

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Useful and Beautiful Remembrances

The Kind Good Taste Dictates

Now is the time to select your Christmas Gifts—Never before have we had such a large showing of beautiful goods of every line. It is easy to make useful, lasting and appreciated gift from this stock.

Gold jewelry, cuff links, lavaliers, pins, chains, tie clasps, etc.	Rings are especially good this year and we have a large stock of all kind.	Pickard China, the finest hand-painted china in the world. See this line.	Silver novelties and silver ware, card cases, mesh bags, cigar and cigarette cases, table ware, etc.	Umbrellas, sterling silver and gold filled mounted. New designs of best material.
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Bracelet Watches are very popular. We started with a very large stock, but sales have been big in this line, but we still have a good selection of reliable grades. French Ivory a fine line of toilet and manicuring sets, novelties and odd pieces.

Make your selections now. Such goods have real value. The kind your friend or relative will appreciate

GEO. E. BISANAR, Jeweler and Optometrist



LIGHTEN THE LABOR

Of the house by giving Electric Appliance This Xmas

Give One of These Reliable Appliances:

- IRONS are everyday comfort in every home. Save time, steps and labor.
 - SECTION SWEEPERS Solve the servant question and take the work out of housework.
 - SEWING MACHINES No more treadle pushing. Easily controlled and handy.
 - TOASTERS, Delicious toast, crisp, brown and hot made on your table.
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 - PERCOLATORS Makes perfect wholesome coffee. No grounds.
 - Besides these appliances we have other time and labor saving devices.
- Call and make your selections here. It is easier. Open every night until Xmas.

Southern Public Utilities Co. PHONE 148

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. The Old Standard Groves' Tasteless Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well-known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Purifies the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 60 cents.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold Metallic Cases, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, or 25 years' experience. Best, Safest, Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

A Merry Christmas To You

A lot of men in this town will have their Christmas made more joyful by the receipt of gifts bought at this store. In that way we are contributors to the Christmas cheer of these men; and that's naturally a cause for pleasure to us, even if they don't count us in on it.

But beyond that we want to extend our greetings and good wishes to all our customers whenever and whatever they have bought; and to all the men and women of Hickory, whether they bought here or not.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas; we hope the day will be wholly happy; that you'll get what you want, or want what you get.

Moretz-Whitener Clothing Co

"The Quality Shop."

Local and Personal

Mr. Z. T. Setzer, looking well and saucy, is here from Camp Sevier.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Flagler spent the week end at Spartanburg, S. C.

Mr. E. Bryan Jones has come in to spend Christmas at home.

Mr. C. H. Cline is at home from South Carolina to spend the holidays.

Lieutenant Bill Council of Camp Sevier spent Sunday with his parents.

Mr. Geo. A. Bayless of Atlanta is the guest of his sister, Mrs. E. W. Lentz.

Mr. Norman Hutton is home from Sewanee Tenn., where he is attending school.

First Lieutenant Hazel R. Aiken is home for a few days from Camp Jackson at Columbia.

Friends of Mr. W. P. Huffman will be glad to learn that his condition is much better.

Dr. E. E. Rogers left today for Knoxville, Tenn., to spend Christmas with his mother.

Mr. W. E. Miller is spending the holidays in Gastonia with his daughter, Mrs. W. L. Coone.

Mr. J. F. Click, city editor of the Burke County Times, is spending the holidays here with his family.

Mr. John Whiting of Washington, D. C., is spending the holidays with his father at Mr. Geo. W. Hall's.

Miss Frederica Edmund of New York city is the guest of her niece Mrs. S. B. Stroup, over the holidays.

Mr. Gordon Council is home from college to spend the holidays with his parents, Judge and Mrs. W. B. Council.

Mr. Arthur Bradford, formerly with the local Coca-Cola Company, is spending a few days here from Camp Jackson.

Dr. E. E. Randolph, professor in Elon College, is spending the holidays with Mrs. Randolph at Hotel Huffry.

Misses Lucile, Katherine and Master Charles Coone and Miss Louise Hobbes of Gastonia are spending the holidays in Hickory with relatives.

The special service by the Baptist Young People's Union at the First Baptist church last night was largely attended and was most heartily enjoyed.

Rev. W. A. Newell, presiding elder of the Statesville district, occupied the pulpit of the First Methodist church last night and preached a good sermon to a large congregation.

Col. Fred A. Olds, who has recently made a tour of the wheat growing section of Western North Carolina, says a record-breaking crop of that grain has been planted there. That's good news.—Wilmington Dispatch.

One of Hickory's best gardeners and chicken raisers writes the Record that maybe the reporter's hens have stolen nests somewhere. This correspondent says he found two nests lately, one with eight eggs and the other with 18 egg in it—and now the neighbors say good morning to him.

GEN. CROZIER'S TESTIMONY

Springfield Republican. Gen. Crozier's testimony is not exhilarating reading. As for the manufacture of army rifles, the shortage is well understood hereabouts without Gen. Crozier's evidence. The United States armory in this city, which makes the Springfield rifle, was allowed to curtail production so much in the years immediately preceding the European war that the skilled mechanics employed there were in large part drawn off to the private munitions plants in other places. It was difficult to get them back here after congress declared war against Germany, and it then became necessary to train to a considerable extent skilled

