Pleasures of Summer at Mountain and Seashore

GAY AT SWEET CHALYBEATE

The Number of Guests Has Not Begun to Wane.

VARIETY OF RECREATIONS

Card Games Have the Call, But Bowling Parties, Chafing Dish and Welsh Rarebit Dinners and Other Diversions Are Popular.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SWEET CHALYBEATE SPRINGS, W. VA., September 5.—Notwithstanding autumn has been ushered in on the calendar, yet but little change is noticed here in the number of guests. Daily arrivals outnumber the departures, and the place is still crowded with guests, who are thoroughly enjoying the pleasures of the place. Diversions of all kinds are indulged, but card games seem to be the ever popular pastime. Large and small games are played, but riding is more indulged in now than during the warm days. The moonlight evenings are enticing, and drives and picnics are being enjoyed this week.

LARGE EUCHRE PARTY.

The progressive euchre party on Saturday evening in the ball-room was greatly enjoyed, and for two hours the players were interested in the game. Nine tables were surrounded by the eager players, and at the close of the game Mrs. Charles Sterritt, of Charleston, W. Va., was awarded the ladies' prize, a silver tape measure, while the gentlemen's, a silver pencil, went to Mr. Willcox, of Jacksonville, Fla. Mrs. Ewers, of Washington, drew the consolation.

Mrs. W. G. Caldeway gave a chafing dish supper on her porch Tuesday evening. Covers were laid for sixteen. The table was beautifully decorated with golden rod, nasturtiums and ferns, and the lamps shaded in colored shades. A delicious supper was served. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hughes, Mrs. Charles Webster, Misses Lillian and Mildred Kensett, Anna Welch, Mabel Chamberlaine, Margaret and Alice Old, Anne Henry, Messrs. Tyler Brock, W. W. Old, Jr., and Ben Blackford.

WELSH RAREBIT DINNER.

Miss Mabel Chamberlain, of Norfolk, was hostess of a Welsh rarebit party Monday evening. It was enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hughes, Mrs. Charles Webster, Misses Elizabeth Martin, Nina Boykin, Margaret and Alice Old, Rebecca Gordon, Anne Henry and Lillian Keusitt; Messrs. Tyler Brock, William W. Old, Jr., and Ben Blackford.

On Saturday afternoon about thirty children gathered on the lawn to enjoy a spider-web party. They were soon in the intricacies of the web. The prize was found on the end of Ellie Lezlenne's string, while John Sanderson, being the last to reach the end of his, was given a box of candy. Afterwards games of all kinds were played on the lawn until supper time.

BOWLING PARTIES POPULAR.

Bowling has been one of the favorite pastimes during these cool days. Saturday morning Mrs. John A. Lejimee entertained ten friends in a contest, and the winner of the prize was Miss Mabel Chamberlain, of Norfolk.

Mrs. W. G. Caldeway had a party of friends on Wednesday to bowl. The highest score was made by Miss Chamberlain.

THE WEEK'S ARRIVALS.

The arrivals during the past week were W. P. Stone and son, of Franklin, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gordon, Miss Nellie A. Gordon and John Gordon, Jr., and S. B. Bragg, of Richmond; L. S. Vinson and R. C. Kennedy, H. C. Harvey and H. H. Harvey, of Huntington, W. Va.; Mrs. Robert B. Taylor and three children, of Eastville, Va.; L. A. Bragg, of Covington; George W. Oliver, of Charlottesville; W. H. Slack, of Ronceverte; John Kevan Peebles and Miss Rose Perkins, of Norfolk; Alexander B. Butt, of Portsmouth; Mrs. H. V. Holderby, of Huntington, W. Va.; Mrs. Joseph A. Walton, of Norfolk; Ivanhoe Robertson, of Franklin, W. Va.; Mrs. Alice J. Old, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Dabney and two children, of Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Edith F. Spofford, of Washington, D. C., W. F. Tinsley, D. R. Massie, of Clifton Forge; J. L. Shepherd, of Lynchburg; C. J. Leftwich, of Charleston, W. Va.

HUNTERS' SPRINGS

A Deep Seated, but Popular Mountain Retreat.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SASSIN, VA., September 5.—Located in a beautiful, but narrow valley, between two parallel ranges of the Alleghany Mountains, called on the north, "Big Walker's Mountain," and on the south, "Little Walker's Mountain," is "Hunter's Alum." Big Walker is 3,000 feet above sea level, and 1,200 on a perpendicular above Walker's Creek," which flows clear and swiftly at the foot of the beautiful lawn.

