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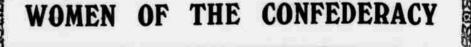
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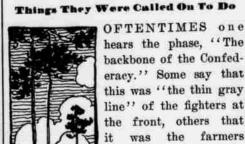
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back here, making supplies for the soldiers. Both are wrong. The backbone of the Confederacy, certainly here in North Carolina, was the woman. It was the woman who cheered on the men when the war flared out and she never stopped cheering them on until the last gasp. She was no flincher. She looked after the farm, she managed the slaves, whether few or many, for while an act of Congress gave exemption to the owner of as many as 20 slaves, not many men had the nerve to try to keep out of the army on that ground. ¶ So then, broadly speaking, the woman of the Confederacy they fondly termed "Old Miss."

This was community life. In the South there were scattered farms, each living a life to itself. This was the patriarchal style of living. The New England town was self-reliant and so were Master and Mistress as to their own world, which was greater or smaller according to the number of their slaves. The master had about the power of a captain of a vessel at sea; not the power over life or death, but of punishment and of general masterfulness. ¶ Upon the mistress, with the husband gone to wars, the supervision of this household machine, for that was what it was, began automatically. This quickened all of a woman's wits and things were done which they never dreamed of before except in times of greatest stress. The mistress was a leader as well as a director. Like a good commanding officer, she did not say so much, "Go on," as she did "Come on," and this is one of the secrets of the abounding love the average slave had for the woman whom



HIGHLAND PINES INN-A FAVORITE RENDEZVOUS FOR SUPPER AND DANCING PARTIES

was the head of the household and the backbone of affairs. This is a bit of a story about some of the things she was the slave a creature of God's making, called on to do and the way she did them. We will take a plantation on which there but to be thought of, prayed for and were say a dozen slaves. There was the ministered unto. So Mistress was the "great house," the casa grands, from owner of the property, the land and the which Spanish phase the negroes really slaves too; the physician in all ordinary got their name for the building in which ailments; the dispenser of charity and master lived. There were the outbuild- comfort, the chaplain and at the same ings, including the barn, stables, corn crib time the head who had to do the thinking and there were the houses for the negroes, in all seasons. I The War of the Revolution the latter usually having two rooms and had been the great training school for a little porch in front. The negroes the American woman in all the then termade it a point then as now in the coun- ritory of the United States. Exactly try, to keep their cabins clean and the the same role was played by the women ground swept all around them. They did of the Confederacy here in North Caronot do this naturally, for it was not an lina. She had to keep her wits about her African habit, but Mistress showed them always, to know almost by instinct the how to do it and to this day the habit best ways of doing things; upon her remained, thus instilled.

world. The mode of life was precisely her part towards the maintenance of the the opposite of that in New England, State, and last but by no means least, of where the people lived in villages, called doing everything possible for the soldier towns, from which they went out to their in the field. The North Carolina of 50 farms to work, returning at night to the years ago was precisely like the Belgium

This statement of a fact will explain many things. The woman's heart made subordinate and not equal to the white, shoulders was borne the load of looking In the South the farm was a little after the estate in every detail, of doing