

Wilson Victorious Over Martins In Ding-Dong Battle

Williamston Stages Brilliant Rally in Third Period, But Loses 55-53

Wilson high school's Blue and Gold Cyclones turned the tables on Williamston's all-star quint in Wilson last Tuesday night by nosing out a 55-53 decision in a ding-dong battle that had players and fans groggy at the end.

Billy Brooks, lanky forward, led the locals' victorious attack by bagging 21 points but he was hard pressed by Captain Cy Yong, his running mate, at forward, who whipped the cords for 19 markers. Williamston's offensive was led by Martin, who caged 16 points and Grant and Wallace each of whom located the hoops seven times from action.

The Cyclones dominated play in the opening period and were holding on the long end of a 13 to 8 score when the session closed. By half-time Wilson was still out in front by a margin of 23-16.

Play was fast and furious in the third quarter which saw the two teams go on a scoring rampage to roll up a total of 42 points as Williamston went to the fore by the slim margin of a single point at 41 to 40. In the wild and woolly session the Martins looped in 25 points while the locals were whipping the cords for 17.

In a hair-raising final period the Cyclones outpointed their rivals 15 to 12 to emerge victorious by a two-point margin.

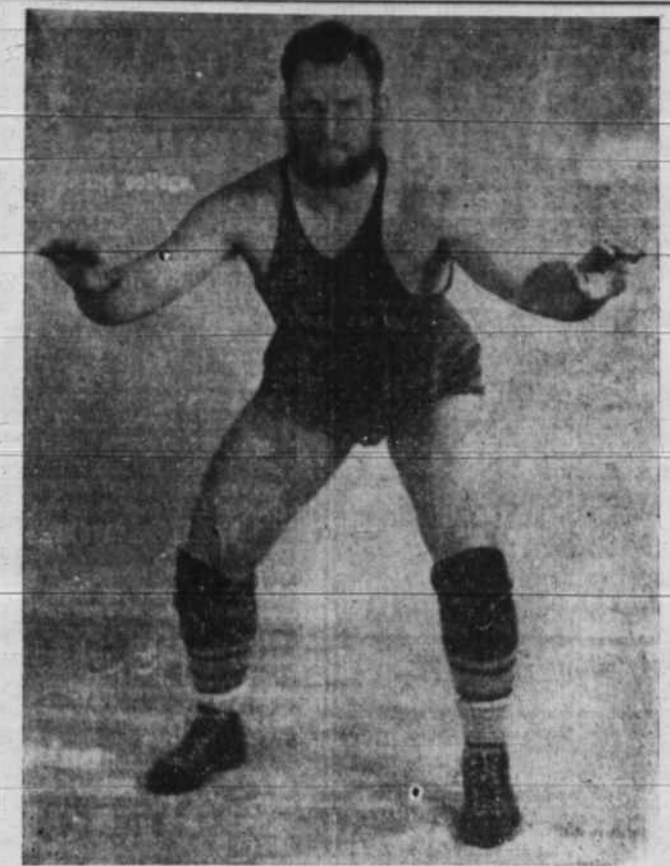
The line-ups:

Williamston (53)	Wilson (55)
Grant (14)	Forward (21) Brooks
Wallace (14)	Forward (19) Young
Martin (16)	Center (11) Stott
Earp (7)	Guard (4) Kelly
Rimmer (2)	Guard

Beaufort 4-H Club Member Completes Fine Corn Project

Ernestine Warren, 13-year-old 4-H club member of the Winsteadville club in Beaufort County, has just completed a corn project which netted him a yield of 131 bushels to the acre.

Plays With House of David



Buster Kinard, above, is a member of the House of David basketball team which will play the Williamston Martins in the Williamston High School gym, Wednesday, January 10. Buster holds down a forward position, and stands six feet tall.

He has recently finished college at New York University. Ranked as the fastest cutting forward in the game, Kinard is a rookie on the House of David squad and is reported to be a sensation in the making. During the summer he plays baseball.

MEETING

Meeting in special session here next Monday afternoon at two o'clock, directors of the Coastal Plain Baseball League will further discuss player classifications, President R. H. Goodmon announced today.

Just what action the directorate will take is problematical, but reports maintain that some of the club heads are anxious for a different classification that a complete change in player personnel will not be made necessary in a single season.

Mercury 8 Auto Is Subjected To Rigid Gas Mileage Tests

Test Cars Stop Here for Brief Period On Nation-wide Mileage Check

With disinterested public officials and a group of hard-boiled newspaper guys checking its performance, a regular stock Mercury automobile started a 1,400 mile test run from the Norfolk Branch of the Ford Motor Company this week, the rolling equipment making its second stop here Wednesday noon. Thirty-one similar tests are being advanced on a nation-wide scale by the Mercury manufacturers, John J. Shand, in charge of the test run out of the Norfolk Branch, and Frank A. Duffy, Mercury representative in this district, stating that the company was out to determine an accurate gasoline mileage test for the car, a test based on actual driving conditions and under average road handicaps. "We are not trying to establish any fantastic gasoline consumption record; we merely want to establish the real facts that the motoring public might know what to expect of the Mercury," Shands added.

