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## Martins Again Hit Skids, Losing Last Three in Succession

### Kinston Wins First Game From Martins Monday In Eleventh Start

Williamston's baseball team hasn't been sailing so high these past few days, the records showing five defeats in seven days, the last three in a row. But the Martins continue to hold on to second place, the rating today finding them seven games behind the league-leading Snow Hill Billies and three and a half games ahead of New Bern, in third place. Five more losses would cast doubt on the claim to play in the Coastal Plain's post-season series, but Skipper Hauger is not worrying about that; at least, not now, for he figures on the club pulling out of its slump and entering the finals with high colors.

Over in Snow Hill last Saturday, the Martins outthit the Billies but came home with the short end of a 6-4 score. Ace Villepique accounted for two of the seven hits, Earp, Victoria, McCay, Lakatos and Rollins getting one each. The boys had one of their worst days here Sunday, when they went down to a 13-to-6 defeat in a rotten game. Up to the ninth, it was a pretty fair baseball game, but in the ninth things went to pieces, and the visitors just hit and run and turned the contest into a row. Earp was ordered out in the eighth when he tried to show an umpire the error of his ways as a result of a decision at second base. McCay and Earp, with two hits each, accounted for half the stickwork for the Martins, the visitors touching Fields and Strunk for 16 safe blows, 7 of which came off Strunk in the ninth.

Yesterday, Kinston won its first game from the Martins in 11 starts this season, and one of the Eagles had to a duck in the tenth inning to break a 3-all tie and win the game 4 to 3. Wade, after holding the Eagles to 9 hits in 9 1/3 innings, was relieved by Rollins. Gillenwater was on second when Wright, with two strikes against him, dodged a pitch. In ducking Wright got his bat in the way, and knocked the ball by first base for a safe hit, scoring Gillenwater. Stevens, with two hits, led the Martins at bat.

## Eight Arrests Made Over Past Week-End By County Officers

### Indications Now Point To Record Number Arrests For Month of August

County law enforcement officers, including the coroner, had a busy period last week-end, when a drowning was investigated at Jamesville and 11 arrests for various alleged violations of the law were made over the county. The eleventh arrest made during the week-end was the twenty-eighth so far this month. During the first 16 days of August, 1936, the same number of arrests were made in the county, the total for August a year ago running to 48.

Coroner S. R. Biggs and Sheriff C. B. Roebuck dropped the investigation of the drowning of Roy Keel, colored, when they learned there it was accidental.

Roy Lanier, colored man, who was arrested at the dinner table of Mrs. L. T. Chesson in Oak City last Saturday, is now in the county jail awaiting trial. Lanier, said to have been drunk, found his way into the home and was said to have been helping himself to food when the officer arrested him. He is facing a charge of breaking and entering.

Six of the arrests were made in Jamesville, county officers hauling John Ray, Lafayette Tobarrus and Dan Blue to the county jail Saturday night about 10 o'clock, where they are awaiting trial for alleged drunkenness and disorderliness.

Nine of the defendants were charged with violating the liquor laws in one form or another. Completing their work for the week, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Deputy Sheriff Haislip ordered two colored dance halls closed in Jamesville just at midnight Saturday.

## Local Man To Brave Huge Crowds To See President

"I am going to brave the crowd to see the President," Rev. E. F. Moseley said today as he continued his plans to visit Roanoke Island tomorrow. The minister will be accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Smith. Leaving here about 4 o'clock in the morning, they will remain over to see the showing of "The Lost Colony."

## Observe Final Half-Holiday Of Summer Here Tomorrow

Local business operators, clerks and other employees will enjoy their last summer half-holiday tomorrow afternoon, the general opinion being that all establishments will keep their doors open all day Wednesday of next week, the day before the markets open.

The half-holiday schedule in effect since last June has been

successfully observed here this season for about the fourth consecutive year, and the arrangement is now recognized as a permanent one.

Tomorrow the Martins meet the Goldsboro Bugs here in the last Wednesday game of the regular playing season. Large crowds are expected to be present for the contest.

