

# Sons and Daughters of Confederacy Assembled in City of Richmond

## BOWER OF BEAUTY WHERE MAIDS MEET

## FORREST CAVALRY CORPS HOLDING REUNION HERE

## SONS OF VETERANS GATHERING TO-DAY

## INDORSEMENT ... OF THE ... Confederate Veteran

Something About Sponsors Who Are Here Representing Veterans and Sons.

### NOTABLE SCENE AT HOTEL

Distinguished Southern Women Renewing Old Acquaintances and Forming New Ones.

At the Jefferson Hotel yesterday forenoon and afternoon the lobby presented a most animated scene, filled as it was with Confederate veterans, women occupying official positions in the Memorial or Monument Associations, sponsors, maids of honor and delegates from the local organizations who had assembled to welcome their friends.

The cordial greetings exchanged between women who had met each other at former reunions, the pleasure aroused by the entrance of a familiar figure, the busy work of registration, through it all the pretty sponsors and maids moving hither and thither presented a picture filled with color and charm to the eye of the onlooker. Mrs. Thomas J. Latham, of Nashville, Tenn., and Mrs. Clay, of Alabama, were centers of interested groups among the reunion visitors. At the bureau of information, in charge of a committee from the Junior Hollywood Memorial Association, matters were going very briskly, questions being asked and answered in most satisfactory fashion.

### About the Sponsors.

Among the sponsors who are replying coming in with the delegations from the different States, Miss Mildred Ray Harrison and Miss Belle Mitchell were noted. Miss Harrison is the sponsor for the Pacific Division, U. C. V., and is the youngest daughter of Major-General William Cole Harrison, born in New Orleans, and a natural born artist, she is a charming example of Southern womanhood. Her home is in the "City of the Angels," in the Golden West. She is a graduate of the Los Angeles High School. Miss Harrison descends from the family that furnished a signer of the Declaration of Independence, Governors and Presidents of the United States. Her father's maternal grandfather was a soldier in General Jackson's army, and was wounded in the battle of New Orleans. Miss Harrison is an enthusiastic member of the Wade Hampton Chapter, U. D. C., of Los Angeles.

Miss Belle Mitchell, maid of honor to Miss Harrison, U. C. V., was born in San Antonio, Texas, coming to Los Angeles in infancy. Miss Mitchell, while a native of the dear Southland, was reared to young womanhood in sunny California. A charming and accomplished daughter of the Confederacy, holding active membership in the Wade Hampton Chapter, U. D. C., of Los Angeles, Cal., she is descended from the famous old Mitchell family of Virginia. While her father was too young to be in the ranks, four of her uncles wore the gray, and she has seen their homes and the cause of the South. Miss Mitchell will spend several months in visiting her relatives in Virginia before returning to California.

### Sponsor-in-Chief.

The sponsor-at-large for the Sons of Veterans is Miss Eva Comer, daughter of Governor B. R. Comer, of Alabama, a typically refined and beautiful example of young Southern womanhood. Miss Comer's maids of honor are Miss Julia Fulton Williams, of Yazoo City, and Miss Amy McRae Werth, of Richmond.

Miss Williams is the daughter of the famous Southern leader in Congress, and Miss Werth is the granddaughter of Commodore Matthew Fontaine Maury, Confederate States Navy.

The division sponsor and maid of honor from Alabama are Miss Mary Oliver Ware, of Montgomery, and Miss Mary Gillespy, of Birmingham.

Miss Ware is one of the most popular and admired young women in the State of Alabama, as well as one of the most beautiful. She is a granddaughter of the late Colonel Thomas Brown, Confederate States Army, one of the most gallant of the gallant Confederates who gave their lives for their country.

Her maid of honor, Miss Mary Gillespy, is the daughter of Dr. John Sharp Gillespy, a great-granddaughter of Colonel James Lee, one of the granddaughters of Thomas H. Owen.



MISS ALLEEN CALDWELL, Memphis, Sponsor Forrest Cavalry Corps.

### Will Appear in Parade Mounted--Beautiful Sponsors and Maids.

General H. A. Tyler, lieutenant-general commanding the Forrest Cavalry Corps, arrived Tuesday, with his staff, and is located at the Jefferson. He has opened headquarters in that hotel, where all the Forrest veterans have been ordered to report immediately upon arrival and register. Under the articles of organization of the Forrest Cavalry Corps, every soldier of any and all arms of service who at any time during the war served under General N. B. Forrest, and remained true and faithful to the cause until the end, is entitled to recognition and membership in the corps. All the field and company officers living have been reappointed by General Tyler to the positions, with the same rank, as held by them at the close of the war.

### Separate Organization.

The "Forrest Cavalry Corps" attends all reunions, but appear as a separate and distinct organization, and usually practice mounted. It was first organized with General D. C. Kelley (better known as the "Fighting Parson") commanding the corps, but for the past three or four years General H. A. Tyler, of Hickman, Ky., has been at the head of the organization.

### Place of Meeting.

The University College of Medicine

both pioneer settlers of the now famous Birmingham district.

