

# Roanokers to Attend Williamsburg Meeting

## Local Delegates to Join State C. A. R. Conference

*Mar. 2, 1940*

MRS. William Frederick Genheimer, State president of the Children of the American Revolution will head a group of delegates from the Mill Mountain chapter C. A. R., who will attend the third annual C. A. R. conference to be held in Williamsburg Tuesday. The juvenile conference will be held all-day Tuesday in conjunction with the forty-fourth annual convention of the D. A. R. which begins that evening.

The local delegates, under the direction of Mrs. D. M. Dunwody, will give a history of the State in song. The program will range from the Scotch, Irish, and English tunes of colonial times to those of the present day. Dean Dunwody, Jr., will sing a group of patriotic solos.

Other Mill Mountain delegates who will participate in the conference activities include Miss Sarah Shaw Genheimer, State chaplain, Harry Hancock, Jr., State color bearer, Miss Mary Elizabeth Barbour, page, and Miss Alice Wills Roberts, who will give the chapter report. Miss Eolian Coppedge senior president of the local chapter, will serve as registrar pro tem.

Mrs. John Morrison Kerr, national president, will preside at the all-day session. Mrs. C. F. F. Cassell, of Staunton, former State president will discuss the correct use of the flag.

# Receives Ovation



Mrs. M. M. Caldwell, of Roanoke, one of Virginia's leading women Republican leaders, is pictured here as she spoke briefly to the delegates at the convention of Virginia Republicans yesterday afternoon in the Roanoke auditorium. Mrs. Caldwell received a rousing cheer at the conclusion of her talk. (Times Staff Photo—Hammersley).

May 19, 1940

# Mrs. W. W. Caldwell, Pioneer Civic Leader, Dies At Home

Mrs. Willie Walker Caldwell, pioneer civic leader and former Republican national committeewoman from Virginia, died Thursday morning at her home, 415 King George avenue, S. W. She was 86 years of age.

## Funeral Saturday

Funeral services will be conducted at the Second Presbyterian church at 3:30 p. m. Saturday by Dr. A. H. Hollingsworth. Interment will be in Evergreen. The body will be removed from Oakey's to the church at 2:30 p. m.

Born in Newbern, Pulaski county, Mrs. Caldwell was educated at Mary Baldwin Seminary, Staunton. Mrs. Caldwell lived for a number of years in Wytheville, and was married in 1887 to M. M. Caldwell, Roanoke attorney, who died five years ago.

Mrs. Caldwell became a pioneer in civic improvements in 1907, a period when few women engaged in public affairs, when she organized the Civic Betterment club. Among other things, the group sought school improvements, playgrounds and a cleaner city, and employed the then little-known John Nolan, city planner, who made a survey of Roanoke and prepared the first of two city plans for the development of the community.

Mrs. Caldwell made a tour of Europe with a party of young women for educational purposes in 1921. Her interest in national affairs,



Mrs. W. W. Caldwell

stemming from her father, Gen. James A. Walker, the first Republican congressman from Virginia, prompted her to accept the post of national committeewoman. In this post she was the first woman to serve with a major political party. She was named to this post in 1920 after being active in state as well as national campaigns.

## Active in Club Work

She was a member of the Second Presbyterian church, the Magic City Garden club, the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter, D. A. R., and the Roanoke Study club. She was active in the organization of a music group which later became the Thursday Morning Music club. The Civic Betterment club is now the Woman's club.

Mrs. Caldwell was injured in a fall five years ago, and had not been active since that time. Her condition did not become serious, however, until a few weeks ago.

Surviving are a son and two daughters: J. Walker Caldwell, Miss Virginia Graves Caldwell and Mrs. W. W. S. Butler, Roanoke.



*Mrs. Arthur Rowbotham*



Historic gown above will be worn by Miss Mary Glenn Stone in the playlet which will be part of the program at the D. A. R. musical tea to be given tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 by the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter in the ballroom at Hotel Roanoke. Miss Stone will take the part of Polly van Meter Evans in the play.

The gown was the wedding dress of Emily Heyward, the daughter of Nathaniel Heyward of Beaufort, S. C., a Low Country rice planter. She married Alexander Gordon Clarkson, who was a cotton planter near Columbia, S. C. Both the Clarkson and the Heyward families are prominent in the history of South Carolina. Mrs. Alex Ball, a descendent, now owns the dress.

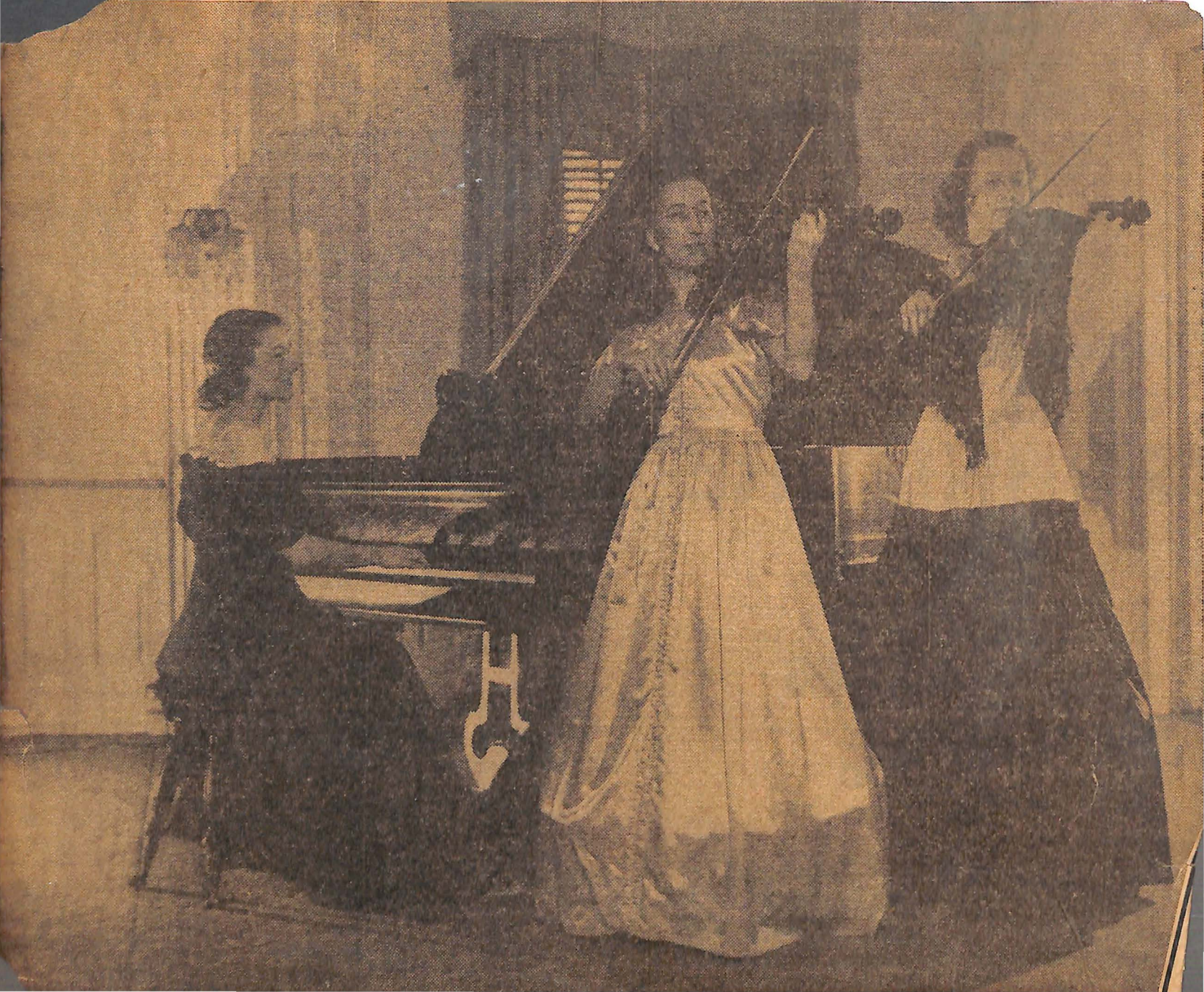
The small sofa is one of a pair that belonged to Major John Redd, of Revolutionary fame, owner of "Wood-Lawn" in Henry county. His descendent, Mrs. J. B. Walker, gave the sofa as a wedding present to D. and Mrs. Harry B. Stone.

Mrs. E. G. Baldwin is chairman of the entertainment committee for the tea.

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# Songs, Play, Dance Entertain Guests At DAR Colonial Tea

A colonial musical tea was held yesterday afternoon in the ball-room of Hotel Roanoke by the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. H. A. Dudley, who was chairman of tea arrangements, Mrs. Joseph A. Turner, chapter regent, and Mrs. Harry B. Stone greeted the guests. They were assisted by Mrs. Ellis Robertson, Mrs. Robert C. Jett, Miss Nell Rorer, Mrs. W. H. Horton, Mrs. Paul Hunter, Mrs. Lucian Cocke and Mrs. James R. Schick.

Miss Nora Walters Bickerstaff and Miss Florence Elizabeth Milyko with Miss Anne McChenny as accompanist, all of Hollins college, played two violin arrangements of Hayden's Minuet.

Miss Mary Louise Thomas and Mrs. Robert Cochrane each sang several old-fashioned songs. These were followed by a play given by Mrs. J. B. Preston, Mrs. T. Gilbert Wood, Mrs. R. H. Sclater and Miss Mary Glenn Stone.

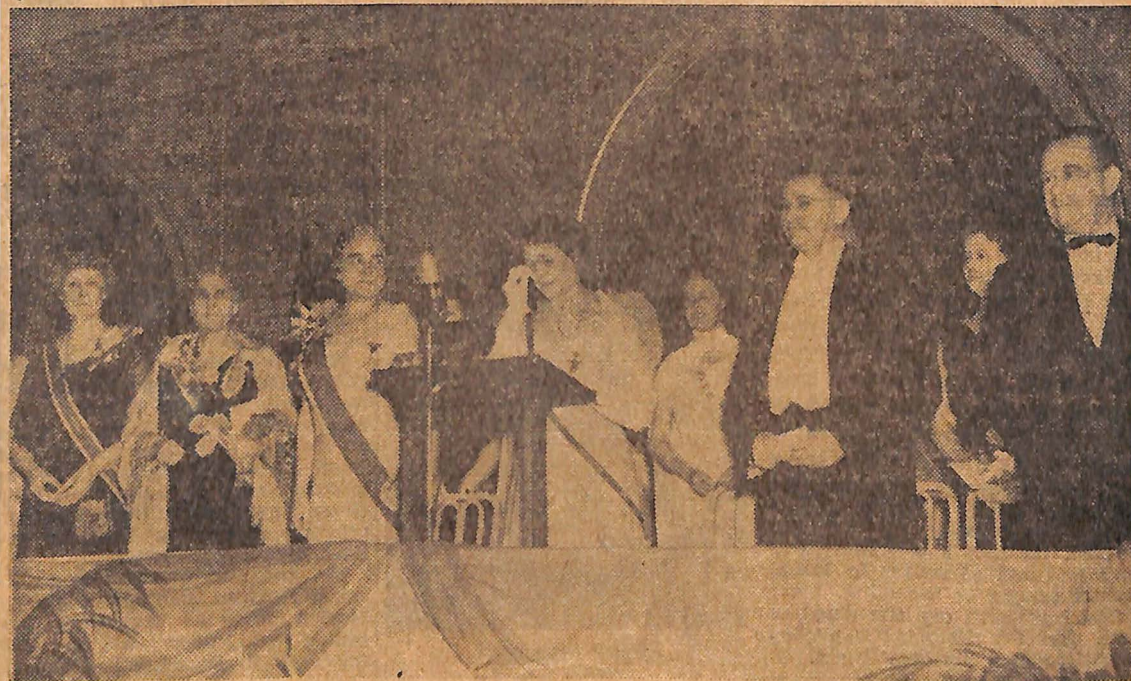
A minuet was danced by pupils of the Roberta Shafer school, including Betty Morrison and Peggy Jerrell, accompanied by Miss Virginia Shafer.

Mrs. J. B. Preston and Mrs. T. Gilbert Wood presided over the tea tables. They were assisted by Mrs. M. M. Caldwell, Miss Lucy Jackson Starnes and Mrs. J. M. Williams.

The Misses Mary Elizabeth Barbour, Betty Burnett, Helen Cobbs, Jane Dille, Margaret Jarrett, Archer Kennett, Mary Virginia Lofland, Carlotta Ragland, Margaret Starkey, Alice Greene Trout, Alice Willis Roberts, Jane Smith and Lillian Frances Whitefield, who are members of the Mill Mountain chapter of the Children of the American Revolution, served the guests.



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1941. As Virginia D. A. R.'s Open Their Conference



Pictured above, Mrs. C. A. Swann Sinclair, of Alexandria, state regent, formally opens the 45th annual conference of the Virginia D. A. R. Others on the speakers' rostrum are, left to right, Mrs. Arthur Robotham, Abingdon, vice-president general for Virginia; Mrs. Lucian Cocke, of Roanoke, a charter D. A. R. member; Mrs. Henry M. Robert, Jr., Annapolis, Md., president general; the Rev. James Alfred Figg, rector of St. Thomas Episcopal church, Christiansburg; and Mayor Walter W. Wood of Roanoke. (Times Staff Photo—Hammersley).

6 June 1941

# Over 250 Prizes, Monograms Awarded Jefferson Students

More than 250 awards, prizes, and monograms were given Jefferson high school students in all phases of extra-curricular activities in the student assembly at the high school yesterday.

With Jack Coulter, retiring student body president, in charge, faculty coaches and sponsors made the awards. Rudy Rohrdanz, newly-appointed coach of football, was introduced to the students and expressed his pleasure at being a member of the Jefferson faculty.

Boys received sixty-one awards and letters for participation in golf, tennis, baseball, track, and basketball, and 46 girls were given monograms and other awards for their activity in intramural sports.

Trophies and awards won by Jefferson students for the high school in interscholastic competition, chiefly in literary activities, were presented to the school during the assembly.

Among the student awards presented were: Honors won by Latin students in the Virginia Classical association tournament; Fleur-de-Lys pins, and monograms and first and second year certificates for French

students, as well as prizes to the four highest students; medals from the Martha Washington and Jeffersonian literary societies; merit awards in the home economics department; music awards, won in the state and district contests; and the plaques and Virginia Literary and Athletic League letters to Jefferson students who won honors in the state literary contests.

Outstanding individual awards included the Phillips' trophy, donated by Ed Phillips, '39, to the trackman for the best record, sportsmanship and loyalty, awarded to Harry Walton by vote of the track team.

The Bausch Lomb Science award was presented by W. W. Noftinger to Maurice Testerman.

Miss Sallie Lovelace, representing the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter of the D. A. R., awarded Nancy Scruggs the D. A. R. good citizenship pilgrimage pin. The student was chosen by the senior class and faculty last fall as representative to the Washington, D. C., contest for seniors of preeminent dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

14 June 1941

# Convention Elects Roanoker Junior President Of C. A. R.

Tate Greer, of Roanoke, was elected junior president of the Virginia state society, Children of the American Revolution, meeting in its fourth annual session here yesterday.

Mrs. Robert V. Duncan, of Alexandria, took over the duties as state president of the CAR, succeeding Mrs. W. F. Genheimer, of Roanoke. Mrs. Duncan had been appointed by Mrs. Louise Moseley Heaton, national president.

Mrs. Genheimer and Mrs. J. F. F. Cassell of Staunton, principal organizer of the CAR in Virginia and former State director, were made honorary presidents of the State group for life at yesterday afternoon's session.

## Junior Officers

Elected as junior officers along with Greer were: Reeves Edwards, Danville, vice-president; Nancy Harrison, Alexandria, recording secretary; Kathryn Evans, Lynchburg, treasurer; John Timberlake, Fredericksburg, librarian and curator; Wilbur Cary Smith, Yorktown, registrar; Catherine Newberry, Wytheville, chaplain; and Adelaide Tyree, Danville, historian.

The group of approximately 40 boys and girls attending the convention took a sightseeing tour yesterday afternoon to Blacksburg and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and returned for a dinner dance at the Roanoke Woman's club house last night.

Mrs. Bruce D. Reynolds of Charlottesville, State regent of the Daughters of American Revolution, which sponsors the CAR, complimented the younger organization on its progress, and particularly on the current State convention, first held by the CAR independently of the DAR meeting. Mrs. Reynolds spoke at the luncheon session, at which

Miss Virginia Richards of Roanoke, recently stepped up from the CAR into the DAR, described the relationship between the two organizations.

