IN THE REALM OF NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY

RALEIGH.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Raleigh, Oct. 2.—The Woman's Club of Raleigh entered upon its 1908-1909 year's work Thursday, the first general meeting of the season being held on that day. A general outline of work by the society as a whole and the several departments was projected and the ladies entered with great enthusiasm upon the work of the new year. This club is officered by Mrs. W. S. Primrose, president; Mrs. E. C. Duncan, vice president; Mrs. R. B. Johns, recording secretary; Mrs. William West, corresponding secretary; Miss Annie Hill, treasurer;; Mrs. Taite Butler, auditor.

The club determined to devote particular attention this year to educational matters both in Raleigh and the State over. State-wide compulsory education is to be one of the slogans of the club in common with the Federation of women's clubs of the State. They will strive too, for improvement in the regulation of child labor in the mills and factories. They are determined also to make still farther improvements in the club house here during the season just opened.

The music department, led by Mrs. T. P. Jerman, Mrs. Wade R. Brown, Mrs. Horace Dowell, Mrs. C. B. Williams and Miss Mary Cole, will study this season the German school of music of Wagner's time. The Woman's club chorus is to be formed at once with Mrs. E. C. Duncan as director, Miss Sadie Duncan as pianist, and Miss Bessie Woodard as assistant pianist.

The social and civic department will this year be under the direction of Mrs. J. A. Briggs, Mrs. W. I. Royster, Mrs. Maurice Rosenthal, Mrs. E. M. Uzzell and Mrs. C. C. Baker. They expect to conduct a special campaign of a juvenile court this season. Also strive for the beautifying of the city, strive for the erection of a Pullen memorial bridge in Pullen Park.

The literary committee of the club will devote its attention to the study of novels by George Elliot, Thackeray, Hugo, and Hawthorne. This com- 1908-1909 year's work Thursday. A general outline of work by the society Royster, Miss Ada Womble, Mrs. R. L. Gray.

The department of household economics has a programme covering a wide scope of cookery and general household problems. Mrs. W. N. Hutt, Mrs. H. W. Jackson, Mrs. Josephus Daniels, Mrs. Julian Timberlake, Mrs. Elias Carr, Mrs. E. P. Maynard constitute the committee.

The child study department also has an attractive outline of work for the club membership. Mrs. Leo D. Heartt, Mrs. F. L. Stevens, Mrs. R. O. Burton, Mrs. Benehan Cameron, Miss Louise Busbee are the committee.

The remaining department of the club is that of art. This is in charge of Miss Mary Hilliard Hinton, Dr. Delia Dixon-Carroll, Mrs. James O. Litchford, Miss Julia Royster and Miss Dixie Leach. A unique programme for each month is outlined, the first being, "Art In Europe Through a School Girl's Eyes." Young ladies of Raleigh who summered in Europe will be in charge. Through the art department the Woman's Club will offer a public school prize to the student showing the greatest proficiency in drawing. There will also be art exhibits and exhibits in art and craft work done in Raleigh as the season advances.

At 11 o'clock Wednesday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Briggs was celebrated in a quiet but beautiful manner the marriage of Dr. J. J. Barefoot, Jr., and Miss Octavia Whitehurst Rivers. Rev. W. McWhite pastor of the First Presbyterian church, performed the ceremony. Quite a company of intimate friends was assembled. There were no attendants. Mrs. Allen Taft, of Greenville, rendered the wedding marches. The bride is an especially handsome and highly esteemed young woman. Dr. Barefoot is a successful young physician associated with Dr. A. W. Goodwin in general practice here.

Of special social interest this week was the marriage of Miss Mamie Hanff and Mr. John H. Paylor, the bride being a popular and talented young woman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hanff, of Raleigh, and the bridegroom a successful traveling salesman of Danville, Va. The service was in the Church of the Good Shepherd, in the presence of a fashionable audience. The decorations were in goldenrod and ferns and were quite pretty. Miss Sarah Addick, of Raleigh, was maid of honor, and Mr. Frank Paylor, of Danville, best man. The ushers were: Dr. Pegram, of Duke; A. Y. Kelly, of Duke; W. S. Paylor, Danville; D. A. Tillman, Mocksville. After a bridal trip north Mr. and Mrs. Paylor will be at home in Raleigh.

On Tuesday afternoon a few friends and the bridal party were entertained at the Hanff home on North Harrington street. The out-of-town guests who were here for the wedding were: Mrs. Woodruff, of Greensboro; Mrs. Geoghegan, Greensboro; Miss Carrie Herndon, Duke; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pearce, Duke.

