

Explains Purpose Of Local U. D. C. In A Treatise On Flag

Registrar Of Organization
Writes Of Desire To
Regain Emblem

PLYMOUTH'S FLAG IS IN CONNECTICUT

Yankees Seized Emblem Which
Rests In Capitol Building At
Hartford During Struggle Of
Sixties; Exploits Prominence
Of Old Glory In Army Use;
Two Flags Returned To State

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members of the local chapter of the
U. D. C. in a recent meeting by the
author—Editor's Note).

Madame President, Daughters of the
Confederacy and Guests:

"We live in deed, not years; in
thoughts, not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart
throbs.

He most lives, who thinks most,
feels the noblest, acts the best."

—Anon.
It is the purpose and aim of our
organization to keep alive in the
hearts of us who are blood survivors
of the "Lost Cause" a feeling of
loyalty that the years cannot dim, an
ever living memorial in the form of
women banded together, working to
perpetuate the memories of our fore-
fathers, everlastingly.

We live in deeds, and the deeds of
valor that have been handed down to
us through history by our forefathers
are shining examples and an inspira-
tion to hitch our wagon to a star and
make our deeds worth while.

In our Confederate flag, that we
respect and by inheritance love, may
we never forget that one of those
thirteen stars which it contains is
our very own star of North Carolina
and naturally enough, we think, the
brightest in the constellation. Ever
after sixty-three years have passed,
its glory has not been dimmed for us,
when we recount the heroic bearers
of the flag and number them among
our kinsmen.

Confederate leaders were as eager
as the Union Commanders to instill
in their men the idea that the colors
symbolized the honor of the organiza-
tion. They issued orders that the
flags should be plainly marked so
that in the loss of the colors no mis-
understanding might arise as to who
lost them. General Order No. 19 of
the War Department lays down clear-
ly the attitude of the Union Com-
manders: "It is ordered that there
shall be inscribed on the colors of all
regiments and batteries in the serv-
ice of the United States, the names
of the battles in which they have
borne a meritorious part. It is
expected that troops so distin-
guishingly representing the honor of their
corps to be lost only with their lives,
and that those who are not yet entitled
to such a distinction, will not rest
satisfied until they have won it by
their discipline and valor.

In the American Army of today the
flag is as potent a symbol as ever,
but in the grim business of war the
dough boy does not go over the top
with the colors unfurled as of old,
to receive the bullets of the enemy.
The colors are back of the line and
the color guard so conspicuous on the
parade ground, has other duties when
the regiment comes within range of
hostile fire.

Quite otherwise was it when North
and South marshalled their forces in
the War Between the States. Picked
men carried the colors into battle and
the flag was a rallying point for its
defenders and an objective for the
enemy. The color guard was as like-
ly to be in the center of the thickest
fighting, as was a Greek Chieftain in
the warfare described by Homer. For
a regiment to lose its colors was a
disgrace and to capture an enemy's
flag was an exploit for which the
commanding officer might recommend
a medal of honor and a thirty-day
furlough. The battle flag spoke a

language the private soldier could
understand, with an enemies flag in
his possession he was quite content to
let his higher officers measure victory
in terms of territory gained and po-
sitions won by strategy.

The progress of our State is noth-
ing short of a miracle when we think
of the destruction, the burning, the
pillaging, that made it a forsaken de-
serted looking wasteland, in the days
of '61 to '65, and our own town cap-
tured and invaded by the enemy, our
flag that fell in the battle of Ply-
mouth now treasured by the State of
Connecticut as a war trophy and is
at present in the capitol building at
Hartford. Its tattered condition is
silent evidence of the valiant fight
that was fought and lost here on the
streets that we walk every day.

It is interesting to know that it
is within the power of the Major Louis
Charles Latham Chapter of the U-
nited Daughters of the Confederacy
to bring that flag back home to Ply-
mouth. Connecticut's war trophy
should be Plymouth's hallowed treas-
ure.

On August 19, 1863 from Richmond,
President Jefferson Davis wrote to
Governor Vance of North Carolina in-
forming him that in the Battle of
Gettysburg, Lieut. F. M. Harvey of
the 14th North Carolina Volunteers
had wrested the standard from the
color bearer of the 159th Pennsylv-
ania Infantry and had soon after-
wards fallen mortally wounded, in
his dying moments, Harvey request-
ed that the Union Flag he captured
should in his name be presented to
the President of the Confederacy.
"The wish of the dying hero has been
complied with," wrote President
Davis. The flag is in my possession
and will be treasured by me as an
honorable memento of the valor and
patriotism and devotion which the
soldiers of North Carolina have dis-
played, such deeds illustrate a peo-
ple's history, justify a people's pride
and sustain a country's hope.