## Hold Wiener Roast

The State conference was opened with a wiener roast at "Genhaven," home of Mrs. W. F. Genheimer in South Roanoke.

The delegates, meeting at Christ church for the conference sessions, were welcomed yesterday morning by Mayor Walter W. Wood, Mrs. Joseph A. Turner, regent of the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter, DAR, Mrs. Everett Repass, Salem, promoter of the CAR, and Miss Jane Dille, junior president of the Mill Mountain CAR society which is host to the conference.

Reports were given by delegates of the Fort Chiswell society, Wytheville, General Evan Shelby society, Bristol, Mill Mountain society, Roanoke, Surgeon Lawrence Brooke society, Fredericksburg, Dorothea Spotswood Henry society, Danville, Ann Eilbeck Mason society, Alexandria.

A musical pageant, "Symbols of Our Flag," under the direction of Mrs. Dean Dunwody, was presented by Dean Dunwody, Jr., Robert Wood, Lee Walter Finks, and Dewitt Peterson.

An American Flag, a gift from the American Legion of Roanoke, was presented to the State society, C. A. R., and received by Miss Sara Shaw Genheimer, State chaplain.

# Roanoke Chosen By D. A. R. As 1943 Convention Site

LYNCHBURG, March 19 (AP).—Invitation to meet 1943 in Roanoke was accepted by the Virginia Daughters, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, in final action today before the 46th annual state conference passed into history, the liveliest session of the meeting ending shortly after noon.

## Resolutions Passed

Resolutions were passed to be offered for consideration by the continental congress of the society in Chicago May 4-7, and if favored by the national body, to be sent to the United States Congress with the request for its consideration. These urge required military training in educational institutions, the maintenance of an army and navy "consistent with our responsibilities, especially for an adequate national defense," and the refusal of this country to agree to destruction of equipment and ships in any peace agreement.

In connection with this last request, the resolution refers to the destruction of such equipment after World War I as "wanton waste." Emphasis is placed on the importance of sustaining physical fitness by military training, to prevent recurrence of the present lack of preparedness.

Mrs. Charles B. Keesee of Martinsville read the report of the resolutions committee, which included also an agreement to abide by government rationing and other regulations for furtherance of national defense. Action was taken also to eliminate as far as possible records which will consume unnecessary amounts of paper, now being conserved, a factor in the postponement of revision of by-laws scheduled for this conference.

## Proposes Maintenance Fund

Washington Lewis chapter, Mrs. A. Stuart Jones, regent, Fredericksburg, proposed a resolution for an endowment fund for the maintenance of Kenmore, at Fredericksburg, in memory of Mrs. Vivian Minor Fleming, founder of the Kenmore foundation, which was endorsed.

In the annual "homemakers contest," Dora Stevens, 14, won the \$5 prize and Shirley Wooldridge the second prize, both girls being from the Point of Honor playground in Lynchburg. The first prize winner will be entered in the national contest in Chicago.

Robert W. Stevens of Lynchburg presented chapter regents with autographed song sheets of "The Star Spangled Banner" transposed by him to a lower key than the original.

The Virginia daughters elected Mrs. Frank G. Berryman of Smithfield, as state vice regent to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Mayo M. Fitzhugh, Hilton Village, who re-

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## Alice Huff Johnston

Mrs. Alice Huff Johnston's sudden death has shocked Roanoke. She was loved and esteemed by the community of which she had been a lifelong resident and to the progress and welfare of which she had contributed so generously and materially in many ways. Possessed of a lively sense of civic responsibility and of unusual gifts of personality and exceptional ability, this highly capable and thoroughly charming woman was a recognized force and useful factor in the civic and cultural life of the community.

Despite a comparatively frail physique, which necessitated periods of complete rest from time to time, her tireless energy in civic movements which enlisted her interest was a source of never ceasing amazement to her friends.

Mrs. Johnston was one of those capable women who know how to get things done and anything for which she accepted the responsibility was invariably carried out with an ease and smoothness for which her excellent management and flair for thorough organization was responsible. The Community Fund, the Community Concert Association, the Roanoke chapter of the American Red Cross, the Library Board and many other organizations and enterprises of like nature have lost a valued adviser and staunch friend and supporter whose services have been as useful as they were invariably well performed.

Mrs. Johnston had traveled extensively and was possessed of an alert and intelligent mind which readily grasped and understood the purport and significance of the absorbing drama of life and world events. Yet she was essentially feminine and in her social contacts she was thoroughly charming and a delightful companion. She had a vivid and interesting personality which made her stand out in any company and there is a sense of shock at the realization that one who so loved life and lived such a full, useful and interesting life has bade it farewell and been taken from our midst. She was an exceptional woman in many respects and she will be greatly missed.



The girls selected by students and faculties of local high schools to represent Virginia in the Daughters of the American Revolution Pilgrimage, are pictured above. They are, top left, Miss Margaret Nash of Jefferson high school; right, Miss Anne Rowell of Andrew Lewis; bottom left, Miss Alieene Powell of William Byrd, and right, Miss Eunice Doyle of William Fleming.

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## Four High School Girls Named To Compete In DAR Contest

Four girls of local high schools have been selected to compete with other girls over the state for the Pilgrim to represent Virginia's "Good Citizen" in the continental congress.

Each year the D.A.R.'s of the state hold a contest in which only high school senior girls may enter. The girls, selected by her classmates and the faculty, must possess the following qualities: dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.

Previously the winner from each state was given a trip to Washington, D. C., but last year the pilgrimage was held in Chicago, and this year will be in Cincinnati. The winner from the state of Virginia will be announced at the meeting of the spring conference to be held in Roanoke in March.

### Good Citizens

Miss Eunice Doyle was chosen "Good Citizen" of William Fleming high school. She will be sponsored by the William Fleming Nancy Christian Fleming chapter of the D. A. R., of which Mrs. Grover Holcomb is regent, and Mrs. L. C. Yates, chairman of the Good Citizenship Pilgrimage committee.

Miss Anne Rowell of Salem was chosen by the students and faculty of Andrew Lewis high school, and will be sponsored by the Andrew Lewis chapter of the D. A. R. Mrs. Sidney Peters is regent, and Mrs. W. N. Norris is chairman of the Good Citizenship committee.

Miss Alieene Powell of Vinton will represent William Byrd high school, and will be sponsored by the Colonel William Preston chapter, of which Mrs. H. A. Bass is regent, and Mrs. Howard H. Hannabass is Good Citizenship chairman.

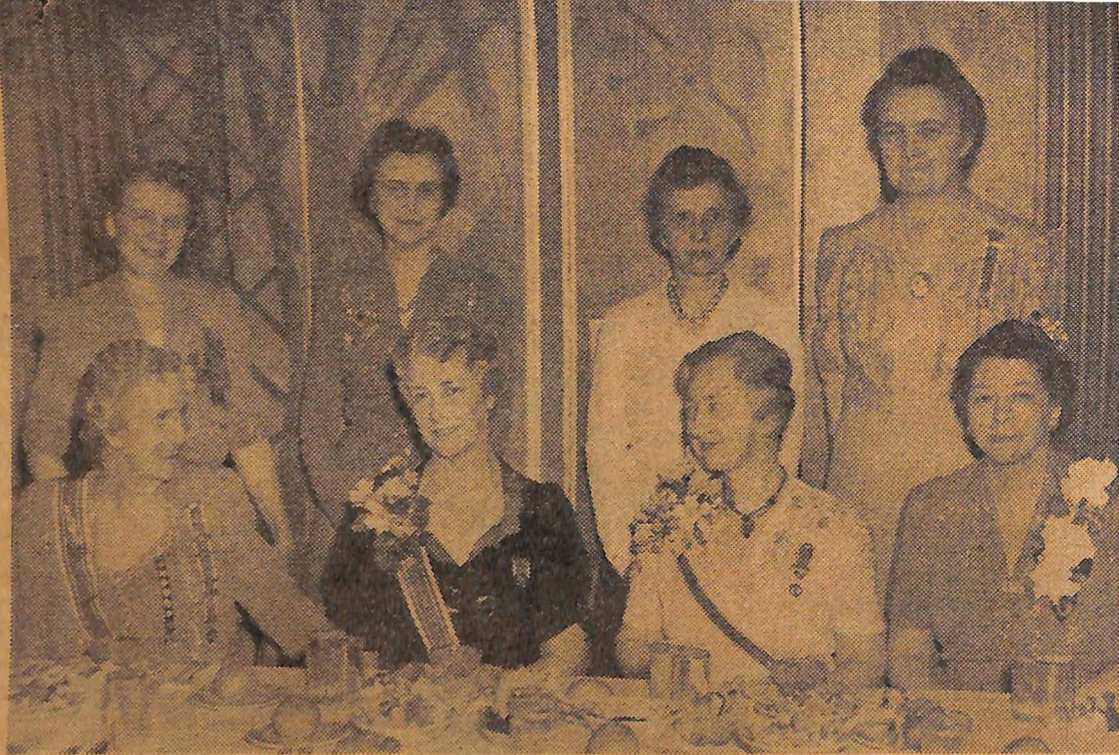
Miss Margaret Nash was chosen from Jefferson high school, and will be sponsored by the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter. Mrs. Joseph A. Turner is regent, and Miss Sallie Lovelace is Good Citizenship chairman.

The Honorable Ruth Bryan Owen Rohde started the Pilgrimage while she was a member of Congress from Florida. The first year, 1935, the girls were taken to Washington and all states were represented. Each year the Pilgrimage has grown until in 1938 all 48 states and the District of Columbia were represented.

Mrs. Howard H. Hannabass is

state chairman of the Good Citizenship committee which has as its purpose to bring to the minds of the young women of our land the privileges of citizenship and the responsibilities which make these privileges possible.

Last year Virginia was represented by Miss Lucile Peak of Long Island.



**HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS AT DAR MEET**—Pictured above are some of the high ranking officers of the Daughters of the American Revolution, who are attending the conference at Hotel Roanoke. They are, first row, left to right, Mrs. Charles Keesee, honorary state regent and ex-corresponding secretary general; Mrs. Julius Talmadge, honorary state regent of Georgia, ex-vice-president general; Mrs. Bruce D. Reynolds, regent for the state of Virginia; and Mrs. Frank G. Berryman, vice-regent for the state of Virginia. Second row, Mrs. J. A. Turner, general chairman of the conference committee; Mrs. Everett L. Repass, state chaplain; Mrs. H. J. Morton, state historian, and Mrs. Robert E. Johnson, state recording secretary. (Times Staff Photo).

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For the Golden Jubilee Year  
The Story of the Marker on "Argonne Hill"



Compiled by  
(Mrs. C. Hopkins) Anne R. Selator,  
Regent.



## Mrs. Wiltshire Talks On Birds at Meeting Of DAR Chapter

Mrs. James W. Wiltshire, Jr., a member of the biology department faculty at Randolph-Macon Woman's college, Lynchburg, who spoke at the annual luncheon meeting of the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Saturday, discussed "Birds and the Habits" and illustrated her talk with colored slides.

The three categories of birds, in regard to migration, she said, are migratory birds, which stop temporarily in this section en route further north from their winter quarters in the South; the temporary resident birds, which winter in the Deep South and live in this section during the spring and summer season; and the resident birds, who live in this section all the year. The cardinal is the best known of the third category she said.

She explained the flight ways of the birds and said that each type of bird has definite habits which can be counted on consistently. Illustrative of this point she said is the fact that the house wren returns from the South April 7 each year.

Most birds she said are monogamous in their mating, that is select one mate for a nesting period, though they may have several mates during a season.

Mrs. L. O. Key, chairman of the program committee, introduced Mrs. Wiltshire. This program was planned as a part of the DAR program on conservation.

Miss Julia Leache, chapter chaplain, gave the invocation at the luncheon.

At the business meeting which preceded the luncheon a nominating committee was elected to bring in a slate of officers for election at the next meeting May 7. This committee is composed of Mrs. Robert C. Churchill, chairman, Miss Daisy Wingfield, and Miss Mary Penn.

Miss Dolly Penn, daughter of Mrs. E. G. Penn, a member of the chapter, was elected to membership.

The chapter voted to make a small donation to the State DAR fund for the purchase of cigarettes to be sent to men in the armed forces on foreign duty.

Mrs. Joseph A. Turner, regent, presided at the business meeting and luncheon.

# Federation Of Music Clubs Elects Mrs. Cochran First District Director

## Mrs. Bingman Is Chosen as Co-director

Mrs. Robert Cochran and Mrs. William C. Bringman, of Roanoke, were elected director and co-director of the First District of the Virginia Federation of Music clubs at the afternoon session of the eighteenth annual conference which was held at the Calvary Baptist church yesterday afternoon.

### Advises Patience

Mrs. Karl Harrop, of Bristol, president of the Virginia Federation of Music clubs in speaking to the Junior and Senior divisions stated that it is necessary for the young members to realize that there is something higher in music than that which the masses see or hear in it.

"There is more in music than mere playing and singing; there is something objective, something absolute, spiritual, elevating, or eternal in the art, if we attempt to analyze it." In urging the students to strive for improvement, Mrs. Harrop reminded them to wait patiently, and be patient with others, and make their contribution by sharing their time and personality in the spread of good music.

"The spirit back of the student gives the world something no other group can give. The youth can help in solving the problems and molding the situation after the war, but it is only by holding up the standards that we will be able to have culture in the postwar world" was the responsibility that Mrs. Guy P. Gannett, of Portland, Me., president of the National Federation of Music clubs, placed on the students in her talk to them.

In discussing the importance of music in therapy, Mrs. Gannett stated that the students were the logical ones to carry on this highly specialized work which is gaining in significance. She urged them to continue their war services in view of the fact that they have more appeal to the boys in the camps than the seniors, and encouraged them in their creative work and the extension of the Federation.

### Mrs. Saul Presides

The program for the afternoon session which was presided over by Mrs. John Peter Saul, Jr., of Salem, present director of the First district, was divided between the Student and Junior divisions.

Miss Constance Wardle, of Hollins college, Virginia Federation second vice-president in charge of the student division, presented some unusual talent in her division. Miss Anne McLean, of Elk Creek, who is a student at Hollins college gave a vocal program of a group of German selections; Miss Priscilla Jordan, of Maine, a student at Virginia Intermont college, played



MRS. ROBERT COCHRANE



MRS. WILLIAM C. BRINGMAN

"Rhapsody in G. Minor" by Endresen; Miss Barbara Jean Campbell, of Johnstown, Pa., a student at Marion college, two selections, and Miss Anne Bryan, of Alexandria and Hollins college, gave a piano rendition of Bach-Samaroff's "Fugue in G. Minor."

The junior program, under the direction of Mrs. L. A. Dunlap, of Pulaski, Virginia Federation third vice-president, included a group of numbers given by the Monroe Junior Choir, of Roanoke, directed by Mrs. Dorothy Walters; and a group of piano selections by members of the Junior Thursday Morning Music club which included Miss Betty Byrne Gill ("Waltz in A," by Bach), Miss Diana Marie Weaver ("Romance," Mozart), Miss Helen Blair Graves ("German Dance," Beethoven), and Miss Joyce Galbraith ("Improvisation," McDowell). These were outstanding performances.

Reports were heard from the member clubs of the Student and Junior divisions of the district.

### Discusses Folk Dancing

Mrs. Floyd Taylor, of Norfolk, Virginia Federation chairman of Folk Dancing, speaking on the topic, "Folk Dancing Is Fun," said it is still more fun if we know just a little something about it. She gave a brief history of American Country Dancing and how the dance...

## Speakers Urge Students to Creative Work

the advice she gave the listeners. In concluding she quoted Sherwood Anderson in his preface to Lloyd Shaw's book on Cowboy Dances, who said, "The feeling of fun, some joy in living, is too much gone out of most of us," and reminded the group that in these wartimes fun is essential to normal living.

### Sings Patriotic Songs

At the luncheon meeting, presided over by Mrs. Robert Cochran, Mrs. Mark Page, past president of the Salem Music club, gave a program of patriotic songs which included "The American Prayer," by Lawrence Stock; "The Home Road," by John Alden Carpenter, and the ditty entitled "When Johnny Comes Marching Home." Mrs. Page touched her audience with a stirring rendition of these numbers. Miss Virginia Shafer, a member of the Thursday Morning Music club, was her accompanist.

Another stirring patriotic number on the program was the reading of his poem, "When the Tallest Lads Are Gone," by Leigh Hanes.

The morning session, which was the formal opening of the convention, was presided over by Mrs. John Peter Saul, Jr., and included the invocation by Dr. Richard S. Owens, pastor of Calvary Baptist church; and welcome by Mrs. Dean Dunwoody, president of the Thursday Morning Music club, which was responded to by Mrs. W. L. Carden, president of the Galax Music club.

