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SALISBURY.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Salisbury, Feb. 25.—The reception given on Washington's Birthday by the Daughters of the American Revolution at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. W. McKenzie was a brilliant affair and exceedingly enjoyed by the eighty or more invited guests. The house was effectively decorated with red carnations and red roses, making a striking background for the beautifully gowned women who thronged its handsome rooms. A delightful musical programme was one of the notable features of the afternoon. Such well-known musicians as Miss Govelykontz, Miss Julia Crouch, Mrs. S. H. Wiley, Mrs. McCall, Mrs. D. M. Miller, Mrs. John Whitehead and Mr. Nelson Taylor contributed greatly to the pleasure and success of the entertainment. The guests were met in the reception hall by Mrs. M. C. Quinn and Mrs. R. L. Mauney. Those in the receiving line were: Mesdames W. W. McKenzie, J. P. Moore, D. F. Cannon, Edwin Overman, Edwin Gregory, Andrew Buford and Mrs. John Van Landingham, of Charlotte, State regent and the guest of honor on this occasion. Miss Jennie Buford, of Winston, and Miss Cordelia Phifer, of Charlotte, were also honored guests of the Daughters. Mrs. N. P. Murphy, Miss Janet Quinn and Miss Nannie Buford presided at the punch bowl, while Mrs. Richard Henderson, Miss Mary Smith and Mrs. George Fisher received the guests in the dining room, where ices, cakes, bonbons and salted almonds were served.

Another charming entertainment on Washington's Birthday was the bridge party given by Miss Mary Ramsay in honor of her house guest, Miss Helen Brem, of Charlotte. Sixteen interested guests engaged in the game and at its close the names of the prize winners were announced. Mrs. J. D. Carleton received the first prize, a bunch of love' red carnations; Miss Mary Hende on, the consolation, a box of crystallized red cherries. Miss Brem was presented with the guest's prize, a pretty chafing dish apron. The refreshments were delicious and appropriate to the occasion, the second course consisting of charlotte russe topped with red cherries and served in continental hats. The score cards were decorated with red cherries and fastened on with pins in the shape of hatchets.

Miss Mary Henderson was hostess at a delightful bridge party Saturday evening in Miss Brem's honor. In addition to the hostess and her guest of honor those present were: Misses Mary Ramsay, Sallie Barlowe, Rosalie Barnhardt, Kathleen Kluttz; Messrs. H. D. Griswold, Gilbert Hambley, Arthur Frazier, Arnold Snider, June Russell, Stahle Luin.

Mrs. Robert Lee Mauney entertained most delightfully Thursday afternoon, her guests being the members of the Thursday Afternoon Bridge Club and a number of her other bridge-playing friends. The game is always of the greatest interest to its devotees but when, as on this occasion, a prize is to be played for, interest is quickened with absorption. At 5:30 o'clock time was called and it was found that Miss Mary Smith was the fortunate possessor of the highest score. She was accordingly presented with the prize, an extremely pretty pink sachet. Mrs. Mauney served most delicious refreshments. The first course consisted of quail on toast, patties of green peas, hot beaten biscuit and tea, the second of plum pudding and wine sauce.

Miss Annie Kizer was the gracious hostess to the Wednesday Afternoon Bridge Club this week and to eight additional guests, all of whom spent a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

Friday evening the Chafing Dish Club was charmingly entertained by Miss Rosalie Bernhardt at her home on East Innis street. After a very entertaining game of bridge, Miss Bernhardt invited her guests into the dining room, where a delicious chafing dish supper was served.

The Salisbury Book Club held its first meeting of the new series of books with Mrs. Theodore F. Kluttz Tuesday afternoon. This series promises to be one of the most interesting and instructive ever enjoyed by the club. Notable among the new books are the following: "Blackstick Papers," by Anne Thackery Richie; "Chateau and Country Life in France," Madame Waddington; "The Technique of the Novel," Charles Horn; "A Chronicle of Friendship," Will Low; "The Explorer," William Somerset Maughan; "Halfway House," Maurier Hewlitt; "The Higher Life in Art," John Le Farge.

At the meeting of the Christian Reid Book Club with Mrs. Edwin Gregory Thursday afternoon, new books were selected and this club is also looking forward to a most interesting six months.

Mrs. Waverly Strachan was charming hostess to "Le Bas de Sole" Bridge Club and to a number of other chosen friends Friday afternoon. The afternoon was most enjoyable and when the game was ended and scores were counted it was found that Miss Mary Smith was again the possessor of the top score. She was presented with the first prize, a pretty silver bodkin set. Miss Julia Crouch received the guest's prize for the highest score, a bunch of handsome carnations. Tempting and delicious refreshments were served.

