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ROBERT E. LEE

Saturday, January 19, is the anniversary of the birthday of Robert E. Lee. It is a tribute to the famous Virginian that his memory brings forth no enmity in any section of the country.

General Lee fought all his campaigns, in both the Mexican and Confederate War, on humane principles and as a gentleman of the old school who believed in chivalry in warfare.

Lee, who is regarded by many authorities as the ablest strategist developed during the War Between the States, finished second in his class at West Point in 1829, later became Academy superintendent, and on April 18, 1861, was offered the field command of the United States Army. General Lee declined the offer and discussed the situation with General Winfield Scott, who advised him to either resign from the Army or accept whatever duty was assigned to him.

Lee was a Whig, loyal to the Union, and hoped that the issues of the day might be settled amicably. He, however, like many men of his time, believed that his first duty was to his state—Virginia. Although he had already freed his slaves when the war began, he felt it necessary to resign from the Army, on April 20, 1861 and remain loyal to his state. Shortly thereafter, Virginia made him commander of the Old Dominion forces.

The record of his military achievements in that war is not needed here. His abilities were recognized on both sides long before the end, when Lee surrendered to General Grant at Appomattox Court House, on April 9, 1865.

The remaining years of his life were spent at Washington College, in Lexington, Va., which, after his death, was renamed Washington and Lee. Perhaps the greatest of all tributes paid to the Virginian is the respect and admiration shown him in all the forty-eight states and abroad. Were the Confederate General alive

POLITICS AND ECONOMY TO BE KEY WORDS OF NEW CONGRESS

Politics and economy will apparently be the key words in the second session of the Eighty-second Congress, which is getting underway in Washington now. "Corruption" will be heard often, too.

Every one of the 435 members of the House, and more than a third of the 96 Senators, must face the voters this year and all are keenly aware that there will be a presidential election, also, in November. So they will guide their votes accordingly.

This indicates that Congress will: 1. Try to cut President Truman's budget, even some of the previously sacrosanct items of defense.

2. Try to avoid raising taxes or running into the red ink.

3. Grant only the foreign aid as will be proved absolutely necessary, and that with strings attached, requiring the European recipients to do more for themselves.

4. Possibly renew the price, wage and rent controls, but with weaker enforcement powers instead of the stronger ones requested by Mr. Truman.

5. Talk a lot about civil rights for political purposes, but probably pass nothing, since the Southern Democrats are openly avowing their determination to filibuster any such bills to death.

The Southern Democrats and the Republicans are in control of the Congress as tightly as they were in the first session. They will certainly bottle up most of the "Fair Deal" legislative proposals of the President.

However, most of the Southerners support the administration's foreign policy, and so do many of the Republicans, and the result will be a continuation of the aid to Europe, the North Atlantic Treaty powers' military build-up, plus a stronger front in Asia. Backers of Republican Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio want to make foreign policy an issue in the campaign, but they are staging an up-hill fight. The supporters of General Dwight D. Eisenhower for President will have to back up the administration's actions in Europe, because those are Ike's actions, too.

One thing all Republicans can agree on, from the left wing of Senator Wayne Morse to the right wing of Senator Joe McCarthy, is the issue of corruption. They are all agin' it. They are against sin, and for home, mother, and the flag.

So are the Democrats. Mr. Truman, after defending some of his erring brethren, has turned around now and declared his intention to clear the rascals out. So there is a great race on, now; to see whether Mr. Truman can clear them out before the Republicans get a chance

CEDEC DAVIS AT KANSAS AIR STATION

Pfc. Charles Cedric Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Davis, recently reported for duty with the 2472nd Air Force Reserve Training Center at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Olathe, Kansas.

Cedric graduated from Farmville High School in 1947 where he played football. He was also active in the Baptist Church, singing bass in the choir for several years.

After enlisting in the Air Force, he was sent to Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, and subsequently to Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas, where he completed basic training. At the completion of basic, he was sent to Fort Slocum, N. Y., to attend the Armed Forces Information School.

Davis graduated from Wake Forest College in 1951. While there he was active in Kappa Alpha Order, social fraternity, and in other phases of campus life. He was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic fraternity, and also Sigma Pi Alpha, modern language fraternity.

HEBREW YOUNG ADULTS HOLD MEETING

A fellowship social was enjoyed on Friday night when Mrs. Jean E. Williams and Mrs. James Bennett were hostesses to the Hebrew Young Adult club, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Smith.

A bible contest was the main event of the program.

The hostesses served sandwiches, cookies, nuts and Russian tea.

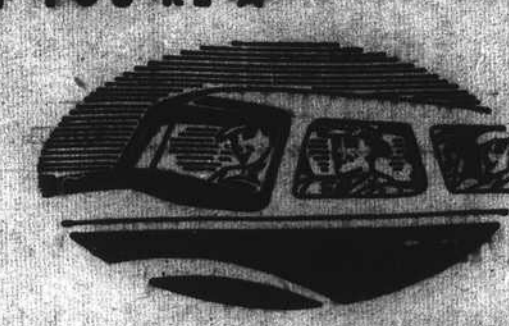
NAVY STEWARD AT SAN DIEGO TRAINING STATION

James R. Harper, steward apprentice, USN, of 209 Wallace street, Farmville, has reported for duty at the U. S. Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Kingston, Texas, the home of Naval air jet training.

Harper enlisted in the Navy last year and received his recruit training at the U. S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif.

Before entering the Navy, Harper attended the H. B. Sugg High School.

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GIRL SCOUTS ENJOY ANNIVERSARY DANCE HONORING MISS MILLER

Senior Girl Scouts and their escorts were delightfully entertained on Saturday night at the hut when Mrs. J. W. Miller and her daughter, Miss Grace Miller, were hostesses at a semi-formal dance honoring Miss Miller's sixteenth birthday anniversary.

A festive setting was achieved by the use of candlelight illumination and the festooning of balloons about the ceiling of the room where the dance was held. The mantels were decorated with a center arrangement of mixed cut flowers and ivy-entwined candle holders with lighted candles. The beautifully arranged refreshment table had a three-tiered birthday cake, in the colors of pink and green, as a center piece, flanked by tapers in silver candelabras. Pink tapers were used in the various holders.

Throughout the evening guests helped themselves to sandwiches, cookies, mints, pickles, nuts and potato chips which were served on the table and were served punch by Mrs. J. E. Parkerson, of Greenville, who presided at the punch bowl. At 10:45 Miss Miller made her birthday wish in front of the candle-light cake. Hostess slices of ice cream and cake were served.

Over 50 young people of Farmville and Miss Jo Parkerson of Greenville attended the dance.

Mrs. Miller was assisted at the dance by her sisters-in-law, Mrs. J. E. Parkerson and Mrs. F. L. Parkerson, both of Greenville, and Mrs. W. C. Hathaway, Senior Scout leader.

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