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Martins End Losing Streak at 5 Games by 5-4 Win Over Ayden

Opponents Gained Victories By Margin Of Only Few Runs

After tasting bitter defeat for five straight days, Williamston's Coastal Plain baseball team broke its losing streak on the home grounds yesterday afternoon by a 5-4 win over the Ayden Aces. The five-day period saw the Martins in their worst slump of the season, but they regained a measure of confidence yesterday and are now ready to go again.

Nearly every one of the games was a hard one to lose, the defeats coming in spite of the four and five hit pitching by Martin hurlers. In two of the lost games, the Martins out-hit their opponents, but a twist fate put the heavy end of the score on the other side.

The slump got underway last Saturday and Sunday, when Greenville swept the series with a total of 4 runs. Tarboro finally took the "stalled-out" game by a one run margin last Monday. New Bern, always a Martin jinx, won the Tuesday contest, 4-1, but counted a lone run to win the next day.

New Bern's Bears registered 15 hits off Strunk here Tuesday, but they were fairly well scattered and counted for only 4 runs. The Martins counted one run on the four hits, one each by Earp, McCay, Victoria and Strunk.

Fields and Flythe had a pitchers' battle all their own over in New Bern Wednesday, Flythe holding a slight edge. McCay singled in the second inning to rob Flythe of a no-hitter. The only score of the game came in the eighth when Burch Douglass homered. Fields allowed only 4 hits.

The Martins got their batting eyes back here yesterday and won over Ayden, 5-4. Stevens got 3 for 3; Deim added 2 for 3, and Earp, Stanley, Lakatos, and Wade chipped in with one each, running the hitting count to 9, against 6 for the visitors. Wade pitched a good game for the locals, the visitors finding him in the sixth for 4 hits and 2 runs. The other two hits, one by Joyner in the third and one by McCormick in the ninth, were homers. He fanned 4 and held the visitors hitless in six innings.

Williamston took the lead in the second with a lone tally by Stevens. Two more were counted in the third. Ayden counted one in the fourth and tied the count in the sixth, but Williamston added another in the same frame and annexed the margin of victory in the eighth.

The Martins are now facing a tough schedule for the next week. This afternoon they complete the series with Ayden and meet Tarboro here tomorrow. Sunday they go to Tarboro, and on Monday and Tuesday they meet Snow Hill at Snow Hill. Wednesday Snow Hill comes here, and, after sandwiching two more games with Tarboro, the Martins and Billies meet in another two game series, with Snow Hill playing here Sunday, August 15.

Gives Ruling On Number Workers

Raleigh.—Several North Carolina employers who had 8, 9, and 10 workers in 1936 and were thus under the State Unemployment Compensation Act, have reduced their forces to 6 or 7 workers and think by so doing they are no longer under the act. In this they are mistaken, Chairman Charles G. Powell states, pointing out that the act provides that an employer under the act one year must remain under it another year. After the second year, if the employer finds he did not have eight employees for 20 weeks in that second year, then he may file an application before January 5 for termination of coverage, and the commission, if it finds his statement accurate, will terminate the coverage as of January 1.

Location of Employment Office Here Is Delayed

Pending the consolidation of the five Works Progress Administration headquarters in Raleigh, the State Employment Service headquarters for this district are still being maintained in Edenton, according to unofficial information received here yesterday. The employment group is said to be awaiting the removal of the WPA group, and the change will be effected about the first of September.

According to reliable reports here yesterday, the employment service will bring an office force here of about 15 persons, including possibly a few who will work in the field.

Traffic at Low Ebb on Roads In County Due To Farm Work

Tobacco harvesting and other farm duties that are exacting long hours of work of the farmers have just about emptied the highways in this section, Patrolman Bill Hunt stating yesterday that he saw fewer local cars on a tour of this section Wednesday afternoon than in years. The absence of traffic on the highways means there is action somewhere else, and 90 per cent of that action is in the tobacco fields and around the curing barns.

Recent rains did not damage the crop, but as a whole they proved very beneficial, farmers state. Young tobacco turned green and added growth, but the older crops ripened uniformly and the quality of the cures is said to be very good. Tobacco harvested before the rains, and especially the lugs, are of inferior quality with some few exceptions.

