

LOCALS TIGHTEN HOLD ON TOP BY WINNING THREE

Locals' Chances Are Good for Annexing Title in Second Half

Annexing three victories so far this week, Williamston tightened its hold on the top run in the Albemarle Base ball League race, leading Ahoskie nearest rivals, by a game and a half. Business is picking up for the Martins, and the outlook is bright. Six more games, including the one today, and the second half will be history, and then it will probably be Williamston or Ahoskie or Even Elizabeth City playing the championship series with Edenton.

The locals made some more history last Tuesday, when Dick Cherry pitched a superior brand of ball to win a 14-inning pitcher's duel over Windsor's Lefty White. Cherry allowed only 7 hits and struck out 11 men. Gaylord, with three hits, led at the bat for the locals, Brake and Uzzle getting two each, and Goodmon, Herring and Cherry making one each to account for the nine singles and one double off the offerings of White. The game was rated as one of the best seen here this season, and established a new record in the league for length.

Windsor trailed in the Wednesday game there by a 10 to 1 score, the contest being a dull one for spectators. Windsor got seven hits off Proctor while the locals batted Watkins for 9 singles and 4 doubles.

The Martin played another splendid game yesterday to register a win over Ahoskie, 6 to 0. Kugler was master of the mound, allowing the visitors only four hits and two of them were of the scratch variety. Goodmon and Brake made three each of the 15 hits credited to the Martins. Crosswhite pitched for the visitors, his teammates making five errors to account for half of the local's runs.

HUNT SEASON TO OPEN SOON

Lawful To Shoot Deer in Eastern Part of State September 1

In view of the fact that the various hunting seasons are not far off, County Game Warden John W. Hines is stressing the changes in the game laws by the 1933 session of the North Carolina General Assembly. In the absence of a county game commission, the chairman of the county board of commissioners, the clerk of the superior court and the county game warden will act ex officio as the game commission. Hunting licenses for the seasons of 1933-34 and 1934-35 are as follows: County resident, 60c; State-wide, resident, \$2.10; and non-resident, \$10.10.

Open season for all game animals and birds—excepting marsh hens, opossum, raccoon, bear, buffalo, elk, squirrel and deer—in eastern North Carolina will be from November 20, 1933, to February 1, 1934. Other open seasons for this section will be: Deer, from September 1 to December 15; squirrel, from October 1 to December 31; opossum and raccoon, from November 1, 1933, to January 31, 1934; bears, outlawed for 1933.

In regard to hunting on the lands of another, the legislative act reads as follows: "It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to hunt with dogs or guns upon the lands of another without first having obtained permission from the owner or owners of such lands, and said permission so obtained may be continuous for one open hunting season only."

RECORDER HAS SUMMER SLUMP

Only One Case Called in Court Tuesday; Farmer Accused of Assault

A real summer slump continues for the recorder's court in this county, the docket last Tuesday carrying only one case. The Tuesday before the court tried two defendants charged with assault in one case. J. P. Harris, white farmer in Poplar Point township, was brought into court this week charged with attempting to assault his neighbor, Dillon Wynn, with a shot gun. Prayer for judgment was continued in the case for two weeks. Harris is said to have fired two shots at Wynn and threatened to kill Wynn's wife. None of the shots struck Wynn who sought refuge behind a tobacco barn. A review of the recorder's court minutes shows that the court has had as few cases during the past few weeks as at any time since the tribunal was created by the legislature several years ago.

CLUB STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Williamston	12	6	.667
Ahopskie	11	8	.579
Elizabeth City	10	8	.556
Edenton	8	9	.471
Windsor	7	10	.412
Colerain	6	13	.316

RESULTS

Tuesday	
Williamston 3, Windsor 2.	
Ahopskie 8, Colerain 1.	
Edenton 9, Elizabeth City 2.	
Wednesday	
Williamston 10, Windsor 1.	
Ahopskie 13, Colerain 0.	
Elizabeth City 7, Edenton 5.	
Thursday	
Williamston 6, Ahopskie 0.	
Edenton 12, Colerain 2.	
Windsor 4, Elizabeth City 4.	

WHERE THEY PLAY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18 Williamston at Ahoskie. Elizabeth City at Windsor. Edenton at Colerain.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 Williamston at Edenton. Ahoskie at Windsor. Colerain at Elizabeth City.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23 Edenton at Williamston: Morning game at 10:30; afternoon, 4:00. Windsor at Ahoskie. Elizabeth City at Colerain.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 24 Colerain at Williamston. Ahoskie at Elizabeth City. Windsor at Edenton.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 Williamston at Colerain. Edenton at Windsor. Elizabeth City at Ahoskie.