Friday night the Thalarian German Club of A. & M. College gave its first german. And it proved a most delightful affair. Mr. Roy Hampton led the dancing with Miss Lucy Gardner, of Charleston, W. Va. Those participating were: Miss Frances Lacy with Mr. Council; Miss Louise LaMar with Mr. Coles; Miss Newport with Mr. Ethridge; Miss Ethel Rogers with Mr. Faison; Miss Nannie Lee with Mr. Goss; Miss Edith Pou with Mr. Haywood; Miss Louise Wright with Mr. Johnson; Miss Lizzie Rogers with Mr. Jones; Miss Nonnie Rogers with Mr. Long; Miss Brownie Addick with Mr. Marshall; Miss Ida Hanks with Mr. Manning; Miss Kellogg with Mr. Pittinger; Miss Grizzelle Hinton with Mr. Scott; Miss Margaret Lee with Mr. Wilson; Miss Evans, of Chicago, with Professor Smith; Miss Willa Norris with Mr. Harris and Miss Bribs with Professor Mann.

WINSTON-SALEM

Correspondence of The Observer.

Winston-Salem, Oct. 1.—With the passing of these fitful September days a new life and energy have been infused into everybody and everything; even that lazy dawdling boy and that piano dolce far niente damsel who have been prodded day in and day out since school opened have spurred up and become wide awake and responsive to some call occult and unheard, when the languor of summer lasting into September, was upon us. And society is up and doing likewise; not that active and aggressive operations are actually on, but along the whole skirmish line we know that everything is in readiness and that the opening of our great fair next Wednesday will be the signal for the gathering of the clans and the beginning of that emulous struggle and striving that make the charms and triumphs of our fascinating social life.

Our fair will be the greatest in our history even though the fact must be cinched in the language of any paid ambitious penny-a-liner who would boost his chosen cause. It must be the greatest because along with the efforts put forth and the money so lavishly spent to make it eclipse all the attempts of bygone years, there is an esprit de corps between the fair projectors and the people at large that makes unprecedented success a foregone conclusion. The happy change of location, the making of a new race track, beyond peradventure the finest in the State, the new and commodious buildings, and even the homely details of creature comfort such as city water, electric light, the new trolley line in addition to the two railroads that are available—all these, even if the exhibits were not going to be the best ever shown, even if the Vice President-to-be, the Hon. John W. Kern, were not going to be with us, even if the air ship and other unusual attractions were not certainly and surely booked for the great occasion—all these, I repeat, make the prediction that the Piedmont Fair this year will be the greatest in our history, and possibly in the history of the State, a trustworthy and conservative statement.

Social events of unusual attractiveness have been arranged, hospitable homes will be filled with welcome guests and our comfortable and up-to-date hostelries are preparing to meet all possible demands, and altogether the Twin City with its own peculiar charms and attractions, bids everybody welcome regardless of party affiliations, regardless in fact of everything except what would disqualify her guests from having the time of their lives.

Last Friday afternoon, Mrs. J. A. Bitting entertained very charmingly in honor of her guests, Miss Hattie King, of Leaksville, and Miss Susie Bitting, of Carlsbad, New Mexico. At ten or more tables the popular game of bridge was played. Miss Frank Hanes winning the first prize, Mrs. E. C. Clinard, the second. The consolation carried its balm to Mrs. W. H. Jones, of Danville, the guest of Mrs. John L. Gilmer.

Thursday evening Dr. and Mrs. Phineas Horton gave a charming Dutch supper in honor of Mr. Norman Hackett. This enjoyable function took place after the rendition of "The Classmates," and the guests on the occasion were Mr. Hackett, the guest of honor, and the following ladies and gentlemen, who composed Dr. and Mrs. Phin Horton's box-party: Mesdames W. T. Brown, A. H. Eller, W. T. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Gilmer, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Schinler, Misses Lois Brown, Blossom Traxler, Messrs. Robert Rice and L. B. Brickenstein.

Wednesday of this week the Round Dozen club was entertained by Mrs. W. F. Brown. This club, which has almost reached the regulation limit by the accession of several new members, is doing interesting and effective work in studying the history and literature of our own country. After the literary programme most enjoyable refreshments were served by the affable hostess.

Sorosis also met on Wednesday afternoon, this being the first meeting of the fall season. The president, Miss Fries, made a charming address of welcome. This was followed by the reading of the minutes by the secretary. Italy and Greece being the chosen subjects for study, Mrs. R. D. Jewett read some charming selections from the Italian poets. The feature of the afternoon was the very beautiful musical selections from the classic as well as from the recent Italian opera. The year books, which are marvels of taste and beauty, were distributed. The work for the year is most judiciously arranged and the pleasures of the meetings will not be marred by the preparation of papers.

One of the most agreeable evepts of the week was the fall reception given Tuesday evening by the Young Women's Christian Association in honor of Miss Anna Casler, the territorial secretary for the associations of Virginia and the Carolinas. Miss Sara Shaw, the secretary of the local organization, assisted by her able committees, made the occasion one long to be remembered by the four or five hundred guests that called during the evening. Delicious refreshments were served and beautiful music rendered by Misses Ellen Norfleet, Cynthia Jones, Vivian Owens and Lizzie Fetter beguiled the hours of any shade of ennui. With the earnest and active canvass now being made by the membership committee, the desired 500 mark will soon be reached.

