



MARTINS LET UP AND DROP TWO CONTESTS IN ROW

Colonials Win Couple of Wierd Games, 9-5 and 13-0 This Week

After registering 16 interesting victories in a row, the Martins "flew into the air," blew up, or something, and lost two consecutive and ragged contests to Edenton, dropping the first contest to the Colonials here Wednesday afternoon by a 9 to 5 score. Cherry was liberal to the visiting batsmen, and that with errors enabled the Colonials to score in every inning of the game from the third to the eighth. Kugler went in in the seventh. Gaylord and House hit homers.

The yesterday afternoon game in Edenton was referred to as something little short of comedy. With the first half safely tucked under their wings, the Martins were not so much concerned, and merely appeared to be completing the schedule and keeping in tune for the second half, if that half materializes. The game had its interesting features, and the 13 to 0 wallop suffered by Williamston was greatly enjoyed by Edenton's loyal fans. With a heavy shortage in the line-up, Manager Bill Spivey and Harcum Grimes entered the catching and right field positions. Spivey, in the short time he could maintain the pace, appeared at bat one time and is now leading the entire league with a batting average of 1.000. Mr. Grimes exhausted the supply of balls in one of his turns at the bat, when he fouled one after another out of the park. He finally struck out. Taylor led the Martins at bat with two hits. Kugler started the game, and was relieved by Gaddy in the early innings.

BASEBALL MEET HERE TONIGHT

Fate of Local Club Hinges On Outcome of Meeting At City Hall

Local baseball fans are holding a meeting this evening in an effort to save the local club from the financial rocks. The meeting is called for 8 o'clock at the city hall, and all interested are urged to attend.

With the payroll incomplete for the past week and a forced holiday to aggravate the situation, the present outlook for second-half baseball here is not at all encouraging just at this time the president of the club, R. H. Goodmon, said last evening. In short, it is estimated that a \$600 subscription will be necessary to enter and carry the Martins through the second half, and unless some arrangements are made tonight, today's game will probably be the last home contest this year.

An appeal is directed to local baseball fans to lend a helping hand and save the sport here. The president of the league must be notified by tomorrow noon of the Martins' position in regard to starting the second half next week.

Everetts Loses To Corey's Store Team Wednesday

After annexing a series of victories during the past two weeks, Everetts' baseball team lost to Corey's Store at the latter place last Wednesday afternoon by a 10 to 6 score. Johnson pitched and Smith caught for the visitors. Lilley pitched for Corey's store. Everetts' team was said to have been weakened when several of its regular players were unable to report. Another Everetts player, explaining the loss, said that the grass was knee high, that he and his teammates had to look for the ball, while members of the opposing team could smell a ball in the grass better than a hound dog could smell a rabbit in a briar patch.

Everetts plays Stokes at Everetts Saturday afternoon, and on the following afternoon at 4 o'clock Everetts and Jamesville, two old rivals in all kinds of sport, meet on the diamond at Everetts.

Vegetables Ditched When Trailer Coupling Breaks

Tearing loose from a truck, a large trailer, loaded with green peppers and sweet potatoes, was ditched on the Everetts road near the county home Wednesday morning, scattering the contents in all directions and causing considerable damage to the vehicle. Many of the peppers and potatoes were retrieved and shipped by freight to New York, limiting the loss to about \$300.

Owned by Newben and Company, of Santa Fe, Fla., the truck was being driven from that state to New York when the coupling holding the trailer to the truck tore loose and the trailer ran off the road and into a ditch. The truck was one of a caravan of three making the trip.

Parking Situation Here on Saturday Is Real Problem

The automobile parking situation on the business streets of the town having reached such an acute stage in recent weeks, the authorities, over Mayor J. L. Hassell's signature, are directing an urgent appeal to all town car owners to keep their machines at home all day each and every Saturday.

While the congested parking situation will not be relieved in its entirety if the appeal is heeded even to the fullest extent, the situation will be greatly improved, it is believed.

The appeal is not based on any mandatory theory, but is advanced in the spirit that a mutual good will result to both patrons who come from outside of town and to the business houses they patronize.

WIDOW SEEKING \$25,000 AS RESULT WOOLARD DEATH

Bayview, Inc., and Electric Company at Bath Are Defendants

Washington.—Charging that the death of her husband, Jesse Woolard, on June 25 at Bayview, was caused "by the negligence of the defendant," Mrs. Willie Woolard Monday filed suit for \$25,000 against Bayview, Inc., and the Bath Electrical Co. The plaintiff is administratrix of his estate.

