

Martins Win 3 Out of Last 4; 5-0 Shut-Out Of Billies Is Feature

Earp Subdues Mooney with Homer on First Pitch In Tarboro Game

Winning three of the four games played during the week-end period, Art Hauger's Martins are today continuing to hold a commanding position in the Coastal Plain standings...

Behind the 8-hit pitching of Strunk and with the heavy stickwork of Lakatos, the Martins turned Greenville back over in the Pitt Capital last Friday afternoon...

Malone, Tarboro pitcher, proved too much for the Martins here Saturday afternoon, and the visitors returned home with a 6-0 victory.

On Sunday, the Martins played air-tight ball behind Jefferson's 6-hit pitching to win 4-1 and tie the series with Tarboro at Tarboro.

While Jim Rollins was holding the Snow Hill Billies to three hits and fanning 13 of them here yesterday, the Martins took charge at the bat, annexing 16 hits to manufacture a 4-0 victory.

Victoria, after two were out in the second, started a rally that netted 5 consecutive hits and three runs, and dressed the faces of Peahawk Walker and every one of his players with a woe-begone look.

Win Race with Death To Hospital by Few Minutes

Traveling in a Biggs ambulance, Mrs. Jas. Beachman who lives on the old county home farm near here, had a run with death and won by minutes in reaching a Washington hospital for an emergency operation last Friday.

Mrs. Beachman who underwent a caesarean operation, was reported to be getting along as well as could be expected, the doctors stating she had a chance of recovery.

County and Local Officers Arrest Two Last Week-end

Local and county police came very near having an uninterrupted holiday over the past week-end. Only two arrests were made during the period, each of the defendants being booked on drunk and disorderly charges.

The number of arrests was the smallest on record in recent weeks.

Welfare Board To Consider Applications Recently Made

Holding their second meeting of the month in the county courthouse Thursday afternoon of this week at 3 o'clock, members of the Martin County Board of Welfare will consider the second group of applications for aid under the social security program...

NO DEVELOPMENTS

No developments in connection with the employment of a full-time health officer for Martin County had followed today the refusal of the appointment to the position by Dr. Ralph Sykes last Friday, county health authorities said today.

Explains Purpose of Tobacco Grading by Federal Authorities

The federal tobacco-grading service, now entering its tenth year, was established to help growers determine whether they were getting a fair price for their leaf.

Until last year, all grading was on a voluntary basis. But in 1936 compulsory grading was started on Goldsboro, Farmville and Oxford markets after the growers had voted for it.

Although four warehouses at Oxford have secured injunctions to prevent compulsory grading, the inspection work will be continued this season on other markets.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has taken an appeal from the injunctions and will carry the case to the U. S. Supreme Court, if necessary, to determine whether compulsory grading will be re-established in the four warehouses.

Meanwhile, S. L. Clement, of the agricultural economics department at State College, has pointed out some of the advantages of government grading.

The grower is given a certificate showing the grade of his tobacco and a chart showing the average prices that have been paid for each grade.

Thus the grower can see for himself whether the bid offered him is reasonably close to the average for his grade, and he can use this information in deciding whether or not to reject the bid.

Without such information, the grower may sell his tobacco at too low a price, or, on the other hand, he may reject a bid that is as much as the tobacco is worth, and thereby lose a sale, Clement pointed out.

New Plans for President's Visit to Manteo Are Made

While some doubt if he will be able to attend, new arrangements are being made for President Roosevelt's visit to Roanoke Island on August 18. The Secret Service first considered routing the President to Rocky Mount by train and from there through here and on to Fort Landing where he was to take a boat for the island.

All plans for the trip are in their tentative stage, and it is possible the President will travel an unannounced route.

Extensive plans are being made for the visit of the President who will speak at Fort Raleigh as a part of the 350th anniversary of the Lost Colony.

County Solicitor Confined By Illness To Home Here

Attorney W. H. Coburn, county solicitor, is confined by illness to his home on Houghton Street here. He is believed to have overtaxed himself in handling his duties in the county court last week for the first time since his serious illness the early part of the year.

