

Martins Open Home Schedule Friday Afternoon 4:00 O'clock

All Local Stores Will Close For Formal Program Marking Opening of Baseball Season

Robersonville To Send Band Here For Opening Game

Mayors and League President To Participate in Exercises

Local stores and other business houses today agreed to close their doors Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and join in the formal program marking the opening of the new baseball season on the home grounds at 3:45 o'clock. A gala event is being planned by a large, if not a record-breaking, crowd for an opening game is expected.

Robersonville's band is being asked to sound the first opening note. The young musicians from the neighboring town have been asked to form at the Central Service Station on Main Street, march to the park and participate in the flag-raising exercises in deep centerfield. The Boy Scouts will also participate in the program. Mayor J. L. Hassell will officially open the season here when he pitches the first ball to Brookes Peters, Tarboro's mayor. Ray Goodman, league president, will be allowed the first strike.

And then it's "play ball" with Lou Kearney, Dean Hanna or some of the other guys doing the calling.

The exercises will be brief as the game is scheduled to start promptly at four o'clock.

On the eve of the opening of the season, Manager Dixie Parker isn't saying much. There are yet one or two wrinkles to be ironed out, "but we'll be in there ready to go when the bell rings," the new skipper declared, adding meaningfully, "and I hope the score is 6-2 in our favor."

Dixie plans to open with the following line-up as closely as possible: Mundo, second base; Newman, third base; Keller, centerfield; Mottola, first base; Thompson, right field; Kozak, left field; Stotler, shortstop; Albritton, catcher; Swain or Bartnick, pitcher.

Mottola has not yet reported, but he was to have left New York today. Newman, coming here last week-end, will be assigned third base and Kozak will take over left field. Newman was voted the best third baseman in the Bi-State League last season, and is a valuable addition to the Martins.

Manager Parker isn't very optimistic over the prospects but "we'll fight 'em to a finish and do the best we can," he said.

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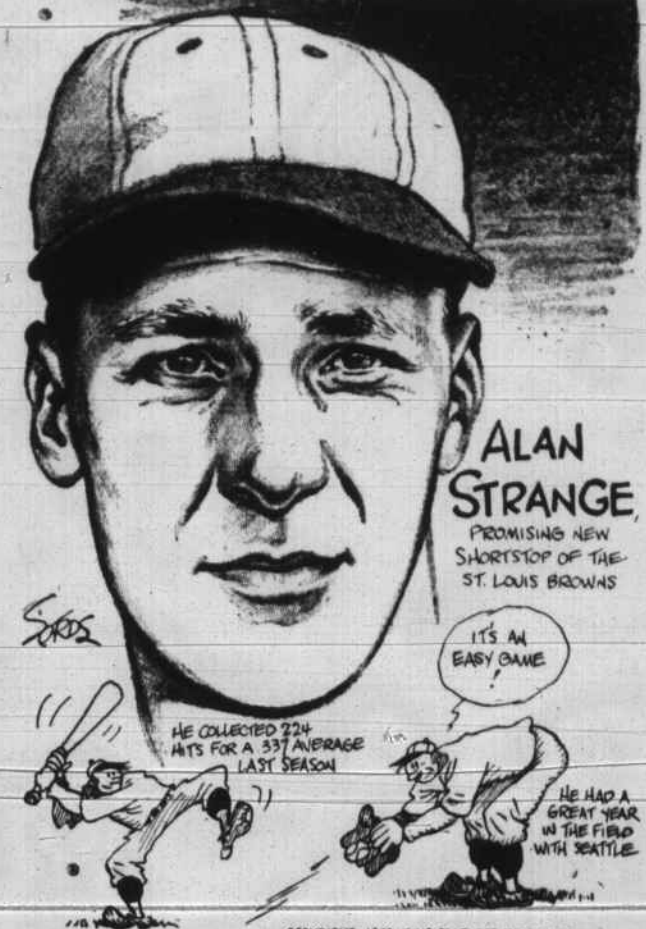
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DAY BALL

The Martins will depend upon old Sol for their light during the first week of the baseball season opening day after tomorrow. Mr. Lilley, president of the club, stating that night games during the first part of the season would interfere with school closing program in the high school auditorium. "We plan to follow a night schedule beginning Thursday, May 2," Mr. Lilley said.

