

Society and Club News

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Mrs. Mildred A. Freeman of New York City, and Mrs. J. S. Rhodes of Wilmington, N. C., are visiting their uncle and aunt, Mr. Edmund Alexander and Miss Carrie A. Alexander, in this city. Mrs. Rhodes is accompanied by her son, James S. Rhodes, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johnson are back from their honeymoon spent in Claremont, N. H., and are at home at 110 South Ninth street.

Symmes-Harris Wedding Announcements

Announcements have been received in the city reading as follows: "Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Howell Harris announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Belle, to Mr. Harrison Matthews Symmes, on Friday, December 24, Wilmington, North Carolina."

Mrs. Hargrove Bellamy to Entertain Invitations have been issued reading as follows: "Mrs. Hargrove Bellamy, at home, on Friday afternoon, January 7, from 4:30 until 8:00 o'clock—Mrs. William Allen Erwin."

Mrs. Erwin, of Durham, N. C., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Bellamy.

J. Allen Oldham returned yesterday to Staunton Military academy after spending the holidays with his parents.

Annual Meeting of Ministering Circle The annual meeting with the election of officers of the Ministering Circle of King's Daughters will be held at the home of the president this morning at 11 o'clock. This is a very important meeting and a full attendance is desired.

Miss Carrie Hanson left Monday night for Hollis college at Roanoke, Va., to resume her studies.

Mrs. Charles Grainger, Jr., Bridge Hostess Mrs. Charles Grainger, Jr., entertained delightfully at cards yesterday afternoon at her home in Dock street.

Bridge was played at four tables and afterwards a delicious salad course was served followed by an ice course with cake. The prize for the top score was won by Mrs. William L. Smith, Jr.

Mrs. Grainger's guests were: Mrs. Frederick W. Dick, Mrs. Warren G. Elliott, Mrs. Charles Grainger, Mrs. Hargrove Bellamy, Mrs. John Douglas Taylor, Mrs. Edward M. Hardin, Mrs. Graham K. Hobbs, Mrs. William L. Smith, Jr., Mrs. Robert Strange, Mrs. Robert Williams, Mrs. Julian Morton, Mrs. J. Hull Moore, Mrs. Hugh Calder, Mrs. James F. Robertson, Mrs. Andrew H. Harris, Jr., Mrs. Clayton Giles, Miss Alice Walker and Miss Jennie Gilchrist.

Friends of Mr. Edward Hanson will be glad to learn that he is rapidly recovering from his recent operation for appendicitis. He expects to leave the hospital today.

William Baker Fountain, stationed at the U. S. naval air station, Hampton Roads, Va., returned to his post

of duty yesterday after spending the holidays in the city with his parents. Mr. Fountain has received orders to proceed to the U. S. naval air station at Guantanamo, Cuba, where he will be engaged in aviation with the Atlantic fleet during target practice this winter, returning some time in July.

Miss Moore Entertains at Cards

Miss Moore entertained charmingly at a morning card party at her home in South Fourth street yesterday from 11 to 1 o'clock. There were five tables of bridge and at the conclusion of the game a delicious, two-course luncheon was served.

Miss Moore's guests included: Mrs. Andrew H. Harris, Jr., Miss Sue Hardin, Miss Harriett Bellamy, Miss Mary Shepard, Miss Jane MacMillan, Miss Laura Parsley, Mrs. Frederick Willett, Miss Caroline Holmes, Miss Carolyn Northrop, Miss Marguerite Bellamy, Miss Mary Giles Bellamy, Miss Mary Nixon Darden, Miss Margaret Devereux Lippitt, Miss Fannie Grainger, Miss Ruth Smith, Miss Katharine Taylor, Miss Emma Williamson, Miss Lola Taylor, and Miss Anne Bacote Cummings.

Misses Emma Williamson, Lola Taylor and Katharine Taylor will leave tonight for New York to resume their studies at the Finch school after spending the Christmas season with their parents.

Jacob Abramowitz left Monday night for Chapel Hill, N. C., to resume his studies at the University of North Carolina.

Miss Helen Menzies left Tuesday night for Hollis college at Roanoke, Va., to resume her studies.

Wilmington Man Married in London Mr. A. Walker has received a cablegram from his son, Alexander McD. Walker, announcing his marriage to Miss Winnie Winifred Melisher, of London, England.

William McL. Davis left last night for Staunton Military academy to resume his studies.

Ladies' Club of Winter Park to Meet The Ladies' club of Winter Park will meet Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. L. Williamson.

