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## Martins Break Even In Series With Aces; Still Leading League

### Team Stages Comeback To Offset "Off-day" Loss Last Friday

Williamston's baseball team doubled its losses over the week-end, but maintained its hold on top position in the Coastal Plain loop by a fraction over one game. The Martins divided a four-game series with Ayden, the boys from over in Pitt holding two aces in the hole. They played them well, too, for Williamston was handed its worst defeat of the season here last Friday afternoon.

Harrison, Ace moundsman and manager, baffled Art Haugers hitters by feeding them a slow ball, practically all of the boys readily admitting they were baffled from the start. While the Martins were held to 6 hits in the 14-1 contest, the visitors pounded Jefferson and Gardner for 19 safeties. Ayden batted around and was two down in the line-up when Gardner relieved Jefferson in the first. The 7 hits in that frame counted for 7 runs. Williamston's lone marker came in the fifth when Lakotas walked, Sharkey singled and Steve counted on an error by Corrado, first sacker for the Aces. There was no getting around it—the locals had an off-day and the exhibition was rotten.

Saturday, the Martins vindicated themselves when they went over to Ayden and registered a 7-3 win. Stanley, Stevens and Sharkey batted out a total of 10 hits in the 15-blow contest, 14 of them at the expense of Harrison, who essayed an iron-man act and succeeded in baffling the Martins here the day before. He was relieved in the eighth by Lee Strunk, handling the pitching task for the Martins, allowed 9 hits and held the Aces scoreless after the third inning.

Completing the series here Sunday afternoon, the Aces handed the Martins their fourth loss of the season by a 4-0 count. It was the first shut-out for the locals, and all four of its losses coming on the home grounds in succession. Rollins held the visitors to 7 hits and struck out 9, but the blows, one a home run by Monk Joyner, came when needed to run up the scoring count. The locals threatened to take the game more than once but Harward proved effective in the pinches. Some mighty blows came off the Martins' bats, but the drives were picked off all around the outfield fences and counted for nothing—except a time at bat.

Keen competition for ranking positions in the 8-team circuit is developing rapidly, but the high spot in the league activities to date was the 30-5 walloping handed Goldsboro by Kinston last Saturday.

## Daily Bible Schools Planned in County

The Daily Vacation Bible Schools being conducted in the county by religious leaders of the Presbyterian church are meeting with marbled success, Rev. John Whitley said a day or two ago. Nearly 100 children in the Bear Grass community have been attending the school there each day since classes were first held the early part of last week. There are 12 members in the faculty and the school is doing splendid work, the minister added.

Following the close of the school at Bear Grass, similar work will be advanced at Roberson's Chapel, beginning June 1, and the third school will be held two weeks later in Poplar Point.

Beginning next Monday a union Vacation Bible School will be conducted here, the leaders stating that complete announcements would be made within the next day or two.

## Hardison Dance Recital Well Received Last Night

Pupils of Miss Mary Davis Hardison, dancing instructor, were well received by a large audience in the high school auditorium here last evening in their first formal recital. The event, the first of its kind ever staged here, was highly acclaimed and brought the house down in hearty applause as the program progressed. The recital was sponsored by the local Lion Club and under the direction of Misses Mary Davis and Katherine Hardison.

Names of the pupils taking part: Elizabeth Mize, Joan Livengood, Patsy King, Fay Gurganus, Susan More, Elizabeth Parker, Betsy Manning, Sylvia Green, Rose Leggett, Nancy Mercer, Martha McKenzie, Dorothy Lou Leggett, Mary Charles Godwin, and Jack Booker, the only boy in the class.

## Aerial Survey To Be Made of County Farms During Week

A survey of farm lands in this and other Eastern Carolina counties will be made some time this week, County Agent T. B. Brandon said today. The survey, to be made from a height of 14,000 feet, will include all lands in Goose Nest, Hamilton, Poplar Point, and parts of Williamston, Cross Roads and Robersonville Townships, the agent said. Large timber areas in other districts make the surveys there impracticable, it was pointed out.

The aerial photographers work so high that they will make the survey possibly unnoticed by the farmer in the field. An area of about

2 1-2 miles square is included in a single picture, and despite the long range, the cameraman will "shoot" the farmer in his fields. Agent Brandon advises all farmers to keep on the move that their twisting and turning may make a favorable impression when the maps are placed on the desks of big shots in the federal department of agriculture. If there is to be any resting, it will be well for the farmer to seek cover from the camera eye under a big shade tree.

