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## SMITH URGES FOREST NEEDS

### Conservation Head Discusses Important Forestry Problems

There needs to be a real awakening in Virginia to the value of farm woodlands and to the need of keeping them continuously productive in order to promote a sound, enduring rural economy, writes N. Clarence Smith, chairman of the Virginia Conservation Commission, in an article entitled, "Forestry in a Balanced Farm Program," in the August issue of The Southern Planter.

"When these lands begin to produce their maximum forest yields, we may confidently expect the establishment of new industries which will offer real relief to many of the social and economic problems confronting Virginia today," he stated. "With the advent of such new industries will come stabilization of property values, decreased unemployment, permanent homes and a happier, a more contented and a more prosperous people."

Pointing to the economic importance of timber farming to Virginia, Mr. Smith said that according to the latest available census figures, the principal forest and wood using industries in Virginia, including lumber, pulp and paper, plywoods, poles, piling, ties, veneer stock and other forest products outrank all other industries in the State, except agriculture. This situation exists, (despite lack of proper management, and care and attention in many parts of the State.

Mr. Smith declared that there are in Virginia millions of acres of cut-over and idle land, much of which is non-restocking, a burden on owners and contributing little to the public revenue, that can be restored to productive use through forestry.

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## U. D. C. LAUDS SOUTH- ERN PATRIOTIC AIR

Mrs. E. H. Nash, Mrs. Geo. Kasehagen and Mrs. R. A. Hutchison were hostesses to the Manassas Chapter U.D.C. the first Wednesday in August, at the home of Mrs. Hutchison.

Mrs. William A. Coleman of Alexandria, Division historian, and Mrs. N. Ingraham Hall of Fairfax Station, chairman of the Fourth District, were honored guests.

Mrs. Newman read a clipping from her Confederate Scrap Book, which said, among other things, in a tribute to "Dixie" that it was the best loved tune in the United States, there seemed no section feeling regarding it. Galveston was the southern city for discussion. Mrs. Maud Kincheleoe had been asked to prepare a paper on the topic, but on account of her accident was unable to be present.

Mrs. Coleman told of a movie reel that has recently been made in honor of Matthew Fontaine Maury, who, she said, had received great honor abroad but very little in his own country.

Mrs. Byrd presented the names of Miss Eugenia H. Osbourne and Mrs. Mary K. Scott for membership.

Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Coleman made informal talks, and expressed their pleasure in attending a meeting of the Manassas Chapter. Mrs. Hutchison had reported the re-organization of the Junior Chapter, and both of the visitors were delighted that it had been done. Mrs. Coleman's daughter is in charge of the Junior chapter at Arlington. Mrs. Coleman gave a very interesting and informative talk on the causes of the "War between the States."

The chapter adjourned to meet in September with Mrs. Marie Larkin. A refreshing ice course was served by the hostesses.

## GAME AT TRADING POST

The Bull Run Trading Post baseball club won a very beautiful game last Sunday from the Centreville club. The score was 5 to 3. No doubt but what this was one of the finest games played in northern Virginia this season.

We have a real surprise for you this coming Sunday, August 13th, at 2:00 p.m.

If you are interested in baseball, don't fail to see this game, Sunday.

## LIEUT. GIBSON TO PREACH HERE

Lt. Col. Churchill J. Gibson of the 29th Division, will preach at Trinity Church, on Sunday morning, August 13th, at 11:00. Col. Gibson is the brother of the rector, Rev. A. Stuart Gibson.

## HELP THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

A beautiful crocheted bedspread, which was made for the Manassas Volunteer Fire Department by Mrs. E. R. Shoemaker, Manassas, R.F.D., is on display in a window of the Prince William Pharmacy. Chances on the bedspread may be obtained from Miss Nancy Lynn or at the Prince William Pharmacy.

## PLENTY OF WATER FOR MANEUVERS

### Associated Press Story Denied by Town and by Military Authorities

Daily papers earlier in the week carried a story by the Associated Press to the effect that the water supply at Manassas was inadequate, both in the Town and at the military camps.

