

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

LITTLE PINE TREE.
 Little pine tree on the lonely hill
 At the foot of the stars that sing,
 They will come tomorrow, the axmen
 will,
 And the ax at your trunk will swing,
 And they'll double you up in a bundle
 there
 And bring you to town to stand
 On a corner where men as they hurry
 by
 Will think you are lovely and think
 you grand—
 And then you will want to cry.
 For they'll carry you off to a little
 home
 Or a mansion of glory and light,
 And deck you with stars and the
 snowy foam
 And the tinsel so gay and bright;
 And under your baubles you'll burn
 and dry
 And your heart will cease to sing,
 And some day out in the lane you'll
 lie—
 You who were once a king!

Little pine tree, when the wind is
 low
 Or the gale is beating the hill,
 You have loved to be decked with the
 biting snow
 And have bent to the hall with a will;
 And the stars that were lit in your
 boughs were stars
 Of the twinkling winter heaven—
 The lion and the bear, and the scorp-
 ion
 And the little sisters seven.

And all the time in that parlor bright,
 Where they'll make you a Christmas
 bower,
 You will dream of the hill and the open
 night,
 And the spring when it comes to
 flower
 And wish you were out in the quiet
 dark
 For the wind and the storm to shake—
 And, little pine tree, on your hill so
 stark,
 How you gleamed for the dear Child's
 sake!

—BALTIMORE SUN.

FASHION HINT.



Afternoon Gown With Skunk as Sole Trimming.

Brown Chiffon with Roman striping in shades of brown and green velvet in the material is this effective afternoon gown. Bands of skunk is the sole trimming. The lines of the waist and sleeves are particularly new and striking.—(C) Underwood & Underwood.

we do less? The Junior Red Cross will see that Mrs. George Grant has these toys at the Housewives' League and she may notify the Salvation Army that the school children have brought gifts for this Christmas tree.

Missionary Society Meets.
 The regular devotional meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of the First Baptist church will be held in the lecture room of the church tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, following which the society will be entertained by the new president and pastor's wife. The hour named in "Go Forward" was incorrect and the meeting will take place at 3:30, and will be led by Mrs. Oliver Kelly. Different phases of the board's work in China will be discussed by Mrs. Hurt, Mrs. Wilcox, Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Newcomb. Mrs. Weeks will sing and Mrs. Goodlet will play a piano solo. All ladies of the congregation are cordially invited to attend.

Kings' Daughters to Give Dance.
 Many are looking forward with pleasant anticipation to the dance to be given in the Harmony Circle hall on South Front street on the evening of December 27 by the Ministering Circle of the Kings' Daughters. Following their usual custom the daughters have given every detail, even the smallest, full consideration and have arranged for an evening of unparalleled diversion and entertainment for those who enjoy responding to the strains of good music. An excellent orchestra has been secured to provide the music. A turkey dinner will also be served, and in addition to turkey there will be several other tempting dishes included in the menu. Tickets will sell for \$2 each.

Oyster Supper at Oak Hill.
 The war savings stamp society of Oak Hill school will entertain at an oyster supper at the school house, on Carolina Beach road, Thursday night 7:30 o'clock. J. O. Brown will conduct a cake auction, and Christmas boxes will be sold to raise money for the war security pledges of the society. Fresh oysters taken from the sound nearby will be served, and a good time is promised to those who attend. This entertainment will present an excellent opportunity for automobile parties to drive down Carolina Beach road and secure delightful refreshments at the school building.

RED CROSS ROLL CALL IN WALLACE READY FOR WORK
 (Special Star Correspondence.)
 Wallace, Dec. 14.—The Red Cross roll call work will be under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Carroll, chairman; Miss Susie Southerland, treasurer; Messrs. D. Southerland, J. N. Southerland, Horace Perry, W. L. Byrd, R. C. Williams, Roy Barnes, W. A. Harrell, F. Stroud, T. Q. Hall, W. E. Merritt, A. L. McGowan, Eugene Boney, P. O. Powell and A. J. Bray; Misses Alice Hussey, Rena Sykes and Nina McIntyre. The work room has been moved to the rooms over the Bank of Dupont. Miss Lula Boney is visiting friends in Wilmington.

BRITT-FOUNTAIN WEDDING EVENT OF MUCH INTEREST
 Lumberton, Dec. 14.—The First Baptist church was the scene of a most lovely wedding Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock when Miss Annie Ruth Britt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Britt, of Route 1, Lumberton, became the bride of Mr. Vinton E. Fountain, of Leggett, Edgecombe county. The church was tastefully decorated with palms, pink roses, long leaf pine and lighted candles.

