

May 1949

Lynchburg Honors War Dead In Ceremonies



Key figures in Memorial day services held yesterday afternoon are shown in these pictures. Upper photo: Participating in the services at Monument Terrace were, left to right, the Rev. John L. Sutenfield, American Legion Post 16 chaplain and pastor of Fairview Christian Church; Dr. Edgar A. Potts, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, principal speaker; Mrs. John A. Davis, Old Dominion Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy; Mrs. J. A. Flowers of Kirkwood Otey Chapter, UDC; and Ralph M. Turner, commander of American Legion Post 16. Lower photo: Placing of wreaths at the base of the monument at Methodist Cemetery highlighted ceremonies sponsored by the Southern Memorial Association. In the picture are, left to right: Mrs. E. J. Hotchkiss, Jr., of SMA; Mrs. William E. Abbot of SMA; Dr. Carleton Barnwell, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, who conducted the services; Miss Imogene Watts, historian of Kirkwood Otey Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and custodian of the World War I memorial stars placed annually at the base of the monument on Memorial day; and Miss Elizabeth Abbot, SMA. (Staff Photos).

Lynchburg Tribute In Solemn Ceremony

Those who gave their lives in the their country in the monuments on the States, the Confederate sol-war and World War Spanish-Ameri- paid tribute yesterday, and the Memorial day ceremony at the back, burg. Dr. Edgar A. Potts, principal speaker, and that of the Le- Centenary Methodist States and Con- principal speaker, and that of the Le- Several commemorative signifi- were held, the occasion. Blue-and- Doughboy monuments of the Monument Terrace color, and the Commander Ralph Turner for the cele- Lynchburg Post 16

gion, giving officiant presiding at the nation-wide terrace, presented

At Monument president, who Participating in the, and Mrs. Da- Kirkwood Otey Chapter, who Old Dominion Chapter, Legion and resented by their members, Span- J. A. Flowers and other veterans and vis. Commander on the Confed- and devotional present and at- tance were conducted church serv- John L. Sutenfield, St. Paul's Epis- Christian Church, day morning. post, and Dr. Russetery

First Presbyterian Cemetery, Mrs. World War II chaplain, Mrs. William E. Lee Junior High Elizabeth Ab- Joseph Adgate dirn Memorial As- National Anthem, Imogene Watts,

Immediately after memorial stars, members of the S. of World War I Association, to the base of the Con- the care of the st., arranged the in Methodist Cem'ell offered bene- bers of the Unit the Confederacy, the foot of Monu- on the central echoed from the Carleton Barnwell brought appro- Episcopal Church, the event.

The same group Spring Hill Cemetery on the grave of Mrs. James A. Scott, one of the leaders for more than a half- century in making arrangements for the annual Memorial day observance. Her death occurred in Febru- ary, 1948.

Plea for an enlightened public, with Christian belief, integrity of purpose, and recognition of the rights of minority groups as funda- mentals for action, was voiced by Dr. Potts in his Memorial day ad- dress. Importance of faith in God and in country was dwelt on by the speaker, who spoke of trends of selfishness and lack of consideration for fellow-man which threaten de- mocracy.

Part an individual can play in carrying forward the tenets of Jef- ferson, Washington and other pa- triots was outlined by the orator, who said that every informed per- son can exert influence to attain goals in government if armed with determination and the desire for liberty and freedom. He cited in- stances to illustrate and to con- firm his ideas, and deplored apathy which he said is present today to- ward administration of public af- fairs, urging enlightened partici- pation in order to preserve the American ideal and to promote world peace.

High above the small crowd gath- ered to honor those who in "valor proudly sleep," Lynchburg's ancient

"Love Makes Memory Eternal."

MRS. S. L. STROUD

Lynchburg relatives have been notified that funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock in Spring Hill Cemetery for Mrs. S. L. Stroud of Athens, Ga., formerly of Lynchburg, whose death occurred in Athens Saturday evening. Dr. Carleton Barnwell will officiate.

Widely related in this section of Virginia, Mrs. Stroud was formerly Miss Margaret Burks. She was born in Bedford county, daughter of the late Albert S. and Virginia Rucker Burks. Descendant of pioneer settlers, she and her sister, the late Mrs. Howard Lillars, were charter members of James River Chapter, DAR, and were concerned with historical and genealogical data connected with this community. Mrs. Stroud was a member of Old Dominion Chapter UDC in which she held various offices, and of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. She took active part in the various church organizations.

Mrs. Stroud left Lynchburg some years ago to make her home in Athens with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nuttycomb (Virginia Stroud). Mr. Nuttycomb is a member of the faculty of University of Georgia.

Surviving her are her daughter, and a brother Charles A. Burks of Daytona Beach, Fla.

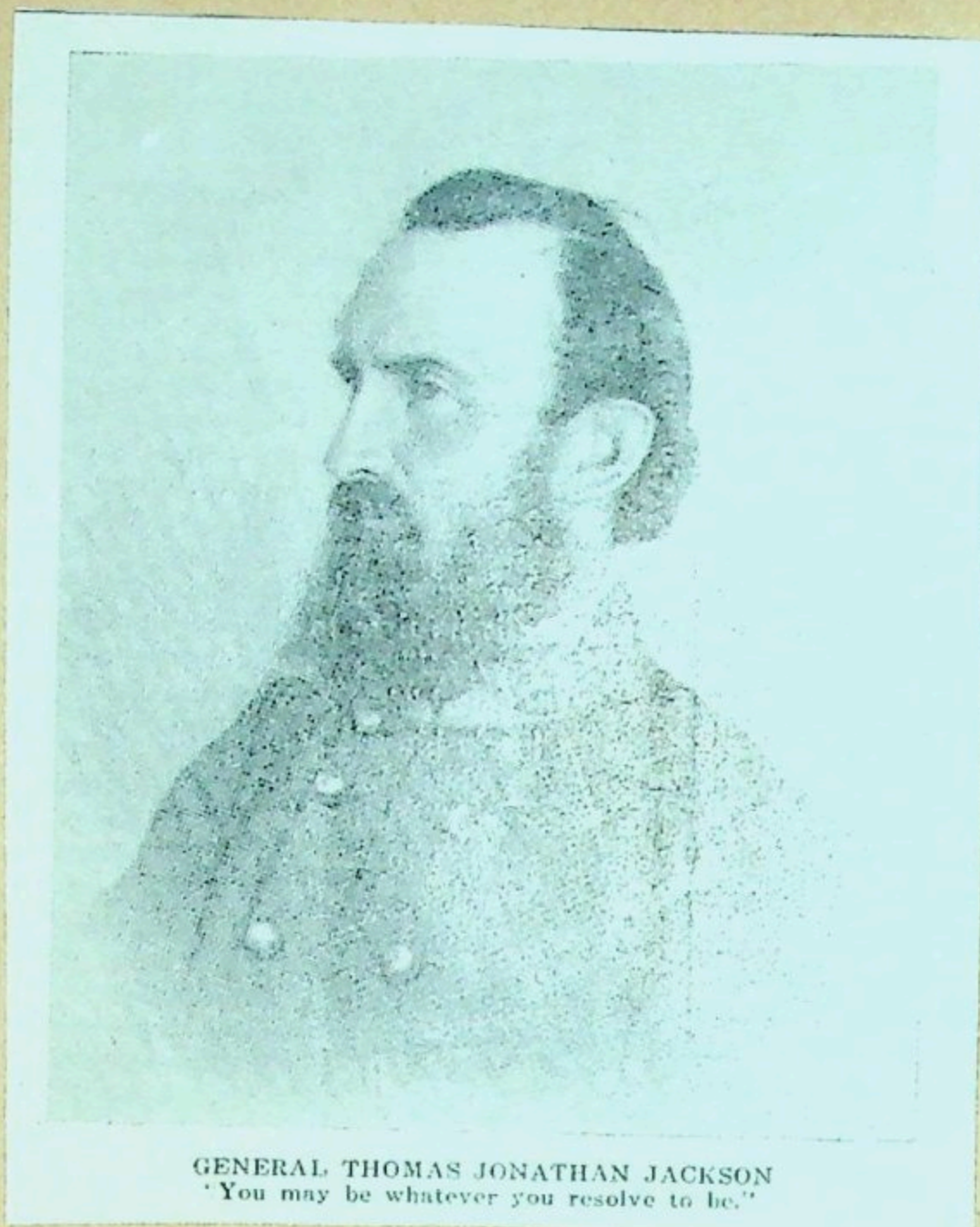
Dr. and Mrs. Nuttycomb will arrive tonight and will be with friends here for a few days.