Measuring the first supply of gasoline to the drop, Norfolk newspapermen and Mayor Gurkin started the test in the Virginia city last Tuesday. The first check was made in Elizabeth City, the official log clocking the gasoline consumption at one gallon for 19.5 miles on an average between the two cities. Taking over the test car in Elizabeth City, a new group of newspaper-folks carried it to New Bern following brief stops in Williamston and Washington. With four sizable fellows and one little guy, Billy Arthur, of the New Bern Tribune, as passengers and required to meet certain driving conditions, Shand, the operator of the test car, chalked up a record of eighteen and five-sevenths miles to the gallon between Elizabeth City and New Bern. Jack Holland, representative of the New Bern Sun-Journal, asked for a slow driving record, Shand drove as slow as two miles an hour. H. I. Crumpler, a third New Bern newspaperman, asked for a speed demonstration, and the group, including Editor C. M. Thompson, of the Washington Daily News, sat tight as the Mercury cruised up to almost 90 miles an hour.

Stop lights in the various towns along the routes and slow-traveling vehicles along the way exacted their extra toll from the gas supply. But, on an average, the Mercury cruised smoothly along at 50 miles an hour, offering riding ease, comfort and a genuine pleasure.

Taken over by Wilmington newspapermen yesterday morning the test car continued its run which will touch every Mercury-dealer town in North Carolina and Virginia before the latter part of this month. When this and similar other tests throughout the country are completed, the records will be announced by the manufacturers.

Martins Have Heavy Schedule For the Next Several Days

Basketball fans of Williamston and vicinity are in for a big dish of the game beginning next Sunday afternoon and ending with what is expected to be the season's most thrilling exhibition with the far-famed House of David quint meeting the Williamston Martins here Wednesday night.

The Martins will open with the strong New Bern squad here Sunday afternoon, the contest to get underway in the local gym promptly at 3 o'clock. The Bears are reported to have an exceptionally strong team with a number of nifty ball-hawks and snappy passers, led by Lefty Archer. Archer is well remembered in this section by all baseball fans as a pitcher far above the average, and according to information received here, he can also give a fine showing on the court.

On Monday night at 8 o'clock in the local high school gym, Williamston will engage the Rocky Mount Y. This team needs no introduction in this section, and although fans were somewhat disappointed at not seeing Doc Saunders, Lacy and Bradley in action during the Y's last contest here, they nevertheless were

given a hair-raising battle to view. The Martins will journey over to New Bern Tuesday night for a return game.

Then on Wednesday night, January 10th, the thrilling climax, the game everyone has been waiting for, will take place in the local high school gym. The House of David, with a roster of proven national stars, will play the Martins, and with everyone showing unusual interest in this team, one of the largest crowds of the season is expected. With the entire House of David team wearing whisks, and with such men as Bill Steinecke, Ham Hamilton and Buster Kinard, who shoot from all parts of the court and stands with great accuracy, the traveling basketweavers are ranked as a much better team than the Olson Swedes, who went down in defeat against the Martins two times in their recent 3-game exhibition. The House of David will perform in this section for only one game, Wednesday night at 8 p. m., and every follower of basketball is urged to attend what is expected to be the best basketball team ever to come to this section.

Legionaires Attend Jackson Day Dinner

The American Legion as an organization will have no part in the Jackson Day dinner at Raleigh on January 8th, but Legionnaires as citizens will find unusual interest in the presence of two past national commanders and several past state commanders.

Paul V. McNutt, now federal social security administrator, and Henry L. Stevens, now a North Carolina superior court judge, both former national commanders of the legion, will be on hand. Mr. McNutt will make the principal address of the occasion, and Judge Stevens will have a place on the program.

Governor Hoy will also take part in the oratorical exercises. As governor he will not be lonely, for McNutt is a former governor of Indiana and there probably will be present one or more ex-governors of North Carolina—not to mention the flock of announced, unannounced, likely and potential candidates for that office.

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller visited in Kinston Thursday.

To Show Golf Picture At Country Club Next Monday

An unusual three-reel picture showing fifteen professional golfers in action at the Augusta tournament will be shown at the country club next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The picture also carries instructions and suggestions for improving one's game, and local golfers are certain to witness the picture.

Respected Colored Citizen Dies Suddenly Near Here

Alonza Riddick, respected colored citizen of this county, died suddenly at his home near here yesterday morning about 3:30 o'clock. He was about 62 years old.

Enjoying a party in his home, Riddick told members of his family about two o'clock that he did not feel well and that he was going to retire. He was found dead, apparently the victim of a heart attack, less than two hours later.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed today, but the last rites will be conducted during Sunday afternoon, it was learned.

Sheriff's Report For Past Month

The Martin County sheriff's office reported an unusually busy period during the month of December, the chief of the county law enforcement bureau explaining that while the number of arrests did not approximate a new high record other activities in the office broke all past records.

A review of the varied activities is reflected in the following report as filed with the board of county commissioners in regular session on Monday.

