

Martins Split With Bears; Win First of 4 Games With Ayden

Deim and Earp Continue To Be Big Guns at Bat; Two Homers Yesterday

Facing a strong bear market here last Wednesday afternoon, the Martins tasted defeat for the second time this season, the New Bern Bruins winning by a 5-2 count. A win over the Bears on their own grounds the day before and a victory over the Ayden Aces yesterday, however, continued Art Hauger's boys in the leading position, out in front by a margin of 1 1-2 games.

Artie Deim, third sacker, did the hitting and Charlie Stevens did the running to feature the 4-2 win in 10 innings with New Bern over in the Craven Capital last Tuesday. Strunk, holding the Bears to a mere 4 hits, pitched a good game, and Flythe, New Bern hurler, worked well, allowing but 6 hits. Deim accounted for 50 per cent of those, and the Martins took advantage of the stickwork and Bear errors and made 4 of the knocks count for runs. It was 2-2 in the tenth, and in that frame the Martins figured it was about time to run for home, and they put the game on ice.

Wednesday was just a off-day on the local lot, the Bears, headed by old Skipper Doc Smith, came here to win and they did by a 5-2 count. Pitcher Larry Wade did not hit his stride and was relieved by Rollins in the fifth after the Bruins had annexed 4 runs. Rollins held the visitors to 3 hits during the 5 frames he worked. The Arkansas youth, with a near-perfect record on the mound, favored that record with his first hit, a two-bagger, off Hamons, New Bern pitcher. Hamons was right that day, and the Rollins hit carried added significance.

The Martins started a four-game series with Ayden yesterday afternoon and came from behind to register a 6-5 win on the Aces' own grounds. Gardner started for the Martins on the mound, but yielded to Wade in the third inning, after Harrison singled, Joyner doubled, and Johnson homered to push the run count to 5. Wade redeemed himself and held the Aces to a brace of hits during the 6 2-3 innings he worked. Earp, with 3 hits, and Deim and Lakotas with a home run each, one right after the other, featured with the stick, the Martins touching Dunn for 14 hits. Villepique and Stanley featured afield.

Many Applying for Teaching Positions

More than a dozen applications have been received for positions made vacant by the resignation of six teachers, Principal T. O. Hickman said this week. Nine of the positions have been filled so far, the school man added.

Names of teachers resigning are: Miss Elizabeth Gurley, first grade teacher, of Fremont; Miss Inez Lasister, teacher of the second grade, from Candor; Miss Louise Paschal, seventh grade teacher, of Reidsville; S. L. Thomas, high school teacher, of Porton; Miss Kathleen Gilliam, high school teacher, of Statesville; and Miss Jessie Faye Green, music teacher, of Aulander.

Anderson Elected To Succeed Leake

Professor L. W. Anderson, principal of the local schools during the term recently ended, has accepted the position of principal in the Robersonville schools, the district board there announcing his election following a meeting held the early part of this week. Mr. Anderson succeeds Professor R. I. Leake, who resigned recently following 13 years as principal of the school there.

Mr. Anderson, heading the local schools during the leave of absence granted Professor D. N. Hix for a year, made many friends here and was recognized as an able school man. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson will make their home in Robersonville after a visit with relatives in Richmond.

Holiness Revival To Be Closed Sunday Night

Revs. J. G. Crocker and J. W. Wellons are bringing a several weeks meeting to a close in the Pentecostal Holiness church here Sunday evening. Success has marked the meetings so far, and large crowds have heard the messages.

Hope To Secure Commercial Department at Local School

Realizing a great need for a commercial department in the local schools, members and officers of the Williamston Parent-Teacher Association are planning to appeal to the county authorities for a small appropriation at a meeting to be held the first Monday in June, it was learned here yesterday.

Many young people in the town and others in the district are said to be anxious to take the instruction offered by a commercial department.

In a meeting held this week, the

district school committee favored the creation of a commercial department here and will give its endorsement at the first Monday meeting, it was said.

The board also considered applications for positions in the local faculty for the 1937-38 term, but no contracts were definitely closed.

Principal Hix announced. Another meeting of the committee will hardly be held before the early part of next month for the consideration of applications for positions in the white schools.