It is understood the photographers will fly east-west and west-east directions and move to the south about 1 1-2 miles on each trip.

## Continuing Expansion Of Rural Power Lines

### Young Man Fatally Hurt When Kicked by Mule

Kicked in the stomach by a mule while working on the Johnson farm, near Hamilton, last Saturday afternoon, William Robert Daniel, jr., 19 years old, died early Monday morning in a Rocky Mount hospital. He was carried to the hospital soon after he was hurt.

Funeral services are being conducted at the home of his parents this afternoon at 2 o'clock by Elder William Grimes. Interment will follow in Halifax County, near Scotland Neck.

Besides his parents, the young man is survived by several brothers and sisters.

## John D. Rockefeller Died Early Sunday At Estate in Florida

### Small But Liquid Estate Is Left By Builder of Great "Dollar Dynasty"

John D. Rockefeller, sr., founder of the world's greatest "dollar dynasty," and the same old codger who owned the Standard filling station on Williamston's Main Street, died Sunday morning at 4:05 o'clock at his winter home, "The Casements" down in Florida, where he had been since last fall. The renowned financier would have been 98 years old July 8, his death cutting short by a meager 26 months his wish to reach the age of 100 years.

Today the aged man's body is speeding by special train to his home at Pocantico Hills in New York State, where private funeral services will be conducted tomorrow. Burial will follow the next day in Cleveland, where he trudged the street as a lad for six weeks before landing his first regular job as a bookkeeper's assistant.

The aged financier's death was attributed to the hardening of the heart muscles. The end came suddenly and unexpectedly for the one time master of billions, and no immediate members of his family were present. He drifted off into a coma about midnight, and roused only once to whisper something to his valet and personal servant for 20 years. The words were not audible. Despite his advanced age, Rockefeller had enjoyed comparatively good health all winter. He had outlived 20 physicians who had attended him, and he was pronounced "a fine physical specimen" for his age when examined last June.

Following the policy of "make all you can and give all you can," Mr. Rockefeller exercised unscrupulous power in crushing the weak and in building up one of the greatest fortunes ever to fall into one man's control. At the same time he was recognized as the world's greatest philanthropist, the size of his extensive donations shocking Harry Biggs, local man. It was said he gave away more than half a billion dollars, the amount not including the hand-out dimes. Death found him with a "relatively small but very liquid estate." Much of his fortune had already been distributed among his people, and the federal inheritance tax will be "quite small."

## Hugh G. Horton, Jr., Home From Duke Hospital Today

Hugh G. Horton, jr., recovering from a successful operation on his neck, returns home from a Durham hospital today. The little fellow will have to wear a cast for a few days, but he is getting along unusually well. His parents are accompanying him home.

## Service Starts on 6-Mile Route With 24 Customers Tuesday

### Energizing Six-Mile Line In Griffins Township This Afternoon

The construction of rural electrification lines in this county continues slowly but steadily. Manager R. H. Goodmon, of the Virginia Electric & Power Company office here stating today that approximately 30 miles of lines had been completed or are nearing completion at the present time.

An extension 5 3-4 miles long and serving 24 customers is being energized between here and the Eason Lilley community in Griffins Township today. The project is the fifth one handled off the lines of the company in this county, two extensions in Jamesville, one in Cross Roads-Bear Grass, and the fourth in the upper part of the county having been completed some few months ago.

The sixth project, from Robersonville through Gold Point to Mr. L. G. Taylor's farm in Poplar Point Township, is being surveyed by the company, and construction of the 7 miles of line is expected to get underway shortly. It is estimated this line will serve around 33 customers. Nearly 150 customers on the approximately 30 miles of the strictly rural lines will be served when the present program is completed. This number does not include those customers living on secondary transmission lines, such as those from Williamston to Everetts and from Robersonville to beyond Parnie.

Plans are being considered for extending the Griffins Township line into the Farm Life section sometime in the future, but any developments there are dependent upon action by those living in the area.

## Progress Slow on Radio Station Here

The laying of the ground network of wires for the State Highway Patrol radio station here is progressing very slowly, the workmen experiencing much delay. Yesterday afternoon the large caterpillar tractor used in pulling the plow got stuck in the soft ground and the operators, assistants and workers were busy for several hours freeing the machine.