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. J. L. Ludlow and her winsome daughter, Miss Annie, gave one of their characteristically charming bridge parties. The best gridge players in the Twin City filled nine tables and this absorbing game was never more heartily enjoyed. Mrs. W. H. Jones, the guest of honor, received the visitor's prize; Mrs. A. H. Galloway won the first prize for points; Mrs. W. L. Hill the second prize for points. Mrs. E. W. O'Hanlon received the first prize for honors and Mrs. Charles Norfleet the second prize for honors. Most tempting refreshments were served by the gracious hostesses and their assistants.

On Tuesday, Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, vice president general of the National D. A. R. and Mrs. William N. Reynolds, vice State regent, left for Morganton to attend the State Congress of D. A. R., which will convene in that city on Thursday. Mrs. H. V. Horton and Miss Edna Maslin, who are delegates from the local chapter, left on Wednesday for Morganton, where all the delegates will be the guests of the Council Oak chapter of Morganton. After the convention Mrs. Patterson will be joined by Mr. Patterson, Judge and Mrs. Coble and they will go to the Patterson country home in Ashe for a stay of several weeks.

Among the visitors to the Twin City last week was Dr. Augustus Clewell, of Baltimore, who was the guest of his sister, Mrs. R. A. Jenkins, of Salem.—Misses Edith Greer and Belle Grimes were the guests of Mrs. Julia Wilson last week.—Miss Mamie Kerr, of Yanceyville, Caswell county, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. O. Spencer.—Mrs. J. K. Stribling and little son, of St. Louis, are the guests of Mrs. J. P. Taylor.—Mrs. T. J. Lindsay, of Madison, spent last week with Mrs. F. J. Lilpfert.—Mrs. Brantly Finch, of Lexington, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. E. C. Clinard.—Mrs. John Dillard, of Johnson City, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Taylor.—Mrs. Hansel Thomas and children left last week to visit Mrs. Hazel Sanders in Sumter, S. C.—Mrs. F. D. Ross and little daughter, of Charlotte, are the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. A. Miller.—Mrs. J. D. Buie, of Fayetteville, is the guest of Miss Margaret Miller.—Mrs. W. P. Reid has returned from a visit to her old home at Alton, Va.—Mrs. J. B. Gaston, of Montgomery, Ala., is the guest of Mrs. Neal L. Anderson at the manse. Mrs. Gaston is a native of Mecklenburg county, North Carolina and before her marriage was Miss Sarah Torrence. For many years she has made her home in Montgomery, where her husband is one of the leading physicians of that city.—Miss Margaret Dalton left on Wednesday for Sweet Brier, Virginia, where she will enter school in that far-famed institution.—Major T. J. Brown has returned from a month's stay with his sister, Mrs. Willis E. Hall, at Ingleside.—Miss Rachel Manney, of Salisbury, who has been the guest of Miss Myrtle Griffith for the past few days, has returned home.—Mrs. W. P. Caldwell, who has been spending some time with her daughters in Greensboro, Salisbury and Shawsville, returned on Saturday and will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Roan. J. P. B.

HICKORY.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Hickory, Oct. 1.—Among the social events of the past week was a bridge party given by Mrs. W. L. Clinard last Friday afternoon, at which Mrs. J. H. Hatcher won the prize and Miss Lucile Shuford the consolation; and one last Tuesday afternoon, given by Mrs. E. B. Cline, when Mrs. C. M. Sherrill won the prize and Miss Josie Person the consolation. The guest prize was presented to Mrs. S. P. Withers.

Cards announcing the marriage of Miss Leila Armstrong De Puy and Mr. Marion Halsey Groves, at Napanock, N. J., have been received here. This marriage, which took place September 23d, is of much interest to Mr. Groves' many friends in this and other places. Mr. Groves is a prominent young business man of this place, having made Hickory his home for the past year.

The Thursday Study Club held its first meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. C. C. Bost on the afternoon of October 1st. Roll call was answered with quotations on books. Mrs. T. M. Hufham gave a comprehensive article on the "Government and Politics of Norway." This was followed by a piano solo by Mrs. George Bisanet. Under the heading of business a very interesting half hour was spent, during which a constitution was adopted. After adjournment the hostess, assisted by her daughter, Miss Margaret, served a salad course, followed by grapes and coffee. Autumn flowers and foliage were much in evidence, causing all to realize that October, the queen of all the months, is indeed here.