Miss Mary Smith was hostess to "Le Bas de Sol" Bridge Club Tuesday morning and this last meeting before Lent proved to be one of the most delightful in the history of the club. Mrs. Frank Robbins won the first prize, a pair of lovely black silk stockings. Mrs. Edward W. Burt won the guest's prize, a pretty potted plant. A delicious luncheon was served.

The many Salisbury friends of Miss Nancy Johnson, of Birmingham, Ala., will be interested to hear of her approaching marriage to Dr. Shry, a prominent Canadian banker. Miss Johnson, who is a daughter of Gen. and Mrs. R. D. Johnson, is noted for her beauty and personal charms, and is a great favorite in Salisbury and throughout the State.

The Eurydice Club celebrated Mendelssohn's centenary Tuesday afternoon by giving a very delightful musicale at the residence of Mrs. Byron C. Clarke. The programme, which consisted entirely of Mendelssohn's music was exquisitely rendered, and the occasion was in every way a most enjoyable one.

Miss Kathleen Kluttz will entertain the Wednesday Afternoon Bridge Club Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Archibald H. Boyden and daughter, Miss Jane, left Sunday night for an extended visit to friends in Philadelphia. They went via Norfolk in order to be present at Hampton Roads to witness the home coming of the fleet.

The Sans Souci Club celebrated Washington's Birthday with Mrs. Charles E. Stevenson at the home of Mrs. I. H. Forest on South Main street. Each guest was blindfolded and was given a pair of scissors with which to snip cherries from a diminutive tree. Great merriment ensued as most of the blindfolded ones snipped only the empty air. The latest fad, and a most fascinating one, picture puzzles, engaged the attention of Mrs. Stevenson's guests for the remainder of the afternoon. Mrs. Wetter Goodman having completed her picture first, was presented with the prize, a hatchet tied with red, white and blue ribbon. Ices were served in tiny cocked hats and bunches of artificial cherries were the charming souvenirs. The guests of honor were: Misses Sadie and Mena Davis and Miss Eugenia Harris. Miss Harris, who is a member of the club, came over from Greensboro especially for this occasion.

LEXINGTON.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Lexington, Feb. 25.—Miss Ellen Watson entertained most beautifully at a valentine party last Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watson on South Main street in honor of Miss Bessie Henry, of Winston-Salem. The rooms were artistically decorated with ribbons, strung with red hearts. Miss Rosa Moffitt and Mrs. Estelle English, of Monroe, served punch in the sitting room, while Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Miss Ellen Watson, Miss Bessie Henry and Miss Crawford Smith received the guests in the hall. Mrs. Joe Thompson and Miss Pearle Moffitt directed the way to the dining room, where an elegant two-course collation was served. Prizes for the best original valentines were won by Mr. Archie Dorsett and Miss Burkhead, of Concord.

On Monday afternoon of last week Mrs. W. H. Mendelhall in her usual charming and hospitable manner entertained at bridge the following-named ladies: Mesdames E. C. Clinard, of Winston; Brantley Finch, Gilliam Brown, G. W. Montcastle, J. F. Deadrick, W. E. Holt, Jr., Joe H. Thompson, Misses Camille Hunt, Margaret Graves, of Carthage; Anna Brown, of Winston; Edith Greer and Miss Deadrick, of Clarksville, Tenn. Miss Camille Hunt received the highest score and was presented with a bunch of palma violets. The hostess served a delightful three-course luncheon.

Tuesday Mrs. J. W. Nowell entertained the Wednesday Afternoon Club in honor of her sister, Mrs. John Nowell, of Roxboro. After receiving the guests in the hall they were directed by Mrs. Nowell into the east room when delicious punch was served by Mrs. Hartman. After an interesting contest in nations the club prize was won by Mrs. H. S. Radcliffe, while the visitor's fell to Miss Gregory, of Lancaster, S. C. Delicious refreshments consisting of salads and frozen cream were greatly enjoyed.

Miss Arline Trice was hostess to the Round Dozen Club on Thursday afternoon. Instead of playing the popular game of nations Miss Trice had arranged a pleasant diversion in the form of a literary programme. Interesting papers were prepared and read on the following nations: "America," Mrs. W. H. Mendenhall; "Africa," Miss Gertrude Hamner, which was in rhyme, Miss Hamner having a decided poetic turn of mind; "Asia," Miss Gregory; "Europe," Mrs. S. E. Williams. Music also played an important part, contributing in no small degree to the entertainment of the afternoon.

Last Friday Mrs. W. H. Dorsett and her sister, Miss Lena Sheely, charmingly entertained complimentary to Miss Bessie Henry, of Winston, who was the guest of Miss Ellen Watson. The first prize was won by Mrs. Percy Grimes, a lovely hand-painted bowl, who presented it to a visitor, Miss Jennie Brown, of Salisbury. Second prize was won by Miss Dell Grimes, a sachet. The guest of honor, Miss Henry, was given a box of confections. A three-course luncheon followed the game.

