

IN SOCIETY

leaguers and the public generally. Besides the literary feature there will be some good music.

Resolutions Adopted by St. Agnes Guild

At a meeting of St. Agnes' Guild, held at the home of the president on Friday afternoon, Feb. 13, a committee of three was appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of Florence Tucker Boylan. A copy of these resolutions is herewith submitted:

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represent. Those present were: Miss Jacqueline Gant, Miss Long of Luray, Va., Mrs. James H. Holt, Mrs. James N. Williamson, Jr., Messrs. Robert L. Holt, Victor Graves, L. Banks Williamson, Norman H. Johnson, Col. Eugene Holt, Col. James H. Holt, Dr. H. R. Moore, Erwin Allen Holt, Louis Williamson, Joseph Gant, J. N. Williamson, Jr., Kenneth Gant.

WHITAKER ON PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Representative Whitaker of Guilford, in speaking on the bill to enlarge and extend public school libraries Friday night, said:

This bill is of special interest and importance to the people of North Carolina. The children living in towns and cities have had the advantage of public libraries and reading rooms and of daily newspapers and periodicals. These things have largely been denied the children on the farms. The reason is obvious. In the early sixties when North Carolina called for men to defend her, from no where came braver men, more gladly or in a greater number, according to population, than from the farms, and though they won imperishable glory on the field of battle, they returned home to find themselves ruined in fortune.

Their slaves were free, their farms devastated, their social conditions and traditions overturned. In peace they have shown no less resolution than in war, in their efforts to restore their fortunes, but they have been unable to provide for their children the advantages they so much needed and desired. It is needless for me to declare to men here the results for good that come from the reading of books. My profession has brought me in contact with the boys and girls of the farms, and I know something of their aspirations, of their longings to know more of the great truths that may be learned by contact with the great authors—poets, historians, novelists of the world. Two years ago gentlemen in this House declared, when a similar bill to this was offered, that the books would be lost, and that this would mean a loss to the state. I say tonight, that though many of the books are lost, their contents may be found in the hearts and minds of her children. You have read the beautiful poem of the "Arrow and Song." How an arrow was shot into the air. It fell, he knew not where. He sang a song, but no vision is so swift and strong that it can follow the flight of song. Two years after in the heart of an oak, the arrow was found unbroken, but the song from beginning to end was found in the heart of a friend. Pass this bill, establish new rural libraries, and strengthen the old and long years hence the results may be seen in the ennobled lives of our people.

These present were: Misses May Montague, Rebekah Chambers of Charlotte, Louise Venable of Chapel Hill, Mary Thompson, Christine Busbee, Margaret Alexander of Chapel Hill, Florence Thomas of Charlotte, Mary Henderson of Salisbury, Irene Lacy, Belle Moncure, Caro Brevard of Charlotte, Margaret Stedman, Vivian Moncure, Annie Root, Katharine Means of Charleston, S. C., Mae Winslow of Hertford, N. C., Margaret Turk of Washington, D. C., Helen Spedes, Boling, Hubert of Bolting, Va., Isabel Gary of Henderson, Mary Spedes, Eliza Brown, Margaret Sanborn of Buena Vista, Va., Cantey Venable of Chapel Hill, Blanche Haywood, Mary Andrews, Lucy Redwood of Asheville, Ettie Haywood, Lillie Skinner, Minnie Burgwyn of Jackson, Annie Montague, Ella Simmons, Kittle Coleman of Macon, Ga., Elise Gregory of Henderson, Margaret McPheters, Susie McPheters.

USA CLUB ENTERTAINS

A charming Valentine Party at Goldsboro in honor of Miss Ross

Goldsboro, N. C., Feb. 14.—Special.—A number of the popular young ladies of this city have organized the "Una Club," and last night gave a most delightful "valentine party" at the home of Miss Mary Bass, which was highly enjoyed by those present. The decorations were in myriads of pink hearts and carnations, and the game of the evening was a guessing contest in which R. W. Morrow won the first prize and Mr. George Gardner landed the booty, and in which both of them were closely crowded by others, which made the spirited contest all the more enjoyable.

Delicious refreshments were served, and the "Una Club" was voted by their highly delighted invited guests, and the young gentlemen in particular, the banner as the prettiest valentine group in the city.

