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## WILL DEDICATE MONUMENT AT GETTYSBURG 3RD

### Is Erected in Memory of Thousands of Tar Heels Who Died There

#### MEMORIAL COST \$50,000

James Augustus Whitley, of Martin County, One of Three Who Were "Farthest at Gettysburg"

Marking the spot where many North Carolinians lost their lives in that memorable charge on Cemetery Ridge at Gettysburg on July 3, 1864, North Carolina is dedicating tomorrow a \$50,000 monument erected in memory of its sons who died there.

While the unveiling of the memorial causes just pride in the hearts of all North Carolinians, it means a little more to Martin County, for it was one of her own sons who crossed over the brick wall to make complete the description of the State's part in the Civil War, "First at Bethel, Farthest at Gettysburg, and Last at Appomattox."

It was 3 o'clock in the afternoon when the charge began, and for minutes, an hour, the fight continued, Sergeant James Augustus Whitley with two companions making the farthest advance of the Confederate troops, crossing the brick wall, the main line of the Federal troops, late in the evening.

Accounts of the charge differ, but differ as they may, it is certain that there was glory enough for all, and it is for the marking of that glory that North Carolina unveils the handsome memorial tomorrow.

Sergeant James Augustus Whitley left this county to enlist in the Southern Army soon after the opening of the war. He was in several battles, gaining the place of sergeant and the nerve that was later to carry him over the stone wall at Gettysburg.

Thirty years ago Mr. Whitley was called to Gettysburg to assist the United States Government in marking the spot where the Confederate troops made their farthest advance. According to detailed statements made by him upon his return home from the mission, he had no trouble in locating the spot where he, Lieutenant Fall, and a third comrade reached in the charge and where they turned around when the air seemed so full of bullets that it was "scorched." Mr. Whitley described how they started their retreat, Lieutenant Fall falling mortally wounded at his side while he and his other comrade returned to their own lines unhurt. He also described the old barn, the stone wall, and other markers on the hill in locating the spot just as the generals had done when the gallant charge was made 65 years ago.

Returning from the war, Sergeant Whitley lived in Hamilton for a few years, later moving to his farm near Everetts, where he farmed for a number of years. After selling his farm there he moved to this place, where he lived until his death in 1915.

### First Cotton Blossom Brought in Monday

The first cotton blossom reported in the county was exhibited here this morning by Mr. W. W. Griffin, of Williams township, who found the red bloom in his field yesterday afternoon. As far as it could be learned, this is the first cotton blossom found this season. The blossom is one day earlier than the one reported last season by Mr. O. T. Everett, of Hamilton.

### COUNTY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED HERE THE 4TH

The county offices will be closed here Thursday in keeping with the general observance of the Fourth. Several of the officers are planning to be out of town that day.

## 8 PERMITS TO MARRY ISSUED

### June Is Not a Month of Brides for Martin County

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### WATTS THEATRE

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## July Fourth To Be Observed As General Holiday Locally

That July 4th will be generally observed in this county was made certain yesterday when the five banks and a number of business houses and professional offices announced that they would close for the day. All the business houses will close here for the day, it is understood, and business activities will be limited to those generally carried on on Sundays. No mail deliveries will be made either in the town or rural sections that day, and Sunday service will be in order at all the post offices.

Many of the local people will attend the ball game here that morning when Beaufort meets Martin on the new high school diamond. The Martin County nine will be followed by a large number of fans to Washington for an afternoon game there. The beaches will share in the distribution of pleasure-seekers and a few will be here all the day. No public celebration has been arranged here for the occasion, and it is believed the day will pass quietly here.

## CITY FATHERS IN REGULAR MEET

### Paving Questions Continue To Hold Large Part of Board's Time

Meeting in regular session here last night, the town commissioners listened to detailed matters for three hours, effecting a number of business transactions that counted for little during that time. The paving program was up again for discussion, several property owners going before the board, asking that certain walks and streets be paved. A working organization of the all-time treasurer's office was effected and a rental contract was ordered made with the boat line for the leasing of the river wharf warehouses.

