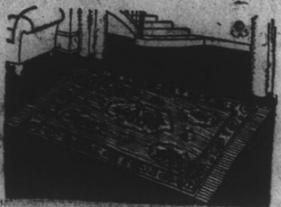


# PARKS - BELK COMPANY

An Entire Room May Be Transformed By the Judicious Use of a Few Yards of New Drapery Material—Or a New Rug. Perhaps a New Floor Lamp. It is Surprising How Easily a Completely New Appearance can be Effected. Rugs, too, are varied in color scheme, pattern and price. You can choose for practically any effect in decoration and produce your effect at a most satisfactory price. And right now is your best opportunity. Our Rug Stocks are in fine condition.

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Nearly an Endless Variety of Fine Rugs at Less Than Market Value

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A WONDERFUL VARIETY  
A good collection of room, hall and scatter sizes in several new colorings. The 9x12 ft. sizes range from **\$37.50 to \$47.50**.

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FINE QUALITY SEAMLESS RUGS  
9x12 ft. sizes at a range of prices as quoted. These rugs also can be seen in smaller sizes at **\$59.50**.

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SEAMLESS RUGS  
These are copies of the higher priced Rugs and offer beautiful designs and colorings at a low range of **\$18.50 to \$29.50** price.

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4-1-2x6 ft., 6x9 ft., 8 ft 3-in. x 10 ft. 7 in. These are Axminsters, Velvets and Brussels. For small rooms or halls you can find just what you want. Many of them match the larger **\$14.95 to \$45.00** sizes.

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These Rugs lie flat and smooth, a damp cloth removes all dirt. Very convenient and sanitary:  
9x12 feet **\$12.95**  
9x10 1-2 feet **\$10.95**  
9x10 1-2 feet **\$10.95**  
7 1-2x9 feet **\$9.45**  
6x9 feet **\$6.45**



SOMETHING NEW  
Glass "Space Saver" Refrigerator Dishes

SOMETHING NEW

Appeal to the housewife because they lessen kitchen drudgery. These are glass containers that take the place of unsanitary and inconvenient collections of miscellaneous dishes in an ice box, saving space, time and food. Each dish fits perfectly on top of the other, preventing slipping, and is provided with side openings for circulation of chilled air, keeping food fresh and free from mold. Approved by Good Housekeeping Institute. Four dishes to the set complete **\$85c**

## Visit Our China Ware Department, 2nd Floor

- Varied assortment of patterns—Blue Willow, Blue Bird, Gold Band, Pink Floral, Black and Gold.
- Plain White Cups and Saucers Two for **25c**
  - Gold Band Cups and Saucers **\$1.39**
  - Per Set
  - Blue Bird Cups and Saucers **\$1.69**
  - Per Set
  - Blue Willow Cups and Saucers **\$2.98**
  - Per Set
  - Salad Bowls **45c TO 79c**
  - each
  - 9-inch White Plates **15c**
  - each
  - Gold Band 9-inch Plates **\$1.35**
  - Per Set

## MIRRO The Finest Aluminum.



DID YOU KNOW THIS? :

You know MIRRO Aluminum for its durability, economy and beauty, but we'll wager you never imagined there were 566 articles in the comprehensive MIRRO line. You can find in our splendid stock of Mirro Aluminum the exactly right, specialized utensil for every task—at a price that makes cheaper wares a rank extravagance. Drop in for a Mirro exploration and see how many useful Mirro Aluminum articles you have been doing without.

### BELK'S SUPERFINE ALUMINUM

72 Cases Just Received.  
Convex Kettles, Pitcher, Double Boilers, Percolators, Dish Pans, Tea Kettles, 40-12 quart Preserving Kettles **69c to \$1.48**

Big Counter Special Assortment Aluminum. See these Big Bargains, \$1.00 to \$1.50 values **69c** Sale Price