Upon being advised that there was absolutely no foundation for the story and that there was plenty of first class water, the correspondent who was responsible for the story was withdrawn, after the Richmond Times-Dispatch was advised by Mr. W. F. Coker, Manassas Town Manager, of the real situation.

"In regard to the adequacy of our water supply," Mr. Coker wrote, "I would say that we are at present pumping about one half of the capacity of our wells. The military are getting as much water from the town supply as their requirements demand."

"Your correspondent," Mr. Coker added, "either had an attack of nightmare, or else was gullible enough to listen to some private with a very lively imagination. If he has seen any ten thousand tank trucks in this it is probable that he had imbibed some liquid other than water which had multiplied his vision by a ratio of ten to twelve."

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ENTERTAINS A DISTINGUISHED GUEST

On last Sunday the Prince William County Chamber of Commerce entertained Ex-Governor James Scrugham of Nevada at a luncheon given at the Stone House Inn. After lunch the Governor and his party were escorted over the Battlefield and given an exceedingly graphic description of both the First and Second Battles of Manassas by Maj. Joseph Hanson of the National Park Service.

Governor Scrugham, who now represents his State in the National Congress, has taken a life-long interest in the Manassas Battlefield as his father took part in both battles as a soldier in the Confederate Army from "Old Kentuck." He took an active interest in the bill passed by the recent Congress providing \$56,000 for the erection of a museum on the Henry Farm, and ably supported Hon. Howard W. Smith, of the 8th Virginia District, in securing the passage of this bill.

Accompanying Governor Scrugham were Mr. G. E. Ruckstell, of Arizona, and two lady members of the Governor's secretarial staff. The other persons attending the luncheon were: Maj. Hanson, of the National Park Service; C. C. Cloe, president of the Prince William County Chamber of Commerce, and Wm. F. Coker, representing the secretary of the chamber who was unavoidably absent from Manassas.

## THE SURGEON GENERAL ENTERTAINED AT BULL RUN

Surgeon General Magee, of the United States Medical Corps, was entertained at a banquet last night at the Stables Kitchen, given in his honor by 100 high ranking officers of the 104th Medical Regiment, Maryland National Guard.

Seated at his right and left at the speakers' table were Col. Snyder, Col. Gant, Lt. Col. Anderson, Lt. Col. Mohr, Lt. Col. Rice, Lt. Col. Trice, Major Hartman, Major Schenk, Lt. Col. Moy Jackson, Col. F. H. Vinup, Major Gen. M. Ricard and Gen. Leigh C. Fairbanks.

This was an unusual gathering. The first of its kind since the second battle of Bull Run, August 29th, 1862.

After enjoying the lovely dinner, Toastmaster Col. Frederick H. Vinup made some nice remarks concerning the evening, etc., and then introduced the Surgeon General James C. Magee, who gave a very pleasant talk that made the evening quite complete. All expressed themselves as having enjoyed the evening to the fullest extent. The Regimental band played softly during the dinner hour.

# Maneuvers Reveal Gigantic Defense Scheme

## THE COMMANDING GENERAL AND DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF



Left to right: Maj. Gen. James K. Parsons, Commanding General; Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord, Commanding the 29th Division; Maj. Edward Martin, Commanding the 28th Division, and Brig. Gen. Frederic H. Smith, Chief Umpire and Commander of the 3rd Coast Artillery. (Photo by W. H. Lamb).

## GENERAL PARSONS WITH DIVISION COMMANDERS AND CHIEF UMPIRE



Major General James K. Parsons, Commanding the Maneuvers at Manassas and Major Donovan P. Yeuell, Infantry Officer in Charge of the Military Press Bureau. (Photo by W. H. Lamb).

