

NEW YORK SOCIETY

Not since the first winter that the United States was a participant in the World war have so many various cliques of New York society devoted so much time to charitable causes. Despite the fact that the holiday season is just around the corner, the fashionable hostess devotes many hours daily to the demands which are being made on her time by various committees formed to alleviate the sufferings of the unemployed. So many women, whose names are known in social circles, are plunging into charity work with unbelievable enthusiasm. A number of New Yorkers attended the Army-Navy game played at the Yankee stadium Saturday. The affair was for charity and possessed a city-wide appeal for the unemployed. The members of the Alcidians, a club composed of 100 well known men, have shown a wonderful spirit by donating \$500 to charity. In the late winter each year the club members have given a large supper dance to their friends, but this year the call of charity is so great that the men want to be numbered among those doing things worth while.



Bessye Bearden

Last Saturday night will long be remembered for the colorful character costume ball which was given at the Alhambra ballroom by the Newspaper Scrapbook. This is a group composed of employees of the Amsterdam News. There were costumes of all descriptions, from a Boy Scout to the king of Abyssinia. Mrs. Bill Robinson, wife of the famous "Bojangles," and Miss Nixie Adolphus tied for the first prize of \$15 in gold for the most beautiful costume. Wilfred E. Thomas, female impersonator, was awarded the second prize of \$10 in gold for the most grotesque costume. And to Miss Rosie Louise Swain went the third prize of \$5 in gold for a costume called "Miss Bedtime Stories," which was considered the most original costume. The judges were: Walter White, acting secretary of the N. A. A. C. P.; Mrs. Geraldyn Dismond, society writer and director of the Dismond Bureau of Publicity; Lucien H. White, managing editor of the New York Age; J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler of the I. B. P. O. E. of W.; Mrs. Bertha Perry Rhodes, publisher of the Philadelphia Tribune; Jules Bledsoe, concert singer and actor; Bill "Bojangles" Robinson and Mrs. Bessye Bearden, representing The Chicago Defender. Bill Robinson and Romeo L. Dougherty, dramatic editor of the Amsterdam News, were masters of ceremonies. And it was a grand program which they presented including songs by Adelaide Hall and Ada Brown of "Brown Buddies;" Miss Dorothy Alfred, who gracefully performed an Oriental dance; the Kiddies of the Grace Giles Dancing school performed in their very best manner; a group of radio artists known as the Southernaires—William Edmonson, Homer Smith, Jay Stone Toney and Lowell Peters—sang some excellent songs, and to top things off, the one and only "Bojangles" danced as only he can.

After the preholiday formal dance given by the Delta chapter of the Chi Delta Mu fraternity at Shady Rest Country club in Westfield, N. J., Dr. Roscoe Buckner entertained a group of his friends at his beautiful suburban home in Montclair, N. J. Assisting Dr. Buckner to receive his guests was his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hubert and their three children moved to their new home in Jamaica, L. I., where they will have a merry Christmas with their friends. Mr. Hubert is executive secretary of the New York Urban league and with his family he formally occupied an apartment in the league's building.

L. F. Coles, 239 W. 136th St., spoke to a large audience last Sunday in Asbury Park. "Unemployment" was his subject.

Henry Theodore Marshall left the city Friday for Augusta, Ga., where he was called to the bedside of his sister, Mrs. Carrie Marshall McWille.

Mrs. Leo Robinson and Miss Katherine Jones of Springfield, Ohio, are the house guests of Miss Wilhelmina Adams, 337 W. 138th St. Their visit here will be indefinite.

Mrs. Geraldyn Dismond and Lloyd James were also members of the party which included Miss A'lella Walker and Miss Mamie White on their trip to Richmond, Va., last Thursday.

Kenneth Eldridge of Brooklyn entertained a group of Columbia university students at his home Wednesday night. Misses Rentrice McGee, Doris Madison, Undine Smith, Messrs. Fisher, Clark and Ware were the guests. Miss Smith rendered several brilliant piano numbers.

Ralph Banks appeared in a song recital at the International house Monday night. A number were present to enjoy the very fine program offered by Mr. Banks.