MARRIED IN HER NATIVE CITY

Miss Bonitz and Mr. Moss, of Lynchburg, Flit Their Troth in Goldsboro

Goldsboro, N. C., Feb. 14.—Special.—A surprise marriage took place Thursday night at the home of Miss Daisy Smith. Some days ago Miss No. 10 Bonitz came here from Lynchburg, Va., to visit Miss Smith. Thursday afternoon Mr. Daniel Moss of Lynchburg came to Goldsboro by appointment, and he and Miss Bonitz were married that night. The happy event had been arranged by them, but it was none the less a surprise to the bride's friends in this city, her birthplace and former home, and where her lamented father lies buried.

It was not a romance, therefore, but a sweet and patriotic sentiment on her part to wish to be married in Goldsboro. Our good friend, Mr. W. H. Smith, always generous and hospitable, gave the happy young couple a delightful wedding supper, and they left on the 9:35 northbound train last night for a bride trip to Washington and Baltimore, where the groom's mother resides. Thence they will return to Lynchburg, where Mr. Moss is engaged in business.

WANT TO PLAY BALL

Sumpter Military Institute Vain Because They Have Some North Carolina Boys

The following interesting item has been received from W. H. Evans of the Sumpter, S. C. Military Institute under date of February 11th:

"The baseball team of the Sumpter Military Academy is making speedy progress and those that witness their practices are of the opinion that they will be hard to handle, as they have a good many boys from North Carolina and adjoining states who cannot be beaten in the states for amateur players. Our schedule is not entirely completed and is open for a few more dates and any team wishing to arrange games with us we would be glad to hear from them at once."

Increase in Bank Deposits

In the year 1886 the bank deposits in Raleigh banks amounted to \$1,200,000. In 1890 the amount was \$1,200,000. This year, 1903, the deposits have reached the sum of 2,700,000, equal to the total amount for the years 1886 and 1893.

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TAILOR-MADE SPRING SUITS.

The Authoritative Showing of the Season.

Your spring costume is already here. No disappointing delays. No worry of planning. No trimming to puzzle over. Try it on. See how it looks. If it don't suit you try another. Plenty of designs, you know. Made-to-order costumes afford you no second choice. You must take it when finished, whether it meets your expectations or not. "All ready" customers gives you many choices—and you needn't take any if you're not suited. The very latest styles in Jackets, mostly blouse effects, with "Laigion" collars and "Pagoda" sleeves. Skirts are nine, eleven and fifteen gores, with decided flares. Extreme light-weight materials, approved styles, unsurpassed workmanship, fit guaranteed. Prices range from \$15 to \$25. Your inspection solicited.

Shirt Waist Suits

Fashion decrees that every well dressed woman shall wear them for Spring Outing Suits. We are undoubtedly showing the greatest line of material for the purpose to be seen anywhere.

Mohairs

Plain colors, fancies. Also black and white from 50c to \$1.50 per yard.

Woolens

In plain and fancy weaves, large open effects. Etimenes, Mistrals, Eoliennes and Cords per yard, 50c to \$1.50.

Linens

In light, medium and dark colors, new patterns, new weaves. Makes real smart chick dresses. Per yard, 35 to 60c.

Corduroys

For Spring Jackets and Blouses. Also Children's Wraps. Colors are navy, castor, red and black. 27 inches wide, 75c value, per yard, 50c.

Moire Chiffon

The newest, prettiest, lightest, airiest of all spring creations. Suitable for evening dresses and trimming. Colors are white, cream and black, 47 inches wide, per yard, \$1.50.

Cotton Outings

The new spring patterns, beautiful designs for house dresses, wrappers, kimonas. Also a few dark colors from the fall stock. 10c values, per yard, for 6 1-4c.

Spring Mattings For Floor Coverings

Mattings from the Orient, which should have been here about Jan. 10th, have just arrived. And Mattings grow more beautiful each year. It is more and more possible to harmonize them with any color scheme of room decorations. And this year our patterns are marvelous, and the prices!—well, here's a long story in a few words. If we had to buy them now we'd pay more than we ask you for the same article. Now, if you are in need or will need one or more of the most economical, cleanest, coolest warm weather floor coverings take advantage of our early purchases. China and Japan Mattings from \$6.50 a roll of 40 yds to \$24.00. No charge for laying or making.

Colored Cotton Stuffs

Too much cannot be said for this line. Every worthy fabric is shown, and every whim and desire can be gratified.

PER YARD

Dress Ginghams, 10 to 25c
Dress Nainsook, 12 1-2 to 35c
Dress Madras 1-2 12 to 50c
London Cords, 12 1-2c
Punjab Percals, 12-12c
Flake Suiting, 25c
Coronation Suiting, 25c
Mercerized Cottons, 15 to 75c
Cotton Cheviots, 10 to 25c

In fact, everything you can call for.