### Report Heard

After the business session the convention heard from Mrs. Gannett a report on the work of the music clubs in which she stated that significant strides have been made by the member clubs which have wholeheartedly supported the war service program, given their attention to musical therapy and music in industry, and are maintaining the programs in their local communities which were begun before the war.

She referred to the new projects that the federation is undertaking this year: expansion in the field of rural music, encouragement of American composition and further cooperation with Latin American countries, enlargement of the radio coverage, and an expansion of Folk music programs. "I believe the National Federation of Music clubs looks ahead," said Mrs. Gannett.

The musical program for the morning was given by Miss Beverly Holmes, pianist, of Radford State Teachers college; and Miss Wanda Jane Nigh, violinist, and Miss Georgia Fait Sanford, accompanist, of Sullins college, Bristol.

Before the conclusion of the morning session a forum on club activities, in which the members of the state board participated, was led by Mrs. Harrop, president of the Virginia Federation.

# THE SOUTHWEST CORNER

By GOODRICH WILSON

On Mothers' Day it is not inappropriate for this column to call to mind a distinguished mother among the first settlers in the hills and valley of the Virginia mountains.

Margaret Lynn may or may not have been beautiful in face and form since I have crossed no record that gives any intimation of what she looked like. That is a deplorable shortcoming of nearly all the records we have of pioneer characters, whether men or women. Few of them have left portraits, and about very few of them do we have even incidental references to the color of hair or eyes or any other physical characteristic. But while we do not know whether Margaret Lynn had a pretty face and a graceful figure we do know that she was both strong and beautiful in spirit and, if the greatness of a mother is to be measured by the quality of her children, she was a great mother.

Since she is said to have been born in Ireland we may consider her a Scotch-Irish rather than a Scotch lassie. She is referred to as the "daughter of the Laird of Loch Lynn," which together with the established fact that Governor Gooch and his wife, Lady Staunton, were intimate friends of her family, indicates that she was of the gentle folk who made up the lesser nobility of Scotland. Her forebears were chieftains in one of the ancient warlike clans of the Scottish Highlands. If the assertion that she was a native of Ireland is true it is probable that her father went there from Scotland. Another account, however, says that she went from her father's home in Scotland to Northern Ireland.

She, with her husband and children, was living in Northern Ireland when a tragedy occurred that eventually resulted in her living in the wilderness that is now the famous Valley of Virginia, where her husband, John Lewis, was to become known as the Father of Augusta county, the founder of Staunton, and "The Lord of the Hills;" her sons were to become bold fighters of the border and strong leaders among a strong race of nation builders; and one of her daughters was to figure as the heroine in a strange and romantic tale of the frontier. Her sons were the five Lewis brothers famous in the annals of colonial and revolutionary days. The account

of the family in McCauley's History of Roanoke county gives their names as "Samuel, Thomas, Andrew, and William, born in Ireland, and Charles, born a few months after the settlement of the family in America." This account also names two daughters, Margaret and Anne, but fails to mention a third, Alice, who is the heroine of the romantic tale.

Julia Davis' recently published book "The Shenandoah," in the series known as "The Rivers of America," says:

"The brave and gentle Margaret Lewis consoled her loneliness by keeping a diary. In it she tells how she set to work to make her home beautiful for her children so that 'they might love to stay in it' and learn beauty of soul by growing up with beautiful things.' When she transplanted some of the wild roses to bloom around the door, Oroonah, the Indian chief who lived nearby, told her that she should have let them alone, for the Great Spirit had put the flowers where he wanted them.

"The Indians visited the settlers often, and Margaret thought that they looked like painted mountebanks at an Irish county fair. Strange people, secret people, arriving unexpectedly and vanishing among the trees again. The chief brought his son, Omayah, to play with the Lewis boys and with little Alice, whom he called his 'White Dove'. Omayah made her crowns of flowers and brought her a fawn which he had tamed. On the day that Alice was fourteen, Oroonah, the outwardly accepted but secretly laughed at friend, arrived in a chieftain's dignity to ask her hand in marriage for his son. John Lewis made light of it, set her to play the spinet, said, 'You don't want her. White woman good for nothing else.' When the chief went away in silence John laughed, but Margaret was full of fear. For some time Omayah came rarely, 'sad, silent and brooding'. Still John Lewis would not see a danger, and took his young people to a picnic at Tower Rocks. Margaret stayed at home with her new baby, but Omayah went.

"The Indian boy and the White Dove, still childhood playmates, wandered away from the others and crossed a little brook in search of 'good luck plant.' Then with fierce suddenness the Indians swooped down, caught Alice up and vanished

like ferrets into the underbrush. Alice screamed once. Then there was silence as the leafy curtain closed behind them. The white men pursued frantically but the forest still belonged to the Indians. That night John Lewis returned alone to comfort Margaret. Four days later his sons and the other men of the party came back empty handed.

"Twice while the men were searching vainly in the forest the Indians attacked the fort (about the Lewis home). Their war cries did not frighten Margaret for she was 'already possessed with dread and anguish.' After one attack the defenders shot a stout Indian who was creeping toward the fort. The Indian fell and then they saw it was no Indian at all, but mad Mary Greenlee, a sister to one of them, a poor deranged creature whom some called a witch, who wandered about the countryside at will, now with the heathen, now in solitude. She gabbled out a strange tale about stealing the White Dove away from the tribe and hiding her in a palace underground, where the walls were silver and the floors were pearl. She said that if they would give her a horse she would bring Alice home.

"It was a story to be believed only by a mother who must catch at any hope, but Margaret gave her the horse, although others said that it had 'gone for no profit.' Faith was rewarded. Mary Greenlee brought Alice home, unharmed except for a fever into which the terror had thrown her. In her delirium she too talked of a marble palace with statues and fountains, interminable galleries, and stars and the moon peering through the roof. The settlers set this down as fantastic nonsense, for it was to be another hundred years before the white men would blunder into a limestone cavern."

This book does Mary Greenlee an injustice. She was not a poor deranged creature, but a woman of unusual mental power; a fearless and original sort of character whom the superstitious among the settlers did accuse of being a witch, and who did mingle freely with Indians. The story goes on to say that Margaret Lewis forgave the Indian lad, Omayah, who came pleading that he had had nothing whatever to do with the plot, and that he continued to be a friend and playmate of the Lewis children.

G, APRIL 7, 1945.

# Edenton Party Discussed By Mrs. Dudley

At the monthly meeting of the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, yesterday at the Patrick Henry hotel, Mrs. Henry A. Dudley gave the story of "The Edenton Tea Party" at which her ancestress, Mrs. Penelope Barker, presided. Fifty-two of the ladies of Edenton and vicinity met October 25, 1774 and signed a declaration of protest against tea drinking. They passed resolutions discarding the use of tea and other articles, upon which an unjust and oppressive tax had been levied by the British government.

The chapter chaplain, Mrs. Harry B. Stone, conducted the devotional service. Mrs. A. B. Richardson, chairman of correct use of the Flag, showed a picture of the soldiers placing the American flag on Mt. Suribachi.

Miss Dolly Penn, senior president of Mill Mountain society, gave a report of the broadcast given this week by the executive board of the society in connection with the golden jubilee celebration of the National Society, Children of the American Revolution.

The secretary, Mrs. W. E. Burnett, Jr., read from the report of Mrs. P. W. Hiden, chairman of preservation of records, that 223 volumes of old county court house records have been microfilmed during the past year. Need for tin cans and the warning against forest fires were topics brought before the assemblage.

The annual luncheon meeting will be held on May 19, Saturday. Mrs. R. Hoskins Sclater, regent, presided. Following the business meeting Mrs. John Meekin Hunt and Mrs. Henry A. Dudley were hostesses of the social hour at which time Mrs. Charles T. Lukens presided at the punch bowl.

# Colonial Musical Tea Will Be Highlight Of Social Week

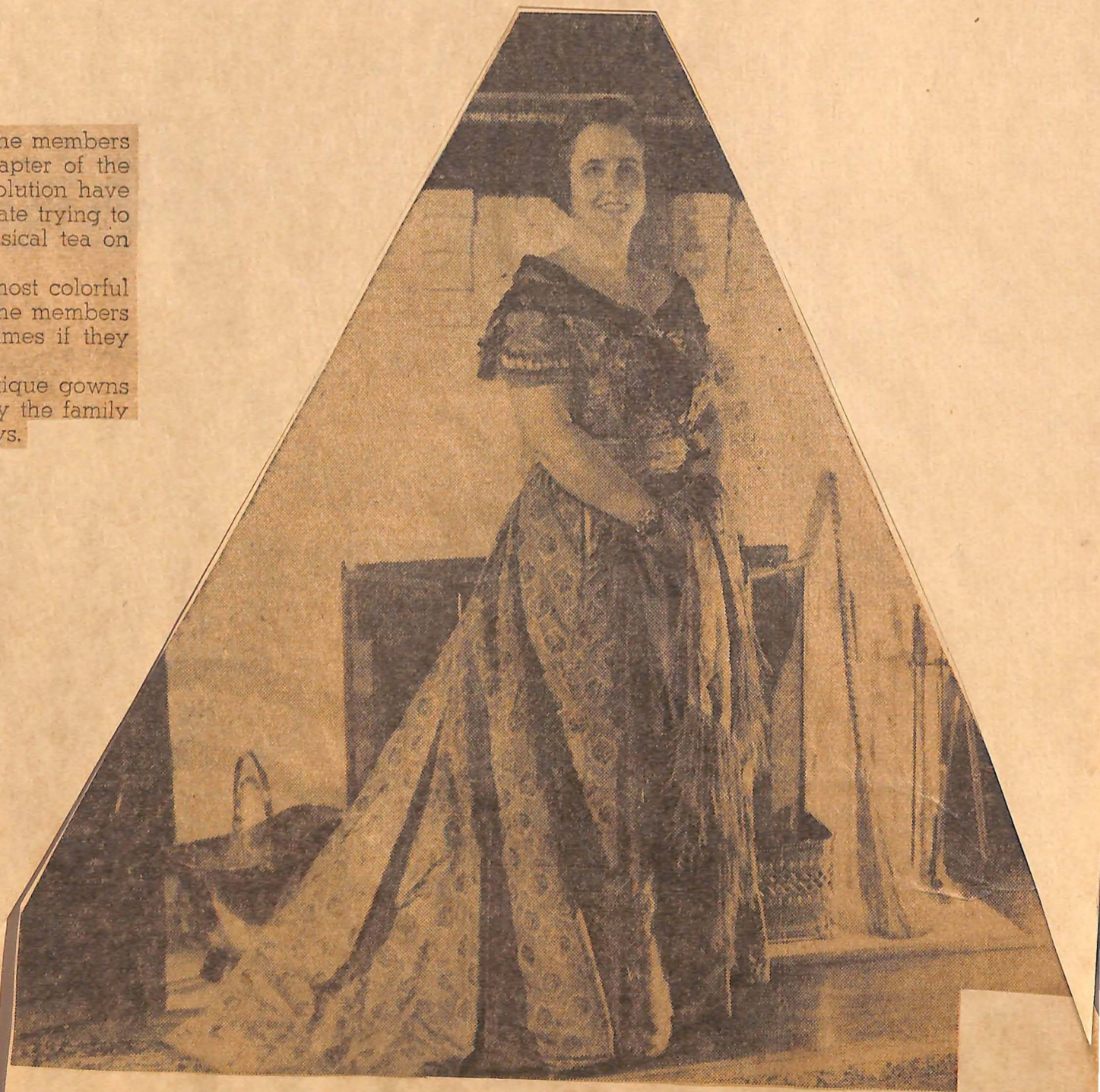
Jan. 1941.

Looking as if they stepped from pages of Colonial history are the musicians and members of the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, pictured on this page. Upper left, Miss Mary Louise Thomas, who will sing on the program of the Colonial tea to be held by the chapter Wednesday, is pictured with her accompanist, Miss Virginia Shafer. Mrs. J. B. Preston, upper right, will be at one of the tea tables. She is wearing a cap which belonged to Mrs. Elizabeth Griffin McClanahan, great grandmother of Mrs. Lawrence Davis and Miss Nell Rorer. The silver service was a wedding gift of Nannie McClanahan and Patterson H. Rorer (parents of Mrs. Davis and Miss Rorer. Mrs. Robert C. Churchill, left, is wearing a dress which belonged to her great aunt. She will wear it to the tea Wednesday, as will other members who have heirloom costumes. Mrs. T. Gilbert Wood, right, will also serve tea, dressed in Colonial costume. Three girls from Hollins College, below, will be on the musical program. The pianist is Miss Anne McClenny, Suffolk. The violinists are Miss Nora Walton Bickerstaff, left, Columbus, Ga., and Miss Florence Elizabeth Milyko, of Bayville, N. Y. (Times Staff Photo — Huffman.)

The members of the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution have been tearing about at a frantic rate trying to get ready for their Colonial Musical tea on Wednesday.

This should be one of the most colorful social events of the year as all the members have been asked to wear costumes if they have them.

Many of them will wear antique gowns that have been carefully kept by the family since the Revolutionary war days.



Jan. 15, 1941.  
Colonial Musical Tea To Be  
Given Today By DAR Chapter

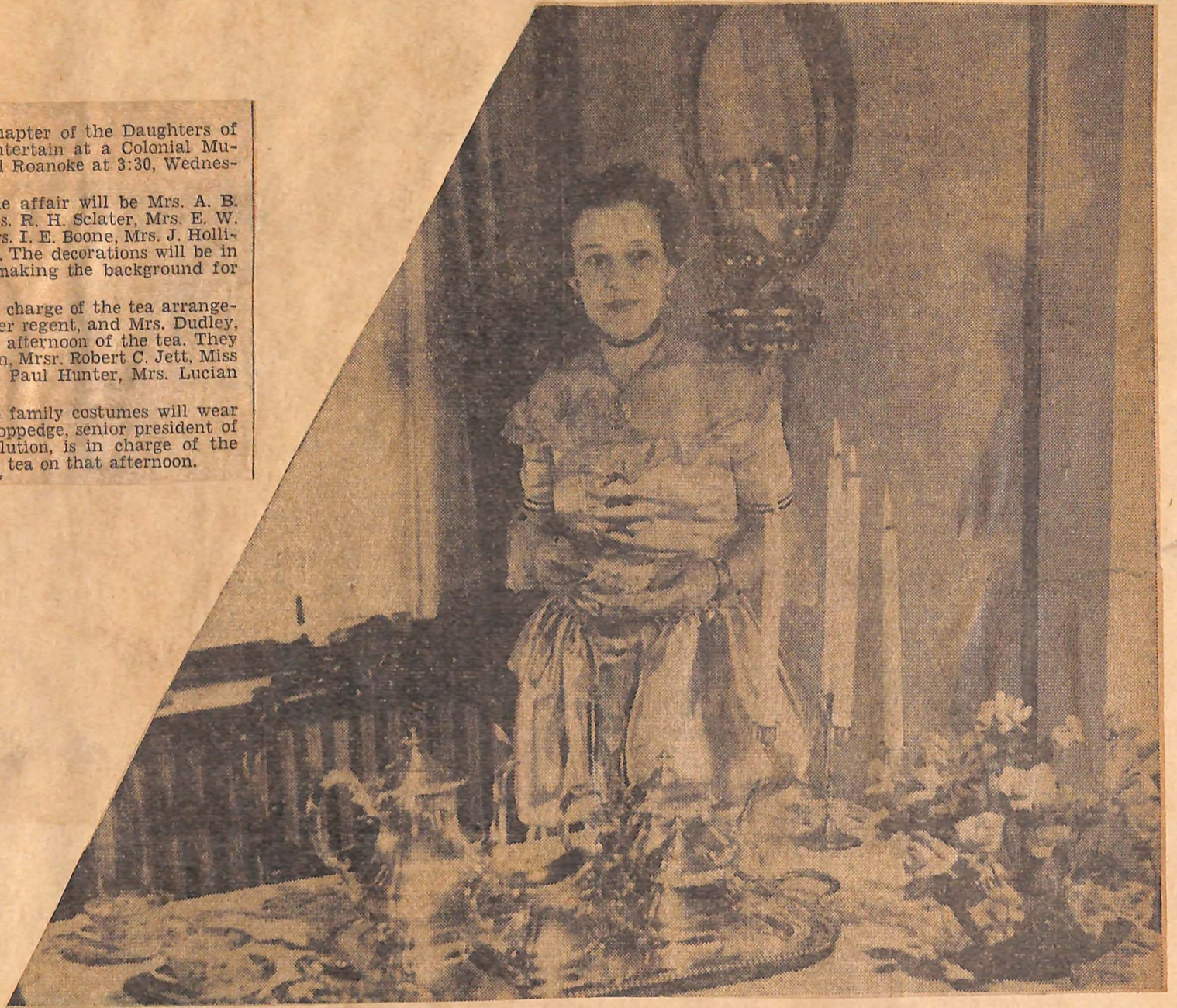
MARGARET LYNN LEWIS chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution will entertain at a Colonial Musical tea in the ballroom of Hotel Roanoke at 3:30, Wednesday afternoon, January 15.

