

In Club and Society Circles

The editor of this department will be pleased to have attention called to items for publication in these columns for the Wednesday and Saturday issues of The News, and may be reached by telephone at The News office, number 135, or at 147-J.

The past few days have been somewhat quiet in social circles, and it is rumored that the well-known bugbear "Spring House Cleaning" is responsible in part. However, we may expect renewed activities after it is all over, while spotless interiors and subdued sheen of furnishings are still a matter of pride to their owners.

Birthday Surprise.

Mr. G. W. Kruse, of Melrose, celebrated his fifty-third birthday on Monday evening in a totally unexpected manner. Preparing for a quiet fireside evening, he was surprised by the arrival of the first installment of a party of friends and relatives who numbered over one hundred when the party was complete. This was the first time in many years that the various branches of the family have managed to gather at one time, and the occasion was a very happy one. Miss Cora Goodman, the well known musician and vocal teacher, added much to the pleasure of the evening with a number of songs and instrumental selections. Mrs. Busenbark's mother, Mrs. Allen, who has passed the ninety-third milestone of her life, and appreciates the significance of such events, presented Mr. Kruse with a birthday book, in which the guests inscribed their names and dates of birth, as a memento of the day for Mr. Kruse. A splendid report finished the evening's entertainment and a very pleasant anniversary for Mr. Kruse.

Miss Cook Surprised.

Miss Jennie Cook, a teacher in the departmental work of the seventh and eighth grades of the Benson school, was tendered a complete surprise by some of her pupils last Saturday afternoon. About twenty of the girls from these classes appeared at the Churchill residence where Miss Cook makes her home, and announced their desire to spend the afternoon. Miss Cook received the party graciously and enjoyed the afternoon as much as the self-invited guests who later produced baskets of refreshments as a fitting close for the afternoon.

Afternoon at Porter Home.

Mrs. O. H. Porter entertained today with another of her series of delightful afternoon favoring her mother, Mrs. Votaw, who expects to leave for her home in Chicago some

time in May, after an extended visit with her daughter in Roseburg. During the afternoon the hostess gave a most entertaining reading from Winston Churchill's popular novel, "A Far Country," from the chapter called "The Good Ship Petrel". Needlework and refreshments completed a very enjoyable afternoon.

Miss Page Entertains at Dinner.

Covers for eight were attractively laid at the dining table at the home of Colonel E. W. Page last Saturday evening when his daughter, Miss Margaret, was hostess for dinner. Fragrant carnations in pink and white made a very pretty center for the table, about which the party was seated. Besides the hostess and her father, Colonel Page, the party included Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Coshov, Mr. and Mrs. George Ritter, and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Phillips.

Birthday Dinner.

Mrs. J. W. Dowell, of Umpqua avenue, was hostess for a prettily appointed dinner last Wednesday evening at seven o'clock, honoring her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Thompson, and Mr. C. M. McGrath, whose birthdays were celebrated on the same day, April fifth. Centering the table were two birthday cakes, one bearing eighteen candles, denoting Mrs. Thompson's years, and the other twenty-one, for Mr. McGrath. The guests were Mr. Dowell, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and baby, Miss Ruth Averill and Mr. McGrath.

For the Kendalls.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendall will be the honor guests at a dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Barker this evening. A color scheme of yellow has been planned for the dining table where covers have been arranged for Mr. and Mrs. Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. Seiceman, Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Stewart, Mr. Von Planta and Mr. and Mrs. Barker.

Seicemans Have House Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Kendall, who arrived in Roseburg Monday evening, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Seiceman. Their visit is to be very short as they plan to leave on Thursday night, so a number of hostesses who had hoped to entertain them were obliged to abandon their plans. On Tuesday afternoon several ladies were asked in by Mrs. Seiceman for an informal afternoon of bridge, and Mr. Von Planta was a dinner guest the same evening.

The Merry-Go-Round Club of Greens was entertained at the home of Mrs. Fred Renner this afternoon. Mrs. Harry Winston and Miss Genevieve Skinner assisted the hostess in serving refreshments to the guests after an afternoon spent at needlework.

Inez Kitchin Collins Visits Parents.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Kitchin are enjoying a visit from their daughter, Mrs. A. E. Collins, and her year-old son, of Dalkena, Wash. This is the first visit of the small grandson, and Mrs. Kitchin has invited a number of the very youthful members of society, accompanied by their mothers, for next Friday afternoon to make the acquaintance of Master Collins. Mrs. Collins was also the inspiration for a charmingly informal party for which Miss Besse Wharton was hostess last Saturday evening. Those present were Mrs. Collins, the Misses Florence Lillburn, Allie Black, Lucy Bridges, Anna Bryan, Elizabeth Dolan and Cora Ueland.

