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In New Bern and elsewhere in the Southland, on this Confederate Memorial Day, small groups of remembering people will visit cemeteries and pay their respect to the hero who fought under the Stars and Bars in the War Between the States.

With each new generation, those who pause to recall the gray-clad soldiers who died for the Lost Cause grow fewer in number. Time not only heals all things, it erases from the memory of man the gallant deeds of the past. In the North, as in the South, the War Between the States is all but forgotten.

Viewed unemotionally at this late date, the remarkable thing about the Civil War was the Confederacy's survival over a period of years. In fighting men, the North outnumbered the South three to one, and in wealth not less than two to one.

According to Compton's Encyclopedia, the North too had every type of industry within its borders, including 92 percent of the total manufacturing of the nation and most of its mineral resources. The South was chiefly agricultural, with an abnormal dependence upon the production of cotton.

To the North fell most of the United States Navy and most of the merchant vessels that were privately owned, thus making possible virtual control of the high seas in the interest of the Union.

The North had more than twice as many railroads as the South, including several lines only lately developed that tended to bind the Northwest and the Northeast closely together. Incidentally, the War Between the States was the first great war in which railroads furnished the chief means of transporting troops and supplies from place to place.

The Civil War developed two battlefronts, one in the East, the other in the West. The campaigns in the East were fought mainly in Virginia and Maryland, although anyone acquainted with New Bern's and North Carolina's history knows that Federal troops invaded our town and State.

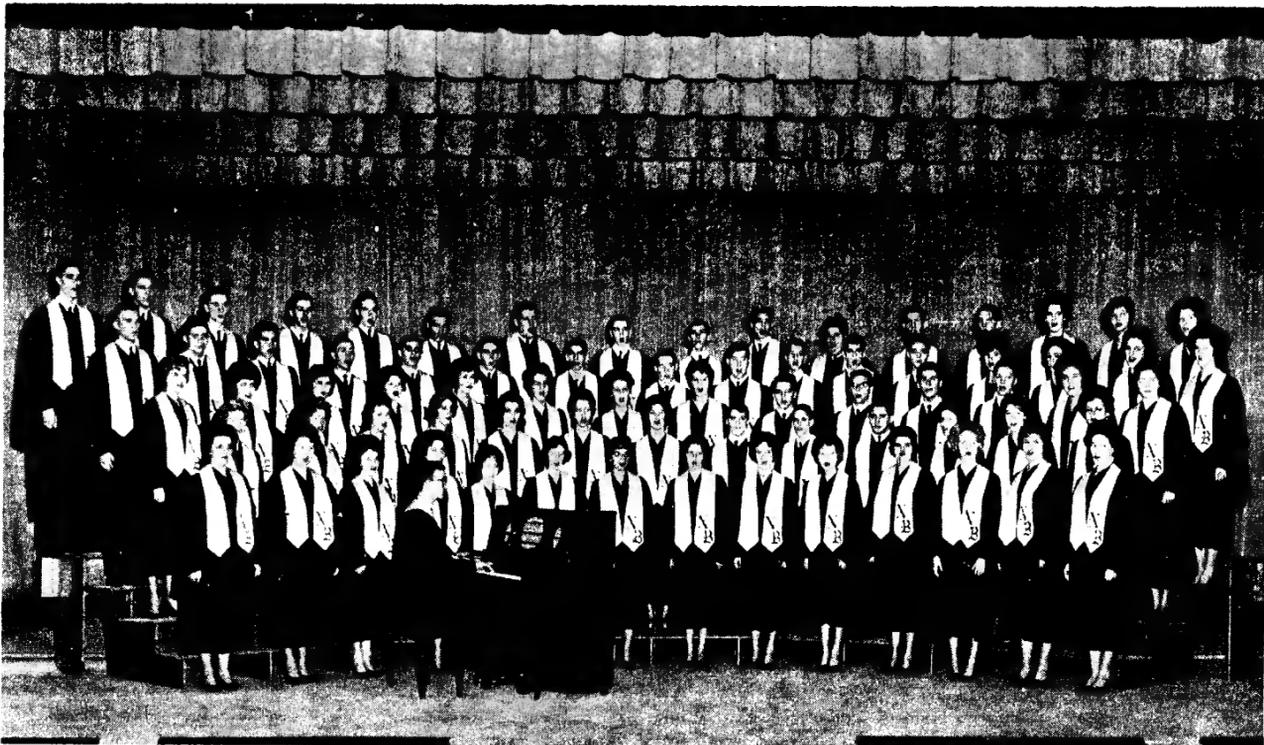
Leading historians agree pretty generally that the chief factor in defeating the Confederacy was not the Northern armies but rather the Northern blockade. Early in the war Lincoln proclaimed a blockade of the entire Southern coast line, and by pressing every conceivable kind of vessel into use the blockade became reasonably effective.

Less than an hour's drive from New Bern, Fort Macon stands as a pathetic reminder of the South's valiant but hopeless attempt to withstand attack from the sea. Courage wasn't enough against the power that the North was able to throw at this and other forts erected by the Confederacy.

Efforts on the part of the South were unabating. The Confederacy expected much from the Merrimac, an ironclad ram constructed at the Norfolk navy yard, but the famous battle with the Monitor put an end to these hopes. Gradually the Union captured the chief Southern ports through which the blockade runners smuggled supplies.

New Orleans fell first, and in 1864, Farragut took Mobile harbor despite the strong defenses mustered there. Early

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AN EVENING OF SONG—New Bern High school's exceptional a capella choir, under the direction of Donald Smith, will be featured next Wednesday and Thursday nights, when the New Bern High school choruses present their annual Pop Concert. Included in the choir's portion of the program are two compositions from "West Side Story" — "Maria" and "To-

night." Hoagy Carmichael's "Star Dust" and a Richard Rodgers favorite from "Oklahoma" — "June Is Bustin' Out All Over" — will be other crowd pleasers. The girls glee club is singing favorites from the pens of Straus, Rodgers and Bernstein, while the boys glee club gets off to a rousing start with "We Sail The Ocean Blue" from Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pinafore."



REFRESHMENT TIME—After an extended course designed to make them more charming and versatile, these New Bern youngsters celebrate their graduation with a tea in the Teen Club at Union Point. The instruction — one of many activities sponsored by the

New Bern Recreation Department — attracted members of the fair sex in the 11 to 14 age group. Off-hand, we can't think of any subject dearer than charm to the ladies, whatever their age may be.—Photo by John R. Baxter.