Miss Mary Shuford has returned to school at St. Mary's in Raleigh.—Mr. Wallace Shuford, of Arkansas, is visiting relatives here. He is accompanied by his daughter, Miss Sallie Shuford.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chadwick, of Ashland, Ky., are visiting Mrs. Edwina Chadwick on Twelfth street.—Mrs. Emma Taylor and children have returned from their summer home at Blowing Rock.—Miss Mildred Gray, of Newbern, and Miss Hettie Leonard, of Lexington, have entered Claremont College.

CONCORD.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Concord, Oct. 1.—The Book Club season has come again and the various clubs of the city are planning for, and arranging their winter's work. In each club a most interesting programme has been prepared. The Julia Magruder will resume work again in November, having suspended for one season in memory of several of the members who have died.

A club, of recent organization in Concord, is the Sans Souci, which is purely social. The following young ladies are members: Misses Mary Bingham, Frances Goodson, Mary Morrison, Adeline Morrison, Eugenia Lore, Eva May Brown, Edna Correll, Marguerite Brown, Anna Sherrill, Kathleen Smith and Miriam Dumville.

Mrs. E. C. Winchester, of Charlotte, is the guest of Mrs. D. L. Bost.

The many friends in Concord of Miss Mary Hanley, of Franklin, In., who has taught for several years in the Sunderland school near here, will learn with interest of her marriage to Mr. Forney, of Philadelphia, which is to take place Thursday, October 8th, at her home in Franklin.

Madam Rumor says there will be two weddings here in October, the contracting parties being popular young people of the city.

Miss Kate Archibald returned Monday from Dunn, where she visited her sister, Mrs. S. J. Hooks.

Mrs. T. W. Smith is visiting relatives in Clinton.

Judge and Mrs. W. J. Montgomery have returned from a visit to their daughter, Mrs. J. H. Witherspoon, at Lancaster, S. C.

Miss Lura Wheeler, of Wilmington, is the guest of her brother, Mr. R. S. Wheeler.

Miss Susie Fetzer Wheeler was hostess to a number of her little friends on Thursday afternoon, from 4 to 6. The occasion was a most thoroughly enjoyable one as Susie's parties always are.

Miss Nancy Brown, of Charlotte, is the guest of Miss Okla Brown.

OXFORD.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Oxford, Oct. 1.—Mrs. S. H. Smith entertained the "Bridge Club" Thursday afternoon. This club has just organized with twelve members. The score of games will be kept until the close of the year, when the most successful player will be the recipient of a complimentary luncheon. At this first game Miss Jeannette Biggs made the highest score. The members of the club are: Madames S. H. Smith, J. A. Niles, J. C. Robards, W. D. Devin, A. H. Powell, W. A. Devin, Hilman Connady, Misses Nev and Fannie Gregory, Susan Graham, Annie Taylor, Erwin Starke, Jeannette E. Biggs.

Mrs. A. A. Chapman entertained the Euchre Club Wednesday afternoon, in most hospitable manner. There were six tables of six-hand euchre and the refreshments were very choice and beautifully served.

Miss Jeannette Biggs gave an informal tea party in honor of Mrs. Thomas, of Henderson, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Robards. After tea a game of bridge was enjoyed by Mrs. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Robards, Mr. Elliott, Miss Cooper, Misses Gregory, and Mr. Massemburg.

Monday afternoon the embroidery club met with Miss Susan Graham. The members present were: Mrs. Hilman Cannady, Mrs. Crenshaw, Mrs. S. H. Smith, Mrs. A. H. Powell, Mrs. J. C. Robards, Mrs. H. G. Williams, Mrs. J. A. Niles, Misses Biggs, Gregory, Starke, Currin, Horsefield, Taylor, Corbutt. The guests of honor were Misses Sara Daniel, Margaret Jones, of Raleigh, and Mrs. Flynn, of Augusta, Ga.

Wednesday afternoon, September 30th, the home of Mrs. De La Croix, near Oxford, was the scene of a pleasant meeting of the Euchre Club. Elegant refreshments added to the pleasure of the game.

Midshipman Henry G. Cooper returned Thursday, from Spartanburg, S. C., to which place he accompanied his sister, Miss Mary Cooper, who has entered Converse College, in pursuance of special course in painting. Cadet Cooper left Oxford Monday for Annapolis, where he commences the duties of the Senior year.

Other young people who left Oxford for colleges are: Miss Louise Mitchell, to Randolph-Macon, Va.; Misses Mary and Fannie Webb with Miss Allene Minor, to Baptist University, Raleigh. To the Normal, Misses Isabel Fleming, Norma Burwell, Janie Booth, Alma Ragland, Annie Furman, Florence and Augusta Landis.

Invitations have been received here to the marriage in Henderson, October 18th, of Mr. W. W. Phelps to Miss Mary Chevasse. Mr. Phelps is most favorably regarded in Oxford, being employed in the interest of the American Tobacco Company. They will be cordially welcomed in this community, where they will reside.

