

SONS SOCIETY

SONS.
Men in brown with marching feet. Like a great machine moved down the street, and the shrieking of a life led that river of young life. Soldiers bearing kits and guns, Mothers' sons—mothers' sons.

Out of the crowd a woman pressed forward a little from the rest. "That's him," she said, "the third one there."
The third one with the light brown hair!
She caught my arm and then she swayed.
And whispered—I suppose she prayed.
And still they passed with kits and guns, Mothers' sons.
By Sara Trasadale—Everybody's Magazine.

WALLACE RED CROSS.
The President's Quarterly Report Shows Much Work Done.
(Special to The Dispatch.)
Wallace, Jan. 4.—Mrs. J. W. Carroll, president of the Wallace Red Cross Chapter, has sent in a good and interesting report of the work accomplished by that chapter during the past quarter. In this report she has let the "last be first," by reporting first the Christmas drive. This chapter was requested to secure 100 new members, but like so many of the chapters throughout the State, it "went over the top" by enrolling 125 new members. Mrs. Carroll says: "This organization has been an independent chapter from the first, it being organized the first of last June, under the old laws and rules of organization, when a membership of 200 was not required for a charter. It was organized by Mrs. Cuthbert Martin, and is one of the many efforts of this efficient leader to do her honor and of which she can justly be proud."

Miss Mary Bell is visiting in New Bern, the guest of Miss Norña Newbern.
Mrs. Sallie Anne Woodward, after a short visit to Warsaw, has returned to Meredith College.
The Blue Ridge Club will have their regular monthly meeting at the Y. W. C. A. this evening at 8 o'clock.
Miss Mildred Whitehead is spending several days in New Bern, the guest of her sister, Miss Edna Whitehead.

Mrs. C. H. Albro and daughter, Miss Christina, have returned from New Bern where they have been guests of Mrs. Alex Brinkley.
Miss Gussie Rhodes has returned to her home in the city after spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. J. C. McAllister, at Fayetteville.
Mrs. Esther Springs, who has been visiting her parents in Charlotte, during the holidays, has returned to resume her duties in the city schools.
The meeting of the Epworth League of Grace Methodist church will be held this evening at 8 o'clock. All officers are required to attend, as it is the business meeting.
Boatswain George R. D'Orange, formerly of the coast guard cutter, Seminole, now on special duty at Baltimore, has returned to his post after spending the Christmas holidays with his family at 702 South Front street.

MR. EUTLER DECLINES
Southside Baptist Church Fails to Secure Services of Pastor
Rev. A. A. Butler, of Tyler, who was recently called to the pastorate of Southside Baptist church, to succeed Rev. W. H. Hall, resigned, has decided not to accept the call, and will continue at his present work. Mr. Otis B. Hinman, city boys' secretary, will supply the pulpit until the services of a pastor are secured.
Rev. Mr. Butler recently preached at Southside church, after which he received a call by the congregation. He has served at Tyler for the past eight years, and his congregation have made strenuous efforts to retain him.
Rev. W. G. Hall, who has resigned the pastorate of the church, has accepted a call from Zebulon Baptist church and will remove his family to that place next week.
Roentgen Ray Society
Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 4.—Roentgenologists have gathered here from all parts of the country and will spend the ensuing two days in discussing the latest scientific gleanings from the realms of X-ray research. The occasion of the atherin is the meeting of the American Roentgen Ray Society, of which Dr. L. G. Cole, of New York city, is the president.

RESERVE OFFICERS MAY GET TRAINING

Captains Bailey and Metts Receive Notice From Adjutant General

According to information received here today officers of the staff of the former units of the North Carolina National Guard, and officers on the reserve list in the State who have not yet been called into active service will be given a opportunity for appointment to the third series of Officers Training Camps to begin this month. So far as could be ascertained this morning there are only two officers in this city affected, these being Capt. E. P. Bailey and Capt. E. A. Metts. Both of these officers are on the reserve list. Capt. Bailey has had about four years service with the guard, and Capt. Metts about 18 years of service. The latter is now Captain of the New Hanover Reserve Militia, the Ninth North Carolina Company.