### OTHER ITEMS IN OUR HOUSE FURNISHING DEPARTMENT (Second Floor)

- Large Size Octagon Soap and P & G **5c**
- Ivory Soap **8c**
- Two for 15c
- Palmolive Soap **7c**
- Two for 15c
- 1,000 Sheets Jap Tissue **8c**
- Two for 15c
- Acme Ice Cream Freezer **98c**
- Two Quart **15c**
- Cemetery Vases **25c**
- of Tin
- Cemetery Vases **25c**
- of Crockery
- Ice Tea Glasses **8c**
- Two for 15c
- Water Glasses **4c**
- Each
- Ten Quart Galvanized **25c**
- Buckets
- \$1.50 Value White Enamel **98c**
- Water Kettles

### BIG BROOM SPECIAL

- One Rack good 4-string 22-pound brooms. Special for three days (limit 2) **25c**
- One Rack 5-string 24-lb. Broom special **39c**
- Two for 75c.
- One rack 5-string Broom, 24-pound. Good clean corn straw. 75c **48c**
- value. Special

### OCTAGON SOAP

For Friday, Saturday and Monday we will sell regular 10c Cake Octagon Soap. Special hours: 9 to 10 o'clock A. M., and 2 to 3 o'clock P. M. for these three days only at **5c** per cake (Limit 10 cakes. No phone orders)

## Drapery and Curtain Materials—

READY MADE

BY THE YARD

- Curtain Nets, plain, filet and fancy weaves, yard **29c to \$1.48**
- Cretonnes, that are washable, range from **19c to 85c**
- Terry Cloths, soft, lustrous, new patterns, yard **69c to 98c**
- New Valance Cretonnes, latest designs, yard **25c to 35c**
- Marquisette, Swiss and Voile, always popular, yard **15c to 79c**
- Madras Drapery, plain and two-toned yard **45c to 69c**
- Silk Drapery Materials, 45 inches wide, per yard **\$1.48**
- Tapestry, 50 inches wide yard **\$3.45**



LADIES' HAT BAGS **\$2.98 to \$8.95**  
SUIT CASES **98c to \$9.95**  
HAND BAGS **\$1.48 to \$12.95**

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## KANNAPOLIS DEPARTMENT

Kannapolis, April 16.—Miss Alma Durham and Beretta Robinson were the guests of Miss Johnnie McKinley at her home in the Bethpage community Sunday.

Misses Nevada and Pearl Benson and Mr. S. L. White spent Sunday in Woodleaf visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bouslog.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gray were in Charlotte on business Monday.

Miss Martha Rowe was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Deval in Concord Sunday.

Mrs. C. F. Farley, of High Point, spent Monday night with Mr. Ira Montgomery.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Peeler and family and Mr. and Mrs. Chick Demarcus and daughter, Lillian Kirk, were dinner guests of Mrs. C. J. Kirk in China Grove Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Liaker and son, Howard Jr., and Miss Virginia Nola, spent Sunday in Concord at the home of Mrs. Linker's father.

Miss Lucile Rollins spent the Easter holidays with Miss Lorene Smith, at her home near Mooresville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Connell and family, of High Point, who were en route for Allen, N. C. Sunday were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Connell and were accompanied on their trip by Mrs. J. C. Connell.

Miss Dorothea Sepp, of Mooresville, was the guest of Miss Johnnie McKinley during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Glomon and family, of Allen, were guests in the home of Mrs. Tilly Walters Sunday.

Mrs. Albert Beaver underwent an operation in the Statesville hospital Tuesday, and is getting along nicely.

Miss Mary Belle Parks and her friend, Miss Mary Washburn, of the North Carolina College for Women in Greensboro, spent the Easter holidays with Miss Parks' home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Blackman and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Blackman's sister, Mrs. F. F. Harrington in Mooresville.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lipe, of Millington, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Lipe.

The Stewards of the Trinity Methodist church will entertain the Ladies' Aid Society in the church on Thursday evening.

A quiet but interesting wedding was solemnized Saturday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock when Miss Elsie Lipe, of this city, became the bride of Mr. Lee Bostian, also of Kannapolis. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. E. Ruffy, at his home in Landis.

The bride and groom left Saturday night for a bridal trip to Virginia, stopping over in Winston-Salem and at other points returning Monday afternoon. Mrs. Bostian is the daughter of Mrs. Margaret Lipe, of Juniper street and is a brunette of charming loveliness. Her wifemore disposition has won for her much popularity.