Tuesday Mrs. Elizabeth Hutchison was hostess to the Pleasure Club. Mrs. W. H. Mendenhall was the lucky winner of the club prize, who presented it to Miss Luna Thompson, of Salisbury. Visitor's prize fell to Miss Henry, of Winston. The Washington idea was carried out very attractively in both the score cards and the delightful refreshments served by Mrs. Hutchison.

The Club of Twelve met with Mrs. W. H. Mendenhall on last Wednesday afternoon and a most profitable and interesting meeting it proved to be. The subject chosen for this occasion was "Home Economics." At roll-call each member responded with a famous recipe. Mrs. C. A. Hunt's paper on "Home" was exceptionally fine. Miss Camille Hunt gave an interesting reading on the subject and Mrs. W. H. Mendenhall also had one on "Drudgery Idealized." After feasting on things literary the hostess served a three-course collation attesting anew her accomplishments in the culinary arts. Beautiful cut flowers decorated the rooms. Mrs. Mendenhall's guests, aside from the regular members, were: Mesdames J. H. Greer, Jacob Leonard, C. C. Hargrave, J. W. Nowell, of Roxboro; Misses Jennie and Lila Brown, of Salisbury; Burkhead, Gregory, Nellie Trice, Deadrick, of Tennessee.

Quite a number of specially invited guests and members of the Wednesday Afternoon Club were most graciously entertained by Mrs. Dermot Shemwell at her home on South Main street. It was a Washington party in its truest sense and a lovelier affair could scarcely be imagined. The rooms were beatifully decorated, the national red, white and blue predominating. "Old Glory" was very much in evidence, numberless flags of various sizes being scattered about the appartments. The table in the dining room was especially attractive with its vase of crimson carnations and silver candelabra. On entering the hall the guests were received by Mrs. Shemwell, assisted by her sister, Mrs. Foy, and Miss Luna Thompson, of Salisbury; here also delicious punch was served. The score cards were in keeping with the occasion, the picture on the cards telling the same old story of Washington and his hatchet. After an interesting and spirited game the prizes were announced. The club prize, a brass jardiniere, fell to Mrs. J. F. Deadrick; the consolation, a lovely bunch of crimson carnations, to Mrs. W. E. Holt, Jr.; the visitor's prize, a pair of silk hose, was given to Miss Edith Greer, and the consolation, a tiny brass hatchet, to Mrs. E. C. Clinard. The game was followed by an elegant and elaborate salad course, and on leaving each guest was presented with an appropriate souvenir, a miniature flower pot containing a tree with cherries.

Monday evening at the armory another one of the delightful series of dances was enjoyed by quite a number of young folks.

STATESVILLE.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Statesville, Feb. 25.—Mr. J. F. Bowles entertained last Friday afternoon in honor of the teachers of the graded school, the teachers of the Female College, and a few friends. The out-of-town guest was Miss Morring, of Asheboro. A number of progressive games were played in which Mrs. J. O. Purnell received the prize, and presented it to Miss Morring. Dainty refreshments were served and the evening was one of great enjoyment.

The Round Dozen Club was entertained at its last meeting by Mrs. S. B. Miller, when a most pleasant afternoon was spent in fascinating handiwork. The special guests were: Mesdames Robert Johnston and Hugh Cowles, and Miss Carrie Hoffman. Delicious refreshments brought the evening to a close.

Miss Lillian Morrison was hostess at a George Washington party to the teachers of the graded school and the teachers of the college last Friday night in honor of her friend, Miss Minnie Fields, of Greensboro. A number of progressive games, appropriate to a Washington celebration, were played. Miss Margaret Scott won the first prize; Miss Fields was presented with the guest of honor prize, a hand-made embroidered handkerchief, and on Prof. H. E. Craven was bestowed the booby, a large stick of red, white and blue striped candy. A delicious salad course with coffee, etc., was served. The guests, outside of the superintendent and principal of the graded school and the college teachers, were: Mrs. D. Matt Thompson, and Miss Lucy Rice, Mr. and Mrs. William Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Dorman Thompson. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

The Elcricemoh was entertained by Mrs. C. M. Steele at its last meeting in a new and novel manner. It was a George Washington party, and a number of Washington pictures adorned the walls. Some Washington progressive games were played. Mrs. R. L. Poston won the prize, a silver thimble. The ladies were then invited into another room where they found a large comfort stretched upon its frame, ready for quilting. All being supplied with needles and thread, the merry party fell to work with a will, and in a short time the quilting was finished. Mrs. Steele will present the comfort to the Billingsley Hospital. Delicious refreshments were served. The especial guests were: Mesdames R. L. Poston, George Nicholson, J. B. Foster and Miss Octa Brandon.