LITTLE MEDICINE

J. J. Roberson, prominent citizen of Griffins Township, this county, has an unusual health record. Stricken with typhoid fever twice during a single year when he was 14 years old, Mr. Roberson came out of that illness and has not taken a dose of medicine since, and he is now nearing three score and ten years of age.

Asked if he hadn't taken just one dose of medicine, Mr. Roberson explained that he had taken a few drops of spirits of turpentine on a few occasions when he felt a bit dull.

Workers Urged To Apply for Security Account Numbers

Hope To Have Wage Records Set Up by First of June, Official Says

The Social Security Board today urged all eligible workers who have not yet applied for social security account numbers to do so promptly to expedite the setting up by June 30 of wage records for their participation in the federal old-age benefits program under the social security act.

For more than six months the Post Office Department has cooperated in this program of obtaining applications for social security account numbers from workers in the fields of commerce and industry.

The department's machinery now is operating so smoothly throughout the country that on the average only two days elapse from the time a worker files his application until he receives his account number, Mr. Wade pointed out.

"Obtaining a social security account number is an important step in providing protection against the hazards of old age for any wage earner who may at a future time be entitled to Federal benefits," LeRoy Hodges, director of the Federal old-age benefits bureau of the board says.

"Workers in covered employments who have not applied for account numbers," Mr. Hodges warned, "may be creating difficulties in determining the proper amount of old-age benefits to which they will be entitled. Employers will make periodic reports to the Bureau of Internal Revenue of wages paid to each of their employees. Account numbers assigned will appear on these returns. A record of the wages so reported will be kept by the board for use whenever a claim based on the employee's wages is filed."

"Employers on June 30 must be prepared to file their first periodic report on wages earned by their employees since January 1, 1937, when this part of the social program got under way. Thereafter, these informational returns will be filed quarterly. In order properly to make the return, an employer must have the social security account numbers of all his employees which should have been previously reported to him by each worker."

Mr. Hodges directed attention to a Treasury regulation requiring employers of one or more employees in all those occupations covered by this part of the Social Security Act to file an application for an account number.

The bureau director emphasized that employer-employee participation in old-age benefits is not dependent on the number of persons "Even if an employer," Mr. Hodges pointed out, "has only one worker engaged in a covered occupation, that worker is required to apply for a social security account number. This includes employees in small establishments, such as restaurants, drug and grocery stores, beauty parlors, as well as employees of doctors, lawyers, and similar professional people."

"See your postmaster at once if you have not yet filed your application for a social security account

Summer Slump Hits Recorder's Court; 6 Cases Tried Monday

Scotland Neck Man Waives Hearing on Charge of Manslaughter

The Martin County Recorder's Court felt the summer slump last Monday, when only six cases were on docket for trial. Work for the court has decreased so much that Judge H. O. Peel announced Monday that no session will be held next week. The judge will be out of town, and the next session of the tribunal will be held on May 31.

For the most part, the docket last Monday was of little consequence, and the session lasted only a short while.

Leroy "Tom" Pitt was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his driver's license revoked for a period of one year in the case charging him with drunken driving. A three-month road sentence imposed upon him was suspended.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, carrying a concealed weapon and disorderly conduct, George Cotanch was found guilty of an assault, the court suspending sentence upon payment of a \$25 fine and costs of the case.

D. D. Hill, facing charges of assault in two cases, was found not guilty in one and guilty in the other. He was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost.

Maurice Whidbee, Scotland Neck garage employee, waived preliminary hearing in the case charging him with manslaughter, and bond was required in the sum of \$500 for his appearance in June for trial in the superior court. Whidbee ran over and fatally injured Mariah Small, colored woman, near Hamilton, Sunday night a week ago.

Jeremiah Peel, charged with violating the liquor laws, was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost, the court suspending a three-month road sentence.

Price Increase on Market for Swine

A price increase of \$1.50 a hundred pounds started hog shipments by train, truck and trailer this week to markets. The 11 1-2 cents a pound for "tops" are proving very attractive to Martin farmers, and they are making sizeable shipments almost daily now.

The local market, handled by D. M. Roberson, has shipped some over 100 train carloads to northern markets so far this season, and there were sizeable shipments made by truck.

