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Deim and Wade Put Martins Back in Win Column Over Ayden

Wade Chalks Up Eleventh Win In Fifteen Starts So Far This Season

The last three days of play in the Coastal Plain Baseball League altered little the club standings, and today the Martins remain in second place, trailing the league leaders by four games and leading Goldsboro, runners-up, by three games. Nearly three-fourths of the season schedule has been played, the present ranking of the Martins almost assuring them a berth in the play-off that gets underway about the 28th of next month. There are some close ratings in the circuit just now, and 7 of the 8 clubs are making strong bids for places in the post-season schedule.

After losing to New Bern, 4 to 2, on Friday and to Ayden 5-4 on Saturday, the Martins staged a rally here Sunday afternoon, led by the long-distance clouting of "Pap" Deim and some pitching by Larry Wade, to make a strong comeback and win over the Ayden Aces by a 9-3 count.

Strunk, left-hander for the Martins, lost a tough game to New Bern here Friday. He allowed only 5 hits and fanned 4, but 3 of the visitors' hits were bunched in the eighth for as many runs. Earp, Stanley, and Vilepique, with two hits each, led the stickwork for the locals, Deim and Lakatos garnering one each. Williamston took the lead with 1 run in the fourth, the visitors knotting the count in the sixth and forging ahead in the eighth with 3 more. The Martins scored their second and last run in the eighth.

Over in Ayden Saturday, the Aces turned 7 hits into 5 runs, the Martins converting 5 safeties into 4 tallies. Fields, pitching for the Martins, allowed only 6 hits before giving way to Rollins in the unlucky eighth. Vilepique, with two singles, led the Martins at bat, Victoria getting a homer with one on and Stevens and Deim getting a single apiece.

Larry Wade chalked up his eleventh win in 15 starts last Sunday when Ayden was defeated 9 to 3 on Taylor Field here. He gave up 10 hits, but turned around to do some heavy work at the bat on his own account and hit safely on 3 of his 4 trips to the plate. Earp, McCoy and Deim got two blows each; Deim batting in 3 runs when he homered in the fourth and another when he tripled in the fifth. Lakatos homered in the seventh with two on, the two four-base knocks that accounted for 6 runs featuring the 13-hit attack staged by the Martins. Harvard started on the mound for the visitors but was relieved in the 4th after he had allowed 6 hits in 3 2-3 innings. Gurth finished the game and gave up 7 hits.

Autos Collide at Intersection Here

No one was hurt but considerable damage resulted when two cars collided at the Main and Haughton Streets intersection here last Friday about midnight. An Oldsmobile, owned and driven by Jesse James, young white man of Fayetteville, was damaged to the extent of \$325, the owner estimated. The other car, an old Chrysler, driven by a colored man from Elizabeth City, was rendered worthless.

James was driving down Main Street, when the other car, traveling into the intersection from the direction of the A. C. L. station, crashed into the front of the James machine. The Chrysler had no brakes on it, and the driver entered the main street without stopping, it was said. There were four colored men in the car, and three of them, including the driver, ran from the scene of the accident. The fourth one was placed in jail.

Three Cases on Mayor's Trial Docket Last Night

Justice John L. Hassell called three cases in his court here last evening. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in the case charging Willie Williams, colored, with being drunk. Sam Stokes was bound over to the county court for trial in the case charging him with assaulting his wife. John Powell was fined \$2.50 and taxed with the cost in the case charging him with assaulting his wife. John Powell was fined \$2.50 and taxed with the cost in the case charging him with being drunk and disorderly.

Dr. Ralph Sykes To Be County Health Officer

MAY WIDEN ROAD

Given approval by the Federal Bureau of Roads, the widening of Highway 64 from Tarboro to the Martin County line will be included as one of the projects in a letting the 29th of this month. It is also proposed to widen the several bridges on the route.

The list of projects to be included in the letting has not been completed at this time.

Deaths on Highways Of State Increase In First Half of Year

Report Shows 462 Persons Lost Their Lives in State During Half of 1937

Highway deaths in North Carolina during the first six months of this year totalled 642, an increase of 23 over the first six months of 1936; but fatal and non-fatal accidents during the month of June this year showed a decrease over June of last year.

The State Highway patrol this week reported that there were 67 killed, and 550 injured in 501 accidents during June this year. Last year June saw 566 accidents kill 72 persons and injure 627.

