IN THE REALM OF NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY

STATESVILLE.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Statesville, April 24.—The Round Dozen Club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Charles E. Mills and passed a delightful session. Mrs. Mills had as special guests Mrs. J. F. Carlton, of this city; Mrs. Franklin, of Charlotte; Miss Gillon, of the graded school faculty, and Miss Van Lear, of Baltimore. Delicious chicken salad, peanut sandwiches, potato chips, etc., with coffee were served and enjoyed.

Mrs. Orin Turner entertained the Thursday Afternoon Club on Friday afternoon at her home on Park place. The usual programme was followed. After a discussion of current events, Mrs. Henry Hall read an interesting article on German art, and Mrs. L. White treated the subject of "Peasant and Rural Life Among the Germans." Then followed an intrval of social chat, after which Mrs. Turner served delicious refreshments consisting of tomatoes with lettuce and mayonnaise dressing, nut sandwiches, beaten biscuits, coffee and salted peanuts.

Mrs. Turner's special visitors outside the club were: Mesdames J. O. Purnell, James Wilhelm, W. F. Hall, W. M. Barringer, H. C. Cowles, W. N. Smithson, and Misses Louise Hall and Mayes Eliason. All the guests reported a most delightful afternoon with their popular hostess.

The Entre Nous Book Club was entertained by Miss Elvy McElwee on Friday afternoon at her home on Water street. It was mostly a business session with no outside visitors. The graceful hostess served delicious caramel cream and cake. On each plate was a tiny bunch of the lovely lily-of-the-valley, tied with white ribbon. This club is looking forward with great interest to the wedding festivities of one of their members and their last year's president, Miss Mary Carlton, whose marriage on the 29th to Mr. Louis McKesson, has already been announced. At that time it is hoped and believed that every member of the club will be present, which has not been the case for many months.

Mrs. George Phifer Erwin, of Morganton, State regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution, arrived in the city Thursday morning. On that same afternoon she met the Iredell Chapter of the D. A. R. Society at the home of Mrs. W. A. Thomas, and confirmed the chapter, which has been organized through the efforts of Mrs. Thomas. Mrs. Erwin spoke of her pleasure in confirming this new chapter, and told of the objects of the society, the most important of which are the cultivation of a spirit of patriotism, and the preservation of the various local county histories.

She told of the building of the Grand Continental Memorial Hall in Washington City by the National D. A. R. Society. The portico of this hall is still unfinished. It is to be supported by thirteen columns, one of which is to be given by each of the thirteen original States. The cost of each column is about $2,000.

Miss Jettie Harrill gave the history of Fort Dobbs, which was a frontier fort built in 1755 as a protection against the Indians. It was situated about two and one-half miles from Statesville, and is now entirely obliterated, the sight being in a plowed field.

After many interesting questions had been answered by Mrs. Erwin, a delicious punch was served, and several toasts were proposed.

Mrs. Thomas then invited the guests to the dining room, where an elegant course luncheon was served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Bell Guy.

Those present besides Mrs. Erwin, were Mrs. Goodman, of Mooresville; and Mesdames C. V. Henkel, L. Harrill, J. F. Bowles, D. A. Miller, J. F. Carlton, W. A. Thomas and A. L. Coble, and Misses Lottie Linton and Jettie Harrill.

After a most delightful afternoon spent with Mrs. Erwin, who is noted for geniality and graciousness, and with Mrs. Thomas equally noted for her gifts and graces as a hostess, the guests departed. Mrs. Erwin left on Friday morning to be present on Monday next at the annual congress of the national D. A. R. Society.

Mrs. A. J. Evans was the gracious hostess to the Eclectic Book Club on Wednesday afternoon at her attractive home on Broad street. Magnificent snowballs, shining out from their green foliage, formed a fine decoration for parlor and hall. In following the usual programme on England, Mrs. Dorman Thompson gave a resume of English history, as it has been studied by the club during the past year. Mrs. C. V. Henkel read an article on "A Week in Wales," and Miss Louise Hall read from the Bay View Course "In Shamrock Land."

The delegates to the convention of the Federation of Women's Clubs, to meet in Greensboro, May 5th, 6th and 7th, were instructed with reference to a donation to be given by the club to the Jackson Training School (reformatory). Mrs. Evans, assisted by her daughter, Miss Beth, served delicious orange ice, vanilla cream, two kinds of cake and salted nuts. The special guests were: Mesdames Fred Bradley, Lee Kincaid, Sarah Gaither and T. Foy White, and Miss Flowers, of Rock Hill, S. C., the visiting guest of Mrs. Foy White. The club adjourned, after a delightful afternoon spent with Mrs. Evans, who has made it so acceptable a president for the past two years.