New Ribbons

They are here, and pretty new things are a feast to behold. Beautiful light color and white grounds with Dresden and Floral designs,

are indeed charming. Plain colors in taffetas and satins. Stock complete.

New Dress Goods and Trimmings

Every day this past week has brought reinforcements to these lines. We now announce ready with the spring woollens in black, cream and colors. The latest fabrics and colors are here. And it's our pleasure to show them. See our display tomorrow.

White Goods

A larger and more comprehensive line has never been shown in Raleigh, from the sheershest Organdie Lesse to the heaviest Oxford Madras. The line of Shirt Waist and Suit Cloth is unsurpassed, and prices are in keeping with quality.

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BINGHAM COULD A TALE UNFOLD

Members of Congress Talk of an Investigation of White House Expenditures

Washington, Feb. 14.—The transfer of Colonel Bingham, corps of engineers from duty in charge of the White House and public buildings and expenditures for the improvement and remodeling of the White House, Col. Bingham has created the impression in his letter to Chairman Cannon of the House appropriations committee, that there was a useless waste of public money in furnishing the White House, and there is a disposition on the part of some members of Congress to call for a detailed explanation of the expenditures. Col. Bingham disbursed all the money for the new construction, the interior and exterior construction, and the refurnishing of the mansion, to the smallest article necessary to the comfort and convenience of the occupants. Unless officially called upon, however,

he will not disclose the items of expense connected with the changes made by Architect McKim of New York, who had entire charge of the improvements. Congress appropriated \$600,000 for the complete renovation of the White House, including the construction and furnishing of an executive office. This sum was to be disbursed by Col. Bingham upon the order of Mr. McKim, who was given carte blanche by the president to direct the work, design the changes and make all contracts. For his work in this connection Mr. McKim was to receive from the appropriation a commission of 5 per cent, on all construction work and ten per cent, on all decorations. The decorations expended for the executive office alone amounted to about \$85,000 and it is this item which has called forth the greater part of the criticism levelled at the work. It is claimed that too much money was expended in decoration and furnishing, and too little in construction, and regarding the character of the bills Col. Bingham and McKim frequently differed. Col. Bingham was never of the opinion that the expenditures were not technically regular, his only objection being that they had the appearance of extravagance and that the improvements were of such a nature as to require a considerable sum to keep them in proper condition. In his letter to Chairman Cannon he calls particular attention to the special-

ly designed silver door knobs and escutcheons, the various glass knobs, the silver and gilt hinges, the hardwood floors, the twenty-two hundred incandescent lights, the intricate system of heating and the electric dish warmer in the pantry. These are said to be but a slight indication of the character of the different articles paid for by Mr. McKim in improving the White House, and the offering of a resolution calling for a detailed statement of the expenditures made by Col. Bingham is now under consideration. An effort has been made to make it appear that Col. Bingham was relieved of his own request, and that he and the president had never discussed the contents of his letter to Chairman Cannon, in which he argued that the large family which occupies the White House and the large amount of entertaining done by the president are responsible for a necessary increase in the appropriation. Notwithstanding statements to the contrary, it is known to several persons close to the president, that he and Col. Bingham did talk the matter over, and that soon after Col. Bingham assumed a friend of the president, that he had satisfactorily explained the matter. At that time, however, the president had already made up his mind to have a new White House chamberlain. The idea of the determination to transfer Col. Bingham was reached soon after the improvements on the White House were begun as he had al-

ready given evidences of dissatisfaction with Mr. McKim's plans and ideas. At that time Col. Bingham asked that the transfer be made immediately, but satisfactory reassignment of other members of the engineer corps could not be made. The objectionable letter to Cannon appeared in the newspapers, and Col. Bingham, learning that his transfer was again under consideration by the president, requested that he be relieved at once. His request was not granted, however, and orders were prepared for his transfer the latter part of April.

Carving Match in Durham

Durham, N. C., Feb. 13.—Special.—In the police court this morning James Burgess and Charles George, Wake county farmers, who are double first cousins, were tried on the charge of carrying each other. They came to town yesterday with produce and began to load up with liquor. Late in the evening they engaged in a fight over swapping knives, and each used the knife of the other on his opponent. George received a rather bad cut in the side, but there will be no serious results. Burgess was cut back several times about the face. Both gave bond and have returned to their homes.