Even the late hot spell has not reached here yet, and along towards morning the sound sleeper wakes up shivering and reaches down to the foot of the bed for more cover.

As a congenial, restful spot, "Hunter's Alum" is far ahead of many other more pretentious resorts.

One is struck with the freeness of everything. The boats are free, the ten pin alley is free, the pool tables are free, the water is free, the air is free, sociability is free, conversation is free from gossip, and a more congenial company of fifty southern ladies and gentlemen is hardly to be found together.

Mine host, Mr. R. M. T. Hunter, is a born entertainer, and ably assisted by Roy, the young scion of the house, everything moves smoothly, and each guest is made to feel that he is the "particular one."

The water is fine, slightly alum, some sulphur, and a noble freestone spring for those who are not minerally inclined.

"Old sledge," whist, music, boating, dancing, courting for the youngsters, restful quiet for the meek eyed matrons; war stories for the veterans, with a fine cuisiane fill the days and nights with renewed health. And the general expression is: "I am feeling much better."

"Hunter's" boasts of the finest bread cook "in the State," and the table is fine.

Mr. Jack Eoff, of Christiansburg, is the leading musician, and "he do make the fiddle talk." Miss Louise Pendleton, daughter of Major W. C. Pendleton, of Tazewell, is pianist, and she is acknowledged to be one of the finest in all the Southwest.

MISS MARION GIBBS, OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS,

Debutante Belle at the Mecklenburg.

Some of those present, mentioning them in geographical order, and beginning with Lynchburg, are: Mr. J. Singlton Diggs and daughter, Miss Katherine; W. M. Seay, Mrs. Seay, and Master Charles Seay, all of Lynchburg; Mrs. P. L. Terry, Miss Terry, Mrs. Massie, Miss Pauline Massie, Miss Charlotte Gale, Blair Antrim, Jr., Massie Antrim, and Mr. B. B. Greene, all of Roanoke; Miss Elrica and — Ingles, Mr. William Ingles, Jr., Judge George E. Cassel, Mrs. Cassel and Miss Lucile Cassel, all of Radford; Mr. and Mrs. Josephy Welch, W. Va.; Mrs. T. M. Fowler, and Miss Dawn Fowler, of Mobile; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Millirons, Memphis; James Woodrow, Asheville, N. C.; W. F. Penn, Martinsville; Mrs. Sam Stone, and children, N. O.; Hon. S. S. Simmermann, wife and daughter, of Wythe; Colonel Joseph Crockett, recently nominated for treasurer, after a hard primary battle, and Mr. Sam Crockett, Miss Julia Robinson, Mr. David McGavock, Miss Martha McGavock and Miss Lizzie Chaffin, Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Graham, all of Wythe; Miss Lucie Whitwan, Mr. Frank Wysor, Professor and Mrs. Charles Tate, of Pulaski; Mr. W. E. Hannah, Eckman, W. Va.; and many other congenial people.

BUFFALO LITHIA

This Season the High Water Mark Many September Guests.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BUFFALO LITHIA SPRINGS, VA., September 5.—The high-water mark of the season at the old Buffalo Lithia for this year was reached a few days ago, and while some depart, their places are quickly filled by others, and the indications are that a "full house" will be here much later than usual.

Socially all goes along pleasantly and smoothly. There are drives, the usual games, watermelon fetes, hay rides and other diversions in which young and old participate.

Some delightful hay rides and parties at the elegant country homes near by are delightful recreations in this "full moon" period of September.

Some of the recent autographs on the register are Colonel George C. Cabell, Danville, Va.; Colonel John S. Cuningham, Cuningham, N. C.; F. X. Pettus, Mississippi; V. P. Still, Mississippi; W. H. Harris, North Carolina; B. T. Rawlins, South Carolina; C. W. Harris, Richmond, Va.; E. L. Barlow, Portsmouth, Va.; J. H. Vick, Florida; St. George R. Fitzhugh, Fredericksburg, Va.; Mrs. A. B. Morgan and daughter, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. A. J. Matheson and Miss Matheson, Bennettsville, S. C.; Miss Carlsie English, Macon, Ga.; Miss Raymond English, Georgia; Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Doble, Sussex, Va.; Mrs. J. B. Pearce, Raleigh, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Shepherd, Hillsboro, N. C.; Dr. R. S. Powell, Woodview, Va.; S. G. Atkins, Richmond, Va.; J. A. Nichols, Petersburg, Va.; Cameron Dunlop, Petersburg, Va.; G. W. Taylor and wife, Richmond, Va.; George L. English and wife, New York; J. C. Rawlings and wife, Sandersville, Ga.; James P. Harrison, Danville, Va.; H. F. Butt, Jr., Portsmouth, Va.; T. W. Thrash, Tarboro, N. C.; R. N. Wilkinson, Lynchburg; Charles H. Evans, Baltimore; Major and Mrs. M. C. Humphrey, Mississippi; C. A. Forrest, Atlanta, Ga.; R. H. Montcastle, Knoxville, Tenn.