Miss Blanche Bolles has returned to Washington, D. C., to resume her studies at the Fairmont school.

The Misses Cole returned to Greensboro, N. C., Monday to resume their studies at the North Carolina College for Women, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Cole.

Meeting of Sorosis

The regular business meeting of Sorosis will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the club house, 118 North Third street. As this is the first meeting of the year, important business will be transacted and a full attendance of membership is desired.

DAIRYMEN'S CLAIM UNTRUE, CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS CHARGES

Kiwanians Hear Additional Reports on High Prices Charged for Food

Prices that local dairymen are charging people of New Hanover county for milk, came in for much discussion at the regular weekly meeting of the Kiwanis club held yesterday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. The allegation made recently by certain dairymen that they had contracted for feed for their cows until April of this year and that this was one reason that the prices charged for milk was remaining at the present figure, was declared to be untrue in a report of the matter made by the club by Kiwanian J. S. Williams, chairman of the price investigation committee.

Chairman Williams' report as made yesterday, follows: "We investigated the article published in the 'Dispatch' in which one of the largest dairymen said 'the dairymen contract six months ahead for feed and cannot reduce the price before April 1, when a slight reduction might be made.' The statement concerning contracting for feed is untrue. Milk in larger cities is sold by the producer in country, is shipped to, and then handled by the distributor. The producer and distributor each make their legitimate profit and the railroads get their revenue from the haul, which varies in distance of his milk than a hundred miles in many sections; therefore, milk pays profits to three different interests before reaching the consumer at 17c in New York, Greensboro, 15c in Philadelphia, 17c in Washington (the last reduction in Washington being on January 1).

Costs Nearly Double "While in Wilmington the large producers distribute direct to their customers with no expense for transportation and no exorbitant cost for delivering for the small sum of 25c per quart, which is 47 per cent higher than New York and Washington, and 92 per cent higher than Philadelphia, in the face of larro feed declining from \$87 to \$66 between June 15 and December 31, 1920, and other feeds in proportion.

"One of the largest producers has about 100 cows, on say 15 acres of land and raises no feedstuff. This dairymen producing all his milk under city instead of country conditions.

"The Greensboro Daily News, December 25, has dairy advertisements asking 15c per quart for milk and 50c per quart for cream. Cream in Wilmington is \$1.20 per quart.

"In most diseases of children, milk is the principal and only diet. It is then a necessity, never a luxury, and should be in reach of all classes, at prices consistent with cost of production.

"We consider the statement made to the 'Dispatch' an attempt to mislead and deceive the public. We, therefore, recommend that the city council be requested immediately to demand that this community receive the benefit of the greatly reduced cost of production shown by the decrease in cost of feed and labor, falling in which drastic action should be taken without further parley or delay.

Chairman Williams also made the following additional report regarding the prices of foodstuffs in Wilmington: "Friday night, December 31, at the request of the committee various fertilizer factories employes, we met

with them to give them the benefit of our investigations. You doubtless read of their action in the daily papers. They have a committee from each plant to ascertain weekly and put on their bulletin boards the names of the merchants from whom they can buy to best advantage. Their committee of the whole will meet weekly. Their scales of wages have been reduced by orders from headquarters, in keeping with other plants, the reductions beginning with the common labor, reduced from 50 to 30 cents per hour and on through the different departments. The majority of them having a decrease of 40 per cent in 60 days.

"Tuesday, January 4, we had a joint conference with the committees from the Master Builders' association, and the Retail Merchants' association, and, without pretending to enter into any analysis of wholesale prices, but simply to call attention of the retail merchants to the difference in wholesale prices of a few of the most important commodities in other cities compared with Wilmington; we gave them the following information, using same brands and grades on December 31, 1920, among which was: Flour, 12-lb. sacks, Richmond per barrel \$10.45; Wilmington \$12.50.

"The difference in freight on flour is about 10c per barrel, and on other articles proportionately, and does not justify such difference in wholesale prices, and we suggested that the Retail Merchants' association investigate this and other wholesale differences, as they seem to be general.

"We also beg to call the public's attention to the fact that some foodstuffs are selling much lower than two weeks ago, as the very few advertisements of retail dealers in the Wilmington papers show. We suggest that these advertisements be looked for and that the consumer take advantage of any reductions quoted so that real competition will be thus encouraged. We notice the Morning News Bernian is leading the fight for proper reductions, which the merchants are meeting in New Bern, and their issue of January 2 is full of it.

