

# SOCIAL and PERSONAL

**Ministering Angels.**  
(Dedicated to the Red Cross by James H. Penniman, Alt.—Integres vitae)  
Pure as the flowers brought with sweet devotion, ministering angels, beaming with sunshine, ministering angels.  
Round the white couches served with faithful tenderness.  
Sisters of the Red Cross.  
Comfort our heroes, ministering angels.  
Care for the wounded in their pain and anguish.  
Bind up their hurts, send messages to loved ones.  
Sisters of the Red Cross.  
Blue service stars are turning into golden.  
As shadows deepen, ministering angels.  
With holy fervor, whisper inspiration.  
Sisters of the Red Cross.

The Rescue committee meets this morning at 11 o'clock promptly at the Y. W. C. A. All members are urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Hubbard, of Clinton, are spending some time in the city visiting their sons, R. H. Hubbard and T. L. Hubbard, Jr.

Friends of Rev. and Mrs. M. T. Plyler will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Plyler, her sister, Miss Smith, and children of the family are doing nicely after suffering attacks of influenza.

The monthly meeting of the music department of the Sorosis has been postponed from this morning to Friday morning at 11 o'clock. The members will meet at the home of Mrs. W. A. French, Jr., 107 South Fourth street.

Miss Annie Lee Rankin, city home demonstrator, has learned that her mother, Mrs. N. E. Rankin, and sister, Miss Alice Rankin, are both ill with influenza at their home in Greensboro. Their condition is not thought to be serious.

The meeting of the Hospital Circle of the King's Daughters is set for 11 o'clock in the morning at 126 South Third street. At this meeting activities for the next few months will be mapped out and members are all urged to attend.

Persons who expect to donate articles to the National Special Aid talent bazaar or who will permit articles to be sold at the bazaar on a percentage basis, are asked to send same to the National Special Aid headquarters by block messengers today. Articles of food should be ready to send on the afternoon of November 30.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Clark returned yesterday morning from their wedding trip which included a visit to Indianapolis, Chicago and other western and eastern cities. Mr. Clark and Mrs. Clark, nee Miss Isabelle Hinant, were married October 9 but they had to postpone their honeymoon on account of the epidemic of influenza which existed here at that time.

A missionary mass meeting will be held at the Winter Park Baptist church this evening at 7:30 o'clock. The speaker will be Rev. D. H. Wilcox, assistant pastor of the First Baptist church, who will speak on the subject of state missionary work, and during the service a collection will be taken and the money realized applied to the church's pledge for the support of state missions.

The dance complimentary to the young ladies who have been selling thrift stamps will be given this evening in the hall of Miss Cantwell's dancing school on Third street under the direction of Miss Cantwell. Special music will be on the program and the event are Mesdames J. M. Solky, L. C. Dilks, C. D. Foad, L. R. Ferguson, W. G. Elliott, D. S. Oliver and George Honnet.

Mrs. M. L. Stover and Miss Florence Jeffress, county home demonstration agent, left last night for Raleigh to attend a conference of county food administrators with the state administrator, Henry A. Page, which will be held there today and tomorrow. Mrs. Stover will represent county administration, J. G. McCormick, at the conference, the purpose of which is to arrange plans for a food conservation campaign which will be waged

throughout the state during the first week in December.

**MRS. BICKETT TELLS OF HER VISIT TO FRANCE AT ROCKY MT.**  
Rocky Mount, Nov. 19.—Mrs. Thomas Bickett, wife of the governor, delivered an address at the local Y. M. C. A. auditorium last night on her experiences in France and recent tour of England, France and other European countries while they were in the throes of the great war. The state's first lady made an excellent impression here, and a large crowd gave her a hearty reception. Mrs. Bickett also spoke today at the district meeting of the Woman's auxiliary and kindred societies of the Episcopal church, which is being held at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

**ANTI-RAT CAMPAIGN IN THE COUNTY IN FULL SWING**  
Valuable Prizes to Be Given Children Killing the Most Rats.

Declaring that it will be more necessary to conserve food during next year than it has been the past, Misses Annie Lee Rankin and Florence Jeffress, city and county home demonstrators, are urging the people to "kill the rat" and eliminate this source of an enormous wastage. A state-wide campaign is being carried on this week and the eight prizes will be given to children and Misses Rankin and Jeffress are pushing it in the city and county. The school children have been called on to assist and prizes totaling \$37.50 in war savings and thrift stamps are in war savings and thrift stamps are offered for the most rat stamp, the second prize for the most rat stamp, and the third prize for the most rat stamp, and the largest number of correct total on the order to get a correct total on the number killed by each child they are required to carry the tails to school to be counted by their teachers.