Purchasing feeder pigs last fall, Martin farmers have probably raised more hogs this year for market than ever before. Profits are said to have compared favorably with receipts from tobacco and other cash crops.

Two Additional Deputies For Pulp Mill Are Named

Dewey Leggett, of Bear Grass, and Edgar Brown, of Jamesville, were appointed deputy sheriffs by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck for service at the plant of the Kieckhefer Container Company in the lower part of this county. Henry Gaylord, former Martin citizen, was named as a deputy there earlier this week.

Paid by the Kieckhefer company, the three deputies will confine their activities principally within the mill area. They are to work in 8-hour shifts.

Miss Eva Peel Resigns As Robersonville Teacher

Miss Eva Peel, teacher in the Robersonville High School for 18 years, resigned as a member of the faculty there and returned to her home here this week. Miss Peel has not made any definite plans for the future, she said today, but is considering offers made by several schools.

Transplanting Work Is Reported Half Finished in County

Some Farmers in Grimesland Area Plow Up Corn To Plant Tobacco

Tobacco transplanting was reported well over half completed in this section today, the reports coming from all sections of the county indicating that the work would be virtually complete possibly before the latter part of next week. In the meantime the drive for spare plants continues, some local farmers going as far as the Whiteville and Lumberton areas for plants.

Present indications now are that the planned acreage will be transplanted in most sections of the belt, while in others the crop will be slightly decreased, the trend being largely determined by conditions and quantities of plants available. Some farmers in the Grimesland area in Beaufort County are said to be plowing up regular stands of corn and transplanting tobacco, doing so in the belief that the crop will be short elsewhere and that they will profit in a large way. The general belief is that there will be no tobacco acreage decrease, that there will possibly be an increase. Of course, there will be a forced acreage curtailment in some sections, but any loss there will be more than offset in other sections, it is believed. In the Leggett section of Edgecombe County some farmers, unable to get plants or refusing to pay high prices for them, have planted cotton on lands prepared for tobacco, reliable information received today stated.

Very little of the crop that has been set in this immediate section needs resetting, farmers, as a general rule, reporting regular and growing stands.

Everetts Committee Completes Selection Next Term Faculty

All Members Last Term Faculty Applying Are Reappointed

Reappointing all members of the faculty applying for positions, the Everetts local advisory school committee announced its teaching personnel complete following a meeting held last Wednesday evening. The elections are subject to be refused, however.

Misses Mary Bell Edmondson, of Williamston, and Mary Barden Crofton, of Robersonville, were named to fill the positions made vacant by the resignations of Mrs. D. N. Hix, of Williamston, and Miss Mary Webb Askew, of Windsor. Miss Edmondson was elected to teach the first and second grades. She is graduating from East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, this term. Miss Crofton was elected to teach the sixth grade.

Principal H. B. Russell, of Tarboro, was again elected as principal. Names of other teachers returning and their assigned grades are: Miss Martha Baldree, of Ayden, first grade; Miss Olive Stokes, of Battleboro, second grade; Miss Alice Mallard, of Teachey, third grade; Miss Sybil Brown, of Wilson, fourth grade; Miss Beatrice Wynne, of Everetts, fifth grade.

Messrs. Andrew Clark, Herbert Roebuck and George Taylor are the members of the advisory committee there.

Orphans Will Sing At Cedar Grove

The Middlesex Orphanage Singing Class will give a program in the Cedar Grove Free Will Baptist church Thursday night of next week at 8 o'clock, it was announced today by the church clerk.

A cordial invitation is extended the general public to be present and support the worthy cause. The Middlesex orphanage has carried on a splendid work in the care of orphaned children, and it is deserving of liberal support.

Jamesville Youth Makes Good Record at A. C. C.

Eugene Ange, young son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ange, of Jamesville, is making a splendid scholastic and athletic record at A. C. Colege, Wilson, during his first year there. The young man, in addition to his scholastic work, is a member of the basketball and baseball squads, and has received his first-year monogram.

Martin County Man Fatally Hurt in Fall At Kieckhefer Mill

Robert L. Whitehurst, Jr., Dies in Rocky Mount Hospital Tuesday

Robert L. Whitehurst, jr., young Martin County man, was fatally hurt in a fall at the Kieckhefer pulp mill, near Plymouth, late last Tuesday afternoon. He died in a Rocky Mt. hospital a few hours later without regaining consciousness.

