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## MARTINS GET 1-0 WIN IN OPENER WITH CAMPBELL

### J. Rollins and Strunk Hold Visitors Hitless During Full-time Contest Here

Forming a temporary organization but one that strikes at permanency, Art Hauger, Martins' 1937 pilot, and his squad entertained the Campbell College Camels on the local lot Wednesday afternoon, the pre-season contest attracting only a fair-sized crowd. Williamston won, 1-0.

A little dust storm swept by a strong wind out of the southwest interrupted the competition, but the activities eliminated all doubt as to the pitching power behind the Martins this season. Manager Hauger used two of his boys, Jim Rollins and Raymond Strunk, on the mound and they combined their services to turn in a no-hit, no-run performance, the first on record here. Rollins pitched to 20 men in the first six innings before voluntarily retiring. He fanned 11 and not a single ball was knocked out of the infield during that period. Strunk, the Norwood, Mo., man with a record of 19 wins and 7 defeats while with Hauger at Bentonville last season, fanned 4 during the last 3 innings and only one ball went to the outfield. It was a dull day for the out-gardeners, but Ace Villepique, the four-base rogue, admirably handled the one chance there of the day.

Facing Jim Satterwhite, Campbell pitcher who will make "most any old league, the Martin had a weak day with the stick. Three clean hits were recorded, Villepique accounting for two single and Charlie Stevens, first baseman, for a three-base knock against the right field fence. Several balls hit over the left-field wall went foul before a strong wind. Skipper Hauger, knowing what his boys can do with the stick, was not worried a bit; in fact, he was well pleased with the exhibition.

Bill Dick, the youngster from Pennsylvania, played a nice game behind the bat and worked hard.

Box score found on page six. The next pre-season competition for the Martins will be offered by the Seaboard Red Sox of Portsmouth here Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

## Closing Program at Farm Life School

The finals program for the Farm Life school has been arranged in detail, the first of the exercises getting underway there this evening, when the seniors present their annual play "Lighthouse Nan." Principal C. B. Martin announced. The complete commencement program follows:

Wednesday afternoon, April 27, from 1 to 3 p. m., the projects that the grades carried out for the year will be on exhibit. Parents and patrons are invited and urged to visit the various rooms.

The elementary commencement by grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, on April 30, at 8 p. m., is an outgrowth of the units worked out during the year.

May 7, 8 p. m., Music recital by pupils of Miss Russ.

May 9, 11 a. m., Commencement sermon by Rev. Z. T. Piephoff.

May 13, at 8 p. m., Class Day Exercises by senior class.

May 14, 8 p. m., literary address by Hugh G. Horton.

## Plan Dance To Liquidate High School Athletic Debt

In an effort to liquidate a \$350 debt that has been handed down year after year for the past several, the local high school athletic association is holding a dance in the gymnasium here next Tuesday night and those in charge are urging the general public to participate. Principal L. W. Anderson states that one half the proceeds will go to the orchestra and the remainder will be applied in its entirety on the debt.

## Local Seventh Graders Visited Raleigh Thursday

Accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. C. B. Hassell, members of the local seventh grade enjoyed a sight-seeing tour in Raleigh yesterday. The trip was made in private cars. Names of those making the trip:

Charles Coltrain, Betty Rose Gurganus, Faye Gurganus, Elizabeth Parker, Mary Charles Godwin, Estelle Perry, Rose Davenport, Mary Alice Cherry, Daisy Peaks, Susie Griffin, Rosa Mobley, Ann Fowden, Bina Jackson, John Peel, S. Claude Griffin, jr., Virginia Corey, Ina Craddock, Edith Andrews, Mary L. Manning, Evelyn Wynne, Burke Parker, Otis Hoard, David Hardison and Bettie Coltrain.

## SCENE OF LARGE-SCALE FISHING



Taking herring by the twenty thousands, the Fleming Fishery at Jamesville reported record catches this week. Hundreds of thousands of the herring have been caught, prepared and packed at the plant pictured here during this season. Comparatively small catches are being made at the fishery today following the record "hauls."

## President To Speak at Fort Raleigh August 18

### Address To Feature 350th Anniversary of Virginia Dare Birth

After making record-size hauls during the greater part of this week, seine operators at Jamesville were reporting comparatively small catches there today. The nets were dipping from one to thousand herring this morning, but the reports said that larger catches are expected between now and the end of the season, but that the peak had certainly been reached.

Rock have been taken in small numbers so far, and fewer had been caught in the Roanoke this season than at any time since the seines have been operating, reliable reports state.

