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Martins Are Handed First Loss by Bugs Before Large Crowd

Jefferson Held Goldsboro's Bugs To Two Hits In Game Saturday

Williamston, after laying a foundation of seven victories and no losses in the Coastal Plain loop, dropped its first game of the season before a \$300 gate here Sunday afternoon. Goldsboro, blanked 7-0 on their home lot the day before by the Martins, brought much luck with them Sunday and, with all the breaks anyone could possibly hope for, the Bugs won the second of the two-game series by a 5-1 count. The visitors held the score, but the statistics were against them—the rest of the way.

Following the game, and almost equalling it in importance was the shaving work of Ace Villepique and Artie Deim. Entertaining the humorous idea that it would be ill luck for them to shave until the Martins lost a game, the centerfielder and third sacker scratched behind heavy beards for 10 days, both of them finding it a bit irksome to even sleep with themselves. They held on to the superstition, however, but when the chance presented itself, Ace and Artie staged an attack on the whiskers and won the battle after much scratching and pulling. "I spent much time unhooking my razor, but I feel like a new man now," Deim said following the shave Sunday afternoon, and, as for the looks, Skipper Art Hauger has two new members on his squad in the shaved personages of Ace and Artie.

Grant Jefferson pooled considerable recognition last Saturday afternoon when he pitched 2-hit ball to feature the 7-0 shut-out on the home grounds of the Bugs. And then he turned around and worked with his teammates at bat, hitting for two bases and scoring a run. Paced by Villepique, who hit safely 3 out of 5 times, the Martins touched Elliott for 13 knocks, one a homer by Stevens. Jefferson fanned an even dozen, and his teammates played errorless ball behind him.

Hubble, Dean, or any other recognized hurler of the big leagues could have done nothing with the luck brought here Sunday afternoon by the Goldsboro Bugs, who crawled around the diamond to break up the Martins' scoring threats with double plays on two occasions and handling chances they had no business handling. Rollins, a bit liberal and determined not to give the visitors anything good in the second inning, walked three men and allowed two three-base hits, the visitors making 4 of their 5 runs in that frame. The Martins pitcher, allowing on 4 hits, held the visitors to one safe hit after the second inning. Brennan, Bugs first baseman, hit for two bases in the fifth and scored on a wild pitch. Rollins struck out 11 men, pushing his total to 35 during his three assignments on the mound.

Earp and Ledbetter, with two hits each, accounted for half of the blows for the locals. Earp scoring the lone run in the eighth for the Martins. The shortstop singled, Villepique singled, but Stanley hit into a double play, leaving Earp on third. Ledbetter singled to bat in the run. The game scheduled here with Kinston last Friday was rained out. Efforts were made to play off either the tie game with Tarboro or the rained-out game with Kinston yesterday, but Tarboro had already booked a game with New Bern, while Kinston suggested a delay of a week or two.

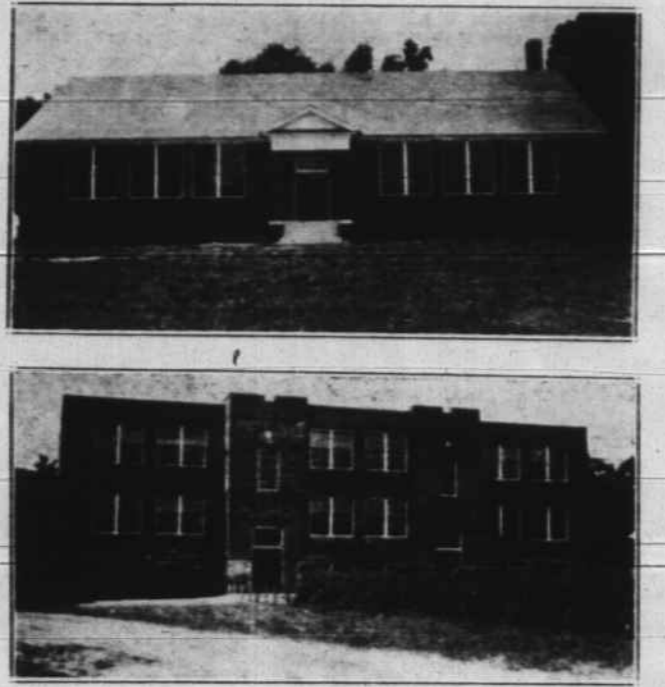
Local School Board In Meeting Today

Several local colored citizens, after the scalp of one or more teachers in the colored schools here, are directing their opposition to the district school board in session in the county courthouse. The meeting was opened at 11 o'clock this morning and at two o'clock this afternoon it was still underway. Apparently the board has a baffling problem on its hands, and no information has been received indicating how the problem will be handled.