Mrs. D. M. Colner entertained the Elericemoh Club in her pretty new home on Trade street Wednesday afternoon. Besides the club members, the following were special guests: Mesdames W. A. Eliason, W. J. Hill, Charles Jones, R. P. Allison, J. F. Carlton, James Harbin and Misses Emma Kerr, Nannie Wills and Elvy McElwee. The amusement was progressive hearts' dice, in which Mrs. Richard Allison won first prize, a book, while the consolation hat pin was bestowed upon Mrs. W. N. Smithson. Dainty refreshments of cream, cake, mints and preserved ginger were served. All the guests reported a most enjoyable evening.

The Wednesday Afternoon Club was entertained on its name day in a charming manner by Miss Nell Anderson, at a purely social meeting—(that means where they "just talk and have a good time.") A salad course was much enjoyed.

The marriage of Miss Mary Carlton and Mr. Louis McKesson, to take place next Wednesday night in the First Presbyterian church of this place, will be the general subject of interest for a week to come. Special and delightful music has been prepared for the occasion. Quite a number of social functions is to take place in the meantime, in honor of the popular young couple. The following out-of-town guests are expected for the wedding: Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Carlton, of Atlanta, Ga. Mr. and Mrs. C. F. McKesson, Mesdames W. A. Leslie, W. R. Davis and W. H. Boger, all of Morganton; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ham, of Charlotte; Mrs. T. G. Faucette, of Mount Airy; Misses Florence McKesson, of Morganton; Lutelle Sherrill, of Mooresville; Sarah Allen, of Sanford, and Mr. Cross Phillips.

The ladies of the town, some fifty of them, have prepared a minstrel concert to be given Friday night in the Opera House. It promises to be very attractive, consisting of songs, marches, dances, local jokes, etc. The chorus will be composed of five instruments and over fifty voices. A number of reserved seats has already been sold.

Mrs. N. R. Tunstall, of Charlotte, is in the city, spending a few days with Mrs. Pattie Pettit.

DURHAM.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Durham, April 23.—A goodly crowd of admirers and friends of the Southern Conservatory of Music enjoyed their spring recital Friday night, though there was not such a good attendance as usual on account of the many attractions in the city. It was a splendid programme and well rendered. The programme was as follows:

Chorus—"The Brook Song."
Piano—"Staccato Etude," Julia Henry.
Song—"The Awakening," Pluma Owens.
Piano—"Heather Bells," Lonnie Kilgo.
Song—"Afar From Thee, My Love," Lonanna Thompson.
Violin solo—"Sur-de-lac," Gerald Bryant.
Piano—Nocturne in E. flat, Mary Bryan.
Song—"To-morrow," Lila Reade.
Piano—"Alice's Romance," Mary Sherrod.
Song—"Adoration," Mabel McColter.
Violin obl, Mary Wilson.
Piano, "Dying Poet," Eva Morton.
Song, "Neath The Apple Tree," Nan Lou Waldrop.
Song—"Because The Rose Must Fade," Ethel Armstrong.
Piano—"Concert Etude," Miss Hattie Brinson.
Song—"Love's Dawn," Lizzie Newbern.
Chorus—"Moon Light Sailing."

Miss Frances Markham, at her home on Cleveland street, entertained the Fun-Loving Club. The programme shows it to be what it is, a rollicking juvenile club full of fun and fun-makers. It was a very unique and original afternoon Miss Markham gave her guests. Upon entering the parlor they were given tally cards and then a floral romance, a courtship in flowers. The questions were answered with names of flowers and Miss Ruth Green won the first prize, a beautiful bouquet of lilies of the valley. Miss Mattie Leham was given the booby. The color scheme of pink was well carried out. The splendid refreshments of ice cream, cake and candies were all in pink. There was a full attendance with the exception of Misses Susie Cox and Evelyn Jones. Those present were: Misses Mattie Leham, Ruth Green, Kathleen Turrentine, Christine McIntosh, Anna Branson, Fannie Markham. Visitors, Miss Katie Lee Kundley and Erma Boyce.

The Woodmen of the World enjoyed a social session Friday night of last week. Gen. B. S. Royster, of Oxford, made the speech of the evening. Mr. S. G. Rose and A. J. Faucette also spoke, but briefly. After the speaking was over refreshments were served. The evening was an altogether agreeable one.

The "Younger Set" had a glorious time Easter Monday. They chose the beautiful spot, Christian's Mill, for their picnic. The girls and their escorts were: Watts Carr and Amy Winston, Donald Easser and Lucy Stokes, James Fullerglass and Florence Green, Samuel Kramer and Julia Henry, Frank Fuller and Mary Green, James Cobb and Mary Louise Manning, Lawrence Cowan and Rebecca Michine, James Manning and Mary Bryan Griswold, Josiah Allen and Gladys Taliaferro, Bruce Mason and Annie Lanier Long. Mrs. Frank Fuller and Mrs. Julia Sasser were the chaperones. Lawrence Cowan delighted the crowd by his famous speech and by the accidental dive into the river Mr. George Watts Carr was the hero of the day.