RECTOR GIVEN FAREWELL SERVICE ON LAST EVENING

Filled With Devotional Spirit and Inspiration Was Service

GOES AS CHAPLAIN TO TRAINING CAMP

Will Help the Work of the Church in Offsetting the Ill Effects That Flow From War

Characterized by a deep spirit of devotion and filled with inspiration was the farewell service to Rev. R. E. Gribbin held last night in the parish house of St. John's Episcopal church. Despite the bitter cold and the danger attendant upon walking at night on ice-covered sidewalks, there was a goodly company present for the service, a number from other churches joining with the members of St. John's in honor of their departing rector. Mr. Gribbin leaves Tuesday for Camp Sevier, S. C.

While advised of this action by the War Department today, neither of these officers received full information with regard to the service intended to apply certain information were not received, and both officers are awaiting further information.
According to information made public by Adjutant General Laurence W. Young the following officers in the State are subject to the appointments to the training camps:
Staff officers: Major Raleigh T. Durham, Weldon, of the Adjutant General's department; Major Thomas Stringfield, Wayneville, Inspector general; Major James S. Poystress, Henderson, general corps; Major Baxthel T. Durham, Raleigh, ordnance department; Major John O. Durham, Gastonia, ordnance department.

Reserve officers: Captain Edward P. Bailey, Wilmington, coast artillery; Lieut. Col. J. C. Bessent, Winston-Salem, infantry; Major E. C. Boyette, Charlotte, medical department; Major W. F. Moody, Raleigh, coast artillery; Major J. J. Bernard, Raleigh, quartermaster corps; Capt. W. Drummond Morrow, Raleigh, coast artillery; Captain Edwin A. Metts, Wilmington, coast artillery; Capt. Charles J. Smith, Henderson, infantry; First Lieut. Clyde C. Craig, Gastonia, infantry; Capt. William L. Ross, Charlotte, coast artillery; First Lieut. Jesse M. Russell, Canton, medical department; Sec. Lieut. Samuel L. Rotter, Alexandria, Va., infantry.

The letter from the office of the Adjutant General is as follows: "The following letter from the Militia Bureau dated December 29, 1917, is quoted for your information: 'In order to utilize the military experience of staff, retired and reserve officers and former officers of the National Guard not already in active service, the Secretary of War has approved the following: '1.—The applications of such officers on inclosed forms, which clearly state the conditions, will be considered promptly at this Bureau, and those whose records present evidence of presumptive value for service with troops, will be notified by the Chief, Militia Bureau by telegraph to report on January 15 at one of the six training camps named. In case more applicants are received than camps can accommodate, selection will govern. '2.—At the conclusion of the camps, successful candidates will be commissioned in the National Guard in grades justified, not exceeding that of major, subject to age—for grade limitations. '3.—You are requested to give all publicity possible to this plan so that each deserving officer may have an opportunity and to furnish each applicant with necessary blank forms and any recommendations from your office that appear to be just. Forms 106, delayed in delivery, will follow. '4.—Applications will be sent direct to this office and should be made without delay if at all. '5.—Form 108 and physical certificate, which must accompany the enclosed application, will be mailed as soon as received at this office.'

BRITISH RECRUITS.

Efforts of Capt. Donald MacRae Are Beginning to Bear Fruit.
The efforts of Capt. Donald MacRae, British Vice Consul at this port, are beginning to bear fruit. He has been urging all British subjects able to enlist for service "over there" and is receiving answers to his appeals.
One of the recruits obtained this week was Mr. Colin J. Hay McCall, of Edinburgh, Scotland, but for several years a farmer near Maxton. He has had four years in the British territorial troops, and now has four brothers with the British forces in France. In addition three sisters are serving as Red Cross nurses. His enlistment places eight members of his family in active service in the battle against the Hun.

BASKETBALL MATCH.

Pirates Won Championship Game At Y. M. C. A. Last Night.
In the championship game of basketball played at the Y. M. C. A. last night, the Pirates romped away from the Athletics and won by the score of 46 to 24. The game was one of the best of the season.
Captain Hardee, of the Pirates, himself scored eight field goals. The passing of the winners was unusual, with fact and that accounts for their victory.
Branch, of the Athletics, also tossed four goals and played a brilliant game.
Tonight will witness the beginning of the next series for the championship of the Business Men's League.

Recorder's Court.
But one offender faced the Recorder today. George Mills, colored, charged with larceny of a watch and chain, submitted to forcible trespass, and

WE HAVE NO RUBBERS



For Men and Women

And we think there are probably none for sale in town. This condition is general throughout the country at present. Why—we couldn't even find a picture of a pair of rubbers to illustrate this ad.

