

Watch the Label on Your Paper, as it Carries the Date Your Subscription Expires.

# THE ENTERPRISE

Advertisers Will Find Our Columns a Lure to Over 1,000 Homes of Martin County.

VOLUME XL—NUMBER 55

Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Friday, July 9, 1937

ESTABLISHED 1899

## Martins Take 3 in Row; 2 From Eagles, One From Goldbugs

### Now Holding Second Place With Two-Game Lead Over Goldsboro

Winning three games in a row since last Monday, Williamston's baseball team climbed into second place and is now holding a prominent position in the Coastal Plain League standings. Today the Martins are trailing Snow Hill by only two and a half games, the Goldsboro Bugs, after holding the high position for quite a while, dropping to third position two games below the Martins.

The Martins made 8 hits count for a whole lot over in Kinston last Tuesday, when they defeated the Eagles 5 to 2. Four errors by the Eagles helped the Martins cause Stevens led the ticket with 3 for 4 at the bat and McCay was runner-up with 2 for 3 trips. Deim came through with the timely hitting to bat in two of the five runs. Fields, relieved of the pitching-work with one away in the ninth by Rollins, allowed the Eagles 10 hits.

Kinston, defeated by the Martins in every contest so far this season, came back for more Wednesday and got more, the Martins winning, 4 to 2. Wade pitched a good game of ball for the locals, but was relieved in the ninth by Biggie. Tying runs were on the path when Stanley snared a difficult one in deep left for the final out to check any and all the hopes the Eagles may have had. Stanley, by the way, went back to his routine hitting, the scorer credited him with 2 for 4. Lakatos led for the day with 2 for 3, however, and Earp, Stevens and Deim added one each to run the total to 7.

Yesterday the Martins chased the Bugs on the sand lot over in the Wayne capital and registered a 7-2 win behind the combined pitching of Jefferson and Fields. Jefferson allowed 4 hits in 4 1-3 innings, but was relieved by Fields in the fifth with the bases loaded. The Bugs pushed over one run in that frame and another in the next inning, Williamston manufactured nearly all its runs in the fifth by timely hitting, adding a couple in the eighth for good measure. Deim started things in the fifth with a walk. Lakatos singled and Sharkey advanced both by a sacrifice. Jefferson hit to the shortstop and Deim was at home when Catcher Overton dropped the ball from Balla. Lakatos scored on Earp's double, Jefferson registered on Stanley's single, Earp tallied on Steven's single and Stanley scored on a passed ball. Young Stevens hit 3 for 5. Stanley added his two and Lakatos contributed a couple to feature the 11-hit attack on Elliott.

## Complete Selection Of Oak City School Teachers for Term

### Seven New Members of Faculty; Principal Ainsley Will Return

There will be seven new members in the Oak City faculty this coming term, Principal H. M. Ainsley said this week in announcing the teaching personnel for the schools. The school man explained that he was well pleased with the faculty selections, including both the old and the newcomers. Arrangements for opening the term are nearing completion, and "we will be ready to start work at the direction of the county board," the professor added.

Names of the faculty for the 1937-1938 term are: First grade, Miss Mildred Smith, of Vanceboro. Second grade, Miss Myrtle Price, of Wadesboro. Third grade, Miss Adeline Tew, of Portsmouth, Va. Fourth grade, Miss Louise Minton, of Lewiston. Fifth grade, Miss Elizabeth Greenlee, of Mount Mitchell, N. C. Sixth grade, Miss Ernestine Johnson, of Robersonville. Seventh grade, Miss Anne Mallison, of Eagle Springs. High school: Mr. H. M. Ainsley, principal, of Oak City; Miss Beatrice Stalls, of Robersonville; Miss Mildred Everett, of Hamilton; Miss Ethel Cole, home economics, of Biscoe; Mr. Randolph Chandler, of Robersonville; Miss Dorothy Flanders, music, of Dublin, Ga.; and Mr. J. E. Mullen, agriculture teacher, of Gatesville. Misses Price, Minton, Greenlee, Mallison, Cole and Flanders and Mr. Chandler are new members of the faculty.