Mr. Baldy Williams returned from Macon, Ga., where he accompanied Mr. Eugene Lewellyn as best man at the wedding of Mr. Lewellyn to Miss Annie Lee Currin. The newly wedded couple reached Oxford Tuesday afternoon and will make their home at the "Edwards" place.

SALISBURY.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Salisbury, Oct. 2.—The Women's Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian church entertained very delightfully at a reception at the manse Tuesday afternoon in honor of Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Colt, who leave soon for Korea, as missionaries. The drawing room was tastefully decorated with palms, ferns and red poinsettars, while in the dining room the color scheme was pink, and the softly-shaded candles cast their glow over vases of exquisite pink asters. Mesdames W. F. Kluttz and Frank Brown welcomed the guests in the hall, while Mr. and Mrs. Colt received in the drawing room, assisted by Dr. and Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Dovie Colt, the Misses Colt and Mrs. S. H. Wiley, Jr. Mrs. Colt, who is a very attractive brunette, wore a beautiful empire gown of white lace, with pearls. Mrs. Clark was charmingly gowned in pink mousseline, and carried LaFrance roses. In the dining room the guests were served with dainty refreshments by Mesdames Dodds and Rouzer, and Misses Brown, Heilig and Kluttz. Mr. Colt, who is a native Salisburian, has a host of friends here who were glad of this opportunity to meet and welcome his charming bride.

Miss Ruth Upson, who has been the guest of Mrs. A. H. Price for the past two weeks, has returned to her home in Florida.

Mrs. Arnold Snider delightfully entertained a few friends at bridge on Wednesday evening at her very attractive home on West Horah street.

Mrs. Walter H. Woodson was hostess to the Five Hundred Club on Wednesday afternoon. Misses Julia Crouch and Janet Quinn were guests of the club.

Miss Janet Quinn entertained at bridge last Friday night in her usual charming manner.

The Christian Reid Book Club held its first meeting since the summer adjournment at the home of Mrs. S. H. Wiley, Jr., on Tuesday afternoon. The books were selected for the fall series, which promises to be an unusually interesting one.

Mrs. A. H. Price, who will be a very charming addition to the club, was unanimously elected at this meeting.

Mr. Francis Murdock will entertain a number of his friends at a barbecue at Fisher's Mill, on Friday afternoon.

ASHEVILLE.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Asheboro, Oct. 2.—One of the most delightful social affairs given in some time was the "box party" which Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hammond gave on the evening of September 10th, in honor of Misses Virginia and Elizabeth Whitfield, of Lumberton. Misses Nannie Bulla, Annie Blair and Erma Whitfield received the guests in the hall, and in the parlor they were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Smith, of Clinton; Miss Etta Blair, of Asheboro, and Misses Virginia and Elizabeth Whitfield, of Lumberton. The "box" idea was carried out in every detail, the "invitations having been issued enclosed in small pasteboard boxes, boxes were used on the porches and in the parlors in the place of chairs, partners for the evening were found by matching cut up boxes, a unique and very amusing box contest formed part of the evening's amusement, the prize being a box of candy. The refreshments of frozen cream, cake and mints were also served in boxes, the cream being in small pasteboard boxes and larger boxes being used for plates, etc. There were about fifty guests present and as good nights were said all declared it to be not only one of the most unique but one of the most enjoyable affairs in the history of the town.

On September 11th Master James Underwood celebrated his fourth birthday with a party to which he asked all his little friends. After an hour spent in games on the lawn, the little host led the way to the dining room where, around a prettily decorated table, cream, cakes and bonbons were served. After another hour on the lawn, playing games dear to all children, the little guests said good-bye, wishing James many happy returns of his birthday. Mrs. Underwood was assisted in caring for the little folks by Mrs. W. A. Underwood, Mrs. H. E. Moffitt, Mrs. W. C. Hammond and Misses Hariet Hammer and Francis Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hammond entertained a few friends very informally on the evening of September 23d. Cards and dominoes were played. Those present were Misses Etta and Annie Blair, Nannie Bulla, Erma Whitfield, Virginia and Elizabeth Whitfield, of Lumberton; Messrs. Charles Fox, E. L. Aumon, L. L. Whitaker, R. C. Kelly, Sulon Stedman and O. V. Worsley.

On Thursday evening, September 24th, Misses Etta and Annie Blair entertained a few friends in honor of Misses Virginia and Elizabeth Whitfield, of Lumberton. Cards and dominoes were played and at a late hour delicious frozen cream and cake were served. The guests were: Misses Clara Moffitt, Edith and Agnes Moring, Erma, Virginia and Elizabeth Whitfield; Messrs. R. C. Kelly, E. L. Aumon, Sulon Stedman, L. L. Whitaker, Charles Fox, Fred Hendricks, Dr. D. K. Lockhart.