Miss Mary Scott was hostess to the Entre Nous Club last week. In the playing of progressive games, Miss Moffatt won the prize. The club was delighted to have with it on this occasion, its last new member, Mrs. George Edward French. Other special guests were: Misses Moffatt and Black, of the college faculty. Tempting refreshments were served and brought to a close a delightful evening.

On Saturday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock, Mrs. B. F. Long was "at home" to some hundred guests in honor of our latest bride, Mrs. George Edward French. This elegant home, "Oakhurst," was resplendent with electric lights, shaded candles, beautiful flowers. The entrance hall and the parlor opening from it were adorned with pink carnations and pink shaded electric lights and candles. The library, which was also the punch room, was in red, with red shades, and red carnations. The den, in which the coffee was served was also in red to correspond with its red walls, rugs, etc. The dining room was in yellow, The table was very lovely. It was covered with a handsome drawn-work linen cover, the work of the skilful hands of the hostess; the centrepiece was a mass of delicate and delicious cream-colored freezias—placed upon a round mirror. The chandelier and candles were covered with yellow shades. Beneath the centre of the chandelier was tied a large cream-colored maline bow, and from the four lights of the chandelier festoons of smilax were carried to the four corners of the table. The whole effect was one of grace and delicacy. Upon entering the hall door the guests were handed trays for cards by little Misses Maud McLaughlin and Florence Miller. Miss Carrie Hoffman showed the guests upstairs to the dressing room, and upon their return, Mesdames C. M. Wood and L. White ushered them into the parlor, where stood in the receiving line Mesdames G. E. French, W. M. Robbins, B. F. Long and R. N. Hackett. Mrs. French was gowned in a handsome smoke gray messaline satin, She wore a picture hat of gray, lined with pink and carried pink carnations. Mrs. Robbins wore black grenadine; Mrs. Long, black net over silk, and Mrs. Hackett, nile green messaline. From the parlor Mrs. E. L. Pegram showed the guests to the punch room, where Mesdames A. C. Barron, A. J. Evans and A. L. Coble presided, while Mesdames L. L. Parks, D. A. Miller, William Wallace and H. O. Steele served the punch during the afternoon. Miss Rose Stephany ushered into the den, where Mesdames J. H. Hoffman, J. Stephany, Nannie Bonner, and Charles A. Turner, assisted by Misses Mary Scott and Minnie Sherrill served coffee, sandwiches and cheese balls. From this room the guests were shown into the dining room where Mesdames Barnett Adams, L. McLelland and Miss Marie Long presided and where the guests were served to delicious cream and cake. The handsome gowns, the beautiful rooms, the life and gaiety of the guests and the general feeling of freedom from formality made this an occasion long to be remembered.

Mrs. D. A. Thomas charmingly entertained the D. A. R. chapter on Monday afternoon in honor of her friend, Mrs. A. C. Goodman, of Mooresville. The tasteful home was decorated with pine boughs, the emblem of free America. Progressive games of a patriotic character suitable to a George Washington anniversary were played. The score cards bore the wheel, the emblem of the D. A. R. society. Mrs. William Wallace won the first prize, a Washington box of candy; Mrs. R. B. McLaughlin got the booby, a hatchet filled with candy. Miss Ann Turner, the latest addition to the Daughters, received the visitor's prize, while Mrs. Goodman received the guest's prize. Most enjoyable refreshments of punch, cream and cake, coffee, sandwiches, preserved ginger, salted nuts, etc., were served in the dining room, where the table was decorated with glowing cherries. The guests, besides Mrs. Goodman and the local D. A. R.'s, were: Mesdames W. M. Robbins, R. B. McLaughlin, C. M. Wood, A. C. Barron, E. S. Pegram, P. Pettit, William Wallace, D. M. Ansley, J. O. Purnell, William Morrison, A. G. Corpening, and Misses Leet, Eleanor Murr, Lottie Linton and Martha Moore.

NEWTON.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Newton, Feb. 25.—On February the 18th the hospitable home of Mrs. J. A. Gaither was thrown open to receive the Thursday Book Club at its regular meeting. Beautiful blooming white narcissus were in great profusion and filled the air with their sweet perfume. The club's magic number, 14, answered to the roll-call and current events called forth a number of interesting items.