A Successful Meeting.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

TAPPAHANNOCK, VA., Sept. 4.—A meeting of four days has just been held at Rappahannock Christian Church, in Essex county, resulting in the conversion of twenty-five persons. The meeting was conducted by J. T. T. Hundley, assisted by Ritchie Ware, a student at "Kimberlin Heights School of the Evangelists," Tennessee.

The meeting at Rappahannock was well attended, and the interest was deep and the preaching instructive and faithful.

Mr. A. W. Campbell, now of Indian Territory, but formerly of Frederick county, Va., is visiting his relatives and friends in the Valley and Norfolk and Essex. He gives a glowing account of that county—its present condition and flattering future.

POINDEXTER-KIRK-PARRISH COMPANY

Are members of a new firm located at 418 East Broad Street, and are the proprietors of a newly-established and up-to-date Gents' Furnishing and Shoe Store. The members of this firm are all young men, having a large circle of acquaintances; are well known to the business interests of the city. Mr. George C. Poindexter was for the past ten years a popular salesman at J. R. Shepherd's, clothier; Mr. W. Fleet Kirk, for several years with the Chase City Mineral Water Co., and Mr. T. D. Parrish, a member of the firm of Parrish Brothers. It is the intention and purpose of the firm to carry in stock all of the very latest styles and novelties that are to be had in Gents' Furnishings, Shoes, Trunks, etc.

WEEK OF FUN AT BLUE RIDGE

Rolling Balls and Falling Pins Beguile the Hours.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BLUE RIDGE SPRINGS, Sept. 5.—Summer at this abode of the blessed must have drunk deep at the Blue Ridge Fountain of Youth, for she has taken a new lease on life, and pleasures are flying thick as Pandora's mischief-making sprites.

Rolling balls and falling pins wake the echoes, for ten-pins is still a favorite diversion, and proved very much so on Saturday morning, when forty young people gathered at the alley to do honor to a trio of charming girls—Misses Ella Mensing, Carrie Louise Breath and Emma Seinsheimer, all of Galveston, Texas. This enjoyable affair was given by Mrs. Stone and her niece, Miss Rosa Moss, as a compliment to home people. The victorious players were: Miss Florence McAlister, who won the ladies' first prize; Miss Evelyn Winthrop, ladies' second; Dr. Franklin W. Hains, gentleman's first; Mr. J. B. Bailey, gentleman's second.

Mrs. W. F. Breath, Mrs. G. H. Mensing, Mrs. Harry Zeigler and Mrs. W. H. McAlister chaperoned and presided in turn at the punch bowl.

Cards are still the things, and an afternoon with Mrs. Violet Bidgood, of Mobile, Ala., to meet Miss Nonie Read, of Roanoke, Va., proved a full measure of fun.

Dainty maids in charming negligee held high carnival on the upper hotel veranda, while eight-hand euchre was the absorbing theme; and delicious refreshments, with Huyler's and champagne, formed inspiration for a feast of wit.

Mrs. Bidgood is a charming widow and a perfect hostess, and naturally her "pullet party" was a success in every way. The first prize was won by Miss Mary Paterson and the second by Mrs. B. H. Early, while Miss Read was presented with a guest prize.

The guests were: Misses Mary Page Randolph, Evelyn Winthrop, Rosa Moss, Florence Brown, Ella Mensing, Mary and Ann Paterson, Amelia and Florence McAlister, Carrie Louise Breath, Emma Seinsheimer, Lucile James, Mary and Bland Temple, Pender, Mrs. Early and Mrs. Evan R. Chesterman.

Next on the list was a "chip-in" progressive euchre of eight tables Tuesday evening. The victorious "army" of prize-winners were: Mrs. Cornelia Branch Stone, Mrs. W. L. Moody, Mrs. John Winthrop, Mr. Winthrop, Mr. Langan, Mr. Mensing and Mr. Bethea.