The prizes will be divided into four divisions of three prizes each, one going to the city schools for white children, one to city schools for colored, and a like division as regards the schools in the county. It is true that one would never miss the food consumed by one mouse, but there are millions of them that are existing, mostly on food that should be consumed, and the wastage consumed during one year the rat consumes and destroys food and property to the value of \$200,000,000, which is equivalent to the earnings of 200,000 men.

The Boy Scouts are assisting in the anti-rat campaign in the city.

COL. W. P. PLATT.

**Cable Received Yesterday Announces Promotion of Wilmingtonian.**

Of the many soldiers whom Wilmington has sent into the European war, before he achieved a higher rank, perhaps, than Col. Wm. P. Platt, a Wilmington boy whom this city delights to honor. He was recently here to spend a few days with members of the family and left soon thereafter for the western front. Soon after reaching there he was commissioned as a lieutenant-colonel and yesterday a cable was received from the other side announcing that he had been promoted to the rank of colonel and assigned to the 302nd field artillery. Colonel Platt has been in the United States army for a number of years prior to the outbreak of the war, being a West Pointer and he is regarded as an expert in the field artillery branch of the service. His promotion gives pleasure to a host of his boyhood friends in Wilmington.

**DONATE FLOORING FOR TENTS.**

**Special Aid Furnishes Lumber to Floor Soldiers' Tents.**  
The National Special Aid society has donated lumber to be used in flooring the tents used by the soldiers quartered at the army. There was only one tent on the lot that had a floor in it and as soon as it was called to the attention of the Special Aid the commander of the post was instructed to get the required amount of lumber for flooring the remainder of the tents at the society's expense. The act on the part of the Special Aid will necessitate the expenditure of approximately \$250.

This is a donation that is much appreciated by the men, especially since the lay of the land is such as to cause water to stand, following heavy rains. The Special Aid has also supplied the men with pillows.

## Picked Up Around Town

**In Recorder's Court.**  
Mattie Brainer and Lela Todé, very young girls, were before the recorder yesterday on the complaint that they were incorrigible. Both were paroled, the first in care of her mother and the other with Jesse Wright. Macie Nixon, colored, was found not guilty of larceny. Annie Murphy, charged with larceny, was paroled with her mother for six months.

**Private Manson Wounded.**  
Mrs. Ruth Manson has just received official notification that her husband, Private Alexander T. Manson, was wounded in action "about July 17." The telegram gave no particulars more than "degree undetermined." However, in her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Benson, since her husband entered the service, had a letter from Private Manson several weeks ago telling that he had been wounded. Nothing has been heard from him since that time.

**Locate Stolen Car.**  
The Oakland automobile that was stolen from in front of the Academy of Music Monday night was found at the corner of Ninth and Orange street yesterday morning. It was stated at police headquarters that the car had been used for hauling groceries and cabbage leaves, cakes and other groceries were left in it. It was the opinion that it had been used by a thief or thieves in hauling spoils of a raid but as no robberies had been reported this theory was discredited by some. The car was not damaged.

**Navy Wants Iron Workers.**  
Provost Marshal General Crowder has made requisition upon the people for five riggers, bridge and structural, according to a letter received yesterday from the adjutant general's office in Raleigh by the local draft board. The men must be white and qualified for general military service, the letter states, and will be entrained November 29. This is a navy call, and registrants having had some experience in structural iron, steel and bridge work may volunteer for this branch of the service through the draft board.

**Will Discuss Food Problems.**  
All grocers and dealers selling food to shipyard employes or to people in any way connected with the Emergency Fleet corporation are requested by County Food Administrator J. G. McCormick to meet in his office tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to hear a discussion of food problems of particular interest to them by Solicitor Foley, of the department of enforcement division. Mr. McCormick received a telegram from Solicitor Foley yesterday stating that he will arrive in the city tonight.

## NEW DELIVERY SYSTEM IS FORMED BY DEALERS

Paint and Hardware Companies Will Charge for Delivery of Purchases Under \$1.

Following the lead of the local laundries, the hardware and paint dealers have decided to curtail their deliveries, the object being to conserve labor and gasoline and to encourage thrift among their customers.

At a meeting held yesterday afternoon the Jacobi Hardware company, M. W. Devine & Co., and the Davis-Moore Paint company came to an agreement to charge 10 cents for deliveries of purchases in amounts less than \$1. They will also encourage their customers to call and make purchases, carrying the goods with them where practicable. Deliveries of purchases in excess of \$1 will be regulated to three per day in the city limits. The city laundries were the first to inaugurate the plan of charging for deliveries. Now that paint and hardware dealers have fallen in line, it is expected that merchants in other lines will follow suit before very long.