MACHINERY SET UP FOR REPEAL VOTE ELECTION

State Board Sets Up Uniform Regulations for Balloting

The State Board of Elections has adopted uniform rules and regulations to govern the holding of North Carolina's referendum on repeal of the 18th amendment on November 7.

The rules closely follow the law calling the "general" election, stipulating that each county must select delegates for or against repeal and must vote on the delegates and also on the question of whether or not to hold a convention for the formal recording of the State's vote.

Each county shall have the same number of delegates to the convention that it is entitled to have in the lower house of the General Assembly, the ruling giving Martin County one delegate. The delegates shall be nominated by petition method, each candidate having to secure two percent of the voters in the last gubernatorial election as signers of his petition. Only as many candidates may run on each side of the question as there will be delegates, and in case more than one candidate files for a single delegate place the candidate having the most signatures on his petition will be the delegate.

It was voted to print the two ballots on white paper, six by six inches, and the chairman and executive secretary of the board were instructed to ask the budget director for money with which to defray the costs of the election as no appropriation was made.

County Field Day Will Be Held at Everett August 24

The annual field day will be held Thursday, August 24th, at the Baptist church in Everetts at 2 p. m., it was announced yesterday by Miss Lora E. Sleeper, county home demonstration agent. The public is cordially invited to attend. There will be a short business session followed by stunts, playlets, reports, and good times. A picnic supper will be held on the lawn. This is the fourth field day to be held and judging by the past there should be a good representation. All clubs should send in their reports of work since the May meeting.

No Church Service at the Episcopal Church Sunday

There will be Sunday school as usual but no church service this Sunday at the Church of the Advent. The pastor will meet his appointment at the Holy Trinity Mission near Bear Grass at 4 p. m. The congregation of this church is invited to participate in the union service at the Baptist church Sunday evening at the usual hour.

LOOK FOR GOOD TAX COLLECTION IF PRICES HIGH

Approximately \$128,827.59 of the County Tax Levy Already Collected

"If tobacco prices are reasonably high this season and the peanut market is firm, we are looking for the best tax collections reported in several years in this county," Sheriff C. B. Roebuck said yesterday.

The sheriff explained that a large majority of property owners, so far unable to pay their taxes, are willing to and will square their accounts during next month if commodity prices are fairly high. During the past two weeks the collector said he had heard numerous property owners say they were much pleased with the postponement of tax sales, that they could not have paid them before they were offered for sale under the old schedule and that they plan to pay up as soon as they sold their first tobacco when the markets open the 29th of this month, or soon thereafter. The indifference on the part of some property owners in connection with their tax obligations is fast disappearing, the sheriff remarked, and if prices are fair this marketing season a large percentage of collections can well be expected. The sheriff, along with hundreds of farmers and others, are praying for good prices.

While collections have been small during the past month, the record so far is not at all disheartening to those who have to worry with the county's finances. Last month the officer collected nearly \$4,000, bringing the total collections up to \$128,827.59. Between now and the first week in October, the time when advertising is scheduled, Sheriff Roebuck hopes to collect four-fifths, if not more, of the \$86,476.46 taxes uncollected at this time for the tax year 1932.

COTTON LIFTS FARM EXPORTS

More Cotton Shipped in the Month of June Than in Twenty-four Years

The farm exports index of the Department of Agriculture reached 72 in June—the highest June index since 1923—due to the largest June exports of cotton in 24 years. But the index for all commodities except cotton was 45, a new low monthly record, reflecting the drastic decline in exports of wheat and flour.

Cotton exports normally drop off at this season of the year, explains the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, but the upward price movement has induced greatly increased European buying of American cotton, and the June index of cotton exports was 91, or 38 points above the index a year ago.

Exports of wheat, including flour, totaled less than 2,000,000 bushels in June, and whereas exports in the 12 months ended June, 1932, were 135,797,000 bushels, exports in the 12 months ended June, 1933, aggregated only 41,225,000 bushels.

June exports of leaf tobacco were the smallest in nearly two decades, and exports of lard fell off from immediately preceding months influenced by increased import duties in Germany. Fruit exports continued to make a favorable showing, although for year ended June 30 exports of nearly all kinds of fruit dropped below those of a year ago.