New Jersey has returned two of
the battle flags which her sons cap-
tured in the Civil War. One was tak-
en from Carolina Troops at Manas-
sas Junction, Va., on March 11, 1862
by the 3rd N. J. Volunteers, one side
bears the words, Surry Marksman
and on the field of the flag is the
phrase "Traitors Beware!" The flag
is made out of a silk shawl, a visible
token of the devotion of the Daugh-
ters of the Confederacy.

Long ago our star, one of the
thirteen originals, has been blended
with the forty-eight of our stars and
stripes, and while we as a united na-
tion stand in love and respect to the
strains of our "Star Spangled Ban-
ner" it is with a backward glance to
the days of '65 with love and loyalty
to the ones whose blood is now flow-
ing in our veins that we still remain
true and salute the stars and bars to
the strains of "Dixie".

Is there still a Dixie? The answer
is given to us from one of North
Carolina's lyric poets,

"Yes there is still a Dixie. A
Dixie in the hearts of some of us old-
er ones, and in the realm of the
spirit fancy may summon visions of
the most beautiful of scenes, the
loveliest of faces, and days of cloud-
less blue, Dixie, the East to which
those of us who stand on the rim of
the fading day, turn in devotion
while the shadows creep! Dixie the
Glorious Land of the past, the golden
bourne of memories silent rambles
the hallowed solitude in whose cool
depths the lost cords of life breathe
their music into the soul! Dixie
Love's Shadow-land, peopled with the
unfettered spirits of the noble and
the great, redolent of memories that
do not die, because they cluster about
things immortal, templed with the
dream fabric of a nation that drev
from out God's boundless deep and
after four years of romance, poetry
and glory turned again Home! Dixie
the beautiful and glorious, the sweet-
est chapter of history, the noblest
epic of the ages, the light of yester-
year whose fulfillment gilds the crest
of Time's swift onward tide! Dixie
the stainless mother of the nation
the indestructible Kingdom of the
Twilight—Dixie, the incomparable
South of our dreams! Yes, there still
is a Dixie.

NINE CHURCHES REPRESENTED 1-DAY MEET

Only seventy-five delegates from
nine churches were present out of
the forty churches that were urged to
have representatives here Monday to
attend the one-day convention that
was held in the local Christian
Church under the auspices of the U-
nited Christian Missionary Society.
These delegates were present from
Washington, Wilson, Robersonville,
Elhaven, Williamston, Terra Ceia,
Plymouth and other points in Wash-
ington county.

Addresses by Dr. Royal J. Dye, a
former missionary to Africa who aid-
ed in establishing the Congo Chris-
tian Mission at Bolenge; H. P. Gam-
boe, a graduate of Transylvania Col-
lege and a former missionary to
India; E. B. Quick, of Atlanta, Ga.,
southeastern superintendent of the
United Christian Missionary Society;
Mrs. C. N. Downey, a mission work-
er of note, and C. C. Ware, regional
superintendent of the society featur-
ed the three sessions that were held
during the day.

The local convention was one among
the 201 that has been scheduled for
the United States and Canada for
the current year. Each of these meet-
ings are conducted on the same order
as the one here. The morning session
opened with a devotional service
which was followed by address-
es from members of the team. In the af-
ternoon there were simultaneous mis-
sionary and religious education con-
ferences accompanied by an explana-
tion of literature and quotas by the
speakers.

ANNOUNCE APPROACHING MARRIAGE

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bassinger have
announced the approaching marriage
of their daughter Margaret Agnes to
Mr. Everett Edwards Adcock of Mc-
Adenville. The marriage will take
place the latter part of December.

REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN EN- DEAVOR MEETS SUNDAY

Skinner'sville, Dec. 13.—Members
of the Young People's Christian En-
deavor Society of the Rehoboth
Church met Sunday evening at 6 o'-
clock with quite a number of friends
present. The president, Herbert
Swain, presiding. Miss Seattle Swain
led the roll and read the minutes.
Several of the members took part in
the program which was featured with
an address by Rev. R. L. Hethcox.
Miss Eva White, chairman of the
Program Committee, told of the his-
tory of the society.

CONVENTION MEETS WITH THE PINE GROVE CHURCH

Skinner'sville, ec. 13.—The district
Sunday School convention met at the
Pine Grove Church on Sound Side
Sunday afternoon with all the
churches represented by delegates.
Addresses were made by pastors of
the Pine Grove and Rehoboth
Churches. The next meeting will be
held at White Chapel in the Scupper-
nong section on the second Sunday
afternoon in January at 2:30.