## Tobacco Curing To Hit Full Stride Within Another Week

Tobacco curing, started some few days ago, is scheduled to get underway in this county on a fairly large scale next week, a very few farmers stating that it will be week after next before they start harvesting their crops. The condition of the crop has improved considerably during the past few days, but nearly every farmer reports broken stands. As a whole, the crop is late in this immediate section, and some farmers are doubtful about the quality that can be expected.

## Water Rates Reduced For Small Consumers

### Mrs. J. B. Roberson Released When Bond Reduced To \$1,000

### Unable To Raise \$5,000.00 Bond, Son Continues In Jail For Attack on Dad

Mrs. Jesse Ben Roberson, white woman of Robersonville, charged with aiding and abetting an attempt to end her husband's life there on June 21, was released under bond here Wednesday afternoon. The woman, held under bond in the sum of \$2,500 since the alleged attack, gained her freedom when Justice C. M. Hurst, of Robersonville, lowered the bond to \$1,000 and her brother, R. T. Purvis, and Messrs. N. C. and H. L. Everett agreed to sign it.

Her release was effected on the condition that she make her home with Mrs. James Bryant, her daughter, and not return to the Roberson household.

Mrs. Roberson returned here yesterday and visited her 18-year-old son, George Ben Roberson, a second defendant in the case, who continues in jail in default of a \$5,000 bond.

The case is scheduled to reach the superior court of this county next September.

The father is said to have appealed to county officers this week for protection against other members of the family, reports stating that a son was sleeping with a hammer in his bed. Officers investigated, but no action was taken in the case.

## Summer Weather Is Bearing Down

Summer weather struck here yesterday in no uncertain terms, the sun, blazing down through a clear sky, sending the mercury to well over the 100 mark. Thermometer readings as high as 95 degrees were reported here in the shade.

Up Boston way and in the Midwest a few of the population were taking advantage of the excessive heat by frying eggs on the pavement.

No official record is available, but yesterday was believed to be the hot test on record here so far this summer.

At least 25 deaths over the country were attributed to the heat siege and no immediate relief generally was in prospect today.

## Fails In Attempt To Break Out Local Jail

Rudolph Marshburn, the country's Number 1 jail breaker, continues in the hoosegow here with two near-successful breaks out of Charlie Roebuck's jailhouse to his credit.

Marshburn, awaiting trial in Pitt County for alleged breaking and entering, gained his freedom at will over in Greenville, and he was sent here for safe keeping. It is understood that Sheriff Roebuck and Sheriff Whitehurst have some kind of a hat bet up, the Pitt Sheriff allowing that Sheriff Roebuck could not keep him. The sheriff has come mighty close to losing that hat twice already and it is apparent that he is still uneasy about losing it.

Several weeks ago, Marshburn sawed through two bars with hacksaw blades removed from the soles of his shoes. Jailer Roy Peel discovered the work just in time to save his own head and the hat for the sheriff. Using a piece of tin from his feed pan, Marshburn this week had dug the mortar from around several bricks and was about to see the outside world when Jailer Roy Peel again blocked escape.

## Argument for Two Paved Routes Heard By County Board

### Delegations From Griffins And Jamesville Present Respective Claims

Leading citizens of Jamesville and Griffins Townships carried their road problems before the regular meeting of the Martin County commissioners Tuesday, the groups proceeding on very friendly terms but offering some strong arguments in support of their claims.

The county officials listened attentively to both delegations, and decided to place the facts as presented to them to District Highway Commissioner D. C. Barnes at the earliest opportunity.

Armed with a petition carrying 248 names, the Griffins Township forces, led by Pleny Peel, pointed out the need for a road leading from J. R. Corey's via Lilley's store to U. S. Highway 17 at the Old Mill Inn. The signers pointed out in the petition that Griffins Township was the only district in the county without a foot of hard-surfaced road, that the Corey-Old Mill Inn route would serve the greatest number of people and that practically all the people in the township would be near the road.