## Marshall Beach Dies In Hospital; Final Rites Here Sunday

### Held Position with Local Furniture Manufacturer For Past Nine Years

Marshall Beach, local young man, died in a Washington hospital last night at 10:30 following an operation for appendicitis on Tuesday of last week. Beach, 35 years old, was late in reaching the hospital, his appendix having ruptured before the operation could be performed, it was stated.

The son of Henry Beach and the late Mrs. Letha Beach, the young man was born in Cross Roads Township 35 years ago. During the past 19 years the family made its home here, and young Mr. Beach entered the employ of the Hand-Made Furniture Company when it was established about 10 years ago. He was an able mechanic and an industrious worker. He was a quiet and unassuming young man and stood high in the estimation of his friends.

Several years ago he was married to Miss Oma Faye Beach, who survives with three children: Ronald, 4 years old; Lois Beach, 3; and Pearl Annette Beach, 6 months old. He also leaves his father and two sisters, Mrs. Eliza Bunch and Miss Delilah Beach; and three brothers, Simon, George and Henry Beach, all of Williamston.

He was a member of the local Pentecostal Holiness church and the Rev. J. G. Crockett, pastor, assisted by other ministers, will conduct the last rites there Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Burial will be in the local cemetery.

## Funeral Home At New Location

The undertaking establishment and offices of the Biggs Funeral Home were moved yesterday from the old Biggs Building on Main Street to the firm's newly renovated home on West Main Street next to the Standard Filling Station. The home, until just recently occupied as a residence, has been extensively renovated both inside and out and made into an attractive building of the Colonial type.

In addition to the reception room, display room, embalming room and chapel, offices have been conveniently arranged in the building, the owners locating permanently there this morning. The funeral home, the first in this county, is modernly arranged and is adequate to meet the needs of the community.

Messrs. J. W. and Robert S. Biggs will make their home there, making available a continuous service.

## TRY FEW CASES IN SUPERIOR COURT HERE THIS WEEK

### Court Adjourns at 11 This Morning After Case Is Amicably Settled

While centering its attention on the trial of the Leavister-Andrews suits against Corey, the Martin County Superior Court, completing the second of a two-week term here today, found time this week to hear a motion or two and dispose of a minor case or two.

Today the court had set the Long against Long case for trial, but an amicable settlement was reported, and the court called other cases. The Long case, Mrs. Long suing for alimony without divorce, was tried in the court just a few weeks ago, but it was placed on the docket again when Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, presiding over the March term of the county tribunal here, declared the verdict favoring the defendant was contrary to the weight of the evidence and he sat it aside.

Suing for alimony, Mrs. Garrie R. Jefferson was awarded \$150 cash and interest in certain Washington lot in her case against Milford Jefferson.

Eighteen cases, including some unusually large damage suits, were on the trial calendar this week, but 15 of them were continued.

The court adjourned at 11 o'clock this morning. Judge Cowper, coming here for his first time to preside over a term of Martin Superior court, kept the court machinery moving steadily forward, court observers readily agreeing he accomplished much when he cleared the Leavister-Andrews damage suits against Corey from the docket.

Virginia Gurkin Harris was granted a divorce against Luther Harris. The action was based on two years separation.

The Standard Fertilizer Company was granted a judgment in the sum of \$209.44 against E. W. Kinlaw and others.

## Four Rum Plants Raided This Week

Raiding in two townships this week, Enforcement Officer J. H. Roe buck, assisted by Federal officers, destroyed four liquor plants, two in Bear Grass and two in the Free Union section of Jamesville Township. No arrests were made.

Twenty gallons of liquor and 1,700 gallons of beer were poured out at the two plants in Bear Grass and the two stills of the steam type were destroyed. Plant owners had moved the copper kettles in Free Union, but the officers found and wrecked the doublers and other equipment and poured out about 500 gallons of beer. All four of the plants were idle when the raids were made.

## A. C. C. Glee Club at Local Church Sunday Evening

The Atlantic Christian College Glee Club, accompanied by President H. S. Hilley, will appear in the Christian church here Sunday evening at 8 o'clock and render a program in song. Dr. Hilley will speak briefly during the service, and the public is invited to attend.

## Everett Nine Defeats Sandy Ridge Rattlers Five to One

Opening the season this week the Everetts All-Star baseball team defeated the Sandy Ridge Rattlers, 5 to 1. Cherry, working on the mound for Everetts, allowed only 3 hits, his teammates touching Summerlin for 7 safeties, one a homer by Barnhill. Peaks, Everetts first baseman, led both teams at bat with two hits.