Florida sends to the reunion as division sponsor the maid of honor, Miss Florie Bryan, of Dania, Fla., and Miss Mattie Susan Magill.

Miss Bryan is a true daughter of the South in looks as well as in sympathy, and is just entering upon a beautiful womanhood. Her father, Hon. J. Milton Bryan, is a large orange-grower on the lower east coast of Florida, and was formerly State Senator and a member of the Florida Railroad Commission. Her two brothers in Jacksonville are among the most prominent lawyers in the State. Her maid of honor, Miss Magill, is a daughter of Colonel R. J. Magill, adjutant-general of Florida Division, U. C. V., one of the surviving officers of the First Regiment, Georgia Regulars.

### Virginia Sponsors.

Virginia will have among her representatives Miss Lucy A. McIlwaine, of Petersburg, sponsor for the Sons of Veterans. Her maid of honor is Miss Grace Day, of Smithfield, Va.

Miss McIlwaine is the granddaughter of the late Robert Dunn McIlwaine, captain of the Petersburg Troop, Thirtieth Virginia Cavalry. She is also the granddaughter of the late Dr. John Herbert Claiborne, surgeon of the Twelfth Virginia Infantry, C. S. A.

### From South Carolina.

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has been assigned for use of Forrest Cavalry Corps, and an office will be kept open there for the members, as well as to give out all needed information. Cots for the free use of the Forrest cavalymen will be put in many of the rooms. General Tyler requests his corps members to call at once and register. Beautiful souvenir metal badges will be given each cavalymen who has not heretofore received one at New Orleans or Memphis.

An important meeting is called for 10 A. M. to-day to attend to the business of the corps.

### Second Brigade.

Accompanying General Tyler is the commanding general of the Second Division of the Second Brigade of Forrest Cavalry, General W. A. Collier, of Memphis, with his staff, sponsor, maids of honor and chaplains. They are also at the Jefferson, where their headquarters will be during the reunion.

General Collier is in command of all the West Tennessee forces, many of whom are en route to Richmond, in response to an urgent request made by the brigade commander.

General Collier's adjutant and chief of staff is Colonel R. J. Black. The sponsor for the Second Brigade is Miss Elizabeth B. Carroll, of Memphis, and the maids of honor are Miss Katherine Neeley, of Bolivar, and Miss Anne Scales, of Nashville.

Miss Day, Miss McIlwaine's maid of honor, is a charter member of the Smithfield Chapter, U. D. C. Her father, Colonel Fenton Day, was too young to serve in the Confederate army, but her uncles served, and her great-uncle, General John R. Chambliss, gave his life for the Confederacy.

One of the most interesting figures at the reunion will be Miss Julia Jackson Christian, granddaughter of the great Confederate chieftain, General Stonewall Jackson. Miss Christian is the daughter of General Jackson's only child, Julia, who married Mr. William E. Christian, of this city. She was born in San Diego, Cal., where her parents resided for some years, but she has for some time lived with her grandmother, Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, at Charlotte, N. C. She is sponsor for North Carolina for the Confederate veterans.

Her maid of honor, Miss Helen Venable Bridges, is a Marylander by birth, but a North Carolinian by adoption. She is the daughter of the Rev. J. R. Bridges, D. D., president of the Presbyterian College for Women at Charlotte, N. C., and the great-niece of Major Jim Breathed, who commanded the famous Stuart Horse Artillery, and after whom the Breathed Camp, of Pulaski City, was named.

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Attendance of Probably Fifteen Hundred Is Predicted for Reunion.

### OKLAHOMA COMING STRONG

Westerners Will Figure in the Elections—Apperson Urged for Commander.

Sons of Veterans were pouring into Richmond by every train yesterday, and hundreds more will arrive to-day, every State in the Confederacy and some which had not a State existence forty years ago being represented. Of all the States of the South, with the exception of Virginia, it is a notable fact that Oklahoma will have perhaps the largest delegation of uniformed Sons of Veterans of any other State. Texas and Tennessee will probably rank next, being already on the ground a fine delegation from Camp N. B. Forrest, of Memphis.

### Among Those Here.

At the headquarters of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans, No. 11 West Main Street, yesterday's committee were on duty all day and up to a late hour at night receiving, registering and assigning the visiting Sons to homes. Messrs. John B. Lightfoot, Jr., E. B. Thompson, E. Leslie Spence, J. C. Harman, Glenn and various others were at headquarters.

Among the arrivals during the day were Commander-in-Chief Dr. Thomas M. Owen, of Montgomery, accompanied by Mrs. Owen, John W. Apperson, of Memphis, a prominent lawyer of that city, who is being urged for commander-in-chief to succeed Dr. Owen; Rev. John W. Caldwell, Jr., of New Orleans, chaplain-general; Commander-in-Chief, assistant, commander and other officers of Louisiana Division, and many others not less prominent in the organization.

One of the largest delegations of Sons that came in yesterday was from Fritchett-Salmon Camp, of Stone Point, Alabama county, Va., all reporting and registering at headquarters.

