

9 PLAYERS SIGNED BY HAUGER FOR BALL CLUB HERE

St. Louis Browns Sending A Man; Several Old Players Also Signed

Scouting the by-ways and hedges of eight states, Art Hauger, the Martins' new baseball skipper, has already signed nine players, and contracts now pending with four others will be closed shortly or in time for the aggregation to reach here for spring training about the middle of next month, Club President R. H. Goodman was advised today. Other contracts are coming in daily, and present indications are that the Martins will have a crowded spring camp.

Pilot Hauger steered clear of predictions, but in a communication received yesterday he stated he was building a hustling team of promising young men.

Three pitchers with splendid records have been signed, and contracts with four others are awaiting confirmation. Two outfielders, three infielders and a catcher are included in Skipper Hauger's spring training line-up.

Ace Villipigue, of Topeka, Kans., and Stan Hodges, of Campbellsport, Wis., outfielders, were described by Hauger as nice ball players with a batting average of over .300 last season, their first round in organized ball. "They are big fellows and fast" Hauger added.

Artie Dunn, of Sioux City, Iowa, was ranked as a real ball player, with a batting average of over .300 last year, his first experience in an organized camp.

Just out of school and a freshman this season in organized ball, Bud Stradel, of Iona, Minn., was referred to as a 10-second man on the infield.

Steve Lakotas, of Detroit, Mich., starts training work at the second station and makes his debut in organized ball.

Bill Dick, of Throop, Pa., is booked as a candidate for the receiving job, Hauger stating that he is a lad of only 20 years, possesses a dandy throwing arm and is going to make a great ball player.

Raymond Strunk, of Norwood, Mo., won 19 and lost 7 games pitching for Hauger at Bentonville, Ark., last season, the young man's first assignment in organized ball. He is described as a big fellow.

Jim Rollins, of Gassville, Ark., another pitcher signed by Hauger, has a winning percentage of over .750.

Jep Grant, of Dover, Ark., will bid for a place on the mound as a beginner, "but he has a great future," Hauger pointed out.

While Hauger is scouring a big corner of the U. S. for players, officials of the St. Louis Browns, "papa" of the Martins, are signing players for use here. Signing Otto Engleskind a few days ago, G. E. Gilliland, vice president of the Browns, wrote President R. H. Goodman as follows:

"Engleskind played with the Cassville club in the Arkansas-Missouri league last year and Hauger is quite familiar with his ability. This boy was declared a free agent and came to us asking for the opportunity of playing under Hauger, whom he considers a very fine manager and particularly good with youngsters. I trust that our action in signing this boy to a Williamston contract meets with your approval.

"I had a very nice letter from Mr. Hauger today and apparently he is lining up some good young ball players for your club. We have had some very good reports about Hauger as a manager, and I don't believe you made any mistake by securing him to manage your club."

Blaze Trail Through Here After Violator Federal Law

Chasing an alleged violator of the Federal laws, U. S. Government agents are said to have hurriedly blazed a trail through the Main Street here last Friday night at 11:30 o'clock. Few details of the chase could be learned, but the agents are said to have picked up trail in Rocky Mount, the G-men getting their man in Elizabeth City after a 110-mile chase and a fast one, at that.

Colored Man Arrested for Alleged Theft Bag of Corn

Stealing a small quantity of corn from the Johnson lumber mill in Bear Grass Township last Sunday night, John G. Rogers, colored, was arrested yesterday by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and formally charged with the theft. Rogers was released under a \$50 bond, and his case will be scheduled for trial in the county court before Judge H. O. Peel next Monday.

Calendar and Weather Get Together To Usher in Spring

The calendar makers and the weather joined hands to usher in Miss Springtime under ideal conditions here last Saturday evening at 6:45 o'clock. Surely, the exit of Ole Man Winter and the debut of Miss Spring could not be detected to the minute, but the change was in the air in a big way Sunday, when the birds started chirping and the autoists started joy-riding in big numbers.

The weather man was not so kind to some sections as he was to Martin County, reports indicating that winter tightened its grip in the north and west by snowing spring under

with a white blanket and low temperatures.

Sap in the trees, coaxed from its lethargy last January, when springtime weather battled successfully for high temperatures, was found at a low point when the official change in the seasons was announced. In fact, the trees are sleeping later this spring than usual after being fooled into "putting out" just to be caught with their sap up by freezing weather and snows in February and March. Warm weather is expected to get a renewed response, but it is feared that the response by fruit trees and tender bushes will be quite weak.

