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If you're a Southerner proud of your heritage, you probably didn't fret last Tuesday when New Bern's banks closed for their annual observance of Memorial Day.

Mrs. Harold Maxwell, who has been a subscriber to The Mirror since our very first issue, knows our admiration for Lee and Jackson, and others who displayed gallantry for the Lost Cause, and sends us these notes copied from minutes recorded shortly after the turn of the century.

"The North Carolina Division, Daughters of the Confederacy, met in their Sixth Annual Convention, in the historic city of New Bern, October 16th, 1902. Words are inadequate to convey an idea of the unbounded hospitality and cordial welcome extended by this most delightful and patriotic of all cities.

"Commencing, when the delegates were met at Goldsboro by a committee from the New Bern Chapter: returning with the entire delegation, in President Bryan's magnificent private car, which had been kindly tendered for the use, and continuing with untiring zeal until the last guest had departed. The Daughters were filled with emotion as they approached this charming old city on the Neuse. The very name, New Bern, being emblematic of patriotism.

"The Convention met in the spacious "Hall of Justice." Certainly no handsomer place for meeting could have been selected than the rejuvenated Court Room, which was so generously thrown open to receive the North Carolina Division, Daughters of the Confederacy.

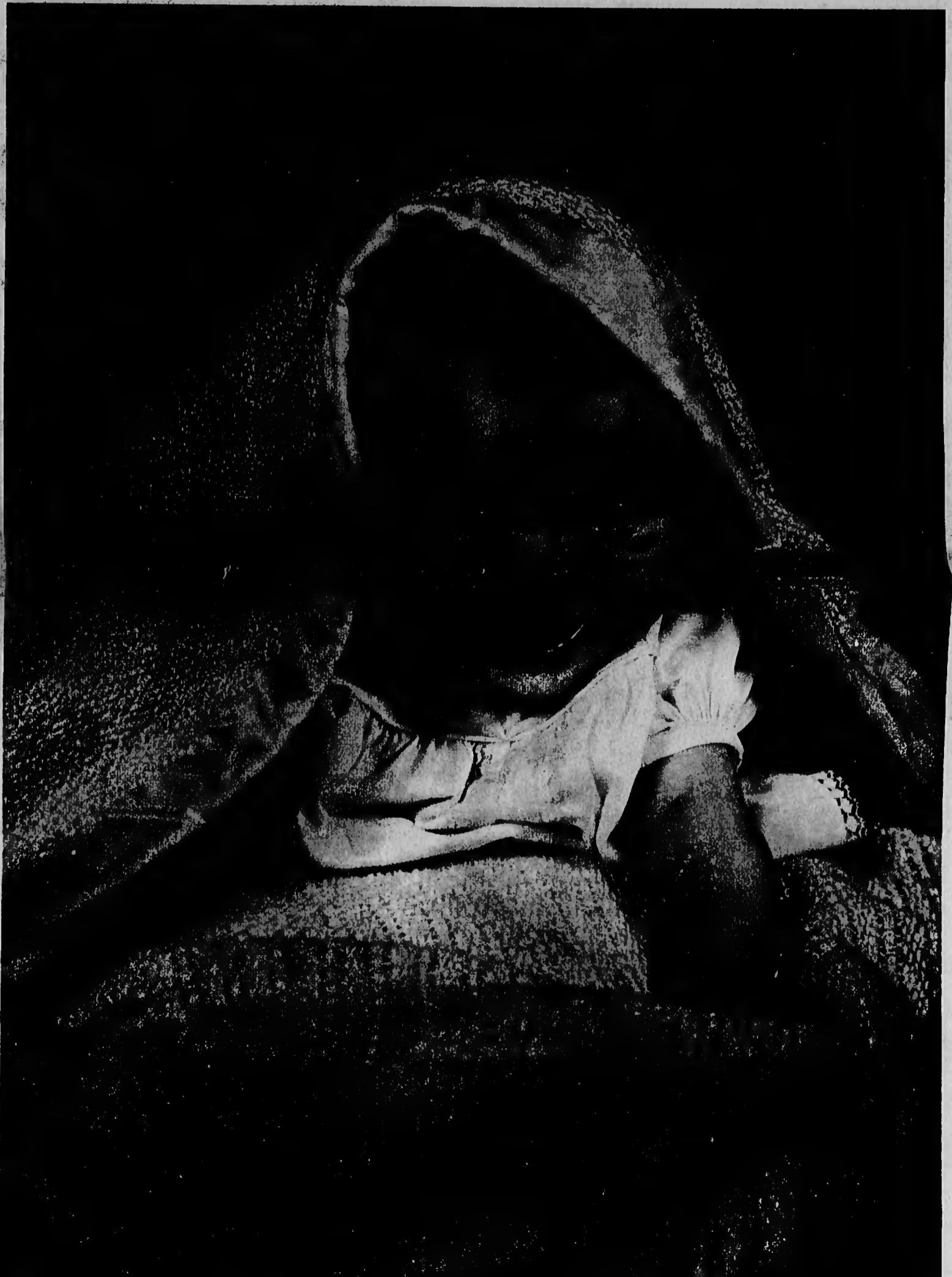
"Confederate flags, urns, flowers and pictures on every side artistically and beautifully arranged made the Convention Hall a delightful meeting place. Conspicuous among the decorations was the handsome banner presented to the city of New Bern by the city of Bern, Switzerland, which is justly prized by these dear people.

"The first reception was given on Tuesday evening from 8 to 11 o'clock at the hospitable home of Miss Mary T. Oliver, the much loved President of the New Bern Chapter, in honor of the visiting delegates. Miss Oliver's home was beautifully decorated in Confederate flags, red and white carnations, roses and Southern smilax in profusion, while pictures of the South's great heroes, Lee, Jackson and Davis were conspicuously displayed.

"At the reception, each guest was presented with handsome souvenir badges in red and white, bearing a most beautiful and artistic miniature of "Winnie Davis", the "Daughter of the Confederacy." Delicious refreshments were served and a most charming evening was spent.

"On Wednesday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duffy most delightfully entertained the delegates at an "Anchor" party on the sail yacht "Fanny." Many of the guests never before having had the pleasure of a sail under such pleasant auspices, were enthusiastic in their expression of thanks for this happy occasion. Music was furnished by the Italian band, and elegant refreshments were

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PEEK-A-BOO—Elizabeth Bratcher, bright eyed daughter of the Charles Bratchers of 711 East Front Street, fooled no one when she hid under the cover, but it was fun seeing her bob up again with an air of eager anticipation that would do credit to a freshly hatched chicken. Eunice Wray, whose candid Mirror photos of adorable infants are a joy to behold, captured this fleeting moment on film for our readers. New Bern,

whatever its shortcomings, can boast of more than its share of beautiful babies, and Elizabeth gets our vote for a place at the top of the list. Speaking of votes, valiant-conscious politicians, notorious for kissing any moppet in sight are on the prowl, so beat a retreat under that cover, Elizabeth, until they pass your door. You'll be safe again after May 28, at least for awhile.