Mrs. S. T. Paris

Mrs. Rosa Lee Shumate Paris, widow of Samuel T. Paris, died early yesterday at her home, 803 Floyd street, after an illness of two months. Born in Mercer county, W. Va., February 17, 1870, she was the daughter of the late Rufus H. and Celia Ann Meador Shumate. She was a member of College Hill Baptist Church and had lived in Lynchburg 60 years. She also belonged to the United Daughters of the Confederacy and Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Paris is survived by three sons, C. S. Paris, Ocean View; W. D. Paris, Beckley, W. Va., and C. R. Paris, Pembroke, N. C.; two sisters, Mrs. James Adair, Narrows and Mrs. James Ford, Hinton, W. Va.; a half brother, K. R. Shumate of Narrows; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be held in Fauber's Funeral Chapel Friday at 2 p.m. Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery.

In Memoriam
"To lives in hearts we leave
behind,
Do not to die."

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Achievement Day Observed, Citizenship Medal Awarded

By MALLY ZIMMERMAN

Individual pupils and student groups at Robert E. Lee Junior High School were recognized for outstanding achievement during the current sessions in an assembly program yesterday.

During the program Mrs. John A. Davis, president of Old Dominion chapter, UDC, presented to the school library three books which had belonged to her son, the late Capt. John A. Davis, when he was a student at United States Military Academy, West Point. The volumes are Lee, The American; Stonewall Jackson, and Emil Ludwig's Life of Bismark. They were accepted for the school by Frank Crance, high 8 student.

Lee, Jackson Books Presented School Library By UDC May 25, 1949.

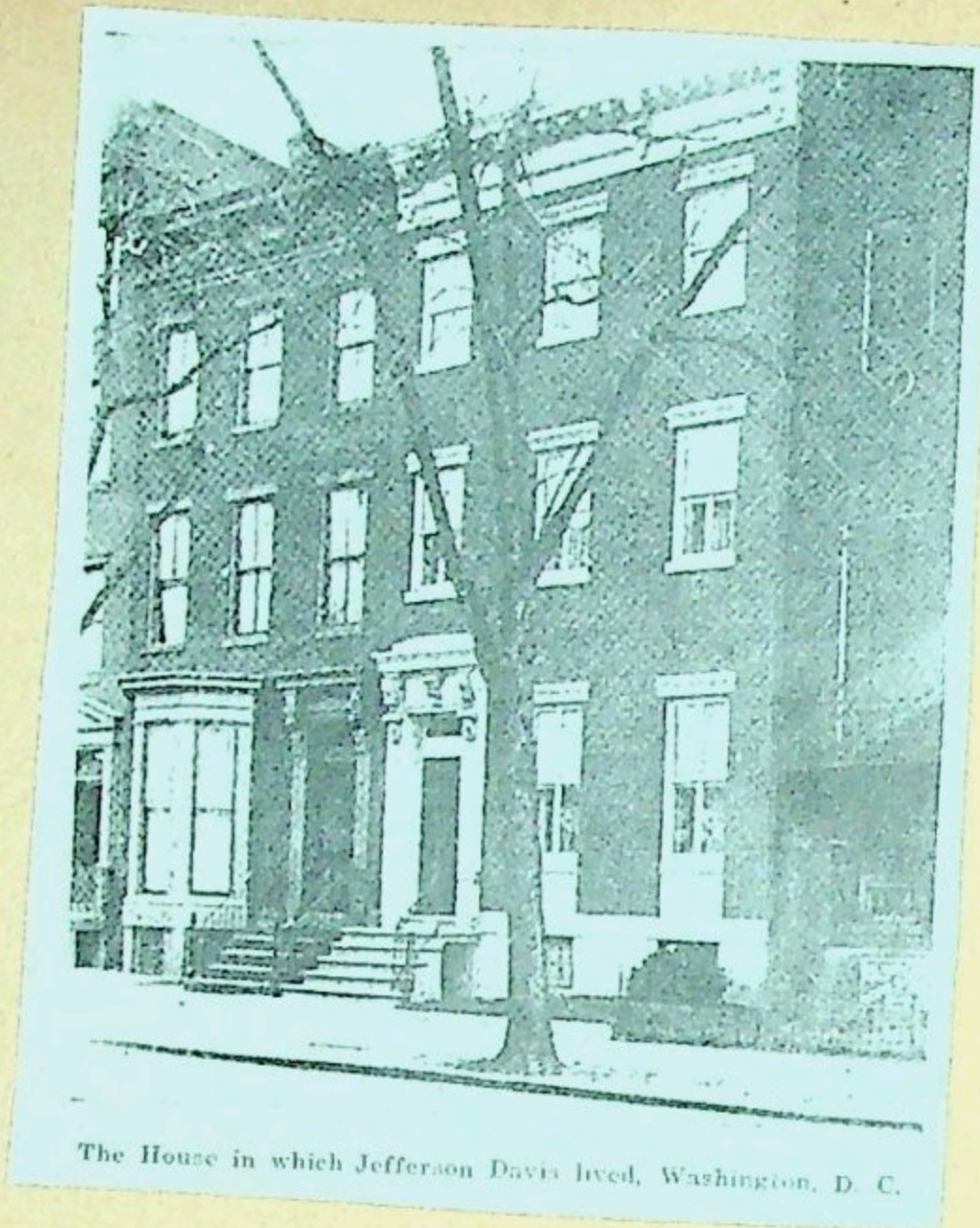
Biographies of Southern leaders adapted to young readers, were presented yesterday by Old Dominion Chapter, UDC, to Fort Hill School, located in the immediate neighborhood of Fort Early which is a memorial to participants in the Battle of Lynchburg, June, 1864.

Pointing to the history of the section, Mrs. John H. Davis, president of the chapter, made the presentation. She displayed four Confederate flags, explaining the significance of the emblem, showing the changes from the first flag, replica of that which flew over Richmond, to the accepted battle flag under which the Confederate States Army fought.

The books presented for the school library were Life of Tom Jackson, later known as "Stonewall", and Life of Robert E. Lee.

Miss Katherine Gilbert of the school faculty, member of Old Dominion Chapter, introduced Mrs. Davis. Three grades of the school assembled in the auditorium for the ceremony.

Mrs. Davis brought with her the Confederate uniform worn by her mother, the late Mrs. August Forsberg, during the War Between the States and one of the students modeled it for the admiring spectators. Mrs. Forsberg was garbed in this patriotic fashion while pursuing her first aid and other welfare work during the war period.



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Lee Essay Prizes Awarded By UDC

Prizes for the best essay on Why I Think Robert E. Lee was a Great Man, offered in Robert E. Lee Junior High School by Old Dominion Chapter, UDC, were awarded yesterday by Mrs. John H. Davis, president of the chapter.

Of the 38 essays submitted, four were judged of such similar high merit that the cash prize was divided among the writers, who were Gil Holland, Nancy Kent Martin, Carolyn Dunn and Patricia Doss.

Miss Agnes Murphy of the school faculty conducted the contest there and the ceremonies yesterday were held in the room in which she presides. Every child in the room submitted an essay.

Copy of the book, *The Face of Lee*, was presented by the chapter to the room library. Mrs. William F. Holt of the education committee of Old Dominion Chapter accompanied Mrs. Davis to the school for the ceremony.

UDC's Essay Awards Presented to Four

Awards from Old Dominion Chapter, UDC, for the best essays on Why I Think Robert E. Lee Was a Great Man were presented yesterday by Mrs. John H. Davis, chapter president. Four of the essays submitted were adjudged of such high merit that the cash prize was divided among Gil Holland, Nancy Kent Martineau, Carolyn Dunn and Patricia Doss.

The contest, at Robert E. Lee Junior High School, was conducted by Miss Agnes Murphy of the faculty. Copy of the book, *The Face of Lee*, was presented to the room library.

