

Raleigh All-Stars To Give Martins Second Test Here Sunday

Play House of David Tuesday; Practice Game with Farm Life Saturday

Forced to remain idle last Sunday by rain and their game scheduled here tomorrow with Portsmouth cancelled, the Martins are now slated for action Sunday afternoon in a contest with the Raleigh All-Stars, a team made up of former college stars and a member of the Raleigh city league. Next Tuesday, Manager Art Hauger is scheduled to send his Martins against the House of David team, of Benton Harbor, Mich., which turned in an 8-0 shut-out of the New Bern Bears Wednesday of this week.

Saturday afternoon at 3:30, the strong Farm Life team and the Martins will meet in a practice game here. No admission will be charged, the management announced.

Several changes in the line-up will be in evidence when the Martins take the field against the Raleigh outfit, Manager Hauger said this morning. Howard Earp will be at the shortstop post, McKay in right field, and "Slim" Gardner, a home-grown product who is showing greater promise this season than at any previous time, taking the mound at the start. Grant and Fuller are slated to perform on the mound also. Mormlick, a Johnstown, Pa., boy, sent here by the St. Louis Browns, will relieve Bill Dick behind the bat. Villepique will again be in center-field, Stan Hoag in the leftfield position, Stevens on first, Diem on third, and Lakotas at second.

Howard Earp, scheduled to perform for the first time this season, will lead-off at the bat, followed in order by Villepique, Hoag, McKay, Stevens, Diem, Lakotas, Mormlick and Gardner.

Kay, the boy from New York, was released this week, and he has returned to the city. The training camp membership has been held to a comparatively low number so far, and no other releases are planned at the moment, Manager Art Hauger said today.

Finals Program at Bear Grass School

Arrangements for the Bear Grass commencement program were announced complete today by Principal T. O. Hickman, the first of the series of events to be held in the school auditorium there Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, when Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, Presbyterian minister, preaches the annual sermon.

The seniors will hold their class-day program next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium.

Friday will be the big day in the commencement series, and large crowds are expected to attend. The first of the events gets underway that morning at 10:30 o'clock, when the seventh grade graduation exercises are held. A picnic dinner will be served at 12 o'clock noon, and that afternoon at 2:30 o'clock there will be a May Day program.

The finals address will be delivered that evening at 8 o'clock by Professor Cecil Jarman, of the Atlantic Christian College faculty. The presentation of diplomas will be made at the close of Mr. Jarman's address.

Building and Loan Meeting Tuesday

The annual meeting of the Martin County Building and Loan Association stockholders will be held in the county courthouse next Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, Secretary Wheeler Martin announces.

The building and loan association is recognized as a marked asset in this community, and a large majority of the stock will be represented at the next Tuesday meeting, it is expected.

Directors and officers for the new year will be elected and other business is scheduled for consideration at the meeting, it was learned.

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Winn Return from Virginia Town

After a few days stay in Waynesboro, Va., Dr. W. C. Winn, accompanied by Mrs. Winn, returned here yesterday to continue his work with Drs. Rhodes and Eason in the general practice of medicine. The doctor's many friends here and in the community are glad to learn that he reconsidered the change and resigned his new position and that he and Mrs. Winn are returning here.

FIRST TO HOLD COMMENCEMENT



The Bear Grass school, operating through the winter months without losing much time on account of bad weather and impassable roads, will start its commencement program next Sunday morning, when Rev. Z. T. Piephoff preaches the annual sermon in the auditorium there. The final address will be delivered next Friday morning.

Size of Tobacco Crop In Section Uncertain

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The Martin County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board is turning into the general fund today \$9,563.67 additional profits, making a total of \$31,886.47 that has been paid into the general county fund by the ABC board since the stores were opened in July, 1935.

Reducing its stock from \$15,000 to \$12,000 in anticipation of a decreased business volume during the summer months, the board included the \$3,000 in the profit turn-over made today. The actual profits for the first quarter of this year were around \$6,563.

Little Interest Being Shown in Municipal Election Next Week

Recognizing that the procedure is hardly more than a mere formality, few local citizens are planning to participate in the municipal election here next Tuesday. Two years ago, only 41 votes were cast in the town election here, the political observers believing that there will be even fewer votes to count at the close of the polls next Tuesday evening. No independent ticket is possible at this late date and little or no "ticket scratching" is expected.