After the game, Mrs. Harry Zeigler, of Galveston, Texas, entertained a select party at supper, and proved herself a hostess without an equal.

Thursday evening Mrs. W. L. Moody, of Galveston, Texas, was the gracious and thoughtful hostess at a progressive euchre party, given in honor of Mrs. Cornelia Branch Stone, also of Galveston. First and second prizes, with a consolation and a guest prize, were the exquisite rewards in silver that cheered the winners.

The guest prize, a silver bon-bon dish, was presented to Mrs. Stone. Dainty refreshments were served after the game, and punch went the rounds while the play was on.

Mrs. Moody is so well known in Virginia that she needs no introduction. She is spending September here, after a lengthy stay at her beautiful old country home near Charlottesville, where her hospitality is so well known. This beautifully appointed evening gained her fresh laurels in this part of the world.

Friday evening brought the "Roanoke German Club" in their special for their last appearance this season, and a royal good time was the portion of every youth and maid. Mr. Sandy P. Figgat and Dr. Ben. Moomaw were leaders. Thirty-four couples participated.

THE MECKLENBURG

An All-Year-Round Resort, Where September Has No Terrors.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MECKLENBURG HOTEL, CHASE CITY, VA., September 5.—The death knell of summer resorts has no terror for the Mecklenburg, for here, indeed, "men may come and men may go," but never do the hospitable doors of this magnificent hotel turn back the seeker of the amusement, health or rest at this all the year round resort.

The cool weather has given a decided impetus to bowling and a most delightful party was the one given on Tuesday, and enjoyed by Mesdames Green, Hoten, Westbury, Roberts, Saal; Messrs. Watkins, Roberts, Green and others.

Mrs. Saal, of Petersburg, charms every one with her lovely voice, a contralto, of great beauty and sweetness.

Tuesday evening Mr. Watkins gave a reading, Burns and Browning were the inspiration of the evening, and in a most masterly and delightful manner did he entertain a large and appreciative audience.

Miss Alma Elam was the guest of honor at a luncheon given by Mr. Durham on Monday, others present were Mrs. C. M. Boswell and Misses Elizabeth Booker and Fay Parker.

Mr. Epes gave a coaching party on Wednesday in honor of Miss Elizabeth Booker.

Among the numerous arrivals we find, James P. Harrison, Danville; Mrs. James P. Harrison, Danville; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Faulkner, Virginia; E. S. Damasson, Mrs. Barnes, William L. Revely, S. Y. Atkins, Virginia.

THE SOJOURNERS AT THE INTERMONT

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

COVINGTON, VA., September 5.—The list of guests at the Intermont grows daily, and many pleasures and gayeties are in progress. Among those now there are the following:

