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### THE HALL OF HISTORY GETS BATTLE FLAG

Flag of Seventeenth North Carolina Regiment Placed Among Other Relics by Wilson G. Lamb.

The battle flag of the seventeenth North Carolina regiment, which has for years been lovingly cared for by Mr. Wilson G. Lamb, of Williams-ton, was yesterday placed by him in the North Carolina Hall of History and officially received by Col. Fred A. Olds, who is in charge of that splendid depository of relics illustrative of the history of this State during all its existence.

In making the presentation Mr. Lamb said: "I hold in my hands the battle flag of the seventeenth North Carolina regiment, Martin Kirkland brigade, Hoke's division, army of Northern Virginia. Half a century has passed since it was furled at the final capitulation of Johnston's army at Center church, in Randolph county, North Carolina.

"This flag, sir, waved in triumph in the first capture of Plymouth. Thereafter it was planted on the captured fort of the enemy at Newport barracks and, borne by Ensign Williams was first to wave again in victory over the entrenchments of Butler when his army was bottled up on the Bermuda Hundred peninsula. At second Cold Harbor it was an inspiration to the brave defenders of Richmond who hurled back Grant's invaders in the bloodiest repulse of the war. It greeted the morning sunlight at Petersburg and Hoke's gallant soldiers to hold the army of the Potomac in check until the arrival of their comrades of Lee's army, which made sure the saving of Petersburg. Again, upon the northern front of Richmond, at Harrison's farm and Henrico court house, it bade defiance to the besieging army. The regiment being transferred to North Carolina, its reputation for gallantry was illustrated at Wilmington, North River bridge and on the bloody field of Wise's Fork near Kinston. At Bentonville it withstood the many furious assaults of Sherman's legions and being withdrawn by order of Johnston retired to Smithfield depot and passing through Raleigh marched to Center church.

"I quote from the historian of the seventeenth North Carolina regiment: 'This flag was saved at the surrender by Private Abel Thomas of Company A, and was unfurled at the unveiling of the Confederate monument at Raleigh May 20, 1895. Beneath its tattered and bullet-riddled folds the survivors marched to honor their dead heroes and comrades. With them marched General Robert F. Hoke, the beloved commander of their division.'

"Sir, as acting adjutant of the regiment it was my proud privilege to have the custody of this flag, and I am honored by my declining years, I ask the favor of your acceptance of it in behalf of North Carolina."

Colonel Olds in receiving the flag which shows all the marks of hard warfare, said: "Mr. Lamb, it gives me great pleasure to receive this flag. There were 84 regiments of North Carolina troops and happily we have now secured somewhat more than half of the flags borne by these brave men. Not only have they come from North Carolina hands, but the United States has returned all it had in custody, one flag has come from the State of Maine, another is to come, that of the second North Carolina, from New Jersey, in January, and the remaining flags held outside of North Carolina have been located and steps have been taken to bring about their return to this Commonwealth.

"The flag of the seventeenth, you may be sure, will occupy a place of honor here, for the regiment has a fixed reputation for valor and determination throughout its career. At Bentonville, the last battle of the war, it faced a Wisconsin regiment

and neither would give an inch, both finally withdrawing, but neither outdone. It is another evidence of your high public spirit, patriotism and love for your State, to place this flag in our custody. You may be sure it will be preserved as it should be. Every such gift or loan to this collection has a happy effect of stimulating the placing of other relics here and of deepening State pride and interest in the long history of North Carolina."—News and Observer.

### HELD ON FOR 200 YEARS.

#### How the Owner of a Vast City Estate Clung to Family Policy.

The death recently in California of John G. Wendel, head of an old New York City family, which is one of the largest owners of real estate here, will probably serve to throw into the hands of his four surviving sisters between \$50,000,000 and \$60,000,000 of the choicest real estate in the city. Much of this property is in unimproved lots and in parcels on which the buildings are of little value.

It has been the family custom for 200 years to will real estate holdings to surviving members of the family, and if Mr. Wendel continued this custom his four sisters will each own, including their present holdings, \$20,000,000 worth of real estate, including many lots whose production of income could be greatly increased by the erection of suitable buildings.

Mr. Wendel died at the home of his nephew, H. C. Holwedel, at Santa Monica, near Los Angeles. He was stricken with paralysis after a recent trip to the Pacific Coast, and a week ago his physicians abandoned hope.

The surviving sisters are Mary E. A. Wendel, Rebecca A. D. Wendel Swope, Ella Von E. Wendel and Georgiana G. R. Wendel. Another sister, Josephine, died last spring, and, in accordance with the custom of her family, divided her \$3,000,000 estate among her brother and sisters.

For more than 200 years the Wendel family, of which John G. Wendel in recent years had been the head, has been buying real estate in Manhattan and vicinity while following a policy of rarely, if ever, selling and as rarely making improvements on holdings when improvements could be possibly avoided.