## Change in Bus Routes Is Approved by Board

### Attack Victim Dies In Hospital; Still Holding Grimes

### Gus White, Colored Man, Dies In Hospital Result Of Attack Week Ago

Gus White, 39-year-old colored man, who was mysteriously knocked in the head with a blunt piece of iron at his Main Street home here last Saturday night a week ago, died last Saturday afternoon in a Washington hospital. Miles Grimes, young colored man, was arrested the following morning in connection with the attack, but a hearing for him was delayed pending the outcome of White's condition. The case goes before Justice J. L. Hassell today.

White, a care-free fisherman and hunter in the Roanoke Swamps, was buried here Sunday afternoon without formal ceremony.

Early facts gathered in the case by members of the local police department centered suspicion on Grimes, but so far only circumstantial evidence has been uncovered against the man, who denies the charge.

According to officers, Grimes and King Staton were planning a small party with two women in Staton's shack, near the river, on the night of August 7. Grimes was to go to White's home and buy some liquor. He is said to have entered White's home and made arrangements for the delivery of the liquor. At that time Grimes explained to White that he had to go and see another girl, that he wanted the liquor delivered. White, a short time later, went out of his house into the back yard. A few minutes after that his wife heard someone moaning and when she went to investigate Grimes met her at a back window and assisted in finding White and moving him to a local doctor's office. He later carried White to the hospital.

Courtney White, the widow, told officer that she asked White who hit him. "I did it myself," was his answer, but he later said, "That boy, Miles, did it." He lapsed into unconsciousness soon after that, and was not questioned further.

A pocketbook, said to be that of White's, or one just like it, was found on Grimes' person when he was arrested the following morning. Other evidence is expected at the preliminary hearing today, some believing that it will be favorable to Grimes and that the mystery will never be solved.

## Town Board Calls Off August Meet

Postponed three times, the August meeting of Williamston's town commissioners was finally called off, Mayor J. L. Hassell stating this morning that all official town business will await consideration at the regular meeting the first Monday night in September.

Postponed pending the completion of the proposed new budget, the meeting was scheduled at three different times after that, but additional delays were ordered, several of the commissioners explaining yesterday that they were too busy to attend the session scheduled to have been held last evening.

No arrangements have been made to inspect and pay the current bills, and it is likely that the treasury will show a balance at the end of this month.

## Plan Week's Services At Maple Grove Church Soon

Rev. M. L. Ambrose, the pastor, will conduct a series of services in the Maple Grove Christian church beginning next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The meeting will continue through the week, and the public is invited to the services.

## Delegation Protests Changes Suggested By State Authorities

### Reports State Patrons Will Provide Private Travel For Their Children

In a special meeting here yesterday afternoon, the Martin County Board of Education by a 3-to-2 vote approved changes made by the State School Commission in the operation of school buses in the Macedonia section of Bear Grass and Griffins Townships. The action, which proposes to shift about 25 pupils from the Williamston school to those in Bear Grass and Farm Life, is considered final, closing all channels of appeal to those patrons who voiced a strong opposition to the board at the special meeting.

Unofficial reports received here this morning left little doubt but that the several patrons affected by the change would provide private conveyance for their children and continue to send them to the Williamston school. Messrs. Henry C. Green, Oscar Peel, State Revels, Joe Holliday, Henry Peel, Amos Perry, Garland Perry, Cleve Gardner, and Marvin Jones appealed to the board in an effort to have the route continued as it was before the state commission ordered a change. Principal T. O. Hickman, of Bear Grass, was questioned by the board during the meeting that lasted the greater part of four hours.

One of those opposing the action of the State board explained that the route maintained since the consolidation of the Macedonia school had proved very beneficial in that the truck operated almost entirely on a hard surfaced highway, that when his children left home he felt certain they would get to school on time and return home that afternoon. "We thought the argument was settled several years ago, that the sore had healed, but now they have scratched the sore spot again, and I am not going to let my children go to either of the other schools," he said.

According to reports, the change in the bus routes will not effect any great saving in the operation of the buses, that the action was foreign to the wishes of those people whose children attend school.

## Gin Inspector for State Appointed

Appointment of Fred P. Johnson, of Hoke County, as the North Carolina Department of Agriculture's first gin inspector was announced today by Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott.

"In view that cotton farmers annually lose thousands of dollars because of improperly ginned cotton, the appointment of a gin inspector to aid farmers by promoting better ginning methods and relationships between the ginners and producers is essential at this time," Commissioner Scott said. Johnson will be attached to the staff of the Department of Agriculture's state warehouse system, of which A. B. Fairley is superintendent.