Mrs. J. G. Stator, armed with a petition, went before the board asking that the pavement on Haughton street from the railroad to Main be widened to connect with a curb and gutter to be placed in line with the V. E. P. Co. light poles. While a majority of the property owners had signed the petition, the commissioners made no final disposition of the matter.

Included once in the program and then marked out, the side walk on Watts street running from the corner of Beech street almost to the railroad on the west side was ordered paved when the property owners went before the board.

A contract allowing the boat line to erect a warehouse at the river wharf was ordered made, the boat line being allowed the rent during the next three years to offset the cost of the new house.

Privilege tax for the handling of ammunition was placed at \$12.50 for the Culpepper Hardware Co.

The fire company was given \$100 with which to entertain the East Carolina Firemen's association meeting to be held here next Tuesday evening and for a part of the expenses of the two firemen appointed to attend the annual State meeting in Hendersonville.

The installation of water meters on all water lines brought forth a number of complaints from the customers whose water bills for the last quarter showed a healthy increase over former ones. A check of the meters was ordered that the differences might be settled.

Town Attorney R. L. Coburn was ordered to handle foreclosures on all properties where the 1928 tax was not paid, the attorney to receive one-half the penalty and interest or 6 per cent. Approximately \$3,500 worth of taxes were sold at the tax collector's sale last month, and the attorney will take care of the matter as the town purchased a greater part of the taxes.

An order was passed requiring all owners to place tags on their dogs, the town furnishing the tags.

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## COUNTY BOARDS HAD BUSY DAY HERE MONDAY

### Board Education and Board of Commissioners Had Many Problems

#### CONSIDERING BUDGET

Board Education Has Two Problems, Retrenchment and Providing Additional School Facilities

Yesterday was a busy day with the various county boards in session here. The school board wrestled all day with the two problems, retrenchment and low taxes, on the one hand, and the crying need of thousands of children who have the right to, and are demanding an education, on the other hand.

The members of the board studied and worked over the problems during the day concerning the number of teachers that are to be dropped under the new law. It is understood that the number will be decreased here and there, and possibly a saving of several cents in taxes will be possible, but the figures cannot be determined until all county list-takers make their returns.

The board of county commissioners worked diligently all day, considering the budget for the coming year. The commissioners did not complete the task. However, they expressed the opinion that the budget for the county home, the jail, court house, courts and the road and bridge items would be about the same as they were last year with a possible saving resulting in a few of the items.

Only a few requests for help and tax reductions were made. Caroline Andrews, colored, of Robersonville, was allowed \$3.00 per month on account of physical disability. John Carraway was allowed \$4.00 per month. Henry Rawls, of Poplar Point, was released from the payment of a \$2.00 dog tax.

The chairman of the board of commissioners was authorized to sign a contract for the taking over of the present county road, beginning at the Edgecombe county line and running to the town of Hassell and from there to Oak City, a distance of ten and one-half miles. The road is to be maintained by the State Highway commission until such a time as a new highway can be laid out and built from Bethel to Oak City. The condition of the contract is such that when the new road is put in use, the State will have the authority to discontinue the maintenance of the present Bethel-Hassell and Hassell-Oak City road.

### SAYS TRUCK LAW IS NOT VALID

#### Judge Harris Declares New Statute Unconstitutional in Wake County Court

The new motor truck law, affecting thousands of farmers in this part of the State, was declared unconstitutional by a superior court judge last week when a test case came up in a Wake County court. The law was passed by the last legislature.

The superior court judge's decision will not, it is understood, cause warehousemen to escape the resolution passed at their meeting in Greenville several months ago when they decided to refrain from running trucks.

According to the interpretation given the new law, farmers trucking tobacco for their neighbors would have been forced to pay a special "for hire" tax in addition to the regular purchase of State license tags used on all trucks and automobiles. The new law also treated the "for hire" tax when the owner made a haul of more than 50 miles.

"The test case had its beginning in Raleigh, when a truck owner was indicted for violation of the law. When the case came up before a magistrate, hearing was waived and the fight was carried to Superior Court.

Judge Harris, presiding over the term, did not render a decision at that time but took the case under consideration, with promise of an early ruling.