On Saturday morning, September 26th, Mrs. William C. Hammer entertained at "forty-two." The tables were arranged on the spacious veranda, and after the games were played, the hostess served delicious grape juice with lettuce sandwiches. The invited guests were: Mrs. J. O. Redding, Mrs. W. A. Underwood, Mrs. J. D. Simpson, Mrs. T. H. Redding, Mrs. J. V. Hunter, Mrs. D B. McCrary, Mrs. W. A. Coffin, Mrs. W. C. Hammond, Mrs. Annie Robins, Mrs. T. J. Anderson, Mrs. H. B. Martin, Mrs E. H. Morris, Mrs. E. Moffitt, Mrs. J. D. Ross; Misses Maggie Lee Erwin, Laura Stimson, Agnes Moring, Edith Moring, Clara Moffitt, Clara Spencer, Ione Cates, Daisy Osborne, Laura White, Edith Hendricks, May McAlister, Erma Whitfied, Virginia and Elizabeth Whitfield, of Lumberton.

SHELBY.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Shelby, Oct. 1.—Mrs. Lander McBrayer and Mrs. L. P. Holland were the hostesses at Mrs. Holland's home at a beautiful course luncheon Thursday announcing the engagement of their sister, Miss Wray Suttle, to Mr. L. J. Bailey, of Marashall, the wedding will take place October 29th. After the guests had assembled they were invited to the dining room. The polished table had for its centrepiece an exquisite fern which was reflected in the mirrir underneath. At each end of the table were tall cut glass vases filled with fragrant La France roses and at intervals between, gold candle sticks with pink candles shed a soft glow over the cut glass and silver. Around the mirrir a circle of pink rose buds was made. Concealed in these were dainty little pink hearts pierced with arrows. Miss Suttles and Mr. Bailey's names and the date of the wedding were written on them. As the hostess gave the signal the guests pulled the rose buds to them with the pink ribbons and read the interesting announcement. The place cards were hand-painted wedding bells and on these the guests were asked to draw a rose bud. Miss Pearl Lattimore proved to be quite an artist and an exquisite armful of roses was given her. Following the first course a poetic contest was engaged in, Miss Fan Barnett being the winner of a beautiful book of sonnets. After the next course as many words as could be made out of "wedding bells" was given the guests to make and Miss Madge Webb's mind seemed to be the most alert in this contest and she was presented with a delicious box of candy. Just before leaving the table toasts were written and read to the bride-elect and then Miss Bryte Baker give in a delightful manner an appropriate reading. During the luncheon Mrs. J. L. Suttle rendered beautiful selections on the piano. Assisting the hostesses were Mrs. C. B. Suttle, Mrs. J. L. Suttle, Mrs. S. A. McMurray and Mrs. Thomas Paul Webb. The invited guests were: Mrs. Odus Mull, Miss Madeline Miller, Mrs. Hugh Wray, Mrs. Nelson Lattimore, Mrs. Will Lineberger, Miss Madge Webb, Miss Elva Wray, Miss Selma Webb, Miss Pearl Lattimore, Miss Annie Miller, Miss Ora Eskridge and Miss Fan Barnett.

The "Woven Web," a play, will be given at the Auditorium Friday night under the auspices of the civic league. The cast of characters is: Walter Hastings, a young attorney, Lee Weathers; Jasper Larrington, who weaves the web, Robert Carpenter; Harry Falconer, a young Virginian, Claude McBrayer; Uncle Tobely, of vast ideas John Miller; Tim, his protege, Rush Hamrick; Moses, a negro, Jake Rudisill; Berta Danver, an orphan, Bryte Baker; Louise Falconer, Elva Wray; Aunt Judy, Mrs. George Hoyle.

The opening Thursday evening of the skating rink under the splendid management of Mr. E. A. Rudisill proved one of the most enjoyable of social events of the season. The large and well-ventilated room was attractively decorated with fancy Japanese lanterns and at one end of the hall a large plum tree of paper was suspended. On one side the ladies stood and the men skated to the tree and picked a plum which served as pretty souvenirs. To these a string was attached which the ladies held and in this way the partners were chosen. A large number of couples was skating and many stags. Several beautiful figures were introduced and the house was full of spectators enjoying the brilliant scene.

The Chicora Club held its first fall meeting Friday afternoon at the hospitable home of Mrs. J. J. Lattimore. Several interesting papers on politics were read and discussed, the papers being prepared by Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. E. Y. Webb, Mrs. R. L. Ryburn and Miss Madge Webb.

Among those spending the week end in Charlotte shopping and attending the play, "The Merry Widow," are: Miss Annie Bryant, Miss Mary Wilson Toms, Miss Bryte Baker, Mr. Forrest Eskridge, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ryburn and Miss Madge Webb.