The regular meeting of the Roundabout Club which is one of the most delightful in the city was held Friday afternoon at the pretty home of Mrs. J. S. Cobb on Williard street. The programme as usual included the reading of several entertaining and instructive papers and together with the report of current events made the meeting one of much pleasure. With the conclusion of the programme, the club was ushered into the dining room where a delicious course luncheon was served. The decorations were beautiful and the color scheme was well carried out in every course.

The concert by the Choral Union Sunday night in Trinity Methodist church drew the largest crowd probably ever gotten together in any church in town. It was estimated that 1,700 people heard the music and of all the sacred concerts ever given here this is said to have been by far the most beautiful. The programmes, as they were printed, were carried out to the letter. The various voices singing in their assigned roles, were magnificent. The bass of Mr. Robert Piper was wonderfully fine, the sweet tenor of Dr. Atkins, the fine soprano of Mrs. Yancey, Mrs. Bryant and Mrs. Cheek, the full, sweet altos of Mrs. George Carr and Mrs. John M. Manning in trios and quartette, were enjoyed to the finest advantage by the congregation that was too large for comfortable seating. Rev. Mr. Adams, while the choir rested for a few minutes, made a few remarks that were splendid. The programme was as follows:

Anthem—"Sing Alleuitia Forth," solos by Mr. Piper and Dr. Adkins, chorus.
Quartette—"Jesus, Lover of My Soul," Mrs. T. E. Cheek, Mrs. Georgia Carr, Mr. Piper and Dr. Atkins.
Anthem—"Nearer My God to Thee," chorus and Mrs. Yearby, solo.
Anthem—"Lea Mid Night," chorus and Miss Annie Whitmore, solo.
Trio—"Father, Lead Me by Thy Hand," Mrs. Cheek, Mrs. Manning and Dr. Adkins.
Anthem—"Triumphant Strains Arise," chorus; solos by Mrs. Bryant, Mr. Piper and Mr. Newman.
Duo—"Doubt No More," Mr. Cheek and Dr. Adkins.
Duet—"The Savior Liveth," Mrs. T. E. Cheek and Miss Ines Norten.
Anthem—"Lift Up Your Heads."
Trio—"Unseen Hand," Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. Manning and Dr. Adkins.
Anthem—"Stand Up For Jesus," chorus.
Anthem—"In Heavenly Love Abiding," quartette, Mrs. Bryant, Miss Lela Markham, Mr. Piper and Dr. Adkins.

The choir was composed of Mrs. G. W. Bryant, Mrs. N. L. Yancey, Mrs. L. E. Cheek, Miss Annie Whitmore, Miss Stella Arthur, Mrs. John M. Manning, Miss Lela Markham, Mrs. George A. Carr, Miss Ines Worten, Dr. Merle L. Adkins, Mr. Silver Sheetze, Mr. L. C. Newman, Mr. R. E. Piper, Miss Alice Rundley. Director, Mr. W. H. Carlton.

Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Howerton, who were married last week in Greensboro, arrived in the city Monday night. They will make this their home. Their marriage came as a surprise to the friends of Mr. Howerton, as they had had not an inkling of it.

The first dance of the season following Lent was given Tuesday night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. H. Mahler Cramer, who have recently returned from their wedding tour. There were twenty-five couples. The armory floor was in fine shape and the young folks danced from 9 until 12:30 and very reluctantly danced "home sweet home" for the last time. There were many beautiful figures led by Miss Eleanor Geren and Mr. Lawrence Tomlinson. The Durham Orchestra did its part well. Its alternate faltzes and turn steps were the latest popular pieces. Everything about the whole dance was lovely. The couples dancing were: P. C. Sneed and Miss Lila Wright, Dick Lewis and Miss Ethel Carr, Kemp G. Lewis and Miss Mary Weldon Huske, Lawrence Adams and Miss Lottie Sharp, Will Carr and Miss Lida Vaughan, Claiborne Carr and Miss Jean Venable, Dr. Thomas A. Mann and Miss Woodard, George Graham and Miss Joe Taylor, Holman Rawls and Miss Ruth Green, Will O'Brient and Miss Kathleen Turrentine, Haywood McCabe and Miss Placide Kramer, William Holman and Miss Mattie Lehman, Lawrence Tomlinson and Miss Ruth Green, Sneed Sasser and Mrs. Douglas Hill, Nevil Brown and Miss Cecelia Henry, William Minor and Miss Louise Carr, John Hall Manning and Miss Madge Mershon, W. M. Finger and Miss Marie Manning, Wynne Archer and Miss Emma Lynn, Thomas Bost and Miss Kate Taylor, Thomas Worth and Miss Tessie Peay, George Corper and Miss Mary Duke, Mr. and Mrs. Mahler Kramer. Chaperones, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Venable and Mr. and Mrs. Will Rowland. Miss Marie Manning, of Henderson, was the guest of Miss Kathleen Turrentine.

