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Do You Know Your Charleston?  
Runnymede



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TRANSPORT BRINGS  
ACK 625 TROOPS

Chateau Thierry on Way to  
Charleston — Will Take  
Equal Number North

The army transport Chateau Thierry is expected to reach Charleston from Panama Thursday morning with 625 soldiers due for embarkation here, it was reported yesterday by officials at Fort Moultrie.

The large contingent comprises men who have been on duty in the Canal Zone and who now are up for discharge or reenlistment. The same number of Fourth corps cavalry recruits will board the vessel Thursday. They will go north with the vessel to New York, from which concentration point they will be assigned either to foreign service or duty in the First and Second corps areas.

Memorial Window  
Honors Dr. Willson

Chapel Unit Established for  
Man Who Provided Award  
of Citadel Ring

A memorial window unit in honor of Dr. John O. Willson has been established by Citadel graduates who were awarded the Willson ring. Dr. Willson in 1910 provided for the annual award of a ring, which is given to the senior student by his classmates as the fairest, purest, and most courteous in the class.

Heading the successful effort to secure funds for the establishment of the unit was Major Thomas S. Linker, Jr., of Charleston, who was the first to receive the ring. He was graduated with the class of 1911 at the Citadel.

The design for the window portrays St. Anthony the Great, an additional exponent of purity.

Dr. Willson, who served in the Confederate army, became a Methodist minister several years after the war. For many years he was president of Lander college, Greenwood. He was a member of the class of 1864 at the Citadel.

The unit will be placed in the top of the right lancet, first south clerestory window.

While one unit remains not taken, the first south clerestory window, a full lancet in the clerestory window opposite has been taken by Mrs. J. S. Bethea, of Prescott, Ariz., contain two units. The lower will be in memory of James Stephen Bethea, a graduate in the class of 1907, and the upper will honor David McLeod Bethea, his son, who died during the summer following his sophomore year at the Citadel. He was then a member of the class which will graduate this June. The elder Bethea died October 13, 1927.

Estate on Ashley River, Between Magnolia  
and Middleton Place, Has Colorful  
Garden and Majestic Trees

The gardens of the Carolina coast—Magnolia and Middleton Place, Cypress and Belle Isle—are world famous, and at this season much is written about their charm and beauty; but seldom is mention made of Runnymede, a spot so lovely that it has been called "an artist's dream".

This charming place lies between Magnolia and Middleton in St. Andrew's parish and like those gardens, opens on the Ashley river road or old King's Highway. It has been open to the public since 1934.

An exquisite wrought iron gate guards the threshold of Runnymede and gives entrance to a long avenue which winds through flowering woods to the house. The dark waters of a lake over which herons often sweep in graceful flight are glimpsed through the trees. A closer view of the lagoon, bordered with shrubbery and trees whose branches bend over its surface, may be obtained from a neighboring causeway.

Peaceful and quiet is the lawn of many acres, surrounded by deep woods on three sides, which extends in front of the dwelling. In the midst of its velvety greensward a magnificent oak, centuries old, stands sentinel, while nearby an ancient sundial tells the passing time on sunny days.

Azaleas blaze with color against the dark background of the forest. Jessamine vines wave golden bells from lofty tree tops and fill the air with perfume. Cherokee roses and wisteria add to the color. Dogwood trees, snowy blossoms sometimes in full view, are seen dimly through the woods.

Historically, Runnymede is interesting. The original royal grant dates from 1705. Since that time it has passed through many hands, ownership now being vested in Mrs. C. C. Pinckney. Nor has Runnymede escaped the scars of war. A fine old mansion built in the early days of the colony on a high bluff overlooking the Ashley river later was destroyed by fire. A second handsome home was built only to suffer a like fate during the War Between the States. The present house is the third on the same site.

Great magnolias, huge holly bushes, higher than the house itself, enormous oaks and other towering trees through which the curving waters of the Ashley gleam and glimmer, crown the bluff. Wide expanses of marsh flats over which innumerable ducks fly low border the opposite bank of the river.

Near the house, swinging in the top of a high tree, is a relic of other days, the great plantation bell which, echoing over the fields and through the woods, tells the plantation caretaker, no matter in what part of the estate he may be, that his presence is required at the house. Soon, across the lawn, or from the woods or, perhaps, from his little cottage hidden among the trees, he may be seen hurrying to answer the call.

The dividing line between Magnolia and Runnymede traverses an old Indian mound, and many relics

of the Red Man's occupancy have been found on the plantation.

From the lawn the departing visitor passes through another of Runnymede's handsome iron gates into the alphabet avenue, thence into an avenue of tall magnolias through which he speeds to the highway.

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HELD FOR SACK OF RICE  
Brown Accused of Having  
Stolen Goods

John Brown, of 17 Kennedy street, was arrested early yesterday morning by Police Sergeant J. M. Jones and Private C. E. Weatherford on charges of having in his possession a sack of rice which he knew to be stolen. He was released on \$50 bond.

Willie McFadden, of Summerton, was arrested by County Policeman Sam D. Limbaker at 12:55 a. m. yesterday and charged with shooting a pistol on the highway.

County Policemen Gene Heron and C. H. Simmons arrested Alonzo and Joe Simmons, of 35 Second street, and Lonnie Williams, of Three Mile, at about 2 a. m. yesterday on a gambling charge.

McFadden, the two Simmons men and Williams were lodged in the county jail.

**West Pointers to Dine**

West Point graduates and ex-cadets in this section have been invited to the annual dinner to be held Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Fort Sumter hotel in commemoration of the 136th anniversary of the founding of the United States Military academy. Captain George B. Buell, adjutant of district I, CCC, with headquarters at Fort Moultrie, is in charge of arrangements. The program will include a resume of the 1937-38 athletic achievements at West Point, a discussion of the important changes at the institution and a special broadcast.

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