



VIRGINIA DIVISION CONVENTION - OCTOBER 1, 2, 3, 1974

THE VIRGINIA DIVISION
UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY
requests the honour of your presence
at the
Seventy-ninth Annual Convention
Welcome-Historical Evening
Tuesday, October first
Nineteen hundred and seventy-four
at
eight o'clock in the evening
The Hilton Inn
Virginia Beach, Virginia



"RETIRING OF THE COLORS"



Mrs. Robert Bachman, past president
General (front l) congratulates
Recipients of Crosses



Mr. Fairfax Berkley,
Educator & Historian,
Guest Speaker



Convention Chairman Mrs. James O.
Welch and Mr. Welch chat with Mrs.
Miles Eller, Recorder of Crosses



Virginia Division
United Daughters of the Confederacy

CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S EVENING
Wednesday, October 2, 1974 - 6:00 P.M.
Mrs. Charles K. Perkins, Vice President
Virginia Division, Presiding



Mrs. Francis C. Palmer, President
Virginia Division
United Daughters of the Confederacy



At Banquet, Mrs. Ware, Mrs. Shaner
Mrs. Canada (front 1) Mrs. Jones,
Mrs. Ferrell, Mrs. Cheatham, Mrs.
Kent, and Mrs. Baldwin (back 1)



Miss Ruth Burgess, President Old
Dominion Chapter, tells of a true
event from the War Between the
States "Chapter Presidents Evening

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THIRD BUSINESS SESSION
Conference Center
Thursday, October 3, 1974 - 9:00 A.M.



Officers were installed for Virginia Division for year 1974-1975. Mrs. Palmer reelected president



Mrs. Palmer, president Virginia Division and Mrs. Russell B. Frost immediate past president. (from 1)

UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY GENERAL CONVENTION CALL

EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL CONVENTION, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
NOVEMBER 9-13, 1974

The Jefferson Hotel - General Headquarters
Virginia Division - Hostess

The Eighty-first Annual General Convention, United Daughters of the Confederacy will convene in Richmond, Va., November 9-13, 1974. The General Executive Committee will meet Saturday, November 9 at 2:30 p.m. (General Bylaws Article XIV, Section 1, Paragraph 3, page 7). The General Executive Board will meet Sunday Evening, November 10, at 8:30 o'clock, The Jefferson Hotel. (General Bylaws Article XV, page 7)

An outline of convention events is carried herein.

Registration

Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, November 9 and will continue through Tuesday, November 12. Advance Registration Fee (\$2.00) will be accepted by Credentials Chairman, Mrs. Jack Kinchle, 12404 E. 33rd. Terrace, Independence, Mo. 64055, from September 15 through October 26. Please make your check payable to Treasurer General-UDC and mail to Mrs. Kinchle, stating your name, the name and location of your Chapter, Division, whether delegate alternate or visitor, office held, if any, in General, Division or Chapter. Upon arrival present your receipt at Advance Registration Desk for Badge and Program. Official Badge will be given only to those paying registration fee and must be worn at all times for admission to business and social events.

Members of Convention (General Bylaws, Article XXVI, Section 3, Page 18)

Members of the Annual General Convention shall be: General Officers, Appointive Officers, ex-Presidents General, Honorary Presidents of General, Division Presidents, Chairman of Memorial Building Trustees, Children of the Confederacy Registrar, Presidents of Chapters where there is no Division, Chairmen of Standing and Special Committees and duly elected delegates.

Representation (General Bylaws, Article XXVI, Section 4, Page 18)

Each chapter shall be entitled to one vote for the first seven members and one vote for each additional twenty-five members. No member shall cast more than one personal vote.

Only those wearing delegate badges shall be allowed to vote. They shall be seated together in designated places in the Convention Hall and the Chairman of the Delegation shall be responsible for the substitution of alternates.

A chapter not represented by a delegate may name, in writing, a proxy delegate from the same Division.

A Division or Chapter where no Division, not having representation at the Annual Convention may give a written proxy to a delegate from another Division. No delegate shall cast more than one proxy vote.

