

# Society

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney F. McCreary, of New York City, are visiting at the home of Mr. James F. Post.

The regular monthly business and social meeting of the Lydia Yates Bible Class will be held at the residence of Mrs. E. L. Davis, No. 406 Chestnut street, tonight at 8 o'clock.

The Salvation Army corps will hold a cottage meeting at the residence of Mrs. Carny, No. 4 Belwill avenue, tonight at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The educational meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Grace Methodist church will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. All the members are urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Gregson, Jr., arrived in the city late last night from Hamlet, where they spent several days with Mr. Gregson's parents, after their honeymoon north. Mrs. Gregson was formerly Miss Josephine Shields, of Durham.

St. Cecilia's Guild of St. James' church will conduct a sale at Nos. 6 and 8 North Front street tomorrow. Articles of wear for small children will be a specialty. In addition, candy, flowers and dressed dolls will be on sale.

**UNION ELECTS OFFICERS.**  
The 1917 officers of the Epworth League City Union were elected at the regular monthly meeting of that organization held last night at Fifth Avenue Methodist church. The officers elected were: Mr. J. D. Rohins, president; Miss Elizabeth Baxley, vice president; Miss Jennie Corbett, superintendent of first department; Miss Ella Brinkley, superintendent of second department; Miss Emma Belle LeGwin, superintendent of third department; Miss Martha Voshall, superintendent of fourth department; Miss Lota Frink, secretary; Mr. A. L. Freeman, treasurer; Mr. E. H. Hardison, era agent; pianist, Miss Willie Thigpen.

**NEGRO FOLK SONGS.**  
The November meeting of the music department of Sorosis will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock in the club rooms. The subject will be the negro folk songs which have become the folk songs of America and which are sung as often on the concert stage as by the family fireside. All members are urged to attend.

The following program will be rendered:  
At the Dawn of Day—Coleridge Taylor  
Mrs. Frank Ross.  
Two negro spirituals:  
De Rocks A' Rendin'—Arthur Farwell  
Moanin' Dove—Arthur Farwell  
Mrs. J. D. Edwards  
A Negro Lullaby—Burleigh  
Miss Maud Bullock.  
My Merlindy Brown—Burleigh  
Miss Catherine Vollers.  
A Negro Lullaby—Coleridge Taylor  
Mrs. W. A. French.  
Steal Away—Coleridge Taylor  
Mrs. A. W. Waddell.  
A Banjo Song—Sidney Hower  
Miss Katie Foad.  
Uncle Route—Sidney Hower  
Mrs. George Boylan.  
My Old Kentucky Home—Stephen Foster  
Old Black Joe—Stephen Foster  
Sung by all Present.

**KILLS A PORCUPINE.**  
Farmers, Aided by Dog, Does So With Much Difficulty.  
Willen, N. D., Dec. 12.—Burnis Simans was called outside by the barking and howling of his dog and found that the dog had strided up a porcupine. After considerable difficulty, both to Simans and the dog, the animal

### FINE QUERY FOR DEBATE.

Class in Elocution and Debating Conducted for Speakers.  
The Speakers' Club of the Y. M. C. A. has selected as their query for debate next Monday night: "Resolved, That the United States should place an embargo for the next six months on staple foodstuff." Messrs. E. H. Bellamy and K. E. Knudsen will uphold the affirmative and Messrs. L. F. Duvall and John A. Livingston the negative.  
Last night discussion on debating and elocution was conducted. Rev. J. E. Reynolds conducted the former class and Dr. E. S. Bullock the latter.

### ON LAST VISIT HERE

**Major Greig to Inspect Work Of Light Infantry.**

Major Alexander Greig, Jr., U. S. A., Inspector-Instructor of the Coast Artillery Corps of the North Carolina National Guard, will arrive from Raleigh this evening to pay his last official visit to the Wilmington Light Infantry, known in military circles as the Second Company, C. A. C.  
Tonight the members of the W. L. I. will assemble at their armory at 8 o'clock and conduct a tracking drill for the benefit of Major Greig. This work is the same as done by this company at the annual maneuvers each summer at Fort Caswell. With the observing instruments, plotting board, communication system installed at the armory by the government, a miniature battleship is tracked over a course in the yard.