About half of the 14-mile wire network has been laid. It is understood that the remainder of this week and part of next will be required to complete the system.

The 363-foot tower has been recently painted and other parts of the plant are ready for occupancy, the underground network causing the unexpected delay in placing the system in operation.

## Mayor Handles Three Cases In Court Here Last Night

Mayor J. L. Hassell, in his court here last evening, suspended judgment upon payment of the costs in the cases charging Elisha Speller and William Alexander and B. Ballard, colored woman, with public drunkenness.

## Lions Club Sponsoring Building of Tennis Courts

Plans are now underway for the construction and maintenance of several tennis courts at the municipal water plant here. The project is being sponsored by the Lions Club.

## Number Plant Beds In County Raided Within Past Week

### More Than 70 Percent Of Tobacco Crop Has Been Transplanted

The tobacco transplanting season fast-drawing to a close in this county, Martin farmers are making stringent efforts to beg, borrow, or buy plants, some resort to thievery to get them.

The plant bed of S. L. Andrews, Williams Township farmer, was raided last Thursday night, the rogues taking away enough plants to transplant several acres. Mr. Andrews, completing the transplanting of his crop, had promised the remaining ones to three of his neighbors. One of the three went for the plants last Friday noon, and they were gone.

Sunday night several beds in the Bear Grass section were raided, the thieves almost wrecking them in the rush to get plants sufficient to fill five acres or more.

The crop yesterday in this county was estimated to be 70 per cent transplanted, some farmers stating that many plants were apparently dying following recent settings. The transplantings handled early last week and during the few days prior to that time are said to be growing rapidly and cultivation has already been started in a number of fields.

Present indications point to the completion of the transplanting work this week with probably a few exceptions. The big majority of farmers recognize the chances are not at all favorable for a crop transplanted around the first of June, and what they can't get into the ground prior to that time they just do without. There are a few farmers who will possibly continue transplanting until the middle of next month.

## 16 Graduates Get Diplomas at Oak City Finals Friday

### Several Members of Faculty There Not To Return For 1937-38 Term

Commencement exercises were held last Friday evening in Oak City when Professor J. L. Memory, of Wake Forest College, delivered the main address and diplomas were awarded to 16 graduates and certificates to 3 students. The school was the last in the county to close the 1936-37 term, described as one of the most successful in years.

Professor Memory based his address on "Know what you want; get what you want, and want what you get." Reverence, dependability and helpfulness were pointed out as the necessary requisites to a useful and happy life.

The commencement program was largely attended, Principal Ainsley said.

The wholesale resignations in the faculty ranks of a number of schools in the county have been experienced at Oak City, Principal Ainsley stated. Three teachers in the elementary department and three in the high school have resigned. Applications for the positions made vacant by the resignations are being considered, but no elections have been held in the district, the school man added.

## 23 From County Seek State Jobs

North Carolinians are State job conscious, according to Chairman Charles G. Powell, of the N. C. Unemployment Compensation Commission, in announcing that July 2,000 residents of the State have applied for jobs with the commission, which will have not more than 100 jobs to give, even when operating at full force. Wake County leads the list with almost exactly one-fourth, or about 500 applicants; Guilford has 56 applicants, Durham 50, Pitt 59, Granville 44, Johnston 40, Buncombe Wayne, Franklin, and Edgecombe 35 each.

Martin County had 23 applicants for jobs on May 3, when the State total was 1,937. Some of these probably duplicate the 2,890 who applied for examinations held in eight North Carolina cities several weeks ago for merit ratings for applicants for jobs with the Employment Service Division of the Commission, Chairman Powell states.

The commission will recruit its force on a basis of scattering the employees over the State as equitably as possible.

## Mrs. Fabian Barnhill Dies at Her Home in Everetts Saturday

### Death Described As One of Saddest in County In Number of Years

Mrs. Fabian Barnhill, highly respected young woman of Everetts, died at her home there at 5 o'clock last Saturday morning following an attack of pneumonia, with which she had suffered for about one week. Heart trouble was assigned as the immediate cause of her death. Her death was regarded as one of the saddest in the county in some time, and Mrs. Barnhill was the third member of the family to be stricken with pneumonia in recent weeks. A young daughter was stricken about three weeks ago, but is now getting along very well. The youngest son, only 7 months old, continues ill following an attack about two weeks ago. Just a few minutes before she died, Mrs. Barnhill told her husband that she felt better, and her recovery was hoped for at that time. Her heart apparently failed her and death was almost instantaneous.