Miss Busbee, of Raleigh, is spending some time at the College Hotel.—Mrs. Suttle and Miss Mamie Wright, of Ashville, are guests of Mrs. Victor McBrayer.—Mrs. Thomas Paul Webb and Miss Elizabeth McBrayer spent a few days last week in Charlotte. Miss McBrayer is having her eyes treated.—Mrs. Joe Smith, Miss Fan Barnett and Mrs. S. A. McMurray are spending a few days in Atlanta, Ga.—Mrs. Graham and Miss Laura Graham Robertson left Thursday for an extended visit to South Carolina.—Mrs. J. A. Anthony is visiting in Lincolnton this week—Mrs. G. M. Webb and Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Webb, Jr., of Birmingham, Ala., are visiting at the homes of Judge and Congressman Webb.—Mr. and Mrs. Rush Oates and Miss Lelage Oates, of Ashville, are guests of relatives here.—Dr. Delia Dixon Carroll, of Raleigh, spent Sunday here, the guest of Miss Fan Barnett.—Miss Selma Eskridge spent last week in Charlotte having her throat treated.—Mrs. J. W. Clark, of Rutherfordton, was the guest of Mrs. B. Blanton last week.—Mrs. E. B. Lattimore has returned from Lincolnton, where she visited her sister, Mrs. Harry Reid.—Mr. and Mrs. Barnett Cabiness, of Charlotte, spent Sunday here with relatives.—Mrs. H. B. Quinn left Saturday for Cliffdale, where she will visit relatives.

DURHAM.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Durham, Oct. 2.—Mrs. W. H. Morris gave a delightful card party last week at Lakewood Park in honor of her sister, Miss Katie Watkins, of Milton. Bridge and dominoes were enjoyed by the six tables and the heat of a real September day was quite avoided in that Lakewood retreat. The park has not furnished a more enjoyable outing to the ladies who must make concessions sometimes to the weather. The games were without prizes and the delight of it, the stimulus to exciting play. Following the tournament the serving of refreshments and the trip back home signalized the end of a delightful afternoon. The guests were: Miss Lila Wright, Misses Ethel and Louise Carr, Misses Annie Louise Vaughn and Lida Carr Vaughn, Misses Sallie and Louise Gass, Miss Rosa Green, Miss Nan Jordan, Miss Gertrude Winston, Miss Placide Kramer, Misses Joe and Kate Taylor, Miss Mary Weldon Huske, Miss Lottie Sharpe, Miss Madge Mershon, Miss Jean Venable, Miss Ida Flora, Miss Ettie Aydlette, of Elizabeth City; Miss Willie Smith, Miss Hattie Owens, Miss Emily Watkins, Mrs. Paul Taylor and Mrs. J. C. Biggs.

In the parlor of the First Baptist church last Wednesday night at eight-thirty, Mr. S. B. Knight and Mrs. Mahaley Monk were married, Rev. Jesse Weatherspoon officiating. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few friends and the couple went from the church to the home of the groom where they will keep house.

A few days ago the members of the Up-to-Date Club were the delighted recipients of the following unique invitation:

Occoneechee Farm, Sept. 24th, 1908.
The Up-to-Date Club is invited to come,
To Occoneechee, my country home.
The train leaves Durham the twenty-sixth,
And comfortable space for all is fixed.
Come up and see me and if you do,
We will dine on chicken and barbecue.
Cordially yours,
MRS. JULIAN S. CARR.
R. S. V. P.

These invitations were written on beautiful picture post cards portraying in lovely tints the romantic and historic "Dark Walks," one of the many attractive places on and near this ideal country place. Needless to say all hastened to respond with a delighted acceptance and the morning of the twenty-sixth found the following ladies assembled at the union station: Mrs. L. L. Morehead, Mrs. Julia M. Lasser, Mrs. J. M. Manning, Mrs. E. C. Murry, Mrs. W. H. Branson, Mrs. T. D. Jones, Mrs. George W. Watts, Mrs. W. L. Wall, Mrs. E. J. Parrish, Mrs. A. G. Carr, Mrs. B. N. Duke, Mrs. S. W. Venable, Mrs. Edwin Mims, Mrs. J. Harper Erwin and Miss Mary Hanes.

There they were greeted by Mr. Clairborne Carr, the gallant and popular son of Gen.ral and Mrs. Carr, who upon the arrival of the westbound train ushered them into a well appointed special car, which the general with his customary thoughtfulness had provided for Mrs. Carr's guests. After a short but thoroughly enjoyable ride the train stopped at the picturesque little station of Occoneechee, where they received the heartiest of welcomes from General Carr and his youngest son, Austin, who were in waiting and prepared to give them a hay ride up to the house some quarter of a mile distant. The welcome at the station was supplemented by a great streamer over the gateway with the word "Welcome" on it, painted in the club colors and just inside the entrance the charming hostess and her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Carr, Jr. The picturesque grounds, the herds of beautiful groomed Jersey cows grazing, the unique decorations on either side of the walks, composed of glowing crimson sage and large quantities of goldenrod set in enormous pumpkin vases, upon sawed-off oak trees as pedestals, was indeed a feast for the eyes of all lovers of nature and beauty.

