage robes, pillows, boys rompers, laundry bags, cushions, centerpieces, knitting bags and a complete assortment of muslin underweares. Better see this line while it is complete. Lots of new knitting yarns come in daily—full stock of knitting needles, all sizes.

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millions of dollars in these splendid enterprises shall not be for the period of the war alone, but shall form the basis for permanent industries that shall once again place America in the forefront of the maritime nations of the world and make the Stars and Stripes a familiar sight in every ocean and in every clime, thus regaining our cherished prestige of years ago when we led the way in traversing the endless paths of the sea and established traditions that even today thrill us with the glory of achievement made by our forefathers.

UNITED WORKERS.
Officers for the Year Elected at Meeting Held the Past Week.
During the past week the United Workers of the First Baptist church held the annual meeting and elected officers for this year. The annual report of the secretary was submitted and proved an inspiring one. An electric vacuum cleaner has been purchased, a carpet secured for the choir gallery, the vestible beautiful and other things are under consideration for the present year. This organization is always on the outlook for methods of improving the appearance of the church edifice, and performs very valuable work in the life of the church.

Officers were elected as follows: Mrs. L. W. Davis, president; Mrs. R. J. Willingham, vice president; Mrs. A. O. McEachern, treasurer; secretary to be selected later.

Manager Pat Moran of the Phillies believes he has landed a ripe one in Pitcher Dixie Davis who pitched sensational ball for Louisville last season.

Monday and Tuesday

At

Fuchs' Cash Dep't. Store

WILMINGTON and LUMBERTON

Some rare bargains are in store for those visiting our store Monday and Tuesday. There will be special prices on all kinds of ribbons, laces and millinery for early wear.

35c value ribbon in satin and taffeta, all colors, fine for sash and hairbows. Also pretty striped and flowered satins and taffeta M. and I per yard, only 18c

Curtain scrim in white, ivory and ecru, a special big drive for Monday and Tuesday, per yard 12c

Ten quarter unbleached pepperel sheeting, heavy-weight, a 75c value on today's market, our price for Monday and Tuesday per yard 50c

Millinery Department

A shipment of pretty banded Milans just in in combination colors of pearl, black and purple and sand. It will do you good to see these. Our Milliner will be glad to show you.

GET THE HABIT and buy your MILLINERY needs at OUR STORE and save the difference.

On display for the first time Monday—a select assortment of

Spring Coat Suits and Coats

Models entirely different from what has been displayed in Wilmington stores this season. In this lot are the leading spring shades—putty, pearl, sand, biscuit, peacock blue, navy and black.



STORE CLOSED THIS WEEK TAKING INVENTORY

Watch for Our Opening Announcement

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