Miss Gertrude Winston, who has been in the extreme part of the State visiting Miss C. C. Capehart, has returned.

On Lyon street Sunday night Mr. Theodore Hendren and Miss Artella Thomas were married by 'Squire R. C. Cox. It was very quiet only a few close friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony.

The Book and Embroidery Club was entertained by Mrs. L. N. Carr and Mrs. George Carr at their home at 507 Liberty street Wednesday morning. It was a very pleasant meeting, all of the members but one being present. After exchanging books and embroidery put away, refreshments of large, luscious strawberries and cream were served. This club is one of the most delightful of the many clubs in the city and the informality of it makes it so.

SALISBURY.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Salisbury, April 24.—Under Mr. Nelson Taylor's able direction a chorus of forty voices gave a moving and impressive rendition of Sir John Stainer's well-known cantata, "The Crucifixion," at the Methodist church Thursday evening in Holy Week. The church was taxed to its utmost seating capacity and many people stood throughout the evening. Mr. McLarty, pastor of the Methodist church, made a short prayer, and Rev. Dr. Clarke of the Presbyterian church in a few words explained the solemn nature of the music, asking all to listen with a spirit of reverence and devotion. Programmes containing the words of The Passion were given so that the vast congregation followed the chorus throughout.

Mr. McMurtree, of Asheville, sang the bass solos with superb effect, and all the parts were admirably sustained. The members of the chorus were so fired with enthusiasm by the rehearsals for this inspiring music that they have organized a permanent choral union. At the meeting at the Central Hotel Wednesday afternoon the following officers were elected: Mr. Nelson Taylor, director; Mrs. Archibald H. Boyden, president; Mrs. Fletcher Franklyn Smith, vice president; Miss Julia Crouch, secretary and treasurer; Miss Emma Brown, librarian; Mr. John Gordon, assistant librarian. At the next meeting all the arrangements will be completed and Salisbury will have a musical organization of which she may well be proud.

Of infinite variety are the meetings of the Sans Souci Club and the one Thursday afternoon with Miss Edna McCubbins was quite up to the usual standard of interest. Miss Annie Kizer guessed the greatest number of the conundrums, proposed and was awarded a lovely water color painting, and Miss Josephine Young told the funniest joke and was presented, most appropriately, with a copy of "Life." The guests of honor were Miss Annie Kizer, Miss Elizabeth Bingham and Miss Margaret Willis, of Charlotte.

The various book clubs held most charming meetings this week. Mrs. Milton Brown being hostess to the Salisbury Book Club; Miss Mittie Lewis to the Twice Seven, and Mrs. Mamie Linton to the Christian Reid.

The Thursday Afternoon Bridge Club celebrates its first meeting since Lent with Mrs. Robert Vance Brawley. As it is also the first time since her marriage that the club has met with Mrs. Brawley in her own most attractive home, the occasion is of unusual interest.

The Saturday Afternoon Bridge Club will be entertained this week by Miss Luna Thompson.

The young men of the city who gave a tournament Easter Monday afternoon at the Yadkin Valley Fair grounds were most fortunate in having a perfect afternoon for the event. A good crowd, a fine track and spirited racing gave sest to the whole affair, the tournament itself being won by Mr. John McCanless.

The coronation ball took place Wednesday evening at the Elks' Hall and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who were present. Mr. James Horah made a most appropriate coronation speech. Miss Mena Davis presented the sceptres with the crowns and they in turn crowned the following young ladies: Miss Margaret Lentz was crowned queen by Mr. John McCanless, and Miss Penniman, Rachael Mauney and Miss Nellie Holmes Pearson were crowned maids of honor by Messrs. Linn Bernhardt, Walter Guins and John Fisher. In addition those present were: Miss Josephine Young, Mr. Ernest Woodson, Miss Lily Heilig, Mr. Julian McKenzie, Miss Beulah Barker, Mr. Walter Crump, Miss Mary Ramsey, Mr. Archibald Hedrick, Miss Janet Quinn, Mr. Henry Hobson, Miss Julia Crouch, Lieut. James Hobson, Miss Janet Crump, Mr. Worth Murphy, Miss Sallie Guines, Mr. Edward Tankersley, Miss Shepard, Mr. Paul Bernhardt. Stags—Messrs. Summersett, Maxwell Gregg, Junius Russell and Earl Thompson. Chaperones—Mr. and Mrs. Maupin. The proceeds from both the tournament and ball were given to the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Miss Mildred Crumon from Salem, Miss Lucile Bernhardt from Elizabeth College, Miss Minnie Littman from the Normal College and Mr. Staple Linn from the Military Academy, at Staunton, spent the Easter holidays at home.