Tobacco Plants In Craven County Three Weeks Late

Because of cold weather tobacco plants in Craven County are about three weeks late, reports Paul M. Cox, assistant farm agent of the State College Extension Service.

Who Is Where

THURSDAY, APRIL 25
Williamston at Tarboro
Kinston at New Bern
Goldsboro at Snow Hill
Wilson at Greenville

FRIDAY, APRIL 26
Tarboro at WILLIAMSTON
New Bern at Kinston
Snow Hill at Goldsboro
Greenville at Wilson

SATURDAY, APRIL 27
Kinston at Greenville
Williamston at Snow Hill
Wilson at New Bern
Goldsboro at Tarboro

SUNDAY, APRIL 28
Greenville at Kinston
Snow Hill at WILLIAMSTON
New Bern at Wilson
Tarboro at Goldsboro

Robersonville Gets Win Over Greenies

Williamston High nine lost its first game of the season in five starts yesterday at Robersonville, 13-3. Robersonville tallied twelve hits to score their 13 runs, while the Green Wave totaled nine hits.

The locals were off on their defensive play as indicated by their six errors. Erwin Cullipher led the Green Wave in hitting with a perfect day at the bat, two doubles and two singles for the four trials. Cargile and Roebuck were the leading hitters for Robersonville High.

Garland Wynne stayed the full game for the locals and Roebuck went the full game for the winners. The Green Wave will close its short baseball season today with their return game against Hobgood High School at Hobgood. Bennie Godwin is slated to start on the mound for the Greenies today.

Pedestrians Cause Accident Problem

"One of our best opportunities for effecting a reduction in the number of accidents, injuries and fatalities on our streets and highway is through education and regulation of pedestrians," says Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division.

Describing the pedestrian problem as "an ugly blemish" on North Carolina's accident record, Hocutt pointed out that 331 pedestrians were killed in the State last year and another 1,021 were injured. In the country as a whole last year, 12,470 pedestrians were reported killed and 293,816 were reported injured. One out of every three persons killed in motor vehicle accidents were pedestrians.

"Apparently," our pedestrians are as much in need of education and regulation as our drivers," declared Hocutt. "We must not only teach pedestrians safe walking habits, but must also demand of them the same strict observance of traffic laws that we demand of the driver."

"The pedestrian has been pampered and spoiled. He receives no ticket for 'parking' absent-mindedly in the roadway. He is not picked up for reckless walking when he zig-zags across the street between intersections. He is not taxed or licensed and has to meet no special requirements before being permitted to use the streets and highways. He has been walking into trouble these many years and our problem is to extricate him without the use of an ambulance if we can find the means to do so."

Human Eye Is The Most Delicate Organ

The human eye is the most delicate sense organ, being about ten times more sensitive than the ear and 30 times more responsive than the nose, reports the Better Vision Institute. Psychological tests have demonstrated that the eye can perceive an increase of one per cent in visual brightness. The ear requires an increase of 10 per cent in tone intensity for detection. An odor, as a perfume, must be increased by one-third in strength for the nose to distinguish the difference.

Williamston Wins From Sunbury, 9-3, Here Last Saturday

Kozak Leads Martins At Bat With Three Hits For Five Runs

Displaying an unlimited power at the plate, the Williamston Martins scored a 9-3 victory over the Sunbury, Pa., Indians, member of the Interstate League, supposedly a Class B outfit, here last Saturday afternoon. The Parkermen started off strong, making four runs in their initial frame and held the situation well in hand from there on out.

Despite the cold weather and cloudy skies, local fans got their first look at Ole Man Red Swain last Saturday as the Martins' ace hurler worked the first six innings. Red didn't have to do much bearing down, but it was easy to see that he still had his control, and when baseball weather arrives he should resume his role as the strike-out king with his "nothing" ball. During his stay on the mound Swain allowed nine hits and three runs, striking out a pair. Bomer finished the contest, giving two safeties and no runs.