Chapter Presidents shall notify Division Presidents of the names of the elected delegates and alternates before October 12, 1974. Delegates and alternates may be named at the last minute, provided the Division President receives the names and vouchers for same to the Credentials Chairman.

Only members in good standing may be elected delegates or alternates. Delegates and alternates shall present membership cards to receive badge.

UDC 81ST CONVENTION

MISS KATHARINE GILBERT

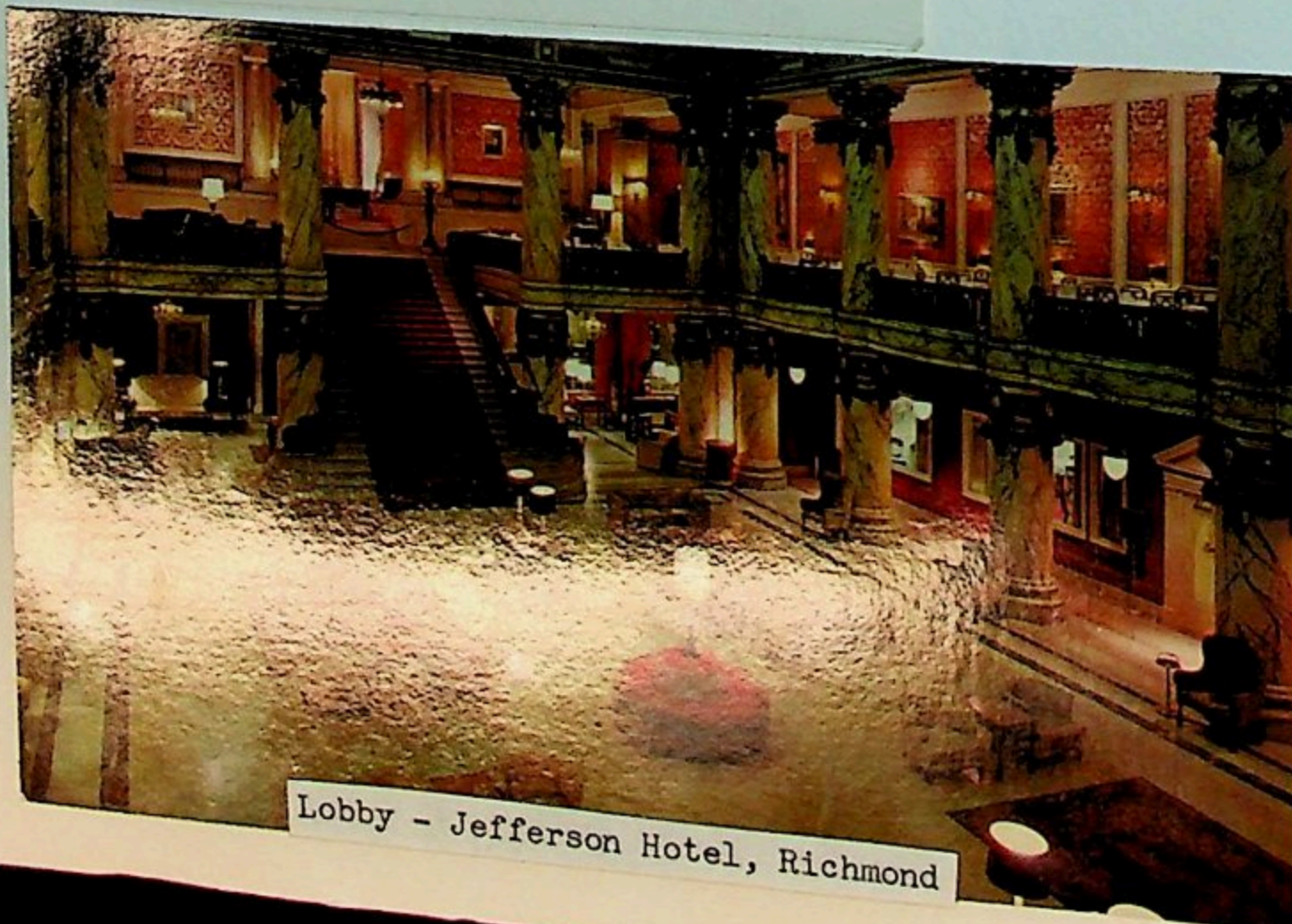
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DELEGATE

