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First Confederate Flag Made By Grandmother Of A Local Woman

The grandmother of one of Zebulon's residents made the first Confederate flag—"The Stars and Bars"—to fly proudly on the soft Southern breezes.

Mrs. Rebecca Winborne, whose granddaughter, Mrs. Nannie Watson Pearce, resides on West Horton Street here, is credited with stitching together the Confederate's first ensign to be thrown to the breezes.

When the Senators and Representatives of the seven Confederate States that seceded February 1, 1861, met at Montgomery, Ala., the first business after organizing was to decide whether the new nation should have a new flag and a new constitution or fight under the Constitution of the United States. The debate was short, but both sides had strong arguments to offer.

A new constitution was adopted and a committee was appointed to select a new flag. This committee advertised in the leading papers for designs of flags to be sent to it at Montgomery.

The idea selected was Orren Randolph Smith's of Henderson. Smith said that the idea of his flag was taken from the Trinity, "Three in One." The three bars were for the church, State and press. Red represented the State legislature, judiciary, and executive; white was for the church, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; red was for the press, freedom of speech, freedom of conscience and liberty of press.

All these were bound together on a field of blue, signifying the Heavens above all. A star was added for each state in the confederation. There were seven white stars, all placed in a circle, showing that each state had equal rights and privileges, irrespective of size or population. The circle, having neither head nor foot, stood for eternity, and signified "You defend me and I'll defend you."

Smith made the remark that he had the flag all complete in his mind before the Confederate Congress advertised for models. He said when the advertisement appeared he went directly to his friend, Mrs. Winborne (then Miss Rebecca Murphy), of Louisburg and asked her if she would make him a little flag if he told her how.

This young woman Smith approached to make his flag model was gentle and charming in manner and had the creamy voice of



Mrs. Rebecca Winborne

... Sewed "Stars and Bars"

well-bred Southern women. She was also an excellent seamstress.

She agreed to Smith's request. He tore the bars and cut the stars and when she had meticulously sewn them on the blue background, the little flag was sent to Montgomery, with the suggestion that a star be added for each state that joined the Confederacy.

The flag committee liked the tiny model, accepted it, and named it "The Stars and Bars." They also adopted the suggestion, and it was not long before the flag bore eleven stars for the eleven Confederate States that voted for Jefferson Davis to be President.

After the small flag was sent to Montgomery, Smith bought dress goods from Barrow's Store and asked Miss Rebecca to make him a large flag, 9 by 12 feet, "for," he is quoted as saying, "whether or not the flag committee accepted my model I was determined that one of my flags should be floating in the breeze."

When the large flag was finished by Miss Murphy, Smith spliced two tall saplings together a hundred feet high and planted the flag on the courthouse square at Louisburg where he was then living. The flag was sent aloft Monday, March 18, 1861, two months before North Carolina seceded.

Mrs. Winborne, brown eyed and brown haired, stood a straight five feet five. She married first Dr. Germain Watson of Virginia who set up a practice in Louisburg. Three children were born to this

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Hill Top Farm Awarded Ribbons At N. C. State Fair

Four Tamworth gilts from Hilltop Farm were awarded eight ribbons in the North Carolina Fair swine division.

The girls were raised on Hilltop Farm which is owned by Dr. L. M. Massey and supervised by Dewey Massey, also joint owner of the livestock division of the farm.

The spring sows were entered in four different classes in the livestock and swine display.

Paul Dew, Wakelon High School agriculture instructor, assisted Dewey Massey in picking the four entrants from 16 registered Tamworth gilts.

The Tamworth line raised on Hilltop Farm is cross-bred with the newly-imported Landrace Danish hog. This new breed has six extra ribs, making it an excellent bacon-type.

The farm has two blood lines: the Tamworth, which was begun at Iowa State University, and the Danish Landrace, which was developed at North Carolina State College.

Hilltop Farm is located one mile northeast of Zebulon on Highway 64.

Clinic Course To Be Held By Baptists

"Living in Balance as We Rear Children of Good Will" is the theme of the clinic course being conducted at the Zebulon Baptist Church for the next four Sunday nights from 6:30-7:30, the Rev. Arnold W. Smith has announced.

These clinics are being led by Mrs. Elizabeth Middleton of Raleigh. Her husband, J. Leonard Middleton, is a professor in the Philosophy of Religion department of State College, and Mr. Middleton will work jointly in conducting the clinic.

The topics for discussion are: November 10: We Two: How Loveable Are You?; November 17: We Three, We Four: Do You Have Your Parent's Passport?; November 24: We Four to Eight: How Does Your Family Rate? (How Do You Play? What do You Read?); December 1: The Family: What is Your P. Q.? (Techniques for Happy Living).

Mrs. Middleton is a graduate of Meredith College in Elementary Education and Religion. She received her Bachelor of Divinity Degree from the Crozer Seminary of Chester, Pa., and did post-graduate study at the Union Theological Seminary of Columbia University of New York.