Friday is "Junior Day."
 The Star is requested to publish the following very earnest appeal in behalf of an important branch of the Red Cross:
 "Friday is Red Cross day in the schools and may I ask that every child take to their school on Friday, the 20th of December, some little toy for the stocking of little children less fortunate. Last December children in the Hemenway parted with one of the gifts given to them the year before and you should have seen the rostrum give something you have yourself, not broken or dirty toy for these kids. I've loved pretty things too. Salvation Nell was good to your boy and my boy. She followed him to the trenches and give him hot coffee and buns and can

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Picked Up Around Town

Memorial Service at Calvary.
 A special service will be held at Calvary Baptist church tonight at 7:30 o'clock, it being the annual memorial service for Cape Fear Lodge No. 730, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. The memorial sermon will be preached by Rev. J. A. Sullivan, the pastor. Members of the lodge will meet at Fourth and Red Cross streets at 7:20 o'clock and march in a body to the church.

Lieut. Cronly is Well.
 Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Cronly have received a letter from their son, Lieut. Robert D. Cronly, Jr., Company K, 322nd Infantry, 81st division, advising them that he is enjoying good health. This was not only cheering news to Mr. and Mrs. Cronly, but his large number of friends in the city are delighted to know that he "came through" the fight in good shape. Lieutenant Cronly was engaged in some of the hardest fighting during the last months of the war.

Strawberries in December.
 That fall strawberries can be grown in eastern North Carolina has been fully demonstrated by C. H. Casteen, a prominent citizen of Rocky Point, 14 miles from Wilmington, who yesterday presented The Star with some very good specimens which he had gathered from his farm at Rocky Point. The berries were unusually large and of a good flavor. Mr. Casteen is satisfied that with the proper attention a fall crop of strawberries can be profitably grown in this section.

Probably Hold Exposition Here.
 The North Carolina Livestock association at its session in Charlotte, which has just closed, received the invitation to hold its 1919 exposition in Wilmington with much enthusiasm and will undoubtedly take favorable action on the matter, according to R. M. Bryant, of Rocky Mount, who has just returned to this city from Charlotte. Mr. Bryant extended the invitation to the livestock association in the name of the chamber of commerce of Wilmington and reports that it will in all probability be accepted by the executive committee of the association. The 1919 exposition of the state livestock association will be held during next November.

WINTER PARK NEWS
Masonboro Crossing to Be Brought to Attention of Authorities.
 (Special Star Correspondence.)
 Winter Park, Dec. 14.—James Sinclair, of Waycross, Ga., arrived Friday to spend a short time with home folks. The friends of Mrs. G. B. Smith are pleased to learn that she has sufficiently recovered from her recent illness to be returned to her home from the hospital in Wilmington.

At a recent meeting of the community club, Gordon Curtis, E. P. Dudley and J. T. Sholar were elected as directors for the ensuing year. A committee was appointed to confer with the county commissioners and the Tidewater Power company relative to filling in a place at Masonboro crossing that two years ago have recommended should be fixed.

Hubert Shannon has bought J. Lacy King's residence near Audubon station and will occupy it shortly. Mr. King and family will return to Wilmington to live.

Rev. J. H. Miller, who is in Goldsboro attending the annual conference of the Methodist church, will be able to make an excellent report from his charge composed of Winter Park, Seagate, Bethany and Federal Point churches.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Baptist church met at the church Monday night after a musical program a reception in the nature of a get-together meeting was held; after which refreshments were served. Several ladies from Wilmington attended.

Mrs. J. E. Shannon recently returned from Valdosta, Ga., where she visited her sister, Mrs. Thomas. Friends are much pleased to learn that Miss Rosetta Shannon, who is a Red Cross nurse in France, is improving from an attack of spinal meningitis. Her brother, Corporal J. E. Shannon, Jr., was on furlough visiting her when the armistice was signed.

Letters have been received recently by the home folks of D. Haig Maultsby and Ralph Sholar, which were written after the armistice. Both were then well and glad that hostilities had ceased.

Frances Hare who was carried to James Walker Memorial hospital a week ago, continues quite ill, much to regret of the friends of the family. G. E. Webster will preach at the Presbyterian church Sunday at 11 o'clock and Rev. L. B. Boney will occupy the Baptist church pulpit at the evening hour.

DR. STILES ADDRESSES THE COUNTY TEACHERS
Speaks on the Influenza Situation at Regular Meeting Yesterday.
 Dr. Charles W. Stiles, United States public health expert, who was in charge of the influenza epidemic throughout this state for his department, addressed the county teachers yesterday morning at the regular monthly meeting of the Teachers' association, held in the Hemenway school at 10:30 o'clock, giving statistics showing that the epidemic cost the country and county teachers' healthers how to guard against a further outbreak of the disease in their respective communities.