Towns To Get Share of County Liquor Profits

POULTRY CAR

Martin County farmers cooperatively shipped 10,228 pounds of poultry to the northern markets last week, complete reports released by the office of the county agent this week show. The total receipts amounted to \$1,506.05. Jamesville load ed 567 pounds and received 75.58. At Williamston the farmers received \$788.58 for 5,460 pounds. Robersonville sold 3,977 pounds for \$450.99 and Oak City 1,184 pounds for \$190.90.

MRS. ROGERSON PASSES AT BEAR GRASS SATURDAY

Last Rites Held Sunday at 3 O'clock at the Home of Her Daughter

Mrs. Mary Ann Rogerson, highly respected and greatly beloved woman of Bear Grass Township, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Amos Perry, there last Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock following a long period of declining health. She was 83 years old last October and a life-long resident of Bear Grass Township.

In early womanhood she was married to William Lassiter, who died about 43 years ago. Five children were born to the union, Mrs. Amos Perry and Mrs. Ben Bowen, both of Bear Grass, surviving. She later married Bisco Rogerson, who died a number of years ago. One brother, Mr. Daney Taylor, of Everetts, survives.

Mrs. Rogerson was a member of the Primitive Baptist church at Bear Grass for 35 years or more, and was devoted to its services. She was a good woman and her gentleness and understanding ways gained for her an extensive friendship among both old and young, and she held the lasting respect of everyone who knew her, regardless of their station in life.

Holy Week Services At The Church of the Advent

There will be four services during this week at the Church of the Advent. On Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock there will be evening prayer and a sermon on the subject, "Why Was Jesus Crucified?" Thursday night at 7:30 there will be the Maundy Thursday Communion. On Good Friday there will be two services, at 10:30 a. m. there will be the Litany and ante-Communion; at 7:30 p. m. there will be a cantata based on the seven last words.

Bear Grass Seniors To Give Annual Play On Thursday

The Bear Grass senior class will present its annual play, "Aaron Slick From Pumpkin Creek," in the auditorium there Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, Principal T. O. Hickman announced today. The play is a three-act comedy and has the promise of ranking high in recent productions staged there. A small admission fee will be asked.

Measure Presented By Senator Coburn Is Passed This Week

Compromise Effected And Rate of Profit Sharing Reduced to 20 Percent

Introduced in the senate last Friday, a bill was passed in the State Legislature this week providing a division of liquor profits between the county and the four towns where stores are located. Similar bills have been introduced and passed affecting liquor profits in about 25 counties, the distribution to the towns ranging from 25 to 50 per cent of the net profits earned by the individual store. Each town where a store is located shares, under the new law, to the extent of one-third of the net profits earned through the sale of legal liquor in that particular town.

The main support to the bill providing for a distribution of the profits was the increased cost of law enforcement by a number of towns, it was pointed out by Senator R. L. Coburn, who introduced the measure in the Senate last week. Representative H. G. Horton piloted the bill through the house.

Net profits from the sale of liquor in the four stores of this county last year amounted to \$25,489.80. Had the law directing a division of the profits been in effect during that period, the four towns would have received \$8,496.60, divided as follows: Williamston, \$1,165.76; Robersonville, \$1,634.02; Oak City, \$566.96; and Jamesville, \$1,199.86. Uncertainty surrounds the trend of liquor sales and profits in this county at the present time, and the towns will find it difficult to consider with any degree of accuracy the amount that may be expected from liquor profits when making up their annual budgets.

The State has stepped in and, instead of sharing to the extent of 3 per cent on gross sales, it will collect 7 per cent on gross sales, or an amount equal to about 20 or 25 per cent of the net profits. The 3 per cent sales tax collected since the opening of the stores in 1935 was included in the purchase price, but whether the State Liquor Commission, when it starts functioning, will lower liquor prices and take the 7 per cent at the expense of profits or raise prices and include the entire 7 per cent in the purchase price, remains to be seen. There is some guessing both ways.

Dry counties now surrounding Martin may go wet and naturally sales will decrease—a decrease in profits following closely. Several counties have called for liquor elections, but neither Bertie nor Washington has made arrangements to carry the issue to the people.

