

Alexander Presents Faith of Our Fathers Program to United Daughters of the Confederacy Members

The United Daughters of the Confederacy Chapter # 276 met Wednesday, Dec. 3 at the Carolina Café. Carol Ann Herring, president, called the meeting to order. She led the members in Opening Ritual and Prayer, Pledges and Salutes to the Flags and in the singing of Dixie. She read an interesting poem called "Christmas" written by Henry Timrod. Minutes were read and reports given.

Lula Alexander presented a pro-

gram "Faith of Our Fathers - An Ever Kind Providence" to United Daughters of the Confederacy. The program was written by Vicki K. Heilig, historian general. The presentation included several interesting letters written by soldiers in the Civil War, which are copied just as they were written with some misspelled words.

On a sultry Saturday May afternoon in the wilderness, General Thomas

Jonathan Jackson sat on a stump to pen a hasty dispatch to his superior.

General,

The enemy has made a stand at Chancellor's which is about 2 miles from Chancellorsville. I hope as soon as practicable to attack. I hope that an Ever Kind Providence will bless us with great success.

Respectfully
T.J. Jackson, Lt. Gen.

That was the last dispatch Stonewall Jackson would send to General Robert E. Lee. After the battle, General Lee sent an emotional message back to General Jackson. "I congratulate you upon the victory which is due to your skill and energy." Jackson listened to the message, turned his head away from the messenger, and said: "General Lee is very kind, but he should give the praise to God."

On occasion the element of faith actually saved a soldier's life. One soldier knocked down by a bullet at the 1864 battle of Kennesaw Mountain discovered the missile had penetrated the Bible in his chest pocket. It had stopped at Isaiah 52:7, the passage said:

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!"

The spiritual shepherd of the soldiers in camp and on the march was the army chaplain. While a Confederate chaplain received officer status and was paid \$80 per month, he wore no standard uniform, and received the rations of a private. He had to purchase feed for his horse, if he had one. For these reasons, many clergy entered the army but served as soldiers rather than chaplains.

One such Chaplain Thomas D. Witherspoon, endeared himself to every man in the brigade by his kindly disposition and genial man-

ner. He was every man's friend, and the oldest and youngest soldier felt no hesitation in approaching him in time of trouble. He was a devout, humble, hopeful Christian.

Sometimes, attending church services provided another kind of inspiration. From a chaplain in Georgia came the information below.

There are three Protestant churches in Dalton-Baptist, Methodist,

and Presbyterian. On Sundays, these churches are overflowing with soldiers. Chaplains from the army officiated. Many soldiers go to church just to get sight of a lady.

Lieutenant William Berryhill of Mississippi is quoted as saying that when a battle is raging and men are falling he believes God sees them individually "for God has said that not a sparrow falleth without his knowledge."



Boy Scout Troop 607 thanks the community for supporting its annual Scouting for Food Service project which collected about 2,000 pounds of non-perishable food items. The food was taken to Linda Killian and Michele Miller at the Landmark Church of God Relief Mission for distribution to those in need. Pictured at the Church are, front row from left, Drew Ervin, senior patrol leader; Preston Ritchie, assistant senior patrol leader; Mitchell Owens; Eric Lindenberger; and Will Andrews. Back row from left are John Gaspard, Scoutmaster Junior Sherrill, Justin Sharpe, Linda Killian and Michele Miller. Other scouts and leaders helping were Jared Bradburn, Travis Burnette, Daniel Ervin, Cole Johnson, Cody Lazenby, Matt Mearing, Patrick Messina, Joseph Marlow, Trey Mayberry, Stuart Payne, Robby Sherwood, Matt Summers, Assistant Scoutmaster Tommy Stevenson, Committee Chairman Bruce Ritchie, Assistant Scoutmaster John Ervin, Assistant Scoutmaster Keith Owens, Chris Lazenby, Committee Members Herb Mearing and Lee Johnson. Also helping were members of Cub Scout Pack 607.

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