August 1949

Old Dominion
Chapter Selects
Convention Group

The executive board of Old Dominion chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, met yesterday morning at the home of the president, Mrs. John H. Davis on Norfolk avenue, to outline its work for the coming year.

Plans were discussed for the business and historical program and arrangements were made for the yearbook.

Delegates elected to the State UDC convention at Charlottesville in October were Mrs. Davis, chairman, Mrs. William F. Holt, Mrs. A. F. Young and Mrs. W. P. Tyree. Alternates named were Mrs. E. N. Wise, Mrs D. C. Jackson, Mrs A. E. Stemp and Mrs. Elmo C. Davis. Refreshments were served later by the hostess.

Wings for the Soul

DAILY PRAYER.

O God, our Heavenly Father, whose gift is strength of days, help us to make the noblest use of minds and bodies in our declining years. Teach us to bear our infirmities with cheerful patience. Keep us from narrow pride in outgrown ways; from blind eyes that cannot see the good of changes. Give us patient judgment of the methods and experiences of others. Let Thy peace rule in our spirits through all the trials of our waning powers. Take from us all fear of death, and all despair and all undue love of life that, with glad hearts at rest in Thee, we may await Thy will concerning us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

(By Lieut. Matthew Fontaine Maury, U. S. N., 1806-1873. Found among his private papers, after his death.)

September
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UDC Will Meet With Miss Gooch

First fall meeting of the Old Dominion chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the home of Miss Elizabeth Gooch at 1020 Federal street, according to Mrs. John H. Davis, president.

Miss Edythe Stauffer, lyric soprano, will present a musical program and two prize winners in the essay contest on Why I Think Lee Was a Great Man will read their papers.

The circle of which Mrs. E. N. Wise is leader will be hostess for the session.

Old Dominion Chapter Elects Delegates To National Session

Old Dominion chapter, UDC, meeting yesterday afternoon at the home of Miss Elizabeth Gooch, 1020 Federal street, with Matthew Fontaine Maury circle of which Mrs. E. N. Wise is chairman, hostesses.

Mrs. John H. Davis, president, conducted the session. Miss Josephine Yeatman led the salute to the flag and ritual. Committee reports were made, after which delegates to the national Confederate convention, to be held in November in New Orleans, were elected as follows: Mrs. John H. Davis, president; Mrs. W. F. Holt, Mrs. A. F. Young and Mrs. B. G. Hodges.

Year books were distributed and announcement was made that 52 books dealing with the Confederacy had been placed in Jones Memorial, Fort Hill and Robert E. Lee Junior High School libraries.

Carolyn Dunn, author of the prize winning essay, Why I Think Lee Was a Great Man, a competition sponsored annually by the group, read her paper.

Miss Edythe Stauffer, soprano, accompanied by Miss Helen Nowlin, pianist, sang a group of songs.

Mrs. C. L. DeMott, Miss Sue Terrell and Mrs. John H. Cave, who have been absent from the chapter for some time, were welcomed back at yesterday's meeting.

Featherston's Account Of Crater Battle Praised By Both Sides

Survivors of both the Confederate and Federal forces which met in fierce conflict in the Battle of the Crater, Petersburg, with Confederate troops victorious, July 30, 1864, accepted as accurate a play by play account by the late Capt. J. C. Featherston of Lynchburg, an officer of the Alabama brigade which recaptured the Crater from the opposing army.

"It is doubtful," declares Howell C. Featherston, Lynchburg attorney, son of Capt. Featherston, CSA, "if any such approval by survivors of both sides has been accorded any other account of a fierce battle in all history."

The late U. S. Senator John W. Daniel of Lynchburg, daring officer who was a major on the staff of Gen. Jubal A. Early, CSA, Lynchburg, and was called "the Lone Lion of Virginia" ever afterwards on account of injuries received in the War Between the States, reputedly said of Capt. Featherston's account that it was the most accurate and thrilling account of a fierce battle detailing movements of soldiers as individuals in battle that he had ever read.

Photostat Received

Jones Memorial Library has received a photostat of the document, called "unique in the annals of war" as a present from the Alderman Library, University of Virginia. The address by Capt. Featherston was published in a booklet by the 48th Pennsylvania Regiment of the Federal Infantry. It was delivered first for the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans in a meeting in March, 1906, at the Crater battlefield, Petersburg, and at that time was published in full in the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Documents in the son's possession authenticate the fact that after learning of the address, survivors of the 48th Pennsylvania Regiment at Pottsville, Pa., who created the so called "crater" by tunneling under a Confederate fort and with tons of powder, blowing the fort and its occupants high into the sky, invited Captain Featherston to deliver the same address to them. He accepted the invitation and delivered the address without any change in it, giving detailed account of the battle in which the Confederate regiment to which his command belonged recovered possession of the fort which was occupied by the Federals immediately after the explosion and from which three previous charges by other troops had failed to dislodge them.

Some four weeks after the address was delivered at Pottsville, Captain Featherston received copies of the brochure published by the 48th Pennsylvania Regiment, which set forth his address as a true detailed account of the battle. The address as to accuracy and detail, thus received the approval of the survivors of both the victors and the vanquished, it is pointed out.

Introduction and preface to the brochure as now in the archives of Lynchburg, at Jones Memorial Library, explain that Capt. Featherston was accorded a cordial reception and that his talk "before the Ladies and Gentlemen's Committee of the veterans and friends of the 48th Regiment," held in Pottsville April 18, 1906, "far exceeded the most sanguine expectations." The lecture was held for the purpose of raising funds for the erection of a monument commemorating the work done by the regiment at Petersburg.

"The Captain," states the introduction, "is a typical Southerner and speaks in the dialect character-

istic of the Southern people; of commanding stature and easy courtly mannerism he is indeed a thorough type of the Southern gentleman of ante-bellum times."

His visit, the preface to his address declares, means more than appears on the surface. "It means," the preface holds, "that the fighting Southern veterans and the fighting Northern veterans have laid aside all their passions and prejudices and have united in restoring the spirit of harmony and fraternity that is rapidly coming to assert itself all over our common country."

Portion of Preface

Opening the announcement of the publication of Capt. Featherston's address, are the following leading paragraphs of the preface:

"It was probably one of the most interesting features of the aftermath of the great Civil War, when Cap-

tain John C. Featherston, of Lynchburg, Va., late of Gen. Saunders' Brigade, of Gen. Mahone's Division of the Army of Northern Virginia, C. S. A., addressed the survivors of the 48th Regiment of P. V. I., their comrades and their friends, who crowded the auditorium of the old M. E. Church, on 2nd Street, Pottsville, on Wednesday, April 18, 1906, on the subject: 'The Battle of the Crater,' in front of Petersburg, Virginia, on July 30, 1864. The occasion was unique in bringing together those who made the crater, and a high representative of those who re-captured it.