The value of improving the proposed route to the Farm Life school was pointed out in the meeting, a review of the petition showing that many citizens once favoring the surfacing of the Jamesville-Washington road had switched their support to the Corey-Old Mill Inn route.

Led by A. Corey, the Jamesville delegation offered some strong argument for surfacing the Jamesville-Washington route, and explained that the improvement of that road meant much to the Jamesville school. The Jamesville group explained that their project should be given first consideration because it had been approved by a former county board and that the route was already included in the state system. It was their belief that the Corey-Old Mill Inn route would fall in the class of farm-to-market roads and could be handled from the fund designated for the building of such roads. The Griffins representatives explained that the money was to come out of the same pot, and it was their belief that the improvement of only one of the two proposed routes would even be considered.

The commissioners tried to be fair in handling the claims made to them, and it is believed that the facts will be laid before the highway heads without recommendation.

The commissioners tried to be fair in handling the claims made to them, and it is believed that the facts will be laid before the highway heads without recommendation.

## Adding Recruits To Local Team Line-up

Bill Sharkey, the Martins' hard-working catcher, was certain of relief—relief well earned—today when Don Victoria, Illinois young man, reported for work behind the bat.

The new catcher, is seeing action for the first time in the Coastal Plain loop this afternoon against Goldsboro. Victoria comes here with a splendid record established out in Illinois this season. He and Mrs. Victoria and little daughter are at home with Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Clayton on Warren Street.

Clarence "Soup" Campbell, arrived this week from Sparta, Va., for work in the outfield, but he has not been assigned a position there as yet. The young man was hurt some time ago and it will probably be some time next week before he sees action.

## Mrs. Annie Gardner Dies Late Thursday

Mrs. Annie Roberson Gardner, widow of James Thomas Gardner, died suddenly at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gurkin in Williams Township yesterday afternoon. She was busily engaged in preparing vegetables for dinner the next day when she suffered a stroke of paralysis or a heart attack and died within a very short time.

Mrs. Gardner, a native of this county, was about 70 years old. She spent her early life in the Hardison Mill section of Griffins Township. She experienced many hardships in her life, but she never complained. She was held in high esteem by all who knew her, and she enjoyed a large friendship.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the late home and burial will follow in the Hardison Mill cemetery in Griffins Township.

## Postal Receipts for Past Three Months Set New Mark Here

Local postal receipts for the quarter recently ended set an all-time record of income for the particular period in the year, Postmaster Leslie T. Fowden said today. The receipts, totaling \$4,654.82 for the second three months this year, were \$590 greater than those for the second quarter in 1936.

First quarter receipts were \$5,197.34, or \$542.52 more than they were during the three months of April, May and June. Business during the first three months of the year always carries a greater volume than in the second quarter.

The Williamston office is believed to be handling one of the greatest volumes of mail of any other office for the size of the town in this section of the country. Much of the mail is handled under the government frank, and that business is not reflected in the revenue figures. The office is without adequate space, but is maintaining an efficient service.

## Board Will Consider Budget Next Monday

### Belief General That Rate Will Be About Same as Last Year

Number Individuals Seek Valuation Adjustments At Meet This Week

Holding their regular monthly session on Tuesday of this week, the Martin County commissioners spent just about all day listening to delegations and individuals after a reduction in property listings and others who were interested in the promotion of various projects. Late afternoon found little business transacted and the commissioners recessed until next Monday, when the 1937-38 budget will receive consideration and when final recognition will be given appeals from property listings.

The new budget is still in the making, and no advance information as to its contents is available. The general belief, however, is that there will be no decrease in the tax rate, but that it will be possible to hold the levy to the old figure. Increased costs for old-age assistance and a full-time health service will possibly influence the size of the rate, it was pointed out. In addition to the increased costs for supporting the two agencies mentioned, the rate is likely to be affected by a decrease expected in liquor revenue.