Announce Services at the Smithwick's Creek Church

Elders William B. Stadler and J. L. Ross, prominent ministers in the Primitive Baptist church, will preach at Smithwick's Creek next Thursday, August 24, it was announced yesterday by Elder H. F. Hutchens. The public is cordially invited to attend the service.

No More Half Holidays Here During This Year

There will be no more half holidays on Wednesday afternoons for local business houses and their employees, the closing agreement calling for the suspension of business at 1 o'clock each Wednesday afternoon during the past several weeks having terminated with the half holiday Wednesday. The agreement met with much success this season, and the half holiday are said to have meant much to clerks as well as to store owners and business men in the way of needed recreation. As far as it is known just at this time local business firms will open their doors at 8 each morning and close at 6 in the afternoon except on Saturdays, when activities will be suspended at 9:30 p. m.

DENY WATSON WAS "FRAMED" AT TRIAL HERE

Sheriff Resents Statement Made By the Former Roseboro Merchant

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck yesterday vigorously denied the charge stating that J. Neill Watson, the Roseboro merchant tried and convicted of receiving goods alleged to have been stolen from the Harrison Wholesale Company here last year, was "framed" by the prosecution. The officer, resenting the tactics adhered to by the man in an effort to gain executive clemency, added that he believed without a doubt that justice was administered without prejudice on the part of witnesses, jury, and judge.

Watson, in a letter addressed to members of the trial jury, said that the main witness, T. C. Poole, was induced by the prosecution to render such evidence with the promise of freedom.

Sheriff Roebuck is conducting an investigation of his own, and unless he learns more than he knows now, he will protest any favors suggested by the convicted man. It is certain that many, if not all, the jurymen are not in sympathy with the tactics followed by Watson and his counsel, and that they will refuse to petition the governor for clemency in the man's behalf.

Following the Harrison Wholesale robbery here, Sheriff Roebuck and other officers worked night and day and rode thousands of miles in an effort to bring the guilty to justice, and the claim advanced by Watson does not set so well with the officer, he said yesterday.

GARDEN CLUB SUGGESTIONS

Garden Department of the Woman's Club Offering Beautifying Program

The following suggestions have been offered to prospective gardeners in this section by the garden department of the local woman's club:

- "Study the catalogue, plan to order roses and fall-planting shrubs. Follow shrubs for a succession of bloom: January, February: Jasmine nudiflorum (winter jasmine). February: Lonicera Frangrantissima (first breath of spring). February, March: Cydonia, Pyrus Japobica or Japanese Quince; Spiraea Prunifolia (bridal wreath) spiraea Thunbergii. March: Forsythia and flowering almond. April: Spirea Van Houttei, Duertia, Philadelphus and Kerria Japonica. May: Rhus cotinus (smoke bush) and weigelia. June: Abelia grandiflora. July: Akheia, blooms in June also. August: Crepe myrtle and lespedeza formosa (bush clover). September: Caryopteris masticantus (still blooming), olea agrarum, eleagnus-pungens—Simonii (silver thorn). November: Hamamelis Garginiana (witch hazel). December: Merantia praecox or calyanthus or chimonanthus. The Oriental sweet shrub. If a rain comes late sowing of annuals will produce fall blossoms. Sow sweet williams and poppies as the seed ripens.

Alleged Everetts Robber May Be Tried In County

Plans are now being considered for bringing Coley King, alleged member of the gang robbing stores at Everetts and Oak City several months ago, back to this county for trial at the next term of Martin County Superior Court.

King was arrested in Southern Pines several days ago and is now being held in Raleigh in connection with several crimes committed there during recent months. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, leaving here one Sunday morning shortly after midnight, assisted in the arrest made at the resort.

Cake Prices On the Curb Market Here Increased

We are very sorry to have to advance the price on our cakes through the curb market. With prices of eggs mounting, sugar and butter rising, it will be necessary to advance the price to 20 cent pound. The price adjusting committee, composed of Mrs. H. U. Peel and Mrs. C. L. Daniel, will determine whether this price is satisfactory to the sellers or not. The curb market sold \$175.85 worth of produce during the month of July.