D. J. C. Butts, Lynchburg, Va.; F. J. Anderson, P. K. G.; D. Blaineshaw, W. Va.; W. B. Howe, Hot Springs; I. M. Carlisle, Hot Springs; D. W. and Mrs. Killianny, Pa.; J. F. Heuister, Fairmont, W. Va.; W. N. Wheeler, wife and daughter; H. J. Booth, Col.; E. T. Bingham and wife; P. W. Barbrobenan, Indianapolis; J. E. Prue, Charleston, W. Va.; John Deery, Elwin McClaire, Lewis W. Hoy, J. W. Easley, J. T. Crockford, Richmond, Va.; Fred. H. Hammer, Cincinnati, O.; Julius Edel, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. S. L. Talley and daughter, Hot Springs, Va.; James Gleason, Clifton Forge, Va.; Thomas G. Faulkner, Clifton Forge, Va.; J. E. Howell, Durham, N. C.; Miss E. H. Foster, Staunton, Va.; S. B. Bragg, Hot Springs, Va.; L. C. Alphin, Hot Springs, Va.; V. M. Fleming, Fredericksburg, Va.; John R. Kirolofe, Staunton; E. S. Fox, New York; H. B. Cooper, New York; J. H. Leech, Richmond, Va.; G. B. Peasley, Richmond, Va.; James Stark, Hinton, W. Va.; Miss Terrell, Clifton Forge, Va.; Arthur Ashburner, Clifton Forge, Va.; J. L. Shepherd, Lynchburg; Loula Cathoy, Augusta, Ga.; F. Norton Williams, Augusta, Ga.; Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Williams, Augusta, Ga.; Miss B. H. Parr, Clifton Forge; Mrs. Belle, Guertler, N. Y.; J. L. Mullens, Clifton Forge; Mrs. H. G. Bubbe, Cincinnati, O.; J. H. Bell, Staunton; C. B. Wilson, Lynchburg, Va.; J. C. Ballard, Philadelphia, Pa.; H. J. Leonard, New York; S. S. Tuck, Cincinnati, O.; R. S. Taylor, Capertown, W. Va.; A. Pfeifer, Cincinnati, O.; W. B. Mahone, Lynchburg, Va.; W. P. Schluter, Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. W. P. Schluter, Norfolk, Va.; Miss Schluter, Norfolk, Va.; Miss Withrow, Goshen; C. L. Watts, Lynchburg; Miss G. M. Hill, Charlottesville, Va.; L. W. Smith, Richmond; Thomas W. Purcell, Richmond; Henry Shaver, Lexington, Va.; Major John B. Downing, Middleport, Conn.; Mrs. John B. Downing, Middleport, Conn.; Miss Dexter and maid, Cincinnati, O.; Lee G. Crutchfield, Richmond, Va.; T. B. Wren, Trenton, N. J.; F. F. Harvest and wife, Natural Bridge; Mrs. John Judy, Goshen, Va.; A. S. Withrow and wife, Goshen; Senator Thomas N. Jones, Isle of Wight; Mrs. Thomas, N. Jones, Isle of Wight, Va.; R. F. Hill, Lidway, Rock. county, Va.; J. F. Tolley, East Lexington, Va.; N. F. Chittum, C. J. Wilhelm, E. A. Aldhizers, New Hope, Va.; Judson Smith, Stuart's Draft; Emmitte Hawps, Greenville, Va.; J. T. Cook, Waynesboro; W. J. Hubbard, Broadway, Va.; J. S. Franel, Broadway, Va.; I. E. Laine, Harrisonburg, Va.; George S. Lealinger, Broadway, Va.; N. F. Chittum, C. J. Wilhelm, A. J. Wilcox, J. F. Tolley, Mrs. General J. E. B. Stuart, three grandchildren and maid, Norfolk, Va.; J. H. Brewster, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Mrs. J. T. Catlin, Danville, Va.; Mr. J. T. Catlin, Danville, Va.; C. A. Watkins, Philadelphia, Pa.; Alvin M. Smith, Richmond, Va.; Judge J. M. Quarles Staunton; Walter E. Harris, Washington, D. C.; H. W. Lehman, St. Louis; V. H. Lockwood Indianapolis, Ind.; Major E. C. Camp and wife, Knoxville, Tenn.; H. C. Renner and wife, Knoxville, Tenn.

SEASON DIES HARD AT THE OLD WHITE

Larger Entertainments Have Been Displaced by Dinners and Teas.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GREENBRIER WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. VA., September 5.—With the passing of August the gayety here seems to have ended, as far as balls, cotillions and formal entertainments are concerned; but the people linger, and it is worthy of comment that there are more people here than for several years at this season, and life is thoroughly enjoyed by all ages. Several large suppers have been given this week. In fact, the season is "dying hard."

Mr. and Mrs. John I. Middleton entertained at a supper on Tuesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Noble were the hosts at a handsome dinner on Monday evening. Mr. Gray Tunstall, of Norfolk, has been the host at two suppers this week. On Monday night Mrs. John D. Potts was the guest of honor.

The swimming pool and tennis court are again the rendezvous in the morning hours, while horseback riding, which has been so popular all summer, is now more so than usual. The excellent stable brought here by Mr. Hortin, of Roanoke, has been an incentive for many who have not indulged in years to take up this pastime, and the enthusiasm over it is great.

Among the recent arrivals are Colonel John Mc. Anerney, of New York, whose annual visit here in September is one of the inducements for his many friends to linger in order to give him a hearty welcome.

Messrs. George W. Stevens and C. E. Doyle, of Richmond, have been here several days on Mr. Stevens' car. Colonel John Schoonmaker and Mr. B. C. Vaughan, of Pittsburg, Pa., are also here. Colonel Schoonmaker commanded the Federal troops here during the war, and it was owing to his intervention that the place was not destroyed. This is his first visit since that time.

Mrs. James LeGrand and Mrs. and Miss Goodman, of Tyler, Texas, have returned from a visit to friends in Virginia. They have been enjoying the pleasures of the White for several weeks previously.

