

The Realm of North Carolina Society

GREENSBORO

At her home on North Elm street. After an interesting morning of bridge it was found that Mrs. Roland Hill had made the highest score and she presented with the club fines, a bracelet, lace and cake were served at the conclusion of the game.

MORROE.
Correspondence of The Observer.
Morroe, June 18.—A new pleasure club styled The Merry Dames was organized last week at the home of Mrs. J. M. Fairley, Jr., on Washington street. The following are members: Miss Elizabeth Sikes, W. C. Crowell, Cecil Mease, V. D. Sikes, N. C. English, W. S. Blakeney, E. S. Green, Ed Crow, T. H. Furman, J. T. Griffith and T. J. Payne. Mrs. Furman was elected president and Mrs. John Sikes secretary. The meeting was adjourned after a delicious dinner had been served. Mrs. V. D. Sikes entertained the club Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Progressive trail was enjoyed, and delightful refreshments enhanced the pleasure of the guests.

Mrs. E. M. Griffin gave a delightful morning party Thursday complimentary to her sister, Mrs. R. J. Lane, of Knoxville, Tenn., who is her charming guest for a few weeks. In an interesting game of forty-two Mrs. W. A. Lane was the most successful player. The score was kept by little Miss Carson Tate. A delicious salad course followed the game.

Thursday afternoon Mrs. Griffin complimented the June brides, Misses Pattie Lee and Elise Ramsay, whom she tendered a lovely reception to. The attractive old colonial home was made beautiful with many flowers and bright with the gay dresses of the receiving party. At the front door Mrs. Griffin, wearing a pink and white, bade the callers welcome. Receiving in the parlor were the hostess, who wore a lingerie dress of white batiste; Miss Pattie Lee, in white mesaline; Miss Elise Ramsay, wearing white crepe with hand-painted trimmings; and Mrs. R. J. Lane, who wore in wistaria bengaline. Mrs. Estelle Stewart in pink mesaline and Mrs. Charles Redfern in old rose silk served punch in the hall. In the music room, Mrs. J. T. Griffith and Mrs. E. S. Green rendered several beautiful vocal solos. The dining room was in charge of Mrs. W. A. Lane, who had as her assistants Misses Margie Williamson and Frances Lee. A large number of ladies called, and all appreciated the sweet thoughtfulness of the hostess in complimenting the happy young brides, who are soon to desert the ranks of girlhood.

Wednesday morning Mrs. J. C. Fletcher gave a beautiful linen shower to Miss Elise Ramsay who will be married June 30 to Mr. Hugh McAllister, of Lumberton. The house was beautifully decorated in yellow and white. In fact the yellow idea appeared in every detail. The whole affair was cleverly planned and artistically executed. Yellow and white hearts, hand-painted with daisies, were distributed to the guests. Each married lady was asked to write a piece of advice to the bride, and each unmarried lady to describe her ideal husband. Mrs. W. A. Lane won the prize, a basket of sweet peas, for the best advised and Miss Ola Bruner the prize for the best description of an ideal husband. The linen gifts were brought in by Miss Callie Futch. They were arranged on an immense table which was surmounted by a water of flowers, on which white candles were burning, one for each year of the bride's life. A number of witty and appropriate toasts followed. Then the bride blew out the candles, which represented the years of her girlhood, and next the pieces of linen were examined. There were many expressions of surprise and delight, and much merriment also, as several articles were accompanied by funny sentiment. Over the bride's head was suspended a beautiful wedding bell, and when she pulled the ribbon attached, there fell "something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue." Last of all there fell a "hose shower" for the groom, these being not of silken texture, but of the red and white striped variety. The afternoon was spent in an elegant luncheon was served in three courses. Many were the compliments bestowed upon Mrs. Fletcher for her original and clever entertainment.

Mrs. T. J. Payne entertains this morning complimentary to Miss Pattie Lee and Mrs. S. H. Green will give a party in her honor to-morrow morning.

LENOIR.
Correspondence of The Observer.
Lenoir, June 18.—An event in which social interest had centered for some time took place here Wednesday, when at high noon at Cherry Hill, the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Broughton Atkinson, Miss Minnie Atkinson, the bride, wife of Mr. George Clarence Courtney.

The home was elaborately adorned with decorations of cut flowers. In the parlor where the vows were said the color scheme was green and white. Rev. Ira Crain, of the Methodist church, performed the impressive ceremony under a beautifully designed arch, the bride and groom standing under a huge white wedding veil.

