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OAKLAND, Prince William County, August 2 – I attended yesterday, a very pleasant affair, under the title of “Festival and Dinner” at Ewell’s Chapel,” situated on the “Old Carolina Road, about equi-distance from Haymarket and Aldie. It was originated by the ladies and gentlemen of that neighborhood for the purpose of raising funds for the repairs to said chapel, and their anticipations were more than realized.

For several days previous to the festival the parties interested had met, and with hammer and saw, the muscles using them being invigorated by the bright smiles and winning ways of lovely women, the arrangements were successfully completed. A table for the grand dinner, capable of seating forty persons was soon built, and the whole covered with an arbour of evergreens. (This is just a small excerpt from the newspaper article.)