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## LOCALS NOW TIED FOR TOP PLACE IN LEAGUE RACE

Appear in Best Form of the Season Against Ahoskie Here Yesterday

Williamston's position in the Albemarle League was made slightly uncomfortable this week when Windsor registered two victories over the locals on July Fourth, giving the Edenton Colonials an equal claim to top place in the Albemarle League. After meeting defeat in both the holiday games, the locals staged a comeback yesterday afternoon when they fanned their batting average by defeating Ahoskie 12 to 0 on the diamond here. Edenton and the local nine with 13 wins and 6 defeats each, are hotly contesting for the top position, the holders to be determined in the last period of play for the first half ending next week. The two teams will meet Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Before a large holiday crowd, Williamston lost its home game to Windsor, 5 to 3, last Tuesday morning. "Lefty" White, for the visitors, holding the locals to a few scattered hits. Herring pitched for Williamston, allowing 12 hits, which coupled with errors aided the progress of the visitors. The locals made their three runs on 6 hits and 7 errors.

Windsor won the afternoon game by a 6 to 5 count before one of the largest crowds to see a game in the league this season. Watkins held Williamston to eight hits, but he was relieved in the ninth by White after two were out, "Lefty" getting credit for the win. Kugler, allowing 12 hits, was relieved in the eighth by Cherry, who yielded up one hit and was charged with the loss. A wild pitch in the ninth gave Windsor the deciding run.

Williamston took on new form here yesterday afternoon when they connected for 17 hits and played errorless ball for the first time this season, winning over the Ahoskie Indians by a 12 to 0 count. With the shifting of Brake to centerfield and putting Newsome on second, the locals appeared in their best form of the year. Two Ahoskie twirlers were driven from the mound, one in the first, when the locals made 5 runs, and a second in the third inning, when 6 more runs were counted. "Country" Davis went on the mound at that stage of the game and held the Martins scoreless from then on. It was the first game the locals had played without a single error being chalked against them, and their hitting was the best of the season. Cherry was in fine form, allowing only 4 hits and walking one purposely.

Next week marks the close of the first half of the season, and right now no one team has a claim on the top position.

Box score for Thursday:

Table with 10 columns (Player, AB, R, H, PO, A, E) and 10 rows for Williamston players: Earp, ss; Gaylord, lf; Latham, c; Brake, 2b; Uzzie, 3b; Taylor, lb; James, rf; Newsome, 2b; Cherry, p.

Table with 10 columns (Player, AB, R, H, PO, A, E) and 10 rows for Ahoskie players: Harrell, 2b; Gerroch, lf; Carr, p; W. Davis, rf; Tomko, 3b; Corbitt, ss; H. Davis, rf; Askew, lf; Rogerson, c.

Score by innings: Ahoskie 000 000 000; Williamston 516 000 00x-12. Summary: Two-base hits: Uzzie, Cherry, Brake, Carr, Gaylord, Latham; home run: Brake; base on balls: off Cherry 1, off Carr 1, off H. Davis 0, off W. Davis 1; struck out: By Cherry 6, by H. Davis 3, by W. Davis 2; Hits: off Carr, 4 in 0 (none out in first); off H. Davis 9 in 2 1-3 innings (1 out in 3rd); off W. Davis, 4 in 5 2-3 innings. Umpires: Joyner and Wyatt.

### Local Fire Company Gets Call Yesterday Morning

The local fire company was called out yesterday when fire threatened the hay barn of Mr. L. B. Harrison on Church Street. Very little damage was done, as the blaze was brought under control by water from a garden hose.

A boy about the lot was burning some trash near the barn, and the fire caught the building when he stepped away for a few minutes. The scene of the fire was said to have been Harrison's stable, and the truck was driven to the rear of the Harrison store before it was learned that the fire was threatening the barn on Church Street.