The faction opposing the re-election of one of the teachers, maintains that he is too strict in handling the children. Other reports state that the colored school is being well managed, that it is recognized as one of the best schools in the county including many of the white, actually.

The committee was to handle applications for positions in the white school here, but a delay is expected in the completion of that task.

OAK CITY SCHOOLS CLOSE FRIDAY



Oak City's primary and high schools will close the 1936-37 term Friday evening of this week when Professor J. L. Memory, of Wake Forest, delivers the commencement address. The Oak City schools are the last in the county to close this year. The first of the exercises, the commencement sermon by Rev. J. L. Goff, of Williamston, was held there last Sunday morning.

Tobacco Farmers Are Searching for Plants

BANK HOLIDAY

Williamston's two banks will observe Thursday of this week as a holiday. The day marks the anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Independence, and is widely observed in some sections of the State as a main holiday. No other business firms here will close for the day, however.

The first serious disturbance at the Kieckhefer pulp mill in the lower part of this county was reported Saturday morning, when Joe Wilson, Greensboro negro, nearly cut Joe Ben Vance, Charlotte negro, to death with a pocket knife. Wilson, arrested by Sheriff Reid, of Plymouth, is in the county jail here, his trial being delayed pending the outcome of Vance's wounds.

Joseph Wilson, Greensboro Negro, Held For Assault On Joseph Ben Vance

Reports received here stated that Wilson and Vance were gambling, that the cutting followed an argument over the game. Vance drew a pistol, but before he could use it, Wilson sliced him a number of times on the head, hands, and arms. It was first thought that the man would die, but his condition was reported improved today and his recovery is expected. The men were not in the employ of the pulp mill, but were working on railroad sidings and were living in shanty cars. Sixteen highway and railroad workers there are said to have participated too freely in drinking frolics there last Saturday night and Sunday morning, wandered over into Plymouth and found their way into the Washington County jail.

Name Deputy for Kieckhefer Plant

Henry Gaylord, former Martin County man but now a resident of Plymouth, was appointed special deputy sheriff for the Kieckhefer Container Corporation at its plant in the lower part of this county, near Plymouth, this week. Two other appointments are pending. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck said yesterday. Several applicants for the job were unable to pass the physical examinations and were turned down, it was learned. Paid by the pulp-mill owners, the deputies will work in 8-hour shifts and receive a salary of \$108 per month, it was learned. The police work at the huge plant will be under the direction of Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, Plymouth and Washington County officers already having pledged their cooperation in handling the police protection.

Merchant Held Up On Road Near Here

L. C. Nurney, merchant on the Jamesville-Williamston highway, was held up and robbed while going from his store to his home last Friday night about 9:30 o'clock. The merchant had closed his business and was taking a few small articles, including a piece of ice, to the house when the robber attacked him. Mr. Nurney yelled and resisted the attack, the robber apparently becoming frightened and fleeing the scene with only the ice in his hand. The merchant was carrying about \$95 in cash and a pistol. When the robber threw his arm around him, Mr. Nurney dropped the gun but held on to the money. The merchant first thought he knew his attacker, but later found he was mistaken. Officers were called, but no arrests were made.

Scotland Neck Man Under Bond Result Fatal Auto Accident

Maurice Whidbee Released Under \$500 Bond After Death Mariah Small

Maurice Whidbee, Plymouth man employed by a motor company in Scotland Neck, was released under \$500 bond in the county court here yesterday in the manslaughter case brought against him last Friday for running over and fatally injuring Mariah Small, colored woman, between Hassell and Hamilton Sunday night of last week. Probable cause was found by Judge H. O. Peel in the case, and Whidbee, young white man, is to face trial in the superior court next month. State Highway Patrolman O. Leary placed Whidbee under arrest and turned him over to county officers last Friday. Bond was arranged the following day.

Whidbee states that he was meeting another car and was blinded by its lights, that he did not see the woman until he was within a few feet of her. He picked the woman up and carried her to a Tarboro hospital, where she died the following day, the third victim to lose her life on the highways of the county so far this year.