Mrs. W. H. F. Lee arrived to-day; also Mr. and Mrs. J. Kerr Branch, Miss Wellford, of Richmond; Mrs. W. B. Martin, of Norfolk; Mr. Gray Tunstall, Mr. George Bayne, of Norfolk, and Mrs. Frank Williams, of Richmond.

WEEK IN STAUNTON

Stonewall Jackson Camp Locates Muster Rolls.

GOVERNOR MAY GET THEM

Portrait of Major Jed Hotchkiss to Be Presented to the Camp—Horse Show Association to Lease the Fair Grounds—Personal.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

STAUNTON, VA., September 5.—After a long holiday, the Stonewall Jackson Camp of Confederate veterans held a largely attended meeting on Tuesday night. Commander Pilson was in the chair and Captain T. C. Morton acted as adjutant. After the opening prayer by Comrade Rev. W. N. Scott, a communication from Governor Montague was read, in which the Governor asked the camp to co-operate with him in securing for the Secretary of War complete muster rolls of the Confederate soldiers of this county.

Captain Thomas Ransom stated in this connection that Captain John Ryan, during his lifetime, had preserved all the company rolls of the Fifth Virginia Regiment, Stonewall Brigade, and at Mr. Ryan's death they were turned over to him, and that he now has them in his possession. It was also stated that there were other rolls in this county and in the hands of different regimental officers.

PORTRAIT OF MAJOR HOTCHKISS.

Two new members, J. M. Hoover, of the Marquis Battery, and J. M. Carroll, of the old West Augusta Guards, were unanimously elected. This camp is now greatly on the increase.

The following resolution was adopted, on motion of Comrade T. C. Morton:

"Resolved, That in the opinion of the members of Stonewall Jackson Camp, no more valued and appropriate portrait could adorn the walls of our hall than that of the late Major Jed Hotchkiss, the faithful and loyal Confederate soldier and intimate personal friend of Stonewall Jackson, who followed his plume till he 'crossed over the river to rest under the shade of the trees.' He was most active as one of the founders of this camp, a leader among its charter members, who gave liberally of his private means to place it on a sure footing, was one of its early and most devoted commanders, and a valuable contributor to the war history of his adopted State.

"It is therefore ordered that a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Major Hotchkiss, and that they be requested to furnish to the camp a picture of our lamented comrade and commander."

A committee was appointed to provide for the reception and entertainment of the Stonewall Brigade survivors, which will meet here October 22d.

The Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind opened here Wednesday, and the prospects are that the largest number of pupils that ever attended this school will be here this session. Since Wednesday every train brings a number of pupils.

The Mary Baldwin Seminary pupils are rolling in on every train, and the prospects are that this well known institution will be crowded this session.

TO LEASE THE FAIR GROUNDS.

At the meeting of the City Council this week a petition was presented to that body by the Augusta and Staunton Horse and Colt Show Association, asking for permission to use the fair grounds here, and promising, if allowed to use the same, to put about $3,000 improvements on the grounds, and requesting a lease for five years with an option for five more.

The City Attorney explained that it was not in the power of the Council to let the fair ground without advertising it. On motion of Councilman Pratt, the Council expressed their unanimous approval of the aims of the association. The managers of the association are much encouraged over the prospects, and there is no doubt that Staunton will succeed with the Horse Show.

A large number of people from here attended the Horse Show at Charlottesville this week.

EARLY AUTUMN WEDDINGS.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Keller have announced the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Cornie Belle, to Mr. Leslie Hampton Burke, the marriage to take place at the Methodist Church September 22d.

Mr. Samuel D. Bussard and Miss Grace Kelley were married at the Palmer House, in this city, Wednesday evening by Rev. W. N. Scott, of the Second Presbyterian Church. They will make their home in Bath county.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Inspector-General Jo Lane Stern, of Richmond, was in Staunton this week, and on Thursday night inspected the Staunton Rifles.

Miss Minnie Schumann after spending some time with Mr. John B. Guntner, of this city, returned to Richmond this week.

Captain and Mrs. Lewis Bosseaux, of Richmond, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Eskridge.

Miss Mary Donnan, of Richmond, is visiting Mrs. H. A. Walker.

Mrs. Hunter McGuire and Miss Margaret McGuire, of Richmond, after spending some time with Mrs. A. F. Robertson on Church Street, returned to Richmond.

Mr. Charles L. Cooke and Mr. Richard Mauzy have returned to Richmond after visiting friends and relatives here.