The Sunday school organization of the Methodist Church South last night entertained its members and their parents at the Maccabee hall. This is the second annual event of this kind and was attended by one hundred and fifty persons, who were afforded a most enjoyable evening. After the party had assembled a short program was given, including a vocal solo by Miss Beulah Fisher, an instrumental duet by Josephine McElhinny and Lois Geddes, a vocal solo by Mr. Lyman Spencer, and an appropriate talk by the pastor, Rev. C. H. Cleaves. Games of various sorts had been arranged by the program committee, after which the guests were asked to find places about the banquet board, where another sort of good cheer was provided. The evening was enjoyed by children and elders alike, and these meetings will doubtless be continued as annual events.

Devotees of the dance have been afforded several opportunities this week to indulge in that pastime. The dance at Dixonville on Monday evening was attended by the usual enthusiastic crowd, and the Stepping Club which held forth at the Armory last night included the regular members, many of whom carried out the edict which had gone forth, bidding them appear in overalls and aprons. Another dance will be held at the Armory Friday evening, the party including the members of the new dancing club which was formed last week, together with a number of others who have been invited to join.

The young people of the Christian church gathered in the parlors of the church last evening and enjoyed a social time at games and music. The boys were "April fooled" when the time for refreshments arrived, for the delectable looking pies which were set before them proved to be "shams" and contained naught but peanuts in the shell, with which they were forced to content themselves.

SOCIAL FAVORITE AT WINTER RESORT



Miss Betty La Fell.

Miss Betty La Fell, New York society favorite, is said to be the prettiest girl in the winter colony at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. She is an outdoor enthusiast and particularly delights in taking long walks and rides over the shady roads. She is shown here in an unconventional pose.

The Book and Bag Club met again with Mrs. Hal V. Halverson at the home of Mrs. Bryant, on Monday evening, when they finished Maeterlinck's play "Mary Magdalene," which they have been reading. A new play will be taken up at the next meeting which will be held at the home of the Misses Martens.

Mrs. McNab, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Winston, of Greens, has returned to her home in Reedport after a visit of three weeks at the home of her parents.

The Rebekahs had their regular weekly business and social meeting last evening, and announce the initiation of several candidates for the meeting next week.

The missionary society of the Presbyterian church will meet in social session tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. J. Shoemaker.

Mrs. Clark Barger was hostess to the members of the Sewing Club on Monday evening.

CLUB MEETING IS ENTHUSIASTIC

Owing to many counter attractions the regular monthly meeting of the Commercial club was not attended by more than twenty-five, but it made up in enthusiasm what it lacked in numbers. The record of the trustees meetings were read to the members and the action taken on the various matters coming to the attention of the board was ratified. The secretary reported that through the activity of the club a general text is being made of the sugar beet and flax propositions and next year will probably see the establishment of plants for manufacturing both of these products. New members are coming into the club every meeting the increase being about 20 per month. While this is not as rapid as the officials would like to see it, it shows at least a good healthy growth. An organized effort will be made by personal work to largely increase this number, with the idea of reaching the goal of 400 members.

More funds are needed by the club to properly carry on the work it is doing, and no difficulty is anticipated in securing a sufficient sum. The work which is being done now is development work pure and simple, without boosting or booming. The future of the Umpqua valley depends on the development of its natural resources and raising the productivity of its soil to the highest possible degree, thereby multiplying the returns which are received many fold.

The matter of securing the planting of more bur clover as a forage crop was discussed at length, and it will be undertaken by the club in a small way this year. The crop is not very well known at present, and its value as a forage crop is becoming more apparent every year.



CYRIL SCOTT
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The Commercial club is doing a great deal of work along experimental lines which properly comes under the duties of a county agricultural expert, and it is hoped to secure such an official next year, when the club will continue to act in conjunction with him. The club is now seeking for broom corn seed, and expects to obtain a supply shortly when it will be distributed among those who are willing to give it a trial. The club still has a supply of sugar beet seed, and fiber flax seed, which it will be glad to distribute to any farmer who will give it a fair test. All such growers are invited to call at the club rooms and secure a sample from the secretary.



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