After the large number of guests had assembled, Mrs. J. T. Jones, with a voice full and rich, sang "The Wedding Morn" accompanied by Miss Maude England, who rendered happily the wedding marches. The ushers—Mr. Marshall Courtney and Mr. Robert Atkinson—entered the parlor first, followed by the ribbon girls, Faith Courtney and Lucinda Lane. The groom entered with his best man, Mr. Harry W. Courtney, just preceding Miss Frances Atkinson, maid of honor, who wore a handsome gown of white ponce and carried pink carnations. Two tiny tots, Courtney Jones and Elizabeth Wolt, acted as flower girls, and Lucinda Lane, who served as ring bearer, carried a picture of loveliness, in her exquisite wedding gown of white satin over taffeta, trimmed with garnitures of lace, made empire with train, artistically arranged veil and carrying a shower bouquet of Bride's roses, entered on the arm of her father, who gave her into the groom's keeping. As the last words of the minister were finished there came from the great white bell above a flood of rose petals, deluging the fair bride.

enjoy her genial hospitality during the hours of meeting. The home had been transformed into a bower of loveliness by nature's fairest blossoms. The entrance hall was beautiful in its splendor of ivy, with bright hued nasturtiums scattered around in great profusion. But it was the parlor that was the scene of greatest beauty. Here the graceful white passion covered walls and pictures fell in handsome festoons over the windows, as if placed there by the hand of nature instead of that of the fair hostess. Sweet peas, lilac and white, the club colors, were banked upon the mantel.

At the close of the literary hour, Mrs. West, assisted by Mrs. J. H. McLelland, served an elegant collation of several courses.

Thursday evening the Z. Y. P. Club gave a most delightful entertainment at the Piedmont Hotel to about 50 of the young men and boys of the town. Despite the heavy downpour of rain, the young people assembled in full force in the spacious house and here whiled away with games, music and song the merry hours.

Wednesday evening Miss Pauline Stewart entertained at what, complimentary to Mrs. James J. Stewart, of Mount Holly, and Miss Julia Boyd, of Rock Hill, S. C.

The lady's prize was carried off by Miss Julia Boyd, while Messrs. George Hoke and Dr. Litch tied for the green-tinted Mrs. George getting it in the drawing.

Mrs. W. E. Yount was a most charming hostess on Tuesday afternoon to the Embroidery Club. A most enjoyable contest in that fine art was entered into by the guests. At the close of the contest the most handsome embroidered centerpiece was awarded to Mrs. John P. Yount. Mrs. F. M. Williams being the winner of the booby, a booby fan. Quite a number of handsome articles of embroidery were exhibited by the members. She wore a handsome princess gown of hand-embroidered white mesaline and veil caught with orange blossoms and carried a shower bouquet of Bride's roses. The impressive ceremony of the Reformed Church was used.

Immediately following the ceremony Miss Self's voice was heard again in "I Love Thee." After a shower of congratulations and hearty good wishes, the guests were served with delicious refreshments.

The bride and groom left on the seaboard train for an extended trip, the former's going-away dress being a blue coat suit. They have a costly and handsome present at the altar in the form of the couple is held.

Mr. Rabb, son of Mr. J. P. Rabb, of this place, holds the position of book-keeper with the Bernhard-Seagle Hardware and Furniture Company, and is a young man of sterling qualities and much promise.

The bride, a teacher in the graded school here the past year, is the youngest daughter of Mrs. A. E. McNairy, of Lenoir, and possesses many charms of person and character. Both of these young people carry with them into their new life the hearty good wishes of a host of friends.

MOORESVILLE

Mooreville, June 18.—On last Friday afternoon from 4 to 7 o'clock, Mrs. Eugene Hawthorne charmingly entertained sixteen of her friends at a program of music and games. Those playing were: Messames Hani of Charlotte, J. W. Brawley, of Greensboro; Jones, Goodman, Donnell, Boyd, B. Culp, Gilmore, B. Templeton and E. W. Haxley, and Misses Mammie and Olive Gray, Nona and Ed Brawley, Lu Telle Sherrill, and Hester Steele. Little Miss Telle Hawthorne presented the guests with unique score-cards appropriate to the game.

It was a close and interesting game of whist but at the end Mrs. Ham and Miss Olive Gray were ahead. In the cut Miss Gray drew the prize, a pretty deck of cards, and very graciously presented it to one of the visiting guests, Mrs. J. H. Ham.

All the ladies then cut for the consolation in which Mrs. Ham cut the highest card and won a lovely vase.

After the linen table covers with their exquisite stitches in hand-work had been spread, Misses Elsie Hawthorne and Margaret Rankin daintily served mints, cream and cake and tea.

Miss Bessie Flowers entertained complimentary to her guests, Misses Moore, of Bennettsville, S. C., and Morrison, of seven, Tuesday evening at the Commercial Hotel.