As a result of this policy John G. Wendel, a bachelor in his eightieth year and sometimes spoken of in print as "the Russell Sage of Broadway," had been managing personally a fortune in realty valued by some as high as \$50,000,000.

"In 200 years or more we have not sold a piece of property in New York and we never shall," Mr. Wendel was quoted as saying in 1909—this when he was interviewed about the fight he was then making against the condemnation of his property at 40 Dey street by the city in order to make way for a new subway terminal.

Mr. Wendel never went in for office display at his business headquarters at 175 Broadway, where one who wished to see him climbed two flights of wooden steps and found Mr. Wendel among ancient safes and high old wooden desks at which book-keepers and clerks stood at their work.

A sign confronting one on the office wall upon entering has been the business text of the house from Mr. Wendel's day back to the days of the grandfather, John G., for whom the name was named, and for generations beyond that. It reads: "We Do Not Sell Property."

Also Mr. Wendel's office force always has been modest in numbers. He preferred whenever possible to go around and personally collect his rents.

For ten or a dozen years past Mr. Wendel is said to have been one of the largest real estate buyers in Manhattan. Once he got hold of a property, real estate brokers as a rule knew it would be just as well to cross that parcel off their books of possibilities.—New York Sun.

### Librarian's Report.

The following is a report of Ennis Bryan, librarian of the Scotland Neck graded school for the month of November:

Books in library, 93; books donated, 3; books lost, none; books read, 143; fines collected, 14 cents; fines uncollected, 25 cents.

### As To Marriages.

Love lugs at locks and bars and will continue to do it. The recent conference of the Methodist Church, held at Shelby, however, has taken hold of a very important matter, the purpose of which is to protect ministers in the performances of marriage ceremonies and save them from officiating at any weddings that ought never to occur—weddings that certainly no minister of the Gospel ought to sanction. The resolution was introduced by Rev. Dr. Bain, of Winston, and provides "that the statute prescribing the form of marriage license be so amended as to require under oath from the person applying for said license the condition of the person to be married, condition to be answered by the word 'single,' 'widower' or 'widow' or 'divorced' as the case requires; and if 'divorced' the grounds on which the divorce was procured, stated in the legal terms applicable, together with the State and county where and the time at which procured." Under the present form of marriage license the minister has no way of telling who he is joining together for better or for worse.—From The Greensboro Record.

### Brief News From Oak City.

Oak City, N. C., Dec. 9.—Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Allsbrook spent Sunday in Scotland Neck.

Miss Annie Mae Dauridge left for school Sunday night after spending Thanksgiving at home.

James Rawls, of Hamilton, was in town Sunday evening.

Hiss Hattie Mae Downing and Orin Quincy, of Scotland Neck, were guests of J. W. Hines Thursday.

Miss Vonnie Eubanks, of Hassell, was the guest of Misses Pearl and Jefferson House Sunday.

Mrs. Nannie Bell Fleming, of Scotland Neck, is spending some time with Mrs. H. J. Ethridge.

Little Miss Pattie Weeks, of Scotland Neck, is with her grandmother, Mrs. N. M. Worsley, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hurst, of Robersonville, spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Loomis Chesson.

Jesse Crisp motored to Parnale Sunday.

J. A. Hobbs and Mrs. J. D. Howell, of Williamston, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Worsley.

Mrs. J. W. Hines and daughter spent Saturday and Sunday at Cross Roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dimmette spent Saturday in Greenville.

### Resolutions of Respect

Whereas, it has pleased the all-wise Creator to remove from our Professor, our deceased collaborer, Professor Clinton J. Everett, late superintendent of public schools of Scotland Neck, be it resolved,

1. That we bow in humble submission to his divine will;
2. That in Mr. Everett, his family lost a kind loving father, the state a useful, loyal citizen, and this association, and unassuming faithful, welltrained superintendent, who sought no higher privilege and honor than to do his whole duty with an eye single to the aid of man and glory of God.
3. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, another given to the press and one forwarded to the family.

Robert H. Wright  
H. E. Craven  
R. H. Bachman  
Committee

Unanimously adopted by the North Carolina Association of City Superintendents at the annual session, November 17, 1914, Charlotte, N. C.  
H. P. Hardneing, Secretary.

### Honor Roll Oak City High School.

Oak City, N. C., Dec. 9.—The following is the honor roll of the Oak City high school for the twelfth week:

First grade—Gladys Everett, Margaret Hines, Sarah Long Johnson, Lucile House, Leola Hines, Myrtella Hyman, Mildred Davenport, Pauline Davenport, Hazel Piland, Eloise Ross.

Second grade—Christine Piland, Clifton Hyman, Lilton Hurst.