An amendment was tacked on to the bill when it went to the House, leaving the distribution of profits entirely to the discretion of the county commissioners. This action was reconsidered at noon today, and the bill, on its final passage, provided a distribution of 20 percent of the net profits instead of 33.1-3 percent first proposed for the four towns where stores are located.

Openings for Ten Young Men in the CCC Ranks

There are 10 openings in the Civilian Conservation Corps ranks to be filled by Martin County youths on April 7, Miss Mary Taylor, welfare head, stated this morning. There are openings for 8 white and 2 colored youths, and applications will be considered immediately by the welfare office, Williamston.

MARCH TERM OF COURT BROUGHT TO ABRUPT END

Leavister's \$50,000 Suit Is Again Continued, Set For Trial April 19

The second week of the March term of Martin County Superior Court was abruptly brought to a close at 11 o'clock today, 30 minutes after Judge Paul Frizzelle reconvened the tribunal following a long week-end holiday. The court machinery was set in motion at 10:30 o'clock, the jury was in its box, and the defense was ready for action in the Andrews and Leavister \$65,000 damage suit against J. Lloyd Corey, when a wire was received from Plaintiff Attorney MacMillan, advising that Attorney Clyde Douglass's wife was critically ill and they would be unable to appear in the case this week.

Judge Frizzelle accepted the excuse and the case was thrown back into the clerk of court's files, where it has aged and mellowed these many months, or since early in 1935. Exact arrangements were made before the court quit its work to have the case preeminently set for trial on April 19, or on the first day of the second week of the two-week term.

The continuance this week adds another chapter in the ups and downs of the case since it was first tried in March, 1935, and the verdict was set aside. The case drifted along, and when it was scheduled again for trial about a year ago, a continuance was granted the plaintiffs on account of the illness and death of Attorney Douglass's sister. Another drifting period followed until last September, when the case was again set for trial. Judge Grady, after working on the case for several years, on his own motion continued the case. Following the fourth continuance this week, the case was set for certain trial next month.

Other cases were on the calendar for trial, but several attorneys appearing in them as counsel were in the legislature and Judge Frizzelle, court officers, court stenographer and most of the lawyers could see no reason why the court should not close its doors and quit for the term.

Bear Grass Sixth Month Honor Roll

The Bear Grass School honor roll for the sixth month, recently ended, includes the following names:

First grade: Evelyn Harrison, Christine Harris, Mary Elizabeth Whitley, William Bryant Rogerson, Mattie Faye Brown, Mary Virginia Hodges and Iva Lane Roberson.

Second grade: Peggy Jones, Louise Taylor, Susie Gray Tolar, Betty Ray Leggett, Eugene Rogers, Dillon Harris, Ralph Ross Bullock, Joseph M. Terry, Alice Ward Cherry, Edna Earl Harrison, Magolene Bowen.

Third grade: Atgule Bullock, Dillon Cherry, E. D. Harrison, Reginald Peel, Kathleen Bennett, Mandy Bullock, Anna Lou Leggett, Mildred Norris.

Fourth grade: Baby Gray Cherry, Brownie Roberson, Lorraine Rogerson, John A. Harrison.

Sixth grade: Laura Leggett, Sybil Harrison, Vernon Roebuck, Haywood Mobley, Herbert Hyman, Luke Mizelle, Wade Mobley, Jack Roberson and Gilliam Rogers.

Sixth grade: Laura Leggett, Sybil Peel, Olivia Rogerson, Ruth Evelyn Terry and Rufus Gurganus.

Seventh grade: Nina Lee Britton, Mary Lou Hodges, Hattie Griffin Ward, Rebecca Roberson and Elbert Harris.

Eighth grade: Rachel Ayers, Carrie Dell Terry, Ethel Bennett, Ronald White.

Ninth grade: Edna Earl Harrison, Annie Mae Bailey, Velma Bailey, Evelyn Hodges, Amanda Wynne, Alta Britton and Louise Wynne.

Tenth grade: Mildred Ward, Ruby Wynne, Effie Davis Britton.

Eleventh grade: Elizabeth Bailey, Bessie Mae Terry, Leon Rogers.

Contract for New Furniture Store Here Now Pending

Bids for the construction of a new furniture store here for the Vandye Furniture Company were received yesterday. Contracts are being held in abeyance until day after tomorrow, it was learned.

Local Florist Preparing For Large Easter Business

Mrs. Kate B. York, local florist, is receiving one of the largest assortments of Easter flowers ever shipped here, she said today, adding that she is better prepared than ever to handle large numbers of orders to the advantage of her patrons.

