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## Hall of History Gets Battle Flag

The battle flag of the seventeenth North Carolina regiment of infantry, which has for years been lovingly cared for by Mr. Wilson G. Lamb of Williamston, 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 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 nerved 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 At Bentonsville it withstood the many furious assaults of Sherman's legions and being withdrawn by order of Johnston retired to Smithfield depot and passing through Raleigh marched to Center church.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, admonished by my declining years, I ask the favor of your acceptance of it in behalf of North Carolina."

Col. Olds is 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 those 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

## LOCAL

Today is "North Carolina Day" in the schools of the State.

Tobacco is still coming in large and lots and is selling well on the local market.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Church wish to announce that they are planning to have a bazaar next year. This announcement is made so as not to conflict with any other society's purpose.

John W. Green has a large lot of Ford automobiles for sale at the sales room. These cars are the most satisfactory on the market.

It is always best to purchase goods from the man who advertises.

Watch for Christmas Bargains in these columns.

FOR RENT.—A good two-horse farm. Will grow tobacco, cotton, corn and peanuts.—G. W. Blount, Williamston, N. C.

Rev. Marshall Craig, of Wilmington, will preach at the Baptist Church in Williamston on Sunday night, Dec. 6th. All are cordially invited to attend this service.

The December meeting of the Gideon Lamb Chapter of the D. A. R. was held with Mrs. A. R. Dunhig on Thursday afternoon. The meeting was one of the most enjoyable of the society. A full account will be given next week as time was lacking in which to give it proper notice.

## Ginners Report

Wm. J. Harris of the Department of Commerce, reports that up to Nov. 21st, 4,258 bales of cotton had been ginned in Martin County against 3,624 for the same period last year. The number in the state was 525,952 bales.

## Died Last Week

Levi Cotanch died at his home near the buggy factory early Thanksgiving morning. He had been paralyzed months ago but was able to sit up and often walk about the house with help. Early in the week, he had suffered with spasms and finally death came. He was a highly respected colored man and had lived an industrious life among this people. He leaves a wife and sister. Friday afternoon, his body was taken to the Methodist Church, where funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. W. Garrett assisted by several ministers, who were attending the Conference.

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 Bentonsville, 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, Nov. 29th.

## A Bold Robber

There seems to be a wave of robbery spreading over the entire country. Men are getting what another has accumulated, are usurping others' rights and in general are looking after "yours truly" to the detriment of the other fellow. This is caused no doubt by the mad pace for gain which the Americans have set for themselves and the world. But much of this gaining is legitimate in the eyes of the law and by custom's decree. So after all, it's "every man for himself and the devil for us all."

Coming closer home—right here in this newspaper office, a robber bold has entered its sacred precincts and carried away that which brought sweetness and light to its dark interior. On entering the door Monday morning, one could easily detect the absence of that atmosphere of charm which usually filled the whole room, and upon investigation it was found that the bold robber, Dan Cupid, had come in and with smiling face and sweetest promises, stolen away the attractive type, and naught of sunshine remains except that which forces its way through fly-specked windows. "Gone but not forgotten", "our loss is another's gain", are stereotyped phrases, but are appropriate in this case.

May her "rule" be a long and happy one; the "spaces" between her visits thin; and if occasion should arise when it becomes her duty, may the "stick" be a big one and held firmly, so there will be no "pie" except that which is a dream of the chef.

## Killed in Auto Accident

About two weeks ago, C. Edward Cobb, was killed in an auto at Atwater, Ohio. It will be remembered here by many people that Mr. Cobb hunted around Williamston for several winters, boarding with George Harris in East Williamston. He was an expert climber and had some valuable dogs with which he hunted for fur. He had a family in Ohio and owned a farm, but liked to come South during the winter. He and several friends were returning from hunting when their car was struck by a freight train and his death resulted.