Third grade—Howard Brown, Virginia Hines, William Francis Brown, Livingston Harrell, Rudolph Whitely.

Fourth grade—Annie Hurst, Selma Johnson, Wheeler Daniel.

Fifth grade—Blanche Bunting, Edgar Dimmette, Bertha Piland.

### THE RURAL CHURCH

#### THE FARMERS THE CUSTODIANS OF THE NATION'S MORALITY.

##### Co-operation of Church, School and Press Essential to Community Building.

By Peter Radford  
Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

The church, the press and the school form a triple alliance of progress that guides the destiny of every community, state and nation. Without them civilization would wither and die and through them life may attain its greatest blessing, power and knowledge. The farmers of this nation are greatly indebted to this social triumvirate for their uplifting influence, and on behalf of the American plowmen I want to thank those engaged in these high callings for their able and efficient service, and I shall offer to the press a series of articles on co-operation between these important influences and the farmers in the hope of increasing the efficiency of all by mutual understanding and organized effort. We will take up, first, the rural church.

#### The Farmers Are Great Church Builders.

The American farmer is the greatest church builder the world has ever known. He is the custodian of the nation's morality; upon his shoulders rests the "ark of the covenant" and he is more responsive to religious influences than any other class of citizenship.

The farmers of this nation have built 120,000 churches at a cost of \$750,000,000 and the annual contribution of the nation toward all church institutions approximates \$200,000,000 per annum. The farmers of the United States build 22 churches per day. There are 20,000,000 rural church communicants on the farm, and 54 per cent of the total membership of all churches reside in the country.

The farm is the power-house of all progress and the birthplace of all that is noble. The Garden of Eden was in the country and the man who would get close to God must first get close to nature.

#### The Functions of a Rural Church.

If the rural churches today are going to render a service which this age demands, there must be co-operation between the religious, social and economic life of the community.

The church to attain its fullest measure of success must enrich the lives of the people in the community it serves; it must build character; develop thought and increase the efficiency of human life. It must serve the social, business and intellectual, as well as the spiritual and moral side of life. If religion does not make a man more capable, more useful and more just, what good is it? We want a practical religion, one we can live by and farm by, as well as die by.

#### Fewer and Better Churches.

Blessed is that rural community which has but one place of worship. While competition is the life of trade, it is death to the rural church and moral starvation to the community. Petty sectarianism is a scourge that blights the life, and the church prejudice saps the vitality, of many communities. An over-churching community is a crime against religion, a serious handicap to society and a useless tax upon agriculture.

While denominations are essential and church pride commendable, the high teaching of universal Christianity must prevail if the rural church is to fulfill its mission to agriculture.

We frequently have three or four churches in a community which is not able to adequately support one. Small congregations attend services once a month and are left to perform the religious functions of the community. The division of religious forces and the breaking into fragments of moral efforts is oftentimes little less than a calamity and defeats the very purpose they seek to promote.

The evils of too many churches can be minimized by co-operation. The social and economic life of a rural community are respective units and cannot be successfully divided by denominational lines, and the churches can only occupy this important field by co-operation and co-ordination.

The efficient country church will definitely serve its community by leading in all worthy efforts at community building, in uniting the people in all co-operative endeavors for the general welfare of the community and in arousing a real love for country life and loyalty to the country home and these results can only be successfully accomplished by the united effort of the press, the school, the church and organized farmers.

#### Objects to Milk Pasteurization.

Dr. Ralph Vincent of the Manchester (England) Infants' hospital says that pasteurization cannot be relied upon to kill tuberculosis bacilli and claims that in his experience children fed upon boiled or condensed milk have been more prone to consumption than those fed on raw milk. One of his arguments against sterilizing milk is that we do not pasteurize butter, although it is a raw milk product. He wants to prove that, although harmful bacilli exist in raw milk they are useful in destroying other harmful bacilli in the liquid.

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Having qualified as administratrix of the late J. H. Hopkins, this is to notify the persons having claims against his estate to file same with me on or before the 10th day of August, 1915, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons owing said estate will please make immediate payment. This 10th day of August, 1914.  
MARTHA HOPKINS, Administratrix  
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There will be paid to the person or persons the sum of FIFTY DOLLARS for any information and conviction of the person or persons who murdered Willie Lawrence in the month of August in this county near the Fed Whitehead place on the A. C. L. Railroad.  
By J. H. Norman, Clerk.  
October 8, 1914.

### Fifty Dollars Reward Offered by The Board of County Commissioners.

There will be paid to the person or persons the sum of Fifty Dollars for the capture of Willie Silver for the murder of Louis Lynch, about a year ago, near Essex, N. C.  
Board County Commissioners Halifax County, N. C.  
By J. H. Norman, Clerk.  
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