About forty guests enjoyed the hospitality of Miss Flowers and the evening was pleasantly spent playing "dix hearts" and progressive anagrams. Those who were invited into the dining room, where light refreshments were served. The music rendered by Misses Morrison and Moore was enjoyed to the fullest.

ASHEBORO

Asheboro, June 18.—One of the most beautiful weddings ever celebrated here took place at the Methodist Protestant church at 10:30 o'clock, when Miss Anna Elizabeth Spencer became the bride of Mr. Charles M. Fox, Rev. T. M. Johnson officiating.

The church was beautifully decorated with ferns, potted plants and cut flowers.

Just before the bridal party arrived by Miss Florence Blair, sang very impressively "This Our Wedding Morn." The bridal party entered to the strains of "Lohengrin's" bridal chorus led by the ushers, Messrs. Sulon Stedman and E. L. Anan, followed by the dame of honor, gowned in white batiste with jet trimmings and wearing a black picture hat.

The bride came down the left side, leaning on the arm of her father, while the groom, accompanied by the best man, Mr. L. L. Whitaker, advanced by the right aisle. During the ceremony the sweet notes of Schubert's "Serenade" were softly played. Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" was used as a recessional.

The bride was handsomely gowned in an apple-green cut suit with hat and gloves of the same color.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Spencer. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Fox, of Bandleman, and he is a young man of character and ability. He is a registered pharmacist in charge of the Standard Drug Company.

MAXTON

Maxton, June 18.—The final meeting of the "Merry Go Round" Book Club was held at the home of Miss Hazel Morrison, Friday afternoon. The first number, a vocal duet by Misses Mattie W. McLean and Emma Belle McRae, was enjoyed by all. This was followed by the history of the club by Miss Clarkie Belle McNair, which dated from its organization to its final meeting. In this she showed the great success of the club both in pleasure and benefit. The next number was a piano solo rendered by Miss Ella Steed in her usual artistic style. Then came one of the most interesting features of the meeting—the prophecy of the club—by Miss Mattie W. McLean. This supposed future of the club was wit from beginning to end. The last number a vocal solo by Miss Lella Barnes was greatly enjoyed. Then came the contest "A nut to crack." Partners for this being found by quotation of a nut shell. Mrs. R. H. McRae won the prize, a handsome nut cracker and picks.

Refreshments were served and after the distribution of books the club adjourned to meet again in September. Miss Morrison proved a charming

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

One of the delightful social events of the week was given by Mr. James F. Post, Jr., at his summer home on Wrightsville beach, when he entertained a number of his friends at an unusually pleasant supper. Those who parook of Mr. Post's hospitality were: Miss Elise Emerson, Miss Charlotte Pleasant, Miss Helen Pleasant, Miss Ella Jacobs, Miss Helen Clark, Miss Janie Dunn, Miss Bessie Gore, Mrs. Annie DeR Harris, and Misses Mary, Julia and Lydia Post, and Messrs. W. P. Sullivan, George Davis, William Peck, Shepard T. Pender, L. B. Hatch and Mr. H. G. Day, of New York.

Another delightful house party, which is in progress on Wrightsville Beach, and which is composed of a number of the members of the younger set, is one which is being held at the cottage belonging to Mr. Clarence D. Maffitt, and a merry time is being enjoyed by the participants. Those composing the party are: Misses Frances Bailey, Charlotte O'Neill, Lucile Skinner, Eloise Jackson, Gladys Taylor, and Ruth Bridges; Robert Strange, and George Clark, Bill Lord, Stone Pulliam, Archie Craft and Douglas Taylor. Mrs. C. L. Fisher is the charming chaperone, whose presence lends much to the pleasure of the occasion.

Miss Mary Hardison, of Rocky Mount, who is pleasantly remembered here by a host of friends as the former guest of Miss Charlotte Fennell at Wrightsville, where she is one of the most popular visitors.

Mr. John Glenn, of Atlanta, Ga., who is pleasantly remembered at Wrightsville Beach, where he has been a guest at various house parties, spent last week in Wilmington, and is a frequent visitor at the beach. Mr. Glenn came to join his wife, who is a guest of Miss Alice Borden, and it is learned with a great deal of pleasure that Mrs. Glenn will remain in Wilmington for several weeks.

Miss Katherine Feider, of Atlanta, Ga., is an attractive visitor to Wrightsville Beach, where she is the recipient of many pleasant attentions.

The fishing at Wrightsville Beach this summer has caused much comment, not only from the Wilmington people, but from those from a distance, the most phenomenal catches having been made. A number of parties have been taken out to the "Rocks" in the Virgie May and other boats to indulge in this most excellent sport.