Sunday was the most fatal day on the State highways during June, despite the fact that there were only four Sundays in the month and five Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Seventeen were killed and 80 injured on the four Sundays of June. Tuesdays—there were five of them—saw 11 killed and 65 injured. Thursday proved to be the safest day with only four killed and 44 injured.

In eight of the accidents and 31 of the non-fatal accidents, drunken drivers were involved. Collisions with other automobiles resulted in 17 being killed and 310 injured. Twenty-two pedestrians were killed and 53 were injured. Five persons were killed when cars collided with fixed objects. Twenty-two of the fatal accidents and 58 non-fatal accidents were attributed to speeding; 14 fatal and 79 non-fatal accidents to reckless driving.

Low was the fatality rate in hit-and-run cases, only one being killed and 27 injured in such accidents. Bicycles were involved in four fatal accidents and 18 non-fatal. Non-collision accidents killed 19 and injured 125.

Eleven children under 14 years of age, 20 between the ages of 15 and 24, 34 between 25 and 64 and two over 65 were killed in the accidents.

Although there are 529,666 motor vehicles registered in this State, only 807 vehicles were involved in the accidents during the month. Seventy-two of these were in fatal accidents and 735 in the non-fatal accidents.

Women were involved in three fatal and 74 non-fatal accidents while men were involved in 69 fatal and 661 non-fatal.

Patrol officers said the gain in fatalities for the first half of the year was not as large as increases in automobile registration or the sale of gasoline.

Malcolm Simpson Injured By Extinguisher Explosion

Malcolm Simpson, local young man, was painfully but not seriously hurt yesterday afternoon when a fire extinguisher exploded at the factory of the W. I. Skinner Tobacco Company. The bottom of the extinguisher blew off and struck him near the eye, inflicting two gashes that required several stitches to close. His sight was not damaged.

Young Child Died Early Today Near Williamston

Doc Roosevelt Harrell, five months old, died this morning following a short illness at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James N. Harrell, near here on the Hamilton road.

County and Local Officers Arrest Five Over Week-end

Five arrests were made in this county over the week-end, four of the defendants being charged with drunkenness. The period was described as very quiet by local and county officers.

Has Been Head of Surry Health Work For Past 18 Months

Will Notify Board Friday If He Can Accept New Position

Dr. Ralph Sykes, head of public health activities in Surry County for the past 18 months, was named full-time health officer for this county by the Martin County Board of Health last Friday afternoon. Dr. Sykes was granted until the latter part of this week to consider the appointment, members of the health board in this county stating that the people of Surry County were making a determined effort to have the young health officer continue his work at Mount Airy. Several other applications were before the health board, but no action was taken, the board explaining that developments are being held in abeyance until Dr. Sykes accepts or rejects the position offered him.

Dr. Sykes, a young man who has gained recognition rapidly in public health work, is a native of Northampton County, and he explained at the meeting last Friday that he was anxious to return to this section of the State. The young man added that he could not afford to desert the health program in Surry until arrangements were completed for its continuance under a new officer.

The appointee to the position in this county is a young single man. He attended Wake Forest College and the Medical College of Virginia and was a classmate of Dr. W. F. Evans, of Williamston. He has made a splendid record in Surry County, and his appointment to the head position in the newly created full-time health service in this county was unanimous.

Pending the receipt of word from Dr. Sykes, members of the county board of health were named to investigate the possibility of locating quarters for the new department, possibly in the Williamston City Hall or the county courthouse.

Alleged Bootleggers Arrested In Tarboro

Edgecombe County officers made a wholesale drive on alleged liquor law violators there Sunday morning when 56 warrants were served on "men, women, wives and friends."

The cases were thrown into the court hoppers in Tarboro and Rocky Mount yesterday, Judge Stamps Howard sending some to the Rocky Mount Recorder's court and continuing others until next week for jury trial. The trials will run all next week, according to reports coming out of Tarboro today.

Handling a few of the cases yesterday the Edgecombe County judge found one or two defendants not guilty, and in several cases where guilt was established the defendants were sentenced to the roads for three months.

The warrants for the arrests of those charged with selling liquor were sworn out by special men sent into Edgecombe by the State ABC board, to cooperate with the county ABC board and sheriff's office.

Ptomaine Poison Victims Given Hospital Treatment

Stricken suddenly last Saturday with ptomaine poisoning, Jackie, 3, and George Harris, jr., 19 months old, are getting along very well after receiving treatment in a Washington hospital during the week-end. Taken deathly sick, the children were carried to the hospital last Saturday noon by their parents and were returned to their home here Sunday.

