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U. D. C. Meeting

First District Convention Held at Big Stone Gap.

The "First District" Convention of the Virginia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was held in Big Stone Gap on Tuesday, April the tenth at the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a. m., the Reverend Mr. Smith leading in prayer. Mrs. McCormick, president of the Big Stone Gap Chapter, then welcomed the visiting delegates in a most gracious address, and introduced Mrs. Sumpter, the District Chairman, who presided over the meeting.

Nearly all of the twenty-two chapters in the district were represented. The delegates reported the progress and growth of their chapters and gave most encouraging accounts of the valuable work being done, not only for the Confederate Cause but along other lines as well. The chapters represented and their delegates are as follows:

William Watts Chapter, Roanoke, Mrs. Pace.
Bristol Chapter, Bristol, Mrs. Cash.
Mary Glen Buchannon, Emory, Mrs. Handy.
Anna Stonewall Jackson, Abingdon, Miss White.
Dr. Harvey Black, Blacksburg, Mrs. Laura Miller.
Hamilton Wade, Christiansburg, Mrs. Flannigan.
Smythe County, Miss Preston.
Wythe Gray, Withville, Mrs. Heuser.
Light Horse Harry Lee, Jonesville, Mrs. Orr.
Big Stone Gap, Mrs. Long.
Sayler Lee Chapter, Norton, Mrs. James Allen.
Christiansburg "Junior", Miss Roop.
Big Stone Gap "Junior", Miss Elsie Taylor.
Bristol "Junior", Miss Gray.

Following the reports of the delegates came a most interesting discussion of War Relief, led by Mrs. Randolph, of Richmond. Mrs. W. W. Sale, wife of Adjudant-General Sale, has organized a relief association for the relief of families left at home unprovided for, and women elegible for National Service were urged to offer their services to Mrs. Sale in some practical way. The Daughters resolved to offer their services to their country as Daughters of the Confederacy, as Virginians, and as Americans even though Mrs. Odenheimer, President General of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, had already offered to President Wilson the services of one hundred thousand women should they be needed, the U. D. C. being the first woman's organization to offer aid to their country.

Captain Bullitt was then introduced, and he made a short and most pleasing talk to the ladies along the lines of the recent discussions. He said "The first thing, one of the most important things to be done is to arouse patriotism". He appealed to the Daughters to aid their country by stirring up patriotism among the young men.

At the conclusion of Captain Bullitt's speech Miss Preston brought before the meeting the question of supplying a trained woman to supervise the health and education of our children. She said, "A movement has been started to supply a woman of tact, of gentleness, and of efficiency for a position in our public schools, with the title of Instructor of Public Health. A college has recently been established in Richmond to train women for this sort of work. This college is the third of its kind in the country, and the tuition for the training covering a period of eight months is fifty dollars". Miss Preston asked the ladies to consider the question of endorsing the payment of fifty dollars yearly by the Virginia Division U. D. C. to cover the tuition of one woman each year. She also spoke of a loan fund of $150 or more to be used in assisting these women to defray their necessary expences while in Richmond and to be paid back as soon as convenient. She suggested that this fund be made up by voluntary subscriptions from individuals, and told of a similar fund known as "The Mother's Love Fund" which has already provided tuition for one woman.

Motion was then made to adjourn until the afternoon session.

The afternoon session opened with the report of the State Treasurer, Mrs. J. Taylor Ellison, read by Mrs. Cash.

Mrs. Merchant, Recording Secretary General, told about the Shiloh monument, the widespread interest in its erection, its completion and its unveiling which is to take place on May the 18th. The monument was erected by the United Daughters of the Confederacy to the memory of the men who served the Confederate States of America.

Mrs. Randolph spoke on the relief of the old Confederate women of the State, and gave an outline of the help given them by the State and by the Confederate Relief Association. She urged the Daughters to keep interested in something vital, and to work. In conclusion, Mrs. Randolph spoke of the present war conditions and besought the ladies present to encourage the men in every way to put aside personal feeling and render every possible aid.

The discussion of the employment of a trained woman as instructor of Public Health, and the necessary vocational training, was again taken up. Mrs. L. O. Pettit gave a very interesting talk on the good work of the Big Stone Gap chapter along those lines, and spoke of the need of a trained woman to supervise the school children, mentally, morally, and physically. She was followed by Mrs. D. B. Sayers, President of the Parent Teachers' Association of Big Stone Gap, who gave a most comprehensive outline of the work being done by this association and of their plans for the future. She spoke of the appointment of a county Health Officer for Wise County, and of plans for securing the appointment of a district nurse, $700 of the $1200 necessary having been subscribed.