The trips on the steamer Wilmington to the Cape Fear river have proved more popular this summer than ever before, and rarely does a visitor to Wrightsville Beach return to his home before first having taken advantage of the opportunities afforded by this excellent trip. The schedules on both the trolley line from the beach to the city and the steamer Wilmington are conveniently arranged, so that it is quite possible for beach visitors to take dinner at Wrightsville and after taking this trip return in "the excellent trip" just past week the crowds have been unusually large on account of the encampment of the Wilmington Light Infantry at Fort Caswell, which is situated at the mouth of the Cape Fear.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Herbert Smith and family moved to Wrightsville Beach during the past week, where they have opened their attractive cottages for the summer.

Messrs. George W. Kidder, Jr., of the University of Virginia; J. Victor Grainger, Jr., of Princeton University, and Isaac Grainger, of Woodberry Forest School, three of Wilmington's popular young collegians, have returned to their homes for the summer vacation and will be welcome acquisitions to the beach society.

Never before, this early in the season, have the indications for a prosperous summer been more encouraging than this year, and it is now an established fact all through the South, and in many places North, that Wrightsville Beach is one of the most attractive summer resorts on the Atlantic coast, where the bathing, fishing and boating facilities are most unusual. Among the guests at the popular Hotel Tarrymore are the following: Mr. E. M. Fisher, of Charlotte; Mr. A. H. Elwood, of Fayetteville; Mr. John Barker, of Greensboro; Mr. E. A. Lackey, of Hamlet; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ellington and two children, of Raleigh; Mrs. William Woolcott, of Fayetteville; and Mr. T. C. Tharr, of Charlotte.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Gwaltney will be interested to learn that they have taken a cottage at Wrightsville Beach, where they have gone to spend the summer.

On Sunday last the most unprecedented crowds thronged to the beaches so accessible to Wilmington people, the largest crowd of the season being at both Wrightsville and Carolina. The beautiful pavilion, "Lumina" at Wrightsville Beach was crowded with city folk and residents and visitors to the beach, while the steamer Wilmington carried large crowds on each trip, touching at Fort Caswell, where many people went to see the soldier boys, who were holding their annual encampment at that fort. The weather was propitious and the day was greatly enjoyed by all.

The boat races from Carolina Yacht Club are always one of the chief events of the day on the Fourth of July, and members are already making preparations for this great event, nine beautiful new yachts having already been completed and are now in use, while three more will be in readiness for this great occasion. The yachts are identically alike, both in size and make, and the contest will therefore be a test of sailors and not of boats, adding interest to the races.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Victor Grainger, who were residents of Wrightsville Beach last summer, will leave Wilmington to-day for New York, whence they will sail for Europe during the coming week to spend the summer in touring the continent. They will be greatly missed both in Wilmington and at Wrightsville, but their many friends wish for them a pleasant and safe voyage.

MOREHEAD CITY

Morehead City, June 18.—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Blades, of Newbern, with a party of friends, have anchored their attractive houseboat, "Comfort," just off the Atlantic Hotel pier for a week. The party consists of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Blades, who is just home from Washington. Miss Blades gave a delightful party to her friends after the dance Saturday night. Elam's Orchestra furnished music for the party.

A great deal of interest has also been taken in a boat of a different character—a revenue cutter—the Seminole—which is stationed at Wilmington, but which has been cruising around the sound for several days. The officers enjoyed Colonel Morton's unfailing hospitality at Sunday supper.

Another place of historical interest that is getting its share of attention is old Fort Macon, a most picturesque civil war fort, no distance scarcely from the Atlantic Hotel. It is all moldery, and moss covered and dangerous, if sadly broken barred.

Here the imagination runs wild. A body almost hides in some dark corner to get away from the shot and shell of the Yankees, who have left their marks in the once firm walls.

Certainly Morehead is an ideal place for meetings. There is always something to do. If one grows tired of serious things—surf bathing, sailing, fishing, rowing or dancing can easily be resorted to at any time to relieve the situation. Then the climate is wonderful—the nights are always delightful and it seldom gets really hot in the daytime. The fish commissioners seem to realize these advantages. Dr. Pratt, of Chapel Hill, came down Monday to make arrangements with Colonel Morton for a meeting of this body which will convene early in July. A meeting of the deep waterway commissioners was held here last week. This is but a beginning of the many conventions that will hold their meetings at the Atlantic during the present season.

Mr. J. B. Steptenson Drops Dead at Yorkville, S. C.
Special to The Observer.
Yorkville, S. C., June 19.—Mr. J. B. Steptenson, for the past several months and until during the present week, superintendent of the county home, dropped dead at the lumber yard of J. J. Kellar & Co., in this place, yesterday afternoon. The sudden death of Mr. Steptenson was no surprise to those familiar with his condition, as they were aware of the fact that he was suffering from heart disease. He was about 60 years of age and previous to assuming the duties at the county home was engaged in farming. He leaves a family.

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