The Martins' runs in the first inning came as a result of a single by Wilmer, a free pass to Mundo, a safety by Keller filling the bases. Up strides "Hard" Rock, versatile first-baseman, in a spot he likes best, and when the clouds lift, he is on first base, knocking a neat single to left field, with two runs crossing the plate. Thompson hit to the second-baseman who made no attempt to catch the runner crossing the plate but threw to the shortstop for a put-out at second. Kozak, next up, got the first of three hits during the afternoon. Stoler walked, filling the bases again, and as Dom Marcel, spirited rookie catcher, hit a long fly to left field, Thompson tagged up and came home with the fourth run.

The Sunbury team came back in the second inning to score a pair of markers on an error and three successive hits. The Indians' other run came in the sixth heat as Swain hit Hummel, the next two batters getting safeties.

The Martins scored two more runs in the third on three straight base knocks by Stotler, Marcel and Hurler Swain. Runs were also made in the second, sixth and eighth innings. Kozak, third-baseman, led the locals with the stick, getting three safeties for five trips, including a two-base blow in the eighth. Rock followed close behind, with two for four, knocking in three of the runs. Thompson, rightfielder, slammed out a pair of base hits, while the old worn-out pitcher, Swain, had to be content with a perfect day, one for one.

For Sunbury, Garmen, third baseman, was the shining light at the plate, with two for three. Nerino, centerfielder, following close behind with three for five.

Stotler, at short, and Mundo, at second, played highly creditable games, while the outfielders made several fine catches.

	Ab	R	H	PO	A	E
Sunbury	4	0	0	2	4	0
Hrinda, 2b	5	0	1	4	4	1
Pultz, ss	5	0	3	2	0	0
Nerino, cf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Reidell, cf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Congdon, lf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Hummel, 1b	3	2	1	11	0	0
Garmen, 3b	3	1	2	0	2	1
Neborak, c	4	0	2	2	1	0
O'Kronley, p	2	0	1	1	2	0
Kleskie, p	2	0	0	0	1	0

	Ab	R	H	PO	A	E
Williamston	30	3	11	24	14	2
Wilmer, lf	5	1	1	1	0	0
Mundo, 2b	3	2	0	5	3	0
Keller, cf	5	2	1	2	0	0
Rock, 1b	4	1	2	10	0	0
Thompson, rf	5	1	2	2	1	0
Kozak, 3b	5	0	3	0	4	0
Stotler, ss	2	1	1	2	6	0
Marcel, c	3	1	1	4	0	0
Albritton, c	1	0	0	1	0	0
Swain, p	1	0	1	0	0	0
Bomer, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
xWallace	1	0	0	0	0	0

Totals 36 9 12 27 14 1
x—Hit for Marcel in sixth.
Score by innings: R
Sunbury 020 001 000—3
Williamston 412 001 01x—9
Runs batted in: Neborak 2, O'Kronley 1.

Martins Open Season Against Tarboro in Tarboro At Night

Tarboro — Definite plans were announced here yesterday by Owner Frank Lawrence that the Tarboro-Williamston Coastal Plain League opener would be held here in Bryan Park at 8 p. m. Thursday night.

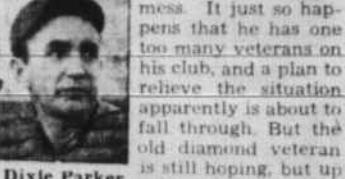
Pre-game festivities were also announced when Mayor J. L. Hassell, of Williamston, agreed to cooperate as one of the official batteries and toss the first ball to Tarboro's Mayor R. Brookes Peters, Jr. League President Ray Goodman has been asked to call the pitch.

Boxes for Mayor Hassell and his official party, Mayor Peters and his group were reserved here today for the visitors. Mr. Frank Lawrence, owner, reserved two boxes for friends from Portsmouth and Norfolk.