Preparing forms for a concrete wall, young Whitehurst slipped and fell about 12 feet, his head striking first on a concrete foundation. His death was the first reported at the huge pulp plant since construction work started several months ago. Another employee was reported critically hurt there Wednesday in a fall of about 18 feet. His skull was fractured and his condition, according to information received here, is critical. At least five other employees of the James Stewart Construction Company, of New York City, have been hurt while working on the plant.

Whitehurst, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Whitehurst, of Bear Grass Township, had been working at the plant about three weeks. He was held in high esteem, and had many friends in this county. About two years ago he married Miss Myrtle Lee, who survives. No children were born to the union. Two sisters, Irma Gray and Mary Frances Whitehurst, and three brothers, James Staton, Elbert and C. B. Whitehurst, all of this county, also survive.

Funeral services were conducted at the late home yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Elders B. S. Cowin and A. B. Ayers. Interment was in the family cemetery.

Landplaster Mill Here Given Trial

One of the few, if not the only, landplaster mill in the country outside of Norfolk started operations here this week. Recently installed by the Standard Fertilizer Company on Roanoke River here, the mill was given its first test this week and is now operating smoothly after a few minor adjustments were made.

Crushing the famous Nova Scotia landplaster, rock, the company has made preparations to meet the needs of peanut growers in the entire peanut territory. Shipments to all sections in the area are to get underway within a short time.

Hundreds of tons of the landplaster rock are being shipped direct by water from Nova Scotia to the plant here.

Soil Conservation Checks Received

Additional soil conservation checks were received in the county this week, representing approximately \$10,000 cash and increasing the total amount of money received under the program to \$166,362.82. Based on 1,067 applications or individual farms, the payments have been made to 2,340 farmers in the county, each receiving on an average \$71.10, or \$155.92 for each farm.

There are approximately 80 checks due farmers in the county at this time, representing an unpaid cash amount of around \$8,000. The county agent's office is expecting the checks daily. Miss Mary Carstarphen, secretary, said.

First estimates were that the payments would amount to \$150,000, but it is almost certain that the soil benefits will reach \$175,000 in the county.

Demonstration Club Members Plan Tour

Plans are going forward for a home demonstration club members' tour to the western part of the state the 10th of next month, Miss Lora E. Sleeper, home agent, stating that reservations were being made by a number of club women. The trip will be available to any other women who care to go, provided there is space and a \$2 deposit is made immediately.

The trip will last three days and is to cost \$12.50.

Named To Institute of Government Committee

Elbert S. Peel, local attorney, was made a member of the North Carolina Institute of Government advisory committee at a meeting of the Institute held in Chapel Hill yesterday. He represents the attorneys of North Carolina on the committee.

300 Believed Eligible For Old-Age Benefits

HEALTH MEETING

A combined meeting of the Board of Commissioners and members of the County Board of Health scheduled to be held next Tuesday, has been postponed until Thursday, May 27, it was announced this morning when it was learned that a representative of the State Board of Health could not be present until the latter date.

While the general public will be represented by petitions carrying the names of a large number of citizens and representatives of civic organizations, anyone who wishes to attend is invited to be present.

It is understood that the new health service can be made available about July 1, provided, of course, the authorities favor the establishment of the department.

Sectional Warfare Among Bootleggers Is Believed Brewing

Special Officer Raids Three Places Saturday Night Without Results

Sectional warfare in the alleged bootlegging business is believed brewing as Special Officer J. H. Roebuck continues his campaign to free the county of illicit liquor activities. Unofficial but reliable reports maintain that the alleged bootleggers who are said to be selling both ABC and RFD whiskies in and around Robersonville have been talking about each other in the past few days.

Investigating reports, Officer J. H. Roebuck raided three places of business near the Robersonville High School last Saturday night, but the officer found the territory quite dry. The reports alleged that liquor was being sold here and there, and if there is any trouble it will be because of neighbor thinks another neighbor put the law wise, and vice versa. With a rivalry edged with bitterness existing in certain sections, and with the law gradually tightening the rope around the whole business, it appears more and more each day as if the liquor manufacturing and its illegal sale will be reduced to a minor scale in this county.