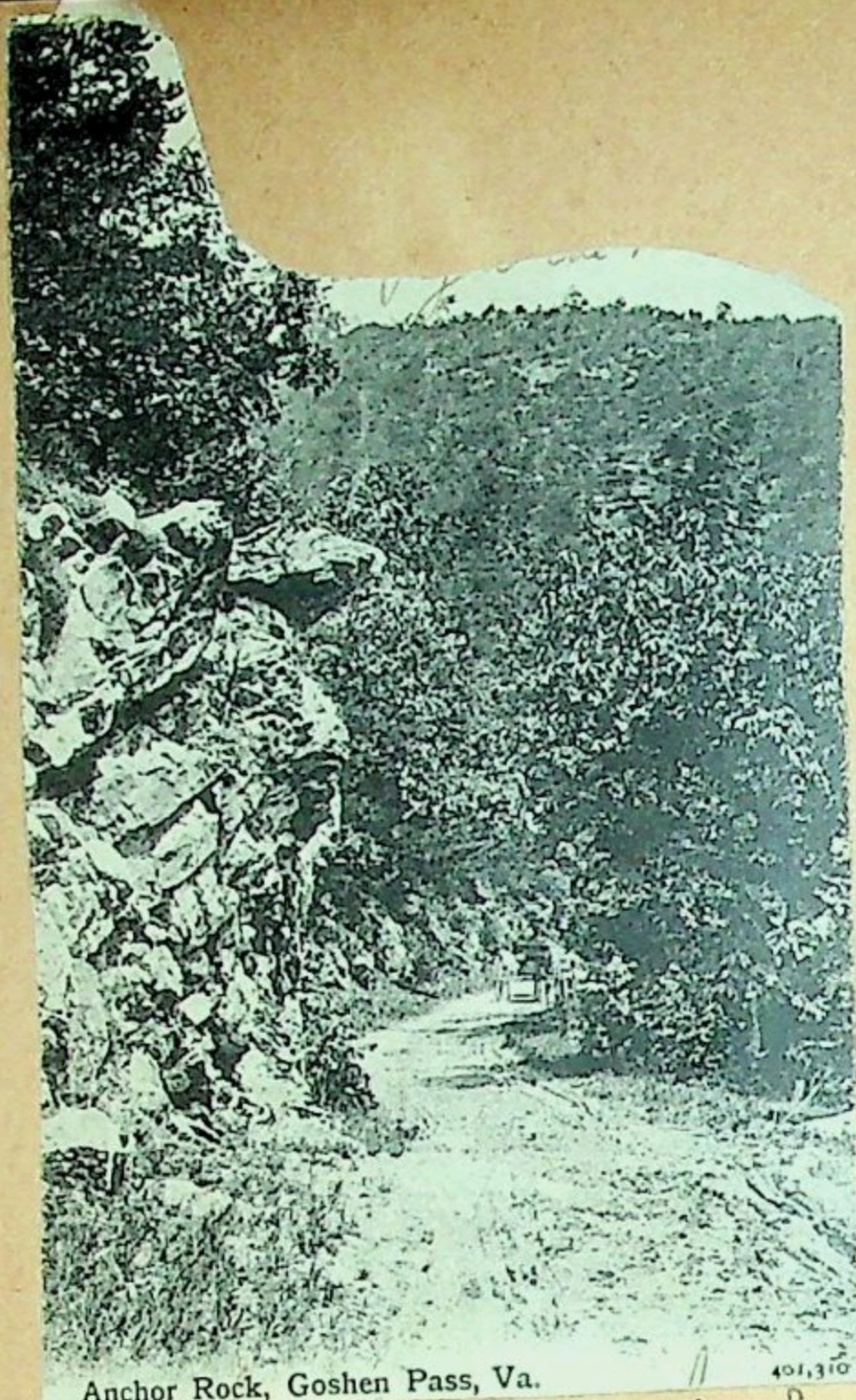
"Let it be remembered that it was the immortal 48th Regiment, through its matchless military leader, at that time Lieut. Colonel—later General—Henry Pleasants, who constructed the mine which caused the Crater,

and broke in two the supposed impregnable line of the enemy, and Captain Featherston, an officer of the Alabama Brigade that recaptured the Crater in one of the boldest charges of the entire war, and restored the Confederate lines, was the speaker of the evening.

"The frank and candid manner in which he told the story, let it be stated, just as he would have told it in the cities of Charleston, Petersburg or Richmond, so charmed and entertained the audience that they regretted the closing of the address, though the speaker had occupied fully one hour and a half of his narration.

"It is to the survivors of the 48th Regiment, their veteran comrades and their friends, a matter of the highest satisfaction and comfort to feel and to know that their work

on this field of honor is as greatly appreciated by the people of the South as by the people of the North, and that Southern historians of the war as well as Northern historians, accord to them the merit which they so richly earned and deserved. It is to all of them a matter of mutual congratulations that they are thus doubly assured that their monument will be respected and preserved, not only as a mark of their genius and valor, but also as a mark of the bravery and intrepidity of the then Southern foe, who recaptured it. And it will ever be their wish that another monument shall stand by its side, commemorating the gallantry and the bravery of those who wrested from the Army of the Potomac, the advantage which the genius and courage of this regiment gave to that grand army."



Anchor Rock, Goshen Pass, Va.

Commodore Maury's body was, at his request, carried through this pass "when the rhododendrum bloom."