Richmond, Va. Nov. 9-14, 1974

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Mrs. Frank H. Jett, Convention Chairman

Mrs. Henry Cloe, Convention Co-Chairman

Mrs. Stuart B. Gordon, Convention Treasurer

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

Faith of our fathers living still
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword:
O how our hearts beat high with joy,
Whene'er we hear that glorious word:
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,
Were still in heart and conscience free:
And truly blest would be our fate,
If we, like them, should die for thee.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.



MEMORIAL BUILDING, RICHMOND, VA.





MEMORIAL SERVICE

United Daughters of the Confederacy
Memorial Building

Sunday, November 10, 1974, 2:00 P.M.

Mrs. Temple Fraker, Chairman, Presiding

Mrs. Raymond Snead, Local Chairman, Assisting



Organ Prelude Mr. Granville Munson

Invocation Father Adrian Harmening, O.S.B.
Principal, Benedictine High School

Hymn—"Faith of Our Fathers" Assembly

CALL TO WORSHIP Mrs. Temple Fraker

"Man asked Life of Thee and Thou gavest it Him even length of days
forever and ever, His struggles in mortal combat are indicative of
Man's will to live. Let us recall that his influence can long out-
live the life that sheds it, that much of this world's work is be-
ing done by the departed, that among all the forces of the earth
there is none more potent than that of those we call dead."

PRAYER In Unison

"Almighty God with whom do live the Spirits of those who depart
hence in the Lord, we give Thee hearty thanks for the Good Example
of all those Thy Servants, who, having finished their course in faith
do now rest from their labours. We beseech Thee to grant them
continued growth in Thy love and service, and to give us grace so
to follow their examples, that with them we may be partakers of
Thy Heavenly Kingdom, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen."

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 27:4-7

Chairman: One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require.

Response: Even that I may dwell in the House of the Lord all the days
of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to
visit His Temple.

Chairman: For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His Tabernacle.

Response: Yea, in the secret place of His dwelling shall He hide me, and
set me upon a rock of stone.

Chairman: And now shall He lift up mine head.

Response: Above mine enemies round about me.

Chairman: Therefore, will I offer in His dwelling an oblation with great
gladness.

Response: I will sing and speak praises unto the Lord.

MEMORIALS:

To The Confederate Veterans Mrs. John M. Wilcox

To Veterans of All Wars Mrs. Elmer A. Deiss

To Division Presidents Mrs. Henry D. Ferris



Wreath placed at General Robert E. Lee's statue, Monument Avenue



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Mrs. Archie China Watson
President General



First business session after
presentation of flags



Roll Call of Division Presidents
and presentation of State Flags

Richmond Times-Dispatch, Tues., Nov. 12, 1974

UDC Honors Patton, 5 Others

By Betty Pettinger

Maj. Gen. George S. Patton, USA, son of the famed World War II general, was honored here last night by the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Patton was one of six military men on whom the UDC bestowed Crosses of Military Service. The honor is accorded outstanding men and women who have served in the U. S. armed forces and are descendants of Confederate soldiers or sailors.

Presentation of the crosses was made in ceremonies during the annual "historical evening" of the 81st general convention of the UDC. The event took place in the Jefferson Hotel. The convention began Saturday.

GEN. PATTON was not present to receive the cross but it will be presented to him at a later date.

Others who were honored with the crosses were Judge Ernest Pleasant Gates of Chester, Col. Wayne Bryan Sargent, USA, of Alexandria, Col. Wilbur Thomas Edwards Jr., USA (ret.) of Atlanta, Col. John Reily Love, USMC, of Quan-



Maj. Gen. G.S. Patton

tico, and Capt. Alexander Fleming Wojcicki, USMC.