Mrs. Barnhill, who was Miss Essie Clark before her marriage, was born in Cross Roads Township 37 years ago, the daughter of Mrs. Ida Clark and the late E. A. Clark, well known farmer of this county until his death a number of years ago. The deceased was a member of the Everetts Christian Church, and the last rites were held there Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. J. H. Smith, Williamston Baptist minister. Burial was in the family plot just east of Everetts.

Mrs. Barnhill was held in high esteem by those who knew her, and she had numerous friends in her community. Besides her husband she leaves six children, five of them quite young. Their names are Joseph, Lollie, Fabian, jr., Hattie, James Eason, Adeline, and Julien, all of Everetts. She is also survived by three brothers, Messrs. Andrew and Hubert Clark, of Everetts; and C. B. Clark, of Williamston, and two sisters, Mrs. Carrie Dell Roberson, of Cross Roads; and Mrs. Sybil Byrd, of Windsor.

## Fisherman Struck By Auto Saturday

Frank Wells, 50-year-old fisherman who lives near Gardner's Creek on the Jamesville road, was critically hurt last Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock, when he was struck by a light pick-up truck driven by a man named Miller for the McCormick Vending Machine Company, of Greenville. Wells received a fracture of the skull and a bad hand cut, it was reported. He was given first-aid treatment by Dr. Gibson in Jamesville and was removed to his home, where he is expected to recover.

The man was said to have been walking the highway about one mile from the creek when he stepped into the path of the car and was hit. Investigating the accident, Patrolman Hunt held that the truck driver was not responsible.

A second automobile accident was reported in the county last Saturday night near Oak City. Two young men, each traveling in his own car, were said to have been rushing to call upon the same girl. The driver of an old model Ford, leading the way, was crowded off the highway by the driver of the other car. The old model car struck a concrete abutment and was wrecked.

## False Alarm Turns Out Firemen Friday

Things got hot over on the Silas Green show lot between Warren Street and Marshall Avenue last Friday night about 9 o'clock, when an overflow colored crowd jammed its way into the tent. When the star-absent cast warmed up to the occasion, some prankster called out the fire department. Receiving the call, Chief Daniel was told that a small colored house just off Marshall Avenue was burning. The street was traveled its length, but the run did not interrupt Silas, for the show went on, and considerable numbers of the colored population were late getting to work the following morning.

## Law Enforcement Officers Report Very Quiet Week

Making only one arrest during the period, local and county officers reported one of the quietest week-ends in recent months. A lone drunk was jailed, and his release was effected in a short while.

## Social Security Act Is Upheld by High Court

### Petition for Closing Stores Here Wednesday Afternoon

A petition is being circulated here today for the closing of all local stores each Wednesday afternoon during the months of June, July and August. Definite action has not been taken in the matter so far, but the half-day holiday has been very successfully observed by local firms during the past several years.

Several towns in this section will place the half-day holiday into effect next Wednesday, it was learned here today. A decision is expected locally by the latter part of this week.

## Legion Auxiliary To Sponsor Poppy Sale In County This Year

### Extensive Plans Are Being Made for Observance Of Day Here

Poppy Day will be observed in Martin County this year on Saturday, May 29, Mrs. Ray Goodmon, president of the John Walton Hassell unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, has announced. Extensive preparations for the observance of the day are being made by the auxiliary women.

Memorial poppies, to be worn in honor of the World War dead and to raise funds for the welfare of the disabled veterans and needy families of the dead and disabled, will be distributed throughout the town. Organization of corps of "poppy girls" to offer the flowers to everyone on the streets during the day, and to receive contributions for the Legion and Auxiliary welfare funds. The flowers have been ordered from Otten hospital, where they have been made by disabled veterans.

"Poppy Day" is the day of personal tribute to the men who gave their lives in the nation's defense," explained Mrs. Goodmon. On that day everyone can show that they still remember and honor the sacrifices of those who lost their lives in the war. The poppy is their flower, made in their memory by their disabled comrades.