No Independent Ticket Is Possible; No "Ticket Scratching" Likely

Pollholder J. E. Pope and Messrs. R. T. Griffin and S. S. Brown, judges of election, will open the polls in the town hall Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock and close them at 7 o'clock that evening, the voting hours having been changed by the recent legislation.

Regular Meeting of Kiwanis Last Night

Virtual reorganization of the local Kiwanis Club was effected last night at a business meeting of the club following the regular bi-weekly luncheon. The recently enlarged membership made necessary reorganization of the various standing committees, and the president was empowered to appoint five additional members of the board of directors.

Kiwanians W. C. Mercer and J. E. Pope, explained in some detail the present status of the county-wide public health program, which the club went on record as unanimously endorsing. The signatures of the entire membership were secured for a petition to the county commissioners urging establishment of the county-wide service; and President Elbert S. Peel appointed the following committee to secure signatures of other citizens of the county for presentation to the county board at its meeting Monday: Frank J. Margolis, chairman; Dillon Cobb, G. G. Woolard, and D. N. Hix.

DOZEN CASES ARE CALLED MONDAY IN COUNTY COURT

Action of Court Shows Violating Liquor Law Is Risky Business

Judge H. O. Peel called a dozen cases in the county court this week and worked until well in the afternoon clearing the docket. Trifling cases, requiring considerable time for hearing witness after witness, featured the docket, but action of the court left no doubt in one case that it is risky and costly business to possess illegal liquor in this county these days.

The case charging Leon Sykes with abandonment and non-support was continued under prayer for judgment until the first Monday in June.

Transplanting Held Up by Weather and Blue Mold Increase

Many Farmers Are Greatly Worried Just Now Over Outlook for 1937 Crop

The uncertainty of a tobacco crop loomed big in the minds of Martin County this week as heavy rains continued to fall almost daily and the blue mold wrought havoc in plant beds with few or no exceptions over a wide area. Tobacco transplanting time is here, but the blue mold has presented itself as a factor in the definite delay of the work. Just how long the delay will be depends upon the weather; in fact, the size of the crop for the season already at hand depends upon the weather during the next few days.

No one can predict with any degree of certainty the size of the 1937 tobacco crop or when it will be transplanted. Farmers are expressing considerable worry and some are predicting the acreage to the crop will be materially reduced, even if the weather is favorable from now on. George C. Jenkins, a recognized tobacco farmer, was indeed pessimistic yesterday after he visited plant beds and saw there were not sufficient plants in a bed of several thousand yards to transplant two acres. He was quite pessimistic, to be sure, and he predicted a 50 per cent reduction in the crop acreage.

Major Gardner, another recognized specialist when it comes to cultivating tobacco, was not quite so pessimistic as Mr. Jenkins about the outlook. While he admitted the outlook was not very favorable, he believed there would be 80 per cent of a normal crop. Mr. Charles Daniel, another tobacco farmer of note, said yesterday that the conditions surrounding the transplanting season were not very favorable, in his opinion.

About 1 out of every 10 farmers questioned since the heavy rains started falling last Sunday state that their plant beds have been wiped out, that they were turning to their neighbors and engaging any surplus plants.

Blue mold attacks and resulting plant shortages have been experienced here during the past several seasons. Farmers appeared worried in every one of those seasons, but somehow or other no enormous crop reduction followed in any year as a result of plant shortages. It is possible, and it is hoped by almost everyone that the plants will grow out from under the blue mold to furnish an ample supply, and yet it is possible that rainy and cool weather will prevail several days yet and wipe out every plant bed in the section. One guess is as good as another, but reports coming direct from well over a hundred farmers this week are not very encouraging for this section's largest cash crop, tobacco.

Dr. J. L. Spencer will spend the first three days of next week attending a meeting of the North Carolina Dental Society in Pinehurst, returning late Wednesday.

Farm Soil Program Payments in County Above Expectations

Approximately 300 Checks, Representing \$20,000.00, Still Due in County

Soil conservation payments in this county are considerably exceeding preliminary estimates offered some time ago by the county agent's office and are much larger than a majority of the farmers expected. While there are approximately 300 checks still due in this county, 2,196 farmers have already received \$155,840.97, the office of the county agent estimating that the checks not yet received but which are expected daily will amount to approximately \$20,000. The 2,196 checks are based on 1,018 applications, it was pointed out.

No definite reason for the delay in delivery of the approximately 300 checks is known, but it is thought that the payments are being held up by faulty signatures of either the landlords or tenants or both.