Beacon Begins Fortieth Year Under Present Ownership

With this issue The Beacon begins
its fortieth volume. For nearly
thirty-nine years its present owner
has drifted with it, sharing its suc-
cesses and adversities—mostly ad-
versities—yet eternally advocating
and working for the better interests
of strictly local men and affairs. It
is true that great majority of the
business concerns existing at its
birth have passed from the stage of
action during this time, yet as new
ones have taken their places they
have continued to recognize the ef-
forts we have put forth in their be-
half, and to their loyal support and
patronage, we owe what success we
now enjoy.

The paper started out with an old
Washington hand press, two cases of
minion, one case of nonpareil and
about a half a peck of variously as-
sorted display type that would have
been more at home in the "hell box"
than in the forms, and owing to the
repeated failure of newspaper ven-
tures here, without the confidence of
even a three-months subscriber. But
to day all this has changed. No sub-
scriber doubts for a moment as to
whether he will receive full value for
his money, for he now recognizes
The Beacon as one of the oldest and
most firmly established business en-

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM TO BE NAMED

Outlining of a program for the
work of the Chamber of Commerce
for the current year will be the
duties of a special committee that
likely will be appointed at the next
regular meeting of the commercial
body next Monday evening, it was
announced today by President Zeb
Vance Norman. This committee will
formulate a document presenting the
needs of the town which will have a
conspicuous part in the program.

It will also be the duties of the
committee to map out definite plans
for work during the year on the
projects that are claiming the at-
tention of the commercilaists at the
present. This will include proper
steps to be taken in the matter of
the new bridges that are anticipated
for spanning the Roanoke, Middle
and Cashie rivers.

A discussion was made of the fact
that merchants were lax in their ef-
forts to aid the commercial body in
its undertakings. It was also reveal-
ed at the meeting that only a few had
renewed their memberships for the
coming year. There were a large
number of members enrolled last year
that are acting indifferent to the
work carried on by the organization
this year and have not offered to re-
new their memberships.

EXPRESSES THANKS

I wish at this time to speak a word
of appreciation and to try to thank
the good people who were so kind to
us during our illness.

To the church, I wish to thank
those that participated in the services
and for the good manner in which
they were conducted; for the many
that visited us and were so kind.

To Dr. T. L. Bray for his faithful
service and to Brother Jones for his
prayers; and Sheriff Jackson for his
visits and gifts, I extend my thanks.

To the brethren in the ministry; to
the local lodge of the International
Order of Odd Fellows; to the Charit-
able Brotherhood; and to the mem-
bers of the local council of the Junior
Order of United American Mechanics.
I wish to express my appreciation.

Also at this time when we are
thinking of Christmas, my prayer is
that we continue to bring gifts to
Christ by our loving Christian serv-
ice to each other.

Wishing you all a merry Christmas
and a happy new year, I am

Very Truly Yours,
REV. W. E. NORRIS, Pastor,
of the Christian Church.

Crippled children of Washington
county are invited to attend the De-
cember clinic for crippled children
that will be held at the community
house in Goldsboro on Thursday,
December 20. The clinic is an exten-
sion service of the North Carolina
Orthopedic hospital and is conducted
by Dr. O. L. Miller, chief surgeon.
It is held every third Thursday of the
month.

Local Talents Will Aid Artists Amuse Exposition Throngs

INVITE LADIES JOIN TYRRELL AUXILIARY

Columbia, Dec. 13.—Ladies in
Washington and Tyrrell counties are
invited to join the Scuppernong Post
No. 182, of the American Legion
Auxiliary, at the next meeting that
will be held at the home of Mrs. W.
H. McCles here, instead of the cus-
tomary meeting place, on the first
Wednesday night in January, it was
learned here today.

In a meeting held at the American
Legion Hall over Davis and Cofield's
store last Wednesday with Mrs. T. K.
Yerby, vice president, presiding, it
was decided to send a Christmas box
containing neckties, socks, safety raz-
ors, handkerchiefs and many other
useful articles to the former serv-
ice men that are in the United States
Hospital at Oteen. Those wishing to
contribute for this cause are urged
to have their gifts into the hands of
Mrs. Floyd Cahoon, president, or Miss
Martha Sykes, chairman of the Re-
habilitation Committee, before De-
cember 15.

It was also decided to send a box
of new and used clothes and some
toys to a former soldier's family in
this county who are in destitute
circumstances. There are five children
in this family ranging in ages be-
tween six months and eight years.
An urgent appeal has been made by
the president, Mrs. Cahoon, to the
members to present any articles that
would be useful to this family.

