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## CONFEDERATE MONUMENT UNVEILED

### In the Presence of Fully Five Thousand Devoted Sons and Daughters

ANY OLD VETERAN PRESENT on the occasion of the unveiling of the Confederate Monument last Wednesday would have been able to tell you that the day was a most beautiful one. Governor Craig makes a most excellent speech—Fine Flights and Big Times.

With Providence smiling upon the occasion in a most beautiful day Wednesday dawned with the throngs from all sections far and near crowding to our little city upon the hill. All they were at least five thousand strong, to lend their presence at the unveiling ceremonies of the Confederate Monument, and thereby to pay that respects they could to the honor and memory of the brave heroes that fought so well during the period from 1861 to 1865 and to those who remained and laid the foundation of the great country in this our Dixie.

ing the bride and groom Miss Lizzie Harris and Mrs. E. James Macon the attendants. This float was designed by Mrs. M. S. Davis Sr.

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Float representing "Tenting." Upon this float was erected a tent and enclosed with such equipment as was the Confederate soldiers lot, with Messrs. Will Collie, Maury Cralle, John Burt Hill James Haag and William White representing the soldiers. This was a most realistic production and was designed by Mrs. W. H. Mann.

Another detachment of Mounted guards from two townships.

Float, representing a Confederate hospital in which Misses O. Y. Yarborough and John Neal represented the wounded soldiers and Miss Eleanor Cooke and Mamie Jones the Nurses, with Mr. Geo. Walker, as Surgeon. A more typical scene is hard to imagine and did credit to the designer, Mrs. S. J. Farham.

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Float picturing the home guard. This was a scene showing the home left by the soldiers and portraying the part played in this drama by faithful wives and daughters at home. On this float was Mrs. A. M. Hall, Miss Mary Stuart Egerton, Mrs. W. H. Mann, Mrs. G. A. Ricks and Miss Allen representing the mother and children with Miss Lynn Hall as the "Old black mammy." Among the furnishings here was the old spinning wheel, an heirloom of those times. This was a splendid production and was designed by Mrs. A. M. Hall.

Another detachment of mounted guards.

Float representing the return home of the soldiers after the surrender. This was masterful. On it was Misses Mary Belle Macon and Julia Barrow, sweethearts of Messrs. Elliott Egerton and June Egerton, the returning soldiers and Annie Perry Neal and Walter Gilmore, little children, while Mrs. W. H. Macon did well the role of the old black mammy." This design was the handwork of Mrs. J. S. Barrow.

#### GOVERNOR LOCKE CRAIG

Who made a most eloquent address on the occasion of the unveiling of the Confederate Monument last Wednesday.

land. Its true it may have brought back scenes of sorrow and sadness to those who on the spot where the exercises were held, bid farewell to father, husband, brother or sweetheart, but it brought greater joy to know that after these long years the cause is so fondly remembered and so patriotically engaged in by the descendants as far back as they may reach. Attorney General Thomas Walter Bickett was the master of ceremonies, and a better man for the place would have been hard to find. His true devotion to the cause of the Confederate veteran and his untiring loyalty to the Daughters of the Confederacy created a zeal for the occasion that resulted in a most interesting program and the rendition of it in a most pleasing and easy going manner. No less commendable was the services of Mr. James M. Allen, chief marshal, and his assistants Messrs. Wm. H. Ruffin, B. T. Holden, A. W. Person, N. M. Perry, W. H. Yarborough, Jr., Joe Mumford, S. B. Meadows, A. W. Alston, D. F. McInne, J. R. Collie, W. W. Boddie. Each one, in his special position did their utmost to make the occasion one of glory both to the old veterans and the Daughters and did credit to themselves. Mr. Allen, although laboring under difficulties, so completely measured the arrangements of the parade that it was the source of much creditable comment by the many strangers visiting of this occasion.

At eleven o'clock the procession was formed beginning at the Hotel with the Third Regiment Band in the front, and following in the order as given below.

Automobile containing Governor Locke Craig, Judge Charles M. Cooke, Sheriff Henry C. Kearney, and Rev. Geo. M. Duke.

Automobile containing Attorney General Thomas Walter Bickett, Chief Marshal James M. Allen, and his assistants.

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Pearce, daughters of members of the local chapter and revealed a most handsome piece of architecture.

Mrs. Marshall Williams was then introduced by the master of ceremonies who presented the monument to Mr. T. S. Collie, chairman of the Board of county commissioners, in a most fitting address, which was well prepared and masterly delivered and was as follows.

It was a great pleasure to be with you on this auspicious occasion and to rejoice with the Joseph J. Davis Chapter in the realization of the hopes and lofty ideals.

Representing 5,000 Daughters of the Confederacy in the State of North Carolina—it is my proud privilege to tell this vast audience a few things for which our organization stands.

