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N. C. MONUMENTS AT GETTYSBURG

Several Necessary To Perpetuate
Deeds Of N. C. Troops; Lo-
cations Suggested

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The editorial of the Observer concerning the work of the Daughters of the Confederacy in behalf of monuments to the North Carolina troops at Gettysburg suggests to me that a little reference to the story of Gettysburg is in order, and while I am far from being a historian I have had such an interest in that great event in American history as to give me some smattering of the developments of the three strenuous days. I have always thought that North Carolina has not taken sufficient account of what her troops did there, for while we as a state are boasting of our firsts and our farthest and our lasts, it is a matter of history that North Carolina was first at Gettysburg, farthest at Gettysburg, and was there in greater numbers than any other state than Virginia, on the confederate side, and on every day of the battle was a principal contender in the great features of the big affair.

As near as I can gather the figures, which are not as accurate as they might be, North Carolina was represented at Gettysburg by 38 regiments of infantry, four regiments of cavalry and four batteries of artillery. Virginia alone exceeded this number. Georgia was a good third. In Pickett's division of Longstreet's first corps General Armistead commanded a brigade. He was a North Carolinian by birth, but he commanded a Virginia brigade. He was killed in the union lines during Pickett's charge, where he had led his men in the highwater mark of the battle, and the high-water mark of the war. In Early's division of Ewell's second corps was Hoke's brigade, of the 5th, 21st, 54th, 57th Carolina regiments and the 1st battalion. In Rodes' division of Ewell's corps were Daniel's brigade of the 32nd, 43rd, 53rd regiments and the 2nd battalion; Iverson's brigade of the 5th, 12th, 20th, and 2nd regiment, and Ramseur's brigade of the 2nd, 4th, 14th and 30th regiments. Johnson's division of Ewell's corps had the 1st and 3rd regiments. Heth's division of Hill's corps included the 55th North Carolina in Davis' brigade, and in Petti-

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VASS PROFESSOR PASSES STATE BAR

Makes High Grade At Wake
Forest Law School and Is
Successful at State Exam.

Last week The Pilot stated that W. D. Matthews had taken the State Bar examination; this week, we take pleasure in announcing that he was successful in his undertaking.

Matthews came to Vass as a youth in 1911 to take charge of the Vass school. He has been connected with the school every year since, except one, and in addition has taken an active part in the town government. He served very successfully as mayor of the town, and for about seven years has been growing in popularity as a Justice of the Peace. In recent years he has been growing more and more interested in the study of law. This interest led him to take the law course offered by the LaSalle Extension University, which he recently completed. He then decided to take the summer course at Wake Forest College, and we learned on the side that he walked off with a grade of 98 on his final examination there, and then successfully passed the State examination.

We congratulate Mr. Matthews on his achievements.

Vass Cotton Mill Gins now ready for business.

Mrs. Rounseville Makes High Scores in Tourney

In the National Archery Tourney held at the Sesqui-Centennial at Philadelphia, Mrs. Phillip Rounseville won third place, being four points (one arrow or less) behind the second highest score. Mrs. Rounseville won the flight shoot with a shot of two hundred and thirty-five yards; also the Maid Marion arrow for making the highest ladies score for her first tournament. She also won the medal for making the highest score at fifty yards.

Mrs. Rounseville returned to Pinehurst this week, laden with many medals and prizes acquired in various events while on her Northern tour, and she also has the honor of making the best record ever made by a Southern woman in the National Tournament.

WINTER SIGNS OF BUSINESS

All Prospects Point To Active
Season in All the Sandhills
Territory

From what The Pilot can gather in talking with representative business men of the Sandhills the outlook for the season ahead is one of the best known. Walter Graham, of Vass, familiar with the farming conditions, says the cotton crop is shaping up in excellent form, and that the weevil threat is so insignificant that he does not apprehend much damage this year, and he doubts if we ever have the number of weevils that come to the territory farther south. Mr. Graham is of the opinion that the cotton farmer will have a good yield of cotton and that while the price may not be as high as some recent years, it will bring a great amount of money into the community, and influence prosperity.

Duncan McCrimmon, of Little River Stores, looks for a good harvest of tobacco, with prices that will compare favorably with the good prices of recent years, for as he says the early harvests are showing good returns and the crop so far gathered is only the lower leaves, which are always of a lower grade.

C. T. Patch, of Southern Pines, merely points to his enlarging store, and says there is his opinion of what the future holds in charge for him. He feels full of assurance, for he has built his new addition two stories high, with a base of such stability that he can put on another story or two if he needs it later on, and he has all the signs of a man who feels pretty good over what he is doing.