The balance of the 33 boxes will be put on sale at 65 cents each at Clark's Drug Store and the Enterprise in Williamston and at Rodgers

Dixie Allows He Is In A Bigger Mess

The new player classification is bearing heavily upon the shoulders of the Martins' skipper, Dixie Parker, today. Sleeping hardly any last night, the Skipper this morning just allows



Dixie Parker he is in one bigger mess. It just so happens that he has one too many veterans on his club, and a plan to relieve the situation apparently is about to fall through. But the old diamond veteran is still hoping, but up until late this morning he was hoping against hope. Dixie was to have a man report late today or tomorrow to unravel the classification business.

While that particular feature is giving the skipper much concern, he is really going to town with his other arrangements. Newman reported for duty over the week-end. Frank Kozak, an able player, has been shifted to a pasture position and Newman goes to third base. The recent arrival comes from Martinsville where the manager plays third base. Newman was rated the best third baseman in the Bi-State circuit last season, and it is certain that all leaks and holes on that corner have been tightly plugged.

Find Protection Against "Old Sol"

A new variation—with "reversible English"—of the time-honored practice of using storm sash for cold weather protective measure, according to progressive store owners as a hot-weather protective measure, experts of the glass industry in Toledo. In the new application, a newly developed heat-absorbing plate glass called aklo is used as the outer pane in double-layer display windows to keep out sun heat in summer, while the air space also conditions the store against heat loss in winter. The rapid growth of air conditioning as a lure to summer time shoppers is one of several factors recommending this form of insulation, owners report, as it lessens the load on the conditioning system. In this connection it is applicable to sky lights also where wired and figured types of the sun-baffling glass are used. Aklo is made of a special chemical composition which gives it the peculiar ability to absorb sun heat, as much

Narrowly Escapes Drowning In River

Earl Stephenson, local man, barely escaped with his life last week-end when he fell out of his boat in the middle of the Roanoke River just above the docks of the Norfolk, Baltimore and Carolina Boat Line. Wearing high-top boots at the time, the fisherman put on full steam ahead and worked his way out of the swiftly-flowing stream. It was a chilly day and the water was cold, but immediately upon landing the man borrowed a boat and went back for his own. as 48 per cent. In show windows it helps protect merchandise from spoiling, wilting or fading.

PRESIDENT



Giving Williamston its first organized baseball pennant, Club President J. Eason Lilley is with the strong cooperation of Manager Dixie Parker doing everything possible to duplicate the feat this season. But win, draw or lose, he and his team and the manager, too, will appreciate the loyalty of their fans, who are asked to remember that almost an entirely new team had to be built.

Tickets For Tarboro Game On Sale Here

Placing their grandstand box seats on the reserve list, Tarboro baseball club officials today announced that ample room would be held for Williamston fans. Six special boxes, comprising the most choice seats, are being reserved, and tickets are now on sale at Clark's Drug Store.

Local fans, planning to attend the game and want a choice seat, are directed to make their purchases immediately as any unsold tickets are to be returned within a reasonable time.

It is expected that a large crowd from this section will journey to the Edgecombe capital Thursday night for their first official look at the 1940 edition of the Coastal Plain League, and in return, Tarboro is expected to come here in full force on Friday afternoon for the special event.

ley, Rock 3, Thompson, Wilmer, Kozak 2, Marcel, Swain. Two base hits: Kozak, Nerino. Stolen bases: Thompson, Kozak, Nerino. Double plays: Stoler to Mundo to Rock, 2; Thompson to Stoler; Pultz to Hrinda to Hummel. Left on bases: Sunbury 9; Williamston 11. Base on balls: off O'Kronley 4; Kleskie 3; Bomer 2. Struck out: by O'Kronley 1; Kleskie 1; Swain 2. Hits: off Swain 9 in 6; Bomer 2 in 3; O'Kronley 9 in 4; Kleskie 3 in 4. Wild pitch: O'Kronley. Hit by pitched balls: Stoler, Hrinda, Hummel. Passed ball: Albritton. Winning pitcher: Swain. Losing pitcher: O'Kronley. Umpires: Hanna and Kearney.

Opening Game

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