### Some of Those Registered.

Yesterday evening representatives of the following Virginia camps had reported and registered at headquarters: R. E. Lee, No. 1, of Richmond; Albert Sidney Johnston, No. 2, of Roanoke; Garland-Rodes, of Lynchburg; Fritchett-Salmon Camp, of Stone Point; Stone-Well Camp, of Norfolk; Stonewall Jackson Camp, of Staunton; Naylor-Shaw Camp, of Berkeley, and many not attached to any organized camp. Among the latter was Hon. John W. Churchman, of Arlington, Va., representing the General Assembly, and one of the largest Sons in the grand organization.

The following States had registered at the Sons' headquarters last night: Alabama, three camps and nine delegates; Florida, one camp and one delegate; Georgia, three camps and seven delegates; Indian Territory, one delegate; Louisiana, one camp and six delegates; Mississippi, five delegates; Oklahoma, one delegate; South Carolina, one delegate; Tennessee, four delegates, representing as many camps, and West Virginia, four camps, represented by six men.

These registrations convey no idea of the number of uniformed Sons in the city, few having yet reported at headquarters. All are urged to go to 14 West Main Street to-day and register promptly.

Oklahoma has wired that it will arrive to-day with 190 uniformed Sons, one of the largest, if not the largest body in the parade to-day. Texas, too, will send a delegation of thirty representatives, and the men from the Lone Star State are expected to arrive on a special train to-day. The more distant States are sending the largest delegations, with the exception of Virginia. Sons attending the reunion will get their mail at the Sons' headquarters or at the convention meetings, when commanders and telegrams addressed to them will be delivered. At the headquarters badges are secured also, which will entitle the holders to all the privileges of accredited delegates, if they have their credentials with them.

### Political Phase.

Already the political phase of the Sons' convention has begun to develop in the form of a contest for the chief honor, that of commander-in-chief. It is uncertain yet how many candidates will appear for that honor, nor is it known whether the friends of Commander-in-Chief Owen, of Alabama, will again urge him for the honor, which he has held for two terms. Colonel John W. Apperson, of Memphis, is being urged by the Tennesseans, and will command the support of many Virginians, and in fact, of many of the States east of the Mississippi.

Texas and Oklahoma hold the balance of power in the convention," said a prominent Son yesterday, "and much depends upon their attitude in the matter. Both States are well organized, and will send large delegations and command much influence. If they present a candidate for commander-in-chief and jointly support him, the Eastern States will have to unite on some one to defeat the Westerns."

Naturally all interested in the elections are awaiting the arrival of the Oklahoma and Texas with peculiar interest, and the men who themselves felt, as well as seen, in the convention.

An effort is being quietly made to concentrate the vote of the sons of this State, for the Tennessee candidate, Colonel Apperson, that late navy hero, had a commander-in-chief, though it has had three reunions. At each it has deferred to its guests, but now it is asking for the chief honor for one of its representatives.

### Were Indignant.

Although committees from the Sons are working hard everywhere and meeting all trails, it is impossible in the great mass of details to do everything. Yesterday a delegation of men who had neglected to provide quarters marched into the headquarters and

registered and expected to be assigned to rooms in the building, but when told this was not a hotel they were indignant and would not register. They were told that they could be assigned to good boarding-houses at specified rates, but they wanted a lodging at 25 cents per capita, and were allowed to swallow their indignation and burn from experience.

Former commander Leslie E. Spence, Jr., John B. Lightfoot, Jr., and Lieutenant-Commander Glenn were particularly active during the afternoon

and evening, and they had many assistants during the night. The first delegate to register at the Sons' headquarters was J. Brighton Matthews, of Camp Hemming, Fla., who came in yesterday morning from the Land of Flowers.

Memphis representatives are arriving on every train, and in addition to those, a special train, "The Forrest Flyer," arrived last night, bringing the "Uniformed Drum and Bugle Corps," made up entirely of Sons of Veterans.

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Approved by the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

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Burlington, Va., May 21, 1907.

Mr. W. Ben Palmer, Secretary Veterans' Association, Richmond, Va.:

My Dear Sir--Upon the invitation of a committee, of which Hon. Julius Brown, of Atlanta, was chairman, I went to Atlanta and was present at the unveiling of a monument to General Walker, who fell near that city, about 600 yards from where my beloved friend, General McPherson, gave up his life. I should like to repeat the same courtesy and show of appreciation for my personal friend and much beloved classmate, General E. B. Stuart, and I should like to express my regret that such an illness in my family and other engagements will prevent. It was not necessary that Stuart and I should see things in the same light or have the same convictions of public duty to make him appreciate my friendship and the fine work which was never interrupted in peace or even in war, when we were opposed to each other. I am glad now to express my regret for that, my recognition of his many virtues and of his clean-cut faith in our Heavenly Father.

Were he here to-day I think we could take hold of hands and work and pray for civic virtue, personal and public, and I should be both one loved and honored.

Very truly yours,