"Last week one of our daily papers carried a nation-wide advertisement saying that prices must come down the stair, step by step, and not down the baluster, but for the last 60 to 90 days, while old man food was coming down the stair step by step elsewhere, in Wilmington he was sound asleep on the top floor, so that he must now come down the baluster to the main floor, or he will find his brothers hiding in the cellar.

"The time has come to use an old slang expression 'to slide, Kelly slide.'"

MAY PURCHASE SWEATERS FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEAM

Public Will Be Asked to Contribute to Fund

Announcement was made last night that a fund would be started to purchase sweaters for the members of the Wilmington high school football team, which came within a game of winning the eastern Carolina championship last season. Every player on the team has been awarded "letters," but it is said that the boys have never been equipped with the football sweaters.

The public has been requested to assist in this cause by contributing money for this purpose, and, according to the announcement, Glen Hogan, who coached the team so successfully last year, will receive contributions at the office in the Y. M. C. A.

It is believed that the fine record of clean sportmanship established by the local team, makes it certain that the boys will have no trouble in raising the necessary money for the purchase of the sweaters.

THE BON MARCHÉ STORES RE-ADJUSTMENT SALE

It is your opportunity to catch up with your clothes needs at big savings. Wardrobes which have been restricted to the more urgent necessities can once again be brought back to normal.

Muslin and Silk Underwear at Great Savings

Some are slightly soiled from holiday handling, others are fresh and new, all are greatly reduced. This is a good time to lay in supplies while prices are low and stocks complete. Fine, firm laces and embroidery, dainty ribbons, excellent materials and workmanship will prove equally interesting when compared with prices.

Muslin gowns, teddies and petticoats, values to \$2.00	95c	Hand-embroidered, fine quality batiste teddies and gowns, values to \$9.00	\$3.45
Muslin pajamas, bloomers, teddies, petticoats and gowns, values to \$3.50	\$1.45	Jersey silk vests in flesh, with camisole tops, values to \$3.95	\$2.65
Batiste and muslin hand-embroidered gowns, teddies, petticoats and bloomers, values to \$5.50	\$2.45	Jersey silk bloomers in flesh to match the above vests, values to \$5.50	\$3.65

Corsets and Brassieres School Girls Like These Wool Middy Suits

January brings this store's yearly sale of corsets and brassieres at a time when countless women buy corsets of finer grade and workmanship than they would otherwise buy because of the notable reductions. Stocks are always complete and the staff of corsetiers at your service. You, too, will find this an event to look forward to in your shopping year.

Warner's and Gossard corsets of coutils and brocades in flesh and white, all sizes, values to \$3.50	95c	\$35.00 middy suits	\$21.75
Redfern, Binner and Gossard corsets in flesh and white or brocades and coutils, values to \$6.50	\$1.95	\$23.50 middy suits	\$14.95
Binner, Gossard and Redfern corsets, made of silk brocades and batiste, values to \$14.00	\$3.95	\$27.50 middy suits	\$18.75
Brassieres, trimmed and plain styles, in flesh and white, values to 85c	49c	\$20.00 middy suits	\$12.95

Comfortable Negligees for Leisure Moments

It's a delicious feeling to allow one's self the luxury of donning a pretty negligee and being lazy now and then. January sales make it a very reasonably priced luxury, too!

Values to \$35.00	\$16.75
Values to \$45.00	\$19.75

An Unusual Sale

Unusual sale of flannelette gowns, pajamas, children's bathrobes, children's gingham and serge dresses, party dresses, coats and hats.

Children's flannelette sleeping garments, values to \$2.00	\$1.29
Women's outing pajamas, one and two-piece styles, values to \$5.00	\$2.65
Women's outing gowns, values to \$4.50	\$2.25
Children's bathrobes in pink, blue and Navajo patterns; regular prices \$2.00 to \$4.50; half price	\$1.00 TO \$2.25

Children's Dresses

Children's dresses of gingham, chambray and Devonshire checks, sizes 2 to 6 years	Values to \$3.50, \$1.65
Values to \$6.00	\$2.65
Children's dresses of chambray, gingham, plaids and linens, sizes 6 to 16 years	Values \$3.75 to \$6.50, \$2.95
Values \$7.50 to \$10	\$4.95
Children's serge dresses; also a few velveteens, serge middy suits and middy dresses, sizes 8 to 16 years	Values \$11 to \$15, \$7.95
Values \$16.50 to \$22.50	\$9.95
Values \$25 to \$32.50	\$12.95
Children's party dresses in many attractive models and colors, less 25 PER CENT.	

