

SOCIAL ITEMS.

The Twentieth Century Study Club held an especially instructive and improving meeting on Friday afternoon with Miss Mossie Long. Shakespeare's "Henry VIII" was the subject of study for the afternoon. Quotations from the play were given at roll call. A brief sketch of the play was read by Mrs. E. G. Scott. "King Henry, the Eighth," a character sketch—was given by Miss Elna Covington. Reading "The Prologue" by Mrs. H. D. Ledbetter. Miss Mary Cole sang delightfully for the Club "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes." The next meeting will be January 18th, with Mrs. J. M. Ledbetter.

On Monday afternoon Miss Rosa Parsons entertained the members of the Junior Study Club. American Prose was studied during the afternoon, roll call being answered with quotations from The Raven. Miss Lillian Long read a paper on "The Life of Washington Irving." Miss Jennie Parsons read an interesting sketch of "The Life of Edgar Allen Poe." This was followed by a reading "Effect of Uncle Tom's Cabin on History," by Harriet B. Stowe, read by Miss Eessie Terry. "O. Henry"—sketch of life—Miss Ernestine Nuttall. The program was closed with the reading of a short story by Miss Susie Russell. The hostess served delicious cinnamon toast and hot chocolate.

The King's Daughters held their regular semi-monthly meeting on Monday afternoon with Mrs. F. W. Leak. This was the first meeting of the New Year and was largely attended. Several new members were added to the already large membership list, and much interest was shown in the work planned for 1918. The meeting was presided over by the President, Miss Esdale Shaw. The minutes were read by the Secretary, Mrs. M. H. Russell, the Treasurer, Mrs. W. N. Everett, making her report and collecting dues for the past year. Many members made reports of needy cases cared for during the past spell of severe weather.

As a pretty compliment to Miss Susie Russell, who on January 16th, will become the bride of Mr. William Crosland, Mrs. J. Buren O'Brien entertained eight at tables of rook Saturday afternoon. Her attractive cottage was unusually pretty and cozy on this occasion with large fires in the living room and dining room where the game was played. Several interesting progressions were made, at the close of which the hostess asked for the highest score, which was found to be held by Miss Marguerite Paschal and to her was presented a small but useful tea caddy, while to the honor guest was given a beautiful pin—a friendship circle. A most delectable course of turkey, with dressing, creamed potatoes, hot toast and hot coffee was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Georga S. Steele delightfully entertained a few of their special friends at a pretty dinner on last Saturday.

On Monday night Mrs. John Morrison entertained at a bird supper complimentary to her sister, Miss Louise Crosland, who is at home from school in Baltimore for the Crosland-Russell wedding.

The Married Folks Bridge Club met with Miss Mossie Long at a delightful meeting on Wednesday. Only the club members were present; the three tables were placed in the living room by a cherry fire and an altogether enjoyable afternoon was had "among themselves." After several lively progressions the hostess served pear salad on lettuce, sandwiches, and hot tea.

The January meeting of the Music Club was held on Wednesday afternoon at three-thirty o'clock with Mrs. H. F. Long. Roll Call was responded to with current events in the musical world. An interesting paper on "Music in Paris" read Mrs. Bruce Benton. Miss Annie Smith delightfully rendered a piano solo, "Romanze," by LaFarge. Misses Hattie Marks and Ruth Harrison played selections from French composers. Every meeting of this club since its organization in the summer has been greatly enjoyed by its members and its future promises to be a very bright one.

Crosland-Russell Wedding.

The marriage of Mr. William Crosland and Miss Susie Russell will be solemnized at the Methodist church here next Wednesday night at 6:30, Rev. Z. V. Roberson, pastor of the bride, officiating.

Preceding the ceremony Miss Louise Hine, of Winston, will sing. The maid of honor will be Miss Lucy Verner, of Raleigh, and bridesmaids, Misses Cornelia Love, of Boston, and Louise Crosland, of Rockingham. The best man will be Adjutant P. McKoy Williams, Jr., of Camp Jackson, and ushers, June Diggs, Will McRae, James Covington and Coney Steele. The flower girls will be Elizabeth Whitlock, Elizabeth Myers and Betty Verner.

The couple will go North on a wedding trip.

Among those who will visit in the city for the wedding are:

Mrs. J. Q. Myers and daughter, Elizabeth, to arrive tonight, and visit Mrs. John Morrison.

Staying at the home of Mrs. M. H. Russell will be: Miss Louise Hine, of Winston, arrive tonight; Miss Cornelia Love, of Boston, to arrive Saturday; Mrs. Pettigrew Verner and daughter, Betty, of Charleston, S. C., to arrive Saturday, Miss Lucy Verner, of Raleigh, to arrive Monday; Miss Anna Stewart, of Laurinburg, and Miss Katherine Wilson, of West End, to arrive Monday.