All but 28 of the 2,196 checks received to date in the county have been delivered. Nearly \$900 is represented in the unpaid checks, Mr. T. B. Slade said.

Numbers of those farmers who did not participate in the soil conservation program last year are signing work sheets at the present time, indicating that between 90 and 95 per cent of the farmers will figure in the program this season.

Board of Education To Hold Next Meet About Middle May

Likely To Consider Election of Teachers for Next Term

Martin County's young board of education will not hold a session next Monday, but will meet sometime about the middle of the month, when the members will possibly consider teacher elections along with routine duties.

Unofficial reports this week indicate that numerous changes in the personnel of faculties in several of the schools can be expected for the coming term. Many teachers are said to be considering offering their resignations, and others will be replaced, according to rumors coming indirectly from several of the six district boards. One or two district groups have already given the election of teachers for the 1937-38 term some thought, and all of them are slated to take action on or about the time the schools start closing about the middle of next month.

Jošua Coltrain Appointed Member of Welfare Board

Joshua Coltrain, Williams Township farmer and former county commissioner, was appointed a member of the reorganized Martin County Board of Public Welfare this week. Mr. Coltrain's appointment was made by State welfare board officials. A second member is to be appointed by the county board of commissioners probably at their next Monday meeting, and a third member of the board will be named by the two representatives.

Closing Program for Local Colored School Announced

The local colored schools will feature a series of commencement programs next week, beginning Sunday. The events were announced today by Principal E. J. Hayes, as follows: Sunday, 8 p. m.: Commencement sermon by Dr. S. R. Walker, pastor Williams Chapel A. M. E. Zion church.

Monday, 8 p. m.: "Three Sketches from Life," by the seventh grade.

Wednesday, 8 p. m.: Class night.

Thursday, 3 p. m.: Anniversary of societies and clubs.

Friday at 2:30 p. m.: Exhibition of home economics department.

Friday at 8 p. m.: Graduation exercises. Address by Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, president of Palmer Memorial Institute, Sedalia, N. C. Presentation of certificates and diplomas.

Health Service To Be Considered by Board

PETITION FOR ROAD

A petition for the surfacing of the Bear Grass Road from the Station farm via J. Daniel Biggs is being circulated in Bear Grass and Williamston Townships today. Several hundred signatures have already been attached to the petition which will be placed before the newly reorganized highway commission as soon as possible.

It is pointed out in the petition that sections of the road are impassable for eight or ten weeks at a time during winter months and that the road is one of the most traveled of the secondary type in this section.

Watts Lets Contract For New 400-Seat Movie House Here

Construction on Houghton Street Building To Get Underway At Once

A contract for the construction of a second modern movie theatre here was let yesterday afternoon by J. W. Watts, operator of the Watts Theatre. Few details in connection with the project are available here at this time as the bids were canvassed and details arranged by an architect in Wilson. The contractor and architect are expected here the early part of next week to complete plans for starting work on the structure immediately, it was learned.

The building with dimensions of 40 by 100 feet, will be located next to the Colonial Service Station on Houghton Street just across from the store of C. O. Moore and the garage of the Williamston Motor Company. Brick and tile will be used in the construction of the building which will be of modern design. The main auditorium will seat between 450 and 500 people, Mr. Watts stating that the building will be without a balcony and that it would be for the use of white persons only.

Contract requirements could not be learned here today and it is not known definitely when the structure is to be completed. The contract price was not released.

Governor Stops Off Here for His 'Dope'

Governor Clyde R. Hoey, while on his way to Plymouth to deliver the main address before the semi-annual meeting of the Southern Albatross Association there yesterday morning, tarried here long enough to enjoy his morning drink—a soft one, to be sure—and lose his way. Accompanied by State Treasurer C. M. Johnson in the back seat of the No. 1 car, the Governor looked as if he was enjoying a rest after making all those recent appointments, and apparently directions were not in his mind at the moment. The chauffeur carried the high officials down Main and turned in Smithwick Street, later to retrace the route and head for Plymouth where he arrived around twenty minutes behind schedule.

State Liquor Commission Opposes Increase in Prices

Holding a first meeting since its creation by the last general assembly, the State Liquor Commission yesterday in Raleigh ruled against any price increase to off-set an added four percent sales tax. It is possible that the counties might be directed to lower current liquor prices and dig into their profits for the entire sales tax of seven percent and even more.