As gin inspector for the department, Johnson will give technical advice to ginners, aid them with their mechanical troubles, discourage the processing of wet or green cotton and "generally seek to make the standard of North Carolina cotton better," Fairley said, adding that "the inspector's work will also include a program to inform the farmers of annual loss they sustain by bringing wet and green cotton to be ginned and of the value of patronizing adequately equipped gins where their cotton may be cleaned properly."

Services of the inspector will be available to farmers and ginners upon request to the Department of Agriculture, State Warehouse Division.

## Williamston Holds Advance Claim To Postoffice Building

### Postmaster Believes Actual Construction Will Be Started in Early 1938

Williamston has an advance claim to a new postoffice building. Postmaster Leslie T. Fowden said today following the announcement that the House Appropriations Committee had listed a large number of buildings for proposed construction under a \$70,000,000 public building program.

According to Mr. Fowden, Williamston's claim is more than a year advanced over those mentioned in the house committee's list. However, it is possible that the recent list of proposed buildings will be included in the next contract letting. "I believe that action will be taken within the next few months to start actual construction of a new postoffice here," Mr. Fowden said today. Inspectors have been here looking over possible sites for a new postoffice building, but so far no lot has been chosen.

The projects included in the committee's list of yesterday are on the recommended list from which the treasury and postoffice department will select those to be undertaken. The third deficiency appropriation bill provides a \$23,000,000 lump sum for public buildings.

The projects actually selected for immediate construction will be announced after Congress completes action on the bill.

The list of new authorized projects from which will be selected those for actual construction include a \$75,000 building for Plymouth and a \$70,000 structure for Farmville in the First Congressional District.

## Jamesville Colored Man Is Drowned in Roanoke Saturday

### Body of Roy Keel, 30 Years Old, Has Not Yet Been Taken From River

Roy Keel, 30-year-old colored man, lost his life in Roanoke River at Jamesville late last Saturday afternoon, reports reaching here stating that it could not be determined whether he broke his neck diving or drowned. Officers, investigating the case, are of the opinion that Keel's neck was broken when he jumped into the water and his head struck a submerged log. Witnesses stated that they saw the man jump into the water, that it was quite a while before they saw any sign of him again and then the top of his head was barely visible in the muddy water.

Several Jamesville people started dragging the river for the body, but last reports reaching here stated it had not been recovered.

Coroner S. R. Biggs and Sheriff C. B. Roebuck investigated the death, but finding there had been no foul play, the coroner considered an inquest unnecessary. Accidental drowning was given as the cause of the man's death.

Keel was a Robersonville man, but during the past year he had been employed at a lumber mill in Jamesville. He is said to have gone bathing in the Roanoke on previous occasions, and it was certain he could swim.

## Army Forces Move Thru Williamston

Around 200 picked men of the United States Army moved through here at 6:30 o'clock this morning from their post at Fort Bragg to Manteo, where they will be on duty during President Roosevelt's visit there tomorrow. The men, forming Battery "C" of the 17th Field Artillery, traveled in 17 special army trucks under the command of Captain Stephen C. Lombard, and carried three guns mounted on special trucks.

The soldiers will be stationed around old Fort Raleigh during the performance of "The Lost Colony" on Roanoke Island tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. Arrangements have been made for a special showing at that time, a second to follow after the President's departure. The caravan of armed forces was delayed on the Conine Creek bridge when one of the trucks tore into the guard rails. No one was hurt, but the truck, badly damaged, was returned here for repairs, the remaining units and men continuing their trip to Roanoke Island.

## 50,000 Expected at Roanoke Island for Visit of Roosevelt

### Highway Patrol and Army Move Hundreds of Men Through Here Today

Fifty thousand people are expected to crowd Roanoke Island Wednesday, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt goes there to participate in the celebration commemorating the birth of Virginia Dare and the 350th anniversary of the Lost Colony. It is one of the few if not the only visit ever made in this section of the State by a President of the United States.

