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MARTINS TAKE FIVE STRAIGHT IN LEAGUE RACE

Winning Streak Carries Local Club To Four Games Behind Edenton

Winning five games in a row, Williamston's baseball team started a healthy climb toward leadership in the last half of play in the Albemarle League. The Martins are only four games behind the leaders, and are only two games behind Plymouth, holders of second rung position.

Last Friday the Martins all but battered away the Plymouth Rocks, winning 12 to 2 on 21 hits, a record for the season. Herring, five times at bat, got five hits. Earp and Uzzle got four each.

Sunday, the Martins lost to New Bern 2 to 0, both teams, with six hits, competing for honors at the bat.

Yesterday, Cherry pitched a master game for the locals over Ahoskie, winning 7 to 0. He struck out 8 men, allowed five scattered hits and did not walk a man. The Martins touched Davis for 11 hits, Taylor leading with a triple and two doubles. Goodmon drew two walks and made a triple and a single. Earp made a triple and single.

At a league meeting held in Windsor last night, Plymouth was advanced a notch in the standing column when it was given a tie game with Elizabeth City. All protests were smoothed out.

Yesterday's box score:

Ahoskie	AB	R	H	P	O	A	E
Womble, 2b	4	0	0	2	5	0	
H. Smith, ss	4	0	1	4	1	0	
Bradley, cf	4	0	2	0	2	0	
A. Taylor, 3b	4	0	2	0	3	0	
Stark, lf	3	0	0	3	0	0	
C. Smith, rf	4	0	0	2	0	0	
DeBerry, 1b	4	0	1	8	0	0	
Outland, c	3	0	0	3	0	1	
Davis, p	3	0	1	0	1	0	
Totals	29	0	5	24	10	1	

Score by innings: R AHS 000 000 000—0 WIL 000 104 02x—7

MR. M'FARLAND AT MT. GOULD

Sales Supervisor Finds Bertie Folks Very Favorable To Local Markets

The farmers' annual picnic at Mt. Gould the other day was a delightful affair. While the bulk of the people there were from Bertie County, yet there was quite a sprinkling of people from neighboring counties. I don't know what you people of Williamston have done to that section of Bertie, but you have certainly done something to make them very fond of you.

They like to sell tobacco in Williamston and to trade in Williamston. The crop of tobacco in the Mount Gould section is a little larger than it is in Martin County, but unless something happens to it, it's going to be a very good crop of tobacco with plenty of color.

Everything now points to fair prices for tobacco this season. While the type of tobacco grown in Georgia is more like that of the middle belt, in that it possesses lots of "body," yet it all is classed as cigarette and pipe tobacco and that's the kind of tobacco raised in Eastern North Carolina and the kind that's in demand, for gone are the days of chewing tobacco. In this section of North Carolina a type of cigarette tobacco is raised unexcelled anywhere. It will be sought eagerly by the manufacturers of cigarettes at home and abroad. All of these manufacturers will have their representatives upon the Williamston market. We know this.

The warehousemen are predicting ten million pounds of tobacco for Williamston this season. But they are a little wrong. They haven't allowed for a shortage of the crop; so make it about eight, boys, and you will be nearer the mark.

STANDINGS

Edenton	13	4	765
Plymouth	11	6	647
Williamston	9	8	529
Ahoskie	5	12	294

Tax Rate for Town Same As Last Year

WHERE THEY PLAY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7th Williamston at Ahoskie. Edenton at Plymouth. WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8th Edenton at Williamston. Ahoskie at Plymouth. THURSDAY, AUGUST 9th Williamston at Edenton. Plymouth at Ahoskie. FRIDAY, AUGUST 10th Plymouth at Williamston. Ahoskie at Edenton. SATURDAY, AUGUST 11th Williamston at Plymouth. Edenton at Ahoskie.

CON LANIER TO SPEAK ON CODE AT EDENHOUSE

Annual Celebration Will Be Held Tomorrow Auspices Commerce Body

Hon. J. Con Lanier, administrator of the tobacco code, will speak at the second annual celebration at Edenhouse Beach Wednesday, August 8th, to the people of the Roanoke-Chowan section, in order to explain to the tobacco growers of that section the details of the new tobacco law. This program is being held under the auspices of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, and the message that Mr. Lanier will bring to the people of that section will be more than usual interest in view of the fact that the Kerr-Smith tobacco bill brings about a complete change in the way of selling tobacco this fall. Up to now the tobacco farmers have had only a rather indefinite idea as to what they are expected to do. It is the hope of those connected with this that a large crowd of tobacco growers will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear Mr. Lanier. He will speak at 3:30 in the afternoon.