Woolard came to his death while attempting to rescue Miss Sudie Bowen, Martin County girl, who had accidentally grabbed a charged electric wire and was being shocked. Miss Bowen was not seriously injured.

Pleading in the suit claimed that the two defendants maintain poles and wires running along the pier and supplying current to the lights at the swimming and diving apparatus.

"One of the poles next to said pier had fallen down," the complaint charges, "so that the wires attached thereto were within two or three feet of the water right at the place where patrons of Bayview, Inc., were accustomed and invited to swim and bathe, so that said wires, charged with electricity, constituted an extremely dangerous instrumentality to those who were swimming and diving therein."

The pleading further alleges that this condition had existed for at least a week prior to the accident and that proper care on the part of the defendants would have prevented the accident.

The document alleges that Woolard met his death by electrocution. A coroner's inquest held by Coroner F. T. Paul found that "Jesse Woolard died accidentally, death probably being caused by a weak heart and excitement." There were no burns on the body, he reported.

Pitt Farmers Receive \$30,000 Cotton Checks

Pitt County cotton growers received \$30,000 last week as a payment on rentals of cotton land taken from production this year according to contract.

New England's oldest twins, Miss Mary A. Pierce and Mrs. Martha A. Sturtevant, recently celebrated their 90th birthday at Savoy, Mass.

WHERE THEY PLAY

SECOND HALF

TUESDAY, JULY 17th
Williamston at Elizabeth City.
Plymouth at Ahoskie.
Ahoskie at Windsor.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18th
Williamston at Ahoskie.
Edenton at Plymouth.
Elizabeth City at Windsor.

STANDINGS

Club	W	L	Pct.
Williamston	25	7	.781
Edenton	23	10	.697
Plymouth	14	18	.438
Elizabeth City	14	18	.438
Ahoskie	13	17	.433
Windsor	7	26	.213

RESULTS

Tuesday, July
Edenton 2, Plymouth 0.
Elizabeth City 6, Windsor 5.
Williamston-Ahoskie, cancelled.

Wednesday, July 11
Edenton 9, Williamston 5.
Plymouth 12, Windsor 7.
Elizabeth City-Ahoskie, cancelled.

Thursday, July 12
Edenton 13, Williamston 0.
Windsor-Plymouth, rain.
Ahoskie-Elizabeth City, cancelled.

This action is taken in an effort to forestall any laws that will necessarily follow if the appeal is ignored. The authorities will make a survey of parked cars during the next few weeks, and if local owners insist on leaving cars in the business sections on Saturdays, parking limits will be established under special ordinances, it is understood.

In making the request, the authorities explained that there will be no objection to town auto owners parking their cars for a few minutes, but that they were anxious to stop all-day parking of locally owned cars in the business districts on Saturday, when parking spaces are available only at a premium.

LITTLE DOING IN COUNTY COURT

Not Single Fine Is Levied At Session Held Last Tuesday

Apparently taking cognizance of the unfavorable condition of summer finances in this section, the last Tuesday session of the Martin County Recorder's court contented itself with the collection of costs only, a review of the minutes shows. Not a single fine was imposed, the court suspending judgment in half the cases and continuing two others.

The case charging Eber Whitehurst with an assault on a female was not pressed with leave.

A continuation was granted in the case charging Fannie Ruffin with violating the liquor laws.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging G. O. Butler with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging F. C. Williams with operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging William Bowser with reckless driving.

The case charging Rufus Lock with an assault with a deadly weapon was continued one week.

MAKE CHANGE IN SALES TAX RULE

Merchant May Make Price To Include Sales Tax, It Is Announced

Raleigh. — "Several substantial changes in rules and regulations heretofore in force," were today announced by the sales tax division of the department of revenue.

Harry McMullan, who heads this division, is not certain that there will be a very large increase in collections, but he does think the changes will help greatly in administration. There is a very widely misunderstood feature. Hundreds of merchants have understood that the merchants in making known the prices at which articles sold are not allowed to include the sales tax. The new ruling makes perfectly plain that it has been possible all the while in stating prices to set the figures for the combination of price and tax. For instance, if an article sells for 20 cents and there is a penny tax it is entirely within the law to announce the sales price at 21 cents.

Merchants have not always meant to put the law in bad when they announce a price and as the buyer starts out call him back to pay the tax. They have felt that they were required to do so. The new ruling makes that point clear.