Tuesday the officer, accompanied by Deputy Bill Haislip, destroyed two liquor plants, one in Williamston and one in Bear Grass. Steam stills were used at both plants, and they were cold. The officers saw a young boy leaving one of the plants with a gallon and a half of liquor. He saw the officers, dropped the liquor and, in Officer Joe Roebuck's parlance, "He turned the fan on" and escaped. Approximately 1,600 gallons of beer were poured out at the two plants.

Regular Services Sunday At Riddicks Grove Church

Rev. W. B. Harrington will preach at Riddicks Grove church in Williams Township Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, it was announced today.

Orthopedic Clinic In Tarboro Monday

The regular orthopedic clinic, sponsored by the Tarboro Rotary Club, will be held in the Presbyterian Sunday school rooms there next Monday. Unfortunate cripples are urged to attend, the treatment being open to those in this county.

Alta Critcher Officer of Meredith Athletic Group

Miss Alta Critcher, daughter of Attorney and Mrs. B. A. Critcher, has been named an officer in the Meredith College Athletic Association, the young girl to manage golf at the Raleigh school next term.

Former Slave Dies at County Home Today

Luke Purvis, former slave and an inmate in the county home, died there this morning at the age of 86 years. He had been in the home for four years. Burial will be tomorrow near his old home in Hamilton Township.

Preliminary Check Indicates 160 Now On Indigent List

Rules and Regulations and Eligibility Requirements To Be Announced Soon

Eighty people over 65 years of age, 72 dependent children and 8 blind persons in this county are almost certain of participation in the benefits under the Social Security Act, a check of the less fortunate cases shows. There are possibly others who will also qualify, but, according to Miss Mary Taylor, the county welfare department head, there are only 145 persons now receiving cash benefits of \$2 and \$3 a month from county funds.

On July 1 many more are expected to sign the declaration of dependence, and some believe the eligible list will jump to around 300.

A study of the relief fund in the county discloses some unfortunate cases that will not qualify for any benefits offered by the social security program. There are invalids who will not be able to share in the benefits because they are not yet 65 years of age. There are a number of children who are afflicted and will not qualify; it was pointed out. These less fortunate will continue as charges of the county.

Rules and regulations and eligibility requirements will be made public within the near future.

It is estimated that 50,000 indigent persons in the state will be eligible to receive the monthly payments after July 1, the program to cost approximately \$3,000,000 annually. The estimates show that 23,000 persons over 65 years of age, 22,000 dependent children and 1,450 needy blind will possibly be included in the list soon after the law becomes effective.

No Action Yet Taken in Naming Colored Principal

No action had been taken today in connection with filling the position of principal in the local colored schools, a member of the district committee explaining that an investigation was being made of the charges brought by a strong opposition.

Considerable interest is being centered around the election of a man to fill the position, the opposition apparently caring little who is elected just so long as there is a change made.

No immediate action in the case is expected.

Tap Dancing Class To Have Recital Monday

Miss Mary Davis Haridson will present her pupils in a dance recital in the high school auditorium here next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The recital is the first of its kind ever held here, and is expected to attract a large attendance.

There are 18 members of the class, and an unusual and very interesting program has been planned. The recital, sponsored by the Williamston Lions Club, is being given under the direction of Miss Haridson and her sister, Miss Katherine Haridson.

Large Shipments of Truck Products Are Being Made

Large shipments of strawberries, May peas and cabbage, handled by a caravan of between 75 and 100 motor trucks, are moving to the northern markets through here almost daily. Coming in from the Wallace and Mount Olive areas, strawberries are going through here to markets in Philadelphia, New York and Boston. Most of the trucks travel through here between midnight and 5 o'clock in the mornings.

Preaching Mission Begins At Hamilton Sunday Night

Beginning Sunday night and continuing through the night of May 30, there will be a preaching mission at St. Martin's Episcopal church at Hamilton. On three of the nights of next week Rev. George Henry, rector of Calvary Church, of Tarboro, will preach; and on Thursday night, Rev. James Smith, of the Williamston Baptist church, will preach. Rev. E. F. Moseley, the rector of the church, will preach at the other services.