ASK THAT ROAD CONNECTING COUNTY SEATS BE HURRIED TO COMPLETION

Columbia, Dec. 13.—Officials of the
Good Roads Association made an ur-
gent appeal to the County Board of
Commissioners at their regular meet-
ing last Monday to have the Kil-
kenny road which leads from Colum-
bia to Hyde county finished before the
1929 legislature meets.

The commissioners were in Gum
Neck on last Tuesday to inspect the
work on the road and the contractor
promised to complete the work before
Christmas. A day and night force is
at work on the road. When the road
is completed the distance between the
county seats of Tyrrell and Hyde
will be only forty miles.

ARMSTRONG-WILKINSON

Columbia, Dec. 13.—A wedding of
interest to friends in North Carolina
was solemnized Wednesday evening,
November 28 in the Little Church
Around the Corner in New York City
when Miss Olivette Wilkinson, of
LaGrange became the bride of Mr.
Herman Cooper Armstrong, a former
resident of Columbia who is at the
present living in New York City. A
number of intimate friends were
present during the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong will make
their home in New York City where
Mr. Armstrong is connected with the
firm of Cashmere and Wakefield,
Inc.

**ALMO THEATRE
TONIGHT**
Ramon Navarro
IN
"Forbidden Hours"
AND
M. G. M. NEWS
Saturday Night Only
Buster Keaton
IN
"College"
Eight Episode of Serial
"Perils of the Jungles"
M. G. M. NEWS
COMING NEXT FRIDAY
AND SATURDAY
DECEMBER 14
AND 15

Artists To Present Most Sensational Acts Ever Seen In South

COUNTY TALENT TO PERFORM FRIDAY

Little Roberta Wynne, "The
Dancing Doll," Billed As A
Special Attraction; Dances
And Basketball Tournament
Among Features; Chevrolet
And Ford To Be Given Away

Nine professional acts that will be
presented each afternoon and night
will be featured at the third annual
Eastern Carolina and Tidewater Vir-
ginia Peanut Exposition that will be
held in Williamston Christmas week
under the auspices of the Eastern
Carolina Chamber of Commerce, it
was announced here today by N. G.
Bartlett, secretary and manager of
the commercial body who was in town
on business for the show. These pro-
fessional acts will be featured in ad-
dition to the local talent that will
participate in the programs arrang-
ed for the six participating counties.

The program includes acts by such
professionals as the Delmore Trio,
world champion riders and tight wire
actors; the Parentos, another family
of artists that will entertain as
acrobats and contortionists; and the
Howe family of entertainers. These
artists have played on some of the
largest theatrical circuits in the U-
nited States and they will present
some of the most sensational acts
ever seen in the South.

As a special for Friday night and
Saturday afternoon and night, little
Roberta Wynne of Raleigh, the dan-
cing doll has been booked. Although
only seven years of age, little Miss
Wynne is recognized as one of the
best artists in her line in this section
as she sings and dances like a vet-
eran. Music for the entire week will
be furnished by Mickey Block and his
famous Carolina Buccaneers. Dances
will be given by the exposition on
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and
Friday nights of the week from 11
to 1 o'clock. These dances will be
chaperoned as well as all social af-
fairs of the exposition.

Friday Washington County Day
Friday has been designated as
Washington county day. The local
county talent will be handled by ar-
tists from Plymouth, Roper and Cres-
well. Mrs. B. G. Campbell and Mrs.
W. H. Clark are directing the work
from Plymouth. Miss Cussie Car-
starphen is in charge of the talent
from Roper and Mrs. H. G. Walker
is looking after the Creswell talent.
Saturday designated as peanut day.
On this day two pounds of raw pean-
uts will admit any school child.

Tuesday the opening day will be
given to Martin county at which
time Williamston, Robersonville, Oak
City, Everetts, Hamilton and James-
ville will supply the local talent for
this county. Pitt and Beaufort coun-
ties will be in charge on Wednesday
with their entertainers. Washington,
Greenville and Bethel will be repre-
sented on the program at this time.
Thursday is Bertie county day.

Basketball Tournament
The basketball tournament begins
Thursday afternoon and will close
with the finals Saturday night. The
entries have closed and the following
towns will be represented by teams:
Plymouth, Williamston, Aulander,
Robersonville, Everetts, Whitakers,
Jamesville and Greenville. The win-
ner will be presented with a silver
loving cup by the exposition man-
agement.

Prizes To Be Awarded
A brand new Ford coupe will be
given to the person holding the lucky
number among the basketball players
will be given.