AT CROCKETT SPRINGS

Summer Lingers in the Lap of Autumn at this Resort.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CROCKETT SPRINGS, VA., September 5.—This season has been the most successful in the history of Crockett Springs. It has been impossible to entertain all who have applied during the height of the season, and quite a number of guests are booked for September and October.

Of the many charms of Crockett's, not among the least are its truly delightful baths and its fine inducements to out-of-door exercise.

One of the most interesting and enjoyable of the evening entertainments this week was a fancy dress ball, en masque. The ball opened with the grand march, led by Mrs. Wicks and Mr. Thomas.

After the ball the dancers were entertained at an informal supper by Mr. and Mrs. Wood, of Norfolk.

A charming morning seven-hand euchre party was given by Miss Fishburn, of Roanoke. The decorations were ferns and the beautiful partridge vine and its scarlet berry, dear to the memory of all visitors to Crockett.

The guests were Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Perine, Mrs. Nottingham, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Judge Candler, Miss Dabney, Mrs. Tatum, Mrs. General Butts, Mrs. Schoen, Mrs. Dr. Pratt, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Governor Fleming. Miss Dabney and Mrs. Perine received the first prize and booby at one table; Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. Butts at the other. Then came a luncheon greatly enjoyed.

Miss Fishburn also gave an afternoon party in honor of her sister, Mrs. Stone, of Roanoke. Seven-hand euchre and flinch were played, and all went pleasantly and merrily. After the game delicious refreshments were served. Then Miss Peters was presented with the first euchre prize and Mrs. Lyle with the booby. Mrs. Peake won the first flinch prize, and Mrs. McCutchen the booby.

The event of the week was a beautiful german given by the young ladies. They thought turn about was fair play. Mrs. Miles Pratt led with Miss Kathleen Thomas, and many graceful and novel figures were introduced. The other couples were Miss Penn and Mr. George Pratt, Miss Pratt and Mr. Campbell, Miss Patterson and Mr. Nottingham, Miss Kyle and Miss Hayward, Miss Wyman and Mr. Overton Pratt, Miss McCutchen and Mr. Schoen, Miss Cobbs and Mr. Clifford Martin, Miss Lena Serpell and Mr. Charlie Martin, Miss Barnwell and Mr. Yerxa, Miss Morey and Mr. Johnson, Miss Nora Serpell and Mr. Burlingham, Miss Wyman and Mr. Deyerle, Miss Brooke and Mr. John Pratt, Miss Butts and Governor Fleming, Miss Kerr and Mr. McBride, Miss Dabney and Mr. Brewster, Miss Bill, Miss Fleming and Miss Cooke, stags. It was indeed a brave array and a brilliant one for a September german.

MISS FAY PARKER, OF SUFFOLK, VA.,

One of the Most Attractive Girls at the Mecklenburg.

OLD SWEET STILL SWEET

Many Guests Remain for the Month of September.

A MERRY SWIMMING BEE

Elegant Euchre and Bowling Parties Engage the Attention and Handsome Prizes Are Given. Athletics in Favor.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SWEET SPRINGS, W. VA., September 5.—The crowd for the season of the year is very unusual. Grand Hotel and Central are still well inhabited. Nearly all the cottages are in occupation. A number of guests expect to remain until October.

There are quite a number of married gentlemen here to spend the last of the season with their families, and things have been made pleasant for them.

Of the notable card parties must be mentioned Mrs. Edward May's, Monday morning. There were four tables—white, green, pink and blue. There was a pretty fancy tray filled with Huyler's candy for each table, and there were handsome prizes for each. Among the winners were Mrs. Spilman, Mrs. Carson and Miss Ruffner.

PRETTY CARD PARTY.

One of our very prettiest card parties was that given by Mrs. Heisen and Mrs. Catchings—euchre, al fresco. There were thirty-five players, ladies and gentlemen. The tables were set forth under the trees in front of Heisen (or Broadway) Cottage, the veranda of which, gay with its red hammocks, cosy tea table, brass kettle and things, made a "homey" note in the picture. For every table there was a cut glass dish filled with candy, and in the middle of the game delicious punch was served. Winners of prizes were Mrs. Conch, a silver candlestick; Mrs. Archibald Patterson, of Richmond, a hand-painted cake plate; Mrs. Thornton, a cut glass, silver-stoppered ink well; Mr. I. N. Jones, of Richmond, a very handsome corkscrew; Miss Bessie Thompkins, of Richmond, a brass letter-receiver, that everybody coveted; Miss Frederich, of Earlhurst, a framed "toast." Mr. Jones invited the whole party over to his lawn to celebrate the "corning of the corkscrew," and they went.