## Team Batting Averages Drops From .303 to .291

The Martins, both as a club and as individuals, suffered a slump in batting last week, the team as a whole getting only 31 hits out of 127 times at bat for an average of .244, and dragging the team average down to .291 from .303 the week before. Only a few individual players managed to hold up as well or do better than they did the previous week. Brake, second baseman, kept his eye on the ball and managed to maintain his .395 average for the season, thereby holding first place. Jim Uzzie is still second, although he slipped from .370 to .357. Earp climbed ahead of Taylor with a mark of .351 against .368 the previous week. Taylor dropped from third place to fifth, his average going from .358 to .318; Gaylord is ahead of him by 2 points, with .320. The other team members are all batting below .300 with the exception of Page, who has only 2 times at bat and a .500 average.

In addition to leading the club in batting, Brake also has collected the largest number of hits, 28, and two-baggers, with 8. Uzzie leads in total bases, with 42, including 2 homers and 3 triples. Earp and Gaylord are tied in number of runs scored with 20 each; Latham, Herring and Earp have each gained 4 three-baggers to show the way in that department; and Gaylord has the most sacrifice hits with 4.

Following is the table for all games up to and including Friday, June 30:

Table with 13 columns (Player & Position, G, AB, R, H, 2B, 3B, HR, TB, SH, Pct.) and 13 rows for individual players and Team Totals.

### FOURTH PASSES QUIETLY HERE

No Disorders or Accidents Reported in Section During the Day

The nation's birthday anniversary last Tuesday was very quietly observed in this community, no disorders or accidents being reported during the day. No arrests were made in the county as far as it could be learned.

Hundreds from stores, other business houses and farms around attended the baseball game here that morning between Windsor and Williamston, and the crowd followed the teams to Windsor that afternoon. Finding the weather unusually cool and pleasant, very few people from this community visited any of the beaches or watering places that day. Those who did brave the cool weather and visited the beaches are said to have sat around the firesides most of the time.

Approximately 200 accidental deaths were reported throughout the nation during the day, the automobile death toll leading the list of casualties.

### MUST PAY WATER BILLS AT OFFICE

Reducing Department Force Makes Direct Collections Impossible

Reducing its water department force to a minimum, the town finds it necessary to insist on water customers paying their accounts at the office of the treasurer and discontinue the services of a collector. All accounts are due and payable at the office of the treasurer on or before the 15th of each month, and where accounts are not paid, service will be discontinued between that time and the next reading without further notice.

There are about 300 water accounts to be handled each month, and ordinarily about 275 of that number are paid promptly. Lately, however, the collector has been confronted with an ever-growing delinquent list. At the meeting last Monday, 57 delinquent accounts were reported. Practically all of that number will have been collected before the 15th, but the collection work is fast reaching the problem stage and the authorities found it necessary to ask that accounts be paid at the office.

### Martin County Jail Now Has Two Men Boarders

The Martin County jail, after being empty for about 10 days for the first time in years, started receiving boarders again over the week-end when officers entered three prisoners. Two of the prisoners were arrested and placed in jail for alleged stealing of meat and clothing, and the third was held in connection with driving an automobile while intoxicated.

No arrests were made on the Fourth, and at the present time only two men are in jail, the third having been released under bond.

### ATTEMPT IS MADE TO BURN CHURCH HERE THIS WEEK

Fire Discovered Under the Old Episcopal Church Here Last Monday

An attempt was made to burn the old Episcopal church building here last Tuesday morning, neighbors discovering and checking the blaze before any damage resulted. Mystery surrounds the act, officers investigating it stating that they were at a loss to even learn the motive behind the crime.

About 12:30 that morning, members of the P. H. Brown household, adjoining the church property, heard a noise in the yard and upon investigation saw a man run from the church, but his identity could not be established. Later they saw a small fire burning under the front part of the wooden structure, used now for the Church of the Advent Sunday school. Mr. Brown hurried out of his home and with a bucket of water extinguished the small blaze. It was later learned that the party attempting to burn the building had saturated two newspapers, one of which was printed in New York, with kerosene carried to the scene in an old coffee pot.

It is believed by some that the party or parties attempted to fire the building to attract the attention of the town to the spot and make it possible for them to rob in other parts of town unnoticed.

### Vital Statistics for First Six Months Reported

Sixty-eight births and 27 deaths were reported in Williamston Township during the first six months of this year, it was learned yesterday from Mrs. Mary Andrews, registrar. Forty of the births and 16 of the deaths were reported in Williamston.