The American Legion Auxiliary will ask no set price for its poppies. We want everyone to wear a poppy and to contribute as he is able for the flower. All contributions will be used for the work of the Legion and Auxiliary among the men who lost health and strength in the war and among the children whose fathers are dead or disabled. The bulk of the money will be expended right here in Martin County for the work our unit is constantly doing among needy families of veterans here.

## To Hold Health Meet Thursday

All members of the county board of commissioners and health are expected to be present for the joint meeting of the two bodies in the courthouse Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, when final action will be taken in connection with the proposed establishment of a full-time health service for the county.

Unofficial reports maintain that nearly all, if not all, members of the two boards are very much impressed with the proposed service, and that they will make every effort to advance the program. Messrs. J. E. Pope, as chairman of the two boards; C. C. Fleming, R. L. Perry, C. Abram Roberson, R. A. Haislip, as members of the board of commissioners; and Drs. J. S. Rhodes V. A. Ward, W. C. Mercer, and Messrs. J. C. Manning and John L. Hassell, of the health board, and Dr. R. E. Fox, representing the State Board of Health, will investigate the proposal in detail.

## Coast Line Announces Reduced Vacation Fares

Special round-trip fares are being placed in effect by the Atlantic Coast Line throughout its division for summer vacationists, Mr. V. D. Godwin, local agent for the company, announced today. The low-priced round-trip tickets carrying a limit of 15 days and stop-overs are allowed either going or returning at any point.

The Coast Line is now operating 62 air-conditioned trains, including all those operating on the main lines and a number on local runs.

## Applications Being Received by County Welfare Department

### Eligibility Provisions Cited By Head of the County Welfare Department

Dependent children, the blind, and the aged were assured some measure of relief for the near future, when the United States Supreme Court, by a 7-to-2 decision, upheld the validity of the Social Security Act on Monday.

The court's decision on the Federal security law came in two cases and turned upon the constitutionality of the taxes imposed to support the unemployment insurance and the old-age pension provisions of the legislation. The former was upheld by 5 to 4 and the latter 7 to 2.

For the majority Associate Justice Cardozo enumerated and flatly overruled all the contentions raised by counsel for the Charles C. Steward Machine Company, of Alabama, which had attacked the unemployment insurance levy as unconstitutional.

Persons eligible for relief under the program, are now preparing to declare their dependence in applications that will be received on and after July 1. Assistance shall be granted under the act to any person who:

Is 65 years of age or over; is a citizen of the United States; has not sufficient income, or other resources, to provide a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health; is not an inmate of any public institution at the time of receiving assistance. An inmate of such institution may, however, make application for such assistance, but the assistance, if allowed, shall not begin until after he ceases to be an inmate.

Other eligibility provisions are: That the applicant has not made an assignment or transfer of property for the purpose of rendering himself eligible for assistance under the act at any time within two years prior to the filing of application for assistance pursuant to the provisions of the act; has been a resident of this state five out of the nine years preceding his application and for one year immediately preceding the same. Residents of the State who have not resided in any one county for the one-year period necessary to acquire a settlement therein shall, if otherwise eligible, receive assistance out of the state appropriation to the full amount of the benefits awarded. Eligibility of such persons upon application shall be determined as in other cases and reported to the State Board of Allotments and Appeal.

Eligibility provisions for dependent children are: A child under 16 years of age who is living with his or her father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, step sister, uncle, or aunt, in a place of residence maintained by one or more of such relatives as his or their own home; who has resided in the State for one year immediately preceding the application for aid; or who was born within the state within one year immediately preceding the application; if the mother has resided in the state for one year immediately preceding the birth; and who has been deprived of parental support or care by reason of the death, physical or mental incapacity or continued absence from the home of a parent. Provided that in all cases of desertion every effort shall be made to apprehend the parent and charge him with the support of the said child.

To be eligible to receive aid for a dependent child or children, the said father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, step sister, uncle, or aunt, in whose own home the said dependent child resides shall maintain a safe and proper home for himself or themselves, and the said dependent child or children.

## Occupants Escape Unhurt When Car Crashes Bridge

H. M. Martin, Northampton County man, and several companions escaped injury when his car crashed into the concrete guard rails on the Roanoke River bridge about 2 o'clock last Sunday morning. Several slabs of concrete were cracked and one wheel of the car went over the side of the bridge. The car was sideswiped by a big truck, and considerable damage was done to the machine.