

Clubs Societies

Weekly Gossip from the Social, Religious, Fraternal and Other Organizations

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF CLUBS, READ THE "STORY" IN THE DEFENDER ON HELPING THE POOR AT XMAS. WILL YOUR CLUB HELP?

POINSETTA CLUB.

The Poinsetta Embroidery Club met Monday, December 14th, at the residence of Mrs. Maxie Frimbanks, 3748 Rhodes avenue. The ladies are much enthused over their work, and hope to produce what they have accomplished during the holidays. This club gave \$2 for the charity fund of the Chicago Defender. Most of the members of this club are subscribers of the Defender or will be by the first of the year.

THE SAMARITAN CLUB.

The Samaritan Club embroidery class met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Scott, 5020 Federal street. The club has adjourned until the first Thursday in January, when they meet at the home of Mrs. Oglesby, 3744 Rhodes avenue. To the Editor of the Defender: Enclosed you will find \$1 as a donation from the Samaritan Club to your Christmas fund helping the poor. Mrs. Effie Oglesby, president, 3744 Rhodes avenue.

ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY.

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will hold its seventh annual convention at the seat of the Theta Chapter in Chicago, Illinois, December 29th to 31st, 1914. The Theta Chapter embraces students of Chicago University, Northwestern University and other higher institutions of Chicago and its immediate vicinity.

The last annual convention was held in Washington, D. C., at Howard University, December 29th to 31, 1913. At the coming convention the question of accepting applications for chapter representations in schools of the south, rated in the Carnegie Foundation, will come up for favorable discussion. The Alpha Phi Alpha is the oldest intercollegiate Greek letter fraternity among race students. It was founded at Cornell University in 1907. It has now 16 active chapters representing the leading universities of America and Canada. It has an enrollment of 650 members, who have been or are now pursuing a college or university degree.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS CENTER.

Sunday, December 20, at 4 p. m., Rev. D. H. Harris, of Shiloh Church, will give a Christmas sermon. Miss Lorenza Cryster will give several piano numbers. The recital of last Sunday was very much enjoyed by all.

Last Tuesday the Center Woman's Club had an enjoyable program of readings by Mrs. Hattie Todd and Miss Birdye Haines. Miss Laura Brasley and Mrs. Washington were appointed on the committee to arrange the Christmas basket for the Soldiers' Widows' Rest at Thirty-third street and Forest avenue. All persons interested in this will kindly leave the same at the Center before Christmas eve.

THE BUCKEYE CLUB.

The Buckeye Club held its installation of officers at the Institutional Church, Saturday evening, Dec. 12. The following named elected officers were formally installed: Mr. E. T. Clark Buster, president; Mrs. Rebecca Bass, vice-president; Mr. Edgar Thompson, secretary; Mr. Wilson H. Fields, treasurer; Mrs. Lena Ramsey, chaplain; Mr. L. L. C. Kindree, master of ceremonies. A remarkable musical program was rendered by Miss Dorothy Simpson, Miss Summer and other talented participants of the club. This club promises to do much toward advancing its members and associates along the line of literary, social, charitable and industrial attainments. All former residents of the state of Ohio or relative Ohioans are eligible to membership. The next place of meeting will be at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Simpson, 20 E. Forty-second street, Saturday evening, Jan. 9, at 8:30 o'clock. An excellent program will be rendered.

THE EXCELSIOR CLUB.

The Excelsior Club, a young ladies' pleasure club, recently organized, met Friday evening, Dec. 11, at the home of Miss Ollie Bleasley, 5118 Wabash avenue. After the business of the club was finished several games of cards were enjoyed by the members.

K. D. TILLMAN CLUB.

The K. D. Tillman Club met at the residence of Mrs. Minnie Hayes, 6038 Ada street, on Dec. 8, giving a "talent social," each member being requested to bring in 25 cents that she had earned and tell how she earned it. The means employed to earn this 25 cents ran from selling rags, bottles and old iron to making dresses for some of the participants in a church wedding. There was a nice crowd out and a goodly sum was realized.

TEXAS CLUB.

The Hon. John R. Lynch, retired major U. S. Army, was the principal speaker before the Texas Fellowship Club Sunday afternoon at the Central Baptist Church, corner of Thirty-seventh street and Rhodes avenue. After the regular routine of business the program was rendered. Hon. J. Gray Lucas sang a solo. A second solo was sung by a Mr. Williams. The pastor, Rev. G. W. Oldham, was host, but did not serve refreshments.

THE YOUNG MATRONS' CULTURE CLUB.

The Young Matrons' Culture Club met at the residence of Mrs. Emma Andrews. Promptly at 2:30 p. m. the meeting was opened. After the general routine of business, Mrs. Foster, the mother of the hostess, made an interesting and encouraging talk. Mrs. Anna Johnson was the first receiver of a prize, being the first to reach the home before 2:30 p. m.

WAYS AND MEANS SOCIETY.

The Ways and Means Society and friends were entertained by Mrs. Marie Clay Hudlin, 3250 Vernon avenue, Monday afternoon. There was a very excellent program rendered. A piano selection by little Miss Helen L. Leftlet, vocal solos by Miss Irene B. Hudlin and Master Gordon Mitchell, piano selections by Mrs. Martha Mitchell and a very beautiful paper on "Mother Culture" by Mrs. Ellen L. Bronston. Every mother in Chicago should have heard this splendid tribute to motherhood. A silver offering was collected, the proceeds of which will be given to the Sunday school of Grace Presbyterian Church to help swell the fund they are raising for a Christmas donation to the poor.

