

Miss Twitty Presents Books To Littleton School Library

Miss Panthea Anne Twitty, president of the North Carolina Division, Children of the Confederacy, presented six volumes to the Littleton High School Library on Thursday afternoon of last week, and spoke on the History of the Children of the Confederacy, its aims and accomplishments.

In addressing 40 members of the Library Club, Miss Twitty said that the first chapter to be chartered was the "Washington Gray's Chapter" in Washington, N. C., Oct. 19, 1897. Dues were one cent per month, so the group gave an original play called "The Quilting Party." The \$65.00 which they earned was used to have a life-size portrait of General Bryan Grimes painted and presented to the Confederate Museum in Richmond, Va. This was the first appearance of the C. of C. representing their own work in the South.

Outstanding memorials erected by the C. of C. in North Carolina include a memorial at Washington, N. C., in memory of 17 soldiers who were killed Sept. 5, 1862 defending the town. In Tarboro, on the Town Common, a large fountain was erected in 1910 at a cost of \$100.00 to the memory of Henry Lawson Wyatt, the first soldier killed in the War Between the States. A drinking fountain was erected in Lincolnton also.

In 1938 the State Division erected a bronze memorial tablet to Confederate Women of North Carolina in the House of Memory in Raleigh. The most outstanding gift of the Division was \$3,800 for the bronze doors of the Memorial Building in Richmond, Va., which was completed in 1957. The C. of C. in North Carolina also gave a handsome love seat to the building in honor of Mrs. William Dickens of Enfield, who was Director-General of the Children at the time.

The objectives of the Children of the Confederacy are: Historical, Benevolent, Educational, Memorial, and Social.

The North Carolina Division of C. of C. gives two scholarships each year (\$150.00 each) which have been given annually since 1931. A Warren County student, Freddie Bartholomew, received one of these scholarships for two years several years ago. The proceeds from the little Confederate Flags, sold during the week of May 10, go for these scholarships.

Tray favors, cards, gifts, and magazines are sent and taken to the U. S. Veterans' Hospi-

tals.

Books, flags, pictures and magazines are given school libraries. Essay prizes are offered as an incentive to do historical research. In 1939, the James H. Lane Chapter in Charlotte gave a glass eye for a young boy of a needy family.

The Children of the Confederacy is the auxiliary of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and cooperates with their work and projects. They contribute to the UDC fund which maintains four beds (one in each of N. C.'s State Sanatoriums) for TB patients, and to the fund for needy descendants. They send cards, gifts, and favors to the ladies in the Confederate Woman's Home in Fayetteville.

Although chapters were organized and working 65 years ago, the N. C. State Division was organized 25 years ago, and will celebrate its 25th Anniversary June 7-8 in Salisbury.

There are 30 chapters in the State Division with over 700 members. In the General Organization, 16 states have Divisions, and there are chapters in eight additional states, and in Paris, France.

The first General Convention was held in Atlanta, Ga., in 1955, and have been held since in Memphis, Tenn., Washington, D. C., Montgomery, Ala., Charleston, S. C., Houston, Texas, and Biloxi, Miss. This year the Convention will be in Richmond, Va., and next year it will be held in North Carolina.

Miss Twitty was introduced by Miss Lynne Mincher. Books presented to the library were Letters and Addresses of Governors Luther Hodges, Mm. B. Umstead, W. Kerr Scott, Joseph M. Broughton, Robert G. Cherry, and John C. B. Ehringhaus.

One out of every five students in higher education attends a landgrant college, such as North Carolina State College.

Children Of The Confederacy Meets

The Warren County Chapter, Children of the Confederacy, met at the Episcopal Parish House, Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with ten children present.

The program on "The Origin of Memorial Day" was given by Miss Panthea Anne Twitty, who stated that on April 26, 1866, some ladies in Columbus, Miss., gathered flowers with which to decorate the graves of the soldiers who had lost their lives in the War Between the States. Following the Battle of Shiloh in 1862, Columbus was a Confederate hospital center and in its tranquil Friendship Cemetery nearby had been buried some 1500 Confederate and 50 Union soldiers. To this cemetery the ladies went laden with the fragrant blossoms.

Showing no distinction between the resting place of friend or foe, all graves were decorated with flowers—an act of forgiveness which is immortal. The incident was reported to the press and the newspapers throughout the country carried the story. The people of the North were touched by this act of kindness. Francis Miles Finch, a native of Ithaca, N. Y., was inspired to write the renowned poem, "The Blue and the Grey." In the poem, Finch pays tribute to the brave Southern women, who, after four years of war, by their deeds of living kindness—

"... banish our anger forever
When they laurel the graves
of our dead.
Love and tears for the
Blue,
Tears and love for the
Grey."

The seven verses of the poem, "The Blue and the Grey," were published in The Atlantic Monthly, Sept. 1867, and the poem was soon printed and recited everywhere in both the North and the South. The North thought the idea of a "Decoration Day" so commendable that a National Day of observance was begun. Be-

cause the flowers in the North bloom so much later, the day was changed to May 30.

In North Carolina, May 10 is officially Confederate Memorial Day as set up under the General Statutes of the State.

Miss Lucy Banzet, chapter president, signed two sets of application papers for Misses Helen Holt and Harriet Benton.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. H. F. Twitty, chapter leader.

Carl Bunn Joins Radio TV Center

Carl Bunn, formerly of Durham, has recently joined Radio TV Center as head of the repair department. He has had 15 years experience in electrical repairs, Allen Tucker, owner of the business, said.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunn and three daughters are making their home in the Read Cabin off the Norlina road.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mustian and Mrs. R. M. James spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Weaver in Albemarle.

Mrs. A. C. Blalock, Sr., spent the weekend with relatives in Henderson.

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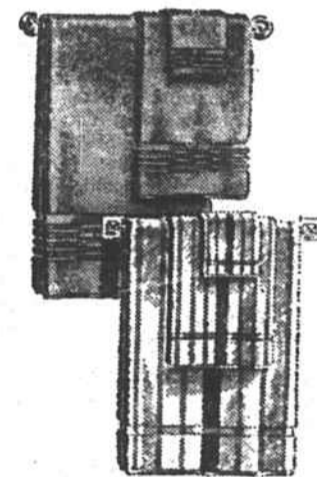
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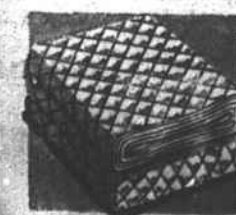
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