Methodists Announce Services for Sunday

C. T. Rogers, pastor.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Preaching service, 11 a. m.
Union service, Baptist church, at 8 p. m.
Holly Springs
Sunday school, 10 a. m.
Preaching service, 8 p. m.
We will be glad to have you meet with us.

Thief Steals \$10 From House; Then Returns It

Entering the home of Mr. Augustus Moore in Williams Township last Wednesday afternoon, a thief stole \$10 from Delcie Gardner, Mr. Moore's granddaughter. The family was working at the tobacco barn, and no one was in the home until the thief arrived.

Considerable action was threatened by the child's relatives during the day, and late that afternoon the money was returned and left on the porch of the home.

NEGRESS IS HELD WITHOUT BAIL ON MURDER CHARGE

Preliminary Hearing Given Phoebe Moore for Slaying Sam Simmons

Given a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell her Wednesday morning, Phoebe Moore, 27-year-old negress, through her counsel, Attorney H. G. Horton, entered a plea of not guilty in the case charging her with the murder of Sam Simmons, colored man, on the streets here the morning of July 3. While no direct evidence was offered supporting a first degree murder charge, the trial justice declared the case not bailable and ordered the defendant returned to jail to await trial in the Martin County Superior Court convening here the third Monday in September.

The testimony of only two witnesses to the killing was heard, and neither of the two claimed to have actually seen the fatal shot fired. Explaining that they were so badly frightened, the witnesses said they did not know how many shots were fired.

George Purvis, colored co-worker with Simmons, was the first to take the stand. Telling of the tragedy in his own words, he said that he reported for work at the electrical supply room about 10 minutes before Simmons reached there on the morning of July 3. About five minutes later Phoebe Moore came by and asked where Simmons was, adding that she wanted to see him. Purvis explained that colored women were not allowed to see workmen at the store room, and Simmons was said to have told her to leave, that he did not want to have any trouble with her. He did not hear any conversation between the two, and he woman left. Shortly after that time Purvis and Simmons went on a job, but returned about an hour or so later to the supply room for electrical material. While returning to the room, Purvis said he saw the Moore woman coming down Haughton Street with a package in her hands, and he told Simmons that he thought she was supposed to be working. A short distance off Haughton Street Simmons and Purvis stopped to talk to Percy Brown, who happened along in his car. They had been there only a few seconds before the woman came up and started shooting. Purvis said he was so badly frightened and thought probably she was mad with him and was after his scalp also that he fled the scene, but that he saw Simmons holding his side and running down the street with the woman firing behind him.

Percy Brown, the second witness, said he was talking with Simmons when the woman came up, but that he did not see the first shot fired, but that he saw Simmons run down the street and fall mortally wounded in a near-by yard.

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, who made the arrest a few minutes later, said the woman told him she killed Simmons because he had threatened her life, that if she had not killed him he would have killed her.

The defense offered no testimony in her own behalf, but listened attentively to the examination of the two witnesses by Justice Hassell and her attorney.

Program of Services At Presbyterian Church

9:30 a. m.—Sunday school, Mr. E. P. Cunningham, superintendent.
11 a. m.—Preaching service, subject: "The Cry of the Soul."
Mr. William Belk, student at Union Theological Seminary, of Richmond, Va., and nephew of Mrs. Anna Harrison, of Williamston, will arrive here Saturday. Mr. Belk has been working in the Albemarle Presbytery this summer. He will be here during the next two weeks assisting in a Daily Vacation Bible School at Poplar Point Presbyterian mission.

Short Course for Boys And Girls On July 25-30

Four-H girls over 14 years old will be eligible to attend the 25th annual short course for girls and boys held in Raleigh July 25-30. Girls attending are required to wear the National Club uniform. The material for the uniform is green broadcloth and can be obtained from "Character Products Co., Salisbury. The cost of the material is 16 cents per yard. Two dresses and one coat are all the dresses needed during the week in Raleigh, provisions are made for having one dress laundered.

Girls can attend if they have completed 2 1-2 pieces of required work. The cost for the week in Raleigh will be \$4.50. It is hoped more girls will attend the short course this year. A most attractive program has been planned out for the week. Miss Sleeper will be in Raleigh for the entire week acting as house mother for the girls' dormitory.

Start Making Survey of Land Rented Under Leaf Contracts

THREE PERSONS BITTEN BY MAD DOG THIS WEEK

Several Dogs Believed To Be Mad, Are Killed Near Williamston

Bitten early this week by a dog declared mad following an examination of the animal's head by the Bureau of Hygiene, Raleigh, Howard Simpson, young white boy, and Burke Gorham, colored man, are now taking treatment against rabies. A third victim of the dog's attack, Bill Bowen, about 10 years old, is not taking the treatment as far as it could be learned today.