30 Farmers on Tour Of Farms in County Enjoy Trip Friday

Inspect Demonstrations On Number of Farms In This County

Commenting on the 130-mile farm tour conducted in the county last week, Assistant Agent J. P. Woodward stated that the 30 farmers making the trip apparently gained much valuable information and seemed to enjoy it greatly.

The object of the tour was to acquaint the farmers with existing conditions and to study the work being conducted by the county agents, Woodward added.

During the tour Jack Criswell, R. W. Graeber, and L. T. Weeks, specialists from State College, participated in discussions at different demonstrations visited.

The first stop was at J. G. Staton's farm. Here was a fine example of raising pure-bred Hampshire hogs and Hampshire sheep.

The timber-thinning demonstration on R. L. Perry's farm was the next example of good farming.

At Oscar Roberson's the longevity of permanent pasture was no longer a fear. His pasture of carpet grass has been growing for 18 years.

A cotton variety test, along with the value of treating seed with Ceresan was the demonstration on Lindwood Knowles' farm.

The next stop was somewhat of a different nature. Mr. Knowles had a soybean guessing contest, along with a real old-fashioned watermelon slicing.

On the farm of A. E. Smith probably the best Poland China hogs in the State were seen.

The tobacco fertilizer experiment that is being conducted by C. A. Roberson was thoroughly explained by L. T. Weeks, assistant tobacco specialist, from State College.

A corn variety test that is being conducted by D. R. Edmondson was visited. No results were obtainable, but Mr. Edmondson explained the method he was using in the experiment, and he hopes to have some valuable information for the farmers when the crop is harvested.

On W. Robert Everett's farm both livestock and agronomy were observed. His cotton variety test, using six major varieties and his herd of Hereford cattle attracted lots of attention.

At the end of this observation, Jack Criswell, farm management specialist from State College, discussed briefly the major aspects of farm management.

Perkins Coville, of the U. S. Forest Service, Thursday. The Rev. L. P. Burney, rural minister of near Charlotte, Tuesday. Congressman Marvin Jones chairman of the House committee on agriculture, has been invited to speak during the week.

Speakers on the special program for women will include: Mrs. Bess Ross, of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina; Miss See Rice; of Louisville, Ky.; Miss Louise Weaver, Franklin County home agent.

W. W. Fitzpatrick, manager of the Quail Roost dairy farm; O. E. Pollock, hay specialist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; and Hugh McRae, who has built up an outstanding dairy near Wilmington, on Wednesday.

Harry L. Brown, assistant Secretary of Agriculture, and Governor Clyde R. Hoey, Thursday evening. Congressman Harold D. Cooley on Tuesday.

J. B. Hutson, assistant director of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, and Louis H. Bean, economic advisor to the AAA, Wednesday.

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At the last stop a hog-feeding demonstration was being conducted by Hubert Hardison, a 4-H club boy, was observed. He has 22 hogs that he is feeding ration of corn and fish-meal. He expects to have his hogs ready for market by August 15.

Father of Local Ball Player Dies in Hammond, Indiana

Steve Lakatos, second baseman on the local baseball club, was notified yesterday just before the game with Snow Hill here of the sudden death of his father in Hammond, Indiana.

The young man learned of his father's death too late to reach the Indiana city in time for the last rites there this afternoon.

Local club officials and teammates ordered flowers sent to the family in Hammond.

Two Local Teachers Resign; Total of 3 Vacancies in Faculty

Authorities Find It Difficult To Fill Vacancies In Local Schools

Additional resignations in the Williamston school faculty during the past day or two brought the number who have quit to enter other professions or schools up to seven, reports stating that the authorities are beginning to view the task of replacements—almost—with alarm.

Four of the positions made vacant by resignations have been filled, but school heads admitted they hardly knew where to turn in search of teachers for the three places yet unfilled.

Miss Annie Shields VanDyke, the capable and efficient mathematics teacher in the local high school for the past seven terms, and Milton Griffin, history professor last term, tendered their resignations yesterday.

They were reluctantly accepted, it was learned. Miss VanDyke has accepted a position in New York City, and Mr. Griffin has accepted a position in the Congressional Library, Washington, D. C.

Others who have resigned since the 1936-37 term ended were: Misses Bessie Wilson, of Montreat; Elizabeth Hughes, of Parkton; Mariah Brinson, of New Bern; and Frances Dailey, of Wilson and Larry Wade.