But We Do Have Good Stout Shoes To Withstand the Slush and Wet

When this snow melts, you'll need 'em, and you'll need 'em bad. We have them good. Better get them today before you find your shoes leak. The prices—Surprisingly low.

Shoe Section **BELK-WILLIAMS CO.** Main Floor

...are passing are full of spiritual richness that should prove a real blessing to all.
Concluding the service, Mr. Gribbin, in a brief address, expressed his deep sense of the responsibility upon which he was about to enter, and of both his pride and humility at having been chosen for it; pride in the wonderful opportunity for service thus opened to him; humility in the recognition of his own weakness and unworthiness for the task. He would not go to the soldiers, he said, with the idea that all had already gone far afield from the paths which they had trod when at home, but rather with a message to them that the people back home looked up to them as the men who are embodying the highest ideals of the country.

And for the people back home, he asked for their continued support, in all ways. The men, the women, the children, all have a part to play in these days of national need. All must bear some part of the sacrifice which the men who go perhaps to offer their lives are giving, all must serve. But this should be done without bitterness and hatred, he declared. After the war will come the hardest time, the reconstruction period, when hearts will be bitter. To serve now, to keep close to God, will make it easier then.

CONFERENCE FOR NOON ON TUESDAY

Mr. M. W. Harniss and Judge Stephenson on War Savings Stamps

With Judge Gilbert T. Stephenson, of Winston-Salem, who comes to Wilmington on next Tuesday for an address on the War Savings Stamps, will be Mr. M. W. Harniss, who is a member of the Educational and Savings Bank Committee of the National War Savings Committee.

The meeting here will be held at noon on Tuesday, January 8, and will be in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce in the Murchison Building. It is called for this time in order to allow the two speakers to leave the city on an afternoon train to keep a night engagement elsewhere.
Judge Stephenson is State organizer for the campaign, acting under State Director Price, of Winston-Salem. He has an established reputation in the State of being a most forceful speaker, and an energetic and efficient organizer. Mr. Harniss, who comes with him, is said to be an expert financier, and is being sent through this State by the national committee to stress the financial side of the question.

To meet with these gentlemen and the people of Wilmington the chairman and members of the War Savings Stamps Committee of six of the adjacent counties have been invited. These are Mr. M. McD. Williams, Faison, chairman for Duplin county; Mr. J. T. Bland, Burgaw, chairman for Pender county; Dr. E. G. Goodman, El Paso, chairman for Brunswick county; Mr. J. Bayard Clark, Elizabeth, chairman for Bladen county; Mr. J. A. Brown, Chadburn, chairman for Columbus county; Mr. E. L. Bethune, Clinton, chairman for Sampson county.

FRUIT FUND FOR TROOPS IS ASKED

Mr. J. Irving Bear is Named Chairman for New Hanover County

The International Apple Growers Association will send 200 cars of apples to the boys in France, and is raising funds to carry out this most laudable object.
Mr. J. Irving Bear, president of the Bear Produce and Merchandise Company, has been appointed chairman for New Hanover County to solicit money for this worthy cause. Mr. Bear will begin soliciting funds immediately, and is confident that he will have little trouble gathering in New Hanover's share of the "Apple Fund." Checks may be sent in to the International Apple Growers Association, a letter addressed to Mr. Bear by Mr. W. L. Broden, of Raleigh, State Chairman, is given herewith:
"The writer has been appointed by the International Apple Shippers Association, Chairman for the State of North Carolina, for the purpose of raising \$1,000 towards a fund to buy 100 cars of apples for distribution to our soldiers who are fighting for us in Europe.

"Since the movement was started, the Association has met with such wonderful success in such large contributions, they have decided to increase it and send 200 cars to our boys, as well as the French and British soldiers in the trenches."

I wish to have you serve as chairman for your county and wish thank you to let me know by return mail if you are willing to accept and enter into this proposition to raise what you may call "The Association has decided each state and the allotment for North Carolina is \$1,000."
I know you have given in all other causes, but think when this will mean apples handed them in the trenches. We, at home who are not going to fight, have everything we want and it is nothing but our duty to help contribute in every way possible for the comfort and good health of our soldiers.