Miss Sarah Williams, of Fayetteville, to visit Mrs. Z. V. Roberson, first of next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Evans and Mr. and Mrs. P. McKoy Williams, of Fayetteville, to visit Mrs. Lou Crosland, first of next week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Whitlock and daughter, Elizabeth, and Mr. and Mrs. James Crosland, of Charlotte, to arrive Tuesday.

Social at Ellerbe.

(Contributed)

A beautiful and brilliant event of New Year's was the reception given by Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Maness at their home in Ellerbe. Their home was beautifully decorated in red and green.

There was a contest and a prize offered for the best essay on, "How I had rather spend my Christmas holidays," and it was won by Mrs. A. A. Nelms, of Charlotte. Progressive rook was played during the evening.

Mrs. Maness and Mrs. Bennett served refreshments, the color scheme being carried out during the course. All agreed that this was the most enjoyable social event of the season, and rated Mrs. Maness a very charming hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. I. S. London and son, William Everett, moved today into the Dr. Bernard Garrett bungalow.

The exemption board for Richmond county Tuesday finished sending the questionnaires; approximately 2250 were sent out.

Miss Lucy Fowlkes went to Monroe on Monday, returning Wednesday night. While away she was the guest of Miss Virginia Lee.

Misses Rosa and Jennie Parsons left Friday for Greensboro, where they will spend a week or ten days as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Parsons.

Miss Maude Moore spent the week-end in Charlotte.

Two fine mules belonging to William Little backed off of Smith's ferry, near Mangum, Wednesday, with a loaded wagon into fifteen feet of water and were drowned.

A party of fifteen men from the city are this week camping in the sandhills, about eight miles distant; the noise from the hunting has driven all game to the four corners; they carried enough Cincinnati steak with them to last the week.

The newly elected officers of the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist church were installed at the home of Mrs. Geo. S. Steele Tuesday; they are: Pres. Mrs. R. B. Waddell; 1st Vice Pres. Mrs. Geo. S. Steele; 2nd, Mrs. W. L. Steele; Treas. Mrs. J. C. Davis; Recording Sec. Mrs. Stephen Steele; Corresponding Sec. Mrs. Frank Biggs; Supt. of Social Service & Supply, Mrs. W. T. Covington; Supt. of "Missionary Voice," Mrs. J. R. Smith; Emergency Fund Treas. Mrs. G. F. Smith; Supt. of Floral Designs, Mrs. Willie W. Stansill.

Following our usual custom we are closing out women's ready-to-wear at exactly half price. This is an opportunity not often seen, as we have some very rare bargains in our offerings.—W. E. Harrison & Land Co.

Special attention is called to the half price sale by W. E. Harrison & Land Co. in this issue.

The British war office has issued a summary of their captures and losses for the year 1917. The total captures for 1917 on all fronts numbered 114,544 prisoners and 781 guns. The losses numbered 28,379 prisoners and 166 guns.

Only a few coatsuits and dresses left, but what we have are the best quality and style at half price.—W. E. Harrison & Land Co.

The inventory sale of coatsuits, coats and dresses are now being offered at half price by the W. E. Harrison & Land Co.

Don't Feed Stimulants.

Don't feed pepper and dope to make your hens lay. It may work for a time, but over-stimulation destroys vitality and opens the way for colds, roup and other diseases.—Southern Ruralist.

Roberdel Notes.

(Contributed)

Mr. John LeGrand, of Bennettsville, S. C., and Mr. Hampton LeGrand, of Wadesboro, have been visiting their father, Mr. Robert LeGrand, who has been ill since last Wednesday night with pneumonia.

The Community Club Prizes have been given out. The winners' names will be printed next week.

The attendance at Roberdel High School averages much better this week than last. It is a regrettable fact that there is so much sickness, such as whooping-cough, etc., among the school children.

Mr. Jep Gibson and family are moving to Hamlet, and Mr. Neal Reynolds and family are moving into Mr. Gibson's house. The people of this part of the town welcome Mr. Reynolds into their midst, but regret that Mr. Gibson and family are leaving.

We are glad to know that Steadman Gibson, of Camp Jackson, who has been in the hospital, is now able to go back to camp duties.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gay died last Thursday, after several weeks of illness with bronchitis.

Reduced price on women's high boots.—W. E. Harrison & Land Co.

MILD

WEATHER THIS WEEK,

and that is why it behooves you to "take a stitch in time." There is every prospect of another bitter cold wave. Therefore why not come in and prepare for it by buying a warm overcoat? Prices \$10 and up. Also, gloves, sweaters, shoes and all winter necessities. Let us clothe you:

Dockery-McNair Clothing Co.

MULES

Our manager, J. T. Collier, arrived from Atlanta this morning--Thursday--where he bought a car load of unusually fine mules, the very cream of the market. These splendid animals will arrive in Rockingham either tonight or Friday morning, and we ask you to call and see them.

We can make prices and terms that will suit you.

M. W. Bryant & Co.

J. T. COLLIER, Mgr.

Rockingham, N. C. Sheriff Hinson Stables. Phone 303.