- Amount of taxes collected, \$20,012.55;
- Criminal warrants served, 62;
- Capias served, 6;
- Subpoenas served, 18;
- Civil papers served, 35-55 copies;
- Claim and delivery papers served, 23 copies;
- Executions served, 6;
- Ejectment papers served, 1;
- Investigations made, 8;
- Mileage for 2 cars, 2823;
- Number of arrests on County jail record, 56;
- Stills captured, 28;
- Beer destroyed, 13,650 gallons;
- Whiskey destroyed, 44 gallons;
- Number arrests on whiskey charge, 7-4 convicted;
- Amount of 1938 taxes collected up to January 1st, 1939, \$71,582.54;
- Amount of 1939 taxes collected up to January 1st, 1940, \$74,779.02.

Dennis Hardy Opens Store And Filling Station Here

Dennis Hardy, for several years manager of Bowen Brothers' store here, recently built a store and filling station on the Williamston-Everetts highway near the fair grounds.

As soon as the Bowen Brothers stock is disposed of, Mr. Hardy said he would give all his time to his new store.

Mr. Hardy will carry a large stock of groceries and staple ready-to-warehouse items. Esso gas and motor oils will be sold by this new firm.

War

War in Europe has caused exports of farm products from the United States to be smaller than they otherwise would have been, reports the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Sheep

Federal and State research agencies are renewing attempts to adapt sheep types to the region or sections in which they are being produced so as to produce superior animals.

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JANUARY Is The Month Of Clearances

Beginning **Friday Morning** JANUARY 5, 1940.

ALL **LADIES DRESSES HALF PRICE**

All Coats Regardless Of Their Former Cost Must **Be Closed Out**

All **Millinery** Values to \$3.95 **Clearance Price \$1.00**

ALL **Sweaters and Skirts Greatly Reduced**

Now Is The Time To Buy That Robe You Wanted For Christmas.

SAVING MONEY With Cotton Bags

The peasant influence is new and interesting. One of the smartest aprons we've seen this season is in the dirndl manner. This was made from one large Cotton Bag. Use the full width of the Bag but cut a strip from the length of the Bag to be used for the belt and sash ends. The apron is gathered on to the tight belt and several rows of brightly colored tape or rick rack are sewed in rows across the bottom about three inches apart. Or a cross stitch design in bright colors is an effective trim. If you do not have a large Cotton Bag ready for use, one can be purchased for just a few cents from your grocer or baker.

Other Cotton Bag Sewing Ideas are illustrated in a free booklet. Send to National Cotton Council, Box 18, Memphis, or Textile Bags, 100 N. LaSalle St., Chicago.

Farm Electrification Expanding Rapidly

An open winter through most of December, coupled with a quickening pace of construction, has made electric service available in the last eight weeks of approximately 65,000 farm families, it was announced recently by Harry Slattery, Rural Electrification Administrator.

With little or no snow and sub-zero weather in most regions up to Christmas, construction crews have been enabled to build almost 20,000 miles of line in the eight-week period, whereas the schedule drawn up a year and a half ago called for little more than 13,000 miles.

In November a total of 13,387 miles was completed, in contrast to a scheduled 7,757 miles. The December schedule called for 5,445 miles. Up to December 15, 5,469 miles had been completed. This figure will be greatly exceeded, in spite of the holiday season, when final reports are received.

Mr. Slattery pointed out that REA has passed its eighth week of building more than 500 miles of new rural lines a day.

The region where the largest gains in construction were made embraces Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri. There was a total of 7,958 miles completed in these States, where heavy snowfall is customary in early winter, in a six-weeks period beginning November 1, 1939. This compares with 3,987 miles for the same period of 1938.

Announce Services In The Presbyterian Churches

The regular services will be held at all points Sunday.

This will also be Communion Sunday. Begin the New Year in church with your fellow Christians observing the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Sermon subject: "Wanted a Few Good Meddlers."

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Jan. Shoe Clearance

STARTS FRIDAY, JANUARY 5th

SALE

Our entire stock of Fall and Winter Shoes has been drastically reduced to make room for Spring Shoes. Nationally advertised brands such as Johansen, Foot-Rest, Rice O'Neill, Florsheim, Jarman, Treadeasy, and other well known brands—in all styles and colors—most sizes and widths.

MEN'S WORK SHOES All leather. Values to \$3.50. Now \$1.94	LADIES' SHOES One rack 250 pairs Values up to \$6.50 Now \$1.94
CHILDREN'S SHOES 1 rack 250 pairs. All styles. Values to 3.95 97c and \$1.45	200 PAIRS All styles. Values to \$7.50. Now \$2.91
MEN'S Dress SHOES Florsheim. Values to \$11.00 Now \$7.95	150 PAIRS All styles. Values to \$8.75 Now \$3.88
JARMAN'S SHOES Values to \$7.50—Now \$3.88 and \$4.85	275 PAIRS Values to \$10.00 Now \$4.85
FORTUNE SHOES Values to \$4.00 Now \$2.91	BEDROOM SLIPPERS 100 pairs. Values to \$3.50 Now 97c

Shoe Polishes and Pastes—All Colors—Special 14c

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