

RANDOLPH CHAPTER OF U. D. C.

Brief History of Organization

The Randolph Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy was organized in September 1906 at the suggestions of Mrs. E. E. Moffitt, of Raleigh, a former Randolph county woman and of Mrs. Henry London, of Pittsboro, who was then State President of the U. D. C. The following officers were elected:

President, Miss May McAlister; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer; 2nd Vice President Mrs. J. V. Hunter; Recording Sec. Miss Treva Rush; Cor. Sec. Mrs. W. A. Underwood; Treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Ross.

Charter Members in addition to above named: Mrs. Ella Burwell McAlister, Mrs. M. W. Parrish, Mrs. O. W. Rich, Mrs. Annie Moring Robins, Miss Irma Whitfield, Mrs. J. M. Lassiter, Mrs. Margaret Whitfield Hammond, Mrs. J. O. Redding, Mrs. Myrtie M. Moffitt, Miss Lillian Bunch, Miss Daisy Crowson, Mrs. H. E. Moffitt.

The object was benevolent memorial and historical. Regular meetings have been held on the first of October, December, January and May, since the chapter was organized.

On the tenth of each May the veterans have been given dinner and the graves of those who lie in the Asheboro cemetery have been decorated with Confederate flags and flowers. The graves have also been marked with neat little stones. Crosses of honor have been presented from time to time. The Chapter has made the following contributions outside of Randolph county:

To Confederate Arch in Raleigh, \$20. For Henry Wyatt Monument, \$10. For Chapel Hill Monument, in honor of boys who left school to enter army, \$5. To Texas Monument, \$1. For Ransom's portrait in Confederate Room in Richmond, \$1. In 1907 \$10 was pledged annually for scholarship in State Normal and Industrial College. This to be for a daughter of a Confederate veteran.

The paramount interest of the organization has been the beautiful monument just erected as a memorial to the Confederate veterans of Randolph county. The committee for this work has been: Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer, Chmn; Mrs. J. D. Ross, Treas; Mrs. Jno. T. Moffitt, Mrs. W. D. Stedman, Mrs. L. F. Ross, Mrs. Jean Rush.

About four years ago Queen Esther, a Biblical cantata, was given and \$83.83 was realized, from this \$50.00 was set aside for the monument fund. In the next two years little was done though small sums were added. Two years ago active work began, different entertainments were given. The Old Maids Convention, Spinsters Return, Bachelors Congress and home talent concerts. With each court has come a refreshment room for the benefit of the Monument. Tags were sold one day in Asheboro and one day in Randleman from the former about \$100.00 was raised the latter about \$50.00. Postal cards of the monument were sold last court. Subscriptions were solicited from time to time. Each veteran was asked to collect \$5.00 for the monument; a few of them went far beyond that as may be seen from list which is printed elsewhere in The Courier this week. A large number of people who have formerly lived in Randolph have sent in subscriptions.

The Chapter as a whole has left no stones unturned in aiding to erect this magnificent monument which commemorates the memory of Randolph's brave Confederate veterans. It reflects honor and credit to the Chapter, the town, the county and State. It was purchased of The Blue Pearle Granite Company, Winston, is made of Mt. Airy Granite. The figure is of bronze and was made by the W. H. Mullins Co. Salem, Ohio. It stands 25 feet 10 inches high, base 9 feet 6 inches square. Cost \$1700.

During the life of the organization of the Randolph Chapter of U. D. C., the members have tried to respond to the various calls for help, outside of the county, have tried to lend comfort and cheer to those who compose the "Thin gray line" in the county and have as their reward been instrumental in erecting a monument on which they look with pride and pleasure and for which they are exceeding grateful to all who in any way cooperated with them in its erection.