Other features of the program will be swimming and diving contests, bathing beauty show, other speakers, and an afternoon of music furnished by Paul Jones' orchestra of Rocky Mount. Judge Francis D. Winston will crown the winner in the bathing beauty show at 8 o'clock. Senator J. A. Pritchett of Windsor will be master of ceremonies. Secretary N. G. Bartlett will have active charge of the program. Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bell, owners and operators of the beach, are making extensive plans.

NO NEW BANK DEVELOPMENTS

Bank Commissioner Says Enterprise Erred In Report

No late developments have taken place in connection with the proposed opening of a bank here by the Greenville Banking and Trust Company, it was learned here today. A petition, carrying representative signatures, is now before the State Banking Department for consideration, and the matter has been carried before Reconstruction Finance Corporation officials in Charlotte and Washington, D. C., it is understood, and some definite decision is expected within the next few days.

According to information received here last Saturday from the commissioner of banks, this paper erred in its reports carried last Tuesday in connection with the proposed locating of a bank here.

Commissioner of Banks Gurney P. Hood in a letter to the editor, states: "We have just received a clipping from your paper of July 31st. The information you received was in error. We have not authorized the Greenville Banking and Trust Company, Greenville, N. C., to open a branch in Williamston. We have not expressed the opinion that a branch of the Greenville Bank would be approved by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation."

"In our opinion, one of the contributing causes of a large number of bank failures in our State in the past seven years has been the fact that banks were permitted to open in communities where they were not needed, or where it was impossible for them to succeed.

"Before we authorize another bank for Williamston it must be clearly shown that the bank is needed and will be assured of operating at a profit. Unless a bank can operate at a profit, it cannot be successful."

In correcting the statements carried in this paper's report last Tuesday, the bank commissioner explains that any petition for a new bank must be studied closely, and it is understood that the petition for a new bank here is now being given consideration by the state banking authorities.

TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES \$2.70 ON THE HUNDRED

Debt Service Is Increased, Thus Preventing Decreased Rate

Williamston's tax rate was approved by the Town Council at \$2.70 on the \$100 valuation at a meeting of that body last evening, the levy remaining unchanged from the current year recently ended. A reduction in the rate foreseen by an increased property valuation was slightly more than offset by an increase in debt service, the budget prepared by Treasurer N. C. Green shows. Budget estimates propose a total expenditure of approximately \$76,507.43 during the current fiscal year, that amount including every item of expense made unusually large by debt service which accounts for more than two-thirds of the budget figures.

Bond and coupon holders have claims to \$58,349.43 this year as compared with \$57,132.86 last year. Interest is the big item, running as high as \$29,805.00. The authorities propose to raise approximately \$30,638.97 by general taxation, which amount hardly more than offsets the interest charges, not to mention the bond principals. The remaining amount is collected from other sources, including water sales, rents, back taxes and street assessments. No direct comparison of amounts raised by general taxation is available just at this time as corporate excess and a few other items have not been verified by the State.

Expenses in the several departments are provided for on about the same scale in effect last year. The street department, the most costly of any, will require, it is estimated, \$4,480, about two-thirds of which goes to labor.

The water department, with expenditures estimated at \$4,344, is next in line, but it reports revenue figured at \$8,650.

General administration, covering a multitude of items such as ink, telephone, salaries, vital statistics, pauper burials, repairs and so on, calls for an outlay of \$4,230, or several hundred dollars less than the amount actually spent during the past year.

The police department is scheduled to operate on \$3,485, the amount representing, in the main, salaries of the three officers.

Fire protection will cost, it is estimated, \$1,119 during the next 12 months, or about \$240 less than the expenditures during the last fiscal operating period.

COMMISSIONERS HAVE MEETING

Town Council Arrange For Equal Patronage of Oil Companies

That there might be an equal patronage accorded the several oil companies located here, a town council committee recommended the town spend around \$125 for equipment to get gasoline at tank-wagon prices. It was first considered having town-owned vehicles serviced direct from the filling stations but the increased price over wholesale figures was considered too great. The question, considered a minor one since the town uses on an average of not more than 50 gallons of gasoline a week, has been hanging fire for some time.