Simplified Farm Plan Is Likely for Next Year

COMPLIANCE WORK

Advised this week that the aerial survey scheduled to have been made about two months ago could not be completed in time for use in checking compliance under the soil conservation program, the county agent's office has effected arrangements for supervisors to carry the field surveys into all of the 10 townships of the county. The number of supervisors employed in this county could not be learned. Agent Brandon stating that the survey would likely be completed within the next 30 or 40 days.

Donkey Baseball Contest Monday

Secrecy surrounds the movements of managers of both the Kiwanis and Lions baseball teams, as they strenuously complete their line-ups for the donkey game here next Monday night at 8 o'clock. The managers, working with much seriousness to put the game on ice, are expected to exercise strategy, a kind that is seldom seen on any man's diamond. The animals—talking about the 4-legged donkeys now—will arrive here next Monday morning or possibly earlier. They will be held to a schedule of strict rest for hours preparatory to the heavy contest that night. Special lighting equipment will be placed on the field, and the game will be the first baseball contest ever played here at night. Large crowds are expected, the sponsors announcing that the proceeds will go to worth-while causes.

Gunshot Victim Is Steadily Improving

Mrs. A. Tom Lalley, who was painfully shot with a shotgun in the hands of Will Capps, was reported to be getting along very well at her home in Williams Township today. Attending physicians stated that her condition had greatly improved, and that her recovery was expected.

No hearing has been scheduled in the case and Capps continues in jail. Capps first explained that he did not care to gain his liberty under bond, but during the past few days he changed his mind and is anxious to get out of jail. It is not likely that he will be allowed bond until a trial justice hears the evidence at a preliminary trial, and it is not expected that a hearing will be arranged until the attack victim is able to be present and offer testimony.

Town Commissioners To Meet Next Wednesday

Postponed last Monday night pending the completion of the budget for 1937, the meeting of the Williamston Town Commissioners will be held next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, it was announced today by Mayor John L. Hassell.

The authorities had planned to meet last evening for a discussion of the new budget figures, but the meeting was postponed when it was thought Mayor Hassell would not be able to return from a business trip to Washington City in time to preside. Treasurer N. C. Green is out of town at the present time and will not return before next week.

Miss Lidie Nixon Resigns As Music Teacher Here

Miss Lidie Nixon, popular music teacher in the local schools last term, resigned that position this week. Miss Nixon did not make known her future plans, but it is understood she plans to locate at West Palm Beach, Fla. Her successor has not been named.

Program Likely To Center Around Soil Conservation Again

Hutson Outlines Proposed Soil Conservation Plans At Raleigh Meeting

A simplified farm program can be expected for next year if present plans materialize, farm leaders told a meeting of North Carolina farmers in Raleigh Wednesday. The program will continue to center around the soil conservation idea, and will be very similar to the soil conservation program in effect this year, County Agent T. B. Brandon said.

Messrs. William L. Ausbon, J. F. Crisp, J. C. Ross, D. R. Edmondson, Tom Brandon, T. B. Slade, J. P. Woodard, W. Robert Everett, and W. L. Mizelle attended the meeting from this county.

J. B. Hutson, assistant AAA administrator, addressing the meeting, said that one of the main considerations of the proposed 1938 program is not designed to make farm commodities scarce but to build up the soil and keep cash crop production in line with market needs.

The outlook for corn and cotton farmers, he said, is "not so good," though "the tobacco situation apparently is not running into difficulties and wheat growers appear to be lucky."

The method of determining what a farmer must do to earn payments and of calculating how big a payment the earns are being simplified, the assistant administrator pointed out.

Local committees will determine how large an acreage of soil conserving crops should be grown on each farm and what soil-building practices are needed.

Farmers who grow more than their allotted acreage of depleting crops, or do not grow enough conserving crops, or fail to carry out the prescribed soil-building practices will suffer deductions in their payments.

But some restrictions on acreage must be made to prevent price-depressing surpluses, he added, and even with acreage control, there will be unusually good growing seasons when production will go much higher than anticipated.

He said that if the flue-cured tobacco crop does not exceed 750,000,000 pounds, as now forecast, prices may be as good or better than last year.