With the study of the afternoon Salt Lake City found more students than did Yosemite Valley. Mrs. McCorkle told of the many beauties of this unique city and Mrs. Shaw Yount gave a paper from the pen of her husband giving a personal account of a visit to that place. Mrs. Williams' paper touched briefly on the city and its foundation, but told more of the vice of Mormonism and its connection with Salt Lake City. Mrs. John Yount described the many fine buildings of the Mormons. Mrs. Albert Gaither sketched the life of Brigham Young, read a letter from a lady describing a visit to one of his wives, his favorite, and showed Mrs. Young's photograph presented to the writer of the letter.

Mrs. Long gave a beautiful description of Yosemite Valley, and, at the request of Mrs. Fox, one of the guests, Mrs. Belle Wilfong read an account of Cascade Falls.

The book under discussion during the afternoon was "Aunt Jane, of Kentucky," by Eliza Calbert Hall, whose name is Mrs. Eliza Calbert O'Benchain. After giving several criticisms on the work, Mrs. Gaither read an interesting letter from the author herself. In this missive Mrs. O'Benchain says she is a descendant, a granddaughter of Mrs. Eliza Caroline Hall, of Iredell county, and prides herself on the fact that in her neighborhood she is as well known for the excellency of her bread and rolls as for her writings.

At the close of the literary hour Mrs. R. B. Knox delightfully entertained those present by singing "Do You Remember," which was followed by a recitation, "Burdock's Goat," by Mrs. Long, which called forth peals of laughter. The sweet singing of "In After Years When I Am Old," by Mrs. McCorkle, brought the afternoon's programme to a close.

Assisted by Miss Sallie Fry the hostess served most enjoyable refreshments and all lingered long around the tables.

The guests of the club were Mrs. J. R. Gaither, Mrs. Belle Wilfong, Misses Annie Foard and Sallie Fry.

Monday night the members of the Athenian Society of Catawba College, assisted by some of the young ladies, gave a very pretty little play in the college auditorium. The deacon's tribulations were surely many and the hero's part was most excellently carried out by Mr. J. M. Peck. The mere fact that Miss Henrietta Killian was the deacon's wife carries with it success for that old lady. Her sister, Miss Mary Schnelbley, acted the character chosen for her in a manner that called forth much applause. Daisy, the maid, was well taken by Miss Mamie Lyerly, while the child, little Nellie, Miss Margaret Crowell, won all hearts. For genuine fun and laughter, the negro, Pete, Mr. Eugene Godfrey, needs only to be seen to be appreciated. The parts of the three tramps were well taken and the whole play was very enjoyable.

GASTONIA.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Gastonia, Feb. 25.—On last Friday night the Gastonia Commercial Club entertained with its annual reception, which has come to be one of the principal occasions of the social season in Gastonia. The club rooms were most tastefully decorated in the club colors, red and green, with palms, ferns and festoons of ferns, carnations and roses. In the receiving line were the officers and members of the board of governors, as follows: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Separk; Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Robinson; Mr. L. C. Pegram, with Miss Josephine Heath, of Raleigh; Mr. J. K. Dinan, with Miss Irvin, of Morganton; Mr. T. L. Smyre, with Miss Mary Hilderbrand; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hardin, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Boyce, Mr. Robert Currence.

Delicious punch was served by Mrs. M. H. Curry, Mrs. Mary Morrow, Mrs. D. M. Jones, while the salad course was served by Mesdames. C. K. Marshall, W. Y. Warren, E. H. Gilliam and T. L. Craig. Ices and cakes were served by Mrs. T. W. Wilson, Mrs. Emma Jenkins, Mrs. Mattie Pegram, Mrs. Laura E. Rankin, Miss Bertie Duffy and Miss Withers.

At the coffee table Mrs. J. R. Dinan presided, assisted by Miss Susie Hoffman and Mrs. L. N. Glenn.

There was a large attendance of guests, quite a number of out-of-town people being here specially for the occasion, and the affair was in every respect a thorough success. Music was furnished during the evening by Dressler's Orchestra.

The "Reveries of a Bachelor" was enjoyed Tuesday evening, in the auditorium of the school building. This was given for the benefit of the Gastonia library. In connection with the play there was a most pleasing musical concert rendered. The selections by the male quartette received quite an applause, as did also the solo by Mr. Harvey Overcash, of Charlotte.

Mrs. D. B. Coultrane has returned to her home in Concord, after a visit of several days to her daughter, Mrs. D. A. Garrison.—Mrs. J. P. Stowe and Miss Nan Ward, of Charlotte, attended the reception of Mrs. L. N. Glenn and Mrs. A. M. Dixon on last Friday.—Dr. J. G. Waldrop and little daughter Dorothy, of Hendersonville, were the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Shuford.