The dog was killed by Dave Bowen near Williamston, Monday, the hygiene bureau reporting Tuesday that it had found a trace of rabies in an examination of the dog's head.

Two other persons, bitten by another dog said to have been made, are also taking the treatment in this county at the present time, it was learned.

A number of stray dogs have been removed from the streets in Williamston by officers as a safeguard against additional attacks. Chief of Police W. B. Daniel said yesterday. So far no attacks have been reported in the town. However, several dogs believed mad, have been killed in various parts of the county during the past several weeks, according to reports reaching here.

The Simpson boy lives in the Robertsonville section, but was visiting relatives near Williamston when the dog, belonging to Gorham, bit him. The dog caught the boy's trousers leg, and after failing to kick the animal loose, Young Simpson reached down to choke the dog loose and was bitten on the hand. Gorham was bitten on the hand also.

BEGIN WORK ON LOCAL CHURCH

\$4,500 To Be Spent in Remodeling and Enlarging Christian Church

Work on the remodeling of the local Christian church was started this week, preliminary estimates indicating that approximately \$4,500 would be spent in adding additional rooms, increasing the size of the auditorium and altering the appearance of both the interior and exterior. Two rooms will be added to either side of the present building, and a portico, with several large columns, will be added to the front. The belfry will be moved from the front and placed to the rear of the building.

Sunday school will be held in the building this Sunday for the last time until the remodeling program is completed. The following Sunday services will be held in the high school auditorium, it was announced.

Farm and Home Week at Raleigh Last of Month

Farmmen and women should plan to attend the annual short course held this year in Raleigh from the 31st of July to August 4. This session is open to any man or woman interested in the betterment of country life. Several club women are talking about attending, and it is hoped non-club women will attend also. Meals will be given in the college dining hall for 25 cents each. Each one attending should carry their own bed linen, toilet articles, etc. Rooms are given free. If you plan to attend, notify Miss Sleeper that you may secure better accommodations while at Raleigh. Simple clothing is all that is necessary for the Farm and Home Week, and of course comfortable shoes if you participate in all the old-time square dances and the Virginia Reel. If work at home keeps you from attending the full week, come for one day. Let's have a good number of farm men and women in at Raleigh this year from Martin County.—Home Agent.

Church of Advent Services For Sunday Announced

Rev. E. F. Moseley, rector.
Seventh Sunday After Trinity:
Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning and prayer and sermon at 11 a. m.
No evening service on account of the union service at the Baptist church Holy Trinity Mission.
There will be Sunday school and preaching at the Holy Trinity Mission near Bear Grass Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

DATES STAND

Dates recently announced by the United States Tobacco Association for opening the markets in the various tobacco belts were approved yesterday by the office of the Secretary of Agriculture. It is definitely settled now that the markets in this belt will open on August 23, with certain restrictions in force for the larger markets, it was announced. The opening will find only two sets of buyers on the Wilson and Greenville markets instead of five, all other markets operating with the same number as heretofore.

TO ISSUE CARDS FOR MARKETING LEAF THIS YEAR

Possession of Card Will Be Necessary in Marketing Tobacco 1934 Crop

Arrangements are going forward for the marketing of the tobacco crop this coming season, it was learned this week from the office of County Agent Brandon. Letters are being mailed to every contract signer, asking him the number of cards he will need in marketing the crop. If no answer is received by next week, the office will assume that the farmer will want only one card and that the total poundage allotment will be entered on the one card. Where only one card is necessary, no reply to the letter is necessary, it was pointed out.

The letter going to farmers follows in part:

"One or more marketing cards will be issued to you. A marketing card will probably be necessary for each person who sells tobacco under your contract. For example, if you have five tenants and grow some tobacco yourself, you probably will want six marketing cards. All of the marketing cards will be issued in your name exactly as you signed the contract. Space will be provided on the marketing card for your use in case in you desire to enter the name of some other person who may be selling tobacco for you.

"You will be issued tax-payment warrants for 80 per cent of your base tobacco production. The base tobacco production is shown in column 11 of Form CRXT-201 (or on Form T-36) and the total poundage requested for all marketing cards must equal 80 per cent of this base tobacco production. Even though 80 per cent of your base tobacco production is allotted on your marketing card or cards, the rate of your adjustment payment will not be reduced if you sell 70 per cent or less of your base tobacco production. If you sell less than 70 per cent of your base, you will receive a deficiency payment, as provided in the contract."