But a \$6,000,000 pound excess over that figure would demoralize markets and might necessitate the calling of a marketing holiday in which growers would be asked to decide whether they wished to adopt a marketing agreement limiting the sales quota of each farmer.

No direct payment will be made for soil-building practices. The payment for a farm will be determined by the acreage allotment for depleting crops, less any deductions that are made for failure to comply with the requirements set up for that farm.

Changes Likely in School Bus Routes

Representatives of the North Carolina State School Commission are making a study of the school districts and bus routes in this county, and it is expected that a few minor changes will be ordered, according to unofficial information received here today. Superintendent J. C. Manning could not be reached, and the details of the proposed change could not be learned.

With the possible exception of a few changes in two districts, the school transportation system will remain the same in the county, it is understood.

Seven Cases Tried in Recorder's Court at Session Last Monday

Docket Attracts Smaller Number Spectators Than Usual

Seven cases were called in the county recorder's court last Tuesday the docket attracting very little attention. Judge H. O. Peel occupied the bench and Attorney Robert L. Coburn, assistant, prosecuted the docket.

J. H. Clark, charged with drunken automobile driving, entered a plea of nolo contendere, the court continuing the case under prayer for judgment until the first Monday in February, 1938.

The case charging R. D. Spruill with violating the liquor laws was not pressed with leave.

Arthur Council, charged with violating the liquor laws, pleaded guilty of illegal possession of liquor. The court sentenced him to the roads for three months, but suspended it upon payment of a \$25 fine and costs. Sentence is to begin at the direction of the court at any time within the next two years.

The case charging Sam Coffield with bastardy was not pressed with leave.

H. B. Smith, charged with issuing four worthless checks, failed to answer when called, the court issuing papers for his arrest.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Mrs. Alice Tyson pleaded guilty to simple assault. The plea was accepted, and the court suspended judgment upon payment of the cost.

Tillman Carr, charged with violating the liquor laws, pleaded guilty of illegal possession of liquor. A three-month road sentence was imposed, the court suspending the sentence upon payment of a \$25 fine and costs of the case. Sentence is to begin at the direction of the court at any time within the next two years.

Plan Special Session For Crop Legislation

Certain that no action will be taken before Congress adjourns, farm leaders are advancing a movement to have the law makers meet in special session about October to consider an agricultural program for 1938. In any event, the farm leaders and the President are maintaining an urgent appeal that action be taken not later than January 1.

Senator Barkley, discussing the matter said that if the agricultural committees of senate and house could perfect an agricultural bill, the President undoubtedly would be willing to call an extra session of the Congress in the fall to speed its enactment.

"I think the country ought to know," the majority leader said, "that it is not contemplated at this time to recess Congress until the fall. If the agriculture committee hastens its work and has a bill written, ready for action by the middle of October, or the first of November, he (the President) will undoubtedly exercise his right to call Congress into extraordinary session to consider the legislation."

"I would not tell the committee what to do, but I do express the great hope that they will have a bill ready and that the President will call us back for a special session by October 15 or November 1."

Delay in Setting Up Health Department

Plans for the establishment of a full-time health service in this county before January 1 have been virtually abandoned, it was learned this week. Definite developments for launching the increased service are expected to follow within the next few weeks, however.

Several men are considering the position of health officer, but their names have not been revealed. It is thought the service will be made available about January 1, but that it will possibly be some time about the middle of next year before permanent plans for carrying on the work are completed.

Editor Louis Graves Stops Here for Brief Visit Today

Louis Graves, editor of Chapel Hill's widely read weekly news paper, spent a short time here today before continuing to Manteo and Fort Raleigh to see Paul Green's "The Lost Colony". He was accompanied by Mrs. Graves.

WPA District Offices In State To Be Closed

One Here Included In List of Those That Will Be Eliminated

Definite Plan for Extensive Consolidation Program Not Yet Revealed

The five district Works Progress Administration headquarters, including the one here, will be eliminated in this state effective the first of next month, according to a report released yesterday by State Administrator George W. Coan, jr., from his office in Raleigh. Reorganization plans are in their preliminary stage, and definite details are not yet available in connection with the reorganization program that is designed to effect a 15 per cent decrease in the administrative personnel.