HICKORY.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Hickory, Feb. 25.—The Chrestonion and Eumenean Literary Societies of Lenoir College celebrated their eighteenth anniversary on the evening of the 22d. The question debated was, "Resolved, That the United States should adopt a system of postals savings banks." The debaters were Messrs. W. K. Mauney and V. L. Fulmer affirmative, and W. A. Rudisill and C. K. Rhodes, negative. The speeches were excellent, the medal being won by W. K. Mauney, of King's Mountain. The affirmative won in the debate. The orator of the evening was F. K. Shealy, whose subject was "A Helmless Bark." "Apollo's Oracle" was given by a number of young ladies, members of the Eumenean, and much enjoyed. The decorations were pink carnations and ivy and were very beautiful. The Oak View Orchestra furnished music for the occasion.

The dance given last Thursday night in the Cotillion Club Hall by Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Martin was a very delightful one. The receiving party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Rhyne, of Newton; Miss Agnes Martin, of Marion, and Miss May Williams, of Newton, in whose honor the dance was given. After the guests had inscribed their names in the dainty register—on whose cover Cupid with bow and arrow looked on—delicious refreshments were served at the midnight hour. The music for this largely attended dance was furnished by an orchestra of five pieces.

The mock court trial which was held in the Academy of Music last Friday evening attracted a large crowd. The entertainment was a very amusing one. The plaintiff, defendant, witnesses, council, judge and jury each being a decided attraction.

The fifth of the Monday evening entertainments will be given in the chapel of Claremont College March 1st. Among other enjoyable features will be the vocal solos by Sig. D'Anna.

Mrs. Irwin Chadwick, Mrs. Charles Chadwick and Miss Helen Chadwick entertained at bridge Monday afternoon, February 22d. From the eight tables Mrs. W. X. Reid received the prize, a framed picture of Sargeant Washington as a remembrance of the day. Miss Josie Person had a prize, a pack of cards, as consolation for her lack of luck. Delightful refreshments ended a very pleasant social affair.

Mrs. Charles Menzies was "at home" February 23d for bridge. There were seven tables. Mrs. E. B. Menzies won the beautiful bouquet of pink carnations as the first prize and Mrs. Bryan Jones the second prize, a deck of cards. Dainty refreshments were served at the close of an hour wherein the guests found it hard to ring the changes in appreciation of "such a lovely time."

Mrs. Bryan Jones entertained the Wednesday Afternoon Book Club for Mrs. Alexander Hall, who was prevented by illness in the family. Mrs. Hall's book is "Walled In," and she had a personal note from Mrs. Ward, which the club secretary, Mrs. E. B. Cline read, together with an entertaining sketch of the author. Mrs. Ward had nothing to say for her book. She wrote "It came from too near her heart," but her husband was interested in North Carolina, having spent sometime in our State.

THOMASVILLE.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Thomasville, Feb. 25.—The Thomasville graded school observed Washington's Birthday. Soon after the noon recess the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades, under the direction of Miss Meta Liles, rendered a creditable programme. Many visitors from the town were present and the school chapel, which was tastily decorated in flags and bunting, was comfortably filled. Patriotic songs, compositions on the different periods of Washington's life, and a debate in which the young hopefuls displayed originality of thought and expression, constituted the programme.

Saturday evening Mrs. F. S. Lambeth entertained most beautifully and elaborately a number of her friends at a Washington dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Lambeth are most charming host and hostess and on this occasion could not be exceled. The house was appropriately decorated and the dining room was itself perfect in its displays—everything being suggestive of the love of our country, its flag and its "Father." A most delicious six-course dinner was served and the time spent around the "festive board" was one full of merriment, witty repartee adding much to the gaiety. The color scheme of red and white was completely carried out and the place cards for the guests were unique and attractive, each being taken from a familiar scene in Washington's life. Mr. Archibald Johnson during the evening gave a most interesting discourse on Washington, referring with beautiful tributes to Lincoln and Lee. Different ones of the party added greatly to the evening's enjoyment with splendid music, as some of Thomasville's best talent was among those present, as follows: Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Lambeth, Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Johnson, Misses Mary Johnson, Blanche Austin, and Jim Lambeth, Zad Griffith and Homer Ragan.

The Daughters of Confederacy are to give a silver tea Wednesday evening at the residence of Mrs. J. L. Armfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hoover gave an elegant dinner last Monday in honor of Mr. Rom Thomas. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ped Thomas, Misses Corinna Shelley and Annie Thomas; Messrs. Rom Thomas and little Miss Alline and Master George Hoover.

The regular meeting of the "T. M." Club was held Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Misses Idamaie and Lillian Yowe on North Main street. The afternoon was spent with the great and grand old musician, Mendelssohn, this year being his hundredth anniversary. Miss Dixie Hester read a bright, interesting paper on his life and Misses Sadie Parham and Mary Johnson each rendered well one of Mendelssohn's most beautiful compositions. At the conclusion of the programme the gracious hostess served dainty refreshments in which the club colors, lavender and white, were most appropriately carried out. Each one present carried away a bunch of violets as a souvenir of the happy occasion. The guests of the club were: Mrs. Elmer Leak, Mrs. John Meyers, Mrs. George Yowe, Mrs. C. A. Pamplin and Misses Lulu and Ella Dorsett.