## TROOP CONCENTRATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED

The concentration of some 23,000 Regular and National Guard troops for the Third Corps Phase of the First Army maneuvers were completed in the Manassas area last Sunday and an intensive program of field exercises began last Monday morning. For the first half of the two week training period, the exercises is designed to train troops in the regimental and divisional units, culminating the second week in a joint maneuver of all arms.

The schedule for the first week is as follows:

- Monday—August 7, Battalion training (Under Regiment).
- Tuesday—August 8, Two sided Battalion training (Under Regiment).
- Wednesday—August 9, Two sided reinforced regimental exercises (Under Regiment).
- Thursday—August 10, Two sided reinforced brigade exercises (Under Divisions).
- Friday—August 11, Two independent division exercises.

One of the principal objects of this

training is to qualify commanding officers of all grades in the acut handling of troops in the field and to give experience to higher commands and staffs.

Because the turn-over in enlisted personnel in both the Regular Army and the National Guard is so great, ordinary annual maneuvers are largely confined to elementary field exercises.

Once every four years, however, under the cycle of training set up by the War Department, each of four exercises in which the Regulars and the Guardsmen take part together.

In the large scale two-sided exercises of the second week, one fast division of Regulars (about 6,000 men) will be required to engage two slower moving divisions of much greater strength in men (about 16,000) and guns.

The exercises, however, will be conducted not for the purpose of testing the relative merits of the troops engaged but rather for their training value and to glean, if possible, some bits of additional data on the great problems of military organization.

## SPECIAL FIELD MASSES ON SUNDAY

Father Widmer will conduct special field masses at Groveton at 8:00 a.m. and at Linton Hall at 9:15 a.m., Sunday morning, August 13. There will also be masses at Manassas at All Saints' Church at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend any of these masses.

## MANEUVERS ARE WELL UNDER WAY

### Troops Go into Field All Next Week

To write a comprehensive story of the activities of twenty-five thousand troops in camp and their movements during the day and get it into the columns of a weekly newspaper is not an easy thing.

The general idea can be put down in a few words and then "side dressed" as best may be done. Three fourths of the uniformed visitors are civilians in their regular duties and need some preliminary "hardening up." Thus this week has largely been give over to a build-up along these lines, beginning with squad and battalion movements up to division movements which have been going on today.

Before we go any further, congratulations are in order for the fine way in which all these men came without any mishaps either to men or equipment. This spotless record has been marred by one accident which took place on the serpentine road above Clifton to which the ordinary traveler is not accustomed.

The local maneuvers are a part of a larger plan which takes in the Atlantic Seaboard. The diversion attack, which the "Blacks" will initiate sometime Sunday night, in the area north of Quantico, will serve to test the guardsmen who are quickly grasping the idea of both defense and attack.

Your correspondent's activities have largely been with the 29th Division and more especially the 91st Brigade, composed of the 1st and 116th Virginia, of which the commanding officers are Colonels J. Fulmer Bright, (mayor of Richmond) and G. Murrell Alexander, of Lynchburg. The brigade commander is Colonel Samuel Gardner Waller, of Front Royal, long known to all Virginia guardsmen. The unit also contains the 111th Field Artillery, commanded by Col. E. Slater Montagu, of Hampton.

It is a significant fact that the First Virginia is the oldest military unit in the United States, dating back prior to 1650 when Virginia counties were better known as "hundreds" and Lieut. Colonels appointed by the Crown were the "big shots" of each community. Colonel Bright proved a delightful host and told about the former glories of this famous regiment. In 1757, its commanding officer was Col. George Washington; in 1776 (at the entrance into the Revolution) Col. Patrick Henry was at the head of the column; when the surge of Pickett's bloody charge at Gettysburg was written into history, Colonel Lewis Williams was leading the First Virginia into the jaws of destruction, going to his own death. George Mason was also an officer of the regiment.

The First is composed of such universally known local units as the Richmond Blues, the Richmond Grays, the Huntington Rifles (Newport News), Hopewell Rifles, Nottoway Grays (Blackstone), Monticello Guards (Charlottesville), Petersburg Grays, Lynchburg light Infantry and Alexandria Light Infantry and Onancock Grays (Norfolk) (Note the prevalence of the use of name "Gray"—Ed note).