Mrs. R. M. West entertained most delightfully at Bridge Thursday afternoon.

Lieut. James Hobson, of the Twenty-seventh Regiment, United States army, was the guest this week of his aunt, Mrs. Hayne Davis. He has just returned from two years service in the Philippines.

HICKORY.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Hickory, April 24.—The Easter season was enjoyed all the more because of its falling so late in April, the beautiful weather making possible the excursions to the Cliffs, the river and other places of interest, the egg hunts for the children and all out-of-doors pleasures that are looked forward to at Easter.

It is a well-known fact that a good entertainment given by local talent never fails to attract a large crowd. The "Old Maids' Convention" at the Academy of Music last Monday night was no exception to this rule. From the moment the first "train" was called, when the delegates came in by twos and were greeted with shouts of laughter, to the finale, when "The Old Maid's Hope" exploded, the audience was kept in a continual strain of merriment. The twenty old maids were all that could be asked—those who were "made over" were visions of grace and beauty—while Mr. M. H. Yount, as the inventor and manipulator of "The Old Maid's Hope," was inimitable.

The Travelers' Club spent the last meeting of its travels in Ireland with Mrs. J. L. Murphy, at her home on Thirteenth avenue, on Thursday afternoon, April 23d. Appropriate quotations on the Shamrock were given at roll call. Mrs. Murphy read an excellent paper on "Irish Industries," and Mrs. Martin gave "Coleraine" and "The Giant's Causeway." Mrs. J. H. Shuford read part of "A Faction Fight," and Mrs. LeRoy Whitener read one of French's delightfully humorous stories, "The First Lord Liftinant." An interesting item of business was the appointing of the committee on the programme for next year's travel in Greece. The president's appointing of Mrs. Edwin Chadwick met with the hearty approval of the club. Mrs. J. S. Spielman was a welcome visitor at this meeting. The members lingered long over delightful refreshments, served after the final adjournment.

LUMBERTON.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Lumberton, April 24.—Miss Janie Prevatt, of Lumberton, and Mr. R. H. Taylor, of Beaverdam, Va., were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas Prevatt, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the bride. The parlor and hall were tastily decorated in flowers and ferns, and the bridal party entered the parlor to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march rendered by Miss Polly Crowder, of Wadesboro. The attendants were Mr. J. J. Shaw, of Lumber Bridge, and Miss Ada Goudelock, of Liberty, S. C.; Mr. Fulton Booth, of Page's Mill, S. C., and Miss Flora Prevatt, the bride's sister; Mr. G. C. Prevatt, of Lumberton, and Miss Rosa Bullock, of Fairmont; Mr. S. A. Eure, of Lumberton, and Miss Katie Prevatt, a sister of the bride; following came the bride and groom. "Hearts and Flowers" was played by Miss Crowder during the ceremony. A number of valuable and beautiful presents was received. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor left on the afternoon train for their future home in Beverdam, Va.

A. G. Fields Minstrels showed here Monday night to over a thousand people. As usual their entertainment was good.

Miss Anna McLeod entertained a number of friends at her pleasant home Saturday night. Quite a crowd of guests was present and the occasion was most enjoyable. Delightful refreshments were served.

GREENSBORO.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Greensboro, April 24.—One of the most conspicuous social events of the season, was the marriage of Miss Lake Stafford and Mr. James Madison Apple, of Roanoke, Va., which occurred at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Stafford Thursday night.

The excellent taste, and dainty simplicity of the decorations and the appointments of the wedding, made this event unusually attractive. The reception hall was beautiful with pink roses, palms and ferns, as the chief decoration. In the alcove of the hall was the punch bowl, smilax adorning the table. Dogwood blossoms and English ivy were entwined in and out of the stair railings, and the grill work across the hall was festooned with the same flower.

The library, where hundreds of presents, of cut glass, silver, china, pictures and bric-a-brac were displayed was decorated with snow balls. The dining room was a dainty picture in green and white, snow balls were banked on mantel and sideboard with garlands of southern smilax and many candles under white shades, lent a charm to this room.

The table with snowy drapery was outlined with smilax, while the chandelier was draped in white tulle, from which streamers of tulle entwined with the smilax was carried to four corners of the table and tied in rosettes with white satin ribbon. A large mirror with silver base held a tall cut glass vase containing white carnations and maiden hair fern, and surrounding this mirror was the feathery fern.

The parlor where the wedding ceremony was performed was a bower of white snowballs. An altar of white artistically decorated with snowballs and English ivy had for a back ground a mass of ferns and trailing ivy. From post to post of the altar a most beautiful arch covered with ivy and hundreds of snowballs, held a wedding bell of snowballs tied to the arch with white satin ribbon.