Organized 20 years ago in Nashville, Tenn., now number 50,000, represented in 33 States, "our foundation and influence has passed beyond the confines of Dixieland from the Atlantic westward to the sun-kissed Pacific, from the gulfs to the great lakes, eye even into the heart of Mexico wherever brave women of Confederate lineage are to be found, there they feel themselves the high priestesses at the altar of patriotism to keep a live the torch which will tell the story of the glory of the men who wore the gray."

Realizing an education is the best asset you can give a boy or girl and that intelligent citizenship is the best asset you can give a nation—we give annually 250 scholarships valued at \$31,000.

We have decorated over 70,000 veterans with crosses of honor. "These little crosses are not made of gold or silver or rubies but they are above price, money cannot buy them."

We have erected over 700 monuments to Confederate causes; in all the history of the world there has never before so many monuments erected to a single cause. We say "cold is that country that has no heroes, but laggard is that who having them forget." We of the South revere, we remember our soldiers have added immortal glory to American history—that "the world unites in giving them honor equal to the hardened legions of Caesar and enthusiastic followers of Napoleon."

Is it any wonder then the members of the Joseph J. Davis Chapter wished to perpetuate the memory of such heroes. This beautiful monument represents their labor and sacrifice.

Following these came the detachment of the National Guards in the following order:

Adjutant General L. W. Young, Col. W. L. McGhee, Majors J. B. Thomas C. L. McGhee and Luet Geo. L. Cooke, mounted. Co. F Franklin guards under command of Capt. I. H. Kearney. Co. D Louisburg Rifles, under Command of Luet S. P. Boddie.

In this order they moved along main street to the monument at the top of the College hill followed by the large number of visitors, who had come to Louisburg, for the occasion, where the exercises were continued.

After arriving at the monument Attorney General T. W. Bickett, as master of ceremonies, and before entering into the regular program paid a most fitting tribute to the daughters of the Joseph J. Davis Chapters of the united daughters of the Confederacy, reviewing their work, self-sacrifice and hard struggle through these many years to erect the monument now about to be unveiled. In his remarks he gave the history of the first money contributed which was by a widow of a Confederate soldier some thirty years ago, and which laid the foundation that has been added to by the wives, and daughters until the desired end had been reached in this magnificent structure. His remarks were beautiful and placed a deserving honor upon worthy subjects.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. Geo. M. Duke, one of Franklin's most honored veterans, after which General Bickett introduced Mrs. J. P. Winston, president of the Joseph J. Davis chapter of the U. D. C., who in a most beautiful and well prepared address presented the monument to Mrs. Marshall Williams, of Faison, N. C. president of the State organization of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

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it has been watered with their tears and consecrated with their prayers. Now in their behalf I present this monument to Capt. Collie, a man who stands out pre-eminently as a man who has kept close to his heart the progress of Franklin county—like-wise one of those immortal soldiers who helped make it possible for Lee and Jackson to be lifted higher and higher until they wrote their names among the stars. May the young men cherish and preserve this monument and when the stranger asks what means this monument, tell him—

"These grand memorials Here erected, With love and pride to those Who fought for a principle, And for their conviction died." Tell him—

"These monuments a wondrous tale do tell, Of the boys of '61— Who sallied forth to fight for their State with sword and gun. Tell him: Of all the instincts of the human heart there is none more difficult of analysis than love of country, altogether inscrutable, altogether beyond the power of description is that silent voice—vague it may be—vague as the pale gray smoke of fires, drifting on an Indian summer's evening along the hillsides, mysterious as the glint of the moon rays through barren wind swayed branches, gentle as the sound of moving waters, but he must be blind or deaf indeed who would deny it the mighty strength of passion woven from the fibers of the first heart that ever throbbed in the misty dawn of time. This passionate love the United Daughters of the Confederacy have for the South, a love beyond analysis.

During the singing of the decoration hymn by a choir of young ladies the little girls and boys of the first and second grades scattered flowers at the base of the monument. After which the Franklin and Louisburg Military Companies did the Military honors in firing the regulation salute.

While the Band played the crowd assembled again around the stand prepared for the Governor's speech in the graded school grove and after the veterans and the Daughters had been seated General Bickett announced that the speaker of the occasion would be introduced by Hon. Charles M. Cooke, one of Franklin's most loved and honored heroes.

Whereupon Judge Cooke came forward and in his own easy and interesting way did credit to himself and his home in the splendid talk he made. Although introducing North Carolina's honored Governor—he did not forget to pay tribute to the brave men of 61 to 65, which he did in a most touching manner.

Governor Craig Speaks. "I feel that the ground upon which I stand is almost holy ground and the occasion one which thrills the souls of men of North Carolina." Governor Craig said.

"The most impressive fact in the Divine economy of things is the all-pervasive effect of law. There is nothing lost, nothing destroyed. You see the Divine manifestation in the fall of the apple, the dropping of a energy is lost."