Patton is special assistant to the commander of Army Readiness Region I at Ft. Devens, Mass. He is the youngest son of the three children of the late Gen. George S. Patton Jr., the Virginian who became a World War II hero.

The younger Patton, 50, was graduated from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., in 1946 and commissioned as a second lieutenant in the infantry. He commanded a tank battalion in the Korean war and an armored cavalry regiment in Vietnam.

HIS DECORATIONS include the Distinguished Service Cross with oak leaf cluster, the Silver Star with oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters and the Purple Heart. He also wears the Republic of Vietnam's Cross of Gallantry with gold, silver and bronze stars, and the Armed Forces Honor Medal, First Class.

Patton is on limited active duty following surgery for a hip injury.

Patton's Confederate ancestor was Col. George Smith Patton of the 22nd Virginia Regiment, CSA, who joined the

Confederate Army in Charleston, W. Va., and was killed in action at Winchester on Sept. 23, 1864.

GATES was a naval lieutenant during World War II. He is the great-grandson of Benjamin Greenhow Gates.

Sargent is chief of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Policy Division for the U. S. Army and is a veteran of the Korean conflict. He is the great-grandson of Sgt. Abraham Benson Sargent of South Carolina.

Edwards served in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers during World War II and is now retired chief engineer of the South Central Bell Telegraph Co. Love is a Vietnam veteran and the great-grandson of John Young Reily. Wojcicki is a Vietnam veteran and the great-grandson of Michael Fleming Lyons.

The crosses were bestowed by Mrs. Archie China Watson of Columbia, S. C., president general of the UDC, assisted by Mrs. Frederick O. Aspinwall of Ocala, Fla., recorder general of Crosses of Military Service.



Colonel Wayne B. Sargent



Captain Alexander Fleming Wojcicki

HISTORICAL EVENING

Monday, November 11, 1974, 8:00 P.M.

The Ball Room

Mrs. Archie China Watson, President General
 Mrs. Frank H. Jett, Convention Chairman, Presiding
 Mrs. C. D. Williams, Historian General
 Mrs. Frederick D. Aspinwall, Recorder General of Crosses of
 Military Service

Processional:

Color Bearers, Aides and Marshals, Chairman and Vice Chairman of
 Pages, Pages, Distinguished Guests, General Convention Chairman,
 Co-Chairman of Convention, Ex-Presidents General, Honorary Presi-
 dent General, Ex-Historians General, Division Historians, Ex-Re-
 corders General of Crosses of Military Service, Division Recorders
 of Crosses of Military Service, Chaplain, Speaker, Recipients of
 Crosses of Military Service, Pages to General Officers, Historian
 General, Recorder General of Crosses of Military Service, President
 General.

Call to Order Mrs. Frank H. Jett
 Invocation Reverend Michael Smith
 Assistant Pastor of Northminster Baptist Church
 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States Mrs. A. V. Hall
 Ex-President General
 God Bless America Assembly
 (Led by Mrs. Milton Kay and Miss Louise Reynolds)
 Salute to the Confederate Flag Mrs. John M. Wilcox
 Ex-President General
 Dixie's Land Assembly
 (Led by Mrs. Milton Kay and Miss Louise Reynolds)
 Posting of Colors
 Welcome to Virginia Mr. Richard S. Gillis
 Exec. Vice-President of Virginia State Chamber of Commerce
 Welcome to Richmond Hon. Thomas J. Bliley, Jr.
 Mayor of Richmond
 Welcome from Virginia Division..Mrs. Frances Palmer, Division President
 Greetings:
 Mr. David Eschenfelder President General,
 Children of the Confederacy
 Mr. James M. Edwards Commander-in-Chief,
 Sons of Confederate Veterans
 Mr. Dennis W. Rainoshek Commander-in-Chief
 Order of Stars and Bars
 Presentation of the President General Mrs. Frank H. Jett
 Introduction of General Officers, Ex-Presidents General, Honorary
 Presidents, Division Presidents President General



Dr. James I. Robertson, Jr. Head
 of History Department V. P. I.