Local NRA Committee Will Be Set Up Here Next Week

In accordance with instructions from the director of the National Bureau of Public Relations, arrangements are being made here as well as in every other community throughout the country for the organization of an NRA committee, it was learned this morning from Postmaster L. T. Fowden. The local unit of the recovery administration is to be composed of representatives from all organizations, including civic, commercial, educational, religious and professional units. The main duty of the committee is to "see that all organizations are properly cooperating" to further the President's Reemployment program. The committee would also direct a publicity program in the furtherance of the recovery act. A campaign is to be made during the week beginning August 28 for the signatures of all firms who have not pledged the movement their support.

The committee chairman and secretary will receive direct instructions in handling locally the business of the program, it is understood. Postmaster Fowden is planning a meeting of local citizens for next Wednesday night, when he will ask them to select their committee and discuss the NRA codes as they apply to the various business organizations. Complete details will be announced later.

STANDARD OIL DEALERS MEET HERE TUESDAY

Interesting Picture Shown At Woman's Club Here By Oil Company

Recent important improvements in the quality of the motorist's gasoline and motor oil, which have resulted from painstaking research and development were explained to an enthusiastic audience of 46 Standard station dealers at a meeting held in the Woman's Club here Tuesday night. The meeting was in charge of Mr. J. M. Jones, general representative in this territory, and was attended by marketing representatives from the Charlotte Branch office.

The feature of the meeting was a four-reel sound picture of unusual interest, showing what goes on in the largest fuel and lubrication laboratories in the world. Many of the laboratory and road tests used in checking the performance qualities of motor fuels and lubricants were illustrated and explained non-technically.

Speaking to the assembled dealers, Mr. Jones stated that the purpose of the meeting was to increase their knowledge of their products as an aid to more intelligent merchandising. The high quality of Esolene, the company's new motor fuel, was covered from an educational standpoint and data was supplied regarding the fuel's anti-knock quality, freedom from gas-lock, special solvent property which keeps the inside of the motor clean, and increased mileage.

Interviewed after the meeting, Mr. Jones expressed the wish that every motorist could see the company's film, which is called, "Know Your Products." "Our dealers were deeply grateful to us for showing them this picture," Mr. Jones said. "I am not surprised, for we have never brought them a more interesting educational film."

"I wish that every man who drives a car could see 'Know Your Products,' for it tells a complete story. The average motorist today is confused by all sorts of claims and counter-claims, and until he understands the true facts about fuel and oil performance in an automobile engine, he is going to be just as much in the dark as ever."

It was intimated that the picture might be made available to clubs and other groups later.

Interesting talks were made by W. R. Tighe, lubrication engineer of the company, G. E. Maultsby, tire sales manager, and J. A. Buglass, general representative, of Elizabeth City.

Burial Associations Have Met Law Requirements

The Roanoke Burial Association has met the requirements made by the last general assembly and is now operating under the new laws, Mr. B. S. Courtney, president, announced today. Other burial associations have met the requirements, including the Martin County Association.

Pressure apparently was brought against all associations in the State by certain insurance firms in an effort to put them out of business, but the associations' operators, in a majority of cases, met all requirements and will continue service their members.

Jamesville Farmer Takes Deer Alive Wednesday

Jesse Martin, 55-year-old farmer near Jamesville, caught a deer alive at his home there last Wednesday morning about 9 o'clock. The speedy animal, about half grown, jumped into the hog pasture and could not jump out, making his capture easy for Mr. Martin, who was pulling fodder near-by.

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COTTON CHECKS TO BE RECEIVED HERE NEXT WEEK

Approximately \$35,000 Will Be Paid Martin Farmers Next Week

Those farmers in this county plowing up their cotton as the part in the reduction movement can well expect their checks by Wednesday of next week and probably a day or two before that time, according to information received here yesterday.

Back in 1875 a law was passed prohibiting the Government from paying money to those who owed the government money. During the past week or two methods were discussed whereby the farmers could get the cash even though they had not paid off their seed loans. Under the ruling handed down this week it is understood that checks will be made out to the head of the seed loan bureau and the farmers jointly, payment to the farmer being left in the discretion of those in charge. Of course, the farmers who did not borrow under the seed loan act will get their checks directly, it is understood.

District committees in this county have about completed their last inspections, and field work will be completed by the early part of next week in most sections, it is understood. Professor H. M. Ainsley, a member of the committee in Goose Nest, stated yesterday that all but 14 of the approximately 175 contracts there had been approved and the others would be ready in a day or two. Goose Nest was the first district to give the reduction movement support and it now looks as if it will be the first to complete the contracts and get the promised remuneration.