## Former Resident of Robersonville Dies Tuesday, Baltimore

John L. Peel Is Victim of Streptococcus Infection; Funeral Thursday

### Mrs. Simpson Dies at Home in Jamesville

Mrs. Margaret Simpson, one of Jamesville's oldest citizens, died at the home of her daughter there yesterday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock. She was 81 years old, the widow of Major Simpson, and a member of a prominent family of that section of the county. Mrs. Simpson had been in declining health for nearly four years, but had been able to be up until just a few days before her death.

Mrs. Simpson was a faithful member of the Cedar Branch church the greater part of her life. She was well-known and had many friends.

Five children, Charlie Simpson, Mrs. Mamie Jackson, Mrs. Ludie Barber and Mrs. Beulah Barber, all of Jamesville, and Mrs. Gertie Griffin, of Roanoke Rapids, survive. She was the last member of her family.

Services are being conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Beulah Barber, by Rev. Daniel Hardison. Interment will follow in the family plot in the Padgett cemetery, near Jamesville.

## Detail Work Slows Up Action on Claims For Aid in County

### Tentative Allotments Place Average Benefits At Less Than \$8

Machinery for handling the social security program continues to turn slowly but steadily in this county, the welfare authorities yesterday approving the first group of applications for assistance to dependent children, the aged and the blind. It will be at least six weeks before the program will reach anything like definite form, it was learned today as the county office buzzed with activity in handling the first batch of claims filed since yesterday a week ago.

After receiving 93 applications for old-age assistance and 24 for dependent child relief and 10 for relief of the blind, the county office yesterday virtually closed its doors until next Monday that those claims already on file could be handled and the desks cleared for another open house period. Possibly 150 old people who have been waiting their turns at the office these past few days were asked to return next week when their claims will be heard. Detailed work, almost endless in its scope, is taxing the employee capacity of the office at the present time, but every effort is being made to place the program in effect as rapidly as possible.

Yesterday the county board of welfare, Rev. E. C. Shoe, chairman, and Messrs. Robt. Everett and Joshua L. Coltrane, members, approved 36 of the 68 applications on file for old-age assistance. The amount tentatively allotted will average around \$8 per month, but this figure is certain to increase as new applications are received and handled, it was pointed out. Surveys are being made in 32 other cases, the office having rejected 25 applications outright.

Claims of 12 dependent children have been approved, the average monthly allowance running around \$5 per child. Miss Mary Taylor, head of the department, explained that this average is certain to vary as additional applications are received.

Ten applications from the blind for aid have all been approved, the welfare records showing that at least four more are possibly eligible to participate in the joint relief program.

Present indications are that the program in this county will be extended to more than 161, the first estimate advanced for the old-age assistance participants, but that the number of children eligible for aid will possibly fall below the estimate of 171 advanced some time ago.

There continues to exist a general opinion that one has only to be 65 years or older to qualify for assistance under the security program. The office has tried to explain time and again that for a person to be eligible for old-age assistance he must be over 65 and entirely without resources of any kind. Any person who is over 65 years of age and who thinks he is entitled to assistance has the right to apply for aid, but it will be useless for one to go to the trouble of entering an application when other resources are available for his support.

A flare-back in some of the 25 cases already rejected is expected in this county, according to reliable reports reaching here this week. Some of the old people are said to have carried their stories to lawyers, and others are advancing individual schemes in their own behalf. The right to appeal to higher authorities is available to all, and it is believed that many will carry their claims to the appeal boards.

The State Board of Welfare and Public Charities estimates that the program will cost this county approximately \$12,000, the board allotting \$4,800 county funds for old-age assistance, 3,059 for dependent children and \$6,385 state and county funds for administration.

## Infantile Paralysis Claims First Victim

Infantile paralysis claimed its first life in the county this season last week, when Augustus Black, about two years old, died at the home of his parents in Gold Point.

Taken ill on Friday night a week ago, the child became paralyzed in one leg, the disease later moving to the other leg and a short time thereafter to both arms. The lungs were then paralyzed and death followed immediately.

The case is the only one that has been reported in the county this year, and one of very few reported in the state, it is understood.