Sanitary Grocery Opened By Martin and Frank

A new grocery store, the Sanitary Grocery Company, will open for business here tomorrow in the building formerly occupied by the J. R. Parker Grocery, next to Harrison Brothers & Company. The building front and interior have just been remodeled, and the firm owners and operators, Messrs. Charles Martin, of Jamesville, and Dallas Frank, for a number of years connected with the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, are arranging their large stock of goods today for the opening tomorrow.

Mr. Martin is well known in this section as a promising young man. Mr. Frank is recognized as an able groceryman, and has enjoyed a large patronage in that business here during the past several years.

Merchant Indicted for Alleged Sale Bad Meat

John York, country store operator on the Hamilton road at the old Mobly mill, has been charged with the selling of diseased meat for human consumption. John Beacham, prosecuting witness, said at a hearing held before Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell this week that he bought some meat from York and that it made him sick. A defense witness testified that he bought some of the meat also, that it did not make him sick, and that the meat was all right.

The contradictory evidence adds color to the case, which is scheduled to be tried in the recorder's court in the near future. Some trouble is said to have taken place in that section recently, and the charges in the meat case might have followed as a result.

WORK EXPECTED TO BE FINISHED WITHIN 6 WEEKS

Instructions Given Surveyors At Meeting Held Here Thursday

A survey of land covered by 1,490 tobacco contracts was started today in this county, the government calling upon 25 citizens and turning them in to surveyors overnight to handle the large task. Under instructions offered by Peele Johnson, representative of the agricultural unit of State College, the surveyors are scheduled to complete the work in about six weeks.

According to information coming from the meeting held here yesterday to instruct the surveyors in the methods to follow in measuring the contracted acreage, the government will give the farmer every advantage possible. In short, the results of the measuring process will fall short of those that could be obtained under a complete survey, but the check-up is expected to show any gross variations in contract compliance. Equipped with proper information and blanks and 100 yards of clothesline, the surveyors can hardly be expected to make definite surveys.

"Many problems that may arise will be left to the discretion of the surveyor and the individual farmer. Where differences cannot be settled, the county agent is called, and if a settlement cannot be effected with his aid, the problem continues to other authorities for consideration, he final outcome resting with the Washington officials, if necessary."

When the farmer is found to have offered unsuitable land for rental purposes, the surveyor is instructed to note his findings on the blanks provided by the government. No accurate measurement of the rented acres will be made, except in those cases where there is an apparent discrepancy in contract compliance.

While it is believed that there are only a few cases where the acreage is greater than the contract allotments, no definite or satisfactory manner was advanced for handling such cases, if any. The surveyor will call to the attention of the farmer any discrepancy in acreage, but the grower is to wait plow-up instructions from the county committee. An unavoidable delay is expected to cause trouble or inconvenience, and creates several problems. It is generally understood that an acreage over 80 per cent of the base automatically renders the contract void, but yet the farmer having an oversize acreage will hardly receive instructions to destroy that portion of his crop before he has harvested a part or all of it in some cases. Authorities are hesitant in offering information that would clarify the situation. Remembering the terms of the contracts, it would appear advisable for the farmer to destroy the crop on any excess acreage. On the other hand, he is advised to await instructions from the county committee before destroying any portion of his crop. If he fails to harvest the crop on excess acreage, the tobacco will ruin, and if he harvests the crop on the excess acreage and the terms of the contract are enforced, it might be that the farmer will be called upon to destroy tobacco that has already been harvested. The situation appears to be one that calls for discretion on the part of someone somewhere sometime, and it might be sooner or later.

The contract sets out that only 70 per cent of the base acreage can be planted to the crop and only that percentage marketed tax-free, but a later ruling, it will be remembered, advanced the allotment to 80 per cent of the base. If a farmer has a fraction over 70 per cent of his allotted base acreage planted, his rental payments will be reduced by one-third and will be deducted from receipts next fall, it is understood. If he has 75 or even 79 per cent of his base acreage, his rental payments will be reduced the same amount, it is also understood.

Many problems will arise in measuring the land, but it is hoped that small differences can be settled without inconvenience to any concerned. Measurements will be figured to the nearest tenth of an acre, and are to start and stop the distance of one-half row from the spot where tobacco is planted.

Five Federal Agents in Section This Week

Five Federal agents were in this section this week, but made no raids in this county. Two men were captured in Edgecombe at a liquor still, it was reported.