Decorating committee for the affair will be Mrs. A. B. [unclear], Mrs. Lawrence Davis, Mrs. R. H. Sclater, Mrs. E. W. [unclear], Mrs. Randall Kniseley, Mrs. I. E. Boone, Mrs. J. Hollis [unclear], and Mrs. W. E. Burnett. The decorations will be in keeping with the period in history, making the background for very colorful.

H. A. Dudley is chairman in charge of the tea arrangements. Mrs. Joseph A. Turner, chapter regent, and Mrs. Dudley, will meet the guests at the door, the afternoon of the tea. They are assisted by Mrs. Ellis Robertson, Mrs. Robert C. Jett, Miss [unclear], Mrs. W. H. Horton, Mrs. Paul Hunter, Mrs. Lucian [unclear], Mrs. James R. Schick.

Many of the chapter members have family costumes which will be worn at the tea. Miss Mary Eolian Coppedge, senior president of the Daughters of the American Revolution, is in charge of the program for the C. A. R. who will serve tea on that afternoon.

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Colonial Tea  
To Be Given By  
D. A. R. Chapter

A Colonial musical tea is being arranged by the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, for January 15 at 3:30 at Hotel Roanoke and will be for the benefit of the chapter student loan fund.

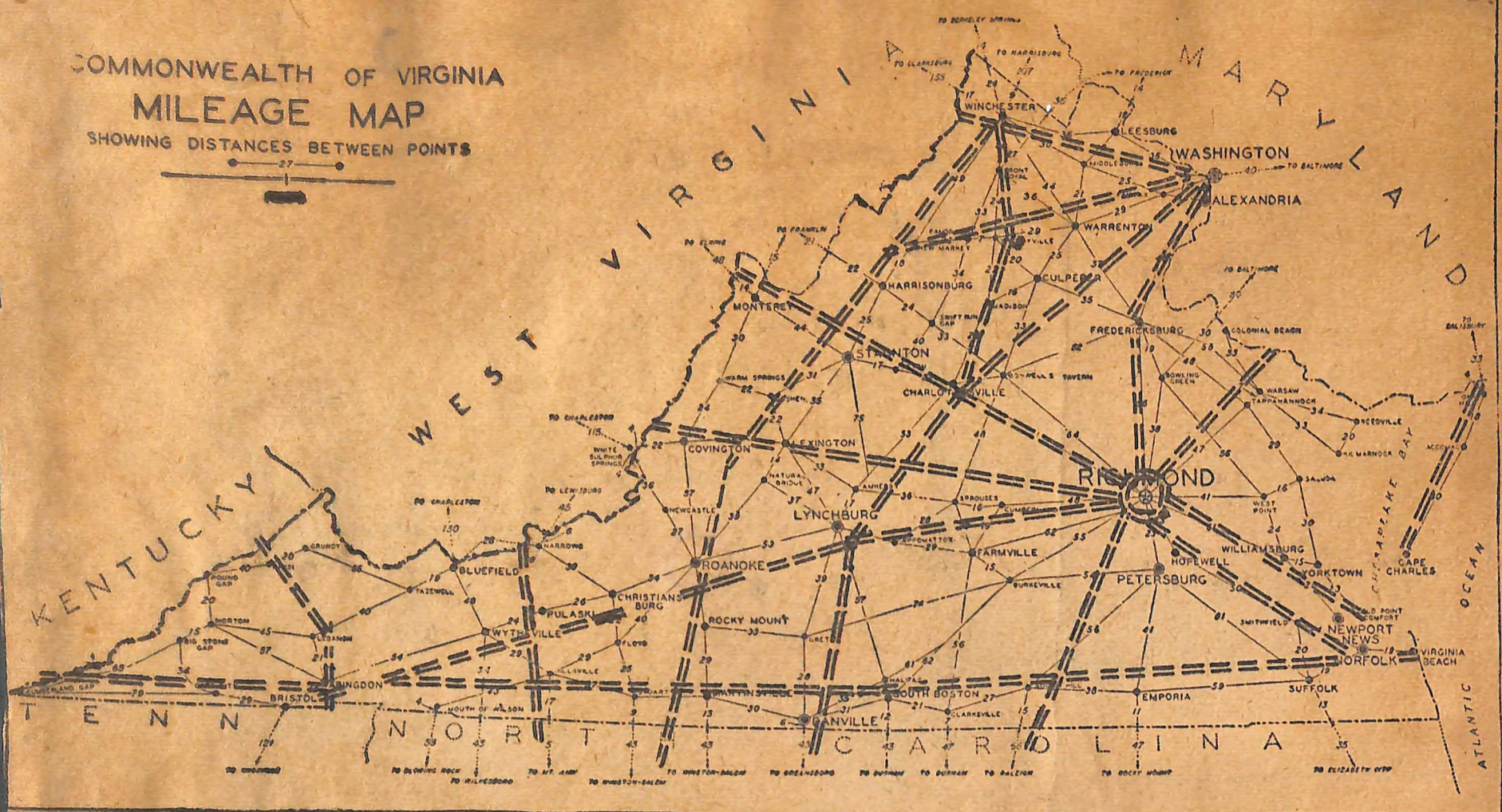
The loan fund was established when Mrs. Felix K. Parker was chapter regent. Miss Julia P. Leache was first chairman of this project and it has been carried on in the eight years since its foundation as the major work of the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter. The fund has been used to materially assist two girls in the completion of courses at Roanoke and Farmville colleges.

The entertainment chairman and her committee, Mrs. E. G. Baldwin, Mrs. Leonard Key, Mrs. Estes Cocke, Mrs. Clement Johnston and Miss Daisy Wingfield are planning a program of Colonial music which will be the feature of the afternoon's entertainment.

Further information may be had by calling Mrs. Joseph A. Turner, chapter regent, Mrs. H. B. Stone, general chairman or a member of the committee for the sale of tickets, Miss Ethel Thomas, Mrs. Hubert Wright, Mrs. R. C. Churchill, Mrs. Littleton Davis, Miss Katherine Cralle, Miss Mary Campbell or Miss Lucy Wingfield.

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
MILEAGE MAP  
SHOWING DISTANCES BETWEEN POINTS



*Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter D.A.R.*

*Now in its 50th year*

## Brief HISTORY of Roanoke, Va.

Shortly after the war of 1812, an effort was made by The Roanoke Navigation Company to make Roanoke River navigable and also to open to navigation Tinker Creek to a point where the Lynchburg Road, U. S. Route 460, now crosses Tinker Creek east of the city and build a town there to be known as Prestonville. Lots were sold, but the effort to build a town completely failed.

The first village in this vicinity was named Gainsboro, deriving its name from Kemp Gaines who owned the land on which the village was built. The village in 1825 consisted of two frame buildings in the vicinity of the intersection of the Lynchburg Turnpike and Franklin Road.

Later, having grown to a village with two churches, several stores, and a blacksmith shop, the name was changed to Old Lick.

In 1834 another town was promoted under the name of Big Lick, located in the vicinity where Second Street, S. W. now crosses the Norfolk and Western Railroad. There was some disagreement among the promoters, therefore an effort to build a town at that time was abandoned.

There was but little growth of Big Lick however until February 28, 1874, when the village was incorporated as the Town of Big Lick. John Trout was Mayor, and the following gentlemen composed the Town Council:

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|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Ferdinand Rorer   | Peyton L. Terry  | Dr. James McG. Kent |
| Isham M. Ferguson | James M. Gambill | William Raines      |

In 1880 the Federal Census gave Big Lick a population of 669.

The building of the Shenandoah Valley Railroad in 1882 to a connection with the Norfolk and Western at Big Lick marks the real beginning of the city, and in that year the name was changed from Big Lick to Roanoke. Roanoke is an Indian name meaning "money".

The first train of the Shenandoah Valley Railroad entered Roanoke on June 18, 1882.

The Roanoke Machine Works (now the Norfolk and Western shops) was located in Roanoke in 1882.

The general offices of the Shenandoah Valley and the Norfolk and Western Railroads were established in Roanoke in 1883.

On January 31, 1884, the population of the Town of Roanoke had grown to about 5,000, and the community was incorporated by the Legislature of Virginia as the City of Roanoke.

The Roanoke and Southern Railroad was promoted from Roanoke to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and the first train was operated over this line early in 1892.

The Virginian Railroad operated its first passenger train in and out of Roanoke on February 16, 1909.

The American Viscose Corporation, a large factor in the community's growth, began the operation of its first unit in Roanoke in 1917.

Roanoke has expanded industrially and commercially until it is now the third largest city in Virginia.

The principal manufactured products are railroad locomotives and cars, rayon, rayon fabrics, fabricated steel, underwear, foundry products, furniture, flour and mill feed, printing, tin cans, metal and concrete culverts, varnish, vinegar, bakery products, beverages, chemicals, flavoring extracts, cosmetics and proprietary medicines.

For the Golden Jubilee Year

A Summary of the Gleanings Concerning

Our Scrapbooks.

1908 April -The Historian asked that all clippings, etc. pertaining to the D.A.R. or of interest to them be handed to Mrs. Caldwell, to compile a scrapbook.

1930 December 5 -Suggestion that we have a scrapbook. Motion by Mrs. Caldwell, seconded by Mrs. Baskerville that we contribute the necessary amount for scrapbook. Mrs. E.G. Baldwin and Mrs. Gilbert were appointed to take charge of scrapbook and get together all available material for same.

1931 January 2 -Mrs. Dudley stated that after looking more thoroughly into the Chapter Scrap book project she realized that it is a National D.A.R. movement.

1931 March 6 -Report from Scrap book chairman, Mrs. Gilbert Wood, that she had the Scrap book with her and would be glad for members to contribute clippings for it.

1931 May 1 -Mrs. Gilbert Wood who had had charge of the scrap book, presented it to Mrs. A. B. Coleman, our chapter Historian.

1937 April 2 -Mrs. Preston said the Margaret Lynn Lewis Scrap Book had been selected as the best among those exhibited at State Convention. She further stated the Scrap Book had been selected as the best to send to Washington at the 46 National Congress. From the discussion of the Scrap Book it was shown the following persons had some part in it. Mrs. Dudley who suggested one be made. Mrs. F. R. Baldwin and Mrs. Gilbert Wood bought the book. Mr. W. E. Day made the frontispiece. Mrs. Coleman ably assisted by Mrs. Fry made the book, Mrs. Coleman collecting clippings and arranging them. Mrs. Fry contributed pictures for the Scrap Book.

1937 Virginia Daughters of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution - Proceedings of the Forty-first Annual State Conference March 16, 17, & 18, 1937, Norfolk, Virginia. Page 61 -Mrs. F. R. Barrett of Great Bridge Chapter announced the result of the Scrap Book Contest. Seven books were entered in the contest. Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter of the Smoke von first place, and honorable mention was given to the chapter of Mrs. J. B. Register of Petersburg.

1937 Forty-Sixth Continental Congress -Washington, D.C. Apr. 19-23, 1937. Page 642 -Scrapbooks: 1st place - Gaspee Chapter, Rhode Island, Tercentenary scrapbook; 2nd place - Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter, Virginia. Thus our historic scrapbook brought us the signal honor of first place in the State contest and second National honors. This scrapbook brought our history up to 1937.

1937 - 1940 -Our second scrapbook covered this period. Miss Julia Leache, Historian.

1940 - 1943 -Our third scrapbook covered this period. Mrs. M. M. Caldwell, Historian.

1943 - 1946 -Our fourth scrapbook will cover this period. Miss Katherine Cralle, Historian.

*Miss Julia Carson painted the frontispiece.*

*This scrapbook won second prize.*

*See*

*Miss Katherine Cralle, Historian.*



## Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter

- 1925 Apr. 10- To check Mrs. S. F. Work (marker) -----\$133.20  
 1925 May 1- " hauling marker -----\$ 42.00  
 1925 Oct. 6- " Pitzer Transfer Corporation acct. Bal.  
 on Hauling Boulder to Mr. Warren's -----\$ 33.00  
 1925 Nov. 16- To Acct. Mr. A. B. Richardson for cement  
 work on Mon. Base -----\$ 29.00  
 1925 Nov. 16- To Acct. Pitzer Corpor. Hauling Boulder  
 to Argonne Circle -----\$ 60.00  
 1925 Dec. 4- Miss Carson, Historian, made a most interest-  
 ing report on the unveiling of the memorial boulder  
 on Argonne Hill, Armistice Day, and the attendant ex-  
 ercises.  
 1926 Jan. 21- To acct. Pitzer Trans. Corpor. -Boulder  
 to Park -----\$ 44.50  
 1929 Jan. 4- After some discussion of the memorial marker,  
 motion by Mrs. Caldwell, seconded by Mrs. Schick that  
 at the earliest possible date, a bronze plate be  
 placed over the face of the soldier boy, as it has  
 become so unsightly due to the stone chipping so  
 badly. Carried.  
 1930 Mar. 7- ----reported that plate for marker was here  
 ready to be placed but on account of such bad weather  
 could not be completed by this time.  
 1930 Mar. 12- To The Newman Mfg. Co. Newman Bronze Tablet\$126.65  
 1930 Apr. 4- Marker committee reported their work com-  
 pleted.  
 1930 May 7- To J. H. Marsteller Bronze tablet on  
 Dough boy -----\$ 40.00  
 1941 Feb. 7- Attention was called to the fact that the World War Memorial  
 on King George Ave. was down and in need of repair. A motion was  
 made and carried to find out what must be done to fix the Memorial.  
 Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Kennett are to investigate this.  
 1941 Mar. 14- Mrs. Turner reported for Mrs. T. Gilbert Wood that Mr. Mars-  
 teller has inspected the World War Memorial tablet and agreed to make  
 the necessary repairs and put in new screws to hold the marker in  
 place for \$6.15. The treasurer was instructed to pay this amount.  
 1942 Jan. 9- Mrs. Wood reported on the Argonne Circle marker which is to  
 be replaced and said that Mr. Marsteller said it would be placed the  
 first warm day.  
 1942 Feb. 4- To Marstellar Corporation -\$6.15 To replace bronze tablet



STATE BOARD MEETING  
VIRGINIA DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
10:30 A. M., OCTOBER 18, 1943  
JOHN MARSHALL HOTEL, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

There will be a meeting of the State Board of Management, Virginia D. A. R., on Monday, October 18, 1943, at the John Marshall Hotel, Richmond. The meeting will be opened promptly at 10:30 A. M., and luncheon will be served at 1:30 P. M.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 17, 1943.

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Mrs. R. Hoskins Sclater left yesterday to attend the meeting of the State Board of Management, Virginia D. A. R., on Monday at the John Marshall hotel in Richmond. Mrs. Sclater is representing the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter of the D. A. R. of this city.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1943

HERE FROM ROANOKE

Mrs. R. H. Slaughter arrived today for a week-end visit with Mrs. Alice V. D. Pierrepont, of Violet Bank. She is the regent of Roanoke chapter of the DAR and with Mrs. Pierrepont will attend meeting of the DAR State Board of Management in Richmond, Monday.

*Sclater*

*The Roanoke World News  
October 11, 1943*

State DAR  
Meets Here  
October 18

The State Board of Management of the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution will meet on Monday, October 18, at 10:30 A. M., at the Hotel John Marshall. Luncheon will be served at 1:30 P. M.

Mrs. Bruce D. Reynolds, of Charlottesville, State regent, will preside, and Mrs. William H. Pouch, of New York, president-general, will be an honor guest.

Others attending will be Mrs. Charles B. Keese, of Martinsville, past corresponding secretary-general; Mrs. Arthur Rowbotham, of Arlington, past vice-president-general; Mrs. Frank G. Berryman, of Smithfield, State vice-regent; Mrs. Everett L. Repass, of Salem, State chaplain; Mrs. Robert E. Johnson, of Arlington, State recording secretary; Mrs. Charles Roy Jones, of Culpeper, State corresponding secretary; Mrs. William V. Tynes, of Norfolk, State treasurer; Mrs. W. B. Ellett, of Blacksburg, State registrar; Mrs. Heber J. Morton, of Stuart's Draft, State historian; Mrs. Joseph D. Deal, of Norfolk, State librarian, and State chairmen and regents from the various chapters throughout Virginia.