Batteries: Everetts, Cherry and Langley; Sandy Ridge, Summerlin and Chesson.

## Property Listing Now Going Forward Rapidly in County

At least three, and possibly that many more, townships will have completed property listing work in this county before the time allotted expires next Friday. Jamesville, Bear Grass and Goose Nest have nearly three-fourths of their 1937 values on the books, Tax Supervisor Clarence Stallings said today. The work is progressing rapidly all over the county with possibly one or two exceptions, and the last-minute rush is almost certain to cause some property owners to wait several hours to list their holdings and make sure they will not be double taxed.

No time extension for handling the listing work has been mentioned, and if none is granted all property not listed by Friday night of next week will be made subject to double taxation.

## Blue Mold in County Plant Beds; Little Damage So Far

Blue mold is reported in tobacco plant beds all over the county, but reliable reports maintain that the resulting damage has not at this time reached serious proportions. Nearly every farmer questioned in the past few days states that the blue mold is attacking his plants in spots, but only in a very few cases has the damage been alarming.

Just what toll the blue mold will exact cannot be predicted at this time, the extent of the damage depending on weather conditions during the next few days. Reports from the border counties and the tobacco-growing areas of South Carolina and Georgia indicate that serious damage is to be expected, that the plant disease is proving deadly on a large scale there.

Plants on farms in this section are growing rapidly now, and a few farmers are making preparations to start transplanting their crops.

Inquiries have been received by the Martin County agent from farmers in Georgia asking if there were any plants available for sale.

## Leavister and Andrews Awarded \$2,000 Each

### Agreement Reached By Jury Last Night Ends Lengthy Case

The \$65,000 damage suits of H. F. Leavister, administrator, and Roy Andrews, administrator, against J. Lloyd Corey, Pitt County farmer, were considered closed shortly before last midnight, when a Martin County Superior Court jury awarded each plaintiff the sum of \$2,000. Set for trial five times, the damage suits have plagued the courts of this county for two years, and the action of the jury last night was recognized as an end to the actions.

On September 6, 1934, John Leavister, son of Administrator H. F. Leavister, of Raleigh, and Marshall Andrews, son of Administrator Roy Andrews, of Williamston, were killed when their car was in collision with a truck owned by Defendant Corey and driven by Ollie Page, colored, near Robersonville on the Stokes road. Details of the wreck were carefully reviewed in evidence offered by both sides during the greater part of three days, Judge G. Vernon Cowper, of Kinston, having called the case last Monday noon.

The evidence was completed sooner than was first expected, and the lawyers started addresses of thousands of words to the jury Wednesday afternoon. The last speech was heard yesterday just after noon, and Judge Cowper started his charge to the jury. His instructions were handled in much less time than many thought all the high spots in the evidence could possibly be handled, and the case went to the jury at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

A hung jury was immediately in the making. Some of the issues were not clear and instructions were asked, the 12 men apparently making up their minds for a long wrangle when time was allowed them for supper. Returning to their room after the meal, the jurymen wrangled and argued, taking time out for an occasional big laugh. The argument waxed warm at times and late in the evening they were still undecided. Unofficial reports stated the argument centered around the amounts to be awarded, that the members were agreed that the truck driver was negligent. One juror is said to have favored awarding damages in the sum of \$3,500 to each defendant and another is said to have favored holding the award to a meager sum. The \$3,500 figure was said to have been dropped to \$2,500 and yet no agreement could be reached. Further reports, all unofficial, stated that each of the 12 men wrote the amount he favored awarding and the figures were totaled and divided by 12. For some reason, the \$2,500, the amount so derived, was not agreed, and in the next hour they agreed on the sum of \$2,000 for each of the two plaintiffs.

Judge Cowper had returned to the court room about 11 o'clock, and at 11:05 the jury had its decision ready. The old courthouse bell was sounded, and lawyers in hearing distance and one or two spectators hurried in for the decision.

The second issue in the Andrews case, asking the jury to determine whether Marshall Andrews, by his own negligence, contributed to his own injury and death, was not answered. Judge Cowper returned the issues and the jury went back into its room. In a brief huddle, the jury answered the issue "no," and five minutes later the court was recessed. Some of the jurymen were apparently of the opinion that Andrews, to a certain extent, contributed to his own death.