Judge Albion Dunn, of Greenville, a former Superior Court jurist himself, was recently employed by the tobacco warehousemen of Greenville and Wilson to make a test case as to the constitutionality of such a law.

"It was through his efforts that an early consideration was given the matter by Judge Harris.

"Thousands of farmers of this section would have been crippled by the law to such extent that it would be impossible for them to operate their trucks when the success of their crops actually depended upon fast transportation service."

### Regular Meeting of Kiwanis Tomorrow

The Kiwanis Club will meet tomorrow promptly at 12:30 at the Woman's Club. A full attendance is expected. The program is being arranged by Mr. R. W. Salsbury.

## VALUATION OF PROPERTY IN COUNTY GAINS

### Total Increase in Valuation of \$104,000 Reported by Tax Supervisor

#### 8 TOWNSHIPS REPORT

Hamilton and Goose Nest Township Reports Not In, But Are Not Expected To Cause Much Change

A gain of \$104,000 was reported yesterday in the county's property valuation by Tax Supervisor John D. Lilley, only eight of the ten townships turning over their lists at that time. The other two townships, Hamilton and Goose Nest, are expected to have their lists in shortly, and it is believed that they will cause no marked change in the increase already reported. Three of the eight townships reporting show losses in their valuation, Bear Grass having the largest decrease, \$40,693.

Williamston Township led the county in the valuation increase, a gain of \$70,000 having been reported already, with two more accounts to go on the books, which, it is believed, will add around \$10,000 more to the gain. This township reported a gain of around \$65,000 last year, making an increase of around \$150,000 in two years. Robersonville reported the next largest increase, one of \$39,000. Jamesville also showed a substantial increase in its listings, Tax Supervisor J. D. Lilley stating that the outcome, as a whole, is far better than was expected by many a few weeks ago when a sharp decrease was looked for.

The eight townships reporting yesterday:

Jamesville, gain	\$35,475
Griffins, gain	3,801
Williamston, gain	69,962
Cross Roads, gain	6,017
Robersonville, gain	39,569
Williams, loss	5,674
Bear Grass, loss	40,693
Poplar Point, loss	3,685

## Officers Start New Year by Locating 3 Liquor Plants

Federal agents started out on a new week, a new month and a new year yesterday. Officers Street, King and Roebuck centering their activities in the Free Union section, in the lower part of the county.

The officers found a hundred gallon copper still, complete and running at full heat. The operator made his escape, leaving behind 1,500 gallons of beer, 2 axes, a shovel, 3 buckets, 37 gallons of liquor, one whiskey barrel and twelve one-half gallon fruit jars.

Continuing their search, the officers found 64 barrels of beer, (3,200 gallons), but could not locate the still. Marching on they reached a 200-gallon copper still, hot, but the operators had gone, leaving behind 20 gallons of whiskey and a large quantity of beer.

Their catches were no good the officers continued their march and soon ran across another hot but deserted 150-gallon still, 25 gallons of liquor and 5,000 gallons of beer.

## Bayview Ready for Big Day on Fourth

Bayview, on the Pamlico, is making extensive preparations for all visitors on the fourth with a full program extending over the week end.

The manager is expecting a large attendance from Eastern Carolina, and every convenience will be arranged for the pleasure seekers.

The opening dance will be on Wednesday night, and the afternoon tea dance will be held Thursday, followed by the patriotic ball on the night of the fourth.

For those who do not care for dancing, fishing, boating and bathing will furnish a full program of entertainment.

## Where They Play

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3  
Martin vs. Hertford at Ahoskie.  
Bertie vs. Beaufort at Windsor.  
THURSDAY, JULY 4—Morning  
Bertie vs. Hertford at Windsor.  
Beaufort vs. Martin at Williamston.  
THURSDAY, JULY 4—Afternoon  
Beaufort vs. Martin at Washington.  
Bertie vs. Hertford at Windsor.  
FRIDAY, JULY 5  
Hertford vs. Bertie at Ahoskie.  
Martin vs. Beaufort at Washington.

