



**Take Care of Your Eyes**

100,000 blind people in the United States, according to the last census. According to the statement a large percentage could have been prevented if properly cared for in time. This does not include partial loss of sight and other complications.

**Geo. E. Bisanar**

Jeweler and Registered Optometrist  
Watch Inspector for Southern and C. and N.-W. Railways.

**Society**

Miss Adelaide Johnson has returned from a visit to South Boston, Va.

The U. D. C. will meet Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. J. A. Martin.

Mr. T. C. Allen and bride of Richmond, Va., are spending a few days with his parents Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Allen.

**Miss Taylor Entertains**  
Miss Margaret Taylor was hostess yesterday afternoon to the Do As You Please Club. Eleven members were present. A delightful hour was spent in sewing and conversation. The hostess served an elegant two course luncheon, the Valentine idea being carried out in both courses.

Miss Mary Allen will have the next meeting.

**Miss Patrick Entertains**  
The Five W's were delightfully entertained at Miss Grace Patrick's Wednesday afternoon. All of the members were present and answered to roll call with quotations suggestive of St. Valentine's day. The interest of the meeting centered in the hostess' book, "The Palace of Darkened Windows," by Mary Hasting Bradley. Miss Patrick read an interesting sketch of the author and of her work as a novelist. Numerous pictures made real the existence and work of this American writer. Miss Janie Lyster read about the origin and some of the customs that have gathered around St. Valentine's day and Miss Lillian Field gave the charming love story from Appuleius of Psyche and Cupid love.

The dining room was in its decorations of hearts and cupid and with the table centerpiece of red carnations. A delightful two course luncheon, a feast of hearts, was enjoyed.

**Mrs. Menzies Hostess**  
The Traveler's Club met at the home of Mrs. E. B. Menzies on Thursday afternoon. Roll call was answered in the quotations on poetry. Mrs. N. W. Clark gave an interesting paper on Edmund Spenser, "The Poets' Poet." Mrs. E. Chadwick read some selections from "The Faerie Queen," Miss Seagle gave his "Prothalamion," a wedding hymn written to celebrate the double marriage of Lady Elizabeth and Lady Katherine Somerset.

Current events was given special attention and the social hour was cheered with tea and sandwiches and salad, followed by ice cream and valentine gifts. Thomas Warren Menzies was a welcome and admired visitor. This being his first appearance at the club which claims him as its special property. The next meeting will be with Mrs. F. D. Abernethy.

**With Mrs. Mosteller**  
Mrs. C. L. Mosteller was hostess yesterday afternoon to the Thursday Study Club in the place of Mrs. J. H. Hoffman, a former member who recently moved away. Quotations at roll call were from Wordsworth "The Border and Lake Country," was given by Mrs. J. Worth Elliott. Mrs. C. C. Best gave "English Towns." Mrs. Roy Abernethy gave an interesting article "London." Mrs. A. M. West played two lovely selections on the piano. At a short business meeting officers for the following year were chosen, all the old officers being re-elected. President, Mrs. C. C. Best, vice-president Mrs. Roy Abernethy, secretary and treasurer Mrs. T. C. Blackburn. Mrs. J. Worth Elliott was chosen as a delegate for the State Convention of Federation of Clubs which meets in Durham in May. It was decided to continue the study of England for another year.

**With Mrs. Shuford**  
Wednesday afternoon the Hickory Book Club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. E. L. Shuford. Mrs. A. T. Hannon of Montgomery, Ala., a cousin of the hostess and Mrs. W. L. Allan of Richmond, Va., a friend of Mrs. A. A. Shuford, Jr., as welcome guests contributed much to the pleasure of the occasion.

After the usual discussion of books read during the past two weeks, the hostess gave a detailed criticism of her book Mrs. Deland's, "The Rising Tide," treating of some of the modern problems of feminism "with infinite good sense and sound humor."

During current events Mrs. Hannon gave much interesting information about Alabama and Mrs. Allan spoke of Ambraire, the new skin product of great value in healing wounds.

At the five course luncheon St. Valentine presided with his crimson hearts and carnations. Each guest was given as souvenirs a beautiful



**Peroxide Cream**

relieves roughness redness, chafing and other skin irritations that both women and men are annoyed by. Softens and clears the skin quickly and is a valuable aid for all kinds of skin trouble. 25 cents a jar.