Eleven Local Boy Scouts Leave for Camp Charles

Eleven local Boy Scouts are vacationing at Camp Charles, near Wilson, the group leaving here Sunday for a stay of two weeks. The names of those enjoying the outing are: John and Joseph Thigpen, Billie Biggs, Bob Everett, jr., Jim and Stuart Criteer, Jesse Ray Howard, Buddy Wier, Edgar Gurganus, John Ward, jr., and Reg Griffin.

Over 100 Farmers To Make Tour of Farms In County Thursday

Various Demonstrations On Ten Farms Will Be Observed by Group

With favorable weather prevailing, large numbers of farmers from this and adjoining counties will go on a tour of farms in this county on Thursday of this week, County Agent T. B. Brandon said today. It is estimated that more than 100 farmers from Martin, Bertie, Washington, Pitt, Halifax, and Edgecombe Counties are planning to make the tour that will carry them to 10 farms in the county.

The tour gets underway at the county agricultural building at 8 o'clock. The first stop will be on the J. G. Stator Kelvin Grove farm, near Williamston, where demonstrations in raising sheep and hogs will be checked. At 8:45 the touring farmers will visit a timber thinning demonstration on the R. L. Perry farm. Leaving there the group will view a demonstration in permanent pastures on the farm of Oscar Robertson at 9:25. The party goes from there to the farm of Linwood Knowles at Dardens at 10:30 to check results of cotton variety tests.

Leaving Dardens at 11:30 the farmers will return to Williamston for lunch, and start the afternoon visits from the agricultural building at 1:30 o'clock, going to the farm of A. E. Smith, near Robersonville, at 2:15 for a demonstration in raising Poland-China hogs. Tobacco fertilizer tests will be observed on the farm of County Commissioner C. Abram Robertson at 2:45 o'clock. Going from there into the Hassell section, the farmers will check a corn variety test on the farm of Dewey Leggett at 3:30 o'clock. The farm of W. Robert Everett, near Palmyra, will be visited at 4:30 for inspection of beef cattle, sheep and cotton variety tests. At 5:30 hog feeding demonstrations on the farm of Mayo Hardison in Poplar Point will be checked, and a last stop will be made on the farm of T. B. Slade, the touring farmers observing tests with summer legumes.

Former assistant Martin County farm agent, and J. F. Criswell, of the extension division, Raleigh, will accompany the group, which will include, besides farmers, several of the county farm agents in this section. County Agent T. B. Brandon is anxious to have as many Martin farmers who can go on the tour, the program of the day being recognized as one of value to the farmers of this and surrounding counties.

Leaf Curing Takes From 84 To 96 Hours

The time required to properly cure a barn of tobacco varies from 84 to 96 hours, depending upon the rapidity of the various curing processes. After hanging the weed, maintain a temperature about 10 degrees higher than the outside temperature until the leaf is fairly yellow. The heat is then raised 4 to 5 degrees an hour until a temperature of 120 to 125 degrees is reached. This temperature is held until the tips of the leaves are dry and then raised to 140 degrees. This will dry out the entire leaf. The temperature is again raised to 180 or 190 degrees and held until all parts of the leaf stem is dry in all parts of the barn.

Follow Truck Crops With Soybeans and Field Peas

Farmers of New Hanover County are busy planting soybeans and field peas on land given to truck crops earlier in the year. Practically all of these crops will be turned under as green manure.

Two Williamston People In Richmond Hospitals

Operated on in a Richmond hospital yesterday, Mrs. J. H. Saunders, local woman, was reported today to be getting along very well.

Mrs. Oscar S. Anderson is undergoing an operation in a hospital in the Virginia city this afternoon at 3 o'clock, reports stating that her condition was considered serious. Mr. Anderson is at her bedside and Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Martin left this morning for Richmond. They were accompanied by Messrs. G. W. Hardison and Henry S. Manning who will offer their blood if a transfusion is necessary.

Mrs. Warren H. Biggs Dies Sunday After Long Illness Here

Last Rites for Prominent Resident Held In Baptist Church Yesterday

Mrs. Lettie Critcher Biggs, wife of Warren H. Biggs, died at her home on Smithwick Street here Sunday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock following an illness of nearly eight months' duration. She had received treatment in the leading hospitals of the South, but during the past several months she was confined to her home here, suffering patiently and without complaint until the end, which came peacefully.