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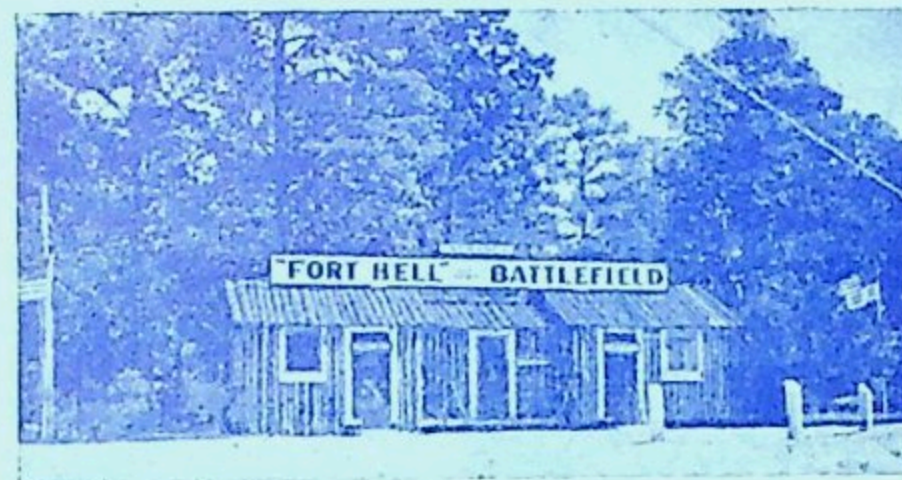
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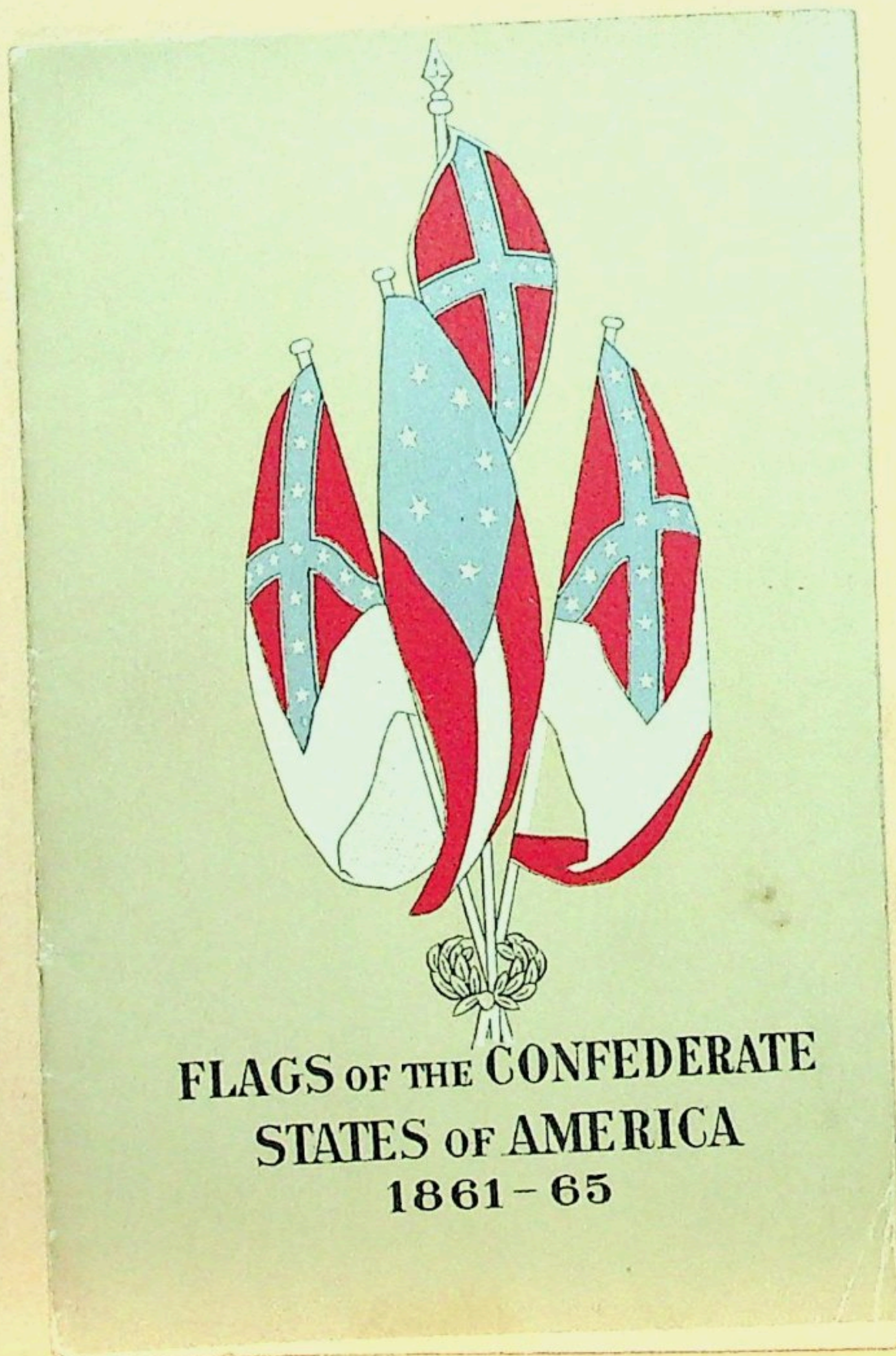
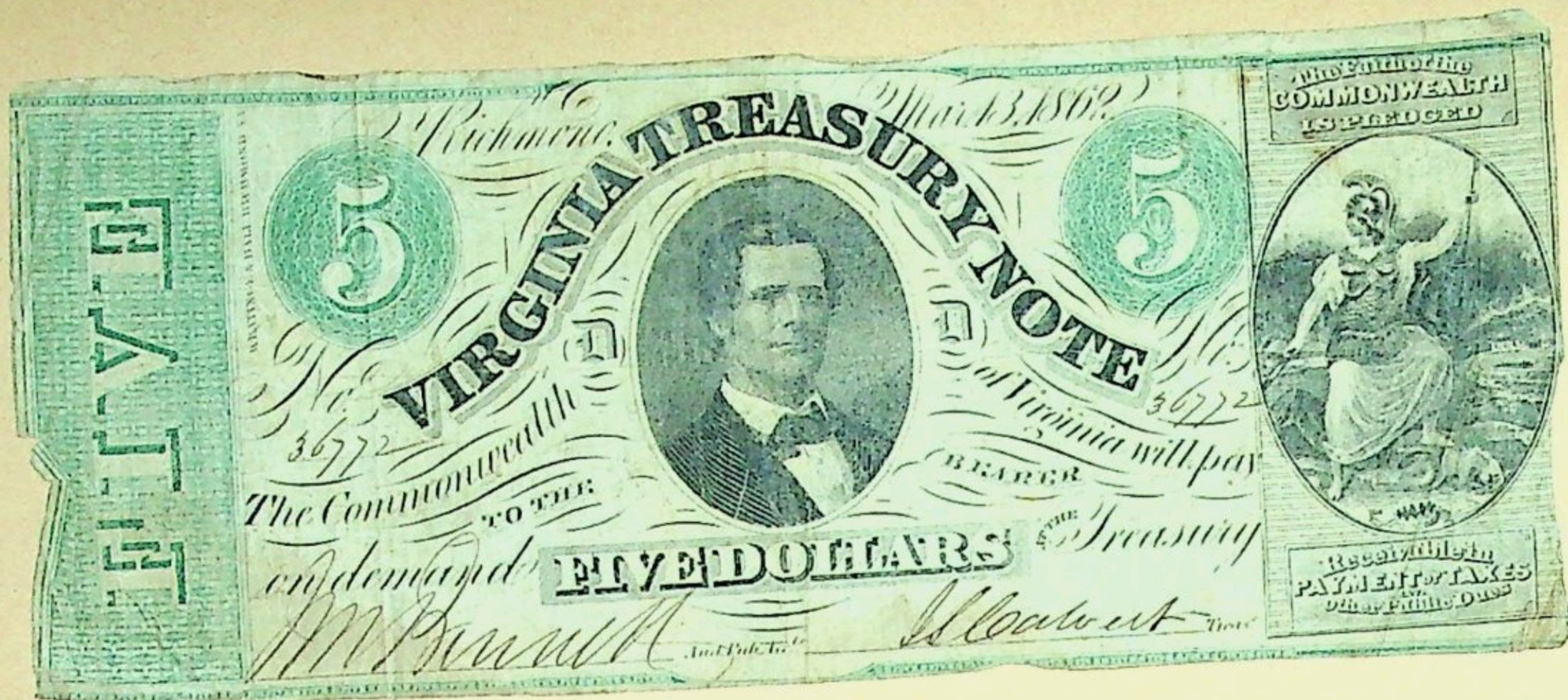
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Religious Training Is Chief Vocation of Mrs. J. H. Davis

This is another in a series on accomplishments of Lynchburg women.
By LIB WILEY

Today we present Mrs. John H. Davis, 250 Norfolk avenue, who would be the last to admit it but actually is really one of the best known and most important women in town.

As school teacher, wife, mother of two sons, Sunday school teacher and UDC worker, her versatility of occupation and wide interests have brought her in touch with many different groups and with all ages who know her affectionately as "Miss Hilda."

She is typically Lynchburg. Daughter of Colonel August Forsberg, who came originally from Stockholm, Sweden, and Mary Elizabeth Morgan. Mrs. Davis was born and brought up in this city. She was educated at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, took summer work at the University of Virginia and attended the Roanoke School of Methods and Leadership Schools at Lake Junaluska, N. C. She is a member of Court Street Methodist Church.

"Ever since I was four year's old I wanted to become a teacher!" she said. The late Dr. Edward Christian Glass gave her her first teaching position at Biggers School. Being an instructor was not new to her because Miss Hilda had been teaching in Sunday school since she was a high school girl. She first taught a class of young boys, then for ten or 12 years her Sunday school work was with a class of Randolph-Macon Woman's College students.

"Just last week I received a letter from Mary Ellen Hawk, now Mrs. Joel Saunders, whom I taught at Court Street when she was a RMWC student," Mrs. Davis continued: "Mary Ellen is now living in China where she and her husband are taking care of war orphans and are missionaries. It is such a satisfaction to hear from my former students and know that they are doing interesting work."

"At present I have a class of young mothers and young women of the church and I do enjoy working with them," Mrs. Davis said.

The late Edward F. Sheffey first suggested that Mrs. Davis become a training school teacher. After her marriage to Mr. Davis she had given up her post at Biggers and devoted her time to her husband and two sons, the late Capt. John H. Davis, Jr., and August Davis, who now lives in Bridgeport, Conn. During the years she always kept up her Sunday school classes.

"All of my teaching has been in the field of religion," she commented. Mrs. Davis has been secretary of Lynchburg district spiritual life work organization and served on the conference committee five terms.

She is an accredited instructor for



MRS. J. H. DAVIS

Christian workers' training schools of the Methodist Church and her credit comes from the general board of directors of that denomination. It was at the request of this group that she became one of the instructors.

"My favorites are the courses dealing with home and worship," she declared. The training schools last for five or six nights and among her pupils are ministers, teachers and religious education staff members. Many of the courses deal with adolescents, youth and pre-school children.

Mrs. Davis is in demand as a teacher and this winter will fill seven engagements in West Virginia and South Carolina among other places. She has taught in Georgia, North and South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland.

Mrs. Davis is an enthusiastic member of Old Dominion chapter, UDC, of which she has been president five terms. She was also leader and State director of the Children of the Confederacy, a group founded here by Mrs. William T. McNamara.

Mrs. John H. Davis
President Old
Dominion Chapter
for seven different
years.

"My mother was the greatest little Confederate there ever was," she recalls. "She was of tiny stature. I still have her small Confederate uniform." Mrs. Davis said her father, an officer was wounded and was treated at the hospital conducted here during the War Between the States by the women of Lynchburg. Her mother, a young girl, nursed the dashing officer and so it was that romance bloomed.

Colonel Forsberg was an architect and constructions standing today as reminders of his talents include Holy Cross Catholic Church, Biggers School, and the two reservoirs, College Hill and Clay street. He was city engineer 23 years. He also designed the capitol at Columbia, S. C.

Miss Hilda's great great-grandfather, William Morford, was the second mayor of Lynchburg.