All the work with the exception of the drill on the big guns is carried out. The gun drill is eliminated because no dummy has ever been installed here as in many other coast artillery company armories. The tracking system is the means that the coast artillery would obtain the range and direction of a hostile fleet attacking one of the coast defenses.  
Major Greig will be transferred from this State on January 1 and his successor will be Captain Peace, who was stationed at Fort Caswell for several years. It is not yet known where Major Greig will go from North Carolina.

### \$1,000,000 IN SALVAGE.

**Have Successfully Floated the German Freighter Sesostris.**  
San Diego, Cal., Dec. 12.—That the former German freighter Sesostris, ashore at Ocos, Guatemala, for thirteen years, has been successfully floated, is the news received from Capt. R. Ridley, skipper of the British Columbia salvage tug Pilot.  
Three hydraulic pumps and 150 natives were used to remove the great banks of sand from around the giant freighter, which is said to be as seaworthy as upon the day she went ashore.  
For many years the Sesostris was used as a coffee warehouse, while her dynamo plant was utilized to supply electricity to the residents of Ocos. The salvagers will clear more than \$1,000,000 on their venture.

The dog was pretty well filled with needles, and Mr. Simans also received a share of the porcupine's weapons.  
These animals are very rare in this part of the State. They must have been more numerous years ago, as the Indians used the quills, colored with pigment, in forming some of the designs in their dresses on gala occasions.

# Xmas Preparation Week



The Week When Every Wise Person Is Going to do His or Her Shopping — Next Week Comes the Rush, the Very Thing You Want to Avoid. So This Week Is the One Golden Opportunity. Our Sales Force Is Amply Adequate to Wait on All Who Come. Do Not Delay Another Day. Come Early Tomorrow.

**NEW NOVELTIES EVERY DAY**  
Every express brings us some new Christmas novelty and these are being placed on sale just as fast as they arrive.  
Some of them go so fast that they hardly get placed in stock at all. You want to watch our counters every day. We don't have a chance to advertise all the new things we get.

**TODAY WE SHOW NEW**  
Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs, Initial Handkerchiefs, Broadcloth Collars, Ribbons, Toilet and Manicure Sets, Golf Gloves, Jewelleries, Mesh Bags, Hand Bags, Ivory Goods, etc., all of which are much wanted. Come this morning.

**TOYS ARE BEING RAPIDLY SOLD**  
We can only advise you that our supply of high-grade toys is rapidly being exhausted and it is now too late for us to get more. We are sorry we will not have enough to go around, but we fear this will be the case. So if you have not made your purchases, do so now or just as early as possible.

**NEW CURTAINS FOR CHRISTMAS**  
We have just received big shipment of Lace, Net and Scrim Curtains. All the newest patterns. Price . . . . . \$1.48 to \$6.00 per pair Third floor.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING SPECIAL**  
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# BELK-WILLIAMS COMP'Y

### WHOLESALE THEFTS

**Had Stolen Many Articles From Furniture Store.**

Six months on the county roads was the sentence imposed upon Ed Austin, colored, by Recorder Harriss this morning when the offender was found guilty of wholesale larceny from the furniture store of W. J. Bradshaw, where the defendant was employed. Austin was arrested yesterday afternoon when a go-cart was found in a large box filled with hay that he was hauling to his home on the furniture wagon. A search warrant sworn out against the negro resulted in a clock, tricycle, window curtains and bed spreads being found at his home that were identified as having come from the store where he worked.