## WITH THE EDITOR AT THE CENTURY OF PROGRESS EXPOSITION IN CHICAGO

Returning a few days ago from the world fair in Chicago, Messrs. C. A. Harrison, Edwin Peele, Chas. Manning and W. C. Manning had many things to tell, but each of them admitted that a complete word description of the amassed sights there is humanly impossible. Traveling in a special train chartered in Asheville by members of the South and North Carolina Press associations, Williamston's four representatives reported a wonderful trip upon their return. The editor gives a brief sketch here, and explains that months would be required to tell about the spectacular sights of the exposition. He says: Upon approaching the vicinity of the Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago, one's eyes glimpse a new type of architecture made even more striking with its bright colors. Brilliant by day and made equally brilliant by an elaborate lighting system at night, the buildings stand out in their varied colors. The fountains of water, sparkling in the brilliant flood lights, mark a lasting impression on the visitor's mind. Inside the fair one does not find the howling mobs common with gala gatherings of thousands of strangers. Instead of a semi-mob spirit, there prevails a noticeable gentleness and a marked friendship. At every turn in the vast maze of sidewalks extending to and from a distance of about 85 miles, one finds accommodating guides and information booths where valuable service is freely offered. And receiving correct information, one is made to feel that he did the informer a favor by questioning him.

## JULE BUNTING, HAMILTON MAN, KILLS HIMSELF

Former Large-Scale Farmer Shoots Self at Noon Wednesday

Jule R. Bunting, at one time a prominent and large-scale farmer of Hamilton, ended his life at his home there early Wednesday afternoon by firing a load of shot into his side and heart. Death resulted immediately.

Going to his second-story room shortly after the noon-day meal, Bunting was heard walking around by his wife who was in the dining room just under him. After attending to several duties in and about the home, she went up stairs and opened the door to the room, finding her husband dead. A shot gun was resting against his left knee, and a yard stick was found lying on his right arm and leg, the body reclining on the bed. No report of the gun was heard, and when Mrs. Bunting entered the room he had been dead almost an hour, it is believed.

Mr. B. M. Worsley answered the call for help, and he says the man had been dead for quite awhile when he reached the scene of the tragedy. It is believed Bunting placed one end of the gun on the floor and the other to his side, near the heart. He then apparently took the yard stick and pushed the gun trigger, causing the entire load to enter the side and heart. The man fell over backward on the bed with his feet resting on the floor.

Bunting, 53 years of age, is said to have met with adverse financial conditions during the past, and within the past year or two he is said to have talked about ending his life. However, as far as it could be learned here, there was nothing about his recent actions to indicate the tragic action. Only the day before he was here talking and joking with many local people, and is reported to have said that he was finding it difficult to make a living, but that he thought everything would turn out all right.

A sealed note, addressed to one of his sons, was found in the room with the body, but its contents were not disclosed. Coroner S. R. Biggs was called, but no investigation of the case was considered necessary.

The scene of the suicide is only a few steps from the spot where Ernest Phippen, young Hamilton mechanic, fatally shot himself on April 26.

Bunting is survived by his widow, two sons, Messrs. Ray Bunting and Jule R. Bunting, jr., and one daughter, Mrs. J. B. Everett.

Funeral services were conducted from the home yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry. Burial was in the Baptist cemetery at Scotland Neck.

### Negro Found Dead In the Lower Part of This County

Claude Davis, colored man believed to have wandered to this section from some where in West Virginia, was found dead in the lower part of this county, near the Washington County line, a few days ago. An investigation was made by authorities of that county, the evidence indicating that the man died of natural causes. Coroner S. R. Biggs was called, but he considered an inquest unnecessary following the investigation made by the authorities of Washington County.

Coming to this section only a short while back, Davis was caretaker at the Towle fishery on Welch's Creek, exchanging his services for room and board there. He was said to have complained of some stomach trouble and a weak heart.

The body was buried near the Washington County home, according to information received here.