"Definite plans for the reorganization program have not been released by the state office at this time," Mr. Lee Wallace, director of the Williamston district, said yesterday, "but the plan is in keeping with the general curtailment of all relief activities," he explained.

The new reorganization plan, as it is understood here, will drop from 40 to 50 to the 310 administrative employees from the pay rolls, center the administration in Raleigh, and handle the field work in offices in possibly each of the 100 counties. The area offices, now numbering 25, will likely be reduced to 20. The reorganization plan, although it will considerably reduce the personnel in the Williamston office, is expected to provide for maintenance of a small force here. Several of the employees, while working under the direction of the Raleigh office, will likely continue their residence here, it was unofficially learned today.

At the present time there are 45 employees connected with the headquarters here. Several weeks ago, the consolidation of the finance departments removed 17 employees from the local offices.

Consolidation plans for the new State set-up are receiving consideration at the present time, and definite reorganization arrangements will possibly not be made public before the latter part of next week or the week following.

"This economy step in administrative costs is in line with the reduction of project workers which is gradually being effected. The number of project workers has fallen from 29,378 employed last August to 18,600 authorized for August this year. In July, 19,900 were employed, showing a cut of more than 6 per cent in one month."

At the same time Federal funds for carrying on WPA work in the state have been reduced from approximately \$1,200,000 in August last year to \$706,000 allotted the state WPA for this month. A carry-over of about \$150,000 from last month brings the August total to about \$850,000. The reduction in Federal funds and project workers in the past year is about 35 per cent.

Coan said reductions in administrative personnel made during the past few months have brought about a 17 per cent savings during July and August.

The new plan of operation being worked out for WPA in this state is at present being tried out in Virginia, Mississippi and Georgia, Coan said, with reported success.

Final Rites Held for John Dawson Wynne

John Dawson Wynne, about 60 years old, died in the county home near here Wednesday morning from cancer. He had been in declining health for some time, but had been an inmate of the home for only a short while. Mr. Wynne, a native of Cross Roads Township, is believed to have hastened the end when he left the home three weeks ago and wandered through the woods and swamps for two days. He was found and later returned to the home, where he was confined to his bed during the few days before his death.

Mr. Wynne was the son of the late John Dave and Susan Carraway Wynne. He never married and lived a solitary life, spending much time fishing. He leaves on brother, Joe Henry Wynne, of this county.

Funeral services were conducted at the home yesterday by Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, and burial followed in the Auburn cemetery in Cross Roads Township.

BORDER MARKETS

Preparations are underway on a big scale for opening the South Carolina and border tobacco markets next Tuesday. With fair prices assured, farmers are going to market that day, and reports state the warehouse men are expecting record-breaking sales.

South Carolina has an increase of about 15 per cent in its crop, while Georgia production is less this year than it was a year ago. Late reports from Georgia place the average there around 25 cents a pound, which is slightly higher than it was a year ago.

Question Several In Hit-and-Run Case

Questioned by county officers this week in connection with the killing of Gus Williams on the Everetts highway, near here, last Sunday evening, Roland Eborn and Eva Baker, both colored, told conflicting stories. The Baker woman said that Williams and Eborn were playing and that Eborn pushed Williams into the path of the car driven by Carl Edward Norman, young Robersonville white man.

Eborn, arrested and later released under \$200 bond, admitted that he and the Baker woman were with Williams on the road that evening, but claims that they left him about a minute before he was struck by the Norman car.

Sheriff Roebuck stated this morning he did not know which story to believe, reports coming from the driver of the death car indicating that Norman did not see anyone but Williams and that he saw him too late to avoid the accident. It is generally believed, however, that there was foul play.

Young Norman, charged with hit-and-run driving, will be given a preliminary hearing before Justice Hassell the first of next month. He is now at liberty under \$500 bond.

Radio System To Be Ready for Use Soon

According to unofficial information received here today, North Carolina's highway patrol radio system will be placed in operation some time between August 15 and September 1, the definite date the patrol goes on the air to be announced later.

Three of the stations have been made ready for operation, and the Williamston unit is almost completed with the exception of the construction of the pole transmitter line from the control rooms to the tower base. The station at Elizabethton can be made ready in just a few days, it was learned.