The Small woman was about 50 years old and was said to have seldom yielded her rights as a pedestrian on the highways.

Finals Program At College in Wilson

Dr. Halford E. Luccock, professor of Homiletics in Yale University Divinity School, has been selected to deliver the commencement address at Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, on Monday, May 24, it was announced today.

Dr. Luccock, eminent lecturer and author, has delivered many commencement addresses and sermons throughout the United States.

The commencement exercises will be held in the gymnasium at 10:30 Monday morning, at which time the college awards and diplomas to the graduates will be presented by Pres. H. S. Hilley. There are forty-six graduates this year.

Class day will be held next Saturday morning at 10:30 on the front campus. The college band will appear in concert at 5:30 that afternoon. The commencement play, "Duley," by Kaufman and Connelly, will be presented Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock, Dr. H. S. Hilley will preach the baccalaureate sermon, and at 6:00 o'clock that evening, the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. will hold a joint candle light vesper service.

Radio Stations Will Hardly Be Completed Before July 1

North Carolina's highway patrol radio system will hardly be ready for operation before the first of July, obstacles unforeseen a few days ago presenting themselves and delaying the preparation of the system. Much difficulty is being experienced in laying the underground wiring system at the local station, it was learned today. Approximately nine miles of wire are being laid daily, reports from the station last evening stating that nearly 100 miles of the wire remained to be placed under ground.

Firemen Called to Home of Kader B. Crawford Sunday

No damage resulted, but the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Crawford on Smithwick Street was threatened by fire last Sunday morning at 9:50 o'clock when an accumulation of soot in a large chimney burned. The burning soot was showered on the shingle roof and smoke filled the second story and attic, but the home did not catch fire. The volunteer fire company was called out, but no water lines were laid.

Local Firemen Receive Two Calls This Week

Williamston's volunteer firemen received their second call of the week yesterday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock, when fire threatened the Julia Ormond, colored, apartment house on Rhodes Street, near the cemetery. Starting from a defective flue, the fire burned off the wall paper in one of Tenant Robert Ormond's rooms. Other occupants in the building and neighbors had the fire under control when the fire-fighting apparatus reached there and the damage was negligible.

Resettlement Loans Decrease Reflect Improved Conditions

Improved conditions among resettlement administration farmers is reflected in the number of loans advanced by the agency in the county this year, a report released this week by Miss Katherine Faison, secretary to Field Representative D. G. Modlin, showing a slight reduction in applications and a 25 per cent decrease in the amount lent. Last year the Resettlement Administration advanced loans amounting to around \$42,900 to 103 farmers compared with loans in the amount of \$32,310 to 87 farmers. A similar reduction was reported by the seed and feed loan agency in this county but there was a fairly sizeable increase in the number of loans and the amount advanced by the Production Credit Corporation.

Health Service To Be Decided Next Tuesday

The proposal to establish a full-time health service for Martin County, will receive official consideration at a combined meeting of the county commissioners and members of the board of health in the courthouse next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. J. E. Pope, chairman of the two groups, announced today. While the meeting is open to the public, it is believed the petitions signed in recent weeks by many leading citizens of the county will be recognized as an expression of the general public favoring the service. However, anyone desiring to attend the meeting will be welcomed, Mr. Pope said.

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Young Weldon Man Jailed for Enticing Girl To Run Away

Young Girl Returned To Her Hamilton Home by County Officers

Lured from the home of her parents in Hamilton last Thursday night, Ethel Edmondson, 17 years old, was found in the home of Tony Boykin at Wilson Monday night and returned by officers to Hamilton early today, ending an extensive search that had been carried into parts of Virginia and all over eastern Carolina. Sherrill Whitaker, Weldon boy about 22 years old, wanted for the alleged theft of an automobile in Tarboro last week, was arrested in Halifax County yesterday afternoon and will likely be brought to this county to face a charge of seduction in connection with the young girl's disappearance. Whitaker is said to have influenced the girl to run away from home by promising to get her a job in a Norfolk cafe. The couple rode around all last Thursday night in the Jamesville section of the county, and later they went to Wilson, where he deserted her.