## Mrs. J. A. Roberson Dies at Home Near Here Early Today

Mrs. Mary Clayton Roberson died at her home near here this morning at 7:30 o'clock, following a long and painful illness. Following an operation in a Washington hospital about four months ago, she had gradually grown worse and suffered much. Phlebitis developed and that with complications caused her death.

The daughter of the late Noah and Sallie Peel Roberson, she was born in the Farm Life section of Griffins Township on May 26, 1889, and spent her early life there. When a young woman she was married to Joseph A. Roberson, who survives. More than a quarter of a century ago she joined the church at Maple Grove, and walked humbly in the sight of her Maker, doing all that she could for the welfare and happiness of others and holding secondary her own needs. She was an understanding wife and a thoughtful mother who devoted her life to her home and loved ones. Mrs. Roberson was a good woman and held the high respect and admiration of a wide circle of friends throughout this section. The long illness was marked by her patient suffering, and she never complained.

Four children, Leslie Roberson and Miss Josephine Roberson, both of Williamston; Mrs. Al Latham, of Plymouth; and Mrs. Alton Keel, of Everetts, survive. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Harris, of Williamston, and Mrs. Mittie Barnhill, of Richmond; and three brothers, N. R. Roberson, of Tarboro, and James A. and George E. Roberson, of Griffins Township.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock from the late home by Rev. John L. Goff, pastor of the local Christian church, assisted by Rev. James H. Smith, Baptist minister. Interment will follow in the Baptist cemetery here.

## Mrs. J. B. Roberson Released When Bond Reduced To \$1,000

Mrs. Jesse Ben Roberson, white woman of Robersonville, charged with aiding and abetting an attempt to end her husband's life there on June 21, was released under bond here Wednesday afternoon. The woman, held under bond in the sum of \$2,500 since the alleged attack, gained her freedom when Justice C. M. Hurst, of Robersonville, lowered the bond to \$1,000 and her brother, R. T. Purvis, and Messrs. N. C. and H. L. Everett agreed to sign it.

Her release was effected on the condition that she make her home with Mrs. James Bryant, her daughter, and not return to the Roberson household.

Mrs. Roberson returned here yesterday and visited her 18-year-old son, George Ben Roberson, a second defendant in the case, who continues in jail in default of a \$5,000 bond.

The case is scheduled to reach the superior court of this county next September.

The father is said to have appealed to county officers this week for protection against other members of the family, reports stating that a son was sleeping with a hammer in his bed. Officers investigated, but no action was taken in the case.

## Summer Weather Is Bearing Down

Summer weather struck here yesterday in no uncertain terms, the sun, blazing down through a clear sky, sending the mercury to well over the 100 mark. Thermometer readings as high as 95 degrees were reported here in the shade.

Up Boston way and in the Midwest a few of the population were taking advantage of the excessive heat by frying eggs on the pavement.

No official record is available, but yesterday was believed to be the hot test on record here so far this summer.

At least 25 deaths over the country were attributed to the heat siege and no immediate relief generally was in prospect today.

## Fails In Attempt To Break Out Local Jail

Rudolph Marshburn, the country's Number 1 jail breaker, continues in the hoosegow here with two near-successful breaks out of Charlie Roebuck's jailhouse to his credit.

Marshburn, awaiting trial in Pitt County for alleged breaking and entering, gained his freedom at will over in Greenville, and he was sent here for safe keeping. It is understood that Sheriff Roebuck and Sheriff Whitehurst have some kind of a hat bet up, the Pitt Sheriff allowing that Sheriff Roebuck could not keep him. The sheriff has come mighty close to losing that hat twice already and it is apparent that he is still uneasy about losing it.

Several weeks ago, Marshburn sawed through two bars with hacksaw blades removed from the soles of his shoes. Jailer Roy Peel discovered the work just in time to save his own head and the hat for the sheriff. Using a piece of tin from his feed pan, Marshburn this week had dug the mortar from around several bricks and was about to see the outside world when Jailer Roy Peel again blocked escape.