CONCORD.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Concord, Feb. 25.—On Thursday afternoon of last week Mrs. M. L. Marsh entertained the Afternoon Social Club in her usual charming manner. With a full attendance of members and a number of visitors there was nothing lacking to make this occasion as thoroughly charming and enjoyable as the meetings at Mrs. Marsh's always are.

The entire house was most tastefully decorated in valentine decorations, numerous hearts being suspended everywhere. The parlor in yellow, hall in violet and sitting room in pink, were all pretty and attractive, but the dining room was the chief object of artistic beauty. Here red was the prevailing color and with the soft lights of many candles was most effective.

Besides discussing the news of the day, the guests were very much interested in dainty handiwork and in the guessing contest, and so successful was each one that a prize, a dainty heart-shaped needle-book, was given to each as a souvenir of this most happy occasion. An elegant four-course luncheon was served at the close of the meeting.

Later in the day, from 8 to 11, Mrs. Marsh entertained a number of her younger friends at a euchre party, which was most thoroughly enjoyed. The first prize was given to Miss Eva May Brown, while the booby was won by Mr. Saurvaine. Those present were Misses Mary Bingham, Eugenia Lore, Frances Goodson, Adeline Morrison, Mary Morrison, Lucy Brown, Edna Correll, Eva May Brown, Kathleen Smith, Mary King; Messrs. Hugh Parks, Jones Pharr, Will Hawthorne, Cy White, Harry Hopkins, John Porter, Nevin Archibald, Jimmie Lee Walthall and Saurvaine.

Despite the dreariness of the day the Julia Magruder Club enjoyed a most pleasant meeting with Mrs. W. C. Houston on Tuesday afternoon. The programme, as usual, was replete with good things, the papers read by Mesdames J. C. Gibson, G. L. Patterson and L. D. Coltrane being most thoroughly interesting. Guests of honor were Mesdames C. C. Hook, of Charlotte; James Harlan, of Washington, D. C., and Miss Camille Hunt, of Lexington. Most delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. John M. Craven was the pleasant hostess of the Study Club on Thursday last. With an interesting programme the afternoon was most delightfully spent. "The House of Seven Gables," by Hawthorne, was the book under discussion. The hostess served dainty refreshments after the programme. Mrs. F. H. Haywood was present as a visitor.

The last meeting of the Euchre Club for the season was held on Saturday at the home of Mrs. C. J. Harris on North Union street, with Mrs. Y. M. Moore, Mrs. C. L. Smith and Mrs. Harris as hostesses. The decorations were suggestive of Washington's Birthday, the score cards being little red hatchets. After a time spent in playing Mrs. Aubrey Hoover was found to have won the prize. Dainty refreshments were a fitting close to this happy occason.

The handsome home of Mrs. J. W. Cannon, Jr., was the scene of a most pleasant affair on Monday afternoon, when she entertained a few friends at bridge. At the close of the games prizes were presented to Mrs. Hook, of Charlotte, and Miss Hunt, of Lexington. An elegant luncheon was served, after which the guests departed with most delightful memories of this afternoon. Those playing were Mesdames C. J. Harris, G. L. Patterson; C. C. Hook, of Charlotte; Misses Kate Means, Ohla Brown, Camille Hunt, of Lexington, and Janet Quinn, of Salisbury.

The Sans Souci Club was entertained on Tuesday by Miss Kathleen Smith and the afternoon was most pleasantly spent.

MADISON.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Madison, Feb. 25.—Saturday evening the palatial home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Penn, in south Madison, was a scene of unusual brilliancy, when Misses Auvila Lindsay and Lilian Matthews jointly entertained at cards, complimentary to their charming guests, Miss Hazel Harmon, of High Point, and Miss Catherine Rives, of Martinsville, Va. The guests were received in the reception hall by Miss Lindsay, assisted by Mr. W. G. Lindsay, and were shown into the card room, where the tables were attractively arranged. When the guests had assembled dainty score cards with yellow ribbons and daffodils attached were distributed, carrying with them a delightful breath of spring. The hours from 9:30 to 11:30 were spent in progressive games testing the ability of a number of skilled players and at the conclusion it was found the highest score was held by Dr. Roach, who was presented the first prize, a box of candy daintily tied with yellow ribbons, who in turn presented it to Miss Rives, who was a close second. The cut for consolation was made by Miss Llewellyn, Mrs. Roach and Mr. Penn, Miss Llewellyn winning in the cut, and she was presented with a magnificent bunch of daffodils tied with yellow ribbons. The booby, a unique little jumping jack, fell to Miss Carpenter. The score was kept by Miss Octola Lindsay, and throughout the evening fruit punch was served by Misses Lindsay and Matthews, while each table was provided with salted nuts and mints. After the presentation of prizes by Miss Matthews, delicious ices and cake were served, further carrying out the color scheme of yellow and white. As an added surprise to the evening so pleasantly spent, the guests were further entertained by Miss Harmon with several solos in a voice of unusual sweetness. At the midnight hour the happy company made their departure, after an evening that will linger in the memories of those present as a very delightful social event in the hands of two such charming hostesses.