J. H. Jackson, colored, charged with the theft of a pair of overalls from William Durant, was given a three months term on the county roads. Ernest Jackson, a pickaninny, was paroled with his mother for the larceny of a bicycle from Nick Elmore. Maggie Bentley, a notorious white woman, arraigned on a charge of vagrancy, submitted and was given until Friday to leave the county. After that day a capias will be issued for her. The case of Louise Crawford was remanded to Justice McGowan. Annie King, colored, was sent to the county roads for three months on a vagrancy charge.

### EFFORTS CONTINUE TO REDUCE COST

**Plans Developing to Cut Down The High Cost of Living.**

Washington, Dec. 12.—Efforts to keep down the cost of food and bring the consumer and producer closer together are outlined in a report today. Some of the steps to accomplish this are direct extension of the bureau of markets' news service; study of economy of food distribution and transportation; experimental work and parcel post shipment of food; investigation of co-operative purchase and marketing and plans for municipal public markets.  
Plans were developed for investigation of the marketing of American farm products and to assist in developing an export trade of foodstuffs.  
The marketing of food and vegetables, especially of less perishable variety, will be studied with a view of development for demand.

### HE EATS "MUD PUPPIES."

**Fish Expert Thinks Lake Lizards Are Fine.**  
Sandusky, O., Dec. 12.—The Lake Erie lizard, otherwise known as the "mud puppy," is a delicate morsel, according to J. J. Stanahan, former Superintendent of the United States Fish Hatchery at Put-in-Bay, who, discussing aquatic foodstuffs, said that while at Put-in-Bay he always kept a supply on hand at the hatchery.  
Stanahan said he prefers "mud puppy" to the finest variety of fish, and that "put up right, he is a dish fit for the gods and has whitefish skinned a mile."

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**A Suffragette Town Meeting**  
BOYS' BRIGADE ARMORY  
8:30 P. M., Dec. 14, 1916.  
Admission 10 Cents.

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, In the Superior Court.  
**NOTICE.**  
John Graham vs. Carrie Graham.  
The defendant above named will take notice, that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of New Hanover County, for an absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony on the grounds of adultery; and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the term of the Superior Court of said County, to be held on the 3rd day of January, 1917, at the Court house in said County, in Wilmington, North Carolina, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, for the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.  
This 12th day of December, 1916.  
W. N. HARRISS,  
Clerk of Superior Court.  
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### DEFENDANT WON.

**Realty Concern Claims That Local Man Should Pay For Lots.**

In the Superior Court this morning Mr. R. A. Montgomery won a case brought against him by the Waldorf Park Realty Company, a northern concern that claimed that Mr. Montgomery had contracted to purchase several lots at Oyster Bay. Mr. Montgomery contended that although he had signed a paper agreeing to buy the lots it was specified that he should see them first, which he never did.  
This afternoon the case of Charles Schaeffer & Son against the Stone Company is being tried. The plaintiff claims the defendants are indebted to them to the extent of quite a sum of money.

**STORM WARNING.**  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 12. Observer, Wilmington, N. C.:  
Hoist northwest storm warning, 10:30 a. m., Wilmington to New Haven. Disturbance of marked character off Hatteras moving northeast will cause westerly gales on North Carolina coast, and north and northeast gales on middle Atlantic coast. Rain or snow and colder. Northeast warnings also displayed from Saybrook to Boston.  
FRANKENFIELD.

### TAR HEEL NEWSPAPER

**MEN AT THE INQUIRY.**

(By George H. Manning.)  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The committee of North Carolina newspaper editors, including Editors Sherrill, of Concord; Varner, of Lexington; Jeffries, of Greensboro; Home, of Rocky Mount; and Weaver, of Durham, who are investigating the high price of print paper and seeking a remedy, attended a hearing on the subject before the Federal Trade Commission here today.

Lusk, Wyoming, Dec. 12.—Several weeks ago Pfister and Arnold discovered their herd just one critter shy, a two-year-old steer, and they hunted the country over, but in vain. Finally the animal was discovered in an old well, and when taken out was found to be still alive, but so weak from want of food that he could hardly walk.

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