

John H Davis, manager of The CJC Chapter had prepared a program on the life of Sidney Lanair. Mrs Davis told many interesting things in connection with his young life and read verses from his most beautiful poems. From The Southern Magazine a sketch of his life was read by Miss Louise Davis.

"The valley of Habersham" was read by Miss Eleanor Jones. Mrs Hodges assisted by her girls served dainty refreshments -

Respectfully Submitted

Ida Campbell Bowles.

(Mrs W.H.)

Secretary-

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The regular meeting of Old Dominion Chapter U.D.C. was held at the home of Mrs. C. G. Melcher March 11<sup>th</sup> at 3.30 P.M. with Mrs E. R. Wise president presiding.

There were thirty four members and one honor guest present.

The Chapter was led in the reading of the ritual by Mrs Pugh. Followed by a tribute of memory to our other Confederate Veteran Mr. Flanagan who died in Feb. Minutes were read and as there were no corrections were adopted.

Mrs. Wise read a note from Miss Elizabeth Gish, at Robert E Lee Jr. High School, expressing her thanks and appreciation to the Chapter for the gift of the Southern Magazine.

A letter was read from Mrs Charles Bolling stating that a pension had been secured for Mrs Dick Gilbert.

Mrs J. H. Maher, Chairwoman of subscriptions to the Southern Magazine reported five new subscriptions making a total of eighty four in all.

A nominating committee was appointed by the president to select officers for the incoming year.

Committee was as follows; Mrs D. C. Jackson, Mrs C. A. Joubert, and Mrs J. H. Maher. A motion was made and seconded that Miss Bessie Gooch be re-elected for her third year as Chapter historian. Motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded that a prize be offered the High School student who wrote the best essay on

Sidney Larrier. The motion was carried.

Kirkwood Otey, Chapter extended an invitation to The Old Dominion Chapter to participate in a luncheon given at the Virginia Hotel in honor of Mrs Ann Pendleton Forest president of the Virginia division on April 23rd.

Miss Mary McCue, treasurer of Jefferson Davis monument fund reported \$6<sup>00</sup> paid her and stated she would like to get more if they could before sending check.

Mrs J. C. Joubert, recorder of Crosses, reported there would be six Military Crosses of Honor awarded on April 11<sup>th</sup> which will be the thirty eighth anniversary of the Spanish American war.

The business meeting adjourned to hear Dr Campbell Symonds talk on the value of old coins, stamps, pictures and manuscripts. His display was very interesting especially the old bible, <sup>he</sup> had along with many other things.

A delightful social hour was spent. The hostess served delightful refreshments assisted by the Jubal A Early Circle of which she is chairman.

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 Secretary-

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Old Dominion Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy held their April meeting in the ball room of the Virginia Hotel with Mrs E. N. Wise presiding.

The meeting was called to order and Dr. Carlton Barwell of St Pauls Church led in prayer.

Salute was first to the United States flag and then the Confederate flag. An impressive ceremony took place when the custodian, Mrs Charles A. Joubert, assisted by the president bestowed six military crosses of honor on the following world war veterans; Captain Edley Craighill, Lieutenant Frank Carr Drummond, Sergeant Major, Oliver Bruce Ross, Sergeant Walter Harrison Carter, Sergeant John Schrader and Lucien Schrader. This bestowal was on the thirty eighth (38<sup>th</sup>) anniversary of the Spanish-American war.

Among the visitors on this occasion were a number of Confederate veterans, and the relatives of the recipients of crosses.

An address by Dr. Barwell on "the origin of crosses and their symbols dating far back into ancient days on down to the crucifixion added solemnity to the occasion, and what the cross of Christ means to the world today. The Recessional hymn was sung by Mrs H. G. McCauland with James Hornblat at the piano.

Mrs James A. Dett adjutant of veterans came in to invite the

The Old Dominion Chapter to participate in a luncheon to be given at the Virginian Hotel April 23<sup>rd</sup> in honor of Mrs Ann Pendleton Forest, new president of Va. division U. D. C. Several accepted the invitation.

The meeting was again in order and business resumed. Minutes were read and approved.

Mrs William McNamara, Chairman of ways and means Committee announced that she had made arrangements with the Lynchburg Gas Company for a competing demonstration at Holy Cross Catholic School on eighth street. April 23<sup>rd</sup> and urged all who could to go and invite some one to go also, thereby if the Old Dominion Chapter has the larger crowd they win \$10<sup>00</sup>.

Delegates elected to attend the district meeting at Crewe were as follows. Mrs E. N. Wise, Mrs E. O. Hastings, Mrs A. E. Stump, Mrs E. B. Higgins, Mrs J. W. Maher, Mrs C. L. DeMott. Alternates - Miss Bessie Gorch, Mrs B. H. Hodges, Mrs D. C. Jackson, Mrs W. H. Bowles, Mrs J. B. Hood, Mrs Wm. McNamara.

Mrs D. C. Jackson submitted the following report from the nominating committee,

Mrs C. L. DeMott	- President
" J. W. Maher	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
" A. E. Stump	2 <sup>nd</sup> " "
" J. S. Drwin	Recording Secretary
" J. B. Hood	Corresponding "

Mrs J. C. Burks Treasurer = (3<sup>rd</sup> year) <sup>In this Office</sup>  
 " R. E. Finckham Registrar  
 " Bessie Goch Historian = 3<sup>rd</sup> year  
 " C. E. Davis Custodian  
 " James Walker, Recorder of Crosses

All accepted the office for which  
 which they were nominated but  
 Mrs DeKott who did not accept  
 the president's place. Mrs D. C. Jackson  
 was unanimously elected president

Mrs J. H. Mather reported ninety seven  
 subscriptions to the Southern Magazine.  
 Mrs W. B. Tyree, Chairman of  
 the Nathan B. Forest Circle served  
 refreshing fruit punch and cakes.

Respectfully Submitted

Ida Campbell Bonds.  
 (Mrs W. H.)  
 Secretary-

In the late nineteenth century the supervisors of Campbell County built a one room school house in the center of the fortification erected by order of General Jubal Early, who was responsible for quick action that saved Lynchburg from Hunter's torch. Soon a second room was added, Miss McKinney teaching the older children, and Miss Georgie Morgan the little ones. The school was known as "The Breastworks School". In the years that followed people moved to the southwest section of Brookville District and a school was built near Quaker Church. The "Breastworks School" was abandoned, fell into disrepair and finally disappeared. The land grew up in briars, bushes, and poison-oak vines.

Finally Miss Ruth Hairston Early, niece of the General's, with the help of two friends, R.B. Dameron and David Walker, in 1905 was given a deed to the Fort by the Board of Supervisors for Old Dominion Chapter, U.D.G. In turn the Chapter turned the land over to the City of Lynchburg and the Fort Hill Club for preservation.

Through the efforts of Miss Early, Old Dominion Chapter erected a Memorial Arch at the entrance of the Fort (~~not the same port~~) ~~watch the spelling~~ in June 1924, commemorating the Battle of Lynchburg. This battle took place at this point on the line of defence ~~the~~ facing Old Salem Turnpike.

Recently a truck passing ~~the~~ under the arch totally demolished it, and more recently a vandal set fire to the interior of the Club House and left us a sad reminder of past glory. But the house will be repaired and the Fort Hill Club and the Old Dominion Chapter may meet again ~~on~~ on the sight our Founding President, Miss Ruth Hairston Early secured for us.