Last evening, Mrs. Davis was busily crocheting small shoes for a young friend. Mr. Davis, now retired from active business, has all the more time for his hobby, their productive vegetable garden and pretty flower garden. Already Mrs. Davis has put up more than 300 cans of food this season. Just yesterday she had completed making about 30 cans of tomato juice.

"I do just as much as I can to keep interested and alert," she said. "All house-work is important but it is almost imperative to develop outside interests, for a well balanced life."

October 1949
State Convention
Charlottesville.

Virginia Division Of U. D. C. Plans Meeting Tuesday

Charlottesville, Oct. 2—Albemarle Chapter Number One of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be hostess for the Virginia division's fifty-fourth annual convention, which is to be held here from October 4 through 6.

Albemarle chapter is the oldest chapter of the UDC in Virginia and the second oldest in the South. The program for this year's convention is dedicated to Kate Noland Garnett, founder of the chapter and designer of the Virginia division badge, and her husband, Captain James Mercer Garnett, commander of the John Bowie Strange Camp for Confederate Veterans from 1892-96.

Mrs. Garnett founded the Albemarle chapter on May 15, 1894, in what is now the graduate house of the University of Virginia. Members of the UDC attending the convention will visit the graduate house Wednesday afternoon, after attending a tea in the home of Mrs. Ivey F. Lewis of East Lawn.

This year's convention will mark the second meeting of the Virginia division of the UDC in Charlottesville. It first met here in 1926, and plans were made for the fiftieth anniversary celebration to be held in Charlottesville in 1944. Because of the war, this celebration was not held.

The first meeting of the convention will be held on Tuesday, when a historical meeting will be held. Crosses of military service will be bestowed upon three descendants of Confederate veterans who have had military service. Edward Watts Saunders, dean of the university's department of engineering, Joseph Gibson, university student from Upperville and Colonel Francis Pickens Miller will receive the crosses.

Speaker for the historical evening will be George E. Stringfellow, vice president of the Edison Corporation, West Orange, N. J.

The convention's first business session will be held on Wednesday morning. Other events on Wednesday will be the memorial hour honoring deceased members, the tea at which Mrs. Lewis will be hostess and the chapter presidents' dinner. Thursday's program will be devoted to final business sessions.

Charlottesville's municipal band under the direction of Emil Rada, will give a concert on Tuesday evening, preceding the historical program. The municipal band was commissioned the official band of the Virginia division, United Confederate Veterans in 1926, and the official band of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in 1933.

Mrs. Duff McDuff Green of Fredericksburg is president of the Virginia division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

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UDC Convention Notables Gather Here



From the left, Mrs. J. Stuart Hanckel, of Jefferson Street, Miss Bertha Deane, chairman of the convention, Mrs. Berkeley Calfee, of Culpeper, State Historian, and Mrs. Duff McDuff Green, president of the Virginia division, get together at the opening of the Board meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in the Monticello Hotel yesterday afternoon.—Daily Progress Staff Photo.

U. S. Spending Policy Suits Commies, Says UDC Speaker

George E. Stringfellow, noted speaker on historical questions, gave the address at "Historical Night," which opened the 54th annual convention of the Virginia Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, at the First Methodist Church last night.

Pointing out that Lenin, "the chief architect of communism," once said "Some day we will force the United States to spend itself to destruction," Mr. Stringfellow advised his audience that this is just what we are doing today, on our "Roman Road to Ruin."

"The real issue in America today is the welfare state versus Americanism," he said. "That New Dealer member of the Supreme Court who said 'The welfare state is the greatest invention of the 20th Century' could not have been much acquainted with the history of Rome or he would never have made that statement. The 'welfare state' is

neither new nor is it great. It destroyed the liberty, the security and the power of the once glorious Roman Empire, and is certainly destroying Britain today, and if we continue the philosophy of the 'welfare state' it will destroy America.

"Government cannot give the people economic security by taking it from them. It can only give our people economic security by first taking away economic liberty."

"Since neither of the major political parties . . . seems to stand for anything except 'pap' and patronage," he said, his speech should not be construed as a political one.

About 150 delegates from most of the 125 chapters attended the meeting, at which Mrs. Berkeley Calfee, State historian, presided. The delegates were welcomed by Mayor Gus Tebell and Mrs. A. T. Dulaney, president of the Albemarle Chapter No. 1, hostess chapter to the convention. The response was by Mrs.

William Forrest, of Louisa.

Crosses of military service were awarded to three descendants of Confederate soldiers, Dean Edward Watts Saunders, of the University of Virginia, Joseph Edwin Gibson, student at the University, and Colonel Francis Pickens Miller, of Farmington.

Virginia essay awards were announced as follows:

Twenty-five-dollar prize offered by Fareed Kiamie, of New York, for the best essay on "Heroic Women of the Confederacy Who Are Still Remembered," to Mrs. T. E. Gravely, of the Mildred Lee Chapter, Martinsville.

Fifteen-dollar Virginia Division prize for the best essay on General Nathan Bedford Forrest, outstanding military genius of the Confederacy, to Miss Cassye Averett Young, of the Anne Eliza Johns Chapter, Danville.

Ten-dollar prize offered by the Lee Chapter, Richmond (the Olivia Courtney Guthrie prize) for the best essay on "Why Granddaughters Should Join the UDC" to Mrs. D. James Coleman, of the Culpeper Chapter.

Ten-dollar prize offered by Mrs. Howard Nuckols, for the chapter reporting the greatest number of new members, either by application or reinstatement, to Turner Ashby Chapter, of Harrisonburg.

Ten-dollar prize offered by the Kirkwood-Otey Chapter, Lynchburg, to the chapter reporting the greatest number of subscriptions to the UDC magazine, to Lee Chapter, Richmond.

Ten-dollar Virginia Division prize for the best review of any recent book dealing with conditions in the South, to Mrs. Howard A. Mayberry, of Kirkwood-Otey Chapter, Lynchburg.

Ten-dollar Virginia Division prize and silver loving cup to chapter reporting the best all-round historical work, to Warren Rifles Chapter, for the third consecutive time.

Five-dollar Virginia Division prize to chapter having the best printed yearbook to Thirteenth Virginia Regiment Chapter, Orange.

Five-dollar prize offered by the Division historian, to chapter having the most attractive handmade yearbook to Manassas Chapter.

Five-dollar Virginia Division prize and silver loving cup to chapter placing the greatest number of books of Southern background in schools, to Old Dominion Chapter, Lynchburg.

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FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 7, 1949

Honored at Conference

Old Dominion chapter, UDC, of which Mrs. John H. Davis is president, was honored at the conference in Charlottesville with a prize of \$5 and a silver loving cup for contributing the greatest number of books of subjects pertinent to the Confederacy. The chapter had placed 52 books in the public schools and Jones Memorial Library. Members at the meetings were Mrs. Davis, president, and chairman of the delegation; Mrs. William F. Holt, first vice president; Mrs. A. F. Young, second vice president; Mrs. W. Preston Tyree and Mrs. Dabney Collier Jackson.

Kessler Talk To Highlight Armistice Day Observance

Speaker Was Member Of Two Of Byrd's Polar Expeditions

Lynchburg Post 16, American Legion, announced yesterday that speaker for the Lynchburg observance of Armistice day will be Charles L. Kessler of Richmond, World War II navy commander, veteran also of World War I, adjutant of the Virginia Department of the American Legion and member of two of Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd's polar expeditions.

Acceptance by Comdr. Kessler of the invitation to make the Armistice day address in ceremonies to be held at 2 o'clock November 11 at the foot of Monument Terrace, was made known yesterday by the Armistice day committee. Carter Glass, Jr., is chairman and Harry P. Holt and John R. Patterson are members of the trio selected by the post to make arrangements for the observance.

Recently appointed adjutant of the Virginia department, succeeding W. Glenn Elliott, who resigned after serving for 21 years, Comdr. Kessler is lauded in the current issue of the Virginia Legionnaire. Noting his appointment by Department Commander Ralph A. Johnson, the magazine especially refers to his experience in military, administrative and public relations positions.

Native of Washington

Born in Washington of Virginia parentage, the new adjutant represented the Marine Corps on the Arctic venture with Rear Admiral Byrd in 1926 and in the Antarctic, 1928-1930. He was in the Marines as an enlisted man for six years, returning to the military service as a lieutenant in the navy at the beginning of World War II. He has worked as speaker for the Richmond Community Chest, Red Cross, polio and cancer drives, and resigned the post of deputy director of the United States Savings Bonds Division for Virginia to take up his new duties.