On Friday evening, February 19th, the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Kemp, of Mayodan, always lovely, was surpassingly so when its doors were opened to a few invited guests and its host and hostess dispensed hospitalities in the form of an elegant eight-course dinner. When the guests arrived they were met at the door by the charming little daughter, Miss Evelyn Scales Kemp, and were ushered into the reception room with its light and warmth, a fitting contrast to the elements without. At 8 p. m. dinner was announced and the host, with Mrs. Roach, led the way into the dining room. Here, with its glow of candles and beautifully appointed table, covers were laid for ten. The color scheme of red, green and white was attractively carried out. From the four corners of the room to the centre of the ceiling were ropes of green, held in place by an immense red bell. The centrepiece was formed of red carnations and asparagus fern trailing gracefully upon a handsome lace cloth, while from the four corners of the table dainty red shaded candles cast a soft radiance upon the silver and cut-glass. Each course, from the grape fruit cocktail to the after-dinner mints, brought forth with pleasing surprises all the delicacies of the season.

Before the close announcement was made that the dinner was in compliment to the host's birthday, and many were the good wishes and congratulations bestowed upon the genial host.

After cigars were thoroughly enjoyed by the gentlemen present, the guests were shown into the music room, where a number of piano selections were given by Miss Daisy Busick, with solos by Mrs. Kemp following, and with her voice of exquisite sweetness the guests were held spellbound to the close.

After an evening to be pleasantly remembered by all, the guests dispersed with reluctant good nights and eloquent in their praise of the delightful hours spent with this deservedly popular couple.

The young people of the town enjoyed one of the most delightful dances of the season on Monday evening, February 22d, at Cardwell's Hall, given by the young men of Madison complimentary to the young ladies. Dancing continued from 9 to 1, with many regrets for the close of an evening so pleasantly spent.

The Embroidery Club, with glad anticipations, accepted Mrs. J. B. Webster's invitation to meet with her the past week and at her hospitable home spent one of its most pleasant and profitable afternoons. Delicious refreshments were served.

Friday afternoon the Book and Embroidery Club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. R. C. Matheson at her beautiful new cottage home. This home, so admirably appointed for entertainment, was the scene of an unusually pleasant afternoon. In the dining room Misses May Carpenter and Daisy Busick presided at the punch bowl, where, with the flow of the refreshing beverage, sparkled a delightful accompaniment of humor and wit. Thus, with music and discussion of current topics to enliven the thimble work, all too soon sped by the hours of the afternoon. Near the close of the meeting Mrs. Matheson, assisted by Mrs. James Scales, served delicious cream and cakes. The invited guests were Mesdames Jesse Pratt, T. F. Webster, Robert Webster, James Scales and Charles D. McIver. Misses Lindsay and Matthews will be hostesses to the club at its next meeting.

Those people who were so much interested in civic improvement that they could face the inclement weather of Friday evening, were given many valuable suggestions from the heart of a woman who is deeply absorbed in the cause. At this meeting, when Mrs. Charles D. McIver and Superintendent Hayes gave talks and organized a Woman's Association for the Betterment of Public School Houses, a movement was agitated propitious of great improvement in the town and neighboring vicinity of Madison.

RANDLEMAN.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Randleman, Feb. 25.—The Round Dozen Book Club was charmingly entertained Saturday afternoon at the pretty home of Mrs. John R. Ferree. A very interesting paper was read by Mrs. S. Bryant on the life of Wagner, followed by a duet by Misses Ellen Barker and Mary Ferree. In the exciting contest which followed Mrs. Thomas E. Marshall won the prize, a hand-painted blotter. Most dainty and delicious refreshments, fruit frappe, angel food and chocolate cake, completed this altogether pleasant afternoon. Those present were: Mesdames S. Bryant, Thomas E. Marshall, G. E. Eaves; Misses Cornelia and Jennie Bowden, Moselle Dicks, Jessie Woollen, Ellen Barker, Mary Ferre and Claudia Fox.

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