DR. STILES WHO WAS PRESENT UPON INVITATION FROM THE ASSOCIATION, GAVE AN IDEA OF THE COST TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE EPIDEMIC, STATING THAT THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ALONE HAD PAID OUT \$125,000,000 TO BENEFICIARIES OF POLICY HOLDERS WHO HAD SUCCEEDED TO THE DISEASE. HE RELATED THE EFFECT OF IMPROPER COUGHING AND SNEEZING AND EXPLAINED HOW THIS SHOULD BE DONE. THE ADDRESS WAS VERY INSTRUCTIVE TO THE TEACHERS AND WAS MUCH APPRECIATED.

Following his talk Miss Susan Fulghum, a member of the state board of examiners and institute conductors, went into the work of organizing a reading circle among county teachers. Miss Fulghum gave an interesting talk on the work of these reading circles, at the conclusion of which a good class was organized. Following the meeting she held a conference with Supt. John J. Blair of the city schools, relative to forming a similar organization among city teachers. A class will also be organized among the colored teachers of the county.

The aid society of Ebenezer Baptist church, colored, will have special services Monday and Tuesday nights. Rev. G. W. Billings will preach Monday night and Rev. J. H. Thomas, Tuesday night. Special music will be rendered at both services.

The best cooks recommend that a teaspoonful of Blue Ribbon Vanilla or Lemon to the quart of material.—Adv.

NO SPECIFIC CHARGE PROFITEERING MADE

Information Reaching Food Administrator Is General.

Accusations in a General Way, However, Have Caused Matter To Be Discussed Freely—Opinion Seems to Be Divided.

Discussion of high prices and profiteering charges, particularly in regard to the necessities of life, insofar as the food administration is concerned, have lacked such definiteness that the local administration has been unable to function in correcting alleged conditions. General assertions cannot be used by the administrator in proceeding against any dealer.

The subject has been brought to the attention of Administrator J. G. McCormick many times, but always in such indirect, general or indefinite manner, that specific action has not been taken and will not because it cannot be taken unless specific instances are cited.

Mr. McCormick has never been advised of a case wherein he could proceed. He repeated yesterday that if any one who knows of an instance of a retailer charging an excessive price will report it to him, giving the name of the merchant and supplying the evidence for prosecuting the case, he would be only too glad to go into it.

If, upon investigation, any meat dealer, or dealer in other food products, is found guilty of overcharging the dealer will be placed on the unfair list and licensed dealers notified not to sell him merchandise. Furthermore, he said that in such instance the report of the findings of the food administration would be published and a notice posted on the front of the establishment advising the people of the dealer's unpatriotic act and warning them not to patronize the establishment.

Mr. McCormick states that he has received a number of complaints of overcharges but in nine cases out of ten the informant absolutely refuses to permit his name to be used in the investigation. He also pointed out the impossibility of the administration convicting any dealer of profiteering when the consumer, and those who make the purchase, decline to give him the benefit of the information they have. If the consumer will point out specific cases of profiteering, and then allow his name to be used if necessary, or agree to testify against the accused should the occasion arise, then Mr. McCormick states he will be in position to get a more comprehensive vision of conditions and, if wrong, correct them.

Some weeks ago a member of the Rotary club addressed a communication of the secretary of the club giving comparative prices on staple articles of food in St. Louis and in Wilmington, enclosing, as substantiation, an advertisement taken from a St. Louis paper, quoting prices on standard articles. This was forwarded by the secretary to the food administrator. Another comparison was furnished Mr. McCormick during the past week, it coming through the same source. In speaking of the matter yesterday Mr. McCormick stated that it was natural the beef prices in St. Louis should be lower than in Wilmington since the freight rate on western beef is much lower than it is here.

This argument is held as sound, since St. Louis is several hundred miles nearer the source of the product in Wilmington, but the advertisement also contained the prices on a number of standard articles of food, the cost no more in Wilmington than in the Missouri city, it is pointed out, and those interested feel that the matter is worthy of an investigation, and Mr. McCormick has given assurance that it will be given such attention.

Universally high prices, it is argued by those who deny profiteering conditions, are the cause of dissatisfaction expressed here. People forget, it is argued, that wages, too, are higher than ever before. It is declared that the generality of people appear to want to enjoy the highest remuneration they have ever enjoyed, and at the same time enjoy low prices on what they buy. There is plenty of discussion, one way and another, for the subject of high prices touches a vital spot. If profiteering exists, it is pointed out, somebody should speak right out and talk concrete facts, giving names, times, places and all necessary facts.

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Dr. Stiles, who was present upon invitation from the association, gave an idea of the cost to the government of the epidemic, stating that the insurance companies alone had paid out \$125,000,000 to beneficiaries of policy holders who have succumbed to the disease. He related the effect of improper coughing and sneezing and explained how this should be done. The address was very instructive to the teachers and was much appreciated.

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