## Results

FRIDAY, JUNE 28  
Martin 0; Bertie 3  
Hertford 3; Beaufort 9.  
MONDAY, JULY 1  
Martin 6; Hertford 1  
Bertie 8; Beaufort 5.

## Standing of Clubs

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
MARTIN	5	1	.833
BERTIE	5	1	.833
Hertford	1	4	.200
Beaufort	1	5	.143

## Tobacco Markets to Open September 3

### EXPECTS BETTER TOBACCO PRICES

#### Local Warehouseman Says Prices Should Be About Same As in 1926

"While it is generally conceded that there will be a 30 to 35 per cent decrease in the tobacco crop in this section, we hope for an increase in price over the one paid last year." Mr. "Bud" Everett stated yesterday morning. Mr. Everett, a proprietor of the new Planters Warehouse here, is busily engaged calling on the farmers in this and Bertie County, and states that the neighboring district to the east of us has a uniform and a fair crop of tobacco this year. With few exceptions, the crop has been damaged by the heavy rains in June, according to Mr. Everett.

The extent of the increase in prices expected this season is a matter for speculation, the warehouseman stated, for no one can tell at the present time. Mr. Everett is of the opinion that the prices this year will compare favorably with the ones paid in 1926, the crop averaging around 26 cents that season.

Mr. Everett and his partner, Mr. Evan Willard, of Washington, are planning a successful business here and are fast preparing for the opening in September.

## MONK LOSE ONE AND WIN ONE

### Drop Friday's Contest to Bertie, 3-0; Defeat Hares Here Monday, 6-1

The "Monks" were called from their high perch in the trees by the Bertie "Bears" last Friday afternoon in one of the best games of the season. The Martin county nine never threatened to score, but faulty playing in the first frame possibly caused a shut-out.

It was the "Monks' first loss and caused them to share the lead in the league with the "Bears."

The game had a number of features, Bertie's pitcher allowing only three hits, and the Martin outfield handling only one out during the game. There were no errors there however, but the few in the infield had much to do with Bertie's three runs. Cherry hurled a good game for the "Monks."

Yesterday afternoon, Martin county defeated the Hertford nine on the local nine by a 6 to 1 count, the visitors playing a better game than the score indicates. Rain interrupted the game in the seventh inning, but not until the play had developed into a game.

### Friday's Game

The box score and summary:

Martin	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Sherron, cf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Taylor, 2b	4	0	2	4	2	1
Hood, 1b	3	0	1	0	0	1
Brown, J., ss	3	0	1	0	1	0
Roebuck, 3b	3	0	0	4	5	1
Whitehurst, rf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Gaylord, lf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Spivey, c	3	0	0	5	0	0
Cherry, p	3	0	0	0	6	0
xBrown, c	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	29	0	3	24	14	3

xBatted for Sherron in 9th.  
Bertie AB | R | H | PO | A | E || Baker, lb | 5 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
Forehand, 2b	5	1	0	1	4	0
Johnson, cf	3	1	3	0	0	0
Coffey, rf	4	1	0	0	1	0
Castello, lf	4	0	1	0	0	0
White, ss	4	0	2	5	0	1
Miller, 3b	4	0	1	2	3	2
Rodgerson, c	4	0	0	9	2	0
Mizzelle, p	4	0	3	1	2	0
Totals	37	3	11	27	11	4

Score by innings: R H E  
Martin 000 000 000-0 3 3  
Bertie 000 001 20x-3 11 4  
Summary: Runs batted in: White, Coffey, 2. Two-base hit: Brown. Stolen bases: White (2); Johnson, Whitehurst. Sacrifice hits: Baker (2). Dot-play: Miller to Baker. Left on bases: Martin, 2; Bertie 10. Bases on balls: Off Cherry 1. Struck out: By Cherry, 5; by Mizzelle, 7. Hit by pitcher: Hood, C. Brown. Umpires: Burden and James. Time: 1:15.