Mr. Bostian is an enterprising young man and has a wide circle of friends.

On Monday night a lively band of serenaders heralded the news to those of the neighbors who may not have been informed of the event. Mr. and Mrs. Bostian will make their home for the present with the latter's mother on Juniper street.

## ANCIENT OYSTERS FOUND IN ANDES MOUNTAINS

Bivalves Believed to Have Lived at One Time in Sea Running Around World.

Oysters, which it is said, with other sea creatures, crawled about while the Andes section of the world was sea bottom, have been found in the Andes Mountains, 12,000 feet above sea level, by Dr. J. T. Singewald Jr., professor of economic geology at Johns Hopkins University.

Plants shown in the fossils included leaves of ferns and evergreens, their ribs and stems outlined in dull silver, or gold against the dark stone. Whereas the animals were found in large numbers at 12,000 feet above sea level, Dr. Singewald says that he found the plant fossils considerably lower, about 6,000 feet.

Geologically, they date from the cretaceous age, the age of the formation of coal in Western United States and Peru. Coal formation elsewhere is identified with the carboniferous age.

The creatures that Dr. Singewald found in the Andes Mountains at one time lived, it is said, in a sea that ran around the world following the line of the equator, and was the earliest Mediterranean.

A Farm Where No Birds Are Killed. P. D. Landers, in Progressive Farmer.

I own a farm in this county (Madison, North Carolina) on which the birds have been strictly protected 82 years. My grandfather brought the place in 1841. He would not allow the birds to be killed while it was in his control. My father became owner in 1880 and he still protected the birds, and in 1905 the place fell to my lot and I have kept them from being killed all I could until the present.

This means the Bob Whites, doves and all the little birds and crow excepted. The partridges seem to know that they are protected as they seldom fly when we go near them. When we are harvesting grain or mowing and discover a partridge nest before we cut over it, we leave a small patch uncut around the nest.

Some may say that this does not pay. It may not in dollars and cents, but there is pay in it that cannot be measured by money in having the birds about us and hearing them sing when we are about our work, to say nothing of the bugs and worms they destroy. I am going to provide for them to still have protection, and when the farm passes from my hands, or if I should ever sell it, I am going to provide in the deed for the birds not to be killed.—P. D. Landers, in Progressive Farmer.

It has been claimed that the first intercollegiate athletic contest of any kind to be held in the United States was a football game played in Boston about a century ago by teams representing McGill and Harvard universities.

A large amount of power regenerated in South Carolina and Georgia is transmitted into North Carolina for use here. It is estimated that this amounts to about 250,000,000 kilowatt hours annually.

## Fill the Y. M. C. A. and Keep Prisons Empty

BY P. WHITWELL WILSON

(The following article is based on the author's personal study of the American Y. M. C. A. Mr. Wilson, now residing in the United States, is a former member of Parliament, correspondent of leading British journals, contributor to numerous American newspapers and periodicals, and author of several popular religious books, including "The Christ We Forget.")

"We are not to allow our sense of duty to be dulled by usage and familiarity."

So speaks the Rev. S. Parkin Cadman, D. D., the President of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America; and he speaks of the Y. M. C. A. as "the most important of the best citizens of all Christian lands."

I have been inquiring into this "multiplicity of benefits." What are they?

The nation was shocked by the soulless cynicism with which two lads, reared in respectable homes, murdered a school-fellow. It is a dangerous thing for society to neglect boys during that period when they think they are too old to need moral training, yet have not chosen an ordered career. By boys of this age the ranks of bandits are recruited. What is the remedy? It is not prison but prevention—not electrocution but influence. Fill the Y. M. C. A. and automatically, you empty the penitentiary.

To purify the mind of the boy by the fresh breeze of athletics, to rescue genuine games from the grip of the bookmaker, to broaden the boy's outlook by educational trips, and to restore the often interrupted companionship between boys and their fathers—these express the policy of the Y. M. C. A.

It is mainly the city that has the "Y." But the small town and village are seeking a larger landscape. And the "Hi Y" or Y. M. C. A. for High Schools is one agency by which the community of only a thousand or two finds itself.