At this meeting special emphasis will be put on War Bonds, Red Cross work, and blood plasma contributions will also be asked for the restoration of a York County book and for the Blue Ridge Industrial School building fund.

Many of those attending the board meeting will go to Yorktown on Tuesday for the annual observance of Yorktown Day, Oc-

tober 19. This is under the auspices of Mrs. George Durbin Chenoweth, regent of the Comte de Grasse Chapter and her chapter members. Troops and bands from Fort Eustis, officers of the United States Naval Mine Depot, and the United States Mine Warfare School have been invited to attend. Wreaths will be placed at the Victory Monument in the morning by the State regent and the president-general.

DAR State  
Board Meets  
In Richmond

The State board of management of the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution will meet on Monday, October 18, at the John Marshall hotel in Richmond. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a. m. and luncheon will be served at 1:30 p. m.

Mrs. Bruce D. Reynolds, of Charlottesville, State regent, will preside, and Mrs. William H. Pouch, of New York, president-general, will be the guest of honor.

Among those attending will be Mrs. Everett L. Repass, of Salem, State chaplain, and Mrs. W. B. Ellett, of Blacksburg, State registrar.

At this meeting special emphasis will be put on the sale and purchase of war bonds, Red Cross work, and blood plasma. Contributions will be asked for the restoration of a York county book and for the Blue Ridge industrial school building fund.

Many of those attending the board meeting will go to Yorktown Tuesday for the annual Yorktown Day, October 19.

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Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter

Now in its 50th year

The meeting of the State Board of Management of the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution was called for Monday, October eighteenth, but playing entirely on the safe side I left Roanoke Saturday morning. It was with not too much trepidation that I dared face a trip on a crowded weekend train because I had made up my mind to deposit my less than one hundred pounds on the arm of any willing passenger's chair. I stopped over in Petersburg where I had a pleasant telephone conversation with Mrs. Bell, the sister of our Mrs. Pitzer.

The meeting was called for 10.:30 A.M. and I was a nice comfortable hour ahead of time. Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Pouch, President General, came in together and most informally stopped to shake hands with several on the side aisle close to them. Mrs. Pouch has attended Mrs. Reynolds' three board meetings and they seemed very pleased in the company of each other. I sat and watched them - one fair and the other dark, one with no trace of care upon her face and the other with a touch of sadness that no amount of interest could conceal, both gentle and gracious and especially sweet when they received lovely corsages from the Virginia Daughters. To Mrs. Reynolds gardenias and to Mrs. Pouch an orchid.

Eight State Officers, twelve committee chairmen, and twenty-nine regents were present and from their reports I shall give you a part.

It was stated that the word "Industrial" is now omitted from the title of the Blue Ridge School although the Post Office remains BRIS.

In Washington we do not maintain a genealogical staff but if you send a self addressed and stamped envelope the office will give you names of genealogists.

Mrs. Smith, State Chairman of Correct Use of the Flag, said that one must remove her glove when saluting the flag, and that when the National Anthem is sung the right hand should be placed over the heart.

Since no pins are available for the Pilgrims one Regent told of giving a booklet on Williamsburg in place of the pin.

The Virginia Room is now being used by the Red Cross and Mrs. Pouch thanked the Virginia Daughters.

500 copies of the State By-Laws will be printed and three copies sent to each chapter, for the regent, the registrar and the treasurer, and to be passed on to succeeding officers.

The chairman of Press Relations said that even advertising space had been cut and that we can't hope for as much publicity.

Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter pledged \$5.00 to the restoration of York County book, Wills & Invt. 1771 - 1783.

The State Conference will be held March 21, 22 and 23, 1944 at the Hotel Roanoke,

The nominating committee with Mrs. Hiden as chairman will meet the first week in Feb. 1944.

At noon there was a pause for prayer for those in our Armed Forces throughout the world.

Mrs. Reynolds spoke of our being honor bound regarding our contributions to Blood Plasma and BRIS. She said that our obligation to BRIS had not been pressed because the exigencies of war had demanded the buying of defense bonds and stamps, but that it was an obligation which we must assume.

Mrs. Pouch said that it is encouraging to know that in these tragic times there are three who are willing and ready to serve as President General and that they plan to hold their reception together.

Mrs. Keesee was present. Mrs. Sinclair was sick and couldn't attend.

Luncheon was served on the roof garden, and your figure and finance minded regent will tell you that the luncheon was \$1.38 and the head waiter said 83 plates were served.

November 5, 1943

(Mrs. R. Hoskins)

Anne R. Schaler, Regent

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# THE ROANOKE TIMES

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 17, 1943.

## SOCIETY SECTION AND THE ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN



### Endowments of Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter

- 1 Honorarium Mrs. James Reese Schick
- 1 Permanent Mrs. A. N. Pitzer
- 1 Memorial Mrs. Lelia R. Smith Locke (Mrs. Lucian A.)

### Books Restored Partly by Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter

The name of Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter and the name of her regent appear with the names of some other chapters and their regents on the dedicatory pages of the following books:

- Augusta County Deed Book restored in 1934
- Richmond County Will Book No. 3 (1707-1717) restored in 1937
- Stafford County Deed Book "5" (1780-1786) restored in 1943
- Northumberland County Book # 7 restored in 1945
- Sussex County Deed Book D 1768-1772 restored in 1946

By courtesy of Mrs. P. W. Hiden, State Chairman, 5600 Huntington Ave., Newport News, Virginia  
Preservation - and Restoration of Records -

### Chapter Work Told Pictorially

Daughters of The American <sup>Revolution</sup> Magazine Vol. LXX, No. 3, Whole Number 514, page 193. March 1936.

Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter, Roanoke, Virginia, sponsored an Annual Colonial Tea for the Benefit of the Student Loan Fund.

Front row seated reading from left to right: Mrs. Schick, Miss [unclear], Mrs. [unclear], Mrs. Dudley, Mrs. Preston, Mrs. Vaughan, Mrs. Pitzer, Mrs. Skoff [unclear].

Back row standing reading from left to right: Mrs. Key, Mrs. Horton, Miss [unclear], Miss Mary Penn, Miss Evelyn Preston.

### National Historical Magazine D.A.R. September 1944

Pages 541 and 542 carry a picture of the chapter's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Birthday Party and a short chapter history.

Picture-reading from left to right: Mrs. Bruce D. Reynolds, State Regent; Mrs. Leonard Key, chapter vice-regent; Mrs. W. Hoskins Selater, chapter regent; Mr. Charles Francis Cooke; and Mrs. Am. H. Fouch, President General.

From the chapter's minute book  
Mar. 1, 1935 - "Mrs. Genheimer presented the chapter with a gavel made of walnut from a tree on the surrender grounds at Appomattox Va. Mrs. Genheimer said the gavel was a copy of an olive wood one brought from Jerusalem. Mrs. Preston very graciously accepted the gavel in behalf of the chapter."

#### PRESS RELATIONS

Mrs. Anthony V. Shea, Chairman

It is a pleasure to tell of the good reports made by a number of Chapters notwithstanding paper shortages and other war conditions. Black's Fort Chapter reports 236 inches of space in 2 papers, 3 photographs used, and a scrap book kept. Sycamore Shoals Chapter had 400 inches of space in 2 papers. Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter had the high score of 10 photographs and an entire page devoted to their Golden Jubilee tea. George Pearis Chapter was fortunate to have space in 4 papers, including special articles about Plasma Fund, Ellis Island, and Buddy Bags. Newport News Chapter tells of write-ups before and after meetings in 2 papers, and special article with photograph about visit of Mrs. Pouch. Beverley Manor, Francis Wallis and Dorothea Henry Chapters had articles in the National Historical Magazine in addition to newspaper publicity. Space does not permit the mention of others worthy of note.

Best State publicity was that in regard to the State Conference, State Board meeting, and National Society projects for the year under the captain "Pearl Harbor Day to be Observed by D.A.R." A scrap book has been kept by your chairman and may be seen at this Conference.

In closing my term of office, may I congratulate the Chapter Chairmen on the way in which they have carried on in these war years despite many handicaps, and thank them for their cooperation. Real progress has been made, many more press relations chairmen have been appointed by Chapters, and we have become more conscious of the value of publicity to our Society. This will bear fruit when the war is won and we return to the happy days of space not so limited.

**Mrs. Schlater Guest Speaker at Meeting**

Mrs. R. H. Schlater was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Children of the American Revolution last night at the home of Miss Betty Burnett. Mrs. Dean Dunwody sang a medley of southern songs.

*Mar. 10, 1944*

**Children Of American Revolution Hold Meet**

The regular meeting of the Children of the American Revolution was held Monday evening at the home of Charles and Lucy Lukens on Allison avenue.

Percy Taylor, a magician, provided the entertainment for the evening.

*May 11, 1944*

**CAR MEETING**

Plans to visit a nearby historical site was discussed at the meeting of the Children of the American Revolution yesterday afternoon at the home of the president, DeWitt Petterson, on Second street, South Roanoke.

The June meeting will be held at the home of Carlotta Ragland on Richlieu avenue.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON,**

**OCTOBER 3, 1944**

**Miss Penn Hostess To Society Meeting**

The Mill Mountain Society, CAR, met last night at the home of the senior president, Miss Dolly Penn, on Orchid Hill. Officers for the year are: Carlotta Ragland, junior president; Sarah Caldwell, vice-president, Jean Shoaf, secretary, Sara Stonesifer, treasurer, Archer Kennett, historian, Dewitt Peterson, chaplain, and Dean Dunwody, color-bearer.

The history of the Tamassee Mountain school in South Carolina was reviewed. Contributions were voted for it as well as the Rehabilitation Fund for Marines at Ellis Island, for the Day Nursery School at Sacombe Park, England, and the American Indian Loan Fund.

Columbus Day and Navy Day, historic holidays, were appropriately observed by the group. Mrs. R. Hoskins Schlater, regent of the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter, DAR, sponsors of the Mill Mountain Society, greeted the members.

**NOVEMBER 6, 1944.**

**CAR Will Meet**

The Mill Mountain society, CAR, will meet this evening at 7:30 o'clock with Mrs. W. E. Burnett, 222 Rosalind avenue, South Roanoke.

**NOVEMBER 9, 1944**

**CAR Meeting**

Poems about Armistice Day and Thanksgiving were read at the meeting of the Mill Mountain society, Children of the American Revolution, yesterday at the home of Mrs. W. E. Burnett. Conservation of waste paper, tin and fats was discussed.

**DECEMBER 4, 1944.**

**MILL MOUNTAIN C. A. R.**

The Mill Mountain society, C. A. R., will meet at the home of Miss Ann Duncan, Yellow Mountain road, tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

**Miss Duncan, Miss Penn Speakers at CAR Meet**

Miss Mary Duncan gave a talk on "The Constitution" last night at the meeting of the Mill Mountain Society, DAR, at the home of Miss Ann Duncan on the Yellow Mountain Road. Miss Sue Penn read a paper on "Valley Forge."

Christmas cards were sent to the CAR boys and girls now in the armed forces. Scrapbooks were donated for the children's ward at the Roanoke hospital.

**JANUARY 11, 1945.**

**Mill Mountain CAR**

The January meeting of the Mill Mountain CAR was held at the home of Dean Dunwody, Jr., at his home on Rosalind avenue in South Roanoke. Mrs. Dean Dunwody played and sang songs of the Revolution, Civil, World War I and II.

Papers were read on the American Indian. Dewitt Petterson made a talk on the "Life of Robert E. Lee." A social hour was held following the program.

## For the Golden Jubilee Year

a summary regarding

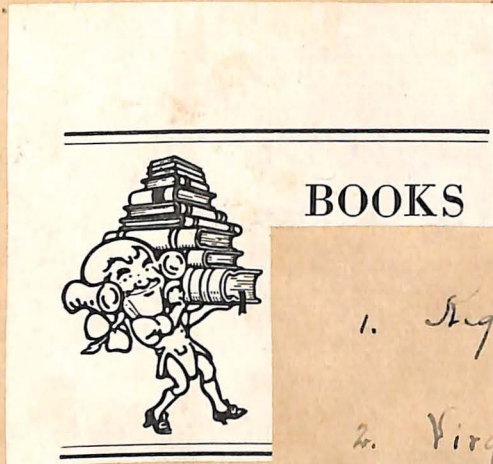
C.A.R.

From the minute books of Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter, D.A.R.

- 1895 Oct. 1 - Miss Daniel read a paper in regards to a movement for forming a children's branch of The D.A.R.
- 1897 Feb. 5 - letter read from Miss Perkins asking that a chapter be organized among the children.
- 1907 Nov. - letter read from Mrs. Frank Bohn, Pres. of the Children's Society of the D.A.R. with reference to organizing a children's society in Roanoke.
- 1927 Jan. 7 - Mrs. Schick presented her report, stating that each Chapter in Roanoke is to form a chapter for children who can be enrolled at any age, and at the age of 18 for girls and 21 for boys automatically become members of the National Society.
- 1928 Dec. 7 - A request from Mrs. Genheimer asking our chapter to sponsor C.A.R. chapter. Motion by Mrs. Horton, seconded by Mrs. Work that we endorse the work of the C.A.R. Carried.
- 1929 (Mill Mountain Society C.A.R., Roanoke, organized April 3, 1929)  
(Organizing and only President Sr. (Mrs. Wm. F.) Sara Shaw Genheimer)

Miss Dolly Penn, Senior President  
1943 - 1946

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**BOOKS**

Belonging to Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter, D.A.R.

1. Stigley's Virginia frontier  
Bought by our chapter in 1938.
2. Virginia Book - History of the Virginia State Society,  
Daughters of the American Revolution with  
Histories of the chapters from 1892 - 1928 inclusive.  
Given to our chapter in March 1940 by Mrs. A. S. Pitner.
3. The Roster of the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution  
1892 - 1936  
Given to our chapter by Mrs. Jos. A. Turner 1940 - 43.
4. Historic Restorations of the Daughters of the American Revolution  
by Lewis Barrington  
Given to our chapter by Mrs. Jos. A. Turner 1940 - 43.



Mrs. M. M. Caldwell is the daughter of General and Mrs. James A. Walker.

She was the first Republican National Committee woman from Virginia from about 1922 - 1928 when she resigned.

She is the author of "The Tie that Binds" and "Donald McElroy - Scotch Irishman".

She was a Charter member of the Stuart Chapter D.A.R., Wytheville, Virginia and served later as its regent.

She was Organizing Vice-President of the Woman's Civic Betterment Club of Roanoke 1907 (later the Woman's Club) and its second president.

She was the President of the Virginia Federation of Woman's Club in 1912.

She was the Regent of our Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter - 1922 - 1925.

From the chapter minute book

November 1896 - Flower show held in a tent on Jefferson Street on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of November was "a success, and the chapter feels justly proud of such an exhibit. The tent was erected on Jefferson St., and was indeed a 'thing of beauty' - decorated in national colors and flags, lighted by electricity, a great profusion of rarest flowers and plants - to this was added the sweetest music and most delightful refreshments.

Sallie H. Staples, Sec'y."

November 4, 1896

"The Sec'y was ordered to write an account of the Flower Show for the chapter, and for publication in the American Monthly." \*

January 1st, 1897

Final report of the result (financially) of the late Flower Show - \$140.36.

The D.A.R. magazine was first published in 1892, under the name of "The American Monthly."

Dec. 8, 1945



Mrs. Anna Churchill

# PIONEER ROANOKER CLAIMED BY DEATH

## Mrs. Anna Churchill Had Resided Here Since 1887

Mrs. Anna Green Churchill, pioneer Roanoker, died Wednesday afternoon at her home, 813 Orchard Hill, after a lingering illness.

A native of Pottsville, Pa., she was the daughter of Mary Shelley and Robert Carr Green and came to Roanoke with her husband, the late C. S. Churchill, in 1887. She would have been 86 years of age on December 20.

Mrs. Churchill was among the charter members of the Roanoke Country club and the Roanoke German club. She was a member of the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter of the D. A. R., and the Circle of Mercy, Daughters of the King. Mrs. Churchill organized the Roanoke branch of the Needlework Guild 30 years ago and was honorary president of the organization at the time of her death.

Surviving are three daughters: Mrs. P. V. Littlejohn, Mrs. C. E. Bertie and Miss Ethel Churchill, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

### Mrs. Anna G. Churchill

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Green Churchill, 84, pioneer Roanoker, who died Wednesday at her home, 813 Orchard Hill, will be conducted at the residence at 11 a. m. today. Interment will be in Evergreen.