**Lutz's Drug Store**

On the Corner  
Phones 17 and 317

piece of china, handpainted by the hostess. They all were so beautiful, it is hard to particularize, yet the place with the Campbell coat of arms for Mrs. H. C. Menzies was remarkable. The next meeting, February 28 will be with Mrs. K. C. Menzies.

**ABEE-McGALLIARD**  
Morganton, Feb. 16.—Wednesday morning at 10:15 o'clock at the Methodist parsonage Miss Mae McGalliard daughter of Mr. J. M. McGalliard of Morganton and Mr. Donald Abee of Hickory, were united in marriage. Rev. E. E. Williams performed the ceremony, which was witnessed by relatives and a few intimate friends. After the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Abee were driven by automobile to Drexel, where they boarded No. 22. After spending the day in Hickory with Mr. Abee's mother they went to Winston-Salem from which place after a visit a few days they will go to Durham where the groom is located at present.

The good wishes of many friends here attend them in the beginning of their married life. The bride was reared in Morganton and is a splendid young woman. She is an energetic church worker and is a disposition that wins friends. Mr. Abee has been very successful as a contractor and builder.

**DUTCH BULB GROWERS REPORT SPLENDID YEAR**

(By Associated Press)  
Haarlem, Netherlands, Feb. 16.—Notwithstanding the prohibition of bulb imports to the British Isles, the Association of Dutch bulb growers reported at their recent annual meeting that the year 1916 had been generally more favorable than either 1915 or 1914.

The total export of bulbs in the principal export months of August, September and October showed a decrease of 25,000,000 kilograms as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year, but when it is remembered that Britain took nearly 7,000,000 kilograms in 1915 it will be seen that the loss of the British market in the past year was largely compensated for by increased export to other countries. Higher prices were obtained than at any time since the war began.

Of the 19,000,000 kilograms in the three months named, America took 9,000,000, or nearly half, Germany 5,000,000, and the Scandinavian countries, 4,000,000 kilograms. The export to America and the Scandinavian countries underwent a very considerable increase, as was the case in the previous year, whereas the export trade to Germany, which closed its frontiers to all other flower garden products, remained stationary.

Some concern has been caused to Dutch bulb-growers by a new narcissus disease that is rapidly spreading, and an expert investigator has been engaged to study the matter.

**Painful Coughs Relieved**  
Dr. King's New Discovery is a soothing, healing remedy for coughs and colds that has stood the test for nearly fifty years. For that cough that strains the throat and saps the vitality try Dr. King's New Discovery. The soothing pine balsams and mild laxative ingredients soon drive the cold from the system. Have a bottle on hand for winter colds, croup, gripe and bronchial affections. At your druggist, 50c.

**Marcus E. Hull, D. C.**  
Lincolnton, N. C.

At Hickory: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 11 a. m. to 2 p. m., Hotel Huffry.

**Vigorous Men and Women are in Demand**

If your ambition has left you, your happiness has gone forever unless you take advantage of Hickory Drug Co's magnificent offer to refund your money on the first box purchased if Wendell's Ambition Pills do not put your entire system in fine condition and give you the energy and vigor you have lost.

Be ambitious, be strong, be vigorous. Bring the ruddy glow of health to your cheeks and the right sparkle that denotes perfect manhood and womanhood to your eyes. Wendell's Ambition Pills, the great nerve tonic, can't be beat for that tired feeling, nervous troubles, poor blood, headaches, neuralgia, trembling, nervous prostration, mental depression, loss of appetite and kidney or liver complaint.

In two days you will feel better. In a week you will feel fine, and after taking one box you will have your old-time confidence and ambition. Be sure and get a 5 cent box today and get out of the rut. Remember Hickory Drug Co and dealers everywhere are authorized to guarantee them. Mail orders filled, charges prepaid by The Wendell Pharmaceutical Company, Inc., Syracuse, N. Y. 2c



"THE SANITARY WAY"  
PHONE 190.  
Clothes Altered, Cleaned, Pressed, Dyed and Repaired.  
**CITY PRESSING CLUB**  
Moose & Miller.

**NEW SPRING READY-TO-WEAR**

**Big Express Lot Came In Today.**

Our buyer has just returned from a ten days trip to New York and Philadelphia. He found ladies ready-to-wear cheaper and more attractive than expected. We are able to show ladies made up garments at lower prices than last season. Then the market was unsettled and a scarcity of the wanted cloths. Now conditions have had time to adjust themselves and the manufacturers have plenty of cloth. You will be surprised with the beautiful styles and the real values that we have to offer you.