Announce Marriage

Mr. and Mrs. James Herman Thomas of the Dunbar apartments announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Thelise to Henry Morris Ballou, which took place Monday evening, Dec. 15, in Los Angeles, Cal. Mrs. Thomas has been on the Coast for some time with her daughter. The Thomases, before moving to New York, lived in California where, it is said, their home was one of the show places of Los Angeles. Miss Thelise is considered one of the prettiest girls in the East. The newlyweds will make their home in California after Dec. 24. They will be at home at 2250 W. 29th St.

Announcements have been received telling of the marriage of Miss Hattie Frances Freeman to Travis E. Freeman on Saturday the 6th. A very few friends of both families were present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Clayton Powell. Both of the young people are popular in the younger social set. They will be at home Sunday, Dec. 21, from 4 to 7 o'clock. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Freeman; the groom the son of Mrs. Iva Freeman of Griffin, Ga., and the late Moses Freeman.

Dec. 16 at the public library an evening of poetry, story and song was presented by Mrs. Jessie Fauset Harris, Miss Gwendolyn Bennett, Dr. Rudolph Fisher, Miss Elizabeth Sinkford and Maurice Hunter, accompanied by Mrs. Trotman Earle.

The Girl Scouts of troop No. 31 invited friends to a Christmas bazaar on Dec. 16, from 6 to 11 p. m., at the Urban league.

Mrs. Roberta E. Flowers, special business representative of the Dunbar News since April 16, has been appointed assistant superintendent in the Harlem branch of the state department of labor. Mrs. Flowers took the competitive examination 19 months ago and was first on the list of the southern district. She will assume her new duties Jan. 2.

Mrs. Flowers is the fourth person to resign, not without misgiving, from the welfare services of the Dunbar apartments to accept a more lucrative position, these being Captain Arthur Hayes, Mrs. Alice Crawford and Ahmed Williams. While the management views each and every one of these losses with sincere regret, it is duly appreciative of the implied compliment! "Well," said an informed visitor, "the Dunbar co-operative community must number among its vital functions that of being a training school!" Like those who have gone before her, Mrs. Flowers, a woman of stimulating personality and fine social spirit, is bound to acquit herself most creditably in the new and larger responsibilities.

Rev. William Hayes, pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist church, has been confined to his home due to sickness.

Miss Lillian Moseley, secretary to James Hubert of the Urban league, has been from her post of duty for several weeks due to illness. Miss Moseley is greatly missed by her friends.

George Lattimore, who has been living in London for a number of years, is expected to return home to spend the holidays with his parents, who are among the best known in Brooklyn.

An evening of evenings was spent Tuesday at the Bahai center, 119 W. 57th St., by the guests of the Foreign Study club. Mrs. Cora Horne was hostess. Mrs. Minta B. Trotman opened the meeting with a few words of greeting, after which she presented Mrs. Horne. The guest speaker, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, delighted the audience with a very colorful picture of Cuba. Those who had the pleasure of being guests were: Mesdames F. R. Alexander, Viola Bibb, Temple J. Burge, E. C. Butler, W. E. B. DuBois, R. R. DeFrantz, Carrie Fortune, Lemuel L. Foster, Mary Hanford Ford, William Cummings, Pudine Hackley and Emma T. Hart, Edwin Horne, John Henrietta Jackson, Mrs. Jennie Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kinckle Jones, Prof. H. A. Hunt of Fort Valley, Ga., Mesdames Louie Matthews, Ann C. Montero, Anderson Pratt, Minnie Pickens, Adeline Proctor, Gerald Norman, Ruth Logan Roberts, Daisy C. Reed, Emmett Carter, Marie Spearman, Adah B. Thoms, Channing Tobias, Ma-

mie Taylor, Blanche Wade Wright, Harriette Marshall Barre and Minta B. Trotman, Misses Ruth S. Davis and Winifred Willard, Mrs. George S. Williams of Savannah, Ga., Mrs. S. Fatten, J. Burke Horne, Misses Mariam M. Allen and Harriette I. Pickens and Benjamin Herb.