Pallbearers will be: John L. Went-

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December 8, 1945  
Mrs. Genheimer and Mrs. Charles G. Hammond, Jr.  
are members of  
Margaret Lynn Lewis  
chapter, D.A.R.

The Roanoke  
December

## Mrs. Caldwell, Pioneer Civic Leader, Dies

Mrs. Willie Walker Caldwell, 86, former Republican national committeewoman from Virginia and for many years a civic leader in Roanoke in the days when the city was rapidly developing, died this morning at her home at 415 King George Ave., S. W.

In 1907, a period when few women engaged in public affairs, Mrs. Caldwell became a pioneer in civic movements when she organized the Civic Betterment club for the purpose of improving conditions in the city. The organization employed the then almost unknown John Nolan, nationally known city planner, and had a survey made of Roanoke's needs and a plan drawn for future development.

The group pressed for school improvements, playgrounds and a cleaner city and was successful in several campaigns. She was also active in the formation of a music club, which later became the Thursday Morning Music club.

Mrs. Caldwell was also a member of the Second Presbyterian church, the Magic City Garden club, the Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter, D. A. R., and the Roanoke Study club. The Civic Betterment club, which she organized later became the Roanoke Woman's club.

### Father Was in Congress

Mrs. Caldwell's interest in national affairs, which prompted her to accept the post of National Committeewoman, stemmed from her father, General James A. Walker, who was the first Republican congressman from Virginia. She was the first woman to serve in such a capacity with a major political party, being named in 1920 after women were given suffrage. She was active in national and State campaigns for a number of years, retiring in 1929.

Born in Newbern, Virginia, the daughter of Sarah Ann Poage and General James A. Walker, she was educated at Mary Baldwin Seminary, at Staunton, which is now Mary Baldwin College. She lived in Wytheville for a few years and in 1887 married M. M. Caldwell, a Roanoke attorney, who died five years ago.

In 1921 she made a tour of Europe with a party of young women for educational purposes. She also conducted a class in personality and charm at National Business College for a number of years in the thirties.

Mrs. Caldwell was injured in a fall about five years ago and had not been active since that time, although she did not become seriously ill until a few weeks ago.

Surviving are one son, J. Walker Caldwell and two daughters, Miss Virginia Graves Caldwell, and Mrs. W. W. S. Butler, all of Roanoke. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.



Mrs. M. M. Caldwell

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

*She was a woman of no mean endowments.—Sallust.*

**Mrs. W. W. Caldwell**

Mrs. W. Caldwell, who passed away Thursday, had been comparatively inactive in civic affairs for some years, due to advancing years and ill health. But in an earlier period in the life of the city she was one of the most useful and universally respected counsellors on civic problems that Roanoke possessed and her sane and wise counsel and deep and unselfish interest in everything pertaining to the welfare and progress of the community were reflected in many constructive and progressive steps that were undertaken and put through to the benefit of the city.

With the late Mrs. Lucian Cocke and other women of like civic vision and interest in the city's development and progress, she was instrumental in organizing the Women's Civic Betterment Club, which made a notable contribution to civic improvement in the early part of the present century and was responsible for school improvements, inauguration of the municipal park and playground system and many other forward-looking steps of which the present generation has been the beneficiary.

A daughter of Gen. James A. Walker, prominent Republican leader and for many years a member of Congress from the Ninth District, Mrs. Caldwell inherited his interest in national and State politics and was a prominent and influential leader in the Republican party in the Sixth District and the State. For a number of years she served as Republican National Committeewoman from Virginia.

A fine and estimable woman has been taken from our midst, one whom Roanoke has abundant cause to remember gratefully and with affectionate esteem. Would that there were more like her. Her life and public service enriched the community and Roanoke is a better city because of her many contributions to its progress and welfare. Her memory will continue to be a lasting challenge to the civic leaders of this and future years.

Mrs. R. Hoskins Sclater's regency, 1943 - 1946, was marked by the chapter's Golden Jubilee celebration which was attended by the President General and State Regent. In October 1943 the chapter voted to give its \$100.00 war bond as its fiftieth anniversary gift to the Virginia Endowment Fund as a memorial to the organizer of the chapter, Mrs. Lelia Smith Cocke. Old and missing yearbooks were found; Souvenir Catalogue 1896 was found and photostated; service Honor Rolls compiled; two articles and cut of Jubilee celebration given space in National Historical Magazine; scrap book received second prize in state contest; chapter received honorable mention for high score in state press publicity. Chapter bought three \$25.00 war bonds in the name of its Student Loan Fund; completed "obligation" to Blue Ridge School (BRIS) building fund by contributing \$109.00; gave \$50.00 to restoration of county records; contributed to blood plasma and bought lineage books for library. Chapter sponsored three radio broadcasts; was in charge of United Service Organization lounge every Friday night through January 1946; furnished hostesses for dances for service men and sent 42 Buddy Bags to service men in the South Pacific. Twenty members were brought into the chapter.

Courier-Record that Mrs. J. M. of Blackstone, who has four sons in the armed forces of the United States, has more sons in the service than any other parent in Blackstone. Each of her four sons are commissioned officers.

Captain S. H. Hurt, U. S. Navy, received his promotion last week from Commander. He is head of the Department of Seamanship and Navigation at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. Captain Hurt has been in the U. S. Navy since his graduation from the Naval Academy in the class of 1917. He saw active service in the Pacific theatre of the war prior to his appointment at Annapolis in June 1942.

Lieutenant Colonel Shirley R. Hurt, of Fort McPherson, Georgia, is now at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, for a two-month's course in the Field Artillery School for staff officers. Lt. Colonel Hurt has been in the service since 1920. He served in World War I following his graduation from Virginia Military Institute in the class of 1916.

Lieutenant Colonel Holcombe H. Hurt, United States Army, is now Area Commanding Officer in charge of medical services to the armed forces on the entire island on which he is stationed. Prior to his recent promotion, he was commanding officer of the hospital unit to which he is attached. Lieutenant Colonel Hurt gave up his practice as a surgeon in Lynchburg to enter active service when the 246th Virginia National Guard was activated on September 15, 1940. He has been in foreign service since February, 1942.

Captain Willson Hurt is attached to the Amphibian Corps and is now stationed at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts. He entered the service on June 20, 1942. Captain Hurt volunteered for service in December, 1941 and was commissioned a captain in the United States Cavalry, but was later transferred to the Amphibian Corps.



Lt. Allen Madison Fontaine U.S.A.

Allen Madison Fontaine entered the armed forces May 1<sup>st</sup> 1941. He was stationed at Camp Holabird, Md. in the Q.M. Truck department. While there for 13 months he became a private first class. From there he was sent to Camp Lee, Va. in July 1942 to Officers Training School. He graduated Oct. 16, 1942 as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. On Nov. 6, 1942 he was sent over seas. Lt. Fontaine served in the Hawaii area for 9 months, then was sent to New Caledonia.

Mrs. J. M. Hurt is  
sister of Miss





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Mrs. R Hoskins Slater and  
Hoskins Mallory Slater  
March 3, 1944.

For the Golden Jubilee Year

The Story of the Marker on "Argonne Hill"

- 1921 Dec.- Chairman of committee on proposed memorial Ave. reported that after numerous calls on the City Council and as many to the different sections of the city committee would advise using circle on King George Ave. Vote on same was taken and carried. Committee consists of Mrs. McNulty chairman with Mrs. Paul, Mrs. Merrill, Mrs. Hairston and Mrs. McClung. Chairman thinks \$125.00 will be required to defray expenses.
- 1922 Jan. 6- The committee formed to devise some befitting marker for King George Circle that may honor all American boys who gave their service during the world war was called on and after much discussion it was voted to plant some kind of trees there, leaving same committee still in charge.
- 1922 Feb.- Mrs. McNulty chairman of committee for marker to do honor to all who served our country in the world war showed plans of the circle on King George Avenue and stated that Mr. Hunter had given permission for the daughters to change the name of circle, provided they submit new name when selected for approval of city council.
- 1922 March- Mrs. McNulty, chairman of her committee showed careful gotten up plans for Memorial Plot. She and Miss Stearnes outline program for planting trees.
- 1922 April- Another name for plot on King George Avenue was discussed, and decided to be left in hands of Committee in charge. There was a motion to adjourn to plot on King George Ave. for the tree planting ceremony which took place at 5 o'clock. A bugle call by Mr. Smith of the Shriners band announced the beginning of the exercises. Bishop R. C. Jett, Chapter Chaplain, read appropriate scripture passages which were followed by a beautiful prayer. Then Mrs. R. Paul gave a history of Arbor Day. The four American birch trees were planted by a group of daughters led by the Regent, the honorary Regent, and two ex Regents. "The Prophecy of the Trees" was given by little Martha Hix following which "Arbor Day" was sung, led by Gordon Baker.
- Then the Regent Mrs. Rowbotham presented in a gracious manner the place planted to the Roanoke Post of American Legion as a memorial to them and their comrades of the World War. The speech of acceptance was made by Mr. Paul Buford Jr. in a patriotic manner. The benediction was pronounced by Bishop Jett.
- 1922 May 5- Mrs. McNulty chairman of committee reported "Argon Hill" as name selected for plot - which was accepted.
- 1922 Nov. 3- Chapter voted to give \$5.00 for bulbs for Argon Park.
- 1922 Dec. 1- Chairman of Argon Park Committee asked for an allowance of \$10.00 a year to keep up and improve the park which was voted upon and carried.
- 1923 Nov. 2- Chairman for Argonne Park Committee reported having seen park commissioner who promised to have water put in park, dogwood trees replaced and other improvements made.
- 1924 Oct. 3- Mrs. McNulty chairman of the Argonne Park committee reported that Mr. Hunter was going to write a letter giving her information about the park, what the city would do and what the daughters were expected to do towards beautifying the grounds.-----Mrs. Hairston made a motion that the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter put a marker in the Park as a Memorial the first money they get. This was seconded and the motion was adopted.

1924 Nov. 8- Mrs. McNulty read a letter from Mr. Hunter stating that there is no record to show that the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter D.A.R. has any supervision over Argonne Hill other than to set out trees or shrubbery there, and that the city will keep the park in good order.

Copy of Mr. Hunter's letter and Resolution No. 867. The original letter is in a large tan envelope in the first scrapbook.

Oct. 7, 1924.

Mrs. C. S. McNulty  
455 Highland Avenue, S.W.  
Roanoke, Virginia.

Dear Mrs. McNulty:

In looking up the records in reference to the Park-way at King George Avenue and 4th Street S.W., I find that on March II, 1922, a communication from the Margrett Lynn Lewis Chapter of the D.A.R. to the Council recommending that this plot be named Memorial Plot. This recommendatic was adopted.

Then on May 6, 1922, upon petition from the Margrett Lynn Lewis Chapt of the D.A.R. endorsed by the property owners, a resolution was adoptd changing the name to Argonne Hill. I am enclosing copy of said resolu tion.

These records do not show that the D.A.R. have any further supervisic over this ground than the naming of the plot, but the City is perfectly willing to allow the D.A.R. to set out any trees or shrubbery they ma care to, and the City will maintain same and see that the Park-way is kept in good order.

Yours truly,

W. P. Hunter  
City Manager

WPH/MHH

Resolution No. 867:

A Resolution to name the plot of ground at the intersection of 4th Street and King George Avenue and the Circle surrounding the same from Woods Avenue to Bluff Avenue "Argonne Hill"

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1924 Dec. 5- Miss Carson, Mrs. Dudley and Mrs. Richardson with Mrs. Gooch of the Art Club, were appointed to form a committee to decide upon an appropriate marker for Argonne Park as a memorial for the World's War Soldiers.

1925 Feb. 6- Miss Carson chairman of the Argonne Park memorial committee made a report and showed a miniature model of the proposed memorial made by Mr. Warren a local sculptor. The proposal was that Mr. Warren would secure a large boulder of stone and model a relief head of a dough boy on it, this Mr. Warren thought could be done for \$150.00. Mrs. Schick moved that the chapter accept Mr. Warren's offer. Mrs. Penn seconded the motion wich was adopted.

1925 Mar. 20- to check for Mr. Warren (marker) ----- \$75.00

1925 Mar. 23- special meeting - in regard to the memorial to be placed on Argonne Hill. The cast of the dough boy's head in relief was submitted, being the work of Mr. T. D. Warren. The work was accepted and an announcement was made that the committee wanted this work done on a better piece of stone than was first planned, - to do this would cost \$100.00 extra. Mrs. Schick and Mrs. Fry very graciously turned over \$50.00 to complete the \$100.00 additional money.

copy

January 13, 1944.

Mayor Leo F. Henebry  
209 S. Jefferson St.  
Roanoke, Va.

Dear Mr. Henebry,

Attention has been called to the changing of the name of "Argonne Hill" and the members of the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter, D.A.R., respectfully submit their protest.

We have in our storage box in the bank vault a letter with inclosure from Mr. W.P.Hunter, a copy of which follows.

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The marker in Argonne Circle was placed by our D.A.R. chapter at a very considerable cost.

We shall greatly appreciate your taking this matter up with the Council. We wish the name to remain as stated in resolution 867 and shall thank you for advising us to that effect.

Yours very truly,



L. D. JAMES  
CITY CLERK

# City of Roanoke, Virginia.

January 19, 1944.

COUNCIL

W. B. CARTER  
R. W. CUTSHALL  
W. COURTNEY KING  
W. M. POWELL  
LEO F. HENEERY, MAYOR

File #85.

Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter,  
Daughters of American Revolution,  
629 Virginia Avenue, S. Rke.,  
Roanoke, Virginia.

Madams:

Your communication under date of January 13, 1944, advising that attention has been called to the changing of the name of "Argonne Hill" and that the Chapter wishes to register protest, was before the Council of the City of Roanoke at its meeting on Monday, January 17, 1944, and I am directed to acknowledge receipt of same and to advise you that no change in the name of the plot of ground in question has been made and that no member of Council or the City Manager has any knowledge of any contemplated change in the name.

Very truly yours,

*L. D. James*  
City Clerk

LDJ/vs

copy

629 Virginia Ave.  
South Roanoke

Feb. 1, 1944

Mr. L. D. James, City Clerk  
Roanoke, Va.

Dear Mr. James,

I herewith acknowledge receipt of your letter of Jan. 19, 1944 regarding "Argonne Hill."

Upon visiting the scene of discussion I noticed signs bearing the name of Calvin Place and no signs showing "Argonne Hill".

Resolution No. 867 reads:

"Be It Resolved by the Council of the City of Roanoke that the plot of land at the intersection of 4th Street and King George Avenue, and that portion of the circle surrounding said plot between Woods and Bluff Avenues be named "Argonne Hill" and dedicated to the memory of the soldiers who lost their lives in the World War."

I wish to know the distinction between Calvin Place and Argonne Hill with reference to resolution 867.

As my visit to your office on Jan. 27, 1944 led us to the engineering department I am mailing Mr. John Wentworth, City Engineer, a copy of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



Mrs. HENRY M. ROBERT, JR.  
PRESIDENT GENERAL  
NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
MEMORIAL CONTINENTAL HALL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

February 10, 1940

My dear Mrs. Cocke:

You have doubtless already learned that the National Society will celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of its founding on October 11, 1940. Plans are now being made to make the celebration of this anniversary one to be long remembered. We hope that through it our work and our activities may be better known to the public, that our members may be drawn together in closer unity as they realize the privileges of membership and that our sphere of usefulness in fulfilling our purposes may be increased.

Our records show that fifty of our charter members are still living. We hope that many of these may return to Washington for the Anniversary celebration. I am writing thus early that you may begin planning to be with us on the nights of October 10 and October 11 this next fall. We are endeavoring to communicate directly with every charter member. If, by chance, you hear of one who has been overlooked, I will greatly appreciate your notifying me. As soon as tentative plans are approved we will forward details.

The Anniversary projects of the National Society include:

First: The presentation of a portrait of the first President General, Caroline Scott Harrison, to the Harrison Mansion in Indianapolis, now restored as a museum. This project was completed on October 11, 1939, marking the beginning of our fiftieth year.

Second: The construction on the ground floor of Memorial Continental Hall of two archives and documents rooms, air-conditioned and equipped for the proper protection of valuable original historical documents, many of which we have not been able to accept because of no facilities for protecting them. We hope in time, also, to house here a valuable collection of books upon the Revolutionary period. Our splendid genealogical library has, as you know, devoted its principal attention to genealogy, which has been both wise and essential. We feel that a Society such as

Mrs. Cooke  
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ours should also build up through the coming years a fine library upon the Revolution itself.