The public is cordially invited and urged to take advantage of this exceptional series of lectures.

Mrs. Hardwick To Address FBW

Mrs. Callie Hardwick, noted home economist, will speak to the Farm Bureau Women on the selection and arrangement of furniture Monday night, Nov. 11. The meeting will get underway at 7:30 p.m. in the Wakelon Home Economic Department. All members are urged to be present.

New Chlorinator Added To Town's Water System

Wendell Women Hear Local Florist

At the Hoe 'N Hope Garden Club of Wendell, October 18, Mrs. Allen Pippin, florist of Zebulon, gave an informative talk and demonstration on making "Thanksgiving Arrangements from Dried Materials."

"Plants should be selected before they reach complete maturity so as not to shed their seeds and leaves," the speaker said, "while other plants should be gathered when at peak of bloom in order to retain natural colors."

Mrs. Pippin said many materials can be dried successfully by tying the stems and hanging upside down. However, for those that can not be dried by this method, she explained the borax-sand, the glycerin, and the soap-flake methods.

From materials gathered locally, Mrs. Pippin made several most attractive arrangements. On completion of each, she gave an analysis of materials used in relations to their texture, color, size, shape and blending qualities. She compared suitability of each container to the contents. An open discussion was held with a question and answer period participated in by members and the speaker.

Weekly Series Of Dances To Be At Armory

Bill Pollard and his Rock N'Roll Playboys will play for a dance Saturday night at 8:00 at the National Guard Armory. Bill is well known in this area for his appearances on WMSN in Raleigh. He has recently completed an extended engagement in Wendell where his band was very well received. His group, which features Billy Kelly on drums, can give out with music for round, square, and bop dancing—it just depends on what the audience wants. The Saturday night dance is the first in a series of weekly dances to be held at the local armory.

Town Board Makes Two Recommendations Mon.

The beauty of Indian Summer days evidently affected the members of the Town Board when they met Monday night. Little was acted upon and left recorded in the minutes.

The Rev. Arnold W. Smith, Zebulon Baptist Church pastor, and Thomas J. Scarborough, local manager of Carolina Power and Light Company, were appointed to the Recreation Commission for a term of three years. These two men replace M. M. Bryant and the Rev. Troy J. Barrett, Zebulon Methodist Church minister, whose terms are to expire Jan. 1, 1958.

The only other business transacted was the opening of sealed

MEANS SAFER WATER

Water taste better lately? Well, then it is because a new chlorine machine has been installed in the town's water plant.

The new machine was bought from Wallace and Tiernam Company at a cost of \$822. The Town Board recommended the purchase and installation of the machine at its October meeting.

Water Commissioner Willie B. Hopkins said the new machine, installed October 17, chlorinates the water before it is filtered. Prior to the installation of the new chlorinator, the water had to be filtered first.

With the installation of the new chlorinator, the raw water is treated with chlorine and it is then filtered. Water Commissioner Hopkins said this new method eliminates the growth of algae in the raw water basin and filter bed.

Because of the action of the chlorine killing the myriad forms of algae in the raw water basin and filter bed, Water Commissioner Hopkins said there may be a slight bitter taste to the water. This, he assures, will clear up very soon.

The present chlorinator requires approximately eight pounds of chlorine every 24 hours. The discarded model required approximately one pound of chlorine every 24 hours.

Farm Bureau Changes Meet

Zebulon Farm Bureau will hold its regular monthly meeting on the second Wednesday night of this month, Nov. 13.

The change is affected because Paul Dew, Wakelon agriculture instructor, is now taking advanced courses at N. C. State College during the night. He is working toward his master of arts degree.

Dew said no speaker has been secured for the meeting, but the speaker who will be gotten will speak on the current problems facing the farmers in this and other sections.

The local Farm Bureau members are urged to take note of this change meeting, and be present for what promises to be one of the most informative meetings of the year.

Dentist Protest Road On Meredith Property

Dr. L. M. Massey, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Meredith College, appeared before the North Carolina State Highway Commission Monday to protest a proposed highway project.

The college group opposed the proposed location of an intersection with Hillsboro Street at a U. S. 1 south relocation project. The new U. S. 1 route bypasses Apex and Cary to the east.

It would overpass and cloverleaf with Hillsboro Street in the vicinity of Ridge Road, the western property line of the college.

Some six or seven acres of Meredith property would be needed for the intersection. The Meredith

group said the college needs all of its present property for future expansion of the Baptist women's institution.

Dr. Massey said, "We have hope that we (the group who appeared before the Commission) will be successful in getting the Highway Commission to move the entire project farther west of the city so as to avoid congestion on the Hillsboro Street area and mar the beauty and service of the Hillsboro side of Meredith College campus."

Appearing at the meeting with Dr. Massey were Herbert W. Weatherspoon, Leroy Martin, Dr. Carlyle Campbell, and Mrs. J. Wilbur Bunn.