Renewed Activity Seen on Peanut Market This Week

Peanuts started moving on the local market this week as prices advanced a few points and as the buying activities showed added strength following a period of almost unrestricted indifference. Superior grades advanced from 4 1-2 to 4 3-4, the range for good stocks falling between 4 and 4 3-4 cents a pound.

Storm-damaged goobers are almost without friends, buyers refusing to execute contracts until thorough inspections have been made in every case, and then the price trails the quotations on those nuts picked and stored before the rains started falling several months ago.

985 Soil Conservation Checks Are Received

Being Delivered To Participants in Soil Program This Week

Amount Received To Date Is About One-half The Amount Expected

Soil conservation, or, as many farmers commonly refer to them, "soil conserving," checks are being delivered rapidly and in large numbers to those participating in the program in this county, Miss Mary Carstarphen, secretary in County Agent Brandon's office, stated.

Following the receipt and almost instant distribution last Saturday of 415 checks amounting to \$31,683.10, the agent's office has already received 570 additional checks amounting to \$41,075.21.

Owners of the checks are being notified direct by the agent's office today to call for the checks, and distribution will be underway on a large scale tomorrow. Those farmers participating in the program who have not yet received direct notice are urged to await directions before calling for their checks.

The 985 checks received today, representing a total of \$72,758.31, cover 501 farm contracts and are about one-half the number due the farmers in this county. Just when the remaining checks will reach here, authorities in the agent's office are unable to say, but they are just as anxious to receive and distribute them as the farmers are to get them.

Quite a few farmers are learning now that they made a mistake by not signing work sheets a year ago. A few have asked the opportunity to sign now for what has already passed, but they are too late and they will not receive one penny of the program benefits. Some failed to meet the program requirements, but nearly everyone—those included in the 81 per cent of signers is receiving benefits much larger than they anticipated.

The season for signing work sheets for the year 1937 is now open, and quite a few farmers failing to participate in the program last year are making certain their participation this coming season. Those farmers who signed work sheets a year ago do not have to sign again this year. Comments coming from farmers after receiving their checks have been very favorable to the conservation program. One farmer stated that he had enjoyed greater benefits under the new program than he received under the AAA control system. The distribution of the checks to tenant and landlord separately is cause of great rejoicing for the tenant. Briefly stated, Martin farmers are beginning to place a stamp of hearty approval on the conservation program.

Unofficial reports state that most of those receiving checks are exchanging them for cash and making ready for another farming season on a cash basis.

Six Boys Arrested, Ages From 10 to 18

Crime activities in this community last week-end reached into the cradle, jail records showing 6 arrests of colored boys ranging in ages from 10 to 18 years. Nine arrests were made by local officers, six of the defendants being jailed on drunk and disorderly counts.

William James Crandall, 10 years old, was booked for alleged larceny. Charlie Razor, 15, Frank Simmons, 13, Daniel Williams, 15, Thomas Ryan, 17, and Stark Razor, were arrested for being drunk and disorderly. Dock Perkins was placed in jail for being plain drunk. Julius Latham, charged with an affray, literally fought his way into the house, and Sam Williams was picked up for alleged possession.

BARNHILL, EVANS AND MOYE NEW TOBACCO FIRM

Will Operate New Farmers Warehouse Here This Coming Season

H. Leman Barnhill, Holt Evans and Joe Moye will operate the New Farmers Warehouse here this coming season, it was officially announced today following the forming of a partnership contract by the three well-known tobaccoists just a day or two ago.

Messrs. Barnhill, Evans and Moye are widely known throughout the eastern tobacco belt, all three of them having been in the tobacco business for a number of years. Mr. Barnhill was in partnership with Mr. W. R. Ingram for a number of years, and Messrs. Evans and Moye were partners in the operation of a house in Robersonville for several seasons. Last year Mr. Evans was a partner in the operation of the Planters House here, and he, like his newly acquired partners, is well liked throughout the section.

Plans for the operation of the market here this coming season are virtually complete, and the Planters operators are expected to announce their partnership momentarily. Messrs. S. C. Griffin and Jimmie Taylor, two hustling tobaccoists, will be at the Roanoke-Dixie again, and present indications point to a strong market here this fall.

