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Do You Know Your Charleston?

Runnymede



—Photos by Paine.

RANSSPORT BRINGS BACK 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 final Zone and who now are up for discharge or reenlistment.

The same number of Fourth corps men recruits will board the vessel Tuesday. They will go north with a 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.

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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

selected by his classmates as the ablest, purest, and most courteous in the class.

Heading the successful effort to

raise funds for the establishment

of the unit was Major Thomas S.

Winkler, Jr., of Charleston, who

as the first to receive the ring

was graduated with the class of

1911 at the Citadel.

The design for the window por-

ays St. Anthony the Great, a

additional exponent of purity.

Dr. Willson, who served as the

Minister several years after

the war. For many years he was

President of Lander College, Green-

wood. In 1864 was a Citadel of the

class of 1864.

The unit will be placed in the

top of the right lancet, first south

crestory window.

While the unit remains not taken

in the first lancet in the clerestory

window opposite has been taken by

contain two units of Prescott, Ariz.

in memory of James Stephen Wil-

son, a graduate in the class of

1907, and the upper will honor

avid McLeod Beetha, his son, who

died during the summer following

his sophomore year at the Citadel,

which will graduate this June. The

Beetha died October 13, 1927.

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

—By K. H. P.

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 greenward 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 wistaria 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, enormous oaks and other towering trees through which the

curving waters of the Ashley gleam and shimmer, crown the bluff. Wide expanses of marsh flats over which the opposite banks of the river border.

Near the house, swinging in the top of a high tree, is a relic of other days, a 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.

Across the lawn, or perhaps from the woods or, perhaps, from

the little cottage hidden among the trees, he may be seen hurrying to

answer the call.

The dividing line between Magnolia and Runnymede traverses a

small Indian mound, and many relics

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