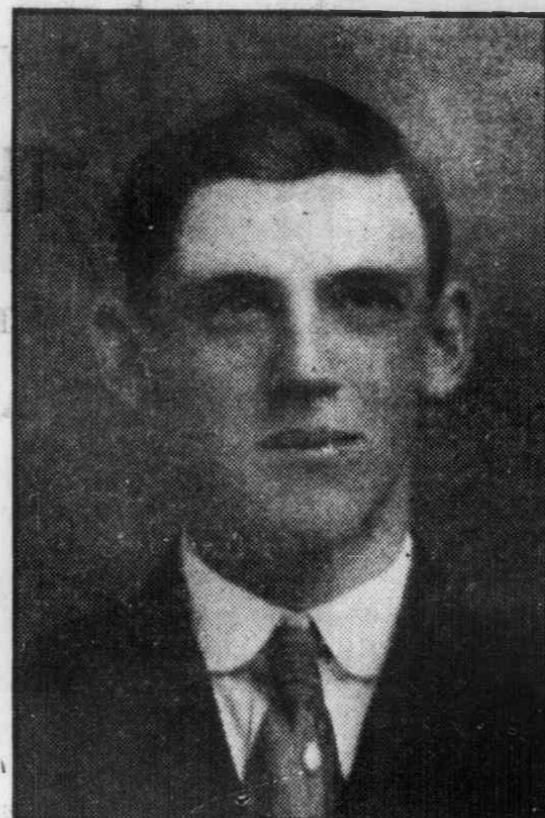
L. L. Hedgpeth, at the Southern Pines water plant, says extensions of lines have been made into new territory on the hills east of Southern Pines, and that the new hotel to be built by Pinehurst at Knollwood has asked to be cut into the mains, so that when work starts water will be in readiness.

All over Southern Pines new houses have been going up all summer, and the town was never so full of carpenter construction on a generally scattered basis as this fall. On nearly every street a new building is going on, and it is of a substantial type that marks a new era in home making.

At Pinehurst the Warehouse is up to the neck in construction, duplicating the big building put up a year ago, and anxious to get the work along as fast as possible to care for the winter trade that Mr. Stutts is counting on. The Carolina is in the hands of the builders, an expensive and expensive job of remodeling pushing forward to enable Mr. Fitzgerald to open in the fall with many improvements and extensions, including a comprehensive sprinkling system that will make the hotel as nearly fire-proof as water in unlimited quantities.

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A USEFUL CITIZEN



H. A. Gunter, of Aberdeen

This exemplary young man is one of Aberdeen's most useful citizens. He fills a very responsible position in the offices of Page and Company, and in addition is secretary and treasurer of most of the community building organizations in and around Aberdeen. Has been serving as town treasurer for some time.

He hails from Chatham county; born near Moncure and graduated from the high school at that place. Started his business career as a telegraph operator for the Seaboard, and later worked his way to a position in their accounting department. After leaving the Seaboard, he served as agent for the Norfolk Southern, who promoted him to the place of traveling auditor.

He married a member of one of Chatham's distinguished families, Miss Ruth Atwater. He is a son of John A. Gunter, now a resident of Vass.

Hardin Gunter is an enthusiastic member of the Presbyterian church, a staunch Democrat, and takes a very active interest in the politics of his state and county. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and a Shriner. He is often spoken of as being a shining example of what a man of thrift should be. His favorite diversion is baseball, and he avails himself of every opportunity he can to participate in, or attend, an exhibition of the national game.

A compliment recently paid him by a minister of the gospel serves as an index to the character of the man and the esteem in which he is held. The minister was asked for an opinion, relative to a question to be decided. He stated that he knew nothing of the details of the matter, but felt sure that "whatever Hardin Gunter said about it was right."

ABERDEEN

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Doub are visiting Mr. Doub's parents at Tobbacoville, N. C.

Mrs. Moger and little daughter, Hannah Lewis, of Raleigh, have been guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Campbell.

Misses Bert and Ila Blue, spent last week with Mrs. Pittman in Fayetteville.

Miss Rose Biggs, of Washington, D. C., has been on a visit to her father who is the pharmacist at Carter's Drug Store.

Mrs. A. T. McFarland, and Miss Thelma McFarland, spent last week with relatives in Jonesboro.

Miss Edith Wyche spent the week-end at her home in Jonesboro with Miss Alice King as her week-end guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Dupree and Mrs. Pearl Hurley Dupree have returned to their home in Ocala, Florida, after a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hurley.

A. L. Burney is in Morehead Bluffs.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Page, Jr., who have been spending some time in to make their home.

Miss Etta Reid Wood, of Asheboro,

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Tax Value Of Land Per Acre

An interesting table has been issued, based on the 1925 report of the Commissioner of Revenue, showing rank of counties according to the per acre value of land as listed on the tax books for the year 1924. It included all improved and unimproved farm lands, forests, woodlots, and waste lands listed for taxation. Gaston County leads with land taxed at \$181.54 per acre. Moore County ranks 62nd, with a value of \$26.64. Graham County is last with land listed at \$6.02 per acre. The average for the state is \$33.00 per acre. This does not include manufacturing properties outside incorporated towns, mineral, timber and water-power properties, nor town lots. The assessed value in the State totaled \$964,515,849.00.