Of these perhaps the Richmond Blues have been best publicized. Only past May 10th, was the Sesquicentennial celebrated, its organization date having been May 10th, 1789.

On Tuesday morning while the 1st Virginia was going through its paces, some historically-minded persons noted that it was actually doing over the same ground over which its predecessor operated on the event of the famous battle of the War between the States.

Yesterday the Henry farm was the scene of a contact between regiments. The job of defending Henry Hill was assigned to the 116th Virginia while the attacking infantry force was the

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## GOVERNORS OF VIRGINIA, MARYLAND AND PENNSYLVANIA TO BE HERE

### Public Interest Will Center at Reviews on Saturday

As the Army Maneuvers at Manassas progress it becomes increasingly evident that some comprehensive plan lies behind the progressive movements now underway. A theoretical foe has in some way gotten past the naval defense and landed extensive forces in the vicinity of Washington, and in the New England area. Major General James K. Parsons, Commanding Officer of the Third Corps Area, and a native of Alabama is in complete charge of the Manassas Maneuvers, and will direct the "Blue Army" against the invading "Black Army." The final phase of the great war game will culminate later in the month at Plattsburg, New York, where approximately twice as many troops will be concentrated as are here in Prince William.

The high point in the Manassas Area, from the point of view of interest to civilian spectators will be the reviews of the 28th and the 29th Divisions next Saturday, August 12. The Governors of Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania will be in attendance and it will be necessary to be on the grounds early to take full advantage of the spectacular review. The week to follow the various troops leave their base camps and go into coordinated action on a large scale, during which civilian observation will be difficult and necessarily restricted.

Announcement has been made that the Governor of Pennsylvania will arrive at 28th Division Headquarters in the late afternoon of Friday, August 11th, to be the guest of honor at that evening. It is expected that the guests at the dinner will include the Governor of Maryland and the Governor of Virginia and about 150 other distinguished persons. A nineteen gun salute will be accorded the visiting Governors.

Following the dinner, there will be brief addresses by the Governors present. There will then be an impressive memorial service in honor of the 2,874 members of the 28th Division who died in France.

Beginning at 7:45 p.m., immediately after the close of the dinner, the 28th Division will present a simulated attack on the entire camp by planes from Bolling Field under the command of Lt. Col. Victor Dallin, Division Air Officer, commanding the 103rd Observation Squadron. The camp will be defended by the 213th Coast Artillery. In addition to the guests, the attack will be watched by all the troops of the 28th Division who will be assembled on the slope of the hill across from Division Headquarters. The announcing system will also be used here in order to explain all the details to the spectators.

The Review of the 28th Division will take place Saturday morning, August 12th, at 8:30 o'clock. The former headquarters of General Beauregard, now known as the Porter Estate, a short distance north of Manassas on Route 234, (the Manassas-Stone House Road) is the location selected.

A public announcement system will be set up in order that the various units can be identified, and information given regarding their war history, for the benefit of the spectators.

Governor James of Pennsylvania has announced that he will attend, and it is expected that the Governors of Maryland and Virginia will also be present. Following the Review of the 28th Division, the distinguished guests will proceed to the Review of the 29th Division.

This will be held at 10:30 a.m. on the west side of Route 234, about four miles north of Manassas, between the famous Chinn House and the Henry Farm Battlefield Park.

It is expected that adequate provision will be made to care for the heavy traffic entering the area, and for the parking of spectators' cars.

## GUESTS OF GENERAL PARSONS

Among those, who have enjoyed the genial hospitality of the Commanding General this week are Messrs. E. R. Conner, Robert Weir, Jenkyn Davies, R. D. Wharton, W. H. Lamb, L. Ledman, Ernest Trusler, Col. Robert Hutchison, Judge Wm. Hill Brown, jr., and Judge C. Lacey Compton.