Mrs. Biggs, one of Williamston's most highly respected citizens, was born in Granville County 46 years ago, the daughter of Mr. R. S. Critcher and the late Mrs. Critcher. She moved to this county when a young girl and made her home in Williamston. In 1914 she was married to Mr. Biggs, who survives with one daughter, Miss Mildred Biggs. She was a thoughtful wife and a devoted mother, her walk through life being marked by its gentleness and understanding. She was a good woman and embodied in her living the true ideals of Christian character. A member of the Baptist church for a number of years, she served the church as organist for a long period, and until her health began to fail she always found time to handle the religious duties so willingly accepted by her. By her acts and deeds the town and community was made a better place in which to live.

Mrs. Biggs was a music scholar and numbers of local youths received valuable training at her direction. She found happiness in her work and enjoyed life.

Besides her husband and daughter, she is survived by her aged father and five brothers, Messrs. A. A. Roger A., and Titus S. Critcher, all of Williamston; and Percy Critcher, of Lexington; and Rev. B. Duke Critcher, of Snow Hill. Funeral services were conducted at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the Memorial Baptist church by Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor, assisted by Rev. R. R. Grant, of the Methodist church, and Rev. Edwin F. Moseley, rector of the Church of the Advent. Burial was in the family plot in the local cemetery, the large crowd attending the last rites, and the extensive floral offering carrying a silent tribute to her memory and attesting the high respect and esteem in which she was held by all who knew her.

Washington Road Being Repaired

Repairs are being made to Highway 17 from Williamston to the Beaufort-Martin line, reports stating that appropriations have been made to recover the road later in its entirety. Special highway forces, camping at Skewarkey, are handling the work.

People along the Bear Grass road and those in Bear Grass were highly elated a few days ago, when they saw highway forces hauling asphalt on the road. Highway forces explained that the road material was carried there only for mixing, that no plans have been made for surfacing the Bear Grass road or any others in the farm-to-market group in this county.

Drunk Objects to Marriage While Ceremony Goes On

Performing a wedding ceremony here last week, Justice John L. Hassell was greatly disconcerted when objections to the marriage were made. The justice has performed many wedding ceremonies, and never before had he heard anyone object. The objections, filed in uncertain words by a drunk, were discredited by the couple and friends, and the ceremony was concluded after the brief interruption.

Langley Enters Upon New Duties with Planters Here

Carlyle Langley, tobaccoist with the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse here last season, has accepted a position with Messrs. Ingram and Gurkin at the Planters house this Sunday evening to enter upon his new duties, and he and his family are at home with Mr. and Mrs. Coy Lamm on Smithwick Street. Mr. Langley has been on the local market for the past several years and is well known in the tobacco circles of this section.

County Budget Little More Than Last Year

PEANUT MEETING

Raleigh.—E. F. Arnold, executive secretary of the state farm bureau, said today district representatives of peanut growers would meet here at the bureau office July 27 to adopt a peanut crop control and diversion plan. At a meeting in Jackson last Wednesday, sponsored by the bureau and presided over by E. D. Stephenson, its peanut chairman, Arnold said the farmers voted to get a special peanut organization man for the farm bureau state offices here.

Last Rites Held For Mrs. J. C. H. Johnson In Oak City Friday

Well-known Woman Dies At Her Home There After Short Illness

Mrs. J. C. H. Johnson, well-known citizen of Oak City, died at her home there last Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Mrs. Johnson had been in declining health for some time, but her condition was not considered serious until just a few weeks ago. Death was from a complication of ailments.

Funeral services were conducted last Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in the Oak City Baptist church, and interment followed in the family plot. Mrs. Johnson enjoyed a large friendship in her community, and was a devoted wife and a loving mother. She was held in high esteem by all who knew her.

Besides her husband she leaves two children, Mrs. C. L. Sanders, jr. of Rocky Mount, and Miss Ora Johnson, of Norfolk. She is also survived by her mother, Mrs. Annie Belflower, of Palmyra, and one brother, J. W. Belflower, also of Palmyra, and three sisters, Mrs. J. J. Piland, of Oak City, and Mrs. L. L. Harrell and Mrs. H. E. Brown, both of Palmyra.

Child Dies After Being Hit by Car

Struck by an automobile in Bertie County at the Log Cabin Filling Station between Windsor and Williamston last Friday about noon, Louise Whitaker, 4 years old, died in a Washington hospital the following morning at 5 o'clock. The little girl never regained consciousness after the car driven by Sterling L. Davis, Providence, R. I., man, struck her.

Funeral services were held Sunday and burial was in Bertie County.