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## FAVOR PLAN TO SET UP FULL-TIME HEALTH SERVICE

### Action Is Unanimous at Meet of Board Held Wednesday

The proposed establishment of an all-time health department for Martin County was unanimously approved by all members of the Martin County Board of Health in session here Wednesday morning.

Discussing the important service during the greater part of an hour, the board heartily endorsed and approved the proposed department on motion of Dr. V. A. Ward, of Robersonville, which was seconded by John L. Hassell, Williamston mayor.

No joint meeting of the health board and the board of county commissioners has been called. Mr. John E. Pope, chairman of both groups, stating that it is likely that the commissioners will give the proposal consideration at their regular meeting Monday after next. If the commissioners act upon the suggestion of the health group and recognize the wishes of many prominent citizens and several leading civic organizations, it is believed that the service will be provided, making a joint meeting of the two boards unnecessary. However, if the commissioners call for an extensive investigation, it is likely that the two boards will be called into joint session and hear representatives of the public and possibly a representative of the State Health Department.

Members of the board of commissioners have not been directly polled in connect with the proposed service, but it is reliably understood that most, if not all, of them recognize the need for an all-time health department in the county and that they can be expected to give the matter every consideration possible.

## Children Narrowly Escape Death in Fire

The small colored children of Ulysses and Mabel Speller barely escaped with their lives when the Speller home caught fire on South Biggs Street here last Wednesday evening at 9:15 o'clock. Believed to have started when the wind blew a window curtain against a lamp chimney, the fire was spreading to the bed clothing and mattress where the children were sleeping when they awoke and fled to the street in their night clothes unharmed. The mother was just returning home from work when the fire alarm was sounded.

Nearly all the bed clothing and two mattresses were burned and the window frame, where the fire is believed to have first started, was charred. Volunteer firemen used a small hose direct from the truck to put the fire out. Damage to house furnishings and the two-room house was estimated at about \$25.

## John E. Pope Moves Office Next To Hall's Barbershop

Insurance Man John E. Pope moved his office this morning from the old Biggs Drug Store Building to the Atlantic Hotel Building, where he will share temporarily the office of Attorney Henry D. Hardison. Mr. Pope is storing a greater part of his office equipment until he can get larger office room.

The Williamston Radio and Electric Company, now located in the Atlantic Hotel Building, will occupy the Biggs Building just as soon as necessary repairs can be made.

## County Officers Make 11 Arrests So Far This Week

Fighting and drinking in these parts apparently have not gone into a spring slump that ordinarily marks the activities of many legitimate businesses. So far this week the county officers have jailed 11 persons, 7 drunks and 4 fighters. The infractions of the law were considered of little consequence and, despite the jail activities and the daily sessions of the superior court, things have been unusually quiet around the county hall of justice this week.

## Local Young Man Better In Washington Hospital

High right hand almost severed at the wrist while he was working on an automobile headlight last Saturday, Asa J. Manning, local man, was reported to be getting along unusually well in a Washington hospital today. It is thought now that he will have use of all his fingers and thumb on the injured hand. Just when he will be able to leave the hospital could not be learned today.

TO SPEAK HERE



Thad Eure, Secretary of State, has accepted an invitation to make the commencement address in the high school auditorium here on Tuesday evening, May 11, Principal I. W. Anderson announced today.

## Little Interest Being Shown in Municipal Election on May 3rd

Williamston's municipal election Tuesday week is expected to attract very little attention, judging from the number of citizens who have registered since the books were opened the third of this month. Registrar J. E. Pope had added five new names to the books to date, and this number is expected to show no material increase tomorrow, the last day the books are open. Challenge day, tomorrow week, will be just another day, the election officials anticipating no complaints whatever.

It is estimated there are around 200 citizens here who are entitled to register and participate in the town election on May 4. Several of the five who have registered so far this month had lived here for a number of years.

## Methodists To Hear Radio Program This Evening

Local Methodists and as many friends as will join them are meeting this evening promptly at 7:30 o'clock in the church here to get the addresses of Bishop Moore and Bishop Smith over the radio. The Scarritt College choir will be heard during the program, Rev. R. R. Grant, pastor, announced.

## Car Stolen from Local Man Is Recovered in Raleigh

The Chevrolet coupe stolen from Dr. J. S. Rhodes at his home here early last Saturday morning was recovered in Raleigh last evening wrecked on the streets there. A young boy and girl were riding in the car when it was wrecked, reports reaching here stating that the couple escaped and their names could not be learned. The owner was advised that the car was badly damaged in the wreck.

Costly surgical instruments, in the car when it was stolen, were also recovered, it was stated.