GOOD CITIZEN OF HOKE PASSES

Duncan McCraney Succumbs At
Fayetteville Hospital. Inter-
ment At Cypress Church

Last week marked the passing of one of the oldest and most highly esteemed citizens of the Lobelia community, and brought sadness to the hearts of all who knew him, for to know Duncan McCraney was to admire and respect him for his noble traits of character.

Mr. McCraney had been ill at his home for several days when his suffering became so intense that it was decided to take him to a Fayetteville hospital. At first he seemed better, but a stroke of paralysis, added to his other infirmities, proved too much for his weakened system, and on Wednesday, August 25, death came to relieve his suffering. The body was carried to the old home place, six miles from Vass, and on Thursday morning, a large number of lifelong friends and relatives assembled at Cypress Church, where the last sad rites were held.

The funeral service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. M. D. McNeill, who spoke in high terms of the deceased. Mr. McNeill said that he could not remember the time when Mr. McCraney did not live on Cranes Creek, and speaking as one who knew him intimately, he said that Mr. McCraney was a likeable person, unassuming, one who never bothered others with his personal troubles and one who was devoted to his family. The body was laid to rest beside that of the wife, who had passed on more than thirty years ago, and prayer was offered by Rev. A. T. Lassiter. The floral offerings were very beautiful.

Mr. McCraney was born in 1850, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McCraney. In 1876 he was happily married to Miss Elizabeth Smith and to them were born five children, four sons and a daughter. The years came and went; the children married and established homes of their own, but they never ceased to look to the father for counsel, and the relation that existed between them was beautiful. Of special comfort to the father during his declining years was the second youngest son, W. D., who, with his family, spent the greater part of his time at the old home. Truly Mr. McCraney knew the blessing of a dutiful son.

Not only in the home, but also in the entire community will Mr. McCraney be missed, for to all he was a friend. The many fine tributes paid him by people in various walks in life bring to mind the saying of that wise man of old, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold."

Surviving are three sons, John, of Millard, Miss.; W. D., of Vass, and Smith McCraney, of St. Paul; one daughter, Mrs. Eugene Hamilton, of

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KIWANIS JABS WICKED KNIFE

Takes Stab at Rural Police Sys-
tem, and Lax Law Enforce-
ment of All Kinds

The Kiwanis club at its Wednesday meeting at Jack's in Southern Pines pulled its knife on the system of road law enforcement in Moore county, and before the job was finished a considerable amount of prospective blood was shed. The matter began with some complaints made by visitors from other districts to this county, and covered a right wide range of criticism by persons who had encountered the representatives of the law in Moore, especially in the vicinity of Southern Pines. It included policemen, magistrates, past, present and prospective, the system under which they work, the basis of some of the complaints, the revenue that comes or does not come from the fines, the alleged incompleteness of the reports that follow arrests or fines, and by the time it had finished almost the entire legal system of North Carolina had been given a jolt of more or less magnitude.

The outcome was a committee to be appointed by Edwin McKeithen, president of the club to look into the seriousness of the talk that has arisen, and to suggest some procedure if the charges that have been lodged with the club are sustained. The committee will appear before the commissioners at the meeting of the board next Monday, and after that meeting, and other investigation of charges that have been lodged with the club a report will be offered at the next meeting of the club next Wednesday, when the members say the matter will be threshed down to the bare straw, no matter where the information leads, and that when the thing is settled it will be with sufficient knowledge of conditions that the offenses, if there are any will stop, or the talk will stop.

It transpires that when the committee from Kiwanis appears before the county commissioners the committee will find a loaded gun at that end of the line, for this complaint of fees from offenders on the highways has reached the commissioners, and Mr. Spence, the county attorney, has been instructed to look up the law on the subject, and get out a letter for the various officers with the information that if any fees have been col-

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GREAT REVIVAL AT CYPRESS

Rev. A. T. Lassiter's Messages
Heard With Interest. Church
Membership Increased

Historic old Cypress church, located seven miles from Vass, has just passed through a season of very helpful revival meetings. The first service was held on Monday evening of last week, with morning and evening services thereafter, continuing through Sunday evening.

The pastor, Rev. M. D. McNeill, was ably assisted by the Rev. A. T. Lassiter, Synod's evangelist, of Clayton. Mr. Lassiter had many friends in this community that he had made during his stay at Union last November and in Vass in January, when he conducted revival meetings for Rev. Dougald Monroe, so in coming to Cypress he was coming into a field where his ability was already known and the co-operation of the people was assured.

The attendance throughout the week was good, and the earnest messages of the untiring laborer were heard with interest. The evening song services, under the leadership of D. M. Cameron, were entered into with enthusiasm by the congregation, and were a beautiful and inspiring feature of the meeting.

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