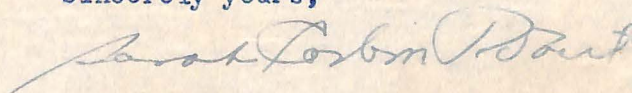
Third: The creation of an endowment fund. Increased costs of operating our buildings, together with enlarged activities, make it difficult to maintain or expand our work with no other income but our regular annual dues. The creation of an endowment fund is therefore essential. We are hoping that a substantial start may be made during this anniversary period.

Fourth: The planting by the states of forests of Penny Pines, not alone for the benefit which these forests may be, but also for the example to others in showing how much can be accomplished in conservation through little effort.

Many states and chapters are completing interesting special anniversary projects. I enclose a letter from our Curator General which explains the special anniversary program of the museum in which we hope that all charter members will wish to cooperate.

Hoping that we may have the pleasure of seeing you in Washington next October, I am, with all good wishes

Sincerely yours,



Mrs. Henry M. Robert, Jr.,  
President General, N.S.D.A.R.

Mrs. Lucian H. Cocke,  
818 Orchard Hill,  
Roanoke, Virginia.





MRS. WILLARD STEELE  
CURATOR GENERAL, N.S.D.A.R.  
MEMORIAL CONTINENTAL HALL  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 1940.

Dear Charter Member:

You are at this time receiving a letter from our President General, Mrs. Henry M. Robert, Jr. outlining the general plans for the celebration of our Golden Jubilee. As Charter Members we feel that you are particularly interested in this important event.

The object of our Daughters of the American Revolution Museum is to collect, display and preserve articles of historic interest of Colonial Times and of the Federal Period or up to 1820. We would like to enlarge and round out our collections materially by the time of our Golden Jubilee and we invite you to have a part in our plans and projects.

We are hoping that you may have in your possession some distinguished examples of early American silver, glass or china that you would like to present to the Museum at this time. We are also interested in having Colonial costumes and textiles, paintings and miniatures and objects that have a real historical association. We must remind you that according to our rules, donors are asked to submit for approval descriptions, and, if possible, pictures of the objects, before sending the gifts.

Along with collecting relics and museum pieces of early historical significance, the Society wishes to bring together papers, pictures, programs, officers' badges and objects which relate to the history and growth of our organization. A special room in Memorial Continental Hall will be set aside for this purpose. The Historian General and the Curator General are cooperating in this project. The selection of historical material of the Society's history will be by a committee to be appointed by the President General, under the chairmanship of the Historian General, Mrs. Leland Stanford Duxbury. Gifts for this room should be sent to her at Memorial Continental Hall, Washington, D.C.

We know that you will enjoy participating in every way, in the Golden Jubilee Celebration and we hope that you will have a part in our special Museum projects.

Faithfully yours,

*Willard Steele*  
Mrs. Willard Steele  
Curator General, N.S.D.A.R.

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The Regent and the Executive Board  
of the

Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter

Daughters of the American Revolution

request the pleasure of your company

at the celebration of the Chapter's Fiftieth Anniversary

on Friday, the fourth of February

at three o'clock

Hotel Roanoke

Roanoke, Virginia



# National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution

MRS. JULIUS YOUNG TALMADGE  
PRESIDENT GENERAL

BUDDY BAGS

MRS. ARTHUR C. HOUGHTON, CHAIRMAN  
2630 UNIVERSITY PLACE, N.W.  
WASHINGTON 9, D.C.

May 24, 1945

Miss Lucy D. Wingfield  
217 Mountain Avenue  
Roanoke, Virginia

Dear Miss Wingfield:

The two big boxes of Buddy Bags have just this minute arrived, and I opened them immediately. What wonderful bags, and as I opened bag after bag, I kept saying to myself, "The blessed darlings--they have filled these bags just exactly right". The candy is in tin boxes, the cheery messages are on post cards of Roanoke--in fact, EVERYTHING is just as I could have wished it, just as I have tried so hard to put it across to all the Chapters. Please tell your members that they just cannot realize how much it means to me to get bags like these--nor how much it means to our men to get such bags. I am quite sure, as you said in your letter, that your members enjoyed filling each of the forty-one bundles of cheer, and felt, as I do, a sense of personal enrichment when working with the bags.

Miss Belle Browning and I have become such good friends via the Correspondence Course method, subject: Buddy Bags. I was delighted when she wrote me some time ago that the members of Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter were anxious to have a part in this project, and the splendid bags from her Chapter gave me many new ideas which I have passed on to other Chapters.

The bags are going out next week, and I understand that they are by-passing New Guinea now and are heading straight for the Philippines. Who knows, some of them may go to Okinawa, for they have gone to each advanced base as it has been secured. In the last three months, I have sent 2,747 to the Pacific area, and the bags continue to come in, generous Daughters responding to my urgent plea.

So please tell your members how very grateful I am to them, and how deeply I appreciate their splendid cooperation. With best wishes for a pleasant summer,

Yours very sincerely,

Mrs. Arthur C. Houghton

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## DISTRICT MEETING PROGRAM

1. Call to Order - Mrs. W. E. Burnette,  
State Historian
2. Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. National Anthem
5. Welcome - Mrs. H. F. Lewis,  
Sycamore Shoals
6. Reading of New Article XIV of State  
By-Laws pertaining to Districts  
(found on page 25 of State Pro-  
ceedings).
7. Roll Call
8. Appointment of Tellers
9. Election of District Officers
10. Presentation of newly elected officers  
and turning over meeting to Director
11. Musical interlude
12. Talk - State Regent
13. Reports of State Officers present
14. Reports of State Chairmen present
15. National Defense Period - Questions  
and Answers at conclusion (30-40  
min.) Mrs. Duerg presiding  
Recess for Luncheon 12:15 P.M.
16. Chapter Regents Workshop - State  
Regent presiding
17. Program - Movies: Our National Buildings  
Americanism film
18. "Thank You" - Courtesy resolutions
19. Presentation of entire Hostess Chapter  
membership
20. Reading of minutes
21. Adjournment

Chapters	State
Alleghany.....	Blacksburg, Va.
Regent - Mrs. Robert T. Ellett	Blacksburg, Va.
Aspenvale.....	Bristol, Va.
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Blacks Fort.....	Abingdon, Va.
Regent - Mrs. C. H. Butt	363 Bradley St., Abingdon, Va.
Boone Trail.....	Big Stone Gap, Va.
Regent - Mrs. Frank Handy	309 Wise St., Appalachia, Va.
Colonel William Christian..	Christiansburg, Va.
Regent - Mrs. S. C. Richardson	Christiansburg, Va.
Colonel William Preston....	Roanoke, Va.
Regent - Mrs. Lacy Edgerton	Box 1581, Roanoke, Va.
Count Pulaski.....	Pulaski, Va.
Regent - Mrs. Hensel Eckman	810 Prospect Ave., Pulaski, Va.
Floyd Court House.....	Air Point, Va.
Regent - Mrs. O. E. Tinsley	Air Point, Va.
Fort Chiswell.....	Bristol, Va.
Regent - Mrs. Floyd Roberts	815 Oak St., Bristol, Va.
Fort Lewis.....	Salem, Va.
Regent - Mrs. Edwin K. Mattern	208 Taylor St., Salem, Va.
Fort Maiden Springs.....	Tazewell, Va.
Regent - Mrs. L. L. Dickenson	Tazewell, Va.
Gen. William Campbell.....	Radford, Va.
Regent - Mrs. R. S. Hopkins	Radford, Va.
George Pearis.....	Narrows, Va.
Regent - Mrs. Ralph V. Ott	Narrows, Va.
Lovelady.....	Pennington Gap, Va.
Regent - Mrs. W. O. Edds	Pennington Gap, Va.

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Madam Russell.....Bristol, Va.  
Regent - Mrs. Blair Preston  
916 Prospect Ave., Bristol, Va.

Major George Gibson.....Gibson Station, Va.  
Regent - Mrs. R. P. Fugate  
Gibson Station, Va.

Margaret Lynn Lewis.....Roanoke, Va.  
Regent - Mrs. W. R. Ellis  
2810 Avenham Ave. S.W.  
Roanoke, Va.

Nancy Christian Fleming.....Roanoke, Va.  
Regent - Mrs. E. Lee Trinkle  
3263 Somerset St., Prospect Hills,  
Roanoke, Va.

Stuart.....Wytheville, Va.  
Regent - Mrs. Bernard C. Ward  
Wytheville, Va.

Sycamore Shoals.....Bristol, Va.  
Regent - Mrs. C. A. Meadows  
1007 Anderson Street  
Bristol, Tennessee

Wilderness.....Wytheville, Va.  
Regent - Mrs. Alexander M. Davis  
Wytheville, Va.



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## Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution

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Dear Mrs. Ellis:

The reception yesterday was such a lovely affair in every detail!

In saying "thank you" I wish to express my appreciation not only for the lovely party we so thoroughly enjoyed but also gratitude to your many members who devoted time and energy to the arrangements — Mrs. Rawbotham, Mrs. Delater, Mrs. Preston, Mrs.

Denwood, Mrs. Cochran and  
all the others. Of course, a  
very special "thank you" goes  
to Lane Burnett who so kindly  
and thoughtfully provided transpor-  
tation and took care of every  
detail contributing to my  
pleasure - and to you as Regent.

In thanking your members  
please tell them how appreciative  
I was of the opportunity to meet  
the various local Rodwake Chapter  
memberships under such  
pleasant and happy circumstances.  
I shall long remember the oc-  
casion with delight and joy.

Sincerely  
Hudson Wendure Stinson  
October 7th



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Your Request invites  
you to tea in Mrs. Genheimer's  
garden to honor the  
founders of our Margaret  
Lynn Lewis Chapter on  
Saturday, June twelfth,  
at five o'clock.

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2318 Rosalind Avenue  
Roanoke, Virginia  
March 4, 1948

Elizabeth C. Grasty  
% Richmond Times Dispatch  
Richmond Virginia

My dear Madam :

I am interested in your article on Margaret Lynn Lewis which appeared in the Richmond Times Dispatch, Sunday, February 15, 1948, and shall appreciate it very much if you will help me by giving me the name and address of the hostess who misrepresented the portrait in her home as that of Margaret Lynn Lewis, (that is the one who allowed the portrait to be photographed.)

Authentic history is important in this age of inaccuracy and it will be kind of you to help me in this matter; I shall appreciate a reply at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. W. E. Burnett Jr.)

Mrs. J. S. Grasty  
1830 University Circle  
Charlottesville, Va.

March 8, 1948.

Dear Mrs. Barnett,

In reference to your note of the 4<sup>th</sup>; — The person who allowed a photograph to be taken of the so-called portrait of Margaret Lynne Lewis has been dead for about 15 years and her home is no longer in existence. The picture has changed hands several times during the past few years and I am unable to give you the address of the present owner.

The painting hung for many years, in the home of a prominent family in a Virginia

Town and any number of  
persons know the story I've  
told it -

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth C. Grasty.



## Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

2318 Rosalind Avenue  
March 12, 1948

Mrs. J. S. Grasty  
1831 University Circle  
Charlottesville, Virginia

My dear Mrs. Grasty :

I thank you for your prompt reply to my recent inquiry concerning your article which appeared in the Richmond Times Dispatch, Sunday, February 15, 1948, about MARGARET LYNN LEWIS.

I am not a descendant of Margaret Lynn Lewis nor to my knowledge related to any one who is, but as REGENT of a Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, named for her, it is my duty to verify any statements pertaining her history.

The incident which you mentioned of the bored hostess who pointed to a portrait in her home as that of Margaret Lynn Lewis and later allowed it to be copied as such is of historic value; the fact that she is dead does not lessen its importance. Therefore you can be of invaluable assistance to me and my Chapter if you will give me the name of the hostess, the date and place of residence where the incident occurred; also the name and place of residence of the prominent family in whose home the portrait hung for many years. In this way you will help me to clear our Chapter records concerning the portrait.

I shall indeed appreciate your interest in this matter and a reply at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. W. E. Burnett Jr.), Regent  
of the Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter, D.A.R.

Mrs. J. S. Grasty  
1834 University Circle  
Charlottesville, Va.

Dear Mrs. Burnett,

March 19, 1948

The so-called portrait of Margaret Lynn Lewis was brought from France soon after the Civil War and given to Mrs. Margaret Lynn P. Cochran (deceased) of Staunton, Va. The picture was in her home from that time until the death of her youngest daughter, about 18 years ago, when the house was bought by Mary Baldwin College.

In a spirit of fun, this picture was referred to, by the family, as "Margaret Lynn", no one taking it seriously until a Lewis descendant from the West, arrived for a visit, about 35 or 40 years ago.

This descendant (I do not know her name) was anxious to trace her Virginia forebears and, hearing the lovely portrait in her host's library called "Margaret Lynn", sent for a photographer

who photographed the picture. And so, what seemed at the moment, to the hosters, to be a practical joke on the Western Cousin, has proved a serious error.

I happen to have known Mrs. Cochran and her daughters and was in their home many, many times - I am perfectly familiar with the picture (and the hoop of many years ago -

The photograph of a painting of a 19<sup>th</sup> century French lady has been accepted by many persons, in a casual and thoughtless way, as a likeness of Margaret Lynn Lewis.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth C. Gasty.

It is with loving reverence  
that we pay tribute today to Jane  
Leache Baskerville, who passed  
into the Great Beyond on Dec. 14, 1944.

She was an invaluable  
member of the Margaret Lynn  
Lewis Chapter D. A. R. and had  
entertained the Chapter  
delightfully just two short  
weeks before her death.

Mrs. Baskerville was born in  
Staeburg, Shenandoah County,  
Virginia. She was married in  
Pulaski to John B. Baskerville who  
is now retired General Claims  
agent for the Norfolk and  
Western Railway.

She was a loyal and  
devoted member of St. John's  
Episcopal Church, having  
been active in that parish  
since moving to Raacohe  
in 1905.

She was a member of the  
United Daughters of the Con-  
federacy and also a member  
of the Mill Mountain Garden Club.



At the time of her death  
she was serving as second  
vice-regent of the Margaret  
Lynn Lewis Chapter D.A.R.  
She was buried in Oakwood  
Cemetery, Pulaski.

In her beautiful Christian  
character she has left us  
a heritage of which we may  
proudly speak and she  
will live in our mem-  
ories throughout the years  
to come.

"To live in hearts we leave  
behind is not to die"

Mrs. Charles T. Lukers  
Treas-

It is with a desire  
to pay tribute to your  
mind — Mrs. Julia [unclear] [unclear]  
Staunton, Virginia

Having known her as a member of the S. A. R., C. A. R.,  
Daughters of the War of 1812, a member of the Pen Women of  
America, an ardent King's Daughter and a  
member of the Presbyterian Church, I feel that  
to do her justice in these few moments

as an officer of the Patriotic Societies, she was  
only capable but an efficient organizer —  
was a writer she was not only interesting but untiring  
in efforts to obtain true facts + historical data  
out from ancient + dusty files — she has  
set forth in her work of compiling the true history  
of the Presbyterian churches of our Presbyterian  
during the term she served as Historian.

Through every phase of her different contacts  
a delightful humorous strain that is so blended  
all + so full of us  
Conference, I have known the business of the  
to be set aside while all adjourned to hear  
Cassell make her report — It was so good  
fellowship together with her in this hour of joy + mirth  
as she told so vividly of her experiences + accomplishments

Although she was an out-of-town member of our  
Chapter, her influence was felt + her spirit will always  
be carried in the hearts of her many fortunate friends!

Truly, when we think of her having no children, but  
giving so freely of herself for them —  
not being in need of any material want, yet providing  
for those not so fortunate as herself —  
we feel that we have had the privilege of walking  
with one of God's most ~~valuable~~ <sup>precious</sup> creations — a ~~true~~  
American, Southern woman —

Sarah Sherr Genderson  
(Mrs. W. F. Genderson)

Roanoke, Virginia  
5/13/44

For the ...

Read May 19, 1940.

To-day we say good-bye to Nora Huddleston Payne, a beloved and faithful daughter of the Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was born in West Chester near Philadelphia and was the daughter of William Hewlings and Phoebe Ann VanLeer Huddleston.

Her ancestry was colorful and varied, one grandmother having been a Quaker preacher who traveled as far as England in an effort to spread her faith. In contrast to the Quaker branch, she was also descended from the family that claimed "Mad Anthony Wayne", a soldier who fought so bravely with Washington and Lafayette in the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Payne was a soldier too, but one who battled only for what was humane and right. The Mersey House benefitted from her kindness and generosity, the King's Daughters, the Salvation Army Nursery School and many other civic and charitable organizations received her help and encouragement. She was a devoted member of the Episcopal Church and worked for it continually always striving to stimulate others to help every good cause the Church supported.