Mrs. Rutherford, who is in mourning and not joining in diversions herself, contributed gracefully to the pleasure of a party of young people this week by providing the very handsome prizes for which they played at seven-handed euchre. Miss Campbell won the first, a silver-backed clothes brush, and Miss Erin Payne the second, a fan.

Miss Marie B. Smith (the bride so-soon-to-be) gave a progressive euchre party that was highly enjoyed by a very "smart set" of young ladies, who contended for her prizes. Miss Spilman, of Richmond, won the first prize, a hand-painted cake plate; Miss McWilliams, of New Orleans, the second, an "angel pin;" Miss King, the "consolation," a match-safe—rather appropriate, as coming from a bride. A dainty luncheon was served.

The younger set here felt themselves particularly indebted to Mrs. Thomas Pinckney, of Charleston, S. C., for their pleasure at a bowling party given by her to her two nieces, Henningham and Josephine Ellett, of Richmond. Miss Helen Moffett, of New York, won the first ladies' prize, a silver jar; Mr. Bernard Jones, the first gentleman's prize, a silver pencil. The rolling was close, and Miss Doyle nearly "tied" Miss Moffett. Refreshments were served.

BOWLING PARTIES.

The bowling party given by Messrs. Wade Bell and William Minor, of Richmond, was one of the largest of the season. Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Smith were chaperones. The prizes were very handsome. Miss Conet won the fan, Miss Fisher the "toast," Mr. Petty the beer stein, Mr. Terry the other "toast."

The prizes given by Miss Moffett, of New York at her bowling party were perfectly "stunning." Miss McWilliams, with a score of 171, captured the silver-chored perfume bottle; Dr. Ament, 173, the German stein; Miss Margaret Curd, the drinking cup. No handsomer prizes have been given this season. Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Robertson were chaperones.

At Mrs. Cutchings' bowling party young men and maidens and married folks rolled. Miss Spilman, of Richmond, won the first ladies' prize, a Tiffany vase; Mr. I. N. Jones the silver drinking cup, that constituted the first gentlemen's prize; Mrs. Prescott a pin tray. There was some fine rolling. Mrs. Talley's score was just one pin lower than Miss Spilman's. A plate supper was served.

A "swimming bee" was one of the novelties, when about twenty of the younger set, of both sexes, in regulation bathing suits, took possession of the pool and diverted themselves at water polo and other aquatic sports.

AT MOUNTAIN TOP

Guests Linger to Enjoy Early Autumn Weather.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

AFTON, VA., September 4.—Quite a large number of guests linger at the hotels here, enjoying the lovely early autumn weather in the mountains. At no season is the scenery more grand around Afton than in September. Nearly all of the younger set at the Afton House and Mountain Top hotels attended the Horse Show this week at Charlottesville.

Mr. Will McCue, of Afton, had several blue ribboners on exhibition which made the show very interesting to the Afton people.

Among the guests at the Afton House are: L. Howard Jenkins, F. D. Beveridge, J. A. Briggs, Floyd Tyler, G. W. Edmonds, W. J. Crump, J. T. Carneal, Mrs. A. E. Powell, Miss Belle Powell, Mrs. G. H. Lumsden, Mrs. Harvey Taylor, Miss Jennings, Miss Emily Wilde, C. W. Hawthorne, Mrs. C. W. Hawthorne, Dr. J. B. Hawthorne and wife, Mrs. O. B. Hill, C. A. Bargamin, H. S. Hotchkiss, G. H. Lumsden, Miss Minnie Derby, all of Richmond, Va.; Mrs. W. A. Taylor and son, A. Summerfield, Norfolk; J. G. Woods, Charlottesville; Claude M. Smith, Rock Haven, Pa.

Mr. Lacy Hall and Miss Mary Hall, of Ashland, are visiting Mrs. Charles McCue.

Mrs. W. H. Lumsden, of Richmond, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. Ezekiel Hall.

Mrs. W. P. Lipscomb and family, Mrs. Warren Cloud and Mrs. Douglas MacGregor, of Charlottesville, are guests at "Locust Dale."

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilcox Brown and family, of Baltimore, are at "Elsham."

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rodes, of "Brookville," will spend September at the Hot Springs.