Motion that the Daughters endorse the annual payment of $50 by the Virginia Division of the U. D. C. for the tuition of a trained woman at the vocational college at Richmond was made and carried.

The question was raised as to the number of delegates permitted to attend a District Convention. Authority was quoted allowing any number of Delegates to attend and have privilege of the floor, but only two to expect entertainment in private homes.

War Relief was again discussed and the motion of Mrs. Campbell to telegraph Mrs. W. W. Sale offering assistance and co-operation was unanimously carried.

Miss Whiteas representative of the Anna Stonewall Jackson Chapter extended a most cordial invitation to the Daughters to meet in Abingdon next spring. This invitation was enthusiastically accepted.

A rising vote of thanks was accorded the District Chairman, Mrs. Sumpter, and upon motion, the meeting adjourned.

At the close of the afternoon session the visiting daughters were ushered into waiting automobiles and shown the beauties of the surrounding country. In the evening at 8:30 a most delightful entertainment was provided in their honor. The Methodist church, where the entertainment was held, was filled with a large and appreciative audience. Rev. J. B. Craft opened the meeting with an appropriate prayer after which Mr. Saxton rendered a most pleasing violin solo. Miss Preston gave an interesting and instructive talk on "The Flags of Lee", and Mrs. Alexander, Miss Cochran and Mrs. Taylor sang most charmingly the Wanderer's Greeting".

John Fox in his inimical rendition of the mountain dialect charmed the audience with a delightful reading of "Preachin on Cutchin". General Ayers' talk on "Education in Southwest Virginia" was especially interesting on account of his thorough knowledge of the subject and years of personal observation of its growth from the time of the introduction of the public school to the present ramifications of the vast system.

Miss Elizabeth Agee gave a most pleasing reading of "Milady", and Mrs. Randolph spoke impressively and appealingly on "Relief Work."

A Confederate Flag, the gift of the twenty two chapters of the District to the Big Stone Gap Chapter was presented by Mrs. Sumpter to Mrs. McCormick, who received it in behalf of her chapter and in return presented Mrs. Sumpter with a beautiful boquet of white carnations.

Mrs. Pace then read resolutions adopted by the visiting delegates thanking the people of Big Stone Gap for their delightful hospitality, and the meeting was brought to a close completing an altogether delightful and successful Conference.

Armor Plant

Will Be Located at Charleston, W. Va.

Washington, April, 11.—The government's armor plate and projectile factories, for which Congress appropriated $12,700,000, will be built at Charleston, W. Va., a location recommended by a special navy board as offering an ideal combination of military safety and easy access to manufacturing materials.

In announcing the selection tonight, Secretary Daniels said construction work would begin at once and would be hurried to completion. He also made public the report of the board, which personally inspected facilities of 25 cities chosen out of more than 100 which offered sites.

For the armor plant an appropriation of $11,000,000 is available, but a greater sum may be asked of Congress before construction is finished. The initial appropriation for the projectile plant is $1,700,000. Charleston offered several acceptable sites free of cost to the government and one of those will be selected for the factories themselves, while one of the protected gorges nearby will be taken over as a proving field.

Heart In Right Place

Bascom Slemp Stands Ready to Organize Regiment for War With Germany.

Washington, D. C., April 16.—Representative Bascom Slemp, a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, today declared he stands ready to organize a regiment for war with Germany in the event the federal government has trouble raising an army. Mr. Slemp has received no less than a hundred letters urging him to resign from congress and return home for the purpose of recruiting soldiers for the war with Germany. Many of the letters are from V. M. I. boys and men who went to college with Mr. Slemp, or who were taught by him when he held a professorship at the institution after his graduation.

Mr. Slemp's father, Colonel Campbell Slemp, was a brave officer in the Confederate army during the civil war. He led a regiment of Southwest Virginia soldiers who distinguished themselves.

Episcopal Church

Sunday April 22nd. Second Sunday after Easter. Sunday School 10:00 a. m., Geo. L. Taylor, Supt. Morning prayer and sermon 11:00 a. m. Rev. W. J. Alfriend. Visitors and new residents are especially invited to attend these services.

Will Feed The Allies

Mobilization of Supplies to be Principal Work for the Present.

Washington, D. C., April 13.—"Feeding our allies" is to be this country's part in the great war for the present. Mobilization of foodstuffs and providing means by full navy co-operation for delivering them at the ports of England and France is to be the extent of America's physical effort now.

Heads of the great railroads of the country went into secret session here to devise plans for complete co-operation with the government in mobilizing these supplies, shipment of which will be given precedence over all other freight traffic during the crisis.