A drainage project on lower Church street was discussed and the mayor was directed to make an investigation in an effort to remedy the situation described as bad by adjoining property owners.

Everetts Baseball Nine Loses To Kinston Club

Everetts lost an interesting baseball contest 5 to 0 to Kinston's Chesterfield Dodgers at Kinston last Sunday. Stalls and Gurganus worked on the mound for the Martin boys, and were advancing on equal terms until the sixth when errors unnerved them and the Dodgers made several runs.

Thursday, the Everetts boys play a crack team from Pike Road, Pitt County, at Everetts. Saturday they are scheduled to play Greenville's municipal team at Everetts. The Kinston Dodgers will return the last Sunday game Sunday.

Unanimous approval of the Bankhead and Kerr crop control acts was expressed by farmers attending the annual farm and home week exercises at State College last week.

POSTPONE SALES FOR DELINQUENT COUNTY TAXES

Judge Barnhill Sustains Injunction In Rocky Mount Last Friday

An injunction restraining County Tax Collector C. B. Roebuck from advertising delinquent taxes this week for sale the first Monday in September was sustained by Resident Judge M. V. Barnhill in Rocky Mount last Friday. Under the terms of the order, the sheriff will be compelled to advertise delinquent taxes the first week in October for sale the first Monday in November.

In making the injunction operative, Judge Barnhill warned the petitioner that this would be his last, emphatically stating that he would not consider interfering with the law governing the advertising and sale of delinquent taxes next year. He supported his action by pointing out to the petitioners that the place to settle the matter was in the legislature. He advised those seeking the injunction to discuss the matter with their representative in an effort to have a law created empowering the county authorities to direct the sale on June 1 or any time not later than the first Monday in November of each year.

Accepting the warning of Judge Barnhill at its full value, and there is no reason why it should not be accepted as such, it is now certain that unless some act is passed in the legislature next session governing the time for tax sales, the county authorities will be unable to postpone the sale as has been the custom during the past two or three years.

Since the injunction proceedings were started a few days back, tax collections have been few and far between, but it is believed that the delay will prove profitable to the county as well as the property owners themselves in the long run.

MRS. G. H. BRYANT DIED SATURDAY

For Fourteen Years Deceased Had Been Bed-Ridden Invalid

Mrs. George H. Bryant died at her home in the Peoples Bank Apartments Saturday morning at 7:30 o'clock.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. F. Moseley from the Church of the Advent Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, after which the body was taken to her old home place near Windsor for interment.

Miss Lena Mizelle, of Windsor, married George H. Bryant thirty years ago in Bertie County, where they lived until 1930, when they moved to Williamston.

Although Mrs. Bryant had lived in Williamston for years, few of our citizens had the privilege of knowing her because for fourteen years she had been a bed-ridden invalid. Although unable to move limb or body, she was always cheerful.

Several months ago she expressed a desire to become a member of the Episcopal Church, and she was baptized by Mr. Moseley, rector of the Church of the Advent, who visited her often, bringing spiritual and physical comfort. Almost every Sunday when Mr. Moseley was in town he remembered her with trays laden with choice delicacies which would appeal to the appetite of an invalid.

Mrs. Bryant required the attentions of some one constantly, and her husband waited on her day and night for years.

It seemed to be with pleasure that he responded to every call and to anticipate her wants when she was too feeble to ask for assistance. Every hour on the hour he left his work momentarily to administer to the "Madam" as she affectionately called her. She left no children.

J. Haywood Jones Sent To Greenville, S. C.

J. Haywood Jones, district agent for the Federal Farm Land Bank with headquarters here for the past several months, has been transferred to Greenville, S. C., where he will be in charge of the cotton garment code authority for North and South Carolina.

RESULTS

Friday, August 3
Williamston 12, Plymouth 2.
Edenton 4, Ahoskie 3.
Saturday, August 4
Williamston 7, Plymouth 1.
Edenton 9, Ahoskie 6.
Monday, August 6
Williamston 7, Ahoskie 0.
Plymouth 7, Edenton 0.

County Tax Rate Is Reduced 10 Cents on \$100 Valuation

MARKETING CARDS BEING DISTRIBUTED

More Than 100 a Day Being Prepared in County Agent's Office

The first of the allotment and master marketing cards are being distributed to farmers in the county this week, Mr. Geo. S. Moore having been issued the first card Monday.