Dr. Robertson and Mrs. C. D.
 Williams, Historian General



Hon. Floyd D. Spence, Congressman
 from State of South Carolina
 and Miss Ruth Burgess



Mrs. A. V. Hall, ex-President
 General, Mrs. L. W. Alves,
 Vice President

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THREE DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS PAUSE DURING U.D.C. CONVENTION
Mrs. W. E. Dewey of Denver, Mrs. G. W. Huxter of Richmond, Mrs. C. H. Lawley of Tuscaloosa

UDC Member, 93, Travels 1,600 Miles to Convention

By JOY PROPERT

Mrs. Elliott Todhunter Dewey, 93, flew 1600 miles unaccompanied to attend her first national convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy here this week.

Why did she wait until now? "I thought I'd like to come East again before I died and I used this as an excuse," she said ironically between sessions at The Hotel Jefferson.

Mrs. Dewey, president of Denver's Robert E. Lee Chapter of the UDC, likes to sit on the hotel mezzanine and watch couples descend the great staircase. She explained her preoccupation:

"Every man that goes down those steps turns to his wife and says, 'I feel like Rhett Butler saying to Scarlett — frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn.'"

"The movies broke a record with that line and they've allowed cuss words ever since. Of course, my father always said 'damn' was a poetic word, not a cuss word. There are times when nothing else is effective."

Mrs. Dewey, who has seen "Gone With the Wind" nine times, is one of 20 "real daughters" attending the general convention. The term designates women whose fathers actually served in the War Between the States.

Her memories of her father, the late Col. Ryland Todhunter of Lexington, Mo., and his war stories are as vivid as the events of yesterday.

"A bullet went through his leg and into his horse's heart at the battle of Chickamauga and the horse fell on him," she recalled.

"When the Yankees came through, they kicked his leg and said, 'there's another Rebel gone to Hell,' but he just kept his eyes closed and played dead."

When the Confederates took him to the hospital, doctors prepared to amputate his leg, but Col. Todhunter had other ideas. He pulled out a gun and threatened to shoot anyone who attempted amputation. The leg stayed.

"He lived to be in his 80s and didn't even have a limp," she said.

In later years her father took the family to the Chickamauga battlefield, she said, and showed them "Bloody Pond" where all the soldiers went to drink. Her father joined the army in

Kentucky, was transferred to the Army of Tennessee, and later served on the staff of Gen. Matthew D. Ector of the 10th Texas Brigade.

When the war ended her father took his inheritance and headed west, bought several thousand acres of land, and settled in Lexington, Mo., where Mrs. Dewey was born.

She studied with a governess until the age of 11 when she entered Central College for classes in elocution, fine arts and the social graces. Her education was continued at Northwestern University and then at the Leland Powers School of the Spoken Word in Boston.

Later Mrs. Dewey became professor of speech at Texas Christian University and married Maj. Warren E. Dewey (her given name is Elliott), a New Yorker.

Mrs. Dewey also is an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She traces her heritage back to "great, great, grandfather Todhunter who came from England and established a Quaker colony in Philadelphia."

A widow for 35 years, she has a daughter living in Seattle and six grandchildren.

"I plan to visit her for Christmas and that will be my swan song for traveling," she said.

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Daughter of the Confederacy

Mrs. Elliott Todhunter Dewey, 93, of Denver flew 1,800 miles to Richmond to attend her first convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She is the president of the only UDC chapter in Colorado. Mrs. Dewey's father, Col. Ryland Todhunter, served on the staff of Gen.

Matthew D. Ector of the 10th Texas Brigade, Confederate States Army. The national UDC convention, attended by about 350 delegates, will close tomorrow. (See Story on Page 8.)



Mrs. Frances B. Fitzgerald, elected Treasurer General of the U. D. C.



Miss Ruth Burgess, Pres. Lynchburg UDC and Mrs. Frances Fitzgerald, Treasurer General at reception.