Expressing willingness to undertake the job because of the work of the American Legion—"what it stands for today and the unlimited opportunity it presents for the future"—Comdr. Kessler stated "The Legion stands for God and Country and I like to think that's where I stand."

Announcing the Armistice day program in which Comdr. Kessler's



Comdr. Kessler

address is the principal feature, the committee outlined plans to have the E. C. Glass High School band play, and to present campaign medals to about 20 veterans of World War II. The Rev. John L. Sutfenfield will conduct the devotional parts of the observance.

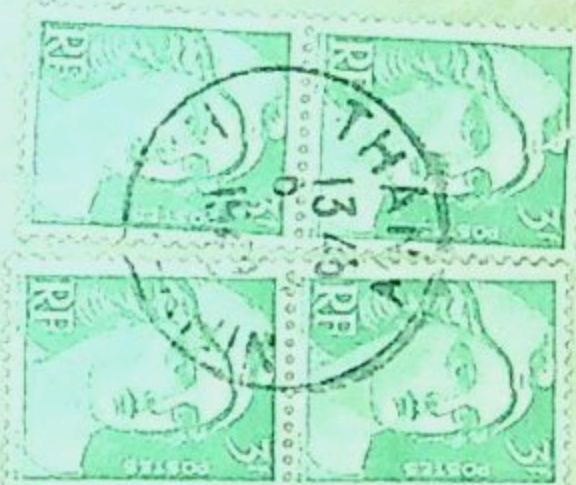
Participating by invitation of the post will be Veterans of Foreign Wars, Spanish American War Veterans, neighboring American Legion posts, Daughters of the American Revolution, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Lynchburg Chapter of the American Red Cross, American Legion Auxiliary, and Southern Memorial Association.

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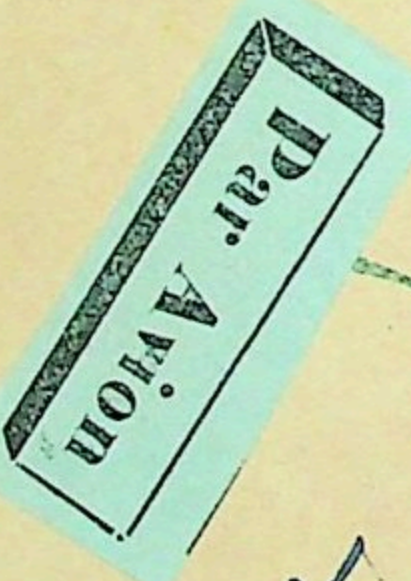


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Records Of Kin Of UDC Women Are Discussed

Records of participants in World War II who were "blood kin" to members of Old Dominion Chapter UDC, were sources of a program offered yesterday at a meeting of the organization in the home of Mrs. John H. Davis, the president, with the Nathan B. Forrest circle, Miss Josephine Yeatman chairman, as host.

Sons of the South Who Won Distinction in World War II, subject allotted chapters by the general organization of United Daughters of the Confederacy, was applied to this group from Lynchburg which went into the conflict, with especial emphasis on those who gave their lives.

43 Official Records

Compiled in a loose-leaf notebook by Mrs. William F. Holt, whose minute attention to detail and careful research lends authority to the collection, are 43 official records of participants who are closely related to chapter members. Of the number, three gave their lives—John Henry Davis, Jr., Richard Booth, Jr., and Edward Christian Glass Tyree. Of the remaining 40, two are of women who had part in the conflict.

Mrs. Holt called the roll yesterday, and when the names of the three who were killed were reached in the list, mothers of the young men, members of the chapter, responded briefly. These members are Mrs. John H. Davis, the president; Mrs. Richard Booth and Mrs. Walter Preston Tyree. Mrs. Tyree

brought to the meeting the Confederate flag which her son carried with him throughout his military service.

Others Listed

The others included on the list recorded by Mrs. Holt, who has included numerous other items of interest such as their Confederate ancestry and some post-war happenings along with war records and pictures, are: James Burnley Adkins, William Herbert Adkins, Raymond C. Callahan, Jr., Paxton Sterrett Campbell, Julian North Cheatham, William Henry Cheatham, August Forsberg Davis, Francis Pelham Harper, Macon Vaughan Harper, Archer Alexander Haskins, John Marshall Haskins, Harry H. Hill, Jr., John William Hill, Walter Richard Hill, Wyatt T. Hill, Benjamin Harrison Hodges, Jr., Willie Erwin Hodges, William Horace Jeffress, Frank Warner Lee, Jr., Carolyn Fleet Maher, Arthur K. Murrell, Jr., Charles Dandridge Murrell, Fred Hamlin Murrell, Louise Scott Murrell, William McKendree Murrell, III, William Vernon Purcell, Jr., George Prince Richeson, Garrett Van S. Rickards, Arthur Kensington Robbins, John Campbell Robbins, Rufus Hale Shumate, John Willis Smith, Arthur Everette Stump, Jr., Garnett Graham Sutton, Samuel William Tyree, Jr., Andrew Watts Williams, James Fennell Williams, Franklin Stuart Wise, Jack R. Younger and Lee Barrow Younger.

Miss Yeatman conducted the brief devotional service, and the chapter made plans for remembering at Christmas with special boxes the chapter's beneficiary at Blue Ridge Sanatorium and the French children sent monthly packages by circles of Old Dominion. The chapter agreed to cooperate in the Armistice day program of the American Legion.

Old Dominion Luncheon

One of the large events of next week will be the luncheon Wednesday at the Virginian at which members of Old Dominion chapter, UDC, will be entertained by Lee circle. Mrs. J. H. Hoskins is chairman of the affair. Mrs. John H. Davis is chapter president, and chief speaker will be Mrs. Berkeley Calfee of Culpeper, past State historian of Virginia division, UDC. Mrs. Calfee will speak on Lee and Jackson, with emphasis on the life of Gen. Thomas J. Jackson.

Each daughter present will bring supplies for pupils attending a school in France in which the chapter maintains an interest. Pencils, erasers, and other necessary but difficult to procure items will be brought.

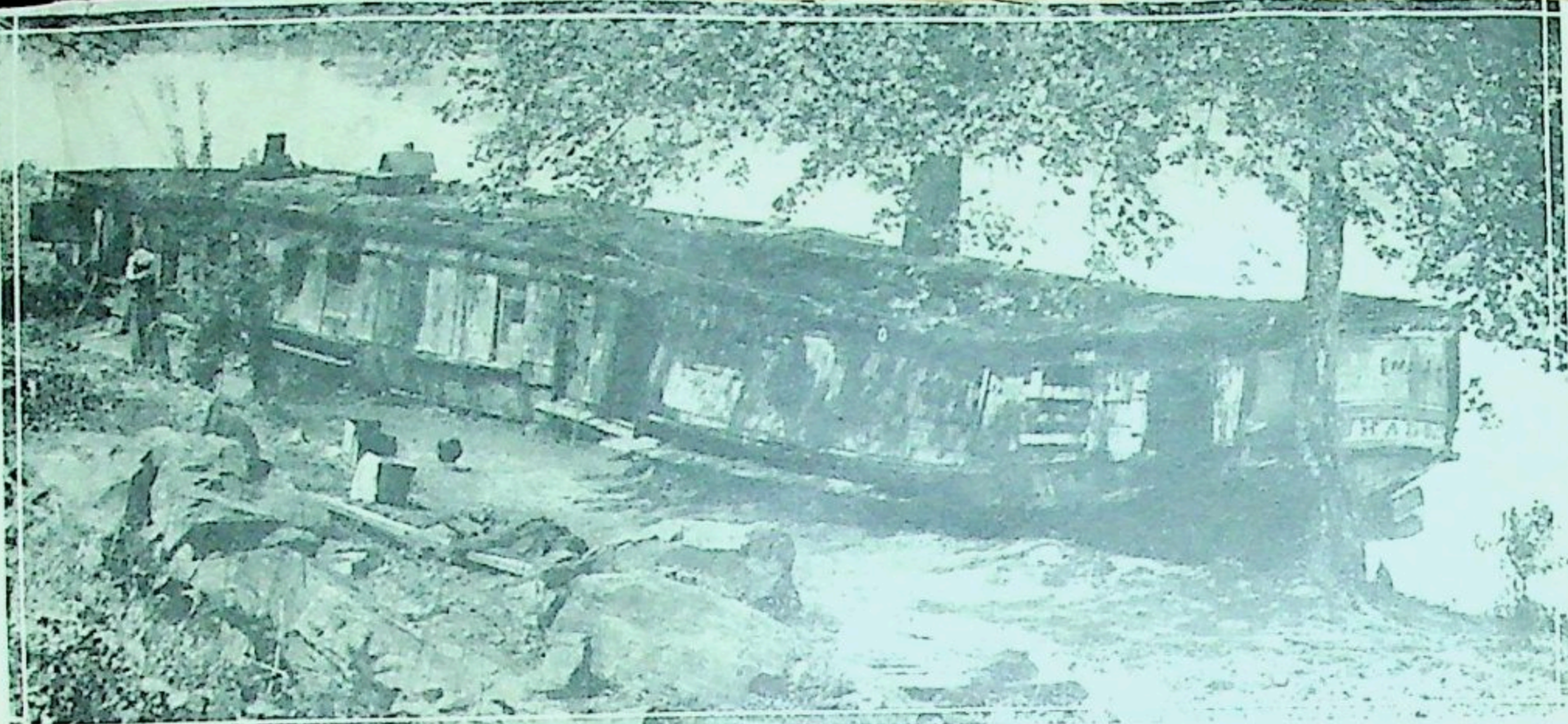
Included on the program will be songs by Miss Kitty Robertson, soprano.