Accompanied by five Representatives and five Senators, the President leaves Washington early Tuesday night on a special train. The party will reach Elizabeth City early tomorrow morning. The President and his party will detain there and board a Coast Guard cutter for Manteo. He is due to reach Roanoke Island shortly after the noon hour and continue to Fort Raleigh in a White House car. He speaks soon after his arrival. Plans for the President's afternoon program have not been made public, but he is planning to witness Paul Green's "The Lost Colony" that evening at 7:30 o'clock. Following the Lost Colony presentation, the presidential party will return to Elizabeth City and continue on to Washington.

Visitors from western North Carolina and from many other states are traveling through here in considerable numbers, and reports from the northern routes state that traffic going into the resort and historical country is heavy. More than half the personnel of the highway patrol is being centered on the island and along the routes leading there.

Groups of 5 and 10, some coming from around Asheville, traveled through here late yesterday and during most of last night. Two hundred members of Battery "C" of the 17th Field Artillery from Fort Bragg passed through here early this morning to offer the President protection and aid in the handling of the thousands expected in the coast country tomorrow.

Quite a number of people in this community will attend the celebration feature tomorrow, and large numbers of others would go down if the knew the island would not be crowded.

Postmaster General Jim Farley, addressing a convention of North Carolina postmasters in Fayetteville today, will join the president in Elizabeth City. The general in the post office business and recognized patronage distributor is expected to pass this way late this afternoon or early evening. Plans for his trip from Fayetteville to Elizabeth City could not be learned, but Postmaster Fete Fowden is on the lookout for the boss, and he, no doubt, will give him a warm welcome as he passes through here.

## Slight Decline for Tobacco Crop Seen

Washington, August 10.—The agriculture department's August crop production report showed today a slight decline in the indicated yield of tobacco.

Production as of August 1 was estimated at 1,417,015,000 pounds, as compared with an estimated indicated yield of 1,420,943,000 pounds on July 1.

The condition of the crop was reported at 74.9 per cent normal, compared with 61.7 per cent the same time last year and a 10-year average of 67 per cent.

Although total indicated tobacco production showed a decrease, an increase of nearly 10,000,000 pounds was reported for flue-cured over the flue-cured production, as of the August 1 condition, was estimated at 777,475,000 pounds, compared with 767,215,000 on July 1.

Burley yield, as of August 1, was indicated at 352,036,000 pounds, compared with 360,830,000 pounds on July 1, while the August 1 indicated yield of fire-cured was estimated at 112,274,000 pounds, compared with a July 1 report of 114,635,000.

Two tobacco barns in this county Monday, increasing the number destroyed by fire in the county so far this season to six. Four barns were destroyed on Tuesday of last week.

Mr. Lonnie Peel, prominent farmer of Bear Grass Township, lost a barn of good tobacco, and one was said to have been destroyed by fire in Poplar Point Monday.

## Tobacco Opening Only Little Over Week Off

### Complete Selection Plans Are Nearing Completion for Big Season Locally

### Operators for Teachage There Have Not Been Named, Principal Says

The selection of the Farm Life school faculty personnel was announced complete this week by Principal C. B. Martin, who added that no one had been named to succeed Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Harrington as operators of the teachage there. Many applications for the teachers' jobs have been received and considered, reports from the school committee indicating that a selection would be made within the next few days.

Three new elections were made in the faculty to fill positions made vacant by resignations in the first-second and fifth-sixth grades and in the mathematics-science department in the high school.

The names of the faculty members and their assigned grades and subjects are:

First-second grades: Miss Bettie Haywood, of Candor.

Third grade: Mrs. C. B. Martin, of Farm Life.

Fourth grade: Miss Marguerite Cooke, of Williamston.

Fifth-sixth grades: Miss Thursa Coyle, of Wilson.

Seventh grade: Miss Helen Gunter, of Coats.

High school: mathematics and science, Mr. Earl Livingston, of Prosperity; S. C.; English and French, Miss Selma Gurganus, of Robersonville; history and science, Principal C. B. Martin; music, Miss Melba Russ, of Washington.

Misses Haywood and Coyle and Mr. Livingston are new members of the faculty.

## Jamesville Liquor Store Is Moved

The county liquor store in Jamesville is being moved this week from its old Main Street location to the highway main street, the authorities explaining that the store would be more convenient to the trade at the highway-street intersection location. The rent remains about the same, it is understood.