## Lost His Bearings

Saturday night, Mrs. John Biggs asked the operator at the phone office to get a policeman to come to her home to arrest a drunken man, who refused to leave. Officer Patrick with several citizens went over and found a man Morton, who works at the mill, in the verandah beastly drunk. He claimed that he had mistaken the house for Geo. Harris' where he boards, and was too boozed to understand when Mrs. Biggs protested. Morton was carried to the lockup where he spent the night and sobered up. Another case where mean liquor steered its victim into the wrong port, and came near wrecking his life, for ballets are oftimes used for such characters.

Peruvian Plant Grows "Wool."  
A plant producing the finest quality of cotton is indigenous to Peru. The fiber so closely resembles wool that the entire product is utilized in the manufacture of woolen goods which are, in certain respects, improved by the admixture. This peculiar cotton commands a price of 10 per cent higher than other qualities, and Peru is the sole source of the world's supply. It is being more and more extensively cultivated year after year; but in spite of increased outputs, the demand exceeds the supply.

## Married in Richmond

Monday, Mrs. Julius H. Purvis received a telegram telling her that her daughter, Anna Beth, had married Grover C. Godwin in Richmond on November 25th. Miss Purvis accompanied by her sister, Mildred, went to Richmond on that day to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. Godwin, who is a student at the Richmond Medical College. It developed later that Miss Purvis knew that she was to be married, but the secret was to be kept until the graduation of Mr. Godwin in June, of next year. But in some way a fellow student of the groom learned of it, and so they decided to inform the folks at home. Mrs. Godwin will remain with her husband until Christmas, when they will come here to spend the holidays.

## Sunday Services

The colored population enjoyed three big meetings here on Sunday. The Methodist Conference drew large crowds, a number of white brethren attending to hear Bishop Harris and Elder Dix. The corner Stone Baptist held a Union and the Primitive Baptist also had a union at Sandy Point. There were a large number of visitors in town, and luncheons were served on the grounds at each church. The reports of the Methodist were read Saturday and \$2,000 had been raised during the year, which is very creditable in a time of depression.

While the colored people were attending services at so many places, there was not a Church open for the white people. Every minister was out of town except Mr. Bethea, who was very sick at his home on Haughton Street. Rev. J. T. Standford was called to Rich Square on account of the death of his wife's sister, and Rev. Mr. Howell and family left here Friday for the Union Meeting.

## Robbery At Everetts

Sunday afternoon, Mr. Will Wynn, who lives near the town of Everetts, locked his house and went off for the rest of the day. On returning he found that a trunk containing \$100 had been broken open and the money stolen. Monday morning, bloodhounds were put on the trail but could not find anything definite. There seems to be no clue to the robbers.

Just another case of banking in a trunk instead of in one of the banks in the county. They are burglar proof and the depositor is protected by the laws of the State.

## The Proper Spirit

At the session of the Sunday School at the Methodist Church Sunday morning, it was decided to depart from the usual observance of Christmas by allowing the pupils to contribute to the happiness of others, and receive the lesser gifts themselves. There will be no tree of gifts for them, but each is expected to bring an offering for the Belgians, whether it be a penny or dollars, it is to be an offering made in the spirit of the babe of Bethlehem, who gave himself for the poor and the outcasts of the nations. There will be some pleasing arrangements for the delight of the pupils; however, and the occasion is expected to be helpful in every way.

## PERSONAL

Mrs. Arthur Anderson and daughter spent several days in Rocky Mount.

Mrs. Minnie Ballance of Atlanta, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. P. H. Brown on Simmons Avenue.

Miss Addie Leggett spent last week in Washington.

Prof. E. S. Peel was at home from Greenville to spend the holidays.

Julian Carr Anderson spent Sunday in Greenville.

Dr. P. B. Cone was out of town several days last week visiting relatives in Richmond.

J. P. Boyle and wife with friends were here Sunday from Hamilton.

Lawrence Sherer, of Blacksburg, S. C., spent Friday here and left Saturday morning accompanied by his sister, Mrs. A. D. Mizzell, who will spend several weeks with her mother.

C. C. Lucas, who has been with the Roanoke Warehouse this season, left Saturday for Danville Ky., via Enfield where he visited his parents.