The child was the daughter of Becky and Dennis Whitaker and lived in this county until a short time ago. Bertie officers were here Sunday afternoon investigating the accident, but no report on their findings is available here. Davis, driver of the death car, is said to have rendered all the aid he could and accepted the hospital and burial expenses, and said he would return for a hearing. It could not be learned today whether plans had been made or whether a hearing would even be held in the case.

Find Aged Man After Search of Two Days

John Dawson Wynn, aged inmate who fled from the Martin County home last Thursday morning, was found on the back porch of a colored home in Cross Roads Township last Friday night after a search that carried officers and others through woods and swamps near the home during Thursday and Friday. Wynn, suffering from a mental ailment, was placed in the county jail and is now awaiting removal to a state hospital. He was said to have suffered had scratches on his body during his wanderings through the woods Thursday afternoon and night and part of Friday. His condition was said to have improved following his removal to the county jail. Last Friday officers heading the search were afraid the man had fallen victim in the woods of the heat, but he went through the ordeal and wandered into his old home neighborhood, where he was found almost helpless.

Rate, However, Will Be 2 Cents Less; Set At \$1.41 Tentatively

Rate of \$1.41 Expected To Raise \$160,642.65 In Current Year

The annual Martin County budget estimate prepared this week by Auditor J. Sam Getsinger calls for a tax rate of 1.41 on the \$100 property valuation this year, the figure being 2 cents under the 1936 rate. The budget, based on a \$12,000,000 property valuation, is subject to final adoption at the next regular meeting of the county board of commissioners. Auditor Getsinger explained, however, few changes, if any, are likely to be made in the financial budget and the resulting rate.

On Monday of last week, the commissioners, in special session, tentatively placed the 1937 rate at \$1.41 1-2 and instructed the auditor to make another review of the figures and place the reduction in rate at 2 cents. The 1-2 cent was chopped from the current expense fund for schools.

It is estimated that \$210,466.65 will be required to finance the county government and the several agencies this year, the \$1.41 tax rate to raise 168,778. Nearly \$50,000 will be raised, it is estimated, from fees, court fines and liquor sales. The general county fund for the year is estimated at \$44,544 and calls for a rate of 9 cents, against 7 cents on the 100 valuation last year. The rate for the general fund is 6 cents under the maximum allowed by law. It is estimated that \$21,258 will be needed for the poor fund. The amount includes social security costs and is, based on a 17-cent rate, against 14 cents a year ago. The health fund is figured at \$7,800 and calls for a 7-cent rate against a 6-cent levy imposed in 1936. The county debt service fund, the jinx in the whole tax situation, calls for \$61,236.65, or a rate of 53 cents against 59 cents levied in 1936.

The eight-month school term lists the following requirements: Current expense, \$22,128 and a rate of 8 cents against 5 cents levied last year; capital outlay, \$6,500, and a rate of 6 cents against 3 cents in 1936; and debt service, \$47,000, and a rate of 41 cents against 49 a year ago. It is estimated that \$8,136.35 of the \$68,778 tax amount will be uncollected, or more than enough to support the new full-time health program.

In 1937 Martin County is due to pay \$108,236.65 in bond interest and principal, the division being about equal. After paying \$26,578.52 on county bond principal and \$30,000 on school bond principal in 1936, the county now has a bonded indebtedness of \$991,650.

The budget estimate for the current fiscal year appearing in this paper shows a decrease in debt requirements, but general expenses call for an increased levy.

Search for Lost Fliers Abandoned

Amelia Earhart, noted flier, and her navigator, Frederick Noonan, were left to their fate in the broad Pacific Ocean late Sunday afternoon when searchers abandoned the hunt and headed homeward. Lost on a 2,570-mile hop from New Guinea to small Howland Island, the two persons have been the objects of an extensive search since July 2. Estimates of the costs for carrying on the search range as high as one million dollars a day, but the time and money were spent in vain, the searchers returning home with only the theory that the 39-year-old woman and her navigator perished somewhere along the route from New Guinea toward the tiny island.

Navy surface and aircraft covered more than 250,000 square miles of ocean and lonely South Sea island groups before quitting the search.

The aircraft carrier Lexington, which sent fighting planes over thousands of miles of the Howland and surrounding areas, was ordered to steam for San Diego, the base it left July 5 to join the search.

Previously the battleship Colorado, the minesweeper Swan and the Coast Guard cutter Itasca were withdrawn and ordered to return to Honolulu. The 39-year-old woman flier, known the world over for her aviation exploits, was circling the earth "just for fun," she said, but also to blaze possible new commercial routes.