## Williamston and Other Leaf Markets in Belt Open Aug. 29

### Sales Tax Proves Nuisance With Variation in Charges

Other than being declared a nuisance by the public and causing concern to merchants and other sellers, North Carolina's three per cent sales tax has caused no great commotion in these parts since its introduction a week ago tomorrow. Just how successful the tax is going to be if at all can hardly be determined until the first reports on collections are made by the State Revenue Department. Finding it inconvenient to collect on 5 and 10 cent sales, local drug stores and soda fountains introduced a scheme of their own and one that is said to be working out all right. The fountains continue to sell drinks at 5 cents when they are served in a glass. If the purchaser desires a paper cup, the drink costs six cents. The scheme is said to cut down paper cup costs considerably, and sales that are made in cups creates a one-half cent revenue, which it is estimated about offsets the sales tax.

Some stores issue coupons with small purchases. For instance, a person buys a 10-cent article, he pays a 1-cent tax and is given two coupons. When he makes a second and third purchase at the store issuing the coupons he surrenders the coupon and pays no additional tax.

### DRIVE AGAINST TYPHOID ENDS NEXT WEEK

Marked Decrease Reported in Number Visiting Dispensaries

Marked decreases in the numbers taking the last "shot" of the anti-typhoid vaccine have been reported at several of the dispensaries in the county this week, doctors stating that the preventive measure is causing many sore arms and that numbers of subjects balked when time rolled around for the third and last dose. The busy season on the farms is also said to have held many away from the dispensaries this week.

Yesterday Dr. J. H. Saunders said the number taking the vaccine was less by 150 yesterday—at one point than on the same day last week. Approximately 400 failed to return here today for the last treatment, the number dropping from 1,100 last Friday to around 700 today, the health officer said.

The vaccine this year is said to be more effective than in years, and reports from all over the State indicate that the preventive measure is causing more sore arms than is ordinarily the case.

The campaign comes to a close in this county next week, and all are urged to make complete the preventive measure. The last dose is said to be less painful.

The total number taking the vaccine will not be known before the latter part of next week or the early part of the following week, it was said.

### County Man Back from Long Preaching Tour

Completing a tour extending into several States of the Union and into Canada, Elders Hutchinson and E. C. Stone last Tuesday offered very favorable reports on their visits with many of the country's Primitive Baptist churches and congregations. The two men traveled 3,386 miles on their trip, started last May. They spent \$37.50 for gasoline and oil, the gas price ranging from 11 to 29 1-2 cents a gallon.

The elder preached 20 times during the trip, once in New York City, three times in Toronto, and once in Ekfrid, Canada, and at other points in both Canada and the United States. They attended two associations and one yearly meeting.

### IS WEEK EARLIER THAN DATE SET FOR LAST YEAR

Crop Larger But Not Excessive Says President of Association

The Williamston Tobacco Market will open the season August 29th, or one week earlier than the opening date last year, it was determined at a meeting of the Tobacco Association of the United States held at Virginia Beach, recently. Georgia opens the first of next month, followed by South Carolina and the border markets on the 15th.

President Carrington, of the association, described the 1933 crop as being considerable larger than the last season crop, but he declared it was not excessive.

Tobaccoists attending the associations 33rd annual convention would make no prediction as to what will be the effect of the farm relief bill on tobacco prices this year.

"In order to stabilize tobacco prices," said President Carrington in his annual address, "they have got to inaugurate a tremendous amount of governmental machinery, and that will be the outcome neither the secretary of agriculture nor anyone else is able to predict at this time."

"As I understand it, the object of the farm relief bill is to avoid over-production and establish a moderately safe price at which tobacco can be raised and marketed. If they can do this they will have accomplished something of great benefit to the trade."

Considerable opposition was expressed on the floor of the convention to the new federal tax of six cents a pound on all cigar tobaccos—the first of the government's moves in an attempt to aid the tobacco farmer.

It was the consensus that it would be better if the tax were placed on a percentage basis of the value of the tobacco rather than a straight tax of six cents on both poor and good grades.

Dr. Julius Klein, former assistant secretary of commerce, principal speaker at the convention's closing banquet session stated governmental price lifting in no instance should be allowed to run beyond the corresponding increase in wages.