J. D. Simpson, who has been in Wilson for several months, left here Saturday afternoon for Kentucky.

Mesdames F. W. Hoyt and J. G. Staten went to Kinston Friday to attend the Convention of Wilmington. While there they were the guests of Mrs. Clarence A. Jeffress.

Mrs. J. H. Saunders and son are visiting relatives in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Moore and wife with Mrs. W. C. Manning went to Washington Wednesday, where Mrs. Moore will undergo an operation for appendicitis.

Col. W. G. Lamb returned Tuesday from Raleigh, where he went to present a battle flag to the Hall of History.

Dr. H. B. York went to Washington Tuesday with a patient.

Mrs. Geo. J. Dowell arrived here from Ayden on Tuesday night and is the guest of Mrs. A. T. Crawford.

Mesdames Ellis and Simpson, of Conetoe, arrived Tuesday to visit Mrs. W. H. Crawford.

Mr. Guerry, of Norfolk, has been the guest of Dr. Warren this week.

J. A. Martin was here from Robersonville Thursday.

Dr. N. B. Marriner, of Belhaven, visited his mother here last week.

## Mrs. Crawford Hostess

Tuesday afternoon, at her home in East Williamston, Mrs. Asa T. Crawford entertained the Embroidery Club in a most delightful manner. Added to the Club women were many other friends of the hostess, among which were Mesdames Simpson and Ellis, of Conetoe. After the exchange of books, and fancy work was put away, tables were arranged for Rook and the game was enjoyed for an hour. One pleasant feature of the afternoon was the announcement that it was also the seventeenth anniversary of Mrs. Crawford's marriage. There were many expressions conveying wishes for the continued happiness of Mrs. Crawford, who is one among the most popular matrons in Williamston. The guests were served an elegantly prepared menu, which was eaten with pleasure.

## A Good Show

One of the best shows of the season 'The Turning Point', had the smallest house on Friday night which has been seen here. This was caused by the fact that a show of that title was here earlier in the year and people did not care to see a repetition. But the two plays were entirely dissimilar. It was presented by the same company which was seen in "Paid in Full" except "Jimsey". Will H. Culhane and H. Scott Warner, who are favorites here, gave splendid exhibitions of their talent. It is a clean show throughout, and at no point is there weakness shown by any of the actors. People who love a good show and stayed at home, missed much. Mr. Warner hopes to come here again in another play.

After the show was over, Mr. Warner was the guest of Harry A. Biggs at his home in East Williamston. Mrs. Carrie Biggs Williams, Miss Essie Peele and and W. H. Jackson were the other guests of Mr. Biggs. Mr. Warner is very attractive in manner, is a delightful entertainer and possesses a splendid voice, which was heard in some of the latest songs. The host served oysters, salad, saltines and coffee.

## Turner Almanac Is Now Ready

The 1915 Turner-Enniss North Carolina Almanac has just come from the press. The book appears in its seventy-eighth year more complete and valuable than ever before. For several generations this book has been the standard publication of its kind in this state, maintaining a favored place by the fireside in a great many homes.

This is the first publication containing a complete court calendar for the entire state and it is invaluable to lawyers. Full information is given concerning the various departments of the state government with names of all officials and employees with the salaries they are paid. There is a roster of the 1915 General Assembly. Statistics and data concerning the European War are among the new features. This is one of the few Almanacs in the country which is able to maintain the standard price of ten cents, most of the other publications being given away free by advertisers. The book has been sold steadily since 1837, its usefulness having increased with its age. The almanac is sold in Martin County by M. W. Ballard & Co.; Slade, Rhodes & Co., Hamilton; J. P. Butler, of Jamesville; Carstarphen & Co., Williamston.

## A Quiet Thanksgiving

Ideal weather, quietness and perfect peace marked Thanksgiving here in 1914. Many people went out of town to witness Carolina get out kicked in two places in Virginia, a noticeable thing being that despite the depression which men talk about, more of them went to the cities. Those who remained at home spent the day quietly, or went hunting much to the hurt of the quail family.

There were services in the Episcopal Church at 11 o'clock, and at the Baptist at night. In both offerings were made for the orphans. There were no casualties reported, and many had elegant dinners to which friends and relatives were guests.