Mrs. A. W. Alves, Vice-Pres. General and Mrs. Warren Craighead.



Mrs. Violet Jones of Lynchburg, Va.; Miss Frances Edwards of Longview, Texas and Mr. T.A. Swenson of Texas.



Miss Hazel Simpkins, 3rd Vice-Pres. Va. Division; Mr. Jeff Birggs and Miss Georgia Kay Lord, Decatur, Ga.



Mrs. Janie Ware, Mrs. Frances Palm Va. Div. Pres., Miss Burgess, Pres. Lynchburg UDC; Mrs. R. S. Ferrell.

Richmond Times-Dispatch, Thurs., Nov. 14, 1974

UDC Elects Mrs. Jett, Mrs. Fitzgerald



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Mrs. Elden M. Jett of Independence, Mo.
She Is New President General of the UDC

By Emma Livingstone

Mrs. Elden M. Jett of Independence, Mo., in an unopposed contest, was elected president general of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC), at the 81st convention which ended here yesterday at the Jefferson Hotel.

Mrs. Frances B. Fitzgerald of Richmond, past president of the Virginia Division and a charter member of the President Davis Chapter No. 2197, was elected treasurer general.

Other new general officers are Mrs. Henry D. Ferris of Bethlehem, Pa., vice president general; Mrs. William E. Parker, Akron, Ohio, second vice president; Mrs. Wallace Klingsbury, Amite, La., third vice president; Mrs. James W. Robbins, Willingham, N.J., recording secretary; Mrs. Temple Fraker, Knoxville, Tenn., registrar; Mrs. Frank

J. Douglas, Metairie, La., historian, and Mrs. Hall Eller of Houston, Tex., Crosses of Military Service.

A former resident of Charlottesville, Mrs. Albert Carlyle Gannaway of Little Rock, Ark., and Mrs. Henry Stevens of Warsaw, N.C., were named honorary presidents of the general division.

A resolution was passed unanimously to create a new medal award to honor men who have gone into space and who are lineal descendants of Confederate soldiers. A proposed medal design, referred to committee for further research, is shaped like a space capsule and carries a bas relief design of the earth, the moon and crossed Confederate and American flags. The medal is topped with interlocking UDC letters with the words "Men in Space" and "United Daughters of the Con-

federacy" inscribed on the top and bottom of the capsule.

Mrs. Trippett Boineau of Columbia, S. C., chairman of the Men in Space committee, said the UDC hopes to be able to name the first medal recipients in time to coincide with the United States Bicentennial Celebration in 1976. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has provided 75 names of men who have been actively involved in the space program, Mrs. Boineau said. Each UDC state division has been assigned to begin immediate research for the lineal background of each of the 75 men on the NASA list. Gen. William C. Westmorland, retired chief of staff of the United States Army, has been appointed chief adviser for the new award program.

In other action, the delegates voted more than \$7,000 to the

Mrs. Norman V. Randolph Relief Fund, dedicated to the care of needy Real Daughters of the Confederacy, now in its 66th year.

Delegates also pledged \$2,000 to help the Jefferson Davis Association, which has reported financial difficulty with a long-range project founded in 1963 to prepare, edit and publish the public and private papers of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy. James T. McIntosh, a professor at Rice University is editor of the project, which is being cosponsored by Rice

University and financed by grants from several interested foundations. The first volume of "The Papers of Jefferson Davis" was published by Louisiana State University Press in 1971 and won the Civil War Centennial Commission Medallion in 1972 and the Confederate Memorial Library Foundation of Richmond Award. Volume two of the proposed 21-volume set is due for release in the near future.

Attorney Ivy P. Blue of Ashland, guest speaker for the Magazine luncheon, told members and guests that anyone who contended that the Confederacy was dead had only to look to the scholarship, patriotic and community work carried out by the members of the UDC throughout the United States to realize that the entire nation benefited from the heritage of the Confederacy.