Everetts Club Meets in Home of Mrs. J. S. Ayers

The Everetts home demonstration club held its regular meeting Saturday at the home of Mrs. J. S. Ayers. This meeting was the first one to be held in the absence of the home agent but was held following a request of the agent of all the home demonstration clubs to have their August meeting by themselves, owing to the relief canning program being carried in the county. There were ten members present at the meeting and after a short business meeting, at which time the women made plans for field day, the women went to the kitchen and canned 38 pints of soup mixture. One person receiving relief was taught to can at the meeting. Mrs. J. S. Ayers has been very active in helping voluntarily all the folks in her community who have not had so much canning and with her steam pressure cooker she has been most generous and is deserving of much credit.—News reporter.

Two Ball Games Scheduled For Next Wednesday Here

To complete the schedule for the second half next week, Williamston and Edenton will play two games here next Wednesday, making three games on the home lot that week. The first game will be played Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock and the second that afternoon at 4, Manager Spivey announced this morning. The Martins will play Tarboro at Tarboro Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Colored Man Is Facing Attempted Rape Charge

Eddie Salsbury, colored man, is being held in the county jail to await trial at the next term of court for the alleged attempt to rape Mary Walton, 13-year-old colored girl, near Robersonville three weeks ago. Salsbury, declared holder of a bad reputation, escaped arrest until last Thursday when he was caught and given a preliminary hearing before Mayor C. M. Hurst in Robersonville. According to testimony offered at the preliminary hearing, the girl was awakened when Salsbury attempted to remove her night clothing. The mother, hearing the cries of her daughter, frightened the man away. Salsbury is said to have served two or three sentences on the roads for various violations of the law.

Schedule of Services at the Baptist Church for Sunday

There will be the regular preaching service at the Baptist church Sunday morning, following the seasons of the church school. The union service likewise comes to the Baptist church Sunday night at 8 o'clock, to which the other communities are invited, as well as the public in general.

FEW VIOLATIONS OF LAW DURING RECENT PERIOD

Quietest Period of the Year Experienced Here in Past Few Weeks

"Fewer violations have been reported during the past several weeks than at any time since I have been in office," Sheriff C. B. Roebuck said yesterday. Unable to advance any one thing for the improvement of public morals, the sheriff just allowed that people were getting better in their conduct.

Few, if any, theft cases have been reported in the county lately, and other than a few minor offenses the law has been generally observed, or at least it has been very well observed as far as the county officers are able to learn.

At one time the jail was empty, and now there are only three prisoners being held in—the hoosegow. Last March there were 46 people placed in the county jail for various alleged breaches of the law. Last month there were only 22 jailed, and most of the victims were held only a few hours.

Hand in hand with the lull in law violations goes other activities. Business has been very dull in the section during the past few weeks, and comparatively few happenings of note have been heard or seen. Work has been shared in freely by a big majority this season, causing one to believe that when there's work there's little disorder.

A marked increase in business, law violations and general activities are expected when the markets begin opening up the latter part of next week.

Mrs. Claude Whitehurst Dies At Bear Grass Home

Mrs. Claude Whitehurst, 37 years old, died at her home in Bear Grass Township last Tuesday following a long illness with tuberculosis. She was confined to her bed during much of the last few weeks and had been in declining health for some time.

Besides her husband she is survived by one brother, James Rogers, of Stokes; two sisters, Mrs. Joe Williams, Morehead City; and Mrs. Bud Peel, of Williamston. She also leaves several small children. Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday afternoon from the home at 3 o'clock, by Elder B. S. Cowin, of the Primitive Baptist church. Interment was in the Cowin burial ground in that township.

Mrs. Whitehurst, before her marriage, was Miss Maude Rogers, the daughter of the late Eason Rogers and Belle Harrison. She was born and reared at Bear Grass and spent her entire life at the same place. She had been in failing health for the past two years and for the past two weeks her condition had been serious. Tuberculosis was the cause of her death.

She is survived by her husband, three daughters, Misses Virginia, Le-walle, and Josephine; three sons, Garland, Harold, and Virgil Whitehurst; two sisters, Mesdames W. S. Peele, of Route 2, Williamston; and Joe Williams, of Morehead City; and one brother, J. E. Rogers, of Stokes. The funeral was one of the largest held in the county in some time. Mrs. Whitehurst had many friends and practically every part of the county was represented at the funeral.

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