The Y. M. C. A. is the home of the man who has left home. But it is not merely a club by day and a dormitory by night. It is not, like a hotel, a commercial proposition. Its members are brought into a fellowship. They learn that life is more than eating and sleeping and earning, more than the swimming pool and the gymnasium, more than a course at college.

Whether in a city, an institution serving a mixed community, or attached to some industrial plant, or maintained in a great university, the Y. M. C. A. aims at an objective beyond itself. Not only does it operate; it is the basis of

operations at a distance. No member is true to his Association who fails to give to others in service as least as much as he has himself received.

There are 10,000 foreign students in the United States. Many have come from the Orient believing that here they will see the Christian Faith in operation. The Y. M. C. A. provides trained advisers of their own language and race, who form them into congenial groups, help them in their perplexities and surround them with an environment of friendship. There is much in Western countries that distasteful to these eager discoverers. Invaluable, therefore, is a contact which furnishes them with true hospitality.

The Y. M. C. A. stands for the principle that what is found to be the abundant life most to be offered to the world, in China and Japan, in Latin America, in the Philippines, in India and in the Near East, these are leading statesmen, merchants and educators to whom the ideal of a clean and healthy manhood has made an irresistible appeal. In the Y. M. C. A. they see an invaluable instrument of physical, mental and moral hygiene. Evidence of this demand for the Y. M. C. A. are overwhelming.

As the Y. M. C. A. is the ally of the Churches at home, so is it the ally of the foreign mission abroad. The Student Volunteer Missionary Movement, developed by the Y. M. C. A., has recruited thousands of men and women from colleges and universities who have brought youth and health and education to the task of evangelizing our race. If the spread of the gospel of a more abundant life for all nations interests a rising generation, the reason is largely the efforts, direct and indirect of the Y. M. C. A.

Christianity, as a label, is not forced on Moslem, Hindu and Confucian, but is deeply rooted in a life. Within the walls of the Y. M. C. A. men of all faiths are welcome. But there is only one faith big enough to offer such a welcome.

In other countries, as in the United States, the Y. M. C. A. has been established as far as possible on an autonomous foundation. China, Japan, India, the Philippines—they all have their own staffs, largely consisting of their own nationals. And much of the money invested in their buildings is raised by these nations themselves. The Y. M. C. A. is thus a university in self government, free from graft, favoritism and other corruption. For the good name of the United States in other continents, there is here a true generation. In the Y. M. C. A. North America discovers her best.

## Daughter of Two Stars



Here is Laurice Fox, movie actress, and her five-month-old daughter, Laurice the Second. The father is John Gilbert, also well known to movie fans.

## Hope Workable Results Will Follow the Geneva Conference

Washington, April 15.—With the sailing from New York today of Representative Theodore E. Burton, of Ohio, to head the American delegation which will participate officially in the league of nations conference at Geneva next month for control of international traffic in arms, it became known here that the Washington government is very hopeful that definite, practical results will flow from that gathering.

Members of the American party, including technical experts, will sail Saturday for Geneva.

The Washington administration is anxious to co-operate to the fullest extent with other nations to bring about practical measures for curbing arms shipments. It realizes that the tentative draft convention prepared by the temporary mixed commission of the league, which will form the basis of the Geneva agreement, is only a committee proposal, however, and that it has been approved as yet by no government. Exhaustive study of the draft convention by Mr. Burton and his colleagues has shown it to contain many acceptable features from the American viewpoint, but in other respects it will require considerable modification.

The American delegates have satisfied themselves that it would be impossible to sign off entirely on the international traffic in arms. Such a course would merely result in compelling nations not now producing arms for themselves to set up and maintain such industries as necessary to their own security. For that reason it is believed that the league committee plan to establish a system of licensing arms shipments is the only method of curbing the traffic satisfactorily and preventing arms from getting into improper hands.

The tentative convention would impose on signatory states the duty of approving orders for arms received by its nationals. The idea in this provision was to confine transactions to recognized governments. It represents many difficulties from the American point of view, however, and the delegation is expected to press for modifications at Geneva which would make signatory governments responsible only for the prevention of unlicensed arms shipments from their territory. It is argued that this would be fairer to the non-producing states, which are the only customers of military arms manufacturers.