Miss Rebecca Harrison, local girl, has accepted the first-grade opening Miss Mildred Talley, of Randleman, and Miss Eva Hoggard, of Ahsokie, are the new sixth grade teachers.

Miss Dorcas Knowles, of Edenton, just recently accepted the position of fourth grade teacher, leaving the positions made vacant by resignation of Messrs. Wade and Griffin and Miss VanDyke unfilled.

Foster Ferguson, of Clyde, N. C., has accepted the position as head of the newly created commercial department.

Employed Youths Must Have Permits

Work permits have been issued to 35 youths in this county to date, Miss Mary Taylor, welfare board head, said. There are many other youths under 18 years of age working in the county, and they should get permits at once or before a State inspector comes here within the next few days to investigate any alleged violations of the child labor laws.

Most of the permits were issued to youths in the towns of Robersonville and Williamston. It is not necessary for children working on farms to procure permits.

Gross violations of the labor laws are being reported in some sections of the State, and it was unofficially learned today that complaints had been directed against at least one employer in Williamston who is said to be requiring employees to work extra hours in violation of the State labor act provisions.

An inspector is expected here shortly to investigate the complaints, it was learned from unofficial but reliable sources.

Local Man Heads District Building and Loan League

Mr. Wheeler Martin, local attorney, was named president of District No. 2 of the North Carolina Building & Loan League by unanimous vote of the executive council in a meeting at Winston-Salem last week.

The district presidency is acknowledged as a distinct honor of which Mr. Martin is quite deserving for his work as secretary of the Martin County organization and for his interest in all building and loan activities.

The district which Mr. Martin now heads includes associations as far west as Raleigh and as far east as Elizabeth City, the section having nearly 30 building and loan organizations.

Goose Nest Farmer Digs Matured Sweet Potatoes

Recent findings in the Oak City section of the county indicate that the farmers there will have an early sweet potato crop this year. Grabbing in his patch the early part of this month, Farmer R. C. Brown found a well-matured potato that weighed 12 ounces.

The farmer displayed the potato here last Saturday.

The baseball game scheduled here this afternoon with Kinston has been postponed on account of rain, and ladies' day at the park is being delayed until Saturday.

Ladies will be admitted to the grounds free that day when the Martins meet Greenville, President Goodman announced.

Watson Scheduled To Die at Prison Friday

No Action Taken by Commission Yet To Forestall Execution

Attention Being Given To Case by Governor Hoey Today, Reports State

The life of Alvin W. Watson, young white boy convicted in the Martin County Superior Court last December for the murder of Thomas Holliday, young white man, in Robersonville the month before, is hanging-by-a-thread, his attorney, Henry D. Hardison, stating today that officials of the State Parole Commission had taken no action to commute the death sentence to life imprisonment or to stay the execution scheduled for Friday of this week.

Attorney Hardison, after expressing confidence sometime ago that the boy's life would be spared, appeared quite uneasy about the fate of his client today, as the death schedule was only two days removed, and no encouraging reports had been received from the commission.

Don Gilliam, handling the prosecution for the state, is vacationing and could not be reached today, Attorney Hardison explaining that it was still uncertain what action, if any, the solicitor would take in behalf of Watson. Gilliam is expected to return to his home in Tarboro tomorrow and Hardison plans to talk with him personally there in an effort to get him to intervene in behalf of the doomed boy.

Judge M. V. Barnhill, who presided over Watson's trial and who sentenced him to death, has made no recommendation for mercy, as far as it could be learned today. The trial jurist, now a justice on the State supreme court bench, pointed out immediately following the trial that he believed Watson was the victim of an ill-arranged social system.

Shortly after the trial, Judge Barnhill is said to have reviewed the case with sympathetic interest, Attorney Hardison believing at the time that the trial judge would recommend commutation.

The only plea for mercy that is known to have been addressed to pardon authorities in Watson's behalf was made by the trial jury, composed of Beaufort County citizens.

Information reaching here indicates that the pardon authorities have not been at all favorably impressed by a review of Watson's record, that no flaws in the trial procedure could be found, these reports were disconcerting to those interested in having Watson's death sentence commuted to life imprisonment, and indicated that only urgent recommendations by the trial judge and prosecuting attorney could be expected to receive consideration at the hands of the pardoning powers.