Blouse Reductions You Cannot Afford to Miss

Your desire to add many of the gay, new blouses to your wardrobe can be realized at the January sales with an ease that is nothing short of a welcome surprise to the pocket-book. Lowered prices combined with January reductions on all blouses offer unheard of opportunities at this time of the year when one is glad of a chance to acquire new apparel at little cost.

Voile waists, values to \$6.00	\$1.95	Voile waists, values to \$9.25	\$3.95
Crepe de chine blouses, values to \$14.50	\$8.95	Crepe de chine waists, values to \$22.50	\$9.95

CAMP LEE DROPPED AND CAMP MEADE SELECTED

War Department Announces Abandonment of Virginia Camp

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The war department's decision to abandon Camp Lee, which became known today, followed the selection of Camp Meade, Maryland, as the third corps area camp. The Petersburg camp thus was left without a function, and it was decided to salvage the buildings immediately, leaving the disposition of the real estate holdings to the direction of congress. No indication as to movement of troops from Camp Lee was given.

No formal statement was issued by the war department regarding its decision to abolish the Virginia camp. A delegation of Petersburg citizens, accompanied by members of the Virginia congressional delegation, called on Secretary of War Baker recently to urge that Camp Lee be retained as a corps training area. Secretary Baker said at that time that consideration was being given the subject of locations for these areas.

Camp Lee is one of the original great cantonments at which the American overseas army was trained. Troops from Virginia, West Virginia and western Pennsylvania were among those whipped into shape there.

MOVES TO SALISBURY C. T. Lassiter, who until recently was connected with the International correspondence school in Wilmington, has moved to Salisbury to take charge of the international school there. Prior to coming to Wilmington he was in charge of the Washington, D. C., office of the school.

White Fabrics At New Prices

This is the time of year when sewing machines begin to whirl with the hum of spring sewing. Undermuslins, blouses and children's clothes will soon be in the making. Our white fabrics offer untold opportunity for saving. All the soft, fine fabrics that make pretty things are greatly reduced. Buy in quantity. Special prices on goods bought by the bolt.

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PUBLICITY TO BE USED TO FIGHT COAL COSTS

Federal Trade Commission to Empower to Investigate Mine Accounts

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Complete publicity of official coal cost data to be collected through the federal trade commission as a means of keeping down charges to the consumer, will be prepared by the senate reconstruction committee as the result of its investigations into the coal situation, it was said today by Chairman Calder.

While a complete agreement as to the form of the measure has not been reached, the committee has gone over the general subject with Federal Trade Commissioner Houston, and it is expected that the bill will be ready for introduction in the senate early next week. It has been decided to make the collection of the statistics mandatory upon the commission, which would be empowered to demand the accounts from the local operators to test their accuracy and compile the results by districts for the study of consumers.

The committee's investigation was confined to the coal situation, but the Barney, army officer in charge of the war department procurement division, explaining the difficulties which confronted the army in securing 1,800,000 tons for its supply last year, said that these difficulties, he said, finally caused the secretary of war to order supplies bought for current use in the open market, though prices ran up to \$16 a ton and \$12,000,000 in quarterly appropriations might be caused.

The average price of coal bought on the markets during September and October, Col. Barney said, was a little over \$7, which was less, he added, than any other consumers paid at the time. The secretary of war had de-lin-g, he added, because he feared it would increase the price to the public.

EXAMINATION TO SELECT A POSTMASTER IN SOUTHPORT

To fill the vacancy in the position of postmaster at Southport, the United States civil service commission has announced, at the request of the postmaster general, an open competitive examination to be held February 9, 1921, at Wilmington. This office has an annual compensation of \$2,000. To be eligible for the examination an applicant must be a citizen of the United States, must actually reside within the delivery of the postoffice in which the vacancy exists, must have so resided for at least two years next preceding the date the present vacancy occurred, must be in good physical condition, and must not be less than 21 nor more than 65 years of age.

Competitors will be examined in the subjects of arithmetic, an account, with a weight of 30 per cent; penmanship, 10 per cent; letter writing, 25 per cent, and business training and experience, 35 per cent. The subject of business training and experience will be rated on the applicant's award statements in his application, supplemented by careful inquiry by the civil service commission.

Full information and application blanks may be obtained at the postoffice in which the vacancy exists or from the civil service commission, Washington, D.

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