**Ladies' Coat Suits**

Those that bought coats in the Fall will want a Spring Suit. The styles are most attractive. The high sport colors will appeal to you. As always blue will lead. If you are tier of blue you can have the gold, mustard, Apple, Shadow Lawn Freen, Biege, Gray, etc. We are offering special values at \$13.75, \$16.75, \$18.75, \$20.00, \$22.50 and \$25.00.

**Ladies' Separate Coats**

If you had a suit in the fall of course you will want a coat for spring. Your automobile and your friends automobile has made a spring coat a necessity. New Sport Coats, prettiest ever shown. The colors are wonderful. Lots of new cloths, summer Velours, Jersey etc. Prices \$6.50, \$8.50, \$12.50, \$12.75, \$13.75 and up to \$25.00.

**Silk and Wool Skirts**

This promises to be a big skirt and shirt waist season. We opened a beautiful lot of the "Star" skirts this morning. You will find them different. Prices \$3.50 to \$6.50.

**Silk and Cotton Shirt Waists**

With our added space we are going to carry double the waist stock ever carried before. We have all the new shades, Apple, Green, Chatreuse, Shadow Lawn, Peach, Rose, Amethyst, Flesh, etc. Lingeri Waists \$1.00 to \$2.00. Silk Waists \$2.00 to \$5.75. Big lot silk dresses expected this week. Novelties in Gordons Silk Hosiery today. Some new things in Georgette Collars today.

**Thompson-West Company**

"The Ladies' Store."

**NO SUGAR COATS**

(By Associated Press)  
London, Feb. 16.—The food controller's ban on sugar-coated confectionaries has made it necessary to get a special license for wedding cakes. Almond ice will still be allowed but the sugar ornamentation which was so popular as souvenirs for the guests at a wedding breakfast is to be replaced by a thin coating of sugar on while the sides are only decorated with white paper and silver leaves.

**Inactivity Causes Constipation**  
Lack of exercise in the winter is a frequent cause of constipation. You feel heavy, dull and listless, your complexion is sallow and pimply, and energy at low ebb. Clean up this condition at once with Dr. King's New Life Pills, a mild laxative that relieves the congested intestines without gripping. A dose before retiring will assure you a full and easy movement in the morning. 25c at your druggist.

**ADMIT MEXICANS FREE**

(By Associated Press)  
Mexico City, Feb. 16.—Mexican customs houses at ports adjoining Arizona have been instructed to permit entry free of duty the personal possessions, wagons and animals belonging to Mexicans returning to this country, in order to facilitate the repatriation of Mexicans now in Arizona.

**How to Check That Cold**

When it is painful to breathe and fever sends chills up and down your back you are in for a cold. A timely dose of Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey will stop the sneezes and sniffles. The pine balsam loosens the phlegm and clears the bronchial tubes, the honey soothes and relieves the sore throat. The antiseptic qualities kill the germ and the congested condition is relieved. Croup, whooping cough and chronic bronchial affections quickly relieved. At all druggists, 25c.

Let your choice for 1916 season Be

**AJAX TIRES**  
Guaranteed in writing 5000 MILES

DECIDE now to equip with Ajax Tires for the new season. Ajax Tires are best—1500 miles better in the service they are guaranteed to give.

While others are claiming Quality we are guaranteeing it!

Abernethy Hardware Co.

**ANNOUNCEMENT!**

**WE WISH TO**

Announce that we have secured Mr. M. S. Thompson of Dayton, Ohio, an expert on Ignition and motor troubles, to take charge of our Service Department. Mr. Thompson will take charge the 15th and we will be glad to have you call and get acquainted with him. All repair work fully guaranteed to give satisfaction. You must be pleased.

**Buick Garage**  
QUALITY! SERVICE!  
PHONE 210.

**The 5 and 10 Cent Store**

Is a good place to buy 5, and 10 and 25 cents Merchandise. We specialize in these lines.

Everything in 5, 10 and 25c Goods

W. L. & T. W. oatrigh

The 5 and 10c Store

**Your 1917 Printing**

The Clay Printing Company, with new machinery and material, is prepared to undertake all kinds of job and book printing at moderate prices.

Let our representative call on you or drop into the office and talk the matter over.

Mortgage Deeds and Other Legal Blanks on Sale at Office.

**Clay Printing Comp'y**

Book and Job Printers.