At 9 o'clock the beautiful "Spring Song," of Mendelssohn's, was sung by Miss Sadie Dick, and immediately afterward Mr. Claude Roberson began Lohengrin's "Wedding March." Down the stairs came the little Misses Clair Stafford and Elizabeth Clary, gowned in white French lawn and valenciennes lace, and at the foot of the stairs they unwound the ribbons as they wended their way to the altar in the parlor, and were followed by Dr. G. H. Detwiler.

Then came the groom, Mr. James Madison Apple and his brother Dr. Troy Apple. They were followed by the maid of honor, Miss Mabel Leake, gowned in white point de sprit over blue messaline with pearls, carrying pink carnations. The bride leaning on the arm of her father never looked more lovely as she came down the stairs and crossed the hall to the parlor door, where the groom met her and together they passed to the altar and underneath the wedding bell of snowballs, they were joined in the holy bonds of wedlock, Rev. Dr. G. H. Detwiler, pastor of the bride, using the beautiful ring ceremoney of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The bride's gown was a handsome creation of pearl white duchess satin, entraine, with princess front and empire back. A vest of tucked chiffon was inlaid with hands of embroidered fillet lace which also was used in the bretelles, with handsome pearl trimmings. The underdress was of taffeta and lace. The tulle veil was caught up with lilies of the valley and she carried a boquet of bride's roses with a shower of lilies of the valley. The bride wore no jewels save an exquisite brooch and collar pins of whole pearls and amythists, the gift of the groom. The bride's going away gown was of golden champagne chiffon voile, over taffeta with brown and champagne hat with emerald green and brown wings, and accessories to match.

At the front door to welcome the guests were Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Ferguson, Jr., while Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blair received at the foot of the stairs, Miss Mildred Stafford stood at the heard of the stairs.

The receiving party in the parlor was composed of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Alderman, Mrs. T. P. Penn and Dr. Ormond Apple, of Winston, and Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Leak.

Receiving in the library were Miss Rosa Green, of Durham; Mr. E. J. Caldwell, of Roanoke, Va.; Miss Paisley Ellington and Mr. Arthur Coffin.

In the dining room Miss Hattie Watlington assisted by Misses Mildred Stafford, Margeret Glenn, Margeret Albright and Alma Sparger served delicious refreshments. Misses Ula Adams and Nell Causey presided over the punch bowl.

The ladies who received and assisted in doing honors with Mrs. Stafford wore handsome gowns. Mrs. E. J. Stafford wore black net over taffeta and diamonds; Mrs. S. L. Alderman wore messaline satin, duchess lace, diamonds; Mrs. J. N. Leake wore black net over silk, diamonds; Mrs. T. J. Penn wore black lace over cream messaline, diamonds; Mrs. W. E. Blair, black lace over silk, diamonds; Mrs. G. S. Ferguson wore an imported lace robe over satin, diamonds; Miss Sadie Dick, light blue messaline satin, lace, diamonds and pearls; Miss Rosa Green, pink messaline satin, duchess lace, pearl trimmings, pearls; Miss Paisley Ellington, yellow messaline, real lace, pearls; Miss Hattie Watlington, blue crepe de chene over taffeta, pearls. Miss Ula Adams, imported gown of white crepe de chene, embroidered wild pink roses, made over green and lavender, diamonds; Miss Nell Causey, yellow messaline, lace, pearls.

Miss Stafford is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Stafford of this city, and by her gentle manners and lovely disposition has endeared herself to scores of friends in this city who are loath to give her up.

Mr. Apple is a prominent young business man of Roanoke, Va.

The young couple left on No. 38 for Northern cities and will be at home in Roanoke after May 20th.

Mrs. H. C. Huntley was hostess at a very delightful "at home" Thursday afternoon at her home on West Sycamore street, in honor of Mrs. W. B. McGregor and Mrs. G. L. Stansbury. The cozy rooms were thrown together and as winter played a trick and sent icy breezes to remind one that life is not all "a summer day," cheerful fires burned brightly, giving a warm welcome to this hospitable home. Dogwood blossoms and pink columbine together made a fine effect, artistically decorating doors, windows and arches. The guests were refreshed throughout the afternoon with frappe and an elaborate two-course luncheon was served, in which the pink and white color scheme was beautifully carried out. Some fifty guests responded to Mrs. Huntley's invitation and spent an afternoon full of good cheer and true enjoyment. Those present were: Mesdames T. J. Copeland, J. B. Stroud, R. N. Hadley, M. W. Thompson, L. H. Jeter, A. W. Malone, Howard Gardner, F. P. Hobgood, W. O. White, Robert Hood, E. L. Morgan, Edgar Broadhurst, J. T. J. Battle, E. H. Lee, Abe Mendenhall, Janie Foushee, B. McKenzie, C. W. Jennings, J. B. Harrison, S. B. Adams, W. O. Welch, W. O. Riddick, S. G. Bradshaw, A. A. Fisher, G. H. Royster, J. D. Helms, A. W. Cooke, Charles Roberson, W. L. Grissom, Charles Kendall, W. H. Turner, H. L. Paylor, Will Rankin, H. G. Davidson, H. H. McGregor, G. L. Stansbury, R. C. Bernau, R. A. Moore, C. M. Andrews, W. F. Clegg, C. E. Holton, R. W. Davis, J. W. Long, J. R. McClamrock, Whitt Stone, J. L. White, R. Ballard, P. W. Bailey, J. Greyson, G. Ferguson, Misses Alice Nelson, Olivia Nelson, Lynn Hall, Ethel Finlator, Nell Elliott and Alma McDonnel. The following ladies helped to serve: Misses Eula Adams, Lois Jennings, Genevieve Jennings, Hattie Jackson and Glen Marshall.