Meantime hundreds of thousands of men will be trained for action on European fronts as soon as they are fit and as soon as transportation facilities are available. The problem of supplying the allies with food—a gigantic one—is being worked out in practically every department of the government. Millions of acres of land not now under cultivation are to be immediately put into use.

Hundreds of ships will be built to carry foodstuffs to Europe. German and Austrian ships taken in American ports will be hastily repaired for use. The fleets of the United States, France and England will cooperate in safeguarding the delivery of the precious supplies to entente ports. Farmers, agricultural experts and farm students are being mobilized as "soldiers of the commissary" to carry on the "bread and butter war" against the central powers.

While these supplies go forward to keep up the strength of the allied fighters in the European trenches, America is to build up and train her manhood later to relieve her fellow fighters and drive home the victory. This will probably be six months hence—but it may be sooner. It is probable, however, that no word will be sent out from this country when the first expedition starts for Europe. For purposes of precaution it is probable the people of the United States won't know their men are going to foreign battle fronts until the men arrive.

Gets Big Contract

Joshua and John F. Mullins, contractors and builders of this place, have received a contract to erect a mining plant for the Benedict Coal Corporation, on Benedict Creek in Lee County, about five miles north of St. Charles. Mr. Mullins went there Monday morning to commence the erection of a tipple so the coal operators can begin shiping coal within three weeks. He expects to employ a force of about thirty carpenters and the plant will be rushed to completion as soon as possible. After the tipple is completed forty four room and twenty six-room houses will be built. Also several coal storage bins will be erected to store coal in case there is a car shortage.

This company was recently organized and is being financed by New York capitalists and is under the management of W. W. Taylor, of Lynchburg.

Old newspapers for sale at this office.

Base Ball

Results of Inter-High School Games Played Saturday.

East Stone Gap vs. Wise.

East Stone Gap came out victorious in both games of base ball and volley ball against Wise Saturday and still remain undefeated. The base ball game was played here and a large number of local people saw the game as well as several from East Stone and Wise. The big lead secured in the first two innings by East Stone Gap was a hard one for the Wise boys to overcome, but they fought right on and had a big rally in the fourth and fifth. East Stone Gap came right back though with four runs in the fifth and sewed the game up. Wise had a few small boys on their team who are hardly strong enough to swing the bat. They made three what would have ordinarily been safe hits to the outfield but were thrown out at first base. East Stone began to touch Owens pretty lively in the fifth and had to be replaced by Blackwell who pitched good ball for the remainder of the game. Indications are that East Stone Gap is going to be a strong contender for the pennant. They have a good fielding team and a bunch of hard hitters.

Innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9—R H
East Stone Gap [illegible]
Wise [illegible]

Batteries—Lane and Bennett; Owens, Blackwell and Lipps.

Big Stone Gap vs. Norton.

Big Stone Gap went to Norton Saturday where the girls lost in volley ball but the boys easily copped the base ball game by a score of 17 to 5. They hit the ball to all corners of the lot getting a total of sixteen hits. Pettit, Lane, Slemp, Flemor and Carnes featured at the bat, getting three hits each. Slemp and Pettit made four and three scores respectively. Norton hit the ball furiously in the first inning and made three scores, but Flemor tightened up here and allowed very few hits during the remainder of the game. The Gap boys are enthused over their victory and claim the game with Appalachia the Saturday before would have been much closer had it not been for the absence of a few good players.

Innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9—R H
Big Stone Gap [illegible]
Norton [illegible]

Batteries—Flemor and Slemp; Lane, Bennett and Childs.

Struck out by Flemor 5, by Lane [illegible]. Left on bases, Big Stone Gap 10; Norton [illegible].

Appalachia vs. Coeburn.

The Appalachia ball team still maintained their position as one of the league leaders by defeating Coeburn Saturday on the latters ground's by a score 11 to 2. The Coeburn girls succeeded in winning the volley ball game, taking the first three periods.

The features of the ball game were Strong's pitching and Polly's triple and stealing home in the seventh inning.

Innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9—R H
Appalachia [illegible]—11 11
Coeburn 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0—2 2

Standing of Leagues

BASE BALL.

	W	L	Pet.
Appalachia	2	0	1000
East Stone Gap	2	0	1000
Big Stone Gap	1	1	500
Wise	1	1	500
Norton	0	2	000
Coeburn	0	2	000

VOLLEY BALL.

	W	L	Pet.
East Stone Gap	2	0	1000
Big Stone Gap	1	1	.500
Wise	1	1	500
Norton	1	1	500
Coeburn	1	1	500
Appalachia	0	2	000

WANTED.