Two County Home Inmates Die Sunday

Death struck twice at the Martin County home last Sunday, Mrs. Addie Davenport dying that morning at 10 o'clock, the death of Lewis Powell following six hours later.

Mrs. Davenport, 60 years old, was a native of Pitt County, but she had lived in this county for a number of years, spending the greater part of the last three in the home. She had been in declining health for some time before she entered the home. The daughter of the late Jim and Mary Bullock, she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Annie Ayers, of Edgecombe County.

Mr. Powell, a resident at the home for two years, was a native of Robersonville Township. He was 60 years old and death followed a stroke of paralysis suffered on Tuesday of last week. Three brothers, Joe, John and Elie Powell, all of Robersonville Township, survive. He also leaves three children, a daughter, of Washington City; a son, of near Parmele; and a second son, whose address is not known.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon.

Home Economist To Be In the County This Week

Mrs. Helen B. Zoller, home economist prominent in the nutrition field, will be in the county Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Meetings have been scheduled through the cooperation of Mrs. Hill, home economics teacher in the Jamesville school, and Miss Josephine Grant, home economics teacher in the Williamston school, in the department laboratories.

Mrs. Zoller will give demonstrations in food conservation Wednesday at 1:30 at Jamesville, and at the same hour in Williamston the following day. The meetings have been arranged to assist home economics girls, 4-H club representatives and club women in their canning problems.

Bill Passed Today Lowers Power Cost

The towns of Hobgood, Oak City and Hamilton received a favorable "break" in the State Legislature this morning when Senator R. L. Coburn and Representative Leggett sponsored the passage of a bill limiting the profits to 10 percent on the re-sale of electrical energy by the town of Scotland Neck to them. "The bill will reduce the cost of current to the three towns by about one-half the present charge," Senator Coburn explained.

The three towns own their distribution lines into Scotland Neck, and are under contract to buy electrical energy from no other source, it was pointed out.

Chevrolet Buys Large Amount of Tire Tubing

The tubing bought in a year by Chevrolet if laid out in one piece would extend more than 12,500 miles—halfway around the earth at the equator.

NO HOLIDAY

Pushed for time, none of the schools in this county will observe Easter Monday as a holiday, according to official information from the office of the county superintendent this week.

Several schools were considering observing the day as a holiday, a custom that has been followed for many years by the educational people, but the thoughts of spring and farming by the patrons ruled against a day of rest. Several schools are already considerably behind in their schedules as a result of unfavorable weather and condition of roads during January and February.

ASSEMBLY ENDS 'LOUSY' SESSION AT NOON TODAY

Work of Assembly Proves Disappointing To Most People "Back Home"

North Carolina's State Legislature is quitting Raleigh today after completing the 76th daily session shortly after the noon hour. A mad rush to get legislation of a local nature passed marked the activities of both houses during the past few days.

Some of the legislators, returning home this evening following nearly three long months spent at law-making, are disappointed in the activities of the session that has been described as a progressive one. And many of the people back home are disappointed, too. They feel as if they have not fared equally in the distribution of favors and the saddling of tax burdens by the dominating hands that have directed the activities in the legislative halls these past three months that will affect their destiny and the destiny of their State during the coming two years.

Probably the high spot in the activities of the past few days was the passing by the Senate against its determined will a resolution endorsing President Roosevelt's court reform proposal. Senator R. L. Coburn was home for the week-end and who was one of the main supporters of the resolution favoring the court plan, had some interesting remarks to offer on the Senate action last week. "The boys did everything they could to have the resolution buried in the calendar committee, and since that method of procedure failed their cause, they let the resolution pass before having their votes recorded against it.

The most regrettable thing about the entire session, according to Attorney J. C. Smith, of Robersonville, was the passage of an act compensating state employees for the low salaries received by them several years ago. "They did not make any provision to pay the farmer a bonus to recuperate his losses suffered in the sale of 90-cent peanuts and six-cent cotton and so on. The Legislature had made and baked a nice pie up until that time, but then turned around and stuck its foot in it," the Robersonville attorney said in commenting on the work of the General Assembly.

P.-T. A. Sponsoring Show At Jamesville Friday Night

Sponsored by the Jamesville Parent-Teacher Association, the "Lazy Moon Minstrels" will be presented in the school auditorium there Friday evening of this week at 8 o'clock, Principal Jim Uzzle announced this morning. A male quartet and clog dancing will be added features, the school man said. A small admission will be asked that funds may be raised for use in the school.