INTRA-MURAL CLUB.

The Intra-Mural Club met last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Sadie Anderson, 510 E. Thirty-sixth street. The prizes were awarded as usual. Gertrude Moore, first prize; Mrs. E. Euper, second. Mrs. Bowser, Mrs. Halfacre and Mrs. Hubbard were guests. A very elegant luncheon was served by the hostess.

CLUB NOTICE.

Any club which has all its members on the Defender mailing list will publish a full account of their meeting and where the next meeting is to be held. All members must be subscribers and on the books paid.

NEGRO FELLOWSHIP LEAGUE.

The Sunday afternoon meeting of the League will not take place on this coming Sunday on account of the fifth annual literary contest at Bethel Church, having a competitor in the contest. The regular meeting will be held on Sunday, Dec. 27, at which time the discussion on "The Aldermanic Situation in the Second Ward" will be continued. This was the topic on Sunday last. The reading room was crowded. Hon. E. H. Wright delivered an able address on this subject, followed by short addresses from others present. A committee was appointed to arrange for a conference between the three aldermanic candidates. If you are interested in this matter you are cordially invited to be present at the reading room, 3005 State street, at 4 p. m.

MEN'S CIVIC CLUB.

Spend a very pleasant hour every Tuesday evening with the Men's Civic Club at 3005 State street, from 8 to 9 o'clock. The club is growing in interest and membership at each meeting. Questions of vital importance are being solved. Visitors cordially invited to be present and take part in the weekly discussions on current events.

ALPHA SUFFRAGE CLUB.

A lively discussion was held at the meeting of the Alpha Suffrage Club on last Wednesday evening. The subject was, "Shall We Have a Municipal Dance Hall in the Second Ward?" It was led by Mesdames Alberta Moore Smith and Jessie Thomas and Miss Sophie Boaz. Many points were advanced to show the necessity of such a movement in this ward. Regular meetings of the club every Wednesday at 8 o'clock, 3005 State street.

THE PROGRESSIVE NEGRO LEAGUE.

The Progressive Negro League held a special meeting at 3538 Vernon avenue, the residence of Rev. E. P. Robinson, on Thursday evening, Dec. 10, and the regular business meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the same place. At both of these meetings much business was transacted for the good of the league and stirring reports were made by the chairmen of the public service, political, literary, program and other committees. The president mapped out some good plans for the winter work. The regular Sunday afternoon meeting of the league will be held at 3811 Wabash avenue, next Sunday, Dec. 20, at 4 p. m. All members are requested to be present and bring their visiting friends, as this will be the last meeting for the year 1914.

EUREKA FINE.

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The Eureka Fine Art Club met at Mrs. Carrie Davis' residence, 3512 La Salle street, on Thursday, where they had an enjoyable time.

PHYLLIS WHEATLEY CLUB.

The Phyllis Wheatley Club of Joliet, Ill., had a lecture at the Methodist Church Sunday at which Dr. Mary Waring gave an enthusiastic talk on the exposition to be held in August, 1915, to celebrate fifty years of negro freedom. The lecturer received hearty applause and an invitation to return at an early date and address the club again.

NECESSITY CLUB.

The Necessity Club will entertain their friends Monday evening, Dec. 28, 1914, at Masonic Hall. Dancing. Mr. Carey B. Lewis will make the introductory remarks. All friends of the club are cordially invited. There is much need of work among the poor; there is much that one can do by personal contact, especially where there is sickness and friendless.

THE GAUDEAMUS CLUB.

The Gaudemus Club met Dec. 14 at the home of Mrs. N. A. Williams, 3640 Wabash avenue. A large number were present. Preparations were made for a benefit for the Old Folks' Home in the near future.

THE CLOTEE SCOTT SETTLEMENT.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Neighborhood Club of the Clotee Scott Settlement will be held Monday evening, Dec. 21, at 8 o'clock at the Settlement, 5621 Harper avenue. All members are requested to be present. Fine program.

The young people of Hyde Park who belong to one other club in the Settlement will be allowed to join the dancing class that meets every Thursday evening from 8 to 10:30. Mrs. Rosa Fouché is teacher.

Miss Campbell, teacher of music in the Chicago public high schools, will have charge of the Young Men's Glee Club meeting Saturday evening, from 8 to 9:30, until Jan. 1. Then the young men and Ladies' Glee Clubs will meet every Sunday afternoon from 4 to 7 o'clock.

The crochet and embroidery class meets each Thursday at 2 p. m.

All children rehearsing for the holiday exercises must be at the Settlement at the regular time, Tuesday and Saturday afternoons, from 4 to 5:30.

PHILOMATHIAN CLUB.

The Philomathian Dramatic Club held a business meeting Thursday, Dec. 10, at the residence of Mrs. M. Slayter, 5138 Wabash avenue. After the transaction of routine business the members spent the evening in rehearsal of the drama to be presented in the near future. The next meeting will be held Thursday, Dec. 17, 1914, at the residence of Miss Geneva Jones, 4165 S. State street.