Reports of yearly activities given by Division Presidents at General Convention in Richmond, Virginia



Installation of New Officers for General for year 1974 - 1975 in Richmond, Virginia



Many sweet girl pages at General Convention in Richmond, Virginia



Miss Burgess, Mrs. Ware (front 1) Mrs. Ewers, Mrs Ferrell (back 1)



"BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS"

Richmond News Leader, Wed., Nov. 13, 1974



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Mrs. Elden M. Jett of Independence, Mo., surveys the scene of the Hotel Jefferson mezzanine before voting began today at United Daughters of the Confederacy sessions there. Mrs. Jett is the new president general of the national organization.

'Civil War' Title Disliked By New UDC President

By JOY PROPERT

Mrs. Elden M. Jett of Independence, Mo., the new president general of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, prefers the designation, "War Between the States" to "Civil War."

"It is a better description of that time in history," she said. "The words 'civil war' give it the wrong connotation. It was a war between states."

Election of a new president for the UDC, now holding its national convention at the Hotel Jefferson, was held today.

The UDC has a public image as a group of people still fighting the war, she said, and she hopes to change that view by informing others about the work of the UDC. She plans to stress UDC efforts in veterans' hospitals and the scholarship program which provides 350 scholarships nationwide.

New members continue to join the UDC, she said. The organization took in 1300 newcomers last year and the Children of the Confederacy gained 55 new members.

"But I'm not sure that we are getting enough new members to offset the number of deaths each year," Mrs. Jett said. So membership drives will be another major focus during the next two years.

Mrs. Jett's interest in genealogy led her to join the UDC in Independence. Her great grandfather, Joseph Columbus Armistead, served with Confederate troops from Texas.

His wife ran the Secession Academy at Fort Worth while Armistead fought for the South. He was captured and taken to Camp Douglas, Ill.

"I have a tin cup that he said he drank from in every river from Texas to Illinois," she said, "and a bone fork made from the leg of a dog."

"He used to tell the story that a guard and a dog came into the prisoners' compound but only the guard got out."

Mrs. Jett also has an unpublished play written by her great grandmother entitled "The Complaining Soldier's Wife."

"It's a story about wives sitting around a tea table and complaining about not having this and that," she said.

After the war her Confederate ancestors moved to Mexico, Mo., and established two private schools — one for boys and one for girls.

"The tuition was a bushel of corn and a crate of chickens a week," she said.

Mrs. Jett has just completed a term as second vice president general. Her other offices have included those of recording secretary general, division president and historian.

"The South has made marvelous contributions to all phases of American history," she said. "We revere our ancestors for doing what they thought was right but I'm not about to fight the war over again. That just keeps the rift open."

"I want to work for unity and understanding."

The new president general of the UDC oversees the activities of more than 26,000 members during her two-year term.

Mrs. Jett, mother of three children and grandmother of three, particularly enjoys organizational work. She has been active with the Red Cross, women's clubs, and the Parent-Teacher Association.

She occasionally sees Mrs. Harry S. Truman in her hometown of Independence. Mrs. Truman and daughter, Margaret, were honorary members of Mrs. Jett's chapter, Independence No. 710.

At the age of 58 Mrs. Jett believes that "it's the mileage not the years that count" and that an "understanding husband like mine" is a necessity for women aspiring to high offices in any organization.

UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY 81ST GENERAL CONVENTION AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

POST CONVENTION TOUR OF SHIRLEY AND BERKELEY PLANTATIONS
ALSO WESTOVER EPISCOPAL CHURCH FOUNDED 1630.
LUNCH AT THE LODGE WILLIAMSBURG



Mrs. Evie Ewers, Mrs. Janie Ware,
and Mrs. Pattie Cheatham having
breakfast in room before tour.



Miss Ruth Burgess, Mrs. Evie Ewers
and Mrs. Janie Ware having their
breakfast in room before tour.



Mrs. Dewey, 93 years young, having
lunch at the Williamsburg Lodge.



Mrs. Cloe and Mrs. Jones having
lunch at the Williamsburg Lodge.



Miss Ruth Burgess and Mrs. Thomas
Chadick returning from Post Con-
vention Tour.