AMUSEMENTS

MOLLIE KING AND CREIGHTON HALE AT PASTIME TODAY

The following is the story of episode number three of "The Seven Pearls" featuring Mollie King and Creighton Hale which will be shown at the Pastime today: "The Air Peril"—After Irma again loses the pearls she returns to her apartment, discouraged. She finds a dog in a basket with the two pearls tied about its neck. Harry has a chance of saving one of the gang members from arrest and in return for this favor is promised the two pearls held by the gang member. Before he has a chance of delivering the pearls to Harry they are taken from him by Mason. Irma secretly enters Mason's house in the hope of gaining possession of the gems, but is captured, tied to a balloon and carried high in the air.

workmen out of greenhorns. It is now clear that the appropriations for the Springfield armory should have been large enough to keep the plant running at capacity in the years 1914-1917, but congress and the administration, they influenced a good deal by Bryanite ideas of war, held to the belief that the 700,000 Springfield rifles in stock were ample for any demand the country would be called upon to face. It is true that the sending of a big army to Europe was then forecast by nobody, and that simply for home defense the 700,000 rifles seemed not insufficient. But there was incapacity and a lack of precautionary safeguards in the government's course in those years, in view of the possible dangers involved in allowing a great government munitions plant to run down and lose more than half of its skilled workers.

General Crozier cannot be held responsible for the original curtailment in rifle manufacture in the government plants. The trouble of his department, however, were much increased when war came. They were still more increased when the early plan of the general staff of the army not to send troops to Europe until a year had elapsed was abandoned by reason of the urgent appeals from Gen. Joffre. Troubles rapidly became cumulative. Wherever the average daily production of rifles in the United States in March, last, by all concerns government and private, was 10,000, the production fell off by half during the spring and summer because the private plants were out of the rifle business more or less after completing their contracts for foreign governments. Evidently, the chief of ordnance of the United States was in no position to make quick contracts with them and thus maintain their production at maximum capacity for the benefit of the United States, owing to the time consumed in determining upon the changes in the British Enfield rifle which the ordnance department, whether wisely or unwisely, had decided to use as an emergency weapon in the American army in France. There were reasons for changing the Enfield model so as to insure the use of the same kind of cartridge by all American troops, but the changes inevitably caused a delay for which Gen. Crozier has been severely criticized.

If there are first-class rifles enough for all the soldiers the government can place in France, and the situation is not so grave as it might be. For drilling purposes in the home cantonments, the supply of rifles is fairly adequate as not all the men drill at the same time. Nor is there need to worry because of the use by raw conscripts of wooden guns. A great part of the present splendid British army had to do part of its drilling with "roomsticks." There is, however, a lack of target practice because of the shortage of the latest and best rifles.

The shortage of machine guns may be more serious than the shortage in rifles, but the secretary of war himself will be heard with deep interest on this phase of army equipment when he meets the senate committee. The American soldiers in France are abundantly supplied by the French with machine guns, but the entire absence of these indispensable weapons in some of the home training camps means that the troops will be lamentably backward in machine-gun practice when they land in France. The production of American machine guns, however, will soon be sufficient to change this phase of the situation.

MORRIS
EXQUISITE
CANDIES

If in Doubt, Give Candy

Everybody likes it and an attractive box of high grade candy is always welcome at Christmas time. The stock is fresh and new and put up in attractive boxes that make it still more attractive as a gift.

Lutz Drug Store "ON THE CORNER" Phones 17 and 317

Vivo Music Club
The Vivo music club held a delightful meeting Friday afternoon at the home of Elizabeth Barkley.

The following took part in the interesting musical program; Hermine and Elizabeth Warlick, Christine Shell, Gladys and Margaret Hefner, Elizabeth Council, Elizabeth Barkley, Doris Wood, Lois Bost, Aileen West, Helen Moser, Glen Rink, Evangeline Little, Una Childers and Gracie Murray. The early life of Mozart was given very creditably by Elizabeth Warlick, and facts of Mozart's late life were given by various members of the club.

Election of officers took place: Elizabeth Barkley, president; Margaret Hefner, vice president; Hermine Warlick, secretary and Elizabeth Council, treasurer.

The "Jack Horner Pie," which followed was filled to overflowing with Christmas packages of eatables and was a source of pleasure to all.

Manatee River Oranges

—THE SWEET KIND—
Same Price as Other Oranges



Men in Training
Fighting isn't the only duty of a soldier, and exposure to bullets is not as serious as exposure to all kinds of weather and dampness. Rheumatic aches, sore and stiff muscles, strains and sprains, chilblains and neuralgia, all are enemies of the soldier, and the relief for all these pains and aches is Sloan's Liniment. Clean and convenient to carry or use; does not stain, and penetrates without rubbing. Generous sized bottles, at all druggists. 25c., 50c., \$1.00.

Sloan's Liniment KILLS PAIN

Greetings

To you whose good will and friendship has helped to make this a happy holiday season for us we send our cordial appreciation and heartiest good wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thompson-West Company "The Ladies' Store."

CHIROPRACTOR DR. E. E. ROGERS Over Lutz's Drug Store PHONE 77

DR. G. E. FLOWERS Having enjoyed a large country practice for 32 years, an now located in Hickory and solicit a share of the general practice. Office at 8th avenue and 15th street. Children's diseases a specialty.

Meritol Eczema Remedy

STOPS THAT ITCH
Just a few drops of that mild, soothing, cooling wash, Meritol Eczema Remedy, so highly recommended for Eczema, and the itching and burning is gone. Scientific investigations have taught us that eczema is positively a skin disease and curable through the skin alone. This remedy is applied direct to the skin. If you are afflicted with this distressing ailment we ask you to try it on our guarantee. A trial will convince you of its genuine merits. Price 50c for trial bottle. One dollar for large size.

Hickory Drug Company

Hickory Insurance and Realty Company Christmas Greetings TO OUR POLICY HOLDERS

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