"Any price change," he said, "that impairs consumption defeats its own purpose."

### MRS. MARY WEBB DIED MONDAY

Funeral Held at Home Near Here at 2:30 O'clock Last Wednesday

Mrs. Mary Ann Webb, widow of the late John Webb, died at the home of her son, Sylvester Webb, on the Washington Road in Bear Grass Township last Monday morning about 5 o'clock. About 89 years of age, Mrs. Webb had been in feeble health for some time, but she was not taken seriously ill until shortly after midnight Monday. The day before she had been active in the home, preparing the noon-day meal and caring for her several grandchildren whose mother died only a few months ago. She was born in Bear Grass Township and lived there all her life. She was a member of the Christian church at Macedonia for years.

Funeral services were conducted by Lewis T. Holliday assisted by Jos. L. Holliday Tuesday afternoon. Burial was in the Macedonia cemetery beside the grave of her husband. Four daughters, Mrs. Mozella Gardner and Mrs. Armanda Biggs, of Bear Grass, Mrs. Eva Rogers, of Stokes, and Mrs. Ida Roberson, of Griffins, and two sons, Jack Webb, of Texas, and Sylvester Webb, of Bear Grass, survive.

### Williamston Players Lose Tennis Match To Raleigh

Local tennis players lost a series of matches to Raleigh's champions there last Sunday. However, the Williamston players offered interesting competition, despite the fact that the Raleigh netters made a clean sweep of the matches.

Messrs. N. C. Green, P. B. Cone, Joe Godard, Rush Bondurant, Jack Booker, Fred Taylor, and Asa Crawford, making the trip, were cordially entertained during their stay in the Capital City.

### REGULAR MEET OF TOWN BOARD MONDAY NIGHT

Pledge Cooperation in Civic Undertakings Planned By Woman's Club

In a two-hour meeting held last Monday night, the local town commissioners handled routine duties and discussed several other important issues, taking no definite action in any of them, however.

In full charge of the meeting, Mayor J. L. Hassell reviewed the current bills, and announced that they were the smallest in many months. Appearing before a recent meeting of the local Woman's Club, the mayor read to the board a number of suggestions offered by that body, and the commissioners went on record as pledging their cooperation in the carrying out of the suggestions in every way possible. The club urged action in connection with improving sanitary conditions in those districts where water and sewerage connections are not available at the present time. And then the club members asked that the board arrange a fire alarm system whereby it would be possible to determine the direction of a fire without following the apparatus to the scene. An alarm code has been discussed a number of times, but with the present alarm system it is next to impossible to signal fire locations. The board plans to take the matter up with the members of the fire company in an effort to arrange a better alarm system. The sprinkling of the streets was also suggested for hot days.

Faced with the fact that many tenants were leaving sizeable water bills unpaid, the board upped the water deposit from \$1.50 to \$3 for residences and \$5 for filling stations and stores. No deposit is required of property owners. All deposits are refunded less the amount of water bill when the meter moves.

Moving his report, the treasurer stated that about one-half, or \$20,851 of the 1932 tax levy had been collected. Approximately \$7,000 of the 1931 levy remains unpaid. Including the uncollected amount on the 1932 levy, the town has a tax delinquent account of approximately \$35,000, more than enough to restore the town's credit and offset all current obligations.

Up until the first of July, the town had defaulted \$19,205 in its bond and interest obligations. There is around \$6,000 in the bank. The need of a Pied Piper for handling the thousands of wharf rats that are ravaging the town was discussed, and steps were taken to start an anti-rat campaign within the near future. The large rodents are doing a great damage in many sections of the town, entering chicken houses and killing biddies in large numbers. As many as 30 or 40 of the large rats have been killed at one time, it was said.

### Services at Piney Grove Baptist Church Sunday

Rev. W. B. Harrington will conduct the regular preaching services at the Piney Grove Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

### Sermon Theme at Baptist Church Is Announced

"The Laymen in the Church," is to be the theme of the sermon at the Baptist church Sunday morning. At the evening hour the union service will be held with the Christian church at 8 o'clock.