While she is in Lynchburg Mrs. Calfee will be the guest of Mrs. Hoskins at her home in Linden avenue.

Attending Lee-Jackson Dinner



Mrs. Berkeley Calfee, newspaper writer, historian and speaker, chats with Mrs. John H. Davis, president of Old Dominion chapter, UDC, and Mrs. John H. Hoskins, chairman of arrangements for the organization's annual Lee-Jackson luncheon at the Virginian yesterday. Mrs. Calfee addressed the group yesterday, placing special emphasis on the life and character of Gen. Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson. Four new members were announced as follows: Mrs. P. L. Hawes, Mrs. L. F. Laughlin, Mrs. J. L. Pankey and Mrs. C. H. Ewers. (Staff Photo).



The Old Packet Boat "Marshall," on which the remains of "Stonewall" Jackson were conveyed to Lexington, Va., via Lynchburg. For many years this old boat rested on the banks of James River just above Orange Bridge, in the corporate limits of Lynchburg.

General Jackson Subject Of Talk At UDC Luncheon

Mrs. Berkeley Calfee of Culpeper, past State UDC historian, emphasized the life and career of General Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson in a talk to Old Dominion chapter members yesterday at their annual Lee-Jackson luncheon.

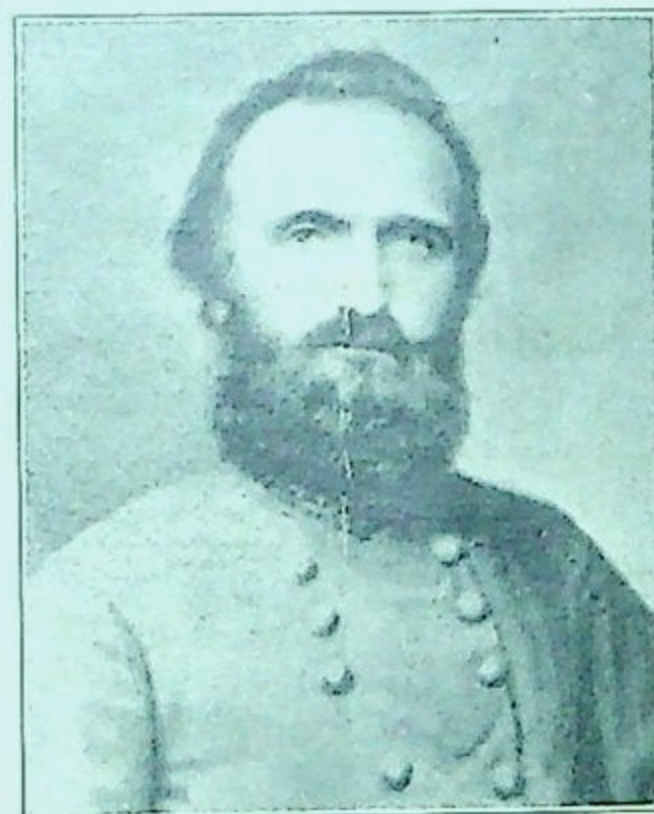
Brightening her talk with anecdotes of historical significance, she told how Brig.-Gen. Bernard E. Bee, officer in the Confederate States Army from the deep South, discouraged and tired, was given courage to continue his campaign when he saw General Jackson. It was General Bee who said: "Look at Jackson, standing like a stone wall."

A newspaper columnist and author of a booklet on the Confederate history of Culpeper county, Mrs. Calfee stressed the career of Jackson as a Christian character. He has been nominated for the Hall of Fame by the UDC.

At Greenwood, home of the Green family more than 200 years, and the house at which General Lafayette visited upon his last trip to the States in 1825, a large oak tree on the lawn is called the Jackson oak. This tree is one that the famous Southern general slept under after the battle of Cedar Mountain. "He was invited into the house, but because the night was so lovely, he preferred to sleep under the great tree," Mrs. Calfee said.

Mrs. John H. Davis, chapter president, presided at the luncheon. Miss Kitty Robertson, soprano, sang two of General Robert E. Lee's favorite hymns. Mrs. J. H. Hoskins was chairman of the hostess circle.

Four new members of the Old Dominion chapter were introduced. They are Mrs. P. L. Hawes, Mrs. L. F. Laughlin, Mrs. J. L. Pankey and Mrs. C. H. Ewers. Members of the Kirkwood Otty chapter were guests at the luncheon.



THOS. J. "STONEWALL" JACKSON

THE NEWS: LYNCHBURG, VA., FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 17, 1950.

Mrs. John H. Davis, president of Old Dominion chapter, UDC, left yesterday for Annapolis, Md., where she will address the UDC chapter there on Sidney Lanier. Mrs. Davis several years ago was the author of a prize winning essay on the life of the Southern poet. She will be the guest of Mrs. Earl Thompson for the week-end. She will return Monday to Fairfax where she will conduct classes all next week on Christian Home Making.

THE NEWS: LYNCHBURG, VA., THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 16, 1950.

Famous Exploits Of 'Shenandoah' Recalled At UDC

More than two months after General Robert E. Lee had signed the surrender papers terminating the War Between the States, Commander James Waddell, captain of the Shenandoah, captured ten Union whaling vessels in the name of the Confederate States of America, Mrs. William F. Holt told members of the Old Dominion chapter, UDC, yesterday afternoon. The A. P. Hill circle, headed by Mrs. A. F. Young were hostesses to the group which met at the Virginian Hotel.

Speaking on the Cruise of the Shenandoah, Mrs. Holt gave the history of the only vessel to carry the Confederate flag around the world. Purchased in 1864 by the Confederate States of America, the ship was commissioned as a cruiser with orders to seize ships and inflict as much damage as possible on the shipping and commercial interests of the Northern States. On October 19, 1864, the Shenandoah set out on an eleven month cruise, during which time she captured 38 enemy ships, destroying 36 at sea. The Shenandoah visited every ocean in the world with the exception of the Antarctic and crossed the equator four times. Only loss of life aboard the cruiser was the death of two men during the voyage to England to surrender to the British government after news of the termination of the war was received from a British ship on August 2, 1865.

Before entering the service of the Confederacy the ship was called the Sea King. Built in Glasgow, Scotland, the Shenandoah was originally intended for use in the far eastern trade. One of the fastest ships afloat at the time, the Shenandoah was 222 feet long and weighed 1160 tons.

Mrs. John H. Davis, president, presided. A silent memorial was observed for Mrs. Charles R. Warthen, member who died this week.

The chapter sent a box of school supplies to a school in Paris, France. Two new members were accepted into the chapter.



R. L. Lee