Employees in the county agent's office are preparing the cards at the rate of more than 100 a day, and notices are being mailed directing the farmers to call for the cards at the county office. Growers will have to sign for the cards which are valued at one-fourth the tobacco crop. If a card is lost, the farmer loses one-fourth of what he is due to receive with the card.

Mr. T. B. Slade, directing the land survey, stated yesterday that the work would probably be rushed to completion by the latter part of this week or early next week, and that marketing cards would be in the hands of the farmers before the 23rd of this month. Growers are asked to await notification before calling for cards.

Reports state that government men will be located in every warehouse to aid in the systematic handling of allotment cards at selling time.

The following points cover the handling of marketing and allotment cards:

The Marketing Card

All renters, share-tenants and share-croppers (if any) should sign their own name under "Designation of Trustee" on page 3.

If there is a trustee other than the producer, such trustee should sign on page 3, accepting the trust.

The marketing card should be returned without the signature of the producer, to the county office as quickly as the designation of trustee can be completed. The card will be held by the county office until the crop is sold.

The producer will sign the marketing card after the entire crop is sold and at the time he surrenders allotment cards.

Allotment Cards

Your attention is called to the following statement in Section III of your marketing card:

"The producer hereby requests that allotment cards be issued to him in accordance with the list shown below. The producer understands and agrees that if any allotment card should be lost he will not be entitled a duplicate allotment card nor to receive tax payment warrants covering the tobacco allotment included on such lost allotment card."

The allotment card must be presented by the producer or the person making the sale to the agent of the secretary of agriculture of the warehouse office to obtain a tax payment warrant.

The tax payment warrant must be surrendered in payment of the tax to the warehouse clerk, before the check covering the sale of tobacco is obtained.

The following entries will be made on the allotment card by the agent of the secretary when each sale of tobacco is made.

Under column 2 of the card, quantity sold, the number of pounds sold as shown on the warehouse bill.

Under column 1, unsold allotment, the number of pounds which may be sold on the basis of the particular allotment card after the quantity sold is deducted.

Under column 3, the number of the tax payment warrant covering the sale of tobacco.

When nearly all of the production allotment has been used you should determine, before making another sale of tobacco, that the quantity of tobacco to be sold is not more than the unsold allotment.

After the crop is sold all allotment cards must be surrendered at the county office before the adjustment payments can be approved. All entries on allotment cards will be checked against copies of tax payment warrants.

Negro Arrested Here On Suspicious Conduct

Creating suspicion when he wandered around town with a box under his arm, Arthur Harrison, colored man said to have been from Virginia, was arrested here yesterday afternoon for investigation. Sheriff Roebuck learned that the man had stolen a linen suit and a coat from Lawyer Arthur Gilliam in Windsor, and the prisoner was turned over to Sheriff Cooper later in the day.

S. C. MARKETS

Greatly elated by favorable reports coming from the Georgia tobacco opening, farmers in this section are now looking with interest to reports due from the South Carolina markets Thursday of this week, and with even greater interest to the opening of the local markets week after next.

Prices continue firm on the Georgia markets and are averaging about twice as much as they did last season.

NEW APARTMENT BUILDING TO BE ERECTED HERE

Office and Apartment Building to Be Completed About Oct. 1

A contract has been let for the construction of an office and apartment building here, it was learned from Mrs. Jim Staton, owner, yesterday. The new building will be located next to the present Tar Heel Building and will face Baltimore Street, it is understood. The lower floor will house several offices, and the second floor will house one apartment, it is understood.

The building, estimated to cost approximately \$5,000, will be ready for occupancy about the first of October.

J. T. Hardison and Son, contractors of Washington, were successful bidders. Work was started this morning.

WELL KNOWN FARMER DIES

W. L. Jones Passes Following Recent Stroke of Paralysis

W. L. Jones, popular Martin County farmer, died at his home in Williamston Township, near the Daniel and Staton Mill, last Saturday noon, following a stroke of paralysis suffered the Wednesday before. Mr. Jones had experienced declining health for about two years. His condition took a turn for the worse about one year ago when he suffered a light stroke, followed by another four months ago. While he withstood both attacks, he wasn't able to work but could get about the home and farm. Several days before he was taken critically ill, he had told friends that he believed the end was close at hand. He had just finished the evening meal and repaired to the porch when he was stricken last Wednesday, never regaining consciousness.