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck said today that he would take no step to block any plea for mercy, but that he could not afford to participate in any movement for clemency. He added that he felt he had done his duty in bringing Watson to trial and doing all he could in seeing that the wayward boy received fair treatment while in his charge.

Friends of Watson, including prominent citizens of Georgia, his home state, are making last-minute efforts to save his life, but the value of their efforts, as well as those of local counsel and others cannot be determined just now.

Convicted for the brutal murder of Thomas Holliday at a Robersonville filling station early Sunday morning, November 23, last year, Watson was sentenced to die in the gas chamber, Raleigh, last March 5. His execution date was changed by Governor Hoey on March 2 to June 11 so that a study of the case could be made. No results of that study were ever released, and on June 11 repairs to the prison were underway, and the death date was automatically changed to July 30.

Willis Bullock, young county man, also a defendant in the murder case, was found not guilty.

N. C. Green Distributor For Sinclair Products

N. C. Green, local Ford dealer, was named distributor for the Sinclair Refining Company in this territory last week to succeed W. I. Skinner, it was officially announced Saturday.

The new distributor will handle the business as a separate and distinct unit from the Ford agency, he announced, and will maintain intact the old organization.

AAA Leader To Tell Of Plans Under New Bill For Next Year

GEORGIA MARKETS

Martin County farmers are awaiting with much interest reports from the opening of Georgia markets on Thursday of this week and from those in South Carolina and along the border on August 10. The Georgia opening this year is about one week earlier than it was last season.

A year ago, opening day prices in Georgia averaged around \$23 to \$27, the early reports declaring farmers there were well satisfied.

The crop this year is said to be hardly more than half of last year's production, the quality being described as from poor to fair, as a whole.

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The federal agricultural program for 1938 will be discussed by J. B. Hutson, assistant AAA administrator, Wednesday morning of Farm and Home Week to be held at State College, Raleigh, August 2-6.

Starting at 8 o'clock, Hutson will explain tentative plans for the agricultural conservation program to be offered North Carolina farmers next year.

He will also give the growers opportunity to express their opinion of the program, as conducted this year, and of the proposed program for 1938, said E. Y. Floyd, of State College.

In addition, Hutson will outline the bill now before Congress regarding control legislation for cotton, tobacco, corn, wheat and rice, and which may be expanded to include peanuts and truck crops.

"This will be your chance to get some first hand information on the program for next year," Floyd stated in urging all growers who can to hear Hutson speak.

John W. Goodman, of State College, who has arranged the Farm and Home Week program, has announced that farm tenancy will be the subject of much discussion Tuesday morning.

Two landlords will discuss the matter from their viewpoint, and three tenants will explain the problems confronting those who work land owned by others.

Tenant security will be the subject of a talk by C. B. Faris, of the Resettlement Administration, and Congressman Harold D. Cooley will tell about new tenant security legislation.

Every day of the week will bring something worth while for North Carolina farmers as well as farm women, Goodman added, "and we hope to have a large number who will come to spend the entire week."

Three Fire Calls Since Last Friday

Summer business for the local volunteer fire company showed a decided increase during the past few days, the firemen receiving and answering three calls since last Friday morning.

Its origin unknown, fire did damage estimated at several hundred dollars to the Frank Carstarphen home on West Main Street yesterday morning shortly after 1 o'clock.

Starting in a pile of unshucked corn and corn shucks, the fire belched forth a stifling smoke that filled near-by houses and entered other homes two or three blocks away.

The fire was brought under control in a very short time, but not until it had charred the ceiling in the storeroom and walls in two small adjoining rooms. Preliminary estimates placed the damage to the building at \$450 and very little to the contents.

This morning shortly after 5 o'clock the firemen were called to the Williamston Cafe, where smoke from a smoldering coffee urn burner filled the building. No fire damage resulted, but the building and contents were smoked-black. The fire was discovered by members of the police force, and the firemen were called. Oil in the burner had depleted itself without catching any woodwork on fire, and the use of the fire-fighting apparatus was not necessary.

Gus Riegas, proprietor, explained that the burner had been in continuous operation for several years, and that he had never had any trouble with it before.