Ore miners at Irondale mines. Steady employment at good wages.

Interment Coal & Iron Corp.

Beautiful Reception

Mrs. L. O. Pettit and Mrs. C. C. Cochran were the charming hostesses of one of the most beautiful receptions ever given in the Gap Tuesday evening at the elegant home of Col. and Mrs. L. O. Pettit on Poplar Hill, complimentary to the representatives of the U. D. C. Chapters of the first Virginia Division.

The guests were met at the door and directed into the living room by the hostesses, Mrs. L. O. Pettit and Mrs. C. C. Cochran, who are ex-presidents of the Big Stone Gap Chapter, where they were received by Miss Nell Preston, of Seven Mile Ford, State President, Mrs. Chas. P. Sumpter, of Christiansburg, Chairman of First Division, Mrs. W. C. Merchant, of Chatham, Recording Secretary General; Mrs. A. A. Campbell, of Wytheville, sister of Governor H. C. Stuart, Mrs. Norman V. Randolph, of Richmond, and Mrs. J. L. McCormick, President of the local chapter. Each lady in the receiving line carried a large arm bouquet of red and white carnations. Boughs of cherry blossoms, jonquils, hyacinths, tulips and narcissus arranged artistically in cut glass vases and bowls lent a spring like air to the spacious living room, halls and parlor.

In the dining room the color scheme of red and white was carried out tastefully by tall vases of American beauty roses, Richmond roses and white carnations. The center piece for the picture table being a large cut glass pitcher filled with red and white carnations, the handle being tied with a bow of red tulle. On either side were silver candelabras holding red tapers, surrounded by cut glass compotes filled with red and white after dinner mints. Misses Janet Bailey, Christine Miller, Caroline Rhoads, Ruby Kemper and Madge Muney assisted in serving the guests a delicious red and white ice course. In each brick of ice cream was a small confederate flag pin, a favor of this brilliant occasion. Miss Sarah Cochran presided gracefully at the punch bowl in the dining room and dispensed punch during the evening. Delightful music was furnished all during the evening by a victrola in one of the halls operated by Miss Adelaide Pettit.

Those who called during the evening were:

Mrs. S. B. Pace, of Roanoke, Mrs. H. P. Harmon, of Bristol, Mrs. M. A. Allen, of Radford, Mrs. W. L. Cash, of Bristol, Mrs. T. R. Handy, of Emory, Mrs. W. I. Flannagan, Mrs. Roy Charlton, Mrs. H. W. Walters, all of Christiansburg, Mrs. J. W. Orr and Mrs. D. P. Sewell, of Jonesville, Mrs. G. E. Heuser, of Coeburn, Mrs. E. A. Gaines, Mrs. Gose, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Allen, of Norton, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Alexander, of Imboden, Misses Kathryn Allison, of Bristol, Elizabeth Roop, of Christiansburg, Nannie Hamilton, of Norton, Jess Graham, of Tazewell, Laura B. Miller, of Blacksburg, Josephine Wolfe, of Speers Ferry.

Those from town were: Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Sayers, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Heusle, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Goodloe, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Morison, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Kilbourne, Prof. and Mrs. A. J. Wolfe, Mesdames J. B. Ayers, Otis Mouser, G. B. Southward, H. P. Chandler, Harwell, S. A. Bailey, D. C. Wolfe, W. T. Goodloe, H. S. K. Morison, M. M. Smith, J. M. Smith, A. D. Owens, J. A. Gilmer, H. Hagy, M. K. McCorkle, H. A. W. Skeen, Misses Flora and Rosa Bruce, Maggie and Enda Gilly, Olga Horton, Claribel Lockett, Margaret and Mary Bunn, Minnie and Georgia Bostwick, Nancy Harding, Nellie Horsley, Dorothy Owens, Nina Goodloe, Sarah Williams, of Inman, Helen McCormick, Messers. Capt. J. F. Bullitt, W. J. Alfriend, Harwell, W. A. Stuart, J. W. Bush, Henry Bullitt, R. T. Irvine, W. J. Horsley, Dr. Rufus Morison, of New York.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Dr. C. D. Bowyer, Superitendent of the Stonega Hospital, will on the 25th day of April, 1917, make application to the Circuit Court of Wise County, Virginia, for license to sell and dispense pure fruit, ethyl and grain alcohol, pure whiskey and pure brandy, in the said Stonega Hospital, located at Stonega, Wise County, Virginia, to the patients of the said Stonega Hospital.

Dr. C. B. Bowyer,
Mch. 28 13-16 Superintendent.