The son of the late Dan and Martha Jones, he was born in Pitt County 58 years ago. When a young boy he moved with his parents to this county, settling at the old Rawls mill, and later moving to Williams Township, where he lived for a number of years before going to his late home.

When a young man he was married to Miss Mattie E. Green, who survives with eleven children. Their names are: John, Marvin, Dan, Woodrow, Eustice, all of Williams Township; and Judson, of Williams Township; Mrs. S. D. Perry, also of Williams Township; Mrs. L. C. Bennett, of Bear Grass; Mrs. A. D. Griffin, of Griffins Township; and Misses Annette and Carrie Jones, of this township.

Mr. Jones is remembered for his friendliness and joviality, always having a word of good cheer for everyone. He never enjoyed very many advantages in life, but what he had was willingly shared with his family and friends.

Besides the immediate members of his family, he leaves two brothers, Messrs. Robert and Sam Jones, and one sister, Mrs. Emma Riddick, all of Williamston.

He was a member of the Macedonia Christian church, and Rev. Warren Davis, pastor, assisted by Rev. W. B. Harrington, conducted the last rites at the home Sunday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock. Burial was on the farm near the home.

Firemen Called Out Third Time In Less Than Week

A third call in less than a week was answered by the local fire company at noon today when fire, starting from an oil stove threatened the W. R. Ingram home on Main street. Employees at the Standard service station brought the fire under control with chemicals by the time the town apparatus reached the scene.

COMMISSIONERS LOWER RATE TO \$1.50 ON HUNDRED

Complete Tax Levy Will Be Available In Next Few Days

Establishing a rate of \$1.50, the Martin County Commissioners in regular session yesterday effected a saving to Martin County property owners of 10 cents on the \$100 property valuation. The rate for the fiscal period recently ended was \$1.60. While the authorities made a careful study of the budget, the complete figures are not available just at this time, but the change if any will hardly cause a variation in the rate determined at the Monday meeting. A complete review of the tax levy for the current fiscal year will be available within the next day or two, it is understood.

Aside from their study of the budget and determining the \$1.50 rate, the commissioners had a fairly busy day handling routine matters, including the selection of jurors for the next term of superior court.

Property of the late H. W. Stubbs was released from all delinquent tax claims so that it might be used to defray his burial expenses.

A resolution, endorsing the present system of working the roads by the State and asking the commission to continue improvements with convict labor, was passed.

A duplicate issue of bonds valued at \$5,000 and owned by the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, was ordered, it appearing to the commissioners that the original bonds had been lost.

The attention of the chief road engineer for this district was directed to that piece of road from Gold Point to Hassell, near the D. F. Ruberson place, the commissioners asking that the road be improved.

Arrangements were approved for entering Weldon Manning in the Duke hospital for treatment.

A resolution was prepared asking the representative and senators to pass a law in the next legislature allowing the commissioners to fix the date for delinquent tax sales. This action was taken following a conference with Judge Barnhill in Rocky Mount last week. The jurist warned those seeking the postponement of tax sales this year that they should appeal to the legislature for relief in handling the tax sales in the future.

JOHN O'MARY HAS ARM AMPUTATED IN ROCKY MOUNT

Limb Badly Mangled By Load of Gunshot at Close Range

John LeRoy O'Mary, young white man living near Hamilton on the Williamston road, was reported to be getting along as well as could be expected today in a Rocky Mount hospital, where his right arm was amputated following a gunshot injury to the limb the day before. The muscle of the right arm was torn away by the gun shot, and the man lost so much blood before he received treatment that his condition was regarded as critical by hospital doctors.

It was first reported that the man was wounded when his brother attempted to stop him from entering a room with two colored persons said to have been quarreling in front of the O'Mary home Thursday evening. Later reports maintain that the two colored persons were fighting in front of the home, that O'Mary took his gun and ran them down the road. When they left O'Mary placed his gun beside the road and followed the couple a short distance. Returning he started to pick up the gun and it accidentally fired.

His condition is still considered serious as complications are subject to develop, reports from the hospital indicated.

Thurston to Play For Baseball Benefit Dance

In an effort to raise funds for a needy baseball treasury, the Williamston club finance handlers are sponsoring a snappy dance in the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse Thursday night of this week. A popular admission fee, 98 cents, will be charged dancers, with the special request that spectators pay a like amount.

Hal Thurston's orchestra, featuring Peggy Wood, torch singer, will play for the event, and a large crowd is expected to attend.