After the meeting yesterday afternoon a form letter was drawn up and will be mailed to customers of the companies entering into the agreement to follow.

"Adhering to the definite policy of our government as to the conservation of labor and the saving of gasoline and machinery, and on account of the difficulty in securing proper and adequate help, the undersigned hardware, paint and building supply houses deem it necessary and essential to inaugurate the following policies, commencing Monday, November 25, 1918.

"1st. On all orders whether cash or charge items for less than one dollar, to make an extra charge of 10 cents for delivery.

"2nd. To limit the delivery of such small items within city limits to three deliveries each day when possible. Delivery beyond city limits, to be especially arranged for.

"3rd. We urge all patrons to send employees or servants for small orders, as the nominal extra charge levied above can easily be saved by compliance with this request. Such agreement will be in strict and proper accord with government policies of thrift and conservation.

"Assuring the public that we will be glad to serve at anytime, and that the above announcement is made with an idea of carrying forward the best interests of both consumer and dealer, we are," etc.

## FOUR MORE PORTO RICANS DIE

Bodies Will Be Brought Up From the Fort This Morning For Burial.

Word was received from Fort Caswell last night that the bodies of four more Porto Ricans who died of pneumonia yesterday would be brought to the city this morning on the steamer Morrison for burial in the national cemetery. The bodies will be accompanied by a military escort and given a military burial similar to that held for the ten islanders buried here Monday morning.

Col. Chase reports that approximately 75 Porto Ricans are at the fort hospital suffering with pneumonia. Several of these cases he says, are very critical. The islanders have been furnished warm clothing, and every precaution has been taken to protect them from exposure, but having weak constitutions, they are unable to withstand the climatic conditions existing here in the winter.

**German Railroad Girls.**  
Amsterdam, Oct. 15.—(Correspondence.)—Ten thousand servants at Stuttgart, the capital of Württemberg, were mobilized recently to help unloading railroad freight cars. Each has to give one day or two half days a week to this work. They are paid men's wages.

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## SHOULD NOT SELL COTTON FOR PRESENT LOW PRICES

Signing of Armistice Enlarges Field and Prices Are Certain to Go Higher.

Attention is called to the following statement made by Charles J. Brand, chairman of the committee on cotton distribution and chief of the bureau of markets of the department of agriculture, on November 14, announcing the committee's action requiring the suspension of speculative "short" selling of cotton on the exchanges. It will be noted that the cotton committee, reflecting the views of the department of agriculture as well as of the cotton experts constituting the committee, confidently expect an increase in volume of exports and consumption of cotton: "The signing of the armistice brings us suddenly to the threshold of the reconstruction era. Pending developments are of the utmost importance to the entire cotton world.

"The consequences of unfounded rumors that tend to promote victims speculative activity and cause unjustified demoralization must be avoided as far as possible. In order that harmful price fluctuations may be checked the committee on cotton distributions has ordered all speculative short selling on the New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges stopped, and to make this order thoroughly effective, has required that no selling orders except in liquidation of long contracts be executed from any foreign country.

"The stoppage of sinkings of U-boats, the monthly increase in new ship tonnage engaged in supplying the fleets of the allies, together with the freeing of space previously used in sending munitions to Europe, will mean a large increase in available tonnage for cotton exports.

"The world's requirements of cotton to meet its increasing demands for clothing will henceforth be on a constantly ascending scale. Based on reports to this committee from the various foreign countries, we estimate their requirements and probable exports to be over two million bales in excess of last season's takings.

"Europe is almost denuded of cotton and cotton goods. The potential buying power of the world which will be aided and hastened by the establishment of the necessary credits will quickly assert itself.

Realizing, as they must from the above statement, that it will be to their interest not to sell cotton at present low prices, the county farm demonstrator, J. P. Herring, feels that farmers will hold their cotton until the price goes up again, and he advises that this policy be pursued.

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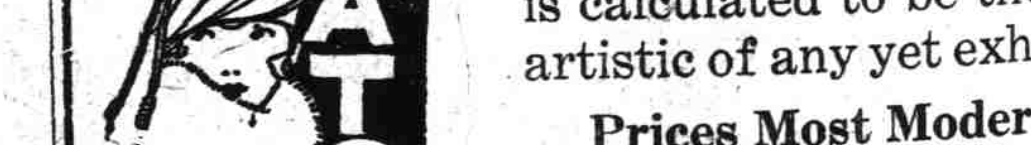
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