When Mrs. Payne was quite young, her father's family moved to Shenandoah, Va. There she married Alexander Spotswood Payne. They moved to Roanoke shortly after their marriage and lived here almost continuously until 1923. In that year Mr. Payne was made superintendent of the Norfolk Division of the Norfolk and Western Railway and was transferred to Crewe.

Shortly after going to Crewe, Mrs. Payne was asked by a group of women of the town to serve as regent should a chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution be formed. This she agreed to do and became the first regent of the James Allen Chapter. At the insistence

of the members of this chapter, Mrs. Payne continued as regent for the next seven years, during which time the chapter grew from a very small beginning to a membership of more than thirty people.

The James Allen Chapter had a number of outstanding achievements to its credit, the chief of which was the erection at "West-creek" in Nottaway Co. of a handsome stone marker commemorating the spot where Peter Francisco captured single handed nine of Gen. Tarleton's dragoons. The marker was presented with formal dedication ceremonies, several state officers of the Daughters of the American Revolution being present.

A year or so after her return to Roanoke, Mrs. Payne rejoined The Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter and served most capably as chairman of the Committee on Geneological Research until the time of her death on August 30, 1944.

It has been said that there is no one living whose place can not be filled. It is true that a new member may be added to the Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter but that daughter can never fill the special spot in our hearts dedicated to the memory of Nora VanLeer Payne.

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1944

The Regent and the Executive Board  
of the

Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter  
Daughters of the American Revolution

request the pleasure of your company  
at the celebration of the Chapter's Fiftieth Anniversary  
on Friday, the fourth of February  
at three o'clock  
Hotel Roanoke  
Roanoke, Virginia



# THE EAGLE'S WINGS

*An address delivered at the opening session of the  
56th Continental Congress, Monday evening,  
May 19, 1947*

By MRS. JULIUS Y. TALMADGE  
*President General*



NATIONAL SOCIETY,  
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May, 1947

## THE EAGLE'S WINGS\*

**G**REET you tonight in Constitution Hall—our own Constitution Hall, planned and built—and paid for, by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Every delegate and alternate, every officer who is here tonight feels the inspiration of this occasion. I can see, reflected in your faces, the joy that is in my own heart and the thrill that is in my soul, to see the doors of Constitution Hall open wide once again to welcome a Continental Congress!

This is the first full-sized gathering of our members at National headquarters since before the war. It is a record gathering, for in addition to the full complements of delegates and alternates, many, many members have come to Washington.

Our welcome, therefore, is all the more cordial to those who are our distinguished guests this evening and to all who are taking part in this opening session.

To many of us, however, that joy is tempered by the loss of one of our beloved members, yes, one of our most faithful members, who was so unexpectedly taken from us only a little over a month ago. She is not with us tonight. Divine Providence ruled otherwise. But she will live in our hearts and the record of her devoted service to the Daughters of the American Revolution will shine like gold on the pages of our history. I speak of Mrs. John Logan Marshall. I know you join me in paying her tribute tonight.

Yesterday a most fitting prelude to our Fifty-Sixth Congress was held at historic Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, made

\* The 56th Continental Congress voted that this address be printed and distributed to the Delegates of the Congress.



immortal by George Washington and his faithful soldiers during the dark days of the struggle of the American Colonies for liberty and freedom.

There, on the Sabbath Day, we reverently dedicated the Memorial Bell Tower. I know those who made the pilgrimage will always remember the event. We returned to Washington, last night, tired but happy in the realization that the stately Memorial Bell Tower will soon be constructed. It will be another of the many lasting monuments erected by our National Society.

The keynote of this Congress is "Americanism." If our country ever needed to put its accent on "Americanism," it needs to now. And so I have chosen as the title of this address—"The Eagle's Wings." The American Eagle is the symbol of our strength, of our protection, of our courage, of our ability to soar high and surmount any obstacle, any crisis.

The United States of America, the domain of the American Eagle, has become the greatest nation in the world. That is an actual fact. We, however, are just beginning to grasp the full significance of what this means and have not yet sensed the responsibilities which this place in the sun entails.

Our own National Society, likewise, has grown in strength and in power, more so than most of us realize. We now have over 156,000 members. Our membership is steadily increasing, and as our Society grows, its responsibilities increase.

Thus this Fifty-Sixth Continental Congress is a very important gathering. We have many serious problems to consider. There is much to review and there is much to plan in advance. A new administration will be elected.

Will the policies which have carried our Society high on wings of achievement in the past, even through the strife of the dark war years, endure? Will we continue to march forward in unity, a proud, fearless and true organization?

Your answer to that resounded to the rafters of Convention Hall in Atlantic City a year ago when we met there. Your answer, I trust, is still as emphatic this very minute in Constitution Hall.

The National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution will endure as a vigorous, forceful organization only so long as it remains true to the ideals on which it was founded. It will disintegrate if it becomes a house divided. We must always be prepared to meet with complete unity the forces who oppose us. It is necessary to remember this, because war brought a spirit of unrest not only to nations, but to individuals. The world is in a state of irritation. And nations, and individuals, when irritated are apt to become quarrelsome. Peace for America has not meant serenity under the Eagle's wings.

This administration, born during the war, was never one of "appeasement." We had seen, only too clearly, the terrible consequences of such a course. We substituted another word for "appeasement"—"Action!"

Neither did we adopt a policy of silence in the face of criticism. We have been quick to reply to those who attacked our Society. We have been frank and we have been honest in meeting any situation either external or internal which demanded clear, wide-open explanation or exposition. Daylight never harmed anyone.

We have never departed from the objects of our Society as set forth in our constitution and by-laws. Now, perhaps, more than at any other time in the fifty-six years of the existence of the Daughters of the American Revolution, we should devote ourselves in particular to the third objective in our constitution:

"To cherish, maintain, and extend the institutions of American freedom, to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty."

This nation of ours is really at a cross-roads. Decisions now in the making will govern the course of our great country in the years to come. Millions of people are oppressed and millions of others suffer hunger and distress. Right now human beings are being killed in strife and in warfare in a world supposedly at peace.

America is a strong country because it has many resources, tremendous productive capacity, and because its citizens enjoy the highest standards of living. Because we are strong we are called upon to help other nations less fortunate than ourselves.

The spreading wings of the American Eagle cover much of the suffering in the world and protect many of the oppressed who cry in agony for help. And the American Eagle has flown far overseas to bring relief to the weak. Can we grasp the full significance of those outstretched wings which we see upon the silver pieces of our currency, together with the word "Liberty" and the message, "In God We Trust"?

These wings are emblematic not only of power and of might. During the war they were extended upward until they formed a V—the V for victory which came at last when we were prepared and were able to turn our screaming eagle loose upon the dictator war-lords. Now they are spread widely to shield suffering humanity.

This afternoon many of us learned once again the lesson of preparedness as brought out at the National Defense Committee mass meeting. I need not enlarge upon this except to say the Daughters of the American Revolution will always stand for a defense adequate to protect us from attacks from any nation whatsoever in the world.

We must keep the wings of the Eagle strong and be ever watchful against any weakening of our naval or of our military strength. It is our best insurance for peace. It is actually the best insurance for peace *in the entire world*.

Our Society has consistently advocated adequate national

defense throughout the years. We have seen the evil effects of disarmament. We have seen treaties violated and we have been attacked because we were unprepared. Therefore, we look with suspicion upon suggestions, no matter from what source, which would whittle down our armed strength below the safety level.

Our stand on national defense and the preservation of our system of government is one of the reasons Communists oppose the D.A.R. I assure you this feeling is mutual.

Our organization should stand behind every movement by our federal and state legislatures to outlaw communism. We should tolerate no one in public office who is secretly working to overthrow our government and substitute the totalitarian system of a foreign power. The spread of communism in this country must be stopped! It can be stopped if we emphasize that the only "ism" in this land is "Americanism."

Every Daughter of the American Revolution should constitute herself a committee of one to oppose by every means within her power the infiltration of communistic teachers in our schools and colleges and to combat the spreading of communistic poison in the minds of our young students.

During the past year our National Society has been the target of only a few feeble attacks by Communists, fellow travelers, and those who oppose our Society because of political or publicity advantage. Can it be that at long last they have learned that we not only can "take it" but we can give it back?

One of the best ways to combat subversive activities is to build a better citizenship, especially among those of the rising generation. That has always been one of the main objectives of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Let us give youth a chance. The least we can do for our young people of today is to provide every educational advantage for them. Let us equip them with the tools with which they can work.

We can point with pride to the Approved Schools program of the D.A.R. Society. This program has grown steadily until it is now one of the most important of the Society's projects. Our two D.A.R. schools in the southern mountains, Tamasee and Kate Duncan Smith, entirely supported by D.A.R. funds, have enabled hundreds of underprivileged boys and girls to secure an education. There is where the Eagle flies *high*, for there, mountain boys and girls are sturdy Americans.

We should carry our educational program, however, into every city and town in the country. Let us do something when opportunity presents itself, to help the girl and the boy around our own corner.

If our young people stray into the ranks of communism, if they become radicals, if they stray from the rugged path of American citizenship, we have but ourselves to blame. Let us not condemn every juvenile delinquent as bad. In many cases the girl or boy only needs guidance.

Youth faces today a world of confusion, a world falling apart. We must provide opportunities for our young men and young women to make a decent living, to have good homes and to live in security and peace. If we fail in this, we are not keeping the Eagle's wings strong. We are not demonstrating "Americanism."

Our Society emerged from World War conditions stronger than ever before. It is as though the fires of war tempered our great organization and welded it more solidly. How shall we use our strength, our vigor? What should be our chief activity?

The National Society is working to build a better citizenship. Our whole program of activities is geared to this for we have national committees covering the fields of education, of Americanism, naturalization, conservation, home-making, and others. Through these programs we can keep our Eagle flying high.

To do this we must have solidarity. We must devote ourselves to our Chapter activities. A chain is no stronger than its weakest link. Our National Society is no stronger than its Chapters. The Chapter is the unit, and the worth of our Society is judged by the service rendered in the community by our more than 2,500 chapters.

After all, what is the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution? Is it a patriotic society operating from buildings of white marble located in the Nation's Capital? It is more than that.

Is it an organization to promote social gatherings? It is not that at all.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is an army of women citizens of all walks of life working to preserve and protect our cherished institutions in order to make this a better country in which to live and in which to find security.

With all the uncertainty about us, we must stress "Americanism,"—we need a great spiritual awakening. We need faith. Faith in our country, faith in our National Society and faith in ourselves will enable us to demonstrate the type of citizenship so much needed in our everyday life today.

And when I say faith I mean a fighting faith, a faith based upon the determination to stand for what we know to be right. The faith which inspired the immortal John Paul Jones who, with wounded men and a sinking ship, sent back the defiant answer when asked to surrender—"Surrender? I have not yet begun to fight."

Let this be a fruitful meeting. May we plan wisely and well. May we remain true to our ideals. May we be proud of the American Eagle in the knowledge that we are doing our part to keep the Eagle's wings great and strong.

These past three years have been eventful. Without your unflinching support I would have been in the valley of despair

many, many times. But your abiding faith gave me the strength to rise above all of the trials and troubles and to stand with head held high even against unwarranted attacks.

Out of all the tempest we have emerged stronger than ever before. We pass the torch to another bearer, knowing that it will be carried to greater heights and that the circle of its light of Americanism will ever expand.

And so I come to the close of my final keynote message to you as your President General. I am grateful for all you have done in behalf of this administration. I appreciate the great privilege I have enjoyed in being surrounded by such a splendid group of officers, committee chairmen and workers.

More than everything else, however, I cherish the real friendship so many of you have shown for me as the weeks and months passed by. That friendship has not been written in the sands, but is engraved in our hearts.

It is as enduring as the inscription carved in the stone above the entrance of this Constitution Hall. It was uttered by George Washington at the Constitutional Convention of 1787. I quote it:

“Let us raise a standard to which the wise  
and honest can repair.  
The event is in the hands of God.”

The time has come to say—not farewell—but . . . thank you . . . from my heart.

# Young Women's Christian Association



WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

525 GLADE STREET

October 6, 1942

Margaret Lewis Lynn Chapter, D.A.R.  
c/o Mrs. R.H. Sclater, Treasurer  
Virginia Ave. So. Rke.  
Roanoke, Virginia

My dear friends:

Enclosed, you will find a check. I don't want you to think that it is just an ordinary check, for it isn't. It is the very first check which has been written and torn from my new check book. I think it is very fitting that the first one should be yours, for I do truly believe that my present position would not have been within reach, had you not lent a helping hand.

May I tell you just a little about it? My title is Industrial Secretary of the Winston-Salem Y.W.C.A. How I wish you might see the beautiful building in which I work. It is new, just being occupied since the spring, and is truly a lovely place. My associates, the other Secretaries, here have been so kind to their junior addition, and the girls with whom I work are awfully nice. The work is creative, and gives one great leaveway in activities.

My college training, particularly in our Student Y.W.C.A. has helped so much. Naturally, had I not had that experience there, I would never have chosen this as my vocation. And so you see just what a big part you have played in making my present life so happy. My school days are but pleasant memorise, but the knowledge learned there, the friends made there, and the life lived there have meant more than words can express. I do thank you for them, and now perhaps you see just why I want the first check to go to you.

I shall think of you all often, as we go through this trying time, wishing for you happiness and peace of mind and spirit.

Sincerely,

The Story of Our First \$100.00 US War Bond

- Apr. 1942 Ex. Board meeting. It was mentioned as a SUGGESTION that the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter observe the 50th anniversary of the Margaret Lynn Lewis chapter by donating \$100.00 to the Endowment Fund, the interest to be used to pay the regent's dues.
- May 1942 chapter meeting. Mrs. Preston made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Key, to purchase a \$100.00 Bond without delay. Carried.
- Oct. 1942 Ex. Board meeting. Mrs. Sclater, treasurer, reported that the \$100.00 WAR BOND had been bought as the chapter voted to do. Mrs. Turner, Regent, discussed observing the 50th anniversary of the Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter by donating \$100.00 to the Endowment Fund. Mrs. Turner suggested that the \$100.00 war bond just purchased could be transferred to the endowment fund if the members wished it that way.
- Nov. 1942 Ex. Board meeting. The recommendation stated immediately below was sent to chapter meeting.
- Nov. 1942 chapter meeting. The following recommendation was presented: "That the first \$100.00 US War Bond purchased by the chapter be set aside as our 50th anniversary gift, the interest to pay each incoming regent's dues." Mrs. Sclater made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Richardson, and unanimously voted by the chapter that the recommendation be adopted.
- Sept. 1943 Ex. Board meeting. The following was voted on as a recommendation: "That this \$100.00 US War Bond be given to the Endowment Fund as a memorial to the organizer of our chapter, Mrs. Lelia Smith Cocke."
- Oct. 1943 Ex. Board meeting. The following Substitute recommendation was offered to take the place of the recommendation voted on at the Sept. 1943 Ex. Bd. meeting: "That the first \$100.00 US War Bond purchased by our chapter be given as our 50th anniversary gift to the Endowment Fund as a memorial to the organizer of our chapter, Mrs. Lelia Smith Cocke, the interest upon maturity of the bond to be applied each year on the regent's dues." Motion made by Mrs. Turner, seconded, and unanimously carried that the Ex. Board accept the Substitute recommendation. Motion made by Mrs. J.B. Baskerville, seconded, and unanimously carried that this substitute recommendation be sent from the Ex. Bd. to the chapter meeting for further action regarding our \$100.00 War Bond.
- Oct. 1943 chapter meeting. The members voted unanimously on the recommendation which reads: "That the first \$100.00 US War Bond purchased by our chapter be given as our 50th anniversary gift to the Endowment Fund as a memorial to the organizer of our chapter, Mrs. Lelia Smith Cocke, the interest upon maturity of the bond to be applied each year on the regent's dues."
- Nov. 1943 chapter meeting. The above paragraph was amended by adding the word chapter before the word regent's and adding the word Virginia before the word Endowment. Motion made by Mrs. Churchill, seconded by Mrs. Lukens, and unanimously carried.
- As amended: "That the first \$100.00 US War Bond purchased by our chapter be given as our 50th anniversary gift to the Virginia Endowment Fund as a memorial to the organizer of our chapter, Mrs. Lelia Smith Cocke, the interest upon maturity of the bond to be applied each year on the chapter regent's dues." Voted upon unanimously.