

Birmingham

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 2—Mrs. Y. M. Washington is slowly improving at St. Vincent hospital where she has been quite ill for several weeks having had a number of blood transfusions which are giving her strength.

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Thirteen matrons, members of the Thirteen Bridgette club, opened their initial meeting for this year when a short business meeting was held. Then a series of bridge games played with Mrs. M. L. Larness winning top honors, a beautiful piece of lingerie and Mrs. W. E. Elston won second, a lovely pair of sheer silk hose. Officers were elected. Mrs. C. J. Greene is president and treasurer; Mrs. W. E. Elston, secretary; and Mrs. Virgil Harriss, reporter. They meet with Mrs. Mary Elston Doss Saturday.

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Club members of the Coreopsis club were entertained at the home of Mrs. Virginia Caswell and Mrs. Florrie Salter Evans was honoree of a miscellaneous shower. Miss Mattie Perry greeted the guests, and Miss Sebelles Evans, president, assisted. Miss Evelyn Dixon, Mrs. S. F. Salter, mother of the bride, assisted in receiving gifts. Miss Althe Smith kept the bride's book and serving the guests numbering near a hundred were Mrs. Gussie Howard, and Miss Elizabeth Green.

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Miss Gladys McNair of Bessemer, Ala., spent a lovely holiday season with Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Davis of Cincinnati, Ohio. She is back at her duties as teacher in the city of Bessemer.

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Mrs. Hirtlean Evens Harberd of Detroit, Mich., stopped over for a day with Mrs. James Halsey. She was enroute to visit her brother, Ira Evans of Gadsden, Ala.

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The body of McCawley Rowe was brought from Saginaw, Mich., Tuesday for burial at Prattville, Ala., Several relatives accompanied the body to his home. His sister, Miss M. B. Rowe, secretary to Grand Master O. W. Adams of the Alabama Pythians, joined the family here and proceeded to the home for the funeral.

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The local Tuskegee club met Sunday in the Pilgrim Insurance office in Masonic Temple. Guest speaker was William Cartre, retired treasurer of Tuskegee institute. The club is arranging plans for the presentation of the Tuskegee basketball team to play here soon, and expects the support of all the Tuskegeesans. The public is invited to their meeting. They attended the presentation of the Tuskegee choir who sang at the City auditorium Saturday, when the Alabama Symphony of the new South was heard on a nation-wide hookup.

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Sunday at the Sixth Avenue Baptist church Rev. John W. Goodgame, Jr., pastor was a novel feature program presented honoring Mrs. Mary E. Strong, owner of the Undertaking home named after her. This was a day set aside in her honor where special numbers were rendered by the choir, special speakers, and Prof. Whatley's society orchestra rendered feature numbers. Robert Durr was guest speaker and several other prominent ministers of the city spoke on program. This will be an annual day set aside for the honor of this grand woman who has done much for church, civic and social activities since becoming a citizen here. She formerly taught in the city schools here for a number of years before taking up the business she now conducts.

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Among the two hundred students graduating in the mid-term class Friday evening was Elizabeth McCarroll, lovely young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. McCarroll, who are pioneer citizens here. Elizabeth may decide to study in the East as her brother is teaching in New York and her sister, Dr. Mae McCarroll, is in Jersey City. She has much to encourage her in going East to further her education.

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Thursday at the Tuggle school, the tenth commencement exercises were held in the chapel. Editor Robert Durr was commencement speaker, introduced by Mrs. Mary James. Over seventy-five received their diplomas. Principal Bertram Hudson was elated over this number.

At the Lincoln school, Prof. William J. Moore, principal, Thursday evening, the graduating class was thrilled when Mrs. Venice T. Spragge, supervisor of the Negro Division of the NYA, addressed them. Rev. E. W. Walton gave the invocation. A pageant "A Quest for the Beautiful," a selection of spirituals and a trumpet solo were the featured numbers on the program.

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Members of the Sojourner Truth club were guests of Mrs. Lula Daniels Tuesday afternoon when she entertained them at her lovely home, 413 North Fourth street. Mrs. William Cash, vice president, pre-

sided over the meeting. Unfortunate homes was discussed later. A tasty luncheon was served. Mrs. Nell Perry will be next hostess.

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Mrs. Joe Davis left the city Monday to spend some time with her daughter, Mrs. Jack Bell of Atlanta, Ga. Later she journeys to Tuskegee where she will visit Mrs. Theo Gailliard, another daughter.

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Visitors to the Slossfield Community center this week were members of the Homemaker club of Rosedale. They were the guests of Mrs. Venice Spragge, director of the NYA. They were shown important parts of the center and snap shot pictures were made of the staff of the department and also other various departments.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Howell and son, Robert Edward Osborne, entertained Miss Melba Smith, who has been making her home in New York City for some time. She was soloist with Howard Fundberg orchestra, a former student at Miles college. She was very popular when she lived here. The party was a dinner in her honor where members of the younger set were included in the guest list.

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Miss Claudia Mitchell, always a charming hostess, was hostess to the members of Imperial club Saturday at her apartment in Smithfield court. Business featured this meeting, centered around the coming annual minstrel. Art sewing also was the topic and members were requested to finish their work for the early exhibit. A tasty supper was served twenty guests. Mrs. Gertrude Faulks is acting secretary; Mrs. T. Guice, corresponding secretary.

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The Periclean club, celebrating its annual forum, is having Miss Elsie Austin, assistant recorder of deeds at Washington, D. C., a brilliant attorney, to be the guest speaker early in February. Already much interest is shown in this celebration. Miss Austin served as assistant attorney general of the state of Ohio, only Negro woman accorded such a distinction.