Under the auspices of the music department of the Reviewers Club a most delightful musical afternoon was held at the home of Mrs. M. W. Thompson on North Elm street, Thursday. Mrs. Thompson's invited guests and the club members numbered about thirty-five. The programmes were in pink and white, the club colors, and these colors were carried out in the refreshments and decorations. At the conclusion of a charming programme of music and elocution the hostess served a course of dainty refreshments consisting of pink and white block cream, fruit cake, Nabisco wafers, coffee and whipped cream.

SHELBY.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Shelby, April 24.—A beautiful event of Thursday afternoon was the reception given by Mrs. Henry E. Kendall at her handsome new home on Lafayette street. Receiving with Mrs. Kendall was her aunt, Miss Wiseman, from Virginia, and Mrs. B. Edgar Blanton. The house was sweet with the fragrance of many spring flowers, quantities of pink roses in bowls and vases being used on cabinets and mantels. In the dining room the table had for its center-piece a slender vase of delicate pink carnations resting on a lace cover and at each corner was a silver candlestick which held pink tapers under dainty pink shades. The ices and bonbons were all in pink and white. Mrs. L. M. Hull and Mrs. Julius Suttle received in the dining room and Mrs. Ike Kendall and Miss Tiddy received in the punch room which was also decorated in the color scheme. Mrs. Kendall was handsomely gowned in a white lace robe over pompadour silk; Mrs. B. Edgar Blanton was very lovely in white silk and Miss Wiseman looked extremely well in a gown of black net.

The Chicora Club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. P. L. Hennessee on last Friday afternoon. The roll call was answered by names of actors and an interesting sketch of Richard Mansfield was read by Miss Frick. Mrs. C. M. Lattimore read quite an effective paper on John Drew while Mrs. L. P. Holland and Mrs. Joe Suttle rendered some beautiful music. After the programme a delicious collation was served.

The announcement of the coming marriage of Miss Mattie Flack to Mr. Will Lineberger has just been made and the large circle of friends of this popular young couple are looking forward to this event with much interest. The wedding will take place in June.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hoey on Friday night a delightful and interesting musical was given for the benefit of the Civic League. Notwithstanding the inclement weather the attendance was large and the evening thoroughly enjoyel.

The Shelby Dramatic Club consisting of Messrs. J. D. Lineberger, Graham Anthony, Jake Rudasill, Bussey Lattimore, John Miller and Misses Ora Rudasill, Mayme and Kate Hardin presented "The Moonshiner's Daughter" at Lincolnton last Tuesday night.

A skating party followed by a dance will be given to-night at Rudasill's Rink. Quite a crowd will be present.

Messrs. Harry McBrayer and Kemp Nixon, of Lincolnton, spent Sunday here with friends.—Clyde R. Hoey, Esq., attended Rutherford court this week.—Mr. Bob Eskridge a popular railroad contractor is here for the summer visiting his parents.—Miss Madge Webb is visiting Miss Lucy Oates in Charlotte.—Prof. Joe Wray, of Gastonia, spent Easter here with his parents.—Judge James L. Webb spent the week-end here with his family.—Mr. Clarence Frick, of Charlotte, and Mr. George Frick, of Norfolk, were welcome visitors here this week.—Congressman E. Y. Webb left Wednesday for Washington. His little daughter who has been so ill is much improved.—Mrs. M. E. Simmons, from Camden S. C., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. Y. Webb.—Miss Belle Harris, of Virginia, is the attractive guest of her sister, Mrs. F. D. Hamrick.—Mrs. Julius Suttle and little daughter go to Lincolnton Friday, where they will make their home. Shelby regrets very much to lose them.—Miss Ray Suttle returned Monday from a visit to Asheville.

LINCOLNTON.