Seine Fishing Interrupted By Roanoke Flood Waters

Flood waters this week forced fishery operators to beach their nets on the Roanoke, unofficial reports received here this morning indicating there will be little or no fishing during the remainder of the season. The plants were closed at Plymouth and Camp Point the early part of this week and a last "haul" was made at Jamesville this morning. Comparatively small catches were reported.

Final Action Likely To Await Joint Meet With Health Board

Very Little Business Now On Work Schedule For County Commissioners

The establishment of a full-time health service is likely to get consideration at the hands of the Martin County Commissioners in their regular meeting next Monday, according to Chairman J. E. Pope. Very little business, other than the selection of a jury for the June court and possible action in connection with unlisted property for taxation, is on the commissioners' work schedule for next Monday, making it possible for the authorities to discuss the health proposal.

While it is possible for the commissioners to establish the service at their meeting Monday, it is probable they will carry the matter into a joint session with the county health board and invite a public discussion at the same time. Mr. J. E. Pope, chairman of both boards, is carrying the unanimous endorsement of the proposed health department by the health group into the meeting next Monday.

A county public health department program as outlined and approved by the State Board of Health would supply to the citizens of Martin County the following essential services:

1. School health supervision, including physical examination of school children for defects.
2. Immunization service will be offered by the county health department, providing for the control of smallpox, diphtheria, and typhoid fever.
3. The perfection of an organization for the correction of physical defects, such physical defects to be corrected by competent physicians of the county.
4. The department will conduct an organization program to reduce maternal and infant deaths.
5. An adequate venereal disease and tuberculosis program will be carried out with the cooperation of the local medical profession.
6. The health department will conduct an educational and supervisory program which will go far toward correcting environmental sanitation, with particular emphasis on safe excreta disposal, malaria control, providing a pure and wholesome water supply, a pure milk supply, and pure food within the county.
7. The department will conduct epidemiological investigations and institute adequate, intelligent, and effective measures for the prevention of the spread of communicable diseases.
8. The public health nurses will visit homes of school children who are absent because of communicable diseases and in whom physical defects may be found, take such steps as may be necessary to prevent the spread of disease, and encourage the correction of physical defects. The nurses will also visit homes in the interest of expectant mothers in prenatal care, encouraging physical examinations and securing the services of regular licensed physicians for the period of confinement.
9. The health department will supervise midwives, instructing them in elementary hygiene, and enjoin them from engaging in such practices for which they are not qualified, and which, in turn, are dangerous procedures, often resulting in the death of the mother or infant.

Expect High Water Here Late Sunday

Swollen by heavy rains falling in its basin this week, the Roanoke is expected to reach a crest of about 13 feet (2 1-2 to 3 feet over the banks) at this point late Sunday afternoon or early Monday. The high water is not expected to cause any great damage to property along the banks here, but fishing and lumbering activities in the river lowlands will be at a standstill for several days.

Recording a precipitation of 6.97 inches, the weather station on Roanoke River here reported the heaviest rainfall on record for April. Almost 5 of the 6.97 inches of rain reported for the month up to today fell since last Sunday morning. In April a year ago 4.89 inches of rain fell here, and that was the largest on record up to this month.

"Pro" Rules Require Contracts for All—Even for Grandstand Managers

Checking up on arrangements for the opening of the Coastal Plain baseball season here next Thursday afternoon, Club President Ray H. Goodman finds he has no grandstand managers under contract. Well realizing the great need for the managerial services of the guys rest-hack of the wire—and of those who donated a dollar or two—

President Goodman is issuing a call for an immediate sign-up, the baseball club head declaring that everything is in readiness to start the season except the official selection of the grandstand managers. And, of course, he can't guarantee the weather, but fans are assured that the Martins are ready to start flying.

The fact that no fans have applied for the grandstand managerial posts is beginning to worry the club president, for he realizes they should have their names on the dotted line in ample time for the archdukes in baseball to approve or disapprove any and all appointments before next Thursday. Other

than telling how things should be run in a loud voice and offering constructive criticism when they are not run just that certain way, the grandstand manager has very, very little to do. 'Tis true, the position does not pay very much, but it affords worlds of opportunity to turn out a league winner and annex

honors that nearly every other guy in the stands will be striving for during every game of the season. Organized ball requires signed contracts of all players and managers, and in order that the rules may be observed all applicants for grandstand managerial positions are urged to see Ray Goodman right now.