During the past month, sales at the Jamesville store dropped about 55 per cent, the county ABC board explaining that a greater part of the decrease was traceable to the opening of a store in Washington County at Plymouth on July 1. Liquor sales in June were in excess of \$2,000, and last month they dropped to around \$1,000.

## State Treasury Handles Big Sum of Money These Days

For the fiscal year 1917, 20 years ago, there was \$6,424,268.11 in cash handled by the State Treasurer's office, it was announced by State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937, including the amount handled by the treasurer to pay interest on bonds of local units which are exchanged, the amount handled was \$99,733,403.06, or more than 15 times as much as was handled 20 years ago. Twenty years ago, of course, there was no highway system and that year only \$792,727.08 was appropriated by the State for public schools and this amount was paid over in lump sums to counties.

During the fiscal year just closed, \$22,039,092.34 was spent by the State for schools and every single voucher issued for the operation of the eight months' school term was paid directly through the Treasurer's office, as well as every voucher issued by the Highway Commission.

## Mrs. Anderson Continues Seriously Ill in Hospital

Mrs. O. S. Anderson continues quite ill in a Richmond hospital, reports reaching here last evening stating that her condition was believed to be gradually growing weaker. However, she was thought to be better than a week ago when the family was called to her bedside. She underwent an operation last Friday and seemed to be some better during the week-end.

Mrs. Helen Poteat Stallings, of Yanceyville, and Miss "Tiny" Booth, of Danville, Va., visited relatives and friends here last night.

## Plans Are Nearing Completion for Big Season Locally

### Indications Point To Sale Of Ten Million Pounds In Williamston

Plans are fast nearing completion for opening Williamston's tobacco market on Thursday of next week, present indications pointing to one of the most successful seasons the market has ever had.

The poundage in this territory is believed far greater than it was a year ago, and the price trend on the border markets is possibly more encouraging than it was last season. Probably the bright spot in the advanced reports centers around the stronger demand for the common and medium grades of tobacco and the increase in prices for those grades. When common tobacco sells good, every farmer shares in the returns.

It is a recognized fact that Williamston has the strongest warehouse personnel in all its history, and these experienced men are expected to set a new high record this season.

Considerable interest is being centered on the local tobacco market this season, and reports state that farmers from a larger territory will sell tobacco here than ever before.

The market is expected to push the 10,000,000-pound goal this year, the poundage mark having been predicted by conservative estimates.

Considerable work has been done in the territory in the interest of the market, and things are looking unusually bright for a successful season in Williamston's three big tobacco warehouses.

## Special Officers Are Kept Busy Raiding In County Recently

### Still Captured and Three Persons Arrested During Past Week-end

Enforcement officers, headed by Special Agent Joe H. Roebuck, reported a busy week-end in this county. Last Friday the officers captured and destroyed a 100-gallon capacity copper still in Williamston Township, near Williamston. The plant was idle, and preparations for continued manufacturing had not been completed.

Saturday afternoon, the officers raided in the town of Jamesville, and arrested Nick Baker, J. C. Johnson, and Travannah Wynne, all colored, for possession of illegal liquor for sale. The officers found about one-half gallons of liquor in the raid. Baker was sentenced to the roads for 60 days, and the Wynne woman was ordered to jail for 30 days. Judge Peel, in the county court Monday morning, suspending the sentence upon payment of the costs when it was learned the woman had a young baby at her home.

Going on down to the Free Union section of Jamesville Township, the officers entered their old fertile hunting grounds around Jeremiah Peel's store and found several pints of liquor hid in the bushes. "Every time we went there—and we have been there many times—we have always found liquor," Officer J. H. Roebuck said. The store operators are not believed to be connected with the illicit trade, but the bootleggers apparently make it their headquarters, the officers failing so far to catch them.

Sunday morning before 3 and 4 o'clock, Officer Roebuck assisted by Chief Edmond Early, of Oak City, attempted to catch a bootlegger near Oak City. The did not get their man, but they found about 6 gallons of white liquor in a cotton field.

## All Positions in School Faculties Not Yet Filled

No appointments have yet been made to the positions of principal in the Everetts school and teachers in the Williamston High School, but the positions will be filled shortly, according to unofficial information received this morning.

Several applications are being considered, and meetings of the local committees will be held at once when final elections are expected to follow.