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Lincolnton, April 23.—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Little, of Southside, entertained the young people of Lincolnton Monday night in honor of Miss Florence Rhyne and her guest, Miss Marie Raabe, of Jacksonville, Fla. "Evergreen," the beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. Little, was beautifully decorated for the occasion. In the "egg hunt" Paul Rhyne and Miss Wallace Anthony won the prize for finding the most eggs. Refreshments were served and guessing contests carried on till a late hour. Those invited were: Misses Wallace Anthony with Guy Cline, Susie Childs with Mont Ramsaur, Lola Pressley with Fred Ramsaur, Louise Biggs with Hugh Cline, Magretta Yoder with Clifford Spence, Maude Mullen with Paul C. Rhyne, Marie F. Raabe with Leopold Little, Mary Hoover with Jim Shuford, Alda Costner with David R. Shearer, Ida May Mundy with Kemp B. Nixon, Mildred McLean with Reese Hutchison, Neal Roseman with Will McKee, Georgia Rhodes with Mike Quickel, Josephine Mullen with Harry McBrayer, Florence E. Rhyne with R. Morman Roseman, Kate Burgin with Calvin B. Phillips, Nora Lander with L. H. Adair, Laura Bartlett with John D. Abernethy, Lena Rheinhardt with L. E. Rudisill.

On Friday evening Miss Annie McKee and Miss Mary Dellinger, whose birthdays occur within a day or two of each other, were at home to their many friends at Mr. S. W. McKee's. The evening was very enjoyably spent with music and gaming. Cream and cake were served. Many birthdays were wished for these young entertainers. Those present were: Misses Mary McKee, Rose Hinson, Forney Roseman, Catherine Crawford, Alnea Goode, Fannie McLean, Louise Biggs, Hettie Shrum, Lena Stutts, Vera Shrum and Maude Rudisill, and Messrs. John Ramsaur, Walter Shrum, Mason Pressley, Zed Crawford, Carson Motz, Frentis Anthony, Ernest Wilkie, John Heim, Winnie Burgin and Victor Fair.

Gen. R. F. Hoke entertained in his unique style the following guests at a luncheon Sunday at the Lincoln Lithia Club: Mrs. Marshall Cushing, of New York; Mrs. W. O. Kibble, of Charlotte; Miss Edith Palmer, of New York; Messrs. W. Oakes Kibble and D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte; A. Q. Hale, of High Shoals, and W. H. Fair, of Lincolnton.

Misses Alice Morton and Frances Leigh and Mira Sumner, all teachers at the Thompson Orphanage, of Charlotte, came up and spent the Easter holidays with Miss Sumner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sumner.—Miss Laura Bartlett, of Rutherfordton, is visiting friends in Lincolnton.—Miss Susan Bynum is spending this week with her sister, Dr. Archibald Henderson's wife, of Chapel Hill.—Miss Nora Means, of Charlotte, is back in Lincolnton with her old acquaintances.—Miss Helen Anderson, of Statesville, is visiting her brother, Mr. E. O. Anderson, who is with the First National Bank.—Dr. H. Q. Dillard's wife, formerly Miss Julia Richardson, of this city, arrived Thursday from Philadelphia and will spend some time with her brother at "Woodside."

WAYNESVILLE.

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Waynesville, April 24.—One of the most elaborate social functions ever observed in Waynesville came off tonight at the home of Hon. W. T. Lee, on the corner of Walnut and Boundary streets. The occasion was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Lee. About four hundred guests were invited and a stream of visitors was going in and out until near midnight.

The elegant home was tastefully decorated The dining hall, where the refreshments were served was a scene of beauty and good cheer. All of the children, were present except Henry, who is a midshipman on the battleship Rhode Island now in the Pacific. The many friends of the family came to express their congratulations. The gifts of silver were many and costly.

For many years Mr. Lee has been prominent in the politics of Haywood county and Western North Carolina. He is now chairman of the Democratic executive committee of the tenth congressional district, and has held several other positions of trust and responsibility. He is a prosperous and aggressive merchant.

WASHINGTON.

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Washington, N. C., April 24.—Mr. George R. Siran, of the United States steamer "Fish Hawk" entertained on board the steamer last Monday evening. The occasion being his 21st birthday. Messrs. Hutchison and Epps also of the Fish Hawk assisted him in the honors of host. A feature of the evening was the music rendered by the Blasck Diamond Quartette also of the steamer. Quite a number of guests were present and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Miss Mattie R. Weeks has returned from a visit to friends and relatives in Elizabeth City.—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Credle have returned to the city after a bridal trip to the northern cities.—Mrs. Joseph Rhem of Newbern is the guest of her friend Mrs. G. A. Spencer on Second street.—Mrs. W. C. Wriston and Mrs. S. A. Kelly, of Charlotte, have returned home after visiting their brother Mr. A. A. Springs Proprietor of Hotel Louise in this city.—Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Cooke retur