### Monday's Game

Box score and summary:

Hertford	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Geuck, lb	3	0	0	6	1	1
Lassiter, 2b	3	1	2	2	0	0
Taylor, J., rf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Tomko, cf	3	0	0	4	0	0
Bradley, 3b	3	0	0	0	3	0
Brown, C., c	3	1	1	0	2	0
Saunders, W., lf	2	0	0	1	0	1
Mitchell, c	3	0	1	4	0	0
Sevell, p	2	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	24	1	3	18	7	4

Score by innings: R H E  
Hertford 000 000 10-1 3 4  
Martin 001 050 0x-6 5 1  
Summary: Runs batted in: Spivey, 2; Taylor, 1; Hood, 1; Johnson, 1; Whitehurst, 1; Baker, 1; Forehand, 1; Miller, 1; White, 1; Coffey, 1; Castillo, 1; White, 1; Miller, 1; Rodgerson, 1; Mizzelle, 1. Two-base hit: Hood. Stolen bases: Brown, J. (2); Hood, Lassiter. Double plays: Roebuck to R. Taylor to Hood; Bradley to Lassiter to Geuck. Left on bases: Martin, 2; Hertford, 3. Struck out: By Sevell, 4; by Cherry, 9. Bases on balls: Off Cherry 1; off Sevell, 1. Hit by pitcher: Cherry. Passed ball: Spivey. Umpires: Holliday and Cherry. Time: 1:15.

## REFUSE REQUEST TO OPEN AUG. 27

### Eastern Carolina Interests Disappointed at Not Getting Earlier Opening

#### GEORGIA OPENS 23RD

##### Assurance Is Given Farmer That He Will Have Plenty of Time To Market His Crop

Eastern North Carolina Tobacco markets will open their sales season this year, September 3, it was decided by the sales committee of the Tobacco Association of the United States in a meeting at Virginia Beach recently. The schedule of openings for this and the several other markets follows:

Eastern North Carolina, September 3; Georgia, July 23; South Carolina, July 30; Middle Belt, September 24; Old Belt, October 1 and Dark Virginia Belt November 12. It was said in authoritative circles that the schedule would be adopted as recommended. The decision was a disappointment to many Eastern Carolina interests which had asked for the opening to take place on August 27.

The resolution passed at the meeting reads: "The time fixed for the beginning of sale in Eastern North Carolina, middle belt and the old belt of Virginia and North Carolina should be understood to be a continuous one until such time as each section should decide to advertise time of closing.

"That the warehousemen of those districts be most earnestly requested and urged to take active steps in promulgating to their farmer patrons this resolution and that a circular letter setting out the purpose of this resolution be prepared and mailed to the farmer and published in the papers in these sections."

To this resolution was added an amendment in which the association set forth that it was its intent to protect the interest of the South Carolina and Georgia growers as well as that of the tobacco raisers of Virginia and North Carolina.

This amendment, proposed by a Valdosta, Ga. grower, was adopted after some argument of the Georgia and South Carolina market was automatic inasmuch as the Carolinians and Virginia followed on their heels.

Assurance was given the farmer of the southeastern States by the tobacco association that he will have plenty of time to market his crop, but this does not meet the needs in Eastern Carolina where the argument for early opening was in part based on the urgent need that farmers have to turn their tobacco into money as soon as it is ready for market.

## TOWN CHANGES OFFICE METHODS

### Clerk Will Handle Town's Financial Affairs At Mayor's Office

The motion passed at a special meeting of the town commissioners last week creating an all-time treasurer's office was placed in effect this morning when an assistant clerk entered upon the official duties of the treasuryship. The office will be open from 9:00 until 12:00 noon and from 2 until 4 in the afternoon for the transaction of the town's financial affairs. Mrs. Charles James, assistant to the treasurer for the past several months, will keep the office.

Water users will pay their accounts at the mayor's office and all bills will be handled there. It was stated at the meeting last night. Accounts against the town will be filed in the office and investigated the first of each month by the board of commissioners in their regular sessions. All bills must be in the hands of the clerk by the first Monday of each month, if payment is to be made before the following first Monday, it was stated.

The new system centralizes the town's financial affairs and provides a systematic control of the town's books. The office will be under the direct supervision of the treasurer, Mr. N. C. Green and a financial statement will be rendered each month to the commissioner. The books will be open for inspection to the citizens at any time.

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