The Governor was leading to his proposition that no heroism is lost. He told the story of the discovery of Neptune. The strange conduct of a world appeared to show a violation of natural law. A great philosopher

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"Why do we all love a soldier?" he asked. "I never saw a woman in my life who did not love brass buttons. Why do we meet in great multitudes to honor them? We do not love war. During the triumphant trip of General Grant around the world he sat with the Emperor of Germany and watched the great army of Germany, 50,000 of the best trained soldiers in world passed in review as the bands played the music of the Fatherland. Yet, Grant looking upon the gorgeous scene, could not say the thing that the Emperor wanted said. Twice elected president by his military record and indebted to war for his fame, his only comment was: 'Sir, I hate war'."

Grant knew the horrors and the glories of war, but he did not love it, and so we do not love war, but we love a soldier because he dies for the highest and best in manhood, because he has been trained by the balances and not found waiting. It is this that is grander and nobler than monuments or brass. Brighter than the stars is the heroism of bravery.

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"And so it has come to pass that a Southern-born man, a Virginia man educated in the red hills of North Carolina, has been chosen to fill the presidential chair (applause). He was not elected because he was from the South, but because he had the ideals of the South. And for the first time in fifty years North Carolina has a cabinet officer, the commander of the greatest navy that floats the high seas, Joseph Daniels. The head of the most powerful committee in the greatest deliberative body in the world, is from North Carolina, F. M. Simmons.

Who Was Triumphant? "Who was triumphant? Was it the 300 Macadonjans or the Persians? Was it Pontius Pilate or Jesus? Socrates or the judges? I tell you that the men and women who triumph are those who see their duty and dare to do it.

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Enjoyable Dance. The dance given in the large hall in the Hill Live Stock Co.'s building on Tuesday night by Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Allen to their many friends in Louisburg was a most enjoyable occasion. Quite a large number of couples participated in the dance numbers on the program. The music was furnished. The occasion was a great success and much enjoyed by all present.

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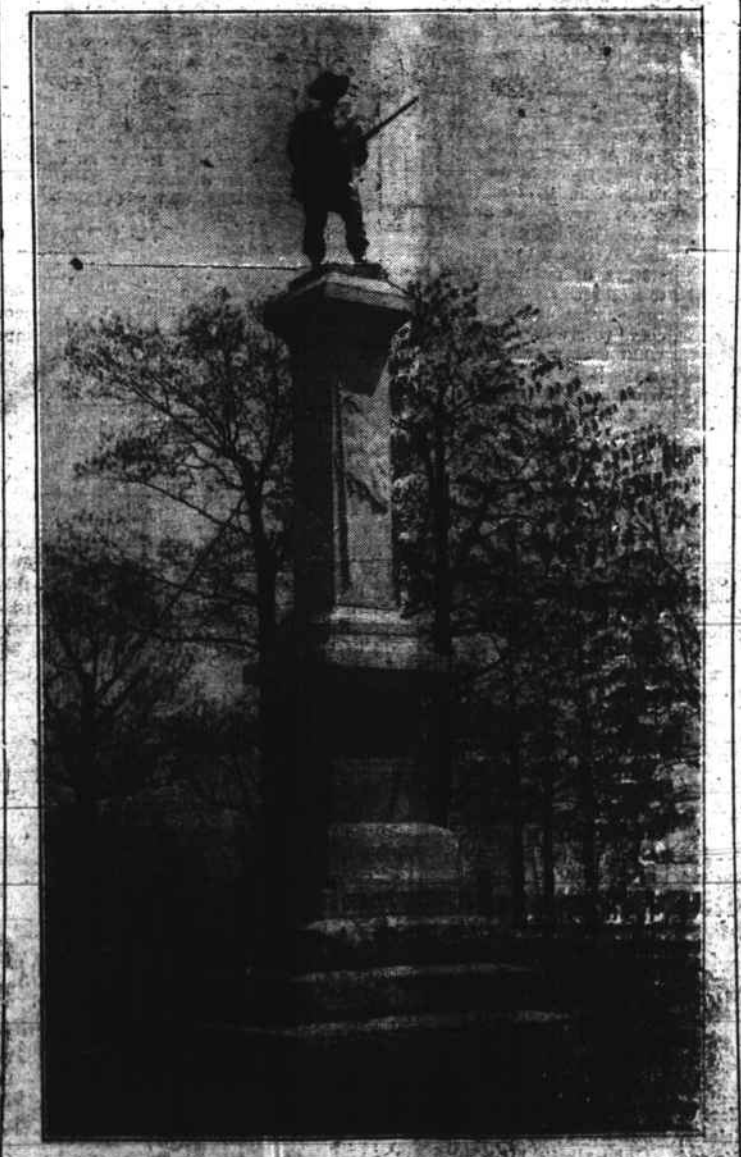
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