"You will get behind this movement in your county, your daily papers will gladly give you some free writing regarding same. I am writing only a few of the best wholesale fruit dealers in the State and I feel sure that every one will accept the chairmanship and do his bit. We will get behind this movement and raise our \$1,000 in 10 days, easily. Kindly have all your contributions made payable to the International Apple Shippers Association and in sending me your contributions, I will thank you to have all the check payable to the International Apple Shippers Association and I will forward same promptly to Mr. W. M. French Treasurer, 204 Franklin St., New York.
This is a great movement on the part of the apple shippers association, and every man should be willing to contribute liberally towards same."

Monday last day of sale. Wilmington Shoe Co.—adv.

LACY TREASURER OF THE STATE MASONS

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 4.—State Treasurer Benjamin R. Lacy has been chosen grand treasurer of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons to succeed Major Leo D. Heatt, who died two weeks ago.
Mr. Lacy has been 40 years a member of the Grand Lodge and was for years worshipful master of the William G. Hill lodge in Raleigh. More recently during his residence at Neuse, six miles in the country, he has been worshipful master of that

TO STRENGTHEN EFFORTS FOR NEW

Sorosis Plans for Even More Active Work for the Enlarged Men

Boys from the front, when in the city will be provided with lodgings in the homes of Wilmington, and the North Carolina Sorosis can help about this much desired object.
Mrs. W. M. Cressy is chairman of the war relief committee of the Sorosis and is enthusiastic in her work, and is receiving the warm-hearted support of the membership. The work of the Travelers' Aid has been continued and funds will be raised for that purpose. On account of a great travel at present the work is more imperative than ever.

During December 23 last a party of 3,319 feedings from the milk station, the largest number since the opening of the station. Mrs. M. H. ... milk has made this week's ... infant has never before, and our ... would have suffered otherwise.
The discussion of other ... club matters was had at the ... monthly meeting yesterday ... and it was decided to carry on ... measures incident to the war ... less of other work.

NORFOLK AND WESTERN DROPS TWO TRAINS

(Special to The Dispatch)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 4.—Trains No. 25 and 36 running between Winston-Salem and Roanoke, Virginia, are to be taken off January 6, according to advice from the Norfolk and Western.

The management sends the Corporation Commission word much as the runaway girl appraises her parents' side the marriage. The road sends this telegram:
"Owing to serious and continued neglect and under the authority of the Director General of the railroads, the Norfolk and Western Railway Company finds it necessary to withdraw from service passenger trains 25 and 36 running between Winston-Salem and Roanoke, Va., January 6, 1918."
The commission thanked the road that it is not worse.

Wednesday and Thursday
Inventory Sale of Remnants of Silks Continues

All Embroideries are being sold at Half Price.
One Lot of Laces at 25 and 50c per dozen.

A. D. BROWN

It PAYS to trade at BROWN'S

Resino

In simply covered with eruption—What can I do?
"I can't rest, I can't sleep, and most of all, I hardly dare go out, for when it starts itching, I simply have to scratch, no matter where I am."
"Don't worry a bit—just get a cake of Resinol Soap and a jar of Resinol Ointment. Use them according to directions and I am sure you will get prompt relief, and that your skin will be all right in a few days."
Resinol Ointment is a richly fish-colored that can be used on exposed surfaces without attracting the attention of the neighbors. Contains nothing that could irritate the most sensitive skin. Resinol Ointment and Resinol Soap are sold by all druggists.

The Real American Beauty

How glorious and wonderful is the advent of another life. When baby is born there comes into the world a new soul, the real American Beauty. When the hour of a new and perfect future, the joy of motherhood should be as free from fear and danger as it is possible to make it. Thousands of women have used the safe and reliable application, "Mother's Friend". It is a wonderful help to nature in relieving strain and distress brought about by expanding muscles. The nerves, too, will be calmed, making the period one of cheerful days and restful nights. The breasts are kept in good condition and the abdominal muscles relax with ease when baby is born. "Mother's Friend" makes it possible for the expectant mother herself to actually aid nature in the glorious work to be performed, and no woman should neglect or fail to give nature a helping hand. It will mean infinitely less pain at the crisis.
Do not fall under any circumstances to get the greatest remedy ever compounded for expectant mothers. Write to the Bradford Regulator Co., Dept. J., 200 Lamar Building, Atlanta, Ga., for their book, "Mother's Friend". It is not only very useful, but will make you helpful to others. Remember to ask your druggist for a bottle.