Richmond Times-Dispatch, Fri., Nov. 15, 1974



UDC Must Share President's Time

By Emma Livingstone

Mrs. Elden M. Jett of Independence, Mo., the new president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, can go to a junior high school football game and cheer for the home team and the Children of the Confederacy at the same time.

Her son, Chris Morris Jett, 14, is not only a defensive lineman on the J. Bridger Junior High School football team, but he is president of the Missouri Division of the Children of the Confederacy, the state-level affiliate of the UDC. He is also an Eagle Scout.

Although the 81st convention is now history, many UDC members rewarded themselves yesterday with an all-day holiday tour that included a visit to Shirley and Berkeley Plantations, a 1630 Westover Church and lunch at the Williamsburg Lodge.

BUT FOR MRS. JETT it was all work and very little play

yesterday. Under the tutelage and counseling of the outgoing president general, Mrs. Archie C. Watson of Columbia, S.C., Mrs. Jett launched into an intensive three-day training session to take over at the helm of the 36,000 member UDC.

"I love football, young people and the UDC," said Mrs. Jett. "And it doesn't matter, I can get enthusiastic about all of them."

Mrs. Jett, who has just completed a term as second vice president in charge of education, brings to her new post 19 year's experience as an active member of the Independence Chapter No. 170. She has been president of her local chapter, president of the Missouri Division and served on many local division and general committees.

BUT HER INTERESTS still lean toward the young people, she said.

"I have found that the young members of our Children of the Confederacy and the participants in our scholarship programs to be bright, eager and enthusiastic young people," she said. "They have many sound ideas worth listening to, and I have a good deal of respect for them and faith in their abilities."

In 1973-74, Mrs. Jett reported that interest from invested funds in local chapters,

divisions and the general division amounted to more than \$75,700. Scholarships were awarded to 38 students enrolled in 34 colleges and universities. She said she plans to continue an active scholarship program.

She listed increased membership, patriotic activities, the search and preservation of historical documents and the firming up of plans for the 1976 bicentennial.

"I FEEL that as we approach the bicentennial, we must do everything we can to show people the great contribution the South has made in all phases of American history, but particularly to the founding of America.

"The UDC has a rich heritage to share and the more we share that heritage with others the closer we will all come to each other," she said.

Mrs. Jett said it is almost impossible at the present time to try to speculate about the possible effect the economic crisis might have on the financial status of the UDC, but the loyalty of the more than 26,000 members of the UDC was a "tremendous support factor" that could not be measured in dollars and cents.

Mrs. Jett said her enthusiasm for the UDC comes from being the first member of her family to join the organization and then watching "joining the UDC" become a family affair.

AT ONE TIME, her grandmother Mrs. Grace Fletcher, her mother, Mrs. J. B. Willis, and her daughter Mrs. Leroy McElbee and she were members of the same chapter. The four-generation team traced its lineage back to Confederate soldier Joseph Columbus Armistead of Cumberland County, who served with Texas and Kentucky Cavalry units.

Her oldest son, Thomas Willis of Borger, Tex., joined the Children of the Confederacy and now her grandchildren Jimmy and Linda Willis and Karen McElbee have added their names to the family list of UDC supporters. Her husband, who served in World War II is the recipient of a Cross of Military Service.

She has served as president of several organizations and is active in the First Presbyterian Church, women's clubs, the

Red Cross and the Independence Council of Parent-Teachers Association. She said she had to curtail some of her club activities to take on her new office.

"We get criticized for not changing, but that's not true," said Mrs. Jett. "The UDC is actively engaged in community projects, scholarship and patriotic programs. We are working on an award to honor men in space. We need to keep our love and respect for the old-time South and its history, but we must also recognize that as life around us changes so must the achievements and goals of the UDC lifestyle change, too."



Mrs. Elden M. Jett





Mrs. Archer H. Overbey and Mrs. Van Buren Knick prepare to serve guests at Open House.



Mrs. Overbey ladles for Daughters and guests.



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