Transmitting apparatus at the local station was hooked up this week and made ready for operation with the exception of a connection between the control station and the broadcasting tower.

Alleged Robber Returned Here Yesterday for Trial

James Bateman, wanted for the robbery of the Harrison Wholesale Company store here last February, was returned to this county yesterday afternoon by Officer J. H. Allsbrooks and Mayor John L. Hassell. No date for a preliminary hearing had been arranged early today, but it is almost certain that the young white man will be held for trial in the superior court next month.

Clyde Baker, companion of Bateman's was arrested shortly after the robbery in February and was sentenced to prison for a term of three years by the March Superior court. Bateman, arrested in Washington City early this week, waived extradition.

Announce Sunday Services For Church at Oak City

Rev. J. M. Perry will preach at Oak City next Sunday at 11 o'clock. Musicians from Bertie will be there. The public is invited to enjoy the music and enter into the fellowship with the Oak City neighbors. The pastor will preach on "The Sufficiency of Jesus." The plans and program for the evening service will be announced at the morning service. Mr. Leslie Wilkins and the Bishop sisters come highly recommended as musicians, and Mr. Perry urges all to hear them.

Special Officer Has Almost Worked Self Out of Job in County

Steady Decrease in Number Of Stills Captured Shown In Monthly Reports

Directing a relentless drive against the illicit liquor business during the first two months he was employed by the Martin County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board, Special Officer J. H. Roebuck almost worked himself out of a job. Fifteen liquor stills were captured in each of the months of April and May. In June, the officer captured nine, and last month he found and captured only two of the liquor-manufacturing plants, the officer explaining that he worked just as hard as he did in any of the three previous months. "The plants just were not there," Officer Roebuck said.

With the manufacturing business well in hand, the officer centered his work around the activities of the small-scale bootlegger. Five persons were arrested, and three were convicted in the courts during July. More than a dozen alleged violations were investigated by the officer, the enforcement activities, no doubt, preventing many from entering the business.

During the month of July the officer traveled 1,170 miles, captured two stills, one in Bear Grass and one in Hamilton Townships. Sixteen gallons of home-made liquor were confiscated, most of the amount being taken in small quantities. Nine hundred gallons of beer were poured out, the officer's report showed.

Voluminous Reports Required by Board

County liquor store operators are having their duties almost doubled with the introduction of numerous complicated report forms by the State Liquor Board, Raleigh. Studying the forms this week, some of the liquor store employees in at least one county are said to be considering quitting their posts, explaining that the small pay is hardly worth worrying with—endless red tape and handling what, to a large extent, appears to be useless information.

The State board just recently released eight report forms, some of them being several pages thick. It is possible that the services of a bookkeeper will be necessary to assist in handling the reports.

Circus Coming To Town On Thursday, August 26

Downie Brothers, one of the larger circuses of the country, will show at the fair grounds here on Thursday, August 26, it was announced this week by Fred Kilgore, contracting agent for the Sparks-managed organization.

The show comes here from Elizabeth City, the contracting agent stating yesterday that the fair grounds was the only place large enough to accommodate the circus.

Martin Young Man Gets West Point Appointment

Hugh Fagan Jordan, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jordan, of Dardens, was yesterday appointed by Congressman Lindsay Warren as the principal candidate for a place in the army college student body at West Point. Wendell H. Copeland, of Edenton, and William Riddick Cowper, jr., of Gatesville, were named alternates.

The candidates will be examined in March.

Two Escape When Auto Crashes Through Fence

Two Alabama traveling men escaped unhurt Wednesday morning about 4 o'clock, when their car crashed through the fence just this side of the river bridge and plunged down the 12 foot embankment. The car landed on its wheels, and, after they straightened out a bent bumper, the two men continued on their way in the car.

V. E. P. Company Boosts Wage Scale 15 Per Cent

The Virginia Electric and Power Company yesterday announced an increase of 5 to 15 percent in the wages of its employees. R. H. Goodmon, manager of the Williamston district, stating that the increase would apply to June salaries. The increase will add approximately one-half million dollars to the company's pay roll annually, it was pointed out.