The wide veranda with the wealth of fruits, grains, vegetables and flowers used in the elaborate and artistic decorations beggar description, and can be fittingly likened to a "Harvest Home," for peace and plenty were everywhere in evidence. A visit to the log club house and the stroll down the "Dark Walks" was enjoyed before dinner was announced. Dinner was served on the lawn under the shade of a cluster of great oak trees, and the long table fairly groaned under its weight of one of the most extravagant ante-bellum barbecue dinners ever served as in those dear old days, with little darkies vigorously plying heir fly brushes and the head butler with his assistants passing the good things. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in horseback riding and various other amusements. Time slipped by so pleasantly and rapidly that it was a surprise to all when it was announced that it was time to catch the train for Durham and just here the hostess surprised the guests with the presentation of the oddest and most unusual favors in the form of highly "Rhode Island Red" broilers, alike with a bow of green ribbon around their necks and their heads sticking out of the top of paper boxes made for the purpose. All in all, considering the perfect September day, the gracious hostess, picturesque Occoneechee and the assembly of the talented members of the Up-to-Date Club, it was a most enjoyable and memorable occasion.

Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock Miss Hattie Owens entertained at a bowling party at Lakewood Park. Five ladies played at each alley and two games each. After playing for an hour it was found Mrs. L. O. Jones had made the highest score. At 11 o'clock Miss Owens invited her guests to repair to the refreshment parlor, in another part of the park and there delicious cream and cake were served. It was with regret that one and all bade their hostess good-bye and thanking her for a most delightful morning. Those present were: Mrs. W. J. Griswold, Mrs. Stokes, Mrs. Leyburn, Mrs. J. P. Taylor, Mrs. I. F. Hill, Mrs. W. J. Patton, Mrs. Dr. Shakelford, Mrs. B. U. Brooks, Mrs. Jesse Brooks, Mrs. William Morris, Mrs. J. S. Cobb, Mrs. George A. Carr, Mrs. I. N. Carr, Mrs. Penn, Mrs. Victor S. Bryant, Mrs. W. B. LaFar, Mrs. L. O. Jones; Miss Gertrude Winston, Misses Ethel and Louise Carr, Misses Ida and Lilly Cowan, Misses Hattie and Jean Holleman, Miss Shakelford, Miss Placide Kramer, Mrs. Mahler Kramer, Miss Emily Watkins, Miss Nannie Mangum, Miss Kate Taylor, Miss Willie Smith, Miss Rosa Green, Miss Mary Sanford, of Mocksville.

Misses Ida and Martha Cowan entertained at cards Monday afternoon from 3:30 to 6 at Lakewood Park. Bridge was the game and there were five tables. After two hours of exciting play it was found Miss Hattie Owen had made the highest score, therefore won the first prize, a beautiful book, while everybody else looked on with envy. At the close of a very pleasant afternoon, indeed, refreshments were served. Those present were: Mrs. John I. Rose, Miss Ethel Carr, Miss Hattie Owen, Miss Louise Carr, Miss Lila Wright, Miss Katie Watkins, of Milton; Miss Mary Sanford, of Mocksville; Miss Gertrude Winston, Mrs. George A. Carr, Miss Mary Weldon Huske, Miss Sadie Hackney, Mrs. B. U. Brooks, Miss Robbie Tillinghast, Mrs. Paul Taylor, Miss Lillie Cowan, Miss Martha Cowan, Mrs. Joe Graham, Miss Sarah Cowan, Mrs. George Frapps, of Texas, and Miss Ida Cowan.

The Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Club was entertained at their beautiful home on Morehead Hill Tuesday afternoon from 4:30 till 6 o'clock by the Misses Carr. As i sthe rule the playing began on time. Nearly every member was present. The score cards were very pretty indeed. As the club gives no prizes none was in evidence, but it was found at the end that Mrs. Alphonsus Cobb had made the highest score. After two hours of fun delicious refreshments were served, after which the guests reluctantly departed. Those present were: Miss Gertrude Winston, Miss Lila Wright, Miss Kate Taylor, Miss Madge Mershon, Miss Mary Sanford, Miss Lottie Sharp, Miss Mary Weldon Huske, Miss Katie Watkins, of Milton; Miss Annie Louise Vaughan, Miss Ida Cowan, Miss Lillie Cowan, Miss Willie Smith, Miss Hattie Owens, Miss Sarah Cowan, Mrs. A. Cobb, Mrs. J. P. Taylor, Mrs. J. I. Rose, Miss Ethel Carr, Miss Louise Carr and Miss Evelyn Jones.

Those of the Durham party who went on the Northern trip are at home again. They report a most excellent trip and one that was without an accident or mishap of any kind. There