The young Weldon man came to this county shortly after he is said to have stolen a car in Tarboro. He visited in the R. A. Bailey home near Williamston, and last Wednesday night accompanied a young man named Bowen to the home of Guilford Warren, near Spring Green. The Edmondson girl, a student in the Hamilton school, was visiting in the Warren home and met Whitaker. On Thursday about noon he saw the girl and talked with her while she was returning to school. It is believed by officers that Whitaker laid the plans at that time for her to leave home early the same evening.

Between 8 and 9 o'clock, after explaining to members of her family that she did not feel well and that she was going to bed, the girl slipped out the back door, joined Whitaker at an appointed place and ran away with him. The young girl was seldom in the company of boys and little realized the possible dangers in running away with the man. After she learned that Whitaker was not taking her to Norfolk, she was afraid to appeal for aid and remained with him until they reached Wilson, officers said.

Start Suits for Collection Unemployment Insurance

Raleigh—First legal action against a North Carolina employer for failure to pay contributions on his 1936 payroll under the N. C. Unemployment Compensation Act has been started by the commission. Certificate and execution have been sent to the sheriff and clerk of superior court of the county, and will be docketed as a judgment. The sheriff will levy on personal property, then, if that is insufficient, on real property of the delinquent employer. This employer submitted a note payable later for the bulk of the contribution, and a small check. Both were returned by the commission, as there is no provision in the act for payment by note.

To Name Williamston Fair Manager Within Few Days

A manager for the Williamston fair next fall will be named within the next few days, N. Y. Chambliss, operator, said today. It is possible that Harvey Walker, popular manager of the fair during the past two seasons, will return to continue the managerial duties, but the appointment has not been confirmed, it was learned.

Aged Look Forward To Benefits Under Social Security Act

No Material Cost Increase To Martin County Is Expected

The aged in this county are eagerly looking forward to July 1, when the Social Security Act becomes operative, reports stating that some of the old boys are looking around for widows with the serious idea of getting married. Rumors are that one old bachelor has purchased him a cheap car on the strength of the aid he hopes to get, that he is courting here and there. No record on the progress he is making in his courtships could be had. Machinery for handling the old-age pensions and aid to the blind and dependent children is being set up in this county, and a study of the needs is already underway. Fairly accurate estimates on the cost and the number of eligible to participate in the assistance program are expected the latter part of this week from the county welfare department.

Present indications are that the relief load will not be materially increased, that the approximately \$15,000 now advanced by the county for its less fortunate will nearly if not completely meet Martin's share of the expense under the new program. It is estimated that around 300 aged, blind persons and dependent children will qualify for aid in this county.

The State pays one-fourth, the county one-fourth and the federal government one-half the program expense. Under this plan and at the present rate the county is supporting its relief activities, approximately \$60,000 will be made available to the county needs. Pending a decision by the United States Supreme Court next week or the week following on the validity of the Social Security Act, those aged who are figuring on matrimony and supporting a wife with a pension probably will find it safer to figure with caution; and probably for more than one reason. An adverse decision will disrupt the relief program.

Civil Service Exam For Local Position

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for the position of Substitute Clerk-Carrier for filling vacancies in the post office at Williamston. Applications for the position must be on file with the Manager, Fourth U. S. Civil Service District, Washington, D. C., not later than May 29. The examination is being held to fill a vacancy in the Post Office Service. Competitors will be required to report for written examination, which will be held approximately 15 days after the date set for the close of receipt of applications. Full information and application blanks may be obtained from the Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Post Office, Williamston.

Martin Patients Checking Out of Hospital This Week

Several Martin County patients are being discharged by a Washington hospital this week. Lee Thomas, young local boy, and Mrs. J. A. Roberson have already returned home. Mayor J. L. Hassell is due home today, and R. E. Manning will check out of the institution probably tomorrow. Joe Lanier, Williams Township man, is expected home the latter part of this week.

Name of Local Boy On University Honor Roll

Irving C. Griffin, young son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Griffin, of Williamston, gained recognition as a student in the University of North Carolina recently. His name appeared in the list of those honor students making 90 or more in their scholastic work. Young Griffin was said to be the only student from this county to attain the honor.

Unemployment Fund Now In Excess of \$4,500,000.00

Raleigh—North Carolina's unemployment compensation fund recently passed the \$4,500,000 mark. This represents the contributions of about 5,500 employers, operating about 7,000 establishments